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CHURCH SERVICES IN NOVEMBER at ASHBURNHAM & PENHURST CHURCHES

5th November	9.15 am Holy Communion (BCP) at Penhurst Shoe Box Service 11 am Morning Worship at Ashburnham Shoe Box Service
12th November	10.50am Village Remembrance Service at The Pavilion No services at Ashburnham or Penhurst Church
19th November	9.15 am Holiday Communion (BCP) at Penhurst 11 am Morning Prayer (CW) at Ashburnham
26th November	9.15 am Morning Prayer (BCP) at Penhurst 11 am Holy Communion (CW) at Ashburnham

All the services are open to everyone. Refreshments served afterwards.

Ashburnham Chapel

Ashburnham Chapel meet at 6.30pm each Sunday.

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Get in touch with Fay Ramsden on 07860 113413 or 01424 830078 or go to the Chapel website www.ashburnhamchapel.co.uk for more information. Also see the Chapel News later in this magazine for more details.

Prayer and Pastoral Care for our Villages

Revd Gary Cregeen is responsible for the pastoral care of parishioners, and welcomes the opportunity to meet everyone. If you would value a visit, either for a chat, prayer, or Holy Communion at home, please contact him. Ashburnham Church regularly prays for everyone who lives and works in our villages and we are happy to receive requests for prayer at our various services and meetings. There are also "Prayer Boxes" at St Peter's Church in Ashburnham Place, and outside Ashburnham Chapel at Pontoons Green where you can write a card (anonymously if you wish) for a specific issue. These will be offered for prayer on a regular basis and dealt with in the strictest confidence. Ashburnham Church is open daily for private prayer too.



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'There but not there...'

Five years ago, while we were living in Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria, the Town Hall hosted a 'There but not there' installation. This was a national initiative which encouraged local communities to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice. It was at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 that the guns fell silent. On that morning alone there were 10,944 casualties and 2,738 deaths at the Western Front. Over the course of the Great War almost 200 employees (young and old, men and women) of the Corporation of Barrow in Furness volunteered, enlisted or were conscripted to assist in the war effort. Sadly, twenty-seven of these employees never returned home. Their lives and sacrifice were recalled at the 'There but not there' Installation, as well as on a memorial in Barrow Town Hall. Such memorials recalling the names of all those who paid the supreme sacrifice feature in workplaces, churches, schools and parks across the country, including our own. On Sunday 12 November we will have an opportunity to gather to remember those from Ashburnham and Penhurst who paid the ultimate price from the freedoms we enjoy and, dare I say, sometimes take for granted.

For a number of years, while living in Barrow-in-Furness, I had the honour of serving as Chaplain to successive Mayors, as well as the Duke of Lancaster's Regimental Association. Consequently, in 2018 I can vividly remember coming across a memorial dedicated to one of my predecessors as Vicar of St George's, Barrow-in-Furness, the Reverend Charles Chavasse, who, as an Army Padre, found himself in the trenches alongside those he sought to serve. Indeed, while in Barrow I occasionally used a Chalice, which had been used by Chavasse to administer Holy Communion to the wounded and dying in the trenches. I found this both poignant and humbling. Charles Chavasse had a twin brother called Noel. Both brothers were athletes (they represented Great Britain in the 1908 Olympics) and soldiers. Captain Noel Chavasse was a medical doctor and British Army Officer and is one of only three people to be awarded the Victoria Cross twice. On 1 November 1914 when Chavasse left with his battalion for France, he wrote, "Goodbye my dear father. I am going to do my best to be a faithful soldier of Jesus Christ and King George." Noel quickly gained a reputation for his special commitment to his men, doing medical work all day then going with the stretcher bearers into No Man's Land at night to bring back the dead and wounded.

Twice wounded by shell blasts, Noel kept working. He went to within 20 metres of the German front line to rescue three wounded men resulting in his first VC. He gained a second VC after similar sacrificial action at Passchendaele, but subsequently died of his wounds, aged 32. Noel Chavasse, as a practicing Christian, drew on the strength in found in following Jesus Christ, who made the ultimate sacrifice for us all 2000 years ago.


 ASHBURNHAM
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Jay has produced a calendar for 2024 featuring her photographs of the beautiful grounds and gardens.

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'There but not there contd.'

Reading the stories of many of those who fought and died in the first World War, like Noel Chavasse, it is clear they believed in the existence of God and that we are all known to Him personally. They recognised that Jesus Christ gave His life to make it possible for us to know God and that because of Him we can have life beyond death. Therefore, let us salute those whose example of selfless service and sacrifice remains an inspiration to us; let us remember with gratitude the courage and devotion of those who through death, injury or bereavement, suffered to bring peace and freedom to our world; let us thank God for His deliverance of our nation in times of war and danger, and pray for peace and justice; and may we continue to draw strength from the One described as the Prince of Peace.

God bless, Revd Gary

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

A big THANK YOU to all who supported the recent Harvest Supper in the Village Hall, and for those who organised this community event and helped out on the day, not least Jay Ashworth and Clive O'Sullivan, those setting up and clearing up (especially the Earwickers who were at the sink most of the evening!), and the band of folk who baked and served an amazing Supper of jacketed potatoes with tasty fillings and a host of delicious desserts!

This year saw the addition of a fun quiz, rounded off with Bob Andrew leading the communal harvest singing. It was a lovely evening, and proceeds amounted to £144, which has been donated to the Bexhill & Battle Foodbank.

Thanks too to those who attended the Harvest Thanksgiving Services at Penhurst and Ashburnham Churches, not least those who donated food and toiletries to the Foodbank. The churches were beautifully decorated and special thanks to those who provided such creative, rustic harvest displays.

Well done and thank you everyone! Revd Gary

THE BELLS! THE BELLS!

Some months ago a request went out via the Parish Magazine to see if there was any interest in reinstating bellringing at Ashburnham Parish Church. Thank you to those who responded positively to this request. We are currently trying to set up a 'taster' event for those who have expressed an interest, as well as those who might consider becoming a bellringer. More details to follow! In the meantime, Penhurst Church has two bells but only one has been in use. Anyhow, the bells were removed and are currently being repaired. We hope to have both bells installed later this month!

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It was both a delight and an honour to host a Service of Thanksgiving for Volunteers across East Sussex at St Peter's Parish Church, Ashburnham recently. This special service preceded a Summer Reception at Ashburnham Place hosted by our own Richard Bickersteth, who is High Sheriff of East Sussex this year. During his shrieval year to date both Richard and Rachel have been inspired and humbled by the countless number of people who volunteer in a variety of ways across the county, each making a meaningful difference to individuals and communities. Thus, the Service provided an opportunity to say 'Thank you' to volunteers and to affirm them in their often 'behind the scenes' yet significant service for the common good. Revd Gary led the service, with the Chaplain to the High Sheriff for East Sussex, Revd. Jonathan Meyer, giving the Address, based on the Good Samaritan. Attended by His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex, the High Sheriff of West Sussex, Mayors from across the county, representatives of the emergency services, the judiciary and, of course, lots of volunteers, it was very much a celebratory occasion enjoyed by a capacity congregation.

CONFIRMATION

It was a real pleasure to witness the Confirmation of Steve and Ruben Merrick at St Michael's Church, Eastbourne, recently. Confirmation provides an opportunity for those who were baptised or christened as infants, to affirm and adopt the promises made on their behalf by Godparents, for themselves. Steve and Ruben were among 22 people of all ages and backgrounds who decided to take this important step in their journey of faith. The service was conducted by the Right Revd Ruth Bushyager, Bishop of Horsham, and she spoke about decision-making – apparently, we all make around 35,000 (!) decisions a day! However, as we know, a lot of the time we make decisions without necessarily having to think about them, yet there are occasions when one's decision are significant, and Bishop Ruth explained why Confirmation falls into this category. Steve and Ruben's names are now recorded in the Confirmation Register at St Peter's; the 'current' Register dates back to 1921! It was fascinating to read the names of those confirmed in the Parish and Benefice over the years – I was particularly moved to see Arthur Tingley's name recorded in the Confirmation Register, having officiated at his funeral at Penhurst Church in late July. Arthur was 64 years old when he was confirmed – clearly this was a significant 'stepping stone' in his life and faith, which was evident in the life he lived and the friendly, hard-working affable gentleman he was. Anyhow, congratulations to Steve & Ruben! There will be another Confirmation Service next year, if you're reading this thinking, 'I'd like to find out a more about what's involved' then do not hesitate to get in touch with me. Revd Gary

