

A Magazine

*For the Villages of Folkington, Milton
Street and Wilmington*



September 2020

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Events for Your Diary

Whilst our churches are now open for some services (see last page of this magazine) at the moment, a number of virtual services are still being broadcast, regularly, by our priests over the internet:

Every Sunday at 9.00 am, Morning Prayer on ZOOM

Every Monday at 5.00 pm, A service of Compline on FACEBOOK

Every Wednesday at 9.30 am, Morning Prayer on ZOOM

**If you would like to take part, please email the Benefice Administrator to receive notice of each upcoming virtual service:
benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk**

(If you know anyone who does not have internet access or would prefer a hard copy, please print one off for them)

FROM THE VICARAGE

Do you know this story from Victorian times: The scene is a bedroom in a tiny farm cottage. An old man lies in the bed dying. Beside the bed his wife, the doctor and the vicar ready to administer the last rites. The vicar leans over the bed and after a moment says 'I'm afraid he's gone'. The doctor leans over to confirm and says 'Yes I agree'. Suddenly the old man sits bolt upright - 'NO I B'AIN'T !' The wife says to him: 'Lie down George - doctor and parson know best.'

We can almost imagine the story to be true back then, but today the idea of authority has radically changed. So have we lost something precious here, or are we well rid of it? Is the world a better place with obedience consigned to the rubbish bin? - except perhaps in the armed forces, and even that is changing.

In recent years all authorities have been exposed to scrutiny and all are now seen as being just as fallible as the rest of us. Whether we think of the Royal Family, or the police, politicians, teachers, doctors, clergy - we can no longer hide our mistakes and corruptions as we used to. Even experts in various fields of study are no longer trusted implicitly.

Presumably we have to welcome this new openness - like so many things it's not great, but it's better than the alternative. But having freedom from oppression and universal human rights leads inevitably to a way of thinking which is called 'post-modernism' - meaning that everyone has the right to make up their own mind about every aspect of their life. No-one has the right to tell me how to behave, or what I can and cannot believe, and like it or not, we are going to have to live with this.

But a nagging question remains: Is there really no authority to whom I should hold allegiance? We might think of the laws of our country, or indeed the laws of nature in this way - if we disregard the delicate balance of the natural world, it will end up disregarding us and will inevitably jump up and bite us, and that will be painful - if not fatal. But at a deeper level, is there any ultimate authority over life itself that we should obey?

Well, look around. Look long and hard. Do you find anywhere a more genuine and authoritative voice than that of Jesus Christ? Where can you find such a profound depth of holiness combined with loving practical action; or wisdom of teaching alongside total self-sacrifice? Study the lives of whoever you wish, and ask whether, in comparison, the life and teaching of Jesus does not stand head and shoulders above the rest? And the reason I try to obey his voice is that whenever there is a conflict of interest between what I think and what he teaches, I know deep down that he is always right.

So here's the question If the world is not going to be saved by the teaching and example of Jesus, who IS going to save it?

Frank Fox-Wilson.

BENEFICE NEWS

Good News: Our Churches Are Now Open For Private Prayer.

We are delighted that Government regulations now permit us to open our church buildings for services and individual prayer and hope that anyone wishing to do so will feel safe to enter.

All churches in the Benefice are open every day and opening patterns are the same as they were previously in each parish.

The term individual is defined as follows: "A person or household entering the venue to pray on their own and not part of a group led prayer or communal act." (Robert Jenrick announcement)

If you do wish to use the church for private prayer, please be mindful of the importance of following government advice in respect of hand washing and social distancing.

Notices have been put up on church noticeboards, on the church doors and at the entry and exit points for each church, to provide specific guidance about the safety and hygiene arrangements in each church, as details may differ slightly due to the differences in the church buildings. For example: in some churches pews may be roped off to limit the amount of routine cleaning required and in some churches there is access to running water. Please read these notices carefully before entering the church.

- Hand sanitiser has been placed in the porch area of each church and also inside the church near the door.
- Please use this before entering and when exiting the church. NB. it is still wise to wash and dry your hands thoroughly with soap and water as soon as you get home, as an extra precaution.
- Please observe the social distancing rules and maintain a distance of 2 metres between yourself and others not in your household whilst in the church . Individual churches may have additional guidance about this so please observe any specific measures which have been put in place in individual churches.
- If the church appears too crowded to facilitate social distancing, please wait outside until it is safe to enter.

Please do not enter the church if you or anyone in your household has symptoms of Covid 19 or if you have been advised to self - isolate because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive.

Cleaning schedules have been revised to ensure door handles, light switches and other areas likely to have been touched by others are cleaned daily

when the church is opened but please be mindful of the fact that surfaces might have been contaminated later in the day and avoid touching surfaces unnecessarily.

