
Shipleley Parish News

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Some of the Shipleley Angels in the east window of our church
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St Mary the Virgin Church, Shipley

Welcome to our latest issue of the Shipley Parish News. St Mary the Virgin, Shipley is a friendly and active church community with lots going on throughout the year. We hold a **10am Holy Communion Service each Sunday**, followed by coffee, and all are welcome. There is also a **midweek service at 10.30am on Wednesdays**.

Covid-19 restrictions have now been lifted, and it is a large church, so it is still possible to socially distance and find a seat away from others. The main thing is to be comfortable and enjoy the service.

The church is open every day during daylight hours, so if you wish to

enter for quiet reflection, please feel free to do so. If you feel the need to talk to someone, Revd Chris would be happy to speak with you, please call him on 01403 432813.

For more information about what's on, please go to www.shipley.church



Poppy Appeal 2023



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Poppy Appeal. £852 was raised in the community, with a further £528 from the church collection on Remembrance Sunday. The church was packed for the service with a wonderful turn out from the 1st Shipley Scouts and their families and there were beautiful arrangements of poppies on the altar and both War memorials, thanks to Michael and Flic Kingerlee. The Selsey Arms held its own special Remembrance event with a field of poppies outside the pub to remember the airmen from the Advanced Landing ground in Coolham, who lost their lives in the run up to D-Day in 1944.

By Lucy West



Church calendar

Date	Reader	Reading	Prayers	Sideman
December 3 rd	Liz Allen	Isaiah 64: 1-9	Claire Searle	Richard Killner
December 10 th	Colin West	Isaiah 40: 1-11	Lucy West	Colin West
December 17 th	Sarah Nuttall	Isaiah 61: 1-4 & 8-11	Eve Kenny	Gay King-Tours
December 24 th 10.00am		2 Samuel 7: 1-11 & 16		
December 24 th Midnight Mass	Richard Killer	Isaiah 9: 2-7	Gavin Kenny	Richard Killer
December 25 th Christmas Day	Gavin Kenny	Titus 3: 4-7	Richard Killer	Richard Killer
December 31 st	Janet Ruff	Galatians 4: 4-7		
January 7 th Epiphany	Jo Moyers	Isaiah 60: 1-6	Claire Searle	Jo & Oli
January 14 th	Mel Kenny	1 Samuel 3: 1-10	Gavin Kenny	Tim Stevens
January 21 st	Katie Kenny	Jonah 3: 1-5 & 10	Richard Killner	Richard Killner
January 28 th	Jane Williams	Deuteronomy 18: 15-20	Peter Sanderson	
February 4 th	Colin West	Isaiah 40: 21-31	Lucy West	Colin West

As you'll see, we've got a few spaces above. If fancy helping out, even if it's just once to see if you like it, please contact Richard. You are always welcome, and we can always help.

By Richard Killner

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The Vicar's letter

Dear Friends,

The word 'yearning' best sums up the mood of Advent. Advent begins on Sunday 3rd December, and this year Advent is as short as it can be. The Scriptures and prayers of this season are full of yearnings for a world of righteousness, justice, peace, and for a time of freedom from want. This year we can feel very close to such longings, both at home and abroad. Who does not yearn for these things? There is also something else in Advent; a mood of hope that God is able to bring about such a world. In Advent, there is also the presence of an elusive figure, described in various mysterious ways, who will powerfully forward God's plans, and that too is part of Advent's message. The Nativity of Jesus Christ reveals who that person is, but it will be good not to jump the gun, and let the longing yearning mood of Advent, and the figure of a mysterious person yet to come, to remain with us for a while. Then when we come to celebrate the actual birth of this person at Christmas we will have some idea of the hopes and expectations that surrounded him, and which still surround him.

We are expecting a significant publishing event soon; a new service booklet for Shipley, to replace the pamphlets we have been using. A number of people were delegated by the PCC to move this project forward. They dealt with the text itself and matters of size, format and printing. This new departure is to have all the services we use on a Sunday contained within one booklet. So it will include our basic Sunday

service, the Sung Eucharist, together with Holy Baptism, both within the Sunday Service and as a stand alone service. One very good feature is the fact that Evensong is printed in a very clear and easy to follow form. The Family Service completes the compliment of services contained in the booklet. The Sung Eucharist, in particular, is a very careful and balanced revision as befits our main act of worship on Sundays. It retains the traditional structure and wording whilst allowing for some variety, especially in using the many Eucharistic prayers (prayers of consecration) which the Church of England has evolved in the past 50 years as part of the Liturgical Movement involving all the mainstream churches. So while one Eucharistic prayer is printed as a model and guide, others will often be used as well. Many thanks to those who have given detailed attention to what will be a splendid new asset to the parish in its outreach and worshipping life.

Christmas services this year are unchanged from last year. There is a full list of the services on page 8. Christmas is a time when many people from the wider community come to worship in Church. I look forward to that being the case this year. The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ is God's great world-affirming act, changing the relationship between God and the world for ever - no wonder many people are drawn to celebrate this feast. God has set the scene. Therefore anything we as the Church can do to make a link between the Church and the community, means we are following in God's footsteps and following his example set with the

The Vicar's letter cont...

Incarnation of his Son. Attendance at Christmas, therefore, is often an indicator of how well we are reaching out to the community and making our presence felt as a Parish Church, and more importantly, making God known and loved.

We continue to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace as a New Year dawns and 1st January, the feast of the naming of Jesus, is surely a day to pray for the peace of the world. There will be a Eucharist at 12 noon on New Year's Day, to greet the New Year in the name of Christ and to pray for peace. This year our world needs peace ever more urgently. People often feel powerless in the face of the wars and violence of the world and Our Lord warned us that there will be wars and rumours of wars throughout human history. What we can do is to make sure that in all we do or think, we are basing ourselves not on rumours but on verifiable facts. Wars thrive and grow on rumours- so let's always search out what is known to be true and stick to that.

Looking forward, Easter is early this year, 31st March, so Ash Wednesday is on 14th February. The Ash Wednesday Service is an important marker in the year, a call to repentance and the beginning of Lent, a serious time of restraint, simplicity and prayer. As last year I shall be leading three Lent Groups in the Andrew Hall. These will be in the latter part of Lent, so more details in the next edition of the Parish News. Provisional titles are: How can we be the Church?, How can we understand the Bible?, How can we pray? So it's not just education which is in view, it's also, how can



we grow in spirituality and commitment to the Church's mission, and move forward? Provisional dates Thursdays, 7 March, 14 March and 21 March.

We are looking forward to seeing the sheep back in the churchyard after a short spell away. They have done an excellent job in hugely improving the appearance of the churchyard. Not only that, they are a very welcome sight, reminding us of the pastoral vocation of the Church to follow in the steps of the Good Shepherd in caring for people, including those not yet a part of the fold or who have strayed away. We hope some of them can take part in the Crib service on Christmas Eve. So I wish and pray for a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year for you all - peaceful for you, and indeed, for the whole world.

Your friend and parish priest,
Chris

Christmas services 2023

Sunday 17 Dec

10am | Sung Parish Eucharist

7pm | Carol Service

Sunday 24 Dec

10am | Eucharist of 4th Sunday in Advent

5pm | Crib Service and Nativity

11pm | Midnight Mass

Monday 25 Dec

**10am | Sung Eucharist of Christmas morning
Christmas Day**

Sunday 31 Dec

10am | Sung Parish Eucharist

Contact Rev Chris Allen, Vicar
For further details



Church cleaning rota

Saturday 2 nd December	Ginny, Annabel and Amanda
Saturday 9 th December	Claire S and Sarah
Saturday 16 th December	Liz and Claire E
Saturday 23 rd December	Lucy and Ros
Saturday 30 th December	Carole and Shirley
Saturday 6 th January	Ginny, Annabel and Amanda
Saturday 13 th January	Claire S and Sarah
Saturday 20 th January	Liz and Claire E
Saturday 27 th January	Lucy and Ros
Saturday 3 rd February	Carole and Shirley

Thank you all for your help with church cleaning. Do let me know if you can't do your date and need someone to fill in. If you think you might like to become a church cleaner, we would be delighted to add you to the rota, so please do get in touch!

By Lucy West T: 01403 741912

Flower rota

	Altar Vases	Memorials
Saturday 2 nd December	Jane	Diana
Saturday 9 th December	Liz	Lucy
Saturday 16 th December	Team to decorate for Christmas	
Saturday 23 rd & 30 th December	Mandy	Hariot
Saturday 6 th & 13 th January	Chris	Angela B & Carol
Saturday 20 th & 27 th January	Shirley	Ann
Saturday 3 rd & 10 th February	Angie S	Char

Once again, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Flic and Michael Kingerlee who very kindly arranged their Poppies for Remembrance Sunday. The Poppies always look spectacular and are a poignant reminder of what they represent, "Lest we forget".

If you need help or wish to change the above dates, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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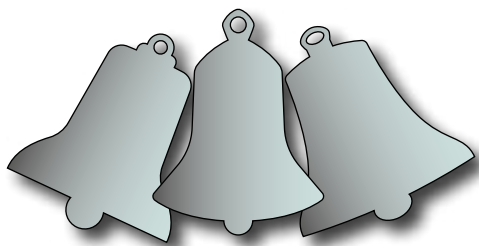
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By Hariot Annis and Jane Grinling

Bell Tower News

The quarter peal in September was dedicated to Rebecca and Simon Ridley who were married on September 2nd 2023. Rebecca is Simon and Sue's daughter and was therefore a regular ringer here in Shipley before she moved to Tewkesbury. We wish them every happiness in their life together.



Sussex County Association, Shipley
West Sussex, St Mary the Virgin
Sunday, 17 September 2023 in 41m
(9–1–4 in A) 1260 Doubles (6m)
240: Grandsire, Plain, St Simon's 300:
St Martin's 120: St Osmund's, Eynesbury

1 Claire A Searle
2 Susan P Meyer
3 Simon S Meyer (C)
4 Zach J A Johnston
5 Edward E Woodward
6 Brian Wright

Wedding compliments to Simon and
Rebecca Ridley.

By Gina French Larcombe

Parish church email database

We continue to set up a database of email addresses for the Parish, to keep you informed about what is going on at Shipley Church, share news and let you know about fundraising and events.

If you would like to sign up, please email Chris at Vicar@Shipley.Church.

Note: In sharing your details, you will be giving us permission to use your personal data solely for the purposes of communicating about church life and events, in accordance with data protection laws.

How to get your copy of our Parish News

There are currently two ways to get the Shipley Parish News:

1: Speak to Lucy West, on 01403 741912, to have a copy delivered to your door by our team of distributors. A subscription to the printed copy is just £6 a year. Or you can pay £13 a year for postal delivery.

2: Download an electronic version from www.shipley.church

Hello from your editor

Welcome to our December & January edition!

Hello everybody. I hope you are all well and keeping warm as the temperature start to drop, but what a perfect excuse for snuggling under a blanket with a hot drink.

And so here we are, the last edition for 2023 and the first for 2024. I can't believe I've been having the pleasure of producing your parish magazine for over a year now. I really hope that you all enjoy reading it as much as I enjoy producing it. But I just do the easy bit, putting together all of the jigsaw pieces. Our parish news is only possible because of all of the

fabulous contributors. A massive Thank You to you all for the time you spend on your contributions.

And if you, a friend, or a local organisation or business that you're connected with, have any articles, events, ideas, suggestions, etc I'd love to hear from you all. Please email me at: magazine@shipley.church

And please remember... Stay safe, stay healthy, stay connected and look after one another.

Teresa

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February / March

April / May

June / July

August / September

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16th March 2024

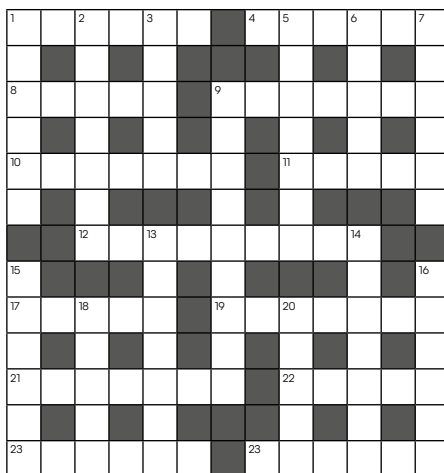
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15th July 2024

Quick crossword | Answers in the next edition

Across

- 1 Uncover (6)
- 4 Wretched (6)
- 8 Not far off (5)
- 9 Unanticipated check in progress (7)
- 10 Welsh port (7)
- 11 Spring month (5)
- 12 Amended (9)
- 17 Wherewithal (5)
- 19 Everywhere
- 21 Native of Tyneside (7)
- 22 Curt (5)
- 23 Card suit (6)
- 24 Crunchy salad vegetable (6)



Down

- 1 Surfeit (6)
- 2 Mundane (7)
- 3 Prophets (5)
- 5 Pariah (7)
- 6 Natural aptitude (5)
- 7 Probable (6)
- 9 Drawn position in chess (9)
- 13 What is left (7)
- 14 Varied (7)
- 15 Pictures (6)
- 16 Blood vessels (6)
- 18 Hawaiian greeting (5)
- 20 Milky coffee (5)

Shingley Arts Festival 2023 ~ 2024

From String Academy to the Royal Albert Hall



Andrew Bernardi and Fabio Sarlo



Chris Hussey, composer, with Andrew Bernardi

We were delighted to be joined by Fabio Sarlo, Producer at the Royal Albert Hall to celebrate our 2023 Festival with Friends and Sponsors back in November at the NFU Nyetimber Review. String Academy performed a short programme alongside professional musicians and we were thrilled to welcome back one of our former String Academy students, Fabio Sarlo for the evening. Fabio shared some of his experiences of being a young musician performing with String Academy and the opportunities it gave him personally as well as musically. This experience led him to pursue a degree in music and then work within the music industry gaining his current position as producer. He stressed the importance of having been mentored in such a supportive environment, performing alongside professional musicians and also performing at such venues as Nyetimber and others that are part of the Festival, together with meeting friends and sponsors throughout our community.

As well as concerts, youth programmes are vital to our work and 2024 will be no exception with the performances of a new cross county community Sussex based project, 'Beware the Mackerel Sky'. Further details will be released in 2024, but if you could help to financially support this project do please contact me and I will be pleased to share how your help could engage new young people with classical music.

Chets Modi, NFU, and String Academy



Hannah Heerema, Nyetimber, and String Academy

ShIPLEY Arts Festival 2023 ~ 2024 cont...

Our 2024 concert programme will be announced in January at the Nyetimber Shipley Festival Preview evening, being held once again at Toovey's Auction House. 'Friends' of the Festival will receive updates directly with further information about the Preview evening in due course but we are excited to let you know about our first concert in 2024 at a new venue. The Stradivarius Piano Trio and Friends will be performing a 'Passion filled evening of Opera' at the 180 Bar and Kitchen at Haywards Heath. Tickets available from the website at <https://bernardimusicgroup.com/event/stradivarius-piano-trio-friends-fireside-opera-gala/>

We look forward to seeing you there and at the Preview evening.

If you haven't yet signed up as a 'Friend' of the Festival and would like to become one, please follow the link for donations at <https://localgiving.org/charity/shipleyartsfestival/>

We would like to thank all our 'Friends' and sponsors NFU, Tooveys, Kreston Reeves and Nyetimber for their continued support enabling us to develop new partnerships and explore new musical opportunities.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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By Andrew Bernardi



Wordsearch | Santa Claus

BELLY
BLITZEN
CHIMNEY
CLAUS
CUPID
DANCER
DASHER
DONNER
ELVES
MILK

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NORTH POLE
PRANCER
REINDEER
RUDOLPH
SACK
SANTA
SLEIGH
VIXEN
WORKSHOP

Shingley History Society

In October we welcomed Peter Baker from the War Graves Commission. Peter gave us a fascinating and in-depth insight into the work of the Commission and its setting up in 1917 by the founder Sir Fabian Ware who was a Red Cross Volunteer. The War Graves Commission looks after the war graves of all those who served during the first and second world wars. The ethos of the Commission was equality in death – that is whatever rank, religion, colour or background of the servicemen, the headstones would all be the same.

Each headstone of a known serviceman shows the service badge, the name and particulars, date and age at death, religious emblem and a personal inscription chosen by the family if they so wished. If the grave is that of an unidentified serviceman, the words written by Rudyard Kipling, 'Known unto God' are inscribed on the gravestone. The work of the War Graves Commission continues across its 13,000 locations worldwide caring for the gardens, headstones and memorials, maintaining them and replacing when necessary.

Programme

Thursday 25th January: Dr David Rudling will give a talk about Roman Sussex. David is the Academic Director of the Sussex School of Archaeology.
Andrew Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 11th April: Frances Farrer-Brown, an accredited Southeast England guide will talk on The Greatest Treasure House in England? A History of Petworth House.
Andrew Hall 7.30pm.

Thursday 20th June at 5.30pm for walkers and 6.30 pm for the talk and party: Annual Summer Social in the garden of Derek and Gina Larcombe at Green Gates, Broomers Corner. 2024 is the 80th anniversary of D-Day and to commemorate this Ian Miles will give an informal talk about the significance of the Coolham Advance Landing Ground. Those who wish may join a short, guided walk to the perimeter of the airfield. More details nearer the time.

August: Summer visit to a local place of interest to be announced at a later date.

For more information, please contact Secretary Jean Wright

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You can find Shingley History Society on the Shingley Parish Council website www.shingleyparishcouncil.org.uk and then follow the Sports & Recreation link.

By Gina French Larcombe

The Christmas Story

A year ago, I was introduced to the writings of Brian Draper. He is an author, speaker and broadcaster – based in Winchester – and has been a regular contributor to BBC Radio 4’s ‘Thought for the Day’. Through personal reflections he explores the Christian faith and teaches contemplative practice and positive guidance. In this piece of his, I hope you may find - as I have – comfort, peace and joy this Christmas.

By Peter Sanderson

The Boy, the Sheep, the Ox and the Donkey

There’s a heavenly “otherness”, a mystery, about animals, isn’t there?

I remember a friend telling me how, having reached the end of his tether, he’d gone for a walk “with despair at my side”. He’d trudged several miles before he saw a field of horses, and as he stood still, an elderly horse came and stood with him. He said it was “like being visited by an angel”.

Artist Charlie Mackesy drew inspiration for his book *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox & the Horse* from an old horse he knew in his childhood: “I used to go and chat to him after school. He was the wisest creature that I knew then, including humans,” he said in an interview. His book was turned into an animated film and was premiered on TV last Christmas, and has become a classic, given the public’s adoration for his four creaturely characters, which seem to represent (and

honour) parts of us all: the wondering child, the greedy mole, the wounded and withdrawn fox, the kind soulful horse.

One of my favourite pages in the book is when the boy and the horse have this short exchange: “So you know all about me?” asked the boy. “Yes”, said the horse. “And you still love me?” “We love you all the more.”

The story we tell of Jesus’ birth is also happily graced with animals - at least in our imagination. And, given he was laid in a manger, why wouldn’t there be a donkey or an ox or a sheep standing by? Or all three – praising God with the gift of their silent, creaturely presence. Beholding the little Boy, as the boy beheld them! For me, their closeness to God in the stable speaks of their closeness to God in every moment – which is why, I’m sure, we feel drawn to animals. They’re not self-conscious like we are – we, who can spend our lives chasing after self-worth. They are free to feel with child-like simplicity that they belong at God’s side.

For us to be part of the same family, it helps to become child-like too. Perhaps, then, we could invite the child in us – the one that Charlie Mackesy draws so beautifully – back into our lives, to step through the stable door and join the boy, the sheep, the ox and the donkey in their silent adoration of each other. At the same time, we might wonder at the nature of God’s love, the kind which knows all about us, and – yes – then loves us all the more.

Brian Draper

Shipley Angels

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.”

So writes St Luke in the second chapter of his Gospel. There can surely be no greater aspiration for the whole of mankind than that, yet how very, very far it is from being achieved. There is so little real peace in the world.

The illustration shows part of the glorious east window by Charles Kempe in our church of St Mary the Virgin, Shipley. It is dated 1893 and illustrates the ‘Madonna and Child enthroned among Angels’. (There are eighteen angels in the whole window!) Angels are among the most significant elements of almost any Kempe window. They wear wings

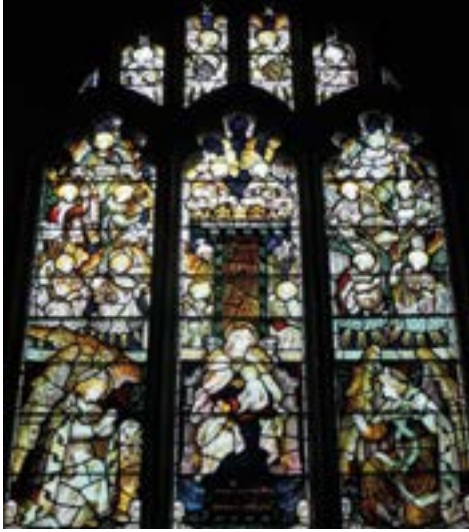


of peacock feathers, are clothed in sumptuous vestments richly embellished with pearls and precious stones, and are shown swinging golden incense-burners or playing harps.

In 1911 the Kempe Studios produced twelve stained-glass windows for Washington Cathedral, Washington DC in the United States of America, all made in London and shipped across the Atlantic during the year 1912 that saw the tragic loss of the liner RMS Titanic. Four of these windows depict a multitude of Kempe’s angels proclaiming “peace on earth, and goodwill toward men” to illustrate the ‘Adoration of the Magi.’

Ten years ago in December 2013, just prior to Christmas, the Kempe Society produced its final Newsletter – known then as the ‘Wheatsheaf’ - after thirty years of its existence. The Society had been formed to research and catalogue the precise whereabouts of over 4000 stained-glass windows produced by the Kempe Studios covering the period from 1865 to 1934 (when the firm closed). It now forms part of the Kempe Trust founded in 1992. Kempe’s work is represented in Shipley by all five windows in the choir and chancel, and a sixth by the pulpit. His glass was installed in cathedrals, city churches, schools, universities, college chapels and great houses in the UK and

ShIPLEY Angels cont...



abroad. Sometimes he would include a small wheat sheaf from his family crest as his trademark. You can see one in the far bottom left hand corner of the window by the pulpit.

Specialising in the production of stained glass, Charles Kempe came from a wealthy Sussex family, and was born in Ovingdean

near Brighton in 1837, the year of Queen Victoria's accession. He was educated at Rugby and then Pembroke College, Oxford. As a contemporary of William Morris, Edward Burne-Jones and Rossetti, his work became so admired that he was named during his lifetime as 'Master of Glass.' Kempe lived in Lindfield but died unexpectedly in 1907. Today the history and importance of Kempe glass in local churches is increasingly recognised and valued.

As we celebrate this Christmas, let us recall with Charles Kempe his

**“Angels from the realms
of glory, (that) wing their
flight o'er all the earth;
they who sang creation's
story, now proclaim (the)
Messiah's birth.”**

By Peter Sanderson

Codeword

Answers in the next edition

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I got you under my skin

I like to think that most of us are good neighbours to the wild animals we share this planet with. We feed the birds, grow flowers in the garden for bees and butterflies. But if wildlife gets too close or, heaven forbid, enters our houses we're reaching for the fly spray or a rolled-up newspaper. I get plenty of people complaining to me about home-invading wildlife as if I'm some sort of envoy for the animal kingdom. Yet while they moan about clothes moths in their wardrobe, I just stand there smiling, reassured by the knowledge that these people have wildlife living right under their noses. Well, to be more precise, right in their noses.

OK, I warn you now: after reading this article some of you will be scouring your face with a Brillo pad. But it's time to face the facts. Your face is crawling with animals. You, yes you, have face mites. And there's no 'might' about it – research has shown that 100% of adults have them. Our faces are one big nature reserve for mites: from your mountainous nose and skin pore caves to your eyelash jungles. In fact, our faces are home to two different species. *Demodex folliculorum* thrive in your eyelashes while *Demodex brevis* lurk in your pores. They're feeding on dead skin cells and oils but don't harm us – a commensal parasite.

Before you run to the bathroom mirror, these guys are tiny. I'm not going to lie to you, they're not pretty (unless you think a microscopic 8-legged slug is pretty) and under high-powered microscopes they look like something you'd encounter in a galaxy far, far away. The egg and larval

stages last two weeks and you'll probably be relieved to hear that the adults live for just five days and then die. And it's right about here you'll realise that these things are constantly mating on your face. You can scrub and scrub but you can't wash away the hard truth: you're just a mammal. And like dogs, cows, orangutans and meerkats we're the perfect hosts for a range of parasites.

Personally, I've grown quite fond of my little pets – despite never being able to see them. When I go to bed at night, I imagine Clarence the Demodex, climbing from his pore, going for a wander across my cheek and hoping to meet a girlfriend. But instead he meets his nemesis Evil Arthur and a mite fight ensues until ... well, you get the idea. There are hundreds of these little adventures happening on your face every night. Sweet dreams.

By Michael Blencowe,
Sussex Wildlife Trust

Sussex Wildlife Trust is a conservation charity for everyone who cares about nature in Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members. Please consider joining us. Your membership will help us challenge decisions that threaten wildlife, care for more than 30 nature reserves, and inspire the next generation about the wonders of the natural world. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join



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Holly

I'm sure you'll agree that these are crazy times, folks. Back in Ancient Rome they had a festival – Saturnalia – which saw their society turn upside down for a week each December. It seems Saturnalia's traditions of chaos and mayhem are now the daily norm for us Brits but, as we career towards Christmas, we have another thing in common with Saturnalia. We will soon be paying our respects to the Holly tree.

Holly has been celebrated in many traditions over the centuries because, as a native evergreen, its vibrancy in the dead of winter could easily be mistaken for immortality. Holly was the sacred tree of Saturn, the Roman god of agriculture. In pagan tradition, the Holly King ruled over the Oak King from Midsummer to Midwinter. Holly was easily adopted by Christians, who saw many links between the tree and the life of Christ. Today, Holly remains a centrepiece of our Christmas decorations, cards and cakes.

Each Holly tree is either male or female. While both produce delicate white flowers in May, it's only the female Holly that bears a berry as red as any blood. When these berries are produced in profusion, it's taken to be a sign of an oncoming hard winter -although in reality it's the outcome of a successful spring. Holly's prickles provide protection for nesting birds, their flower buds are food for the



Holly Blue butterfly's caterpillar and their ripe berries are essential for thrushes.

If you're after a tree filled with folklore then Holly must take a bow. So if you're planning to deck your halls with boughs of the stuff this Christmas, here's a quick user guide. First off, never cut down a Holly tree – that's guaranteed bad luck, a superstition which has spared many Holly trees from the woodsman's axe. And make sure you leave Holly trees in your hedgerows to prevent witches from running along the top. If you bring Holly into your home at Christmas, it'll help protect you from those pesky festive faeries. Only female Holly leaves under your pillow will allow you to predict your future in your dreams. Oh, and don't forget to get rid of your Holly decorations before Twelfth Night (but don't burn them, that's bad luck too). Holly trees will protect you against lightning strikes (I'm not sure if this has been scientifically proven so don't blame me if you still get zapped). And don't eat the berries, they're poisonous, but if you have smallpox you can drink an infusion made from the leaves.

Stick to those rules folks and you'll have a peaceful Christmas. Me? I've had enough of the state of the world today. I'm going to pour some wine, put on my toga and pretend I'm in ancient Rome. Somebody pass me my fiddle.

By Michael Blencowe, SWT

Countryman

Due to some personal circumstances, I do not have time to do a proper article this month but I thought I could share a few images. They do say “A picture is worth a thousand words”.

Your Countryman



Sudoku | Answers in the next edition

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Countryman cont...

Beachy Head in October



A magnificent Buzzard, just part of the wonderful wildlife in the parish



London skyline soon to be lit up by fireworks to herald in the New Year



After a difficult year may Christmas bring us all some joy and happiness

Sudoku | Answers in the next edition

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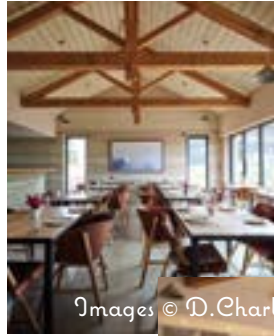
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News from Knepp Castle Estate

As we embrace the arrival of the new season, we are thrilled to announce exciting tidings from the Wilding Kitchen & Shop at Swallows Farm and offer a warm invitation to the local community to join us in celebrating the joys of the season! The Wilding Shop will be extending its opening hours on Saturdays throughout December, with the option to reserve a table in the Wilding Kitchen for Saturday evenings. We're delighted to be able to offer this extended service to our loyal customers and neighbours, creating a welcoming space for friends and families to gather during the holiday season.

We're pleased to share that the Wilding Kitchen was recently nominated in the Sustainable Country Restaurant category in Country & Town House's 2024 Sustainability Awards. These awards 'celebrate the people and brands who go above and beyond in our global fight against climate change.' The hugely deserving winner in our category is The Bull Inn in Totnes where our own Ned Burrell, owner and chef at Knepp's Wilding Kitchen, trained back in 2021. The Bull Inn and its proprietor Geeti Singh-Watson have been a huge inspiration to us.



In other news, we have an update about the Knepp Wildland Foundation, which is on a mission to supercharge nature recovery in Sussex and all around the world to save our precious biodiversity. A key initiative of the Foundation, the Sussex-wide Weald to Waves corridor (W2W), spans 100 miles, reconnecting 20,000 hectares of landscape, directly impacting our local community. This project, supported by a Natural England working group, aims to link ancient High Weald forests to rejuvenated kelp forests along the Sussex coast. It also hugs three river systems, helping to prevent floods and keeping the water super clean. Weald to Waves is led by farmers and the local community, with more than 15% of the corridor earmarked for ecosystem restoration, reinforcing the commitment to our local environment.

The Scrubland Superheroes project, another local initiative, will create nightingale and turtle dove habitats and reintroduce lost Sussex species. The

News from Knepp Castle Estate cont...

Foundation recently received additional funding from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and the Garfield Weston Foundation, which will be an exciting turbo boost for this nature highway. Find out more on the Weald to Waves website at www.wealdtowaves.co.uk and learn how you can get involved in supporting these essential local conservation efforts.

If you've been enjoying walking around Knepp this season, you may have noticed that it has been a fantastic autumn for fungi due to the warm and damp weather. Our eagle-eyed roaming ranger volunteers and ecology team have been recording all sorts of interesting species while on duty - there is such a variety of colours, shapes and sizes of fungi being found locally! Having a wide variety of fungi is a really important part of an ecosystem. Wood-decaying fungi recycle the carbon, minerals, and nutrients so that they can be used by other living things.

Our camping and safari season just about closed in time before the floods in early November, just as we welcomed Sarah Talbot to our Knepp team as our new campsite manager, who is here as maternity cover for Rachel. We also welcome Brad Albrecht from Dial Post who has joined



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us on the property compliance arm of the estate. Josh Chalmers has joined the gardening team to maintain Charlie Harpur's stunning landscape at Swallows, which has seen a great deal more planting in the past few weeks since we opened. Meanwhile congratulations to Molly Biddell, our natural capital specialist who has won a coveted place on the prestigious Worshipful Company of Farmers Rural Leaders course.

A big thank you to our amazing volunteer workforce, and their outstanding leader - our Ranger Tom Burns. This fabulous team which includes several from our own local community, help with storks, bird surveys, beavers, footpaths, practical tasks in the woods, gardens and the market garden - amassed an astonishing 9000 hours of work this year. If you would like to join this team, do please get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you pop by to refuel this winter, perhaps with a hot chocolate and slice of heavenly cake, then onto a bit of retail therapy in our Wilding Shop where we are thoroughly getting into the Christmas spirit, as well as extending the range of Knepp Wild Range beef, pork and venison offerings from the estate.

By Ramona Andrews



Curriculum Learning – Being Historians!

Children in Key Stage 2 have been learning about World War 1 this term. They found out about life in the trenches by visiting Shoreham Fort's memorial trench. The staff were in character and brought the harsh reality to life – the rats, the mud and the heavy kit soldiers had to carry.



Year 3 and 4 have learned about the famous Christmas day football match and the role of women in the war. Reading 'Lily and the Rockets' by Rebecca Stevens brought the two things together in a story about a women's football team formed while working in a munitions factory.

Year 5 and 6 have studied the use animals used in the war – horses, pigeons and dogs. Reading 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo and the story of



Sergeant Stubby has really given them an insight into life during World War 1 and the important role of animals. They are also finding out about espionage and reading some of the powerful World War 1 poetry.

New Reception class and Year 1 and 2

We are delighted that the Reception class have made such a good start to Shipley! They have been learning about Superheroes this term. They love their outdoor learning in the garden and enjoyed a trip to the theatre to see Stick Man.

Year 1 and 2 have studied Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder plot as well as hedgehogs as part of their science work on habitats.

By Jen Harvey

News from Shipley Community Hub

The Shipley Community Hub and Repair Café has just opened its doors for the seventh time. It's such a delight to see people coming along for a catch up with friends and chatting over coffee or tea and cake. The Repair Café has been kept busy with many items such as vintage sewing machines, handheld Hoovers, coffee machines to name but a few. It's so lovely to see the look on people's faces when they receive an item back that they thought that was perhaps destined to landfill.

A huge thanks to Knepp Estate for their continued support in loaning their Maintenance Manager, Matt Morgan, once a month. Matt has now been joined by Rob Blackburn and between them, they do a sterling job of rescuing items on the brink of being binned.

We have also just been notified that we were awarded the HDC Community Climate Fund Award so that we can purchase a library of tools for use at the hub. But we hope to extend to a 'Borrow Library' in the new year which will be listed and featured on our new website. Still a work in progress but is now live: www.shipleycommunityhub.org

We are looking for someone to come on the board of volunteers to help with 'Treasurer' role. Someone to liaise with Sarah C, founder of the Hub and

main organiser. If you are interested please do send Sarah an email at: Shipleycommunityhub@gmail.com.

We have also been chosen for the Co-op's Community Fund via their membership card. So if you shop at one of the local Co-ops (Buck Barn or Southwater) and have a members card, don't forget to choose the Hub as your chosen charity. We will receive 2p for every £1 spent in store.

Next month on Tuesday 5th Dec is 'All things Christmas'. And we will be welcoming back Trumbles, (Dog treats), Lillys Cottage (upcycled garden items), Mr and Mrs Cheese from Village Larder, along with Plastic Free refills as usual. There will be mince pies, and perhaps even a small tippie of sherry for those that wish alongside the usual cakes, and refreshments.

February Hub will be offering free training for anyone interested in learning how to use a defibrillator - which hopefully by January will be installed at the side door. Many thanks to Platinum Ambulance for their unwavering support and generosity with this community project.

The Shipley Community Hub operates as a free community project on the first Tuesday of every month 11am - 2pm (except January) with repair cafe and workshops / talks.

By Sarah Cuthbertson



Our own Lioness roars

Congratulations to Karen Dare from our walking football, who has won The Lioness Award as part of England Football's Grassroots Football Awards. This is given to a club, or project that has developed opportunities for women or girls in recreational or competitive football. Karen set up "Coffee Kicks", a weekly walking football group for women over 40 based in Portslade. Who knew we had such stars amongst us.

Christmas Fair

The Men Shedders are running a stall at the Roffey FC Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December, 6 to 9 pm. There will be all sorts of craft stalls, cakes, tombola etc. Come along for a glass of mulled wine, and browse the stalls. Located at the end of Bartholomew Way in Horsham.

Croquet trial run

Building on the croquet sessions at our Summer BBQs, a few members went with Laki to have a professional go. They had a lovely time and are seriously looking at this for next season.

Celebration of Maggie

Many of us from the football and walking groups attended the recent Celebration of the life of our most treasured Maggie Smith who sadly died far too young after a short but brave struggle with cancer. What an extraordinary person. With us at football she taught us all so much how to be plucky, amusing, determined and darn

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right stubborn as she commanded her position on the right wing and demanded a pass! We will miss her forever. God bless you Maggie. A match

to raise funds for Cancer Research seems like a fitting thing to do. Watch this space.

Remember the blue skies...

A fantastic programme of varied walks and cycle rides took us through 2023 with mainly brilliant blue skies until the last few weeks when we had to concede to the weather. We can't wait to get going again in 2024. Thanks to Derek for his brilliantly planned and excellent rides, and thanks to a variety of members for their guided walking routes We are mulling over a 2024 walking programme, if you have ideas let us know!

MenShed impetus

The MenShed is starting to see fresh impetus with some new members, mainly from the efforts of Harry who attended various wood fairs around Sussex. A bit of a reorganisation in the shed itself includes new benches, new shelving and the installation of two dust extraction units, which will clean the shed air no end, and create a safer working environment. There are discussions about opening up the Shed again on Wednesdays as numbers could allow this. Many of our shedders will attend the upcoming first aid Courses being set up in the New Year.

Top tips for safe buying online this festive season

There were 117,000 reported cases of people being defrauded whilst buying online in 2022, totalling losses of £67 million. But the actual figure is considerably higher, as most purchase frauds go unreported by their victims.

Whatever you're buying, take some simple steps to avoid becoming a victim.

Your top tips

- Never pay for anything by transferring money directly to a person or company you don't know. If you can, pay by credit card.
- Make sure a website is authentic by carefully checking the address is spelled correctly. Type it in rather than clicking on a link, or copying and pasting. Use www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite
- Learn how to spot fraudulent advertisements on social media, online marketplaces and forums. Never part with money – even a deposit – for goods you haven't seen in person.
- Don't click on links in random emails, texts or posts, nor open unexpected email attachments.

- Make sure payment pages are secure by checking that addresses begin with 'https' ('s' is for secure) and there's a closed padlock in the address bar.
- Don't knowingly buy counterfeit goods. They're not only illegal, they may also be unsafe.
- Be wary of 'low-cost' or 'free' trials. Whether they're for the latest handset or slimming pills, you could be signing up for large monthly direct debits. If it's for slimming or any other pills, check our advice on Buying Medicines on the Get Safe Online website.
- Text messages and emails claiming to be from delivery firms informing you that there's a charge for re-delivering a parcel, or a shipping fee to be paid, could be fraudulent. Keep a record of everything you order.
- Note that some sellers advertise bargain or lower prices during sales or events like Black Friday, when in fact they're no cheaper or even more expensive.

For more information on buying safely online, visit www.getsafeonline.org

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Don't become another victim.

**Figures courtesy of UK Finance*

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Carers Support West Sussex

Did you know, 3 out of 5 people will become an unpaid carer.

Anyone can be a carer, an 85-year-old husband caring for his wife with Dementia, an 18-year-old looking after her Mum with a long-term illness or a young person looking after a parent with an alcohol problem. For some caring has always been part of their life, for many it evolves over time and for others they are suddenly thrown into a caring role.

No matter what your caring circumstance, Carers Support West Sussex are here to offer you guidance and practical and emotional support. Our vision is to bring the day forward when family and friend carers are seen, heard, and included.

Contact us today to find out how we can help you.



Are you looking after someone who couldn't manage without your help?

If so, you'll know caring can be wonderfully-rewarding, but also stressful - and that it's difficult sometimes to manage your own physical and mental health, and find time for yourself.

Carers Support West Sussex provide unpaid carers aged 18 and over - looking after parents, and people with dementia, memory-loss, autism, drug & alcohol issues, learning disabilities and mental health issues - with financial help, information and guidance, and practical and emotional support.

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West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Hello, I'm the new Rural Engagement Officer employed by West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and I'd like to tell you briefly about our Safe and Well visits which is a free service offered by the Fire Service to support our vulnerable residents to ensure they are fire safe at home and support with their general health and wellbeing.

We can advise on important aspects of fire safety including testing smoke detectors to ensure they are working and talk about how to reduce the risk of fire in the home including kitchen fire safety, electrical fire safety, safe heating practices, smoking cigarettes safely and escape plans. We can

also supply free equipment such as smoke detectors and deaf alarms if you live alone and cannot hear your smoke detectors when they are activated and we can also provide equipment to protect you when you are smoking in your homes.

If you would like to find out more information about our Safe and Well visits, including eligibility and how you can refer either yourself, a loved one or a friend (with their consent) please look at our website which is www.safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sam Barber, Rural Engagement Officer,
West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service

Driving the message of dementia support

Driving the message of dementia support throughout West Sussex

Fifty community transport minibuses and volunteer cars will be wrapped in Carers Support West Sussex and Alzheimer's Society branding to highlight support services to those caring for people with dementia across the county.

This initiative was made possible by the West Sussex Joint Dementia Strategy to provide opportunities and services for people to live in inclusive and compassionate communities and to reduce inequalities.

With rates of dementia in West Sussex set to increase rapidly, Carers Support West Sussex and Alzheimer's Society have joined forces to raise awareness of the support on offer. People passing the vehicles will be able to scan a QR code to go directly to West Sussex's Connect to Support website, which includes details about accessing a memory assessment.

Carers Support West Sussex has nearly 30,000 carers registered, of which 5,200 carers are supporting someone living with dementia. In the UK, a silent army of 1.8 million friends and relatives save the UK economy £13.9 billion per year.

Caring for someone with dementia can put a huge strain on a person's finances, physical and mental health, whilst straining relationships with other family members. An unpaid carer also needs support, so they can continue enabling their cared for to live well with dementia.

Alzheimer's Society is a vital source of support and a powerful force for change for everyone affected by dementia. The charity provides help and hope.

To find out more about Alzheimer's Society services contact our phonenumber on 0333 150 3456.

Community advice service | free support

Community advice service offers free independent support to residents in West Sussex

West Sussex residents can continue to access free independent support after the county's community advice service was recommissioned. West Sussex County Council's Public Health service commissions Citizens Advice West Sussex to provide support to residents on matters ranging from the cost of living to family relationships. The County Council jointly funds the service, in partnership with the seven district and borough councils across West Sussex.

Citizens Advice in West Sussex has offices across the county for face-to-face meetings with advisors, as well as appointments by phone or online. As part of the contract, Citizens Advice in West Sussex has partnered with Arun & Chichester Citizens Advice which will provide support to people in those respective districts.

You can visit www.advicewestsussex.org.uk or call 0808 278 7969 for free, responsible and confidential advice.

Time for Dementia

Local families affected by dementia are being invited to take part in an award-winning programme, to help train the healthcare professionals of tomorrow and improve dementia care.

The Time for Dementia project, supported by Alzheimer's Society, pairs families affected by dementia with undergraduate students, helping to better educate them about life with dementia and the challenges that come with it.

This autumn a new cohort of Brighton and Sussex Medical School medical students will be taking part and Alzheimer's Society are now seeking families in the area who would like the opportunity to make a difference to training health professionals.

Time for Dementia is a fantastic way for the next generation of healthcare professionals to gain first-hand knowledge of what it's like living with dementia.

If you would like to know more about the project, or you know someone with dementia and a family carer who would like to take part, please get in touch with us at timefordementia@alzheimers.org.uk or call 07483 137539.

More information can also be found at alzheimers.org.uk/timefordementia



Could you help healthcare professionals of tomorrow learn about dementia?

Share your own experiences, meet new people and help contribute towards a better future for people with dementia. Join Time for Dementia – an innovative, award winning, educational programme designed to give students ongoing contact with a family living with dementia.

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Christmas quiz time

Christmas Trivia

1. If you're born on Christmas day, what's your star sign?
2. What colour are mistletoe berries?
3. Which animal carried Mary before she gave birth to Jesus?
4. In which year was the first Christmas card sent - 1743, 1843 or 1943?
5. Which ocean can Christmas Island be found in?
6. Where was baby Jesus born?
7. Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as the god of love?
8. What was Frosty the Snowman's nose made out of?
9. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
10. Which Angel visited Mary?
11. What red-breasted bird do we commonly associate with Christmas?
12. December 26th marks which Saint's Day?
13. What is Scrooge's first name?
14. Which plant, beginning with P is associated with Christmas?
15. When Santa got stuck up the chimney, what did he have in his sack?
16. What gifts did the Three Wise Men give to Jesus on his birthday?
17. What is the name for the shortest day of the year?
18. Which famous scientist was born on Christmas Day in 1642?
19. Which pantomime does Buttons appear in?
20. Which one of Santa's reindeer has the same name as a female Fox?
21. How do you say 'Merry Christmas' in Welsh?

Festive Food & Drink

22. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding?
23. What do you "roast on an open fire" and is featured in a famous Christmas song?
24. In which country did eggnog originate?
25. Which yellow food item would you find under the icing of a Christmas cake?
26. In which tin of chocolates would you find 'The Green Triangle'?
27. Which sauce is traditionally served with Christmas pudding?
28. What beverage company has been using Santa Claus in its advertising since 1931?
29. In which country did Panettone originate?
30. In Japan, which takeaway food is traditionally eaten at Christmas?
31. There are more than 110 different varieties of which popular vegetables?
32. What is the name of the popular Christmas dinner item consisting of a sausage wrapped in bacon?
33. Stollen is a fabulous Christmas confection from which country?
34. Which meat is often added to sprouts to make an indulgent Christmas dinner dish?
35. What is 'The Bûche de Noël' better known as?
36. In which tin of chocolates would you find 'The Hazelnut Swirl'?
37. What are pigs in blankets called in Scotland?

Christmas quiz time cont...

Christmas Traditions

38. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree?
39. What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?
40. Which evergreen plant are you traditionally meant to kiss under at Christmas?
41. Which relatively new Christmas tradition was created by stay-at-home mum Carol Aebersold?
42. What must-have item for the Christmas table did Tom Smith invent in the early 1850s?
43. What year was tinsel invented - 1610, 1710 or 1810?
44. In what year was the queen's speech first televised - 1952, 1955 or 1957?
45. Which popular alcoholic Christmas drink is best served hot?
46. Set in theatres, name the popular British Christmas tradition?
47. In which country did Christmas caroling originate?
48. What type of food did Christmas crackers originally contain?
49. In 1932, which monarch made the first ever royal Christmas broadcast?
50. South Africans eat the deep-fried caterpillars of the Emperor Moth on Christmas Day - True or False?
51. Which traditional Christmas plant supposedly wards off demons?
52. What did a lit candle in a window during Christmas represent?
53. What has been helping us to count down the days from the 1st - 25th December since the early 1900s?

Christmas Entertainment & Film

54. According to the song, what do you deck the halls with?
55. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?
56. In which film does Tom Hanks voice Santa?
57. Which band sings the iconic Christmas song 'Mary's boy child'?
58. Who wrote 'How the Grinch Stole Christmas'?
59. Name Will Ferrell's character in the film 'Elf'?
60. Which animated film features the song 'Walking in the Air'?
61. Which popular Christmas film features the McCallister family?
62. In which song is everything calm and bright?
63. Who produced and conceived the film 'The Nightmare before Christmas'?
64. According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the third day of Christmas?
65. What Christmas-themed ballet premiered in Saint Petersburg, Russia in 1892?
66. What Bing Crosby song is the world's best-selling single ever?
67. Which Christmas carol became the first song ever broadcast from space in 1965?
68. Which film features Dani Devito trying to get his Christmas lights seen from space?
69. According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the ninth day of Christmas?
70. Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?

The Dan and Morfa Pope Memorial Fund

Shipley's Charity for Young People

Dan Pope was originally a Welsh hill farmer and he got the calling relatively late in life. It was when he was the Vicar of Radley Church that he met David and Sue Horner, who became good friends, and when he became Vicar of Kyrenia in Cyprus, they met again and it was there that they informed him there was a position available in Shipley. The rest is history.

So, he arrived as Vicar of Shipley Church in 1992 and over the next 8 years, he and his wife Morfa, had a huge influence over the parish and made many friends. He officiated over a large number of weddings and other services and it was a shock to all when he died in service in December 2000.

His impact on the community was such that many parishioners thought about how they could honour his contribution, and it was once again David and Sue Horner's idea that we should set up a Memorial Fund to help the development of special talents of young people who had been to school in Shipley, in which the family would otherwise have difficulty in financing.

The initial appeal for funding was supported by 45 families and hence the Dan and Morfa Pope Memorial Fund was created and registered as a Charity.

It was not long before the Fund was called on to support additional coaching for a child who was applying for a scholarship (which he got) and another of the earliest and most successful, was Matt Charman, who was raised in Shipley and went to Shipley Primary School. He wanted to be



a playwright and we funded him for some time. He won the Verity Bargate award in 2004 for his first play "A Night of the Dog" and went on to co-write the film "A Bridge of Spies" for Steven Spielberg. Over the years, a total of 38 donations have been made to young people who have studied singing, piano, violin, swimming, rugby, game and wildlife management, yoga, cake making and more recently during the pandemic, funds have been made available to help children work from home, and through Shipley Primary school and William Penn school, additional teaching has been made available for those with special needs.

As can be seen from the article opposite, this fund is designed to help the young of Shipley achieve their aspirations and all applications will be carefully considered.

By Nicholas de Zoete, Trustee

THE DAN AND MORFA POPE MEMORIAL FUND

Shipley's charity for young people

The Trustees of the fund would like all members of Shipley Parish to be aware of the above fund which was formed to help young people enhance talents they would otherwise have found difficult to develop due to lack of funds.

The terms of the Charity are as follows:

- The young person must be under 25.
- Must live in the ecclesiastical parish of Shipley (which includes Coolham, Brooks Green and Dragons Green)
- Or if not living in the parish, must attend or have previously attended the Shipley C of E Primary School in Shipley village, or the William Penn Primary School in Coolham.

GRANTS

If you have a child, or are a young person who fits this description, we encourage you to get in touch and apply for a grant.

The fund has limited resources and it may not be possible to fund all applications, however, we promise we will consider them all.

*Please contact Nicholas de Zoete at nick@nickdezoete.com
if you are seeking a grant.*

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Sudoku

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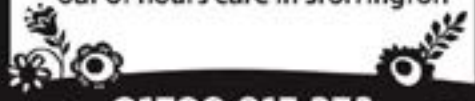
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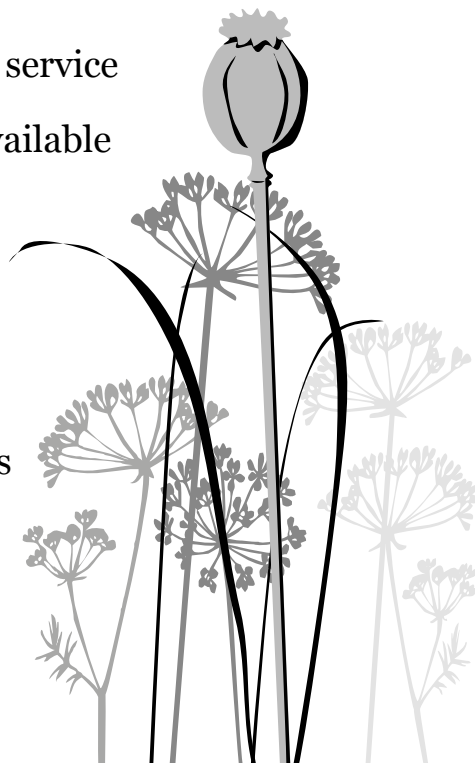
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