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Ashburnham Church Service in the Marquee

Despite the weather we had a good turnout for our annual marquee service!



Chapel News

We have certainly had a wonderful summer this year but it really was sad that it decided to rain when the Chapel Healing Service was taking place even though we did desperately need the rain. Never mind, 'rain didn't stop play' in either case.

The Healing Service was as usual very well attended and we had a lady come all the way from Worcestershire because her father had received Healing at our last Service and she was desperate to also receive Healing. We heard several testimonies about Healing that Dr. Mike Von had personally witnessed and we also heard from a lady who had had an amazing experience regarding her hearing at a previous Healing Service. The presence of The Holy Spirit was very evident throughout the entire evening. Our next Healing Service is the 22nd October when Revd. Peter Walker will be leading us.

Our Chapel Harvest Festival is as usual on the first Sunday in October which is the 7th and we invite you to join us for tea at 5 p.m Don't worry if you cannot stay for the Service it will be lovely to see you anyway. If anybody would like to provide flowers or vegetables for the displays they would be very welcome and we shall be decorating the chapel on the Saturday afternoon so please bring them along on the Saturday in the morning or early afternoon. If you have a flower arranging talent or can make vegetable people or animals please come along and help with the decorating! We would love to have your help.

Sadly, I have to mention another 'break-in' at the chapel. This time the back door was smashed in and we found our carving knife and a bottle of bleach hidden by the oil tank. This is very worrying because it suggests that whoever broke in intended to return for the knife and bleach, but why didn't they take them at the time of the break-in, could it be that they had somebody with them that wouldn't approve of them possessing a carving knife and bottle of bleach?



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Thought for the Month

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My first posting as a Rector was in the Fingal Valley, North Eastern Tasmania. I had eight churches spread across a valley 45 miles long. One of these churches was dedicated to 'The Holy Cross'. It puzzled me at first that a church should have such a dedication. It was an old weatherboard building with a corrugated tin roof. It seated no more than 20 people – I say 'seated' because there were just wooden benches! A service was held once a month and about 6 people would turn up.

The church remembers Holy Cross Day on September 14th and commemorates the exposition of the relic of what was held to be the very cross upon which Christ suffered. It had been plundered by the King of Persia in 614, with other plunder from Jerusalem. In 629 it was returned to Jerusalem by Heraclius returning in triumph from his victorious campaign to retrieve the relic.

Upon arriving at the Holy City, he found that the gates were closed. As he waited for the gates to open he heard a voice from heaven reminding him that the King of Kings had not sought to enter the City in splendour but in meek and lowly guise, riding upon an ass. Immediately Heraclius dismounted and entered the City barefoot, carrying the sacred relic upon his shoulder. Holy Cross day thus observes this event.

Such an event is somewhat remote from everyday life, and yet it can be a timely reminder of that supreme symbol of sacrifice. A second century Christian writer wrote: 'At every step and moment, whenever we come in or go out, when we dress, when we bathe, at the meal table, when lights are lit, whatever we work at, we sign ourselves with the sign of the cross, so our attention is caught at each and every stage of daily life'. Whether we accept this in the literal sense or whether we accept it symbolically, the challenge of the Cross remains with us, as it remained with those first disciples to whom Jesus said: 'If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me'

So I will think back to that little old church in the sticks which carried the name of the Holy Cross and recall with gratitude that a faithful handful, month by month, would gather to worship He who died that we might live.

With my prayers,

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Wednesday 19th September 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. For more information or to book a place, ring Janet on 01424 892311

Book Club

Our next gathering will be at 2pm on **Friday 28th September at Street Cottage**
For details call Nicky on 01424 892474
We will be chatting about the books we have enjoyed since the last time we met: sharing, swapping, lending and recommending

The Ashburnham and Penhurst Gardening Club

Meeting on Monday 24th September, 7.30pm at Ashburnham Church Hall
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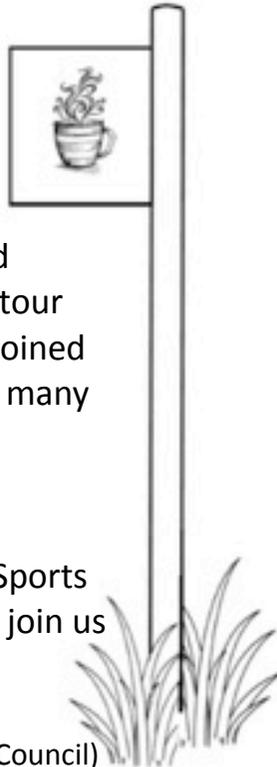
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We had a Christmas lunch at the Ash Tree Inn,
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of the gardens with Rhod and Mary Jones. We joined
with the festivities at the Country Fair, in which many
of our group participated raising over £230 for
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History, Photos and Information - in the Telephone Box at The Pound

Thank you for all the suggestions for how to use the Phone Box, we were amazed at the variety and creativity of all the ideas we received!

