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Jay Ashworth

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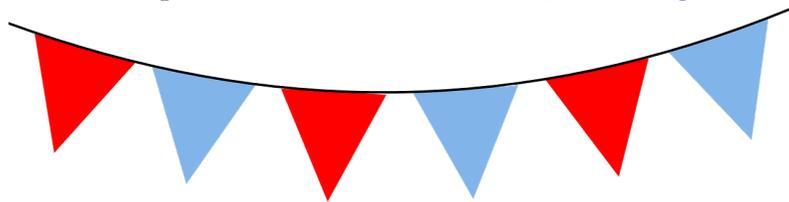
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A date for your diary is the 29th July when we have the second of our Healing Services for 2018.

Our April Healing Service was a real blessing to all who attended. As usual there were very few empty seats and many people came up for Healing Prayers at the end of the Service. One lady who has been suffering from back pain for 26 years following an accident, came up and asked for healing prayers and immediately her back pain left her. I have checked with her today and she has had no pain since.

Praise The Lord! This lady has asked me to tell you of this wonderful healing to encourage those of you who would like healing but are sceptical that Our Lord still heals today.

Our prayers for the rain to keep off until everybody went home were answered and I am sure you will remember what an awful night we had with lashing rain and gales blowing in. It didn't start raining until after everybody had left!

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'Facing a new Pre-Christian era' was a question which was being addressed at a church leaders meeting awhile back. It has been said that we live in a 'Post-Christian era'. Sundays have never been quite the same with the supermarkets open, football matches, horse racing and so on. I can remember as a boy growing up in South London that having gone to church we stayed at home and shared the traditional Sunday lunch and had a real peaceful family time.

Looking at the Acts of the Apostles chapter 17 verses 16 onwards we are told of the encounter of Paul with the leaders of the city of Athens. Paul was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. Some of the leaders asked 'what is this babbling on about?!' Speaking to the men at a place called the 'Areopagus' Paul said that as he walked around and looked carefully at the objects of worship 'I found an altar with the inscription 'to an unknown god' -now (this unknown god) I am going to tell you about the real God!'

We face today not a 'Post-Christian' era, but a 'Pre-Christian' era. In reality we are right back into Athens and the altar to the unknown god. God who is truly unknown by countless people the world over. The search is on for the God we know. So many are seeking a spiritual dimension to their lives and end up down some spiritual dead ends. There is in everyone a search, a longing for that 'God-shaped blank' to be filled. The starting point is always Jesus. I am reminded of the great Saint Augustine who said that 'this child of the manger fills the whole world'. At His Ascension into Heaven Jesus filled, and fills, the whole Universe; there is no point which cannot be reached. How can we help to give meaning to this today?

In the midst of the gods which pull-us this way or that way, and try to distract us from the one God come in Jesus we need to remind ourselves of the hymn: 'stand up, stand up for Jesus'- for as the world attempts to criticise and undermine the Christian faith we need to be steadfast in our resolve under the power of God's Holy Spirit and remind ourselves that as St. Augustine put it 'that child of the manger fills the whole world' and that in our prayers and in our actions people can see that fact and that in every way and in every situation those words of the Lord's Prayer are a reality: 'Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done!'

With my prayers,
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Village Lunch

Wednesday 20th June at the Village Hall
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Book Club

Our next gathering will be at 2pm on **Friday 29th June at Street Cottage**
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The Ashburnham and Penhurst Gardening Club

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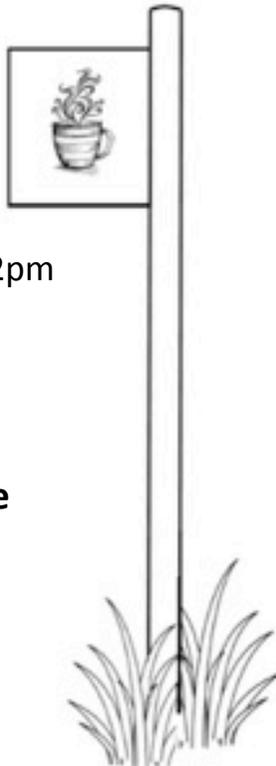
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We have some BIG news this month. As you probably know there are to be some upgrades to the wonderful old Manor House building. The total cost will be £247,000 and so far we have raised £80,000 through donations from supporters alone. If you are interested in what is going to happen here at the end of the year then do ask to have a look at the plans with us over a cup of tea and/or put in your diary to come to our Open Day on 1st September.

Other news is that we are installing a defibrillator in the Centre to be used in an emergency by staff and local residents of Penhurst. If any Penhurstians can help towards the cost of the cabinet which will be around £200 then please get in touch.

Finally we are running two more "Relax, Play and Create" Days in the coming weeks- There are just 3 places left on both, they are £15 each for local residents (including lunch!):

A watercolours Day with Viv Walkington- 15 June

Wet felting with Emma Moreton- 13 July



If you are planning to visit anytime here is notice that we will be closed this year for the following dates:

- SUMMER:** Saturday 19th May – Sunday 20th May,
Saturday 14th July – Monday 6th August
- CHRISTMAS:** Sunday 23rd December - Wednesday 2nd January

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The speaker for this month is to be confirmed.

