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Please send contributions for the September edition by Friday 4th August
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Church Services in July and August
Ashburnham Church - All Services at 10.30am unless otherwise stated

2 July	10.30 am Morning Worship
9 July	10.30 am Holy Communion
16 July	10.30 am Morning Prayer
23 July	10.30 am Holy Communion
30 July	10.30am All Age Service in the Marquee on the Sports Field
6 August	10.30am Morning Worship
13 August	10.30am Holy Communion
20 August	10.30am Morning Prayer
27 August	10.30am Holy Communion

Please see our website and Facebook page for up to date information.
 A Sunday Club for children 3+ years and activity packs for older children are available. The church is open during the week for private prayer.

Penhurst Church - All services at 10.30am

2 July	10.30 am Holy Communion
9 July	10.30 am Morning Prayer
16 July	10.30 am Holy Communion
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27 August	10.30 am Morning Prayer

Ashburnham Chapel

Ashburnham Chapel meet at 6.30pm each Sunday.

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These words feature in what has become a favourite hymn of mine, not least due to the incredible story behind it. The writer, Horatio Spafford (1828-1888), was a prominent and successful Chicago lawyer. He owned several properties throughout the city. He and his wife had four beautiful daughters and one son. Life was more than good – it was, in his words, “blessed!” A devout Christian, Horatio placed his trust in God, during times of both prosperity and calamity. For many years his life was joyous. Yet, faith, no matter how great, does not spare us from adversity. For Horatio, just as he hit the pinnacle of his profession and financial success, things began to change. It began with the tragic loss of his son; and not long after, the Great Chicago Fire (1871) destroyed nearly every property investment he owned.

A couple of years later, in 1873, Horatio decided to treat his wife and daughters to a much-needed escape from the turmoil. He sent them on a boat trip to Europe, with plans to join them shortly after wrapping up some business in Chicago. However, a few days later, he received a dreadful telegram from his wife, “Saved alone...” It bore the excruciating news that the steamship, *Ville de Havre*, had been struck by an iron vessel killing 226 passenger, including Horatio’s 4 daughters.

It was while Horatio was on his way to meet his heartbroken wife, passing over the same spot that had just claimed the lives of his remaining children, that he put pen to paper and the timeless hymn (*‘It is well with my soul’*) was born, beginning with the words:

*When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

If you’ve got access to the internet, check out the words of this beautiful hymn – I find it humbling, comforting and inspiring. To think such encouraging and uplifting words were born from the depths of such unimaginable sorrow – incredible. Yet, it is often at such times, when confronted with one’s mortality and human frailty, that we can discover something of the depth of God’s love, presence, and peace in the midst of life’s storms.

This is reflected in many of the Psalms we find in the Bible. The Psalmist, with real honesty, tells God about life as it is for him – which is often tough! For example, Psalm 16 acknowledges personal struggle and life’s trouble, but the writer also exemplifies a deep trust in God in both life and death, expressed so firmly in five simple but powerful words: *“I have set the Lord always before me. Because the Lord is at my right hand I shall not be shaken”*.



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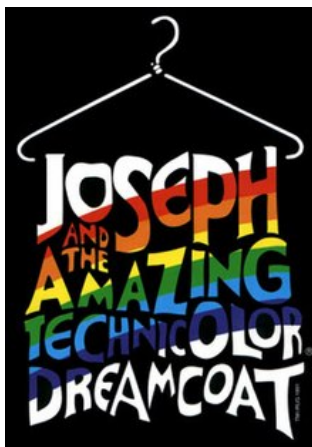
The secret of the Psalmist's confidence, along with that of Horatio Spafford centuries later, is his trust in GOD. At the beginning he prays that God will be his keeper and his guardian: "Keep me safe...", but it's a prayer that is based on a commitment of trust, "...in you I take refuge". The Psalmist found his shelter and security in God; he also submitted to God as his Master: "You are my Lord, apart from you I have no good thing".

Now it could be argued the world of the Psalmist (and Horatio Spafford) was very different to our own and conclude that such hope and confidence is 'unrealistic' in our contemporary world. As wars persist, racial tensions fester, addictions of various sorts thrive, many struggle with broken and fragile relationships, and illness encroaches, the 'feel good factor' expressed by the Psalmist can seem like wishful thinking. However, the psalmist lived in a world that was equally violent, equally uncertain, and equally threatening, as our own. Yet amid all the pressures of life and the threats he faced he declared, "I will not be shaken". Friends, it is the same God who invites us to trust Him, and who promises to be a 'refuge and strength, an ever-present help in time of trouble' to all who seek Him.

God bless, Revd Gary Revd Gary Cregeen Priest-in-Charge of Ashburnham with Penhurst, Agmerhurst Granary, Ashburnham. TN33 9NA
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Holiday Worship 2023

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PENHURST CHURCH - SPECIAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

There is to be a Special Parochial Church Meeting at Penhurst Church on Sunday 16 July 2023 at 11.45 am, following BCP Holy Communion Service (at 10.30 am). As detailed in the June Parish Magazine Revd Gary is now responsible for Sunday Worship at Penhurst as well as Ashburnham. This Special Parochial Church Meeting will provide an opportunity to elect members to the Parochial Church Council and the Battle & Bexhill Deanery Synod, where vacancies exist. It will also include a 'Meeting of Parishioners' to appoint Churchwardens, as required. This meeting will also offer an opportunity for Revd Gary to receive questions and to share some of his thoughts as Ashburnham and Penhurst churches look to the future.

Should anyone have any queries or questions in relation to this notice please do not hesitate to contact Revd Gary (see p.3 for contact details)

Prayer and Pastoral Care for our Villages

Revd Gary Cregeen is responsible for the pastoral care of parishioners, and welcomes the opportunity to meet everyone. If you would value a visit, either for a chat, prayer, or Holy Communion at home, please contact him. Ashburnham Church regularly prays for everyone who lives and works in our villages and we are happy to receive requests for prayer at our various services and meetings. There are also "Prayer Boxes" at St Peter's Church in Ashburnham Place, and outside Ashburnham Chapel at Pontoons Green where you can write a card (anonymously if you wish) for a specific issue. These will be offered for prayer on a regular basis and dealt with in the strictest confidence. Ashburnham Church is open daily for private prayer too.

Community News

We have heard that an isolated member of our community has been recently threatened by 'builders' insisting on doing some maintenance work and managing to extort a considerable amount of money. Additionally, they threatened violence if the person concerned caused a fuss. The incident has been reported to the police. Please be aware that these people are operating locally and in particular, look out for any vulnerable neighbours.

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Flower Show

We hope you are planning your entries for the Flower Show
If you haven't got a Schedule of Classes, you can download one here
<https://ashburnham-penhurst.net/country-fair-flower-show/flower-show/>

There are plenty of classes covering flowers, vegetables, crafts,
produce and new classes for children. Do have a look through and
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Oh dear. The best laid plans of mice and men . . . After several years of managing our verges in collaboration with the County Council Highways team, involving them in holding off cutting the verges until after the flower seeds have dropped in the autumn, along comes the Highways drainage team who clean out the ditches and carefully place the spoil on the flowering verges. Paul Spicer, who takes the lead for the Parish Council on verges maintenance, could only intervene after the damage was done.



The best we can do now, and Paul is on the case, is to investigate how it is that the drainage team are not in the Highways communication loop regarding maintenance of verges in an environmentally friendly way. It is not just the encouragement of wild flowers, but of wild life development, which is at stake. This is why we moved from a position of holding off cutting just three wild flower designated verges to one of holding off cutting everywhere so as to encourage wild life too.

The ditches are cleared on a four year cycle so it will be 2027 before the drainage team comes back again. By then we will hopefully be able to find a time slot in the year which does not interfere with the flowering verges. Coincidentally, in the week that the ditches were being cleared the Parish Council had its 6-monthly meeting with Highways and we were given to understand that ditch clearing in the summer was a deliberate policy as it is easier to carry out the work effectively when the ground is dry. This suggests that it is a seasonal activity rather than being all year round which should mean that there is scope to negotiate a better time for the work.

Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council Email: clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net
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Council meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of alternate months and the next one will be a week earlier on 26th July 2023. The Planning Committee (if required) meets on the fourth Wednesday of intervening months. A list of councillors' lead responsibilities can be seen on the village website at www.ashburnham-penhurst.net

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 website three clear days before the meeting and hard copy is posted on the notice board at The Chapel. Minutes of meetings are published on the village website.

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Book Group

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There's no meeting in August so we will resume in September and will all
be eager to find out what you've read on your holidays.
It doesn't matter if you haven't read much for a while - it will be lovely to
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Village Walking Group

Sunday 2nd July Led by Gary Cregeen and Richard White. Meet at 2.30 at Agmerhurst Granary, Kitchenham Road, TN33 9NA

Sunday 27th August Led by Briony. Meet at 2.30pm at Partridge Cottage, Red Pale TN21 9nR

More details from Tina French 01424 892580 j.french678@btinternet.com

Future Dates: Sunday 10th September 2pm, Penhurst
Friday 20th October 10.30am, Red Barn Thatch
Thursday 23rd November 10.30am, Archers Farm
January 1st 2pm, Ash Tree Inn



Men's Breakfast - Dates for your diary
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Sat 9th Sept - speaker Guy Partridge (Christians Against Poverty)
and Sat 25th November - speaker Chris Large (a retired Fire Officer)

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Garage Sale

Thanks to everyone who came to Street Cottage for the Garage Sale in June, bargains were had and those attending enjoyed a cuppa sitting in the sunshine. £325.50 was raised for the New Village Hall project.

Our speaker at the July meeting of the Ashburnham Filling Station Speaker is Jan Ransom from Flame International and we meet in the Prayer Centre at 7pm on Monday 10th July.
There is no meeting in August, we return to Ashburnham Place on 11th September with Natalie Williams from Kings Church as our speaker.

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We want to highlight a couple of retreats coming up this summer, from 11-13 August Sarah and Libby will be leading a retreat entitled Looking for the Gold Within, a chance to pause and dive deep into the truth of your unique inner beauty and rest in the gold of God's presence within you.

The following week, 14-18 August, Jill Hoffmann is back leading a Creative Space retreat which gives those attending a chance to relax at Penhurst as well as bring any creative project you are working on and enjoy the time and space to make progress.

If you're in need of a few hours away from the busyness of life then why not book a Quiet Day with us? You can enjoy the gardens and grounds, get creative in the Art Room, find a favourite spot to read and either have lunch provided or bring your own.

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We hope you have a lovely summer, the Penhurst Team.

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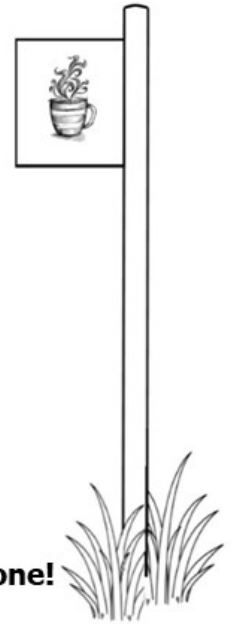
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Hope to see you there

Murmurations

Have you ever been to a skin product party? A bit like a Tupperware party - but these smaller containers come filled with skin goodies. I missed the Tupperware gatherings of the 60s-80's (too young) and the 90's onwards (too undomesticated to be invited) but maybe some enterprising sellers filled their wares with tasty things to encourage sales. Tupperware reps, I discovered, employed a technique called 'carrot calling' to promote parties: they would travel door-to-door to ask housewives to 'run an experiment' to compare Tupperware stored carrots with those stored in the usual way. Party bookings mushroomed.

I was invited to a product party in April. Our winter-ravaged faces were first soothed by warm cloths and we followed this by massaging lotions, rich in essential oils, into our skin. Back home after several hours of pampering I slept like a toddler after a triple swim session. The next morning, bright and breezy, as I set off for Bexhill I caught sight of myself in the driver's mirror; I was stunned by the transformation. I glowed! Unfortunately, just a few miles on (half-way down Sidley High Street to be exact) my luminous radiance - and smugness - faded rapidly as heavy clouds passed over the sun. The miracle of transformation was just a mirage of transportation... the sun shining into the car and reflecting off my bright yellow jumper!

