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Church Services in October

Ashburnham Church

All Services at 10.30am

4th October Harvest Celebration
with collection for Bexhill and Battle Food Bank
11th October Holy Communion
18th October Morning Prayer
25th October Holy Communion

Services are different from what we are used to due to the Government guidelines so we have a simple said service as we are not allowed to sing hymns. We are aware not everyone will be able or willing to join us, so Revd Peter will continue to produce a service outline to use at home. If you wish to receive this please email him. At the church there are appropriate measures to ensure social distancing and hand sanitiser is available. Everyone is welcome as we meet together in person again.

Due to lockdown, Ashburnham Church had to delay its Annual Meeting this year. It will now take place by Zoom on Monday 5th October at 7pm, so that as many people as possible can join us.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but only those on the electoral roll of the church will be entitled to take part in the various elections. For more details about the meeting, nomination forms for churchwardens and PCC members, and any applications to join the electoral roll, please contact Rachel Bickersteth, PCC Secretary on pccsecretary.stpetersashburnham@gmail.com.

Penhurst Church

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4th October Holy Communion
11th October Morning Prayer
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Dear Friends,

We had a power cut this morning along with 500 other local homes. No early morning tea, no coffee, no lights in the bathroom, no radio for the early morning news. How we take it for granted that whenever we throw a switch the lights come on, the kettle boils, the radio/tv come on. There was jingle some years ago when the power companies were being privatised: 'I've got the power'. Well this morning we didn't, and how hampered we felt, so much so that we went out to Battle for a coffee. Upon returning home and after 12 texts from the power company keeping me well informed of progress, the lights were back on and everything returned to normal.

This made me think how hampered we are if we are cut off from the power of the Holy Spirit. Amazingly many people just ignore the source of this great power, and struggle on in the Christian life without the power Jesus promised his first disciples and us! 'Wait... until you are clothed from power from on high'. It's like a garment which we wear each day. The other Sunday I suggested folk look at Ephesians 6 to see what St. Paul says about putting on each piece of armour. What an attire:- clothed with the Holy Spirit and armed with each piece of armour. This is the way we live a Christian life!

May we say with that jingle each day: 'I've got the power'!

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Our gathering will take place via the marvellous technology that is **Zoom**. Zoom is free to download from <https://zoom.us/download> then choose "sign up it's free". On the day Nicky will email the meeting ID to all our members. If you're not already on the mailing list but would like to join in, then just email Nicky nickyatstreetcottage@gmail.com and we'll add you to the invitation.

Filling Station

The Zoom October Filling Station meeting takes place on Monday 12th October with Christine Perkins from the National Filling Station speaking.

Details of how to join the meeting by Zoom will be in The Post and will on the local website at thefillingstation.org/station/ashburnham about a week before the meeting.

100 Club

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To all Group Leaders and Members
 if you run or are a member of a group that usually meets regularly, why not try and keep in touch virtually with each other? It could be the only contact some people get during the week and might make a real difference to someone who is stuck at home.

Please note that the inclusion of advertisements for local services in this magazine does not constitute a recommendation.

Readers are advised to make their own enquiries to ensure good service.

RHS Banksian Medal Awarded to Brian Holdstock

At the Flower Show the Banksian Medal from the Royal Horticultural Society is awarded to whoever most points across the vegetable and fruit section.

This year, with no Flower Show, the RHS suggested the medal be awarded to someone in the community who has gone over and above during the pandemic.

The Flower Show Committee decided that it should be awarded to Brian Holdstock for all the work that he has done, on behalf of the Parish Council in setting up phone lines, organising volunteers and getting to grips with the ever changing legislation and support on offer.

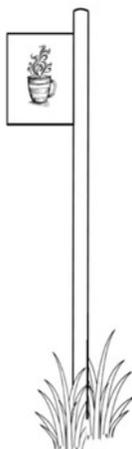
Well done Brian and Thank you!

The Coffee Stop

Unfortunately due to the continuation of government restrictions on gatherings we will not be planning any Coffee stop meetings for the rest of 2020.

If possible we will resume get togethers in 2021.

Stay safe and well.



Local Photographer Competition Success

A few years ago a photo of some of the Andrew's sheep graced the cover of this magazine, the photo was taken by Shane Stanbridge a very talented local photographer. Next year, one of his photographs will feature in the popular Countryfile Calendar! It is entitled, 'Among the Purple Heather' and is a great picture of a deer peeking its head up through heather and looking towards the camera. If you head over to the Countryfile website you can see his photo,

<https://www.countryfile.com/countryfile-tv-show/countryfile-calendar/countryfile-calendar-competition-2021/>

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We have now held 22 Zoom Services on a Sunday evening starting at 7 p.m and we are finding new ways to use technology and bring our Service into the 21st century! 😊 We would so love to see some of you join us sometimes. Dark evenings are nearly upon us and taking less than an hour out of your lives to thank God for all the blessings He has given us is surely the least we can do.