Please note the new start time of 7pm!

We meet at 7pm for Coffee and Cakes in the Great Hall, followed by a time of extended worship and powerful prayer ministry.
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Pastoral Care for Ashburnham

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.” John 14:27

Sometimes we face particular crises in our lives and we may need help. Ashburnham Church seeks to provide such help and support to any who are sick in hospital or at home, recently bereaved, or isolated through a lack of mobility or old age. Please get in touch with any of the people below, who will be happy to have an initial discussion about how we can be of help.

We also welcome requests for prayer. We have two prayer points: one on the notice board at the foot of the steps into the churchyard, and one just inside the church door.

Vicar: The Revd Peter Walker, Tel: 01424 892941
Email: p.walker977@btinternet.com

Other members of the pastoral team:
John Cormode, Tel: 01424 848415; email: john.cormode@btinternet.com
Storm Hann Tel: 01424 893130; email: info@penhurst.org.uk
John French, Catherine Duggleby, Jennifer Oldroyd, Richard Hann.

Ron's Ramblings,

A problem for the King household has arisen these past few years in having to cater for visitors with food allergies or fads. No, the word fad is a bit harsh. I think we need to respect people who feel strongly about the food they are putting into their bodies and if they feel all the better for it all well and good. As to the food allergies I'm sure we must have the full range among our visitors, Gluten, Dairy, Nut and even Apple skin intolerant. So preparing a meal can be a minefield.

My daughter-in-law is a case in point. From full carnivore to vegetarian to vegan, and to back all this up she has an allergy to nuts! We've certainly had to explore the cookery books to keep the variety going. There's only so much lettuce, tofu and quinoa recipes one can take. Talking of quinoa we've even learnt how to pronounce it properly. For those unenlightened souls among our readers it's 'keen-wah'. Who says my articles aren't educational?

Another of our visitors is a recovering vegetarian who has progressed as far as chicken but draws the line at dead pig and tripe and onions. Oh she also has a Gluten intolerance which means no pies. Interesting thing happened with our dairy allergy friend. He's not had any dairy since childhood when anything containing said food would make him violently sick. So we took him along to Steve Hook's dairy farm at Hailsham and under much protest and hanging on to a convenient sink tried one of Steve's raw milk yoghurts. No adverse effect whatsoever! Just what are we doing to our food these days apart from taking out all the essentials and 'improving' them?

Now I know mankind must have started out eating grass and leaves but at some point in time early man must have been sitting outside his cave watching a Woolly Mammoth stroll past and thought to himself 'Mmm. I wonder what that would taste like if I set fire to it and popped it between two slices of sourdough?' (Clearly this guy's cave was in what is now known as Hoxton) Still. It's good to know we've kept the caveman tradition alive after all these years. I'm just popping out to light the barbeque, just as soon as that Woolly Mammoth comes by.....

Ronnie King

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The council is required by law to publish the financial outcome for each financial year ending 31st March and to do so by the end of July. On the parish website you will soon be able to see the final accounts for 2017/18, the details of all expenses over £100 and the budget for 2018/19.

The council is now entering its fourth and final year and in May 2019 electors will be asked to vote for a new parish council. This year the council plans to put parish council finances on a better footing by creating three earmarked reserve funds, namely one each for the pavilion, for finger post maintenance and for community support. The numbers for each reserve fund were explained at the Annual Assembly on 26th April when some 45 electors were present.

There is now a vacancy for a parish councillor following the resignation of Ron King who wants to spend more time on other village projects with which he and Helen are involved. The council is now inviting expressions of interest by email to the clerk from parish residents who would be interested in being co-opted to fill the vacancy. If you would first like to know a little more about what is involved then do chat to or phone any councillor or the clerk.

Planning applications

For a summary of currently undecided or recently determined applications do take a look at the 'Planning' page at the village web site. It contains a link to the Rother DC planning portal if you want to view documents.

Dates of next meetings

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 25 July 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion. Planning Committee: Wed 20 June 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion (but only if there are any new planning matters to consider). Please see the village website (Council Meetings) for up to date information.

All meetings are in public and members of the public are encouraged to attend. There is an agenda slot near the start of the meeting for members of the public to address the Council. The agenda is published online at the village web site three clear days before the meeting and hard copy is put on the notice boards at The Chapel and Penhurst Granary.

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Part Two of "MI..... The first 10 years" Contd

5. And what better MI memory to reminisce on than the Brewery Trip? Every
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barrel tap the wrong way! The Brewery evenings are the complete MI
package... They are of great educational value; they involve several free drinks;
always end with food; the tour is a labyrinth of copper pipes and interesting
smells; they involve several drinks that are not free but still very nice and, very
occasionally, WI members wearing false moustaches!

So there you are ten great, manly, years and the women get the last word!
Such is life.....