The Parish Council has decided to combine several suggestions to create something that reflects "Ashburnham Past and Present" with photos, maps, pictures, historical information and leaflets that can be viewed inside, plus local information, directions and current events that can be read from the outside



The first stage will be to paint the phone box itself, probably between 13th - 20th October, refreshments supplied and equipment provided. Please let us know if you can help, from just 20 minutes to a hour or so

Then we would like to collect **copies** of interesting photos, memorabilia and historic artefacts, together with information and adverts about village events and organisations. Do you have something that you would be willing to share? Maybe this will be the East Sussex' smallest Rural Museum!

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Ron's Ramblings

'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder', as the saying goes. The same applies to art. You either like it or you don't. Some people would have a Jackson Pollock on their walls while others would prefer a Rembrandt. Me? I'm old school. I like a painting entitled 'Nude with Violin' to be just that and not a series of interlinked rectangles with ears where the nose should be. I can live with modern art if it's clever or the painter has worked hard at it. Pollock's 'Number 26', for instance, just leaves me cold. He's gone into his shed, found some old leftover Dulux gloss and thrown it at a canvas. Agreed, it's different colour gloss, but it looks like something my eighteen month old grandson knocked up in his lunch break at nursery, yet is probably valued at £50 million. Pollock's, that is. Not my grandson's.

Still. Who am I to judge what is art and what is not? A recent family trip took us to Tintagel on the lovely North Cornwall coast where the legends and myths surrounding King Arthur abound. The area is a magnet for tourists, many of whom will frequent the many shops selling bits of crystal, paintings of witches and pieces of wood containing magic powers. Just along the road is Boscastle, famous for the devastating flood of 2004 but now once again a lovely, peaceful little fishing village. The village also contains these 'alternative' shops and alongside one was an old cottage with the front garden containing a number of weird sculptures, one in particular catching my eye. One, which I thought rather clever and mystical. It was placed directly outside the front door and appeared to be the head of a maiden with a shawl and the folds of her cloak spread around, looking as though she was sinking into the doorstep. I pointed this out to Mrs K. who informed me that it was actually a dust sheet belonging to the painter who was decorating the front wall of the cottage.

I got my own back a few weeks later though. Waiting at traffic lights outside a pub at Polegate, she pointed at a chap sipping his beer at a table. "Look at that awful green and yellow tattoo he's got on his legs" she says. I had great satisfaction in telling her that he was, in fact, wearing a pair of camouflage shorts!

Really need to get back to that opticians.

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Parish Council News

Parish Council news

Permission from the Ashburnham Estate has been received for the improvements to the entrance to the cricket and sports field. Once the legal formalities varying the lease have been agreed the work can go ahead. It is fully funded by the lottery grant, Awards For All, received earlier this year. These improvements are a condition of the planning approval for the new village hall. Some modifications to the original application have been made and these have not only been given planning permission but are also reflected in the splendid scale model made by Paul Clark.

At its meeting on 25th July the parish council reaffirmed its wish to under-lease the cricket and sports field to the recently formed charity, Ashburnham & Penhurst Community Centre, once the new village hall has been built. A formal request will now be made to the Ashburnham Estate.

Finally, don't forget that there is still a vacancy on the parish council which is running with 6 councillors instead of 7. If you are at all interested and want to know a bit more about what the commitment is in being a parish councillor please speak to any councillor or contact the clerk (contact details below).

Planning applications

A summary of currently undecided or recently determined applications is on 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 (last Wednesday of the month)

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council: Wednesday 26 September 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion.

Planning Committee (but only if there are any new planning matters to consider): Wed 31 October 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Sports Pavilion.

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.

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.

Ashburnham and Penhurst Flower Show and Country Fair

A huge well done and thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event the most successful to date! The sun shone and most of the attractions and stalls survived the strong winds!

We had 500 adults through the gate in addition to lots of children and a fantastic £4026 was raised for the New Village Hall.

