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Please send contributions for the November issue by Friday October 5th
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Chapel News for October 2018

We look forward to welcoming you at our Harvest Tea on the 7th October and if you can stay, to our Songs of Praise Service at 6-30 p.m

This year our farmers, horticulturalists and gardeners have had to battle against very hot dry weather but Our Lord has kept His promise and there has been a bountiful crop and lots to thank Him for! So please do try to come and give thanks and sing your praises to our Faithful, Loving, Father.

“It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto thy name, O most high:” Psalm 92 v 1

21st October is our next Healing Service and this will be led by Revd. Peter Walker the Service commences at 6-30 p.m and you are all warmly welcomed. I am sure you all know Peter's background but just in case there is somebody out there reading the magazine for the first time....

Revd. Peter was born in South London, he worked in the Banking Industry as a young man but always felt God's calling on his life. After 6 years Banking he moved to Australia and joined The Society of the Sacred Mission in Adelaide where he trained for ordination. He began his ministry in the State of Tasmania, met his wife Diana and eventually returned to the U.K where he has been a Vicar of a number of parishes. He has always had a love of the Church's Healing Ministry and he will share some of his experiences with us on the 21st October.

As usual Healing Ministry will be available.

We look forward to seeing you!



What an incredible summer we had! Although some would say a bit of a mixed bag. Lovely sunshine for those of us with time to enjoy it, but not enough rain for the gardeners and farmers – and a very poor crop of runner beans...!

But whatever our experience of the summer we are still incredibly blessed to live in such a beautiful and productive part of the world. If you would like to take a few moments to remember how blessed you are, and to thank God for his provision, why not come along to one of the Harvest Thanksgiving services in the village.

Details are in the calendar for Ashburnham Church, Penhurst Church and the Chapel, and you will be very welcome to any of them!

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Thought for the Month - An Indian Summer

Dear Friends,

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I have never really understood why we call a period of sunny, warm weather as autumn emerges an 'Indian Summer'. Further investigation reveals several different explanations. Why Indian? When European settlers first came across the phenomenon in America it became known as the 'Indians' summer' is one explanation. Another it is said has its origin from the raids on European settlements by Indian war parties, which usually ended in autumn.

The incidence of Indian summers has increased significantly over recent years and could be attributed to what we now call global warming. The English already had names for the occurrence: St. Luke's summer (coinciding with St. Luke's Day on October 18th), or St. Martin's summer (his day being November 11th). Whatever we call a season of warm, dry and calm weather at this time of year, one thing is certain, the leaves are beginning to fall, and winter is just around the corner.

The hearty singing of such hymns as 'We plough the fields and scatter' and the decorating of our churches with Harvest goods and flowers herald that time of the church year when we especially give thanks to God for 'all good gifts around us'.

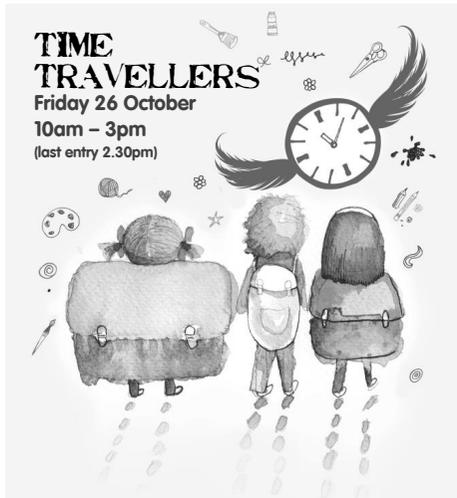
It is also an opportunity today to focus our attention and prayers on those less fortunate than ourselves. These prayers are part of the ongoing cycle of prayer throughout the year for those in under-developed countries and countries torn apart by war and unrest. For the homeless and the refugees near and far.

We also remember the words of the book of Genesis: 'while earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease' In this God promises never again to destroy everything on earth until the judgement day when Christ returns. Every change of season is a reminder of that promise.

Enjoy the 'Indian Summer'
 (if we have one!)
 All good wishes,
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Village Lunch

Wednesday 17th October

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The Ashburnham and Penhurst Gardening Club

Meeting on Monday 22nd October, 7.30pm at

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For the AGM, a home grown supper and a chat about gardens the club have visited over the summer

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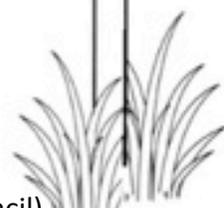
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History, Photos and Information - in the Telephone Box at The Pound

Don't forget to have a look through your old photos and see if you have anything you would be willing to lend for the Phone Box Museum!

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!

Please contact Tina French on 01424 892580 or j.french678@btinternet.com or contact Parish Council via: clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net



Ron's Ramblings

Opera has never been to my musical taste particularly, but over the summer Mrs K and I found ourselves watching a performance of Madam Butterfly at Glyndebourne. I say 'at' Glyndebourne. We were actually watching a live streaming version in the delightful Depot Cinema in Lewes, which did make it considerably cheaper. The viewing has however reinforced my opinion that opera is vastly overrated as an entertainment. It consists of a very simple story, which could be told in fifteen minutes but actually takes three hours, with a cast of thousands all bellowing at each other in either Italian or German. At the end it all goes pear shaped with someone lying on the floor, clutching a knife and covered in tomato ketchup. On the plus side the sets can be amazing, the singers very accomplished and some of the music absolutely beautiful. I suppose you really have to be into it to appreciate the whole thing. It just seems far too long winded for me.