Just think, you don't have to dress up, drive anywhere or even interrupt your dinner, just put your laptop or ipad in front of you, click the link and you will see lots of your friends on your screen, you can chat to them before the Service and again afterwards and for the time in between you can see video clips, even join in with the singing and just take time to thank our Wonderful Lord for keeping us Covid-19 free and for all the other Blessings that we have received in the last week. There has never been an easier time to join together in Praise and Thanks! Do join us, I am sure if you just give our Service one try you will want to come again!

I have been told many times by people I speak to that “they are Christians but they don't need to go to Chapel to say their prayers and thanks”. Well, now you have the opportunity to join your friends, have a time of fellowship, say your prayers, thanks and sing your praises without leaving your homes. Take the plunge, be brave, JOIN US ON ZOOM!

These last few months have taught many people that a lot of the things that we thought were essential are not. Our Bible tells us that we must love our neighbours and look out for them and we have seen so much love, care and helpfulness in our villages over the past few months. Let us also learn from this pandemic that we MUST NOT take our God for granted, He deserves and expects us to give Him, Praises, Thanks and Prayers and if you do not already attend a place of Worship there is no better way to start than to join us on Zoom.

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Topic: Fay Ramsden's Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 6, 2020 06:45 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/4107830582?pwd=NkdoUlpWaDBjOE1DZmdhRThOU2RLdz09>

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Fay

Parish Council News

In between the bi-monthly council meetings, councillors have continued to meet every few weeks via Zoom. We have actually found that they provide a forum for discussion which we did not have and I suspect that when normal life returns we might want to continue with some Zoom conversations. After all, two months is a long time between councillors getting together.

As reported last month, discussions between the Parish Council and the Ashburnham Estate about the new lease for the playing field and pavilion resumed in September. On their conclusion, expected within a couple of months, the parish council will have to decide what is in the best interests of the community. However it is worth remembering that although the pavilion is the property of the parish council, the land on which it stands together with the rest of playing field is currently provided by the Ashburnham Estate free of charge for the benefit of the parishes until 21st December 2050.

The annual Service of Remembrance will take place at the war memorial in Church Road on Sunday 8th November 2020 with people assembling in time for a start at about 10.50am. It is unlikely that refreshments will be available afterwards due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The pavilion is a congested space, the numbers are generally 50 or more and there is no wet weather plan. We all hope that normality will have returned by November 2021.

Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council

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If leaving telephone voice messages be sure to leave your name and a call back number.

Council meetings are on the last Wednesday of alternate months (next two are 30 Sep and 25 November) and the Planning Committee (if required) meets on the last Wednesday of intervening months.

All meetings are in public and members of the public are encouraged to attend. This includes online meetings during the Coronavirus restrictions. If you wish to listen in then email the clerk in order to be sent the invitation link a few minutes before the start of the meeting. 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. The dates of the next two meetings are 30th September and 25th November 2020.

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It's been great to hear laughter and conversation throughout the house since we re-opened. The team have worked hard getting to grips with the new systems in place to keep everyone safe. One of our first guests commented how good it was to be back, how much they needed a few days away and how reassured they were by everything around the house.

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Preparing for Autumn and Winter

As I write this, the government have introduced the new 'rule of 6' which tells us that we can only meet with a maximum of 6 people from outside our household from the middle of September and we still need to maintain strict social distancing whenever we do meet. It's so important to abide by these rules and guidelines but it will get harder on us as autumn and winter set in and it is less easy to meet friends outside or sit having coffee with neighbours over the garden fence as I know some of us have been doing.

Here's a challenge for you Parish Magazine readers! Let's come up with some creative ways to keep in touch over the coming months and share them with each other so we can all help one another get through this difficult time.

Why not hold an online coffee morning, invite a couple of friends or neighbours to meet you for a socially distanced walk, join the online book club this month or head over to the Chapel for their zoom service?

Let me know what other suggestions you can come up with. Let's keep our community spirit high in any way we can and look out for one another, especially those who are shielding, not online or a bit isolated.

Jay

Articles for the Parish Magazine

We don't have as much of our usual magazine content at the moment due to there being less going on in our villages! Do get in touch if you have an article you've written, a poem one of your children impressed you with or even a funny clip that has caught your eye. Contact details are elsewhere in the magazine.

Faith in Sussex

If you would like to know more about what the churches are up to in Sussex and to find out news from Chichester Cathedral then the Diocesan Magazine Faith in Sussex is available to read here online.

<https://www.chichester.anglican.org/faith-in-sussex/>

It is packed with articles about our whole region - a church in Eastbourne feeding their community, interviews with the two new Bishops, initiatives promoting better mental health, reflections on classic hymns and upcoming events.