Please note we now have permission to resume funeral services . Please contact the Reverend Peter Blee or the Reverend Frank Fox-Wilson for further guidance on this. Contact details:

The Reverend Peter Blee – peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk or 01323 870512

The Reverend Frank Fox-Wilson – frank.fox-wilson@berwickchurch.org.uk or 01323 871148

WILMINGTON NEWS

**England's Tree Of The Year 2020
Voting is officially open for England's Tree of the Year 2020.**

The Wilmington Yew



This ancient yew grows in the churchyard of St Mary and St Peter's Church, Wilmington. However, at an estimated 1600 years old, the yew predates the founding of the church by several hundred years. Yew trees were spiritually important in pre-Christian Britain, and churches were often built on pagan spiritual sites, so it's entirely possible that this tree was important to the locals of the time in the hundreds of years before the church was built.

Today, the tree's heavy boughs are supported by a number of wooden props, reducing the strain their weight causes the tree and therefore reducing the chances that one might break. A hefty chain wrapped around the two trunks serves a similar purpose, holding this venerable ancient together.

The professional propping of the tree was well and successfully carried out by R.W. Green after many very generous donations were made towards the cost of maintaining the tree in a very safe condition for decades to come. THANK YOU and please pass this news on to all you know.

Vote for the Wilmington Yew

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/british-trees/tree-of-the-year/england/>

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Recommendation from other village residents

Telephone Frank Fox-Wilson on 01323 871148 (The Vicarage)

All proceeds go to Wilmington Church Funds4

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK: AUGUST UPDATE

Dear Friends,

With the summer holidays in full swing you might think that things are slowing down a little for us here, but it's not the case. As we can't hold any group activities like we would normally do in the summer, our practitioners have been very busy supporting individual families with ideas for outings and activities – we've even been providing picnics for them to take with them! A lot of our families are also very anxious about their children returning to school in September after such a long time at home, so we are working hard to allay those fears and encourage them to think positively.

We are delighted that some of our furloughed staff have returned to work this month, although still on a part-time bases. This give us the opportunity to start recommencing some of the activities that we had to put on hold over the last few months.

In particular, we are very excited to let you know that our charity abseil at Peacehaven Cliffs is able to go ahead on September 19th. We had booked this last autumn and had thought that we would have to cancel it. But as an outdoor event and with the abseil company having met all the conditions to be designated a Covid-safe organiser, we're now busy making the preparations and encouraging people to sign up. Anybody can take part from age 10

Charity Abseil
at Peacehaven Cliffs

SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2020
10.00AM-4.00PM

Registration - £25.00
Minimum sponsorship - £100.00

Contact Melissa
01273 832963 Ext 304 melissa@familysupportwork.org.uk

Family Support Work has been helping vulnerable children and families throughout Sussex since 1890

www.facebook.com/FSFamilySupportWork [@FSWorkSussex](https://twitter.com/FSWorkSussex)

and above (maximum weight limit 16 stone) and all that we ask is that participants commit to raise a minimum of £100 sponsorship each. More details can be found in the attached flyer.

Thank you all for your continued support of our work.

Last month's work in numbers:

302 (socially distanced) visits to families and 189 phone calls supporting 45 grandparents, 453 parents and 422 children

46 supported meetings (virtually via Zoom/Skype etc.) with other agencies

182 deliveries of food and other items such as children's activities made

Prayer points

Give thanks for 2 young people supported by our practitioners who have won places at Oxbridge to start in the autumn despite incredibly challenging home situations

Strength for some of our practitioners who are currently having to deal with court cases involving the removal of children from families they are supporting

Pray that our staff who have just returned from furlough are able to have a smooth transition back to work

**Nikki Kerr
FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing**

Safe Space For Victims Relaunched In 'Lockdown'

'Safe Space Sussex' ('SS') is an online directory of local victim services, created by Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne. In response to the 'lockdown' and concerns raised around crimes like Domestic Abuse, this site has been upgraded and advice has been shared on social media (@SussexPCC) to help victims covertly reach out for help whilst stuck in isolation – search #SafeSpaceSussex.

With the entire country in lockdown, many services have expressed their concerns about victims of crime not feeling able to safely reach out for help. They have seen a decrease in engagement from victims with reports of crimes (like domestic abuse) made to Sussex Police, reducing by around 4%.

It's vital that residents are aware of the support that is still available if they need it. Safe Space Sussex has been equipped with a new search tool so that within 10 seconds, victims of any crime can find the service they need. It also has a 'leave site now' button that users can press to quickly exit the site.

Tailored guidance has been shared across social media community groups on how victims can access the new website covertly, using incognito tabs, as they may be living with their perpetrators during 'lockdown' and their search history may be monitored as a result.

Victims can also covertly let Sussex Police know they are in danger. The '55' technology is in place for those too scared to speak, to alert a call handler to the fact they need help by pressing 55 on their mobile phone once they've dialled 999.