Here is the list of award winners from the Flower Show - well done to everyone who entered

The RHS Banksian Medal for most points in Fruit and Vegetable classes

Carol Lovett

The Eric White Memorial Shield for most points across the Show

Carol Lovett

The Roy White Memorial Trophy for the winner of Class 22: "The Country Gardener"

Gill van der Meer

The Jim Payne trophy for the winner of Class 32: "A summer wreath"

Cathy Chapman

The WI trophy for the member of Ashburnham and Penhurst WI with the most points across the Show

Gill Ratcliffe

The cup for the most points in the Flower Classes

Sue Sibbering

The cup for the most points in the Produce Classes

Gill Ratcliffe

The cup for the most points in the Photography, Arts and Crafts Classes

Eefie Clark

The cup for the most points in the Under 8 Classes

Saskia van der Meer

The cup for the most points in the Under 16 Classes

Ellie Baughurst

The cup for the Best Exhibit in the Fruit and Vegetable Section

Carol Lovett

The cup for the Best Exhibit in the Produce Section

Gill Ratcliffe

The cup for the Best Exhibit in the Photography, Arts and Crafts Section

Eefie Clark

The cup for the Best Exhibit in the Under 8 Section

Amelia Plumley

The cup for the Best Exhibit in the Under 16 Section

Ellie Baughurst

We will be meeting on Wednesday 5th September to discuss this year's Country Fair, if anyone has any feedback, do get in touch with us (email jay.ashworth@btinternet.com) or come along to the meeting & tell us in person!



11th November 2018 marks
the 100th anniversary of the
end of the
First World War

You may remember that in 2014, to mark the anniversary of the start of the war, some of us got together to sew poppies which have been made into a commemorative wreath, to honour each of the men named on our War Memorial who were killed in action. The wreath is on permanent on display in the Sports Pavilion.

This year, as the anniversary of the end of the war approaches we are trying to find out more about all the men who are commemorated on our wreath, we want to know where they lived, what work they did, what family did they have... any information we can find that helps them become more than names on our memorial. We're planning a small exhibition in the Pavilion for the Remembrance Service.

So, please get in touch if you know anything about any of the following men or if you have any pictures or memorabilia from that time so that we can build up a picture of who we are remembering.

Call Jay on 07876 484945 or email jay.ashworth@btinternet.com

William Avard
Frederick Carter
William Cooper
Alex Creasey
Alfred Harmer
George Hilder
Stephen Hobday
Sidney Marchant

Thomas Mills
Percy Parrott
Ernest Rooke
Frederick Stubberfield
Ernest Turner
Francis Turner
Charley Winchester

Harvest Supper Saturday 6th October

Ashburnham Village Hall
7pm for 7.30pm

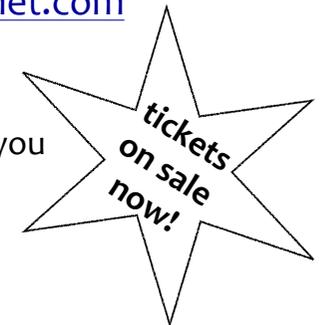
Two course meal with soft drinks provided
(please bring your own wine)

£7.50 per ticket, £5 for under 16s

Tickets available from Jay Ashworth
jay.ashworth@btinternet.com

07878 484945

Please let us know if you
have any dietary
requirements



In aid of **R.A.B.I.**
Supporting Farming Families 

September Diary

Sat 1			
Sun 2	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	All Age Service Holy Communion Evening Service	St Peter's Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 3	9.15-10.45am	Yoga	Sports Pavilion
Tue 4	8pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 5	10am-12pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Fete Debrief Meeting Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Thu 6	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 7	10.30am-12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 8			
Sun 9	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 10	9.15-10.45am 7pm	Yoga Filling Station	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Place
Tue 11	8.30pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 12	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall
Thu 13	10am-1pm 7.30pm 7pm	Art Group Tutored Session Bell Ringing Hour of Prayer	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Ashburnham Church Hall
Fri 14			
Sat 15			
Sun 16	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer with Children's Activities Holy Communion Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel

Mon 17	9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Yoga WI	Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Tue 18			
Wed 19	10am-12pm 12.30pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Village Lunch Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 20	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church Housegroups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 21			
Sat 22	10am - 12pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Sports Pavilion
Sun 23	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 24	9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Yoga Gardening Club	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Hall
Tue 25			
Wed 26	10am-12pm 7.30pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Parish Council Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Thu 27	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Location
Fri 28	2pm	Afternoon Book Group	Street Cottage
Sat 29	8.30am	Men's Breakfast	Ashburnham Place
Sun 30	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Praise with Children's Activities Harvest Festival Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel