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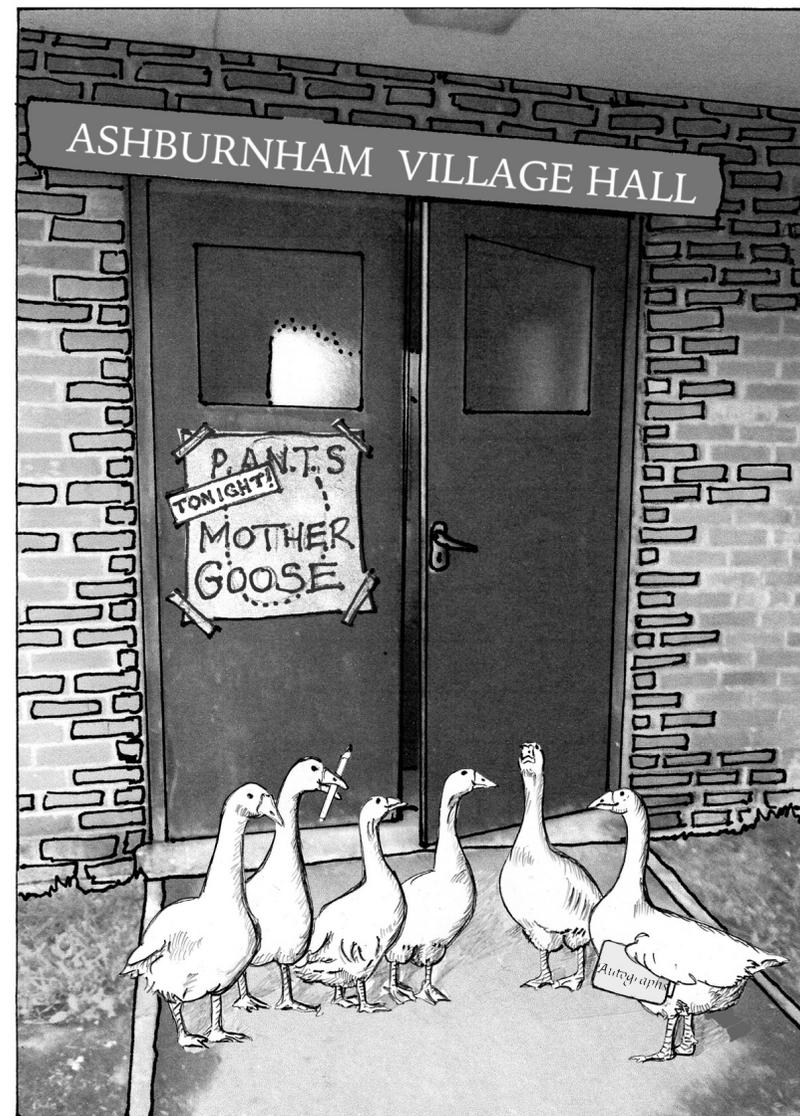


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Ashburnham and Penhurst Parish Magazine November 2017



The Penhurst Six Go Autograph Hunting

by Ieva Clark

Please send contributions for the November issue by Friday 3rd November
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Thought for the Month

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And the Lord blessed him’ (Genesis 26:12).*

As you read this we will have been in the Granary a few days after our trek from West to East! As I write this in my Devon study, surrounded by boxes of books, I am gearing up for the last Harvest Supper here.

So we are still in the Harvest season and I am reminded of this as the local farmers have rolled up the hay and wrapped it in black plastic (or pink, as I saw the other day!) in the nearby fields.

We are so familiar with the Parable of the Sower where we read: “Other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown’ (Matthew 13:23). But are we as familiar with the Genesis account of Isaac? In the same year he reaped a hundred-fold! I love how that verse ends: ‘And the Lord blessed him’.

Returning to the sower parable, we know that the seed represents the Word of God and its different receptivity. The good soil yields a great crop – and this is what we will be seeking to do in the days ahead. The devil hates the Gospel and seeks to prevent people from believing it. Often he encourages hearers to procrastinate on making a decision, or to forget what they have heard. Our prayer should be that the Lord of the Harvest will cause the Word to take root in receptive hearts so that he is glorified, and that we grow to be the people he created us to be.

Many years ago, when visiting a church in France, I saw these words written on one of the walls: *‘I believe, I pray, I hope, I find and so I give to Jesus’*. This is a very good prayer we can each pray as each day opens up new challenges for the Word to go forth and multiply in the parishes of Ashburnham and Penhurst and beyond. In this endeavour we seek that blessing from God which was given to Isaac all those years ago!

With our love and prayers

Peter and Diana

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are holding a consultation on a draft strategy for the future of the service. One of the main suggestions, is to withdraw the mobile library service completely. Currently this service visits the village every month. As this is a consultation process, we have the chance to comment. You can go to www.consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk where there is a list of all current consultations, the library one is entitled, East Sussex Libraries The Way Forward. Click on it and you will be able to read all the details and add your comments.

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Book Club

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We will be chatting about the books we have enjoyed since the last time we met: sharing, swapping, lending and recommending

100 Club

Congratulations to Ron King who won the draw in October.
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For more information see the Art Group page on the Parish Website www.ashburnham-penhurst.net

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Tuesday 7th November at 7.45pm
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Village Lunch

Wednesday 15th November at the Village Hall
Lunch is cooked for any older residents in our villages who would like a bit of company and a delicious meal. Transport can be arranged.
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The Ashburnham and Penhurst Gardening Club

meets on Monday 27th November in the Church Hall at 7.30pm
Melanie Gibson will be speaking on “The Parks and Gardens of Flanders”
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ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST WI



November's Meeting
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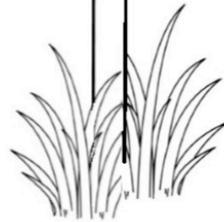
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The next one's on **Friday 3rd November**

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When you go on the website you will notice that there is nothing listed after the end of October 2018, this is because we are planning to close for a couple of months while major internal works take place to upgrade our electrics, rooms and facilities. If you want to find out more about this, head to the website, click on the About Us tab then go to Past, Present and Future where you will find more details. Alternatively, chat to any of us who work here and we'll tell you all about it!



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Getting Up While it's Still Dark

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Come and be filled up!

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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

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We firmly believe that prayer does have an effect, and we welcome requests for prayer. We have two prayer points – one outside under the main Welcome notice at the foot of the church pathway and the other inside the church entrance door. There are cards and pens available for use. You are also welcome to contact a member of the pastoral team direct. Requests will be prayed for on a regular basis and held in strict confidence.

Please get in touch with us for an initial discussion if you would like our help.

Pastoral Care Coordinator: John Cormode 01424 848415
john.cormode@btinternet.com

Deputy Care Coordinator: Storm Hann 01424 893130 info@penhurst.org.uk

Other team members: John French, Catherine Duggleby, Jennifer Oldroyd, Richard Hann.

Ron's Ramblings

It's coming up to six years now since Helen and I made the move from London to Ashburnham and I've been ruminating on how our lives have changed in that time. Having spent our entire lives living and working in the capital it seemed a huge gamble on our part to transplant ourselves somewhere so different. Would we get on with the neighbours? Would we be accepted in the village? Would we be able to cope with the nearest shop being five miles away? Could we stand the silence (ok, bad example). Could we cope with all that fresh air (another bad example after the muck spreading of the past week) The answer to these and many more questions is a resounding YES!

Our children still live in SE London with their families and it's only an hour and half's drive to see them so we are not exactly in the back of beyond. It's great to go and see the grandchildren, catch up with old friends etc. But we both heave a huge sigh of relief as we reach the A21 heading for home and with the completion of the roadworks at

Pembury the whole journey is so much more bearable.

Lewisham, where we lived for over thirty years, was always a multicultural, melting pot but even I'm gobsmacked by the different languages and customs that are there now. I remember that the small Primary school Helen taught at had 26 languages spoken by the various different pupils! That was 8 years ago. Now, I stand in the street market and hear this babble going on around me but the one constant is the Cockney stallholders with their street cries. I was there the other day, with my grandson in a pushchair (the grandson, not me) just standing taking it all in. 'Parn a bow, parn a bow. Git yer luvverly narnas ere, Darlin, Parn a bow'.* Watching and taking it all in is 9 month old Eli. He's mouthing the words and you can see him trying to mimic the stall holders. That's his future career sorted then.....

*I say Madam. Could I persuade you to part with, just one of Her Britannic Majesty's pound coins, in exchange for an ample bowl of lovely, ripe bananas? Ronnie King.

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Led by chief Rocketeer Paul 'buzz' Clark the MI team included, flight navigator Tim 'Peake' Shaw, Robin 'where's my wings' Ratcliffe, Richard 'boyo' Hann (Welsh division), James 'Jim Bob' White, Richard 'on ya bike' White, Brian 'a finger in every pie' Holdstock, Clive 'red van' O'Sullivan.

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Richard and Storm
01424 893130

Aydee and Hannah Latty

Chapel News

Despite the terrible weather on 1st October we had a wonderful time celebrating God's goodness to us. The Harvest tea was the usual vast selection of homemade goodies. The Chapel was beautifully decorated with all kinds of fruit, vegetables and flowers and the singing 'raised the roof' as we sang popular harvest hymns. The offering of £274 is being given to Water Aid.

The Chapel is aiming to start a Local House of Prayer, an idea instigated by Revd. Roy Godwin, the minister of a Christian retreat called Ffald-y Brenin in South Wales. Check out their website; www.ffald-y-brenin.org

LHoP (as they are known) have been started all over the U.K and in the Mediterranean. A group of local people choose five people that they know who are not Christians, and for five days a week they pray for their group for five

minutes each day for five weeks, at the end of the five weeks the group meet to see what Jesus has been doing in the lives of the people prayed for. It has been amazing to discover how our Lord has responded to the prayers of these groups. Four of us went on a training day a couple of months ago and came away excited and certain that we must get involved as quickly as possible.