Garden and Nature Notes

In mid September I settled down in front of my computer to watch a fascinating lecture by Fergus Garrett, the head gardener at Great Dixter gardens. One of the unexpected bonuses for me of this season has been the availability of talks and lectures online which I can access from the comfort of my own home for a small fee - far cheaper and easier than attending such a lecture in person. The talk featured pictures from the Dixter gardens and video clips alongside Fergus' informative and inspirational live talk and gave a real insight into the techniques and ideas behind the Dixter style of gardening. I have also recently joined an online garden club that offers high quality monthly speakers as well as a newsletter, Q&A meet ups over zoom and other events. The first talk was a wonderfully informative one by Rosy Hardy, co-owner of the renowned Hardy's Plant Nursery which has won 24 Gold medals at Chelsea for their nursery stand! The club has been set up by Lou Nicholls, head gardener at Ulting Wick. I think it will be a useful and instructive community to be a part of. For more information about this go to www.patreon.com/lounicholls

It's well worth checking online to see if your favourite gardener, speaker or even garden is offering extra online content at the moment. For example, if you fancy a visit to Kew Gardens, head to <https://www.kew.org/about-us/virtual-kew-wakehurst> where you can take virtual tours of the gardens and glasshouses. You might even decide to call in on Prince Charles' garden at Highgrove, difficult to visit in person but easy online! Check out this link for pictures, videos & 360 degree tours - you might even spot a rather bad looking case of box blight in front of the house! <https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/highgrove-gardens/> Of course, nothing really beats actually being outdoors and visiting gardens in person, but when it isn't possible for whatever reason, explore online and wander through some amazing spaces from the comfort of your armchair!

If you're taking a walk around Broadwater Lake in Ashburnham, or in other parts of the countryside around here at this time of year you may hear a strange, low noise almost like a bark. It could be that you're hearing one of the male Fallow Deer calling during rutting season. If you visit a park such as Knole in Sevenoaks where they have large herds you may be lucky enough to see stags with their full set of antlers, fighting each other to assert their dominance in the herd. If you do go, be careful, these wild stags are fired up with testosterone and looking to pick a fight! Around here it is likely to be just the call you will hear as the stag gathers does around him and sees off the attention of any bucks seeking to challenge him.

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PANTS



It was that time of the year
Plans were afoot, decisions to be made.
What PANTO shall we perform for the village this year?

Scripts were read, a PANTO chosen.
With show and rehearsal dates decided the Village Hall was booked
Just needed to make arrangements for the auditions to take place.
Then came the worrying news.
A deadly virus was emerging on the other side of the world.

Surely 'IT' won't affect our PANTO at the end of the year.

The spread of the virus was growing at a pace.
With cases in the UK doubling day by day.
Measures were needed to be put in place.
Pubs and schools closed, the country locked down.
Stay at home, save lives and protect the NHS.

Perhaps 'IT' will affect our PANTO at the end of the year.

And now in August a difficult decision to be made.
'IT' has made it unlikely that an audience at the Village Hall will be
deemed safe.
So with disappointment we announce, as with so many events we
hold dear.
There will not be a PANTO to come and watch at the end of this
year.

Book Review:

Diary of a Young Naturalist by Dara McAnulty

I haven't read a physical copy of this exciting book but listened to an abridged version when it was the Radio 4 Book of the Week earlier this year.

It is a diary of a year in the life of keen young naturalist, Dara, and his observations of the changing seasons in the area of Northern Ireland where he lives with his family. His writing is beautiful and thoughtful and all the more remarkable when you discover that he was only 14 when he started this book. He writes eloquently about the detail of the natural world around him, alongside wider reflections on the bigger issues and challenges facing our environment.

His publisher says this about the book:

"These vivid, evocative and moving diary entries about his connection to wildlife and the way he sees the world are raw in their telling. *Diary of a Young Naturalist* portrays Dara's intense connection to the natural world, and his perspective as a teenager juggling exams and friendships alongside a life of campaigning."

It is well worth reading for anyone interested in the natural world and our interactions with it but it will also be particularly valuable for anyone with aspergers or autism in their family. Dara is autistic and writes frankly and openly about the challenges and insights that come as a result.

He says this: "I was diagnosed with Asperger's/autism aged five ... By age seven I knew I was very different, I had got used to the isolation, my inability to break through into the world of talking about football or Minecraft was not tolerated. Then came the bullying. Nature became so much more than an escape; it became a life-support system."

Dara's book has already won the Wainwright Award for Nature Writing, in fact he was the youngest ever winner and it is on the long-list of the prestigious Baillie Gifford prize for non fiction as well.

For those active on Twitter, Dara's account is a good one to follow as well, find him @naturalistdara

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