To that end I've come up with my own 'opera'. One that would really move along and where nobody goes to sleep. I'll call it 'il Eastenda' and set it in a rundown part of a large European city. Most of the action takes place in the local hostelry the 'Regina Victoriana' and it's main plot is the deadly rivalry between two families, the Mitchellis and the Slatoris. The opening would be a real belter. One of the younger Slatoris has bought a donkey and cart from the Mitchellis and soon after, said donkey turns up its toes and dies. Slatori wants his money back and the response is the aria 'Yer 'avin a larf'. Lots of shouting and arguing interspersed with tender moments is the order of the day. A real tearjerker would be the number 'They're moving Farver's grave to build a sewer' and the whole thing finishes with the big curtain closer 'Leeeeee it Kat. 'E aint worth it'. Advice which she clearly ignores. Cue, long death scene and copious amounts of red sauce. Twenty minutes max. It'll be a blast.....

Ronnie King.

Ashburnham and Penhurst Arts and Theatre Critic.

Sincere apologies to all village opera lovers if I've offended anyone. You have the right to respond and convince me that opera is not overrated.



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We will be closing to guests at the end of this month and after packing up the house and moving things into storage, work on the reconfiguration starts at the beginning of November. We re-open in early February and are already taking bookings for next year. Have a look online and see if any of our retreats or day courses appeal to you. We will be running the office while we are closed so you can still get in touch to book or make enquiries.

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The Ashburnham Art Group have artist Mark Fisher with us on Thursday 11th October for another romp around the palette!

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New Village Hall

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When I think about all the different things that go in the villages, it is quite moving to see how generous we are as a community. During the year we raise money for Out of the Blue, Macmillan, RABI and we donate food to local FoodBanks. Our Churches support a number of charities and mission partners in this country and farther afield and the WI helps other charities by inviting their speakers to meetings, publicising them and donating towards their work.

Of course most of us probably support other charities and causes that are dear to our hearts for one reason or another and it is a lovely thing to do if we are fortunate enough to be in a position to do so.

Thank you again for your generosity at the Country Fair, for all those who bought tea and cake, entered the dog show, threw wet sponges at the Parish Council and raced a lawn mower! All the little donations add up!

Behind the scenes, the Design and Planning Committee have been meeting to continue fine tuning the plans and we hope that work on the entranceway will start soon - this is the essential work that we have already received funding for.

We are also thinking about future fundraising activities, so watch this space!

Jay Ashworth

100 Club

Sign up (or renew your membership) for this great fundraiser for the new village hall & be in with a chance to win a cash prize!

The monthly prize draw is held at the Pub Quiz at the Ash Tree Inn
To join up or renew your membership
please ring Robin on 01424 892674

Parish Council News

The wooden signposts, understandably known as finger posts, which stand at most of our road junctions are a defining characteristic of East Sussex highways. Although made of hardwood they do have a limited life, but this can be prolonged with some basic care and running repairs. Fingerposts are the property of East Sussex County Council and you will not need reminding that the county council budget gets progressively smaller year by year as central government has successfully devolved responsibility for inflicting the pain of austerity.

Therefore, your parish council started sharing responsibility with County for the maintenance of fingerposts in 2015. This is a shared responsibility and the deal on offer is that East Sussex Highways will pay 50% of the cost of repairs to a maximum of two fingerposts per year per parish for repair or a complete replacement. A summary of works so far and a map showing where the posts are is on the parish website under Hot Topics.

We have 12 fingerposts, 9 in Ashburnham and 3 in Penhurst and, thanks to the community spirit of a number of residents, Finger Post Pamperers have been found who have adopted one or more finger posts near to where they live. Pamperers periodically inspect their post for damage or decay and give it a wash and brush up from time to time. However, we are facing something of a challenge as our Penhurst Pamperer, who looked after all three, has moved away and so we have three orphans needing care.

As always, there is the option of paying a contractor but the cost is £75 per fingerpost per year for a wash and brush up and a paint touch up if required and so far the parish council has avoided this. Let's hope that there are enough folk out there who can help maintain this record.

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 (on the facing page).

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

07876 484945

Please let us know if you
have any dietary
requirements

tickets
on sale
now!



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**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 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

Parish Council News contd.

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 28 November 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 b

boards at The Chapel and Penhurst Granary.
Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council
Email: clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net



Village Bonfire

Friday 9th November



Bonfire lit at 7pm

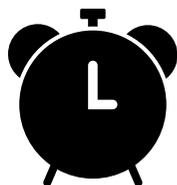
Ashburnham Playing Field

Adults £5
Kids £3
(includes refreshments)

October Diary

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

**British Summer Time ends on
Sunday 28th October
don't forget to turn your
clocks back**



Mon 15	9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Yoga WI	Sports Pavilion Village Hall
Tue 16			
Wed 17	10am-12pm 12.30pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Village Lunch Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall Village Hall
Thu 18	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church Housegroups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Locations
Fri 19			
Sat 20			
Sun 21	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer with Children's Activities Holy Communion Healing Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 22	9.15-10.45am 7.30pm	Yoga Gardening Club AGM and Supper	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Hall
Tue 23			
Wed 24	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 25	10am-1pm 7.30pm 8pm	Art Group Bell Ringing Ashburnham Church House Groups	Sports Pavilion Ashburnham Church Various Location
Fri 26	2pm	Afternoon Book Group	Street Cottage
Sat 27	Don't forget to turn your clocks back before you go to bed!		
Sun 28 Bible Sunday	10.30am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion with Children's Activities Morning Prayer Evening Service	Ashburnham Church Penhurst Church Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 29	9.15-10.45am	Yoga	Sports Pavilion
Tue 30			
Wed 31	10am-12pm 7.45pm	Play Cafe Table Tennis	Ashburnham Church Hall Village Hall