If you are interested in joining our LHoP or would like to know more about it please contact me – Fay on 01424 830078 or 07860 113413

Don't forget our Carol Service on 3rd December when the Catsfield Handbell Ringers are coming to play for us. The offering will be donated to Snowflake, a local organisation organising night shelters for the homeless over the coldest winter months. To find out more go to their website.

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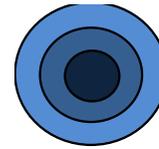
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Parish Council News

Parish Council meetings

At its September meeting the council voted to record a vote of thanks to Janet Peters and send her a letter of appreciation for the many years in which she organised the after schools club which became affectionately known as the Thursday Club.

On every meeting's agenda there is a standing item of rural broadband. Although much of the parish is now served, with a new fibre cabinet near the chapel servicing Ponts Green and Penhurst plus Fibre to the premises in Lakehurst Lane and further down Herrings Road, there are still significant gaps. Within the parish, Bridgen Hill has almost zero internet connection and, further afield, at Dallington School, which a number of Ashburnham children attend, the provision is so limited that children are only able to watch teachers demonstrating but cannot all go online themselves. The November meeting will look at ways of supporting a number of locally active lobbyists for urgent improvements.

Forthcoming events

Friday 8th November – Village bonfire supported by the parish council.

Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday service at the war memorial at 10.50 am led by Bishop Ken Barham. Refreshments afterwards in the pavilion.

Dates of next meetings

Council meeting: Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion.

Planning Committee: Wed 13 December 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion if there are any new planning matters to consider. Please see the parish website for up to date information.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend these meetings and there is an agenda slot near the start of the meeting for members of the public to address the Council.

Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council

Email: clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net

Land line: 01323 832082 with answering machine. Text: 07836 716723

If leaving a message be sure to leave your name and a call back number.

Country Fair and Flower Show - Saturday 28th July 2018

Help organise! Everyone who would like to help in any way is welcome.

Remember that the organising group is simply an informal coalition of the willing – no-one is in charge because everyone is in charge!

These are the dates in 2018 that the organising group are meeting – do please come to all or any of them if you can help in any way. All the meetings are on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm in the sports pavilion on 7th Feb, 4th April, 30th May, 27th June.

Perhaps you know someone who would like to take a stall?

Do tell us so that we can send them an invitation.

Ashburnham Church

invites you to a



at Ashburnham Place

on

2nd December 2017 at 8.30am

Paul Wenham

General Director - Ashburnham Place
will be talking about

**“Endurance - Life Lessons from a
Long Run”**

To book your place in advance, please contact:
John French 01424 892580 or John Cormode 01424 848415

john.cormode@btinternet.com

A donation on the day of £5 would be welcomed

Don't forget the Men's Breakfast
on 28th October, 8.30am at
Ashburnham Place with
Ken Gough, Football Referee!

November Diary

Wed 1	10am-12pm 7.45pm	PlayCafé Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 2	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Housegroups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 3	10.30am-12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 4	9.30am-12pm	Out of the Blue Craft Fayre & Coffee Morning	Catsfield Village Hall
Sun 5	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	All Age Service and Shoebox Collection Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 6	9am 9.15-10.45am	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion
Tue 7	7.30pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 8	10am-12pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	PlayCafé Parish Council Meeting Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Thu 9	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Hour of Prayer	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Church Hall
Fri 10	7pm	Bonfire and Fireworks	Sports Pavilion
Sat 11		St Peter's Church 'Spring' Clean	
Sun 12	9.30am 10.30am 10.50am 6.30pm	Remembrance Day Service Remembrance Sunday Morning Prayer Ashburnham and Penhurst Village Remembrance Day Service Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church War Memorial, Ashburnham Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 13	9am 9.15-10.45am	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion
Tue 14	3.05-3.25pm 7.15pm 8pm	Mobile Library Filling Station MI	Outside the Chapel Ashburnham Place Ash Tree Inn
Wed 15	10am-12pm 12.30pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	PlayCafé Village Lunch Licensing of Revd Peter Walker Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall Ashburnham Church Village Hall
Thu 16	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 17			

Sat 18			
Sun 19	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer with Children's Activities followed by shared lunch Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 20	9am 9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga WI	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Tue 21			
Wed 22	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 23	10am-1pm 7.30pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Pantomime - Mother Goose House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Village Hall Various Locations
Fri 24	2pm 7.30pm	Afternoon Book Group Pantomime - Mother Goose	Street Cottage Village Hall
Sat 25	2.30pm & 7.30pm	Pantomime - Mother Goose	Village Hall
Sun 26	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 27	9am 9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga Gardening Club	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Hall
Tue 28			
Wed 29	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 30	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations

Thank you to everyone who supported this year's MacMillan Coffee Morning, held on the 30th of September. Despite a forecast for rain, it was a lovely morning and an amount of £905.00 was raised. A fantastic effort from a small community like ours.

*Well done to all those involved,
what a fantastic total!*