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See inside for details of our new cover star!

Please send contributions for the November issue by Friday 6th October
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Chapel News

The Service on the 3rd September led by Rhod Jones and with Bishop Richard Jackson giving the message was very well attended. We had a wonderful time together worshipping and praising Our Lord.

Don't forget we have our Harvest Festival Celebrations on the 1st October commencing with tea at 5 p.m and followed by a Songs of Praise at 6-30 p.m (all well known harvest hymns) Please do join us for both but if you can only manage tea or the service you will still be very welcome.

On the 22nd October we have Jan Ransome from Flame International coming to speak at our Healing Service. If you haven't met Jan then make sure you come! Jan is an incredible lady, full of charisma and filled with the Holy Spirit. Since retiring from the army where she held the rank of Lt. Col. she has taken teams of volunteers to some very dangerous countries where she has spread **The Good News** and through her **Our Lord** has healed the sick. Jan has such a lot to share with us – don't miss this fantastic opportunity!
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Thought for the Month

Whether we are farmers, keen vegetable growers or occasional amateur gardeners, many of us will find an apple tree in our gardens. Of all fruit the apple is the most common in this country, and particularly this corner of England. Our previous neighbours in Kent were apple growers and we were surrounded by orchards. On my September school runs I would meet the trains of apple trucks coming down the lane with the pickers happily perched on the tractor.

Our family enjoy our apples as juice, in cake, and in crumble with blackberries picked from the hedges. My late mother-in-law would extol the virtues of eating "an apple a day to keep the doctor away", including the core, assuring us it was full of good things for our bodies. She would slice and dry them as a "healthy chewing gum" and our small boys were fascinated by her machine which cored and peeled an apple as you turned the handle.

Apples are just one item in God's natural harvest for us – given with minimal effort on our part. They represent something sweet, treasured and precious – "the apple of your eye" (from Proverbs). The little-known carol "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" is based on a 19th century poem. It tells of Jesus as the apple tree who provides bountiful crops from a full tree. His fruit is clean, fresh and nourishing, tasting good. This tree is not rare and limited, but available to all, providing abundantly. The greatest blessing is to be found in this ordinary tree.

I discovered a character in American history nicknamed "Johnny Appleseed" who planted nurseries of apple trees in Pennsylvania and Ohio in the late 18th century. As he travelled for his work he preached the gospel, notably to native Americans. Nowadays there are Johnny Appleseed festivals in those states each September. They often include his travelling song –

"Oh the Lord is good to me,
And so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need,
The sun and the rain and the apple seed.
The Lord is good to me."

Once again at this time of year our Churches and Chapel celebrate all the harvest from our beautiful villages and we invite you to join us. I hope you enjoy the fruits of your labour and the gifts from God.

Rachel Bickersteth

The Art Group

meets at the Pavilion every Thursday morning from 10am to 1pm.

We have Sedlescombe Artist Mark Fisher coming to teach us on Thursday 12th October 10am-1pm.

Guests are welcome at a drop-in charge of £4 on non-tutor days or £10 for tutored sessions.
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For more information see the Art Group page on the Parish Website www.ashburnham-penhurst.net

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Table Tennis Club

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If you fancy joining, head to the Village Hall on Wednesdays at 7.45pm

Call Janet on 01424 892311
for more information

100 Club

Congratulations to Pauline Dann who won the draw in September.

Sign up for this great fundraiser - for just £3, (£1 per month remaining this year) you can support the New Village Hall and win a cash prize!
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Book Club

The afternoon book group meets on the last Friday of every month except August and December. Our next gathering will be at **2pm on Friday 27th October at Street Cottage.**
For details call Nicky on 01424 892474
We are no longer getting books from the library, instead we are chatting about the books we have enjoyed since the last time we met: sharing, swapping, lending and recommending. So please bring along your stack of summer reading!
This month we will also be planning our entry for the Village Christmas Tree Festival!
The Evening Book Group is taking a break until further notice.

Village Lunch

Wednesday 18th October
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Some of you may have heard that we are planning some major internal works at the Retreat Centre next year, we are beginning to raise funds for this already; if you would like to see details, then head to our website & click the 'Past, Present and Future' tab.
Lastly, the gate on our driveway is soon to be replaced, it has served the house well over the last 56 years but has finally deteriorated beyond repair, a new one is coming soon. We can only imagine how many guests have walked through that gateway over the years!
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Come and be filled up!

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Pastoral Care for Ashburnham

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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

I've been re-decorating the hallway over the past few months which has given me a chance to listen to some of my CDs and cassette tapes (remember those?) Which got me thinking about my musical journey through life. My earliest memories were of Christmas parties which went on for four days and involved a lot of alcoholic beverages. This would be just after the war (for our younger readers this was the one where we fought a certain Adolf Hitler who was intent on expanding the export of Leiderhosen and Bratwurst to the rest of the world. He didn't get away with that but he did succeed in bombing my Grandad's fish and chip shop). I digress.

These parties involved all of the family doing a 'turn'. My Mother sung 'Jezebel', my Stepfather dressed up in a waiter's outfit and did the ' Mr Pastry' routine (Google it), Uncle Son played the spoons, Pop and his brother played all the George Formby hits on their banjos and I did Frankie Laine's, 'High Noon'. I was all of six and knew every word. The early hours of the morning were rounded off doing the Conga down the street. For those that were still standing that is.....

The late 40s and early 50s carried on much the same, but with the inclusion of Jazz and Blues. Uncle Brian played Jug in a Trad. Jazz band and took me along one evening. We walked along Leytonstone High Street until we came to a hole in the pavement. Whereupon we climbed down a ladder into a dark, smoke filled basement packed with Jazz fans. Health and Safety? Pah!

From then on it was, of course, Rock and Roll and the ensuing pop stuff, Classical, Folk, until the mid 70s when it was back to Jazz and Blues. Since then I've sung in the Blackheath Male Voice Choir, 'managed' a blues band, (mostly playing to two old boys and a dog in an East End pub) and tried to emulate my Grandfather by playing the Banjo. (No sniggering at the back there). It was at this point I realised that I was no Earl Scruggs, so went out on my bike instead. Ronnie King.

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MI Lawn Bowling is a new venture for the boys from the Ash and there were certainly thrills and spills at the Ninfield club, conveniently situated right next to the Kings Arms. Breakfast was devoured and the warm up exercises commenced. There were 20 games played over the two hours and despite some rogue shots where we forgot our biases, there was a high standard of play. The one game went down to the very last bowl resulting in a tied game..Messrs Hann and Dann doing the honours there. All agreed that it was a good way to wile away a couple of hours, finishing appropriately in the bar…..Look out for next month's report on the rocketry morning. Finally if you know of anyone who would like to join us for the Harvey's Brewery tour on Thursday 2 November then do get in touch with Richard on 01424 893130.

Congratulations to Richard Hann who won the cup for 'Best Bowling Action'!

The Tale of Duck 22

It had been proper duck weather at the Country Fair, so much so that the Hook a Duck stall had overflowed and made the end of the day clear up a real rushed and messy business. After everyone had left the cricket field, Duck 22 found himself all alone but he was a resourceful fellow and was not afraid, he had heard stories of exciting places and had always thought it would be great to go on an adventure. This was his time, he paddled his way across the cricket field and soon found himself being washed down stream into the Ashbourne and out towards the sea. He was happy, he was going places. Over the next few weeks, Duck 22 could hardly believe his luck, instead of being tucked away in a dark box in the garage at Little Midge, he was able to get out and about, go sightseeing and travel to places he had only dreamed of. Duck 22 has decided to share his adventures with you and will write a short travel log each month.

Follow him on his travels and see if you can collect the clues and get ahead so you're ready for a treasure hunt at next year's Country Fair. You might even spot him at Village events now and then! So, for now, keep an eye out for Duck each month in the magazine and see if you can guess where he has been travelling!

If you can guess where Duck 22 has been this month then drop him an email with the answers via the editor, jay.ashworth@btinternet.com
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If you have any articles, notices or information that you would like included in the magazine; or if you have some artwork you would like considered for the cover, do get in touch with me. You can either give me a ring on 01424 532972 or email jay.ashworth@btinternet.com

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Parish Council News

Business as usual
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The parish website is where the parish council makes a wide range of information available including meeting agendas and full financial disclosure. The new page on planning applications is worth a special mention and has to be the most comprehensive and user friendly planning page in the county!

Dates of next meetings
Council meeting: Wednesday 8 November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion.
Planning Committee: Wed 11 October 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
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October Diary

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Mon 2	9am 9.15am-10.45am	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion
Tue 3	3.05-3.25 7.45pm	Mobile Library Pub Quiz	Outside the Chapel Ash Tree Inn
Wed 4	10am-12pm 7.45pm	PlayCafé Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 5	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Housegroups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 6	10.30am-12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 7			
Sun 8	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Praise with Children's Activities Morning Prayer and Baptism Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 9	9am 9.15-10.45am	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion
Tue 10	7.15pm 8pm	Filling Station MI	Ashburnham Place Ash Tree Inn
Wed 11	10am-12pm 7.45pm	PlayCafé Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 12	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Hour of Prayer	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Church Hall
Fri 13			
Sat 14			
Sun 15	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Praise with Children's Activities Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Mon 16	9am 9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga WI	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Tue 17			
Wed 18	10am-12pm 12.30pm 7.45pm	PlayCafé Village Lunch Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 19	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 20			
Sat 21			
Sun 22	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 23	9am 9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga Gardening Club	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Hall
Tue 24	3.05-3.25pm	Mobile Library	Outside the Chapel
Wed 25	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 26	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 27	2pm	Afternoon Book Group	Street Cottage
Sat 28	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	Ashburnham Place
Sun 29	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Praise with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 30	9am 9.15-10.45am	Prayer Time for Church and Community Yoga	Prayer Centre Sports Pavilion
Tue 31			