There is still help and support available for all victims of crime during the Covid crisis.

If you find yourself in an emergency where you think you or others may be in immediate danger dial 999. Sussex Police are always there for you when you need them. Don't suffer in silence.

If you would prefer not to contact the police you can report a crime anonymously via Crimestoppers online: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously> or by calling: 0800 555 111

www.safespacesussex.org.uk has all the information on support services who can help any victim of crime across Sussex.

**Natalie McFall
Communications Manager**

LONG MAN PARISH COUNCIL

Below are the notes taken from the Unadopted Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting. The Unadopted Minutes are circulated to the Parish Councillors and subsequently considered at the next Parish Council Meeting and if agreed, are signed as a true record. The Minutes can only be publicised after they have been approved, therefore in order for there to be no undue delay in keeping the residents of the parish informed about the meetings, the notes are printed in the Parish Magazine. The approved minutes are posted on the notice boards shortly after the meeting in which they are approved.

NOTES ON THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held via Zoom on Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.30pm

Those present were: Councillors Tyler Butterworth (Vice Chair), Claire Church, Jeremy Christey, Alison Cotton (Tree Warden), County Councillor Stephen Shing. Claire Reynolds (Clerk). Apologies had been received from Councillors Pam Merritt,

Lizzie Chisholm, Helen Baulcombe, Michael Bridges and District Councillor Michael Lunn. Councillor Butterworth chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone. There was no Declaration of Interest and no Public Discussion.

The Minutes of the Meeting dated 11 May 2020 were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2010.

- The Clerk had asked District Councillor Lunn for the number of planning applications already approved, in light of the rejection of the Wealden District Council Local Plan - **No response had been received to date.**
- The Clerk had obtained the SDNPA Dark Skies Officer details and will circulate round to Councillors.

No Report had been received from the District Councillor – Cllr Michael Lunn

Reports of the Parish Councillors

- **Folkington** - Councillor Chisholm had emailed the Clerk with the following report:
 - The hedge on the A27 east towards Polegate needs cutting back as the vision is extremely bad. Clerk to report this to the relevant authority.
 - The amount of motorbikes and 4x4's has increased around Folkington as well as the litter. Signage will be put up to try and deter the vehicles and encourage visitors to take their rubbish home with them.
 - The new Parish Council noticeboard is being currently being constructed.
- **Milton Street** - Nothing to report.
- **Wilmington:**
 - The footpath from the car park down to the Long Man is rather overgrown. Clerk to report this to the relevant authority.
- Councillor Church reported that Wilmington Green area had been cut for hay as agreed by Wealden District Council. It will be topped next week.
- Adders nest – this is located at the foot of the large hawthorn bush as you go through the gate to go up to the Long Man.

Report of the Tree Warden - Alison Cotton reported the following:

Ash Die Back disease is going to be serious over years to come with up to 95% of Ash tree being lost. If anyone has any concerns over the Ash trees within the Parish Alison is happy to help and advice. Other sources of information and advice can be found via the following website links: <https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/woodlands/ashdieback>

Or: <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/trees-pests-and-diseases/key-tree-pests-and-diseases/ash-dieback/>

Report of the County Councillor – Councillor Stephen Shing

- **Waste Collection Sites:** The Eastbourne and Hailsham sites are now open.
- **Schools:** these are slowly re-opening.
- **Social distancing:** this is still in place.
- **Second wave:** the concern is that there might be a second wave of infection however, the rate of spread in this area is low in comparison to other areas.
- Councillor Shing is always happy to be contacted to deal with any queries.

Corona Virus:

- **Parish Council procedures update from NALC / SALC** - The Clerk had been circulating updates to Councillors regarding Parish Council procedures from NALC and SALC during this time. The transition period is starting now and through August. The Community Hubs are still supporting those that require assistance.
- **Parish Council assistance update** - A short report had been received from Nigel Bentley who has been co-ordinating volunteers and this will be circulated round to Councillors. 3VA, who have been co-ordinating the Community Hub within Wealden, had sent through a request asking how communities will continue to offer support around the pandemic. The responses to this will then be used to update the map that the Community Hub use to identify potential sources of support and ensure they are able to address any gaps in provision. Thanks were expressed to all those who had been supporting members of the community throughout this time.

Replacement of noticeboard for Folkington - This is being currently under construction.

Alfriston Traffic Management Committee - Nothing further to report on this at this time

A27 news - Work had started on the junction improvements along the A27. MP Maria Caulfield has nothing further to report on this at this stage regarding the A27 major road scheme.

Councillors email addresses – update - Only two Councillors still need to be set up. The Clerk is happy to assist them with this if necessary.