Ron's Ramblings

I came across a book the other day that used to belong to my late step-father. The title was 'Fish, Game and Poultry' and inscribed on the inside of the front cover were his name and the words 'Class Prize. 1942.' It had been awarded by the Catering Department of Westminster Technical School, Beare Green, Surrey, which presumably where they had been relocated due to the hostilities. Dad later went on to work at Claridges in Mayfair.

What caught my eye were the dozens of recipes available for fish, game and poultry at a time of severe rationing . This was alongside useful tips such as fresh fish will float in water, crabs and oysters shouldn't be eaten if the month has an 'r' in it and how to skin an eel (Hang it by the neck, cut round and peel it off like a sock, in case you're minded). English fish soup contained 1 gill of Madeira whereas Scottish fish soup has a quart of water and dripping. Some kind of social comment of the time ? Then there's baked Cod's head. Clean, remove the gills, fill with stuffing and bake for twenty minutes. Lovely.

For country folk during the war I imagine hare and rabbit were freely available and so there are 101 things you can do with a rabbit. One being rabbit with prunes. Just to keep you regular, in case the Luftwaffe weren't doing that for you.

Of course the weights and measures in the book are all Imperial. None of this newfangled metric stuff. All this took me back to my schooldays when you had to know how many pecks in a bushel, a rod is sixteen and a half feet and a chain is 22 yards. And did you know that an Irish mile was 2240 yards ? Beware an Irishman telling you " Oh, it's just down the road, a mile and a bit "

Backtracking a bit to things to do with wildlife, the Shetland Islanders were even more resourceful . Their diet basically consisted of fish and seabirds of which they had plenty. So one day this crofter is thinking " My eyesight is not what it used to be and I can't read my bible of an evening ". He has a brainwave and grabs the nearest Stormy Petrel, a sea bird containing a lot of fish oil, shoves a wick down it's throat and sets it alight. Viola ! A haddock scented candle.

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Remembrance

Reading Revd Gary's letter about his Cumbrian predecessor prompted me to revisit excerpts from the Magazines from 100 years earlier during the First World War when another of his predecessors Revd H. Sturt went out to the battlefields in France as a chaplain, ministering to troops, including familiar faces from home.

Parish Notes November 1915 "Last Sunday afternoon I took some services in the trenches in different parts of our line. The second hymn apparently was too much for the Huns, for each time they turned their machine-gun on us. I own I bobbed, as one likes to leave as much space upwards as possible between one's head and the bullets which just top the trench. The men however take little notice and we certainly weren't going to stop our service. One thought of you all in Penhurst Church warbling under much more comfortable conditions, and in a less recumbent position. I was very glad to hear the Harvest Festivals have been as equally hearty as usual, and that the Sundays were both fine. The villagers here are very few in number and have to work day after day without Sunday rest. Their soil is very good and breaks up more easily than the Sussex clay, without being too light. The cows are tethered in the fields to iron pins by a chain fastened to the fore leg. The farmer's wife, children, or very often the old grannie fetches them home by a rope tied to their horns. I see from the Magazine that Fred Isted is going on well, his brother- soldier George Harmer must follow his good example and leave the Hospital behind. I had heard of the magnificent achievements of Stephen Hobday. You must give him a real big welcome if he gets home on leave. D.C.M's are not picked up every day."