Writing in late May we have been blessed with a long-awaited run of sublime weather. The hedgerows are cloaked in the delicate, white sprays of cow-parsley and black-thorn (also known as 'May') and the meadows are so high and dense with buttercups that the pollen has tinted my trainers yellow. I could easily wander off through the fields to lie down, invisible in my bright yellow jumper, only to be discovered days later, fast asleep in a state of early summer bliss.

Sunny days and fields of flowers are indeed food for the soul and can promote a sense of well-being, but it's sometimes easy to forget, amidst the pace and responsibilities of life, that the state of bliss is always with us - not just when the sun is shining. This presence is a constant state - and right there if we make a little time and space to access it, even if only for a few moments. Putting aside our daily distractions and mind chatter, being empty of the things that don't serve us at that time and tapping into the 'golden yolk' at our centre is more than food for the soul - it's a party!

Donna -Christman

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Garden and Nature Notes

I'm writing this just after the wonderful rain we had in mid June, it may have upset some plans I had but I couldn't have been happier about it! After no rain for about a month I'm sure your gardens were as dry and plants suffering as much as mine. It feels that we're experiencing changes to our climate and seasonal weather that will affect how we garden. I am finding that planting in late spring is becoming less attractive as we are more frequently faced with hot, dry weather at about this time. However it can also be a challenge planting in autumn when faced with very wet and cold winters as we have experienced recently. As gardeners and growers we know we have to be adaptable as we deal with different conditions, pests, diseases and so on each year. We can learn from each other and from observing what does well in our gardens and those around us.

Nature can struggle to adapt too, the cold weather we had in early spring followed by the lack of rain has meant fewer insects around and available which impacts nesting birds trying to feed hungry broods and people are reporting finding dead chicks which haven't fed enough to thrive.

This year, at Ashburnham Place, we have been delighting in the roses which seem to be more floriferous than ever this year and certainly paying back the effort of pruning in the cold winter months (done by my fantastic volunteers and trainee this year while I was away!) Biennials have also been having a glorious season, these plants which are sown about now, put on leafy growth in the first year and then flower the next spring or summer and include Sweet William, Wallflowers, Honesty and Foxgloves. They are worth the effort to get seeds going in June or July as they fill the garden with colour and interest and frequently self seed in future years. They are often good cut flowers too. I love plants that self seed and am enjoying drifts of Cornflowers, Corncockle, Love in a Mist and Ammi majus. These annuals (meaning that they germinate, grow and flower in the same year) are also good value in the garden, often just getting on with the whole process of growing and flowering with very little input from me! I have gradually moved from using more traditional bedding plants such as Pelargonium, Busy Lizzie and Begonia which are quite labour and resource intensive to annuals that are easier to grow from seed and which self seed over time, the result is a more naturalistic, cottage garden feel which requires less work over time. It can be a bit hit and miss, some years there are gaps but growing a few annuals such as Cosmos and Clary Sage means we have reserves to pop in to bring colour and interest.

Jay Ashworth

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Chapel News for July

As I mentioned in the June magazine it was the 59th Anniversary of the Chapel being at Ponds Green and the weather was wonderful and those that wanted to sat outside in the sun. As usual there was a wide variety of savouries and cakes for everybody to choose from but we still had a lot left over so even though we had 49 people to tea we could have fed more. It would have been good if we had had 59 instead of 49 bearing in mind it was our 59th celebration.

On the 23rd July we have our next Healing Service when we have Revd. Chris Lawrence leading us. Revd. Chris has been used by Our Lord to heal so many people, including his own daughter! So many people don't realise that Jesus heals today just as He did when he was on the earth. In Acts we read how the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples and they received power to go out and heal the sick, that same Holy Spirit is working in believers today.

James (Jesus's brother) tells us in James 5 v 14-16 "Is any one of you sick? He should call on the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

"Therefore confess your sins...." is a verse many find hard to understand because they feel they lead good lives and do not sin, but of course God is very specific in what is sin and I am afraid we sin every day, sometimes without realising it. If we read the 10 Commandments I doubt if there is one of us who doesn't sin at least once a day.