Next MI is at the Ash on Tuesday 12 June... 8.30pm start.
Richard 01424 893130

Village Hall Hire Rates to Increase

At the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Management
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months notice of an increase to the letting fees for the first time for
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The basic cost per session to increase from £50 to £60
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The groups and organisations fee from £15 to £18.

The new rates will be effective from 1st September 2018. However it is
estimated the the hall will still operate at a loss and the current level of
reserves is sufficient only for about two more years.

Part Two of “MI..... The first 10 years”

As promised at the start of the year here are five more defining moments in our short but whole hearted history.

1. For years Ashburnham Place laid down an annual gauntlet, challenging men from “The rest of the community” to a game of footy. This became known for scenes that bore resemblance to the film Braveheart with MI definitely in the downtrodden Scottish camp. Just two summers ago, when Brighton were still mixing it with the has-beens and nearly rans of the Championship, a large and vociferous crowd of 50+ gathered on the South Lawn of Ashburnham Place. Perseverance, pride plus three pinched players from ACT gave us a memorable 3-2 victory over the young guns of Ashburnham Place. The Place’s constant second half pressure didn’t produce more goals. Surely the reason for that was that Robin Ratcliffe played out of his rather pasty skin to thwart ACT’s fast attacking moves. The victory was so momentous that most of the team decided to hang up their boots afterwards which meant the “Great Victory” became the curtain closer on this event-one of the wisest moves MI have ever made!

2. There have been several cricket matches over the years- No substitute for an Ashes test series, but at least we’ve got Ash in the team name and You can always expect a rich and varied assortment of cricketing talent on display when MI step onto our hallowed cricket pitch.

3. The Scalectrix night back in 2009 was well, quite racey! Simon Mumford beat Adam Ratcliffe in a ‘race off’ at the Bexhill track. All of the men enjoyed driving around a track with no potholes... quite novel really! Soon after that the track closed so we had to find other ways to rekindle boyhood memories!

4. MI love to keep their arm in and whether we are on ice or the green stuff you can assured the kind of precision movement previously only found in a Swiss watch! Lawn Bowling is a recent entry onto our events calendar. The convenience of having Ninfield Bowling Club positioned next door to the Kings Arms has not passed MI by and the bowling can be topped and tailed with breakfast and then a pint.

New Village Hall

We hope that all of you who came to the Parish Meeting enjoyed seeing the scale model of the new hall which Paul Clark has made. It is good to be able to see what the hall will look like in the space. If you have any comments to make do get in touch with anyone on the committee, you can find their names and via the Village Hall section of the Parish Website. We are planning to take the model round to other village events so everyone will have a chance to see it.

There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes, for example the Design & Planning team commissioned detailed drawings which at present are awaiting a planning decision for minor design changes (hence the pink planning notice on the entrance gate at the sports pavilion). These drawings will then be upgraded and be used to apply for building regulations approval, pricing and funding bids.

The work on the entranceway will get underway as soon as we have the necessary agreements from the Ashburnham Estate trustees who own the land.

You can find more information about the new hall on the Parish Website, just click on the link on the homepage www.ashburnham-penhurst.net

The Art Group

meets every Thursday morning from 10am to 1pm in
The Sports Pavilion, Ashburnham, TN33 9NU

On 28th June

Popular local artist, Mark Fisher will be guiding us through some new techniques to produce a masterpiece!

Drop in any Thursday to non-tutor sessions for £4 but
for the Tutored Sessions at £10 on the day, please
book your place by texting your name
(and email address if you need directions) to

Barbara: 07703 284496 or

Elfreda: 07774 066578.

Arty hints, refreshments and good company always on offer!

June Diary

Fri 1	10.30am-12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 2			
Sun 3	10.30am 10.30am 5pm 6.30pm	All Age Service Please use the back entrance to ACT due to a Triathlon onsite Holy Communion Celebration Tea Songs of Praise	St Peter's Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 4	9.15-10.45am	Yoga	Sports Pavilion
Tue 5	8pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 6	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 7	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 8			
Sat 9			
Sun 10	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 11	9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Yoga Ashburnham Church PCC	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Hall
Tue 12	7pm 8.30pm	Filling Station MI	Ashburnham Place Ash Tree Inn
Wed 13	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 14	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Hour of Prayer	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Church Hall
Fri 15			
Sat 16	8.30am	Men's Breakfast with Bishop Richard	Ashburnham Place
Sun 17 Father's Day	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer with Children's Activities Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Mon 18	9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Yoga WI Bring and Share Birthday Party	Sports Pavilion Sports Pavilion
Tue 19			
Wed 20	10am-12pm 12.30pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Village Lunch Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 21	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church Housegroups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 22			
Sat 23			
Sun 24	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 25	9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Yoga Gardening Club	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Hall
Tue 26			
Wed 27	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 28	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Tutored Session Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Location
Fri 29	2pm	Afternoon Book Group	Street Cottage
Sat 30			

Many apologies for an error in last month's magazine when the WI Coffee Morning and Men's Breakfast from April were repeated in the May calendar.

The editor (and her proof readers) are sorry for any mild panic caused to organisers and false hope for more delicious sausage rolls and cakes amongst villagers!

We promise to try & do better in future editions!