21st December 1915 My dear Friends, This month I had better luck and found nearly all the Ashburnham boys at home, or rather where they are in France, that is to say, those of the 5th. They, like us come in for a daily dose of shells, of course I managed to hit off the right times for that. But far enough away to see without actually being in reach. they say my grey hairs attract these things, and the Huns in the distance take me for a General, which they would be pleased to remove from the active sphere of operations. Late on Christmas afternoon I am arranging for a little Christmas children's party, which the General is providing, Christmas Tree, Tea and Games, The little French children are all very excited about it. Christmas Gifts for the Ashburnham and Penhurst Soldiers, Contents of each parcel sent abroad:- 1 packet of 20 Cigs. 1 Packet Woodbines. Chocolates. Peppermints. Biscuits. Meat Paste. Sardines. Oxo Cubes. Crackers. Letters of acknowledgement have been received from all in France and England expressing grateful thanks to the people of Ashburnham and Penhurst, and their keen appreciation of the fact that they were not forgotten. We often hear the Post Office Officials accused of carelessness in handling parcels, but the following instance shows that the censure is not deserved in all cases. Among the parcels despatched was one addressed to Purfleet. It was re-directed in turn to Shoreham, Eastbourne, and finally reached the soldier at his home in Ashburnham in perfect condition, not even the chocolate was broken.

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Parish Council News

The annual service of remembrance will be on Sunday 12th November 2023 at the war memorial. As in previous years the service will take place in front of the cricket pavilion and will be taken by our vicar, the Revd Gary Cregeen.

Refreshments will be provided after the service and this year it is Ashburnham and Penhurst Churches which are organising them.

As we transition from autumn into winter there are numerous village events before Christmas. The art exhibition took place at the village hall on Saturday 21st October and the village bonfire and fireworks will be on Friday 10th November.

The W.I. are staging a musical evening at the village hall on November 25 and PANTS are working up a radio play too.

The parish council does not take the credit for these events – it just acts as a catalyst. However, as any secondary school chemistry student will tell you, many reactions are only made possible by the presence of a catalyst. The real credit goes to all the amazingly hard working folk whose efforts provide us with a string of social and cultural events.

Brian Holdstock, Clerk to the Council Email: clerk@ashburnham-penhurst.net
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Council meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of alternate months and the next one will be on Wednesday 22nd November 2023. The Planning Committee (if required) meets on the fourth Wednesday of intervening months. A list of councillors' lead responsibilities can be seen on the village website at www.ashburnham-penhurst.net

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 website three clear days before the meeting and hard copy is posted on the notice board at The Chapel. Minutes of meetings are published on the village website.



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The Filling Station Monday 13th November we have John Pressdee as our Speaker. John was part of the March for Jesus when 23.000 people came together to walk with banners and worship God! He continued to prayer walk all over Central Europe, before leading a Baptist Church in Kent and retiring to Eastbourne.

We meet at the Prayer Centre, Ashburnham Place for coffee at 7pm, followed by Worship, Teaching and Prayer Ministry. For further details contact Catherine on 07801 634034 or catherine@duggleby.com



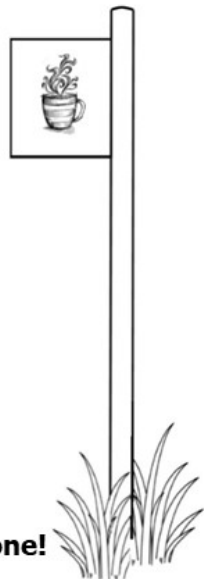
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We also have a creative day planned on Tuesday 5 December if you fancy trying your hand at pyrography (burning designs onto wood) or making some beaded decorations then book in and enjoy being taught some new skills and going home with decorations for your home. The day includes refreshments and lunch and costs £40. We look forward to welcoming you to Penhurst.

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Murmurations – Donna Christman

In case you were wondering - or even noticed - it was the word “tree” that was somehow lopped off the end of last month’s page: “Howev’r joyous thee may bee, nev’r grineth und’r an apple tree.” Sound advice during the apple harvest to protect our front teeth from being bashed out as we peer skywards with our long prodding sticks!

Recently our harvested apples sashayed back from the juicers at Ringden Farm clothed in svelte, green glass - each bottle holding the charm of every season... from the winter when the trees hunker down, conserving energy for the coming year; the spring when the branches froth with pudding-pink blossoms, tucked into by bees; the summer when fruits swell and ripen, and leaves offer dappled shade for those special, sultry afternoons. And the autumn when the wind plays its part in dumping half the apples unceremoniously on the grass!

The wind gets a bad rap, and it can be challenging, high up in the Weald as we are. Over the last few weeks, if we’ve loitered too long in a gateway guarded by oaks during a strong south-westerly, we’ve been pelted by huge acorns, hardened by the Indian summer of October. (On the subject of the ‘unusually warm weather’ and plants, during the Roman and Medieval Warm Periods of the 800s-1300s AD, wine grapes were grown at latitudes where polar bears roam and Alaskan trees flourished where now they are covered by a glacier!) Stronger wind certainly makes stronger trees - and even indoor seedlings, when placed outside in the breeze, develop resilience before being planted out - rather like the nurseries in Scandinavia that each day expose babies and toddlers to temperatures of around minus 20 degrees. Toughens them up! A tree that bends in the storm is stronger than the tree that has never seen a storm, and this serves to remind us that weathering the winds of life and of change are part of life’s learning and growing. Allowing ourselves to bend with the wind and letting go enables us to emerge from the woods with increased fortitude and space for inviting in better things. Sometimes in the wind of change we find our true direction and it’s not the blowing of the wind but the setting of the sails and navigation of the weather that will determine our direction in life.

Maybe we can endeavour to be the windmill builders in this proverb: “When the winds of change blow, some people build walls... others build windmills.”

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Garden and Nature Notes

The warm, summery weather we had in September and October has been causing some confusion in the garden, when we were picking apples at Ashburnham Place there was also lots of blossom on some of the trees and I have a flowering currant that dropped its leaves and is now covered in new buds. Time will tell what this extra stress and energy hungry process will mean for the trees and shrubs in the longer term.

The milder weather means that I am still seeing butterflies, moths and dragonflies in the garden making the most of the sunshine and flowers that are still out on many of the garden plants. When I was weeding and planting a border in the West Garden at Ashburnham Place I spotted two Hummingbird Hawkmoths flying around. They are named for their habit of beating their wings so fast that they hover over flowers in the same way as hummingbirds in more exotic places. Despite there being lots of different flowers still out they only stopped to feed on the flowers of the delightfully named *Salvia Hot Lips*. Most *Salvias* are late summer flowers and keep going until the first frosts. Their flowers are shaped in such a way that the nectar is contained deep down, beyond the reach of some pollinators but perfectly placed for the Hawkmoths who have a ????? proboscis that they unfurl into the depths of the flower. It reinforced for me the importance of having plants in our gardens that flower at different times of the year to provide nectar for pollinators that emerge on warm sunny days even in winter and also to have plants with different kinds of flowers that suit different pollinators. This kind of planting benefits us just as much as the wildlife as we can enjoy flowers all year round and delight in the different insects we spot around the garden as well.

It's a great time of year to go out and about in search of fungi in our woods and fields. I have already spotted a big collection of Parasol Mushrooms; a large Cauliflower Fungus under its host, a conifer tree and some Shaggy Inkcaps in my garden at home - these fleeting mushrooms are quite common and are also known as Judges Wigs as when they first emerge they look a bit like the rolled white wigs judges wear in court. They soon open out and a black, inky substance drips from the caps as they start to decay - they are prettier than they sound from that description!

As we head into colder weather, keep an eye open for flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares fleeing the colder weather in Scandinavia to feast on the abundance of Hawthorns and other berries in our hedgerows.

Jay Ashworth

Chapel News for November

I know it is a long time ago but I am sure you will be pleased to know that our Harvest Festival Service raised £250 for RABI.

Our Healing Service in October was attended by over 50 people (most in the Chapel but quite a few on Zoom) Lots of people came up for prayer and one person was instantly healed. Praise Our Lord!

This month we shall be remembering our fallen soldiers as we all meet together on the Cricket Field at 10.45 am and wreaths will be laid by various members of our Community. Our Services will continue every Sunday at 6-30 pm and of course they will also be on Zoom for those that don't like driving in the dark, you can log in by clicking :-

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This year seems to have flown by and I am sure you are all now thinking about Christmas. I am sure you will agree with me that the true meaning of Christmas – the birth of Our Lord and Saviour – has been lost in many homes and the only concern is 'what to buy Auntie or Uncle, what food to have on Christmas Day and who to spend the Festive Holiday with'. Bearing in mind the tragedies that are happening all around our world, wars famines, floods, earth- quakes, and fires, I would urge you to pick up your Bibles, and have a look at some of the prophecies we find there. Although they were written thousands of years ago, many have already been fulfilled, particularly those relating to the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, His birth, His death and His resurrection. Have a look at verses such as Isaiah 7 verse 14, Isaiah 9 verses 6 and 7 as well as chapter 53 verses 3 – 7. There are also prophecies that tell of His return to the earth in great glory sometime in the future. We are told there will be wars, and rumours of wars as well as many natural disasters before that happens. Have a look at Matthew 24: verses 7 and 8 and verses 26 – 31 where Jesus Himself predicts these things. In the next chapter of Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids 5 were ready but 5 were not. We need to be ready for the time Jesus returns, if we are, we shall enjoy Heaven in His presence for eternity. But if we are not we will be left out, and our prospects will be unthinkable bad. We need to believe in Him, and have made a commitment to follow Him, before He returns, because then will be too late. When you have read the above verses, if you would like to know more about the passages relating to Jesus's return, please do get in touch.

Don't forget the Chapel Carol Service is on the 3 rd December at 6-30 pm when the Offering will be given to the Local Air Ambulance.

Fay Ramsden

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November Diary

Wed 1	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 2	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 3	10.30-12pm	Coffee Stop	Sports Pavilion
Sat 4	9am - 1pm	The Market	Ashburnham Place
Sun 5	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP) Shoebox Service	Penhurst Church
	11am	Morning Worship(CW) Shoebox Service	Ashburnham Church
	6.30pm	Communion Service	Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 6			
Tue 7	7.15pm	Pub Quiz	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 8	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 9	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 10	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
	7pm	Bonfire and Fireworks	Sports Field
Sat 11			
Sun 12	10.50am	Joint Remembrance Service	War Memorial
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Ashburnham Chapel

Mon 13	7pm	Filling Station	Prayer Centre
Tue 14	8pm	MI	Ash Tree Inn
Wed 15	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 16	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
Fri 17			
Sat 18		Orangery Tea Room Closed	Ashburnham Place
Sun 19	9.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Penhurst Church
	11am	Morning Worship (CW)	Ashburnham Church
	6.30pm	Communion Service	Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 20	2pm	WI	Sports Pavilion
Tue 21	7.30pm	Ashburnham Church Prayer Hour	On Zoom
Wed 22	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Sports Pavilion
	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 23	10am-1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion
	10.30am	Village Walk	Archers Farm
Fri 24	2pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall
Sat 25	8am	Men's Breakfast	Ashburnham Place
	7.30pm	The Ricochets WI event	Village Hall
Sun 26	9.15am	Morning Prayer (BCP)	Penhurst Church
	11am	Holy Communion (CW)	Ashburnham Church
	6.30pm	Evening Service	Ashburnham Chapel
Mon 27			
Tue 28			
Wed 29	7.45pm	Table Tennis	Village Hall
Thu 30	10am - 1pm	Art Club	Sports Pavilion



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Carol Singing Around the Village
Friday 15th December

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