Our problem is, its not just the act that is sinful, its thinking about it, contemplating it even discussing it, because it affects our relationships with another individual, and with God.

We are still Zooming our Service every week and you can join us from 6-15 pm by logging into [https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/4107830582?](https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/4107830582?pwd=NkdoUlpWaDBjOE1DZmdhRThOU2RLdz09)

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Mon 14			
Tue 15	7.30pm	Prayer Hour	Ashburnham Church
Wed 16	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 17	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 18			
Sat 19	9am - 1pm	The Market at Ashburnham Place	Ashburnham Place
Sun 20	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 21	2pm	WI	Sports Pavilion
Tue 22			
Wed 23	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 24			
Fri 25	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 26			
Sun 27	10.30am 10.30am 2.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Village Walk Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Partridge Cottage Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 28			
Tue 29			
Wed 30	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 31	9am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion

August Diary

Tue 1	7.15pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 2	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 3	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 4	10.30am-12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 5			
Sun 6	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 7			
Tue 8	8pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 9	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 10	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 11	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 12			
Sun 13	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Ron's Ramblings.

It was a beautiful, sunny, late spring evening and Mrs K. and I were sitting on the bench at the front of the house and watching the sun disappear over the Downs. All was quiet apart from the birdsong and the occasional passing vehicle and I was ruminating (I do a lot of ruminating these days as I get older) about what was this scene like 80 years ago ? Very little would have changed in those intervening years apart from the increase in traffic. On the horizon I can just pick out the carbuncle that is the block of flats along Eastbourne promenade and at certain times of the day you can see the wind turbines at Polegate, which I don't mind , but other than that nothing has changed. Which, these days, in our rapidly changing world is quite something.

80 years ago you would have still seen sheep and cattle grazing the fields. The hedgerows and woods as they were then. Perhaps instead of the huge tractors we see nowadays, a little grey Fergie would be chugging up and down the furrows ploughing or bringing the harvest in accompanied by a gang of farm workers.

Would we like to see a return to those days ? Only in our minds I suspect. Life was so much harder in many ways but as you had very little to compare it with you accepted that that was the norm. Would you, for example, swop the dentist of 80 years ago for today's equipment and practitioners ? No, let us live in today's world for all its faults and look back with fond memories on our youth.

Right, I think it's time for a bit of levity. As you have no doubt figured out, when I'm short of ideas, I always quote from a magazine. The brilliant writer Jonathan Self, writing in Country Life, tells of his stay at his house in Florence for the Easter holiday. On Easter Sunday he attended the Scoppio del Carro held in the Cathedral. It involves the Archbishop firing a dove shaped rocket down the nave, out of the Cathedral doors and into a cart piled high with fireworks. I have no idea why or quite what the religious significance is, but anyway, something to ponder, Father Gary ? I'm sure there's some way we can deal with the Health and Safety aspect.

Ronnie King

July Diary

Sat 1	9am-1pm	The Market at Ashburnham Place	Ashburnham Place
Sun 2	10.30am 10.30am 2.30pm 6.30pm	Morning Worship Holy Communion Village Walk Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Agmerhurst Granary Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 3			
Tue 4	7.15pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 5	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 6	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 7	10.30am- 12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 8	12-5pm	Vintage Motorcycle Show	Sports Field
Sun 9	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 10	7pm	The Filling Station	Ashburnham Place
Tue 11	8pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 12	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Walk
Thu 13	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 14	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 15			
Sun 16	10.30am 10.30am 11.45am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion Special Parochial Church Meeting Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Mon 17	2pm	WI	Sports Pavilion
Tue 18	7.30pm	Prayer Hour	Penhurst Church
Wed 19	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 20	10am- 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 21			
Sat 22			
Sun 23	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 24			
Tue 25			
Wed 26	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 27	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 28	2pm 2pm-4pm	Short Mat Bowls Book Group	Village Hall Street Cottage - TBC
Sat 29	8.30-10am 1.30-5pm	Flower Show Entries to Marquee Flower Show and Country Fair	Sports Field Sports Field
Sun 30	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Ashburnham All Age Service in the Marquee Penhurst All Age Service in the Marquee Evening Service	Sports Field Sports Field Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 31			

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