Report of the Clerk to the Council

Finance Report: The report was circulated at the meeting which revealed a bank balance of £12,959.83 in the Current Account (as at 29 June 2020). This figure included the £3690.95 which had been transferred into the account from the closure of the LMPC Savings Account and £250 for the Milton Street Phone Box Fund.

Accounts for Payment:

C Reynolds (Clerk Salary for February and March 2020)	£717.94
ESCC – Grass Cutting for 2020 – 2021	£279.60
TOTAL:	£999.34

Correspondence

- **Cuckmere Haven SOS Planning Application** - Details of this had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Planning Application is to obtain planning permission to restore and renew the failing sea defences at Cuckmere Haven West beach. Councillor Merritt had suggested that the Parish Council support this application and it was agreed by those Councillors present. **The Clerk to write a letter of support to the SDNPA as instructed.**
- **SDNPA and UK Power Networks project to remove overhead lines from the National Park.** Details of this project had been received and had been circulated to Councillors prior to this meeting. It is proposed that Highways England, SDNPA and UK Power Networks work together to achieve this as part of the A27 improvements currently taking place. Councillor Merritt had suggested that the Parish Council supports this scheme. **The Clerk to write a letter of support to SDNPA as instructed.**
- **Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance** - A letter of thanks had been received for the donation sent from Long Man Parish Council.

Planning: Application and Decisions received and observations made since the last meeting.

South Downs National Park Authority:

SDNP/20/01014/HOUS – Myrtle Cottage, The Street, Wilmington, BN26 5SL - Retention of boundary fence and low garden wall, proposed trellis and stone paving - Discussion with LMPC Councillors via email.

Decisions: Approved 19 June 2020

SDNP/20/02217/HOUS – Winkhurst, Milton Street, Polegate, BN26 5RP - Erection of a garden room - Discussed with LMPC Councillors via email who supported the application. Decision: Pending

Wealden District Council:

WD/2020/0646/F – Landing View, Milton Gate, Wilmington, BN26 5RS - Re-consult for new porch as change of name of dwelling - Discussed with LMPC Councillors via email who had no objection to the application.

Decision: Pending

Date of next meeting - Monday 14 September 2020 starting at 7.30pm. Dependent on Government advice this will either be via Zoom or held in Wilmington Village Hall. The Clerk will confirm nearer the time.

There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm.

The Clerk for Long Man Parish Council is:

Claire Reynolds, 32 St Mellion Close, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 3UY

Email: longmanclerk@gmail.com Tel: 01323 843927

Clerk's hours are part-time (7 hours a week) and that generally she will be working for LMPC on Monday, Wednesday or Fridays.

Please feel free to email at anytime but please note they will only be picked up during working hours.

No phone calls after 6.30pm please.

Please let the Clerk know if you need the contact details of your local Councillor.

CoronaVirus Parish Assistance

If anyone is requiring assistance during the current situation please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Claire Reynolds, Parish Clerk, Long Man Parish Council in the first instance

PUZZLE PAGE

Our September 2020 puzzle is a WORDSEARCH with a theme of Nautical Words

*Our puzzles are all Home Grown.
total of 35 words to find*

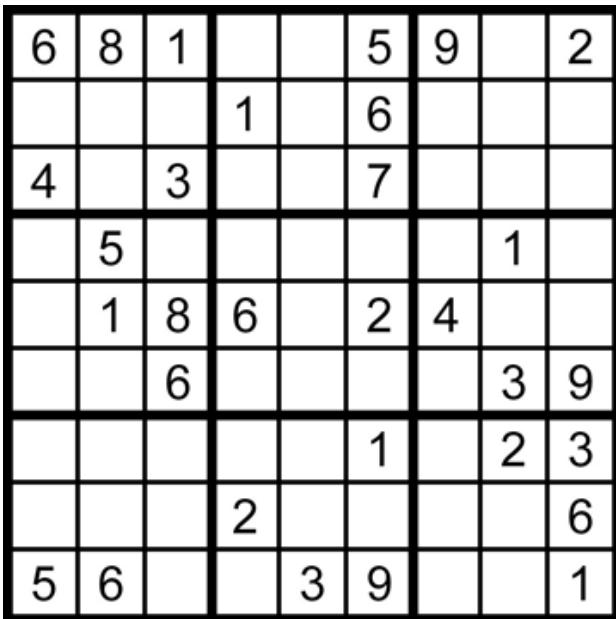
Word List to find in the grid ~ horizontal, vertical or on diagonals:

The Words

_Aboard	Fall	Ship
Aft	Frames	SOS
Beam	Galley	Stack
Below	Gangway	Stateroom
Binnacle	Gunnel	Steerage
Boat	Gunwale	Stern
Bow	Head	Steward
Brass Pounder	Ladder	Tackle
Bridge	List	Thwart
Bulwark	Mess	Topside
Davits	Port	Wings
Deck	Purser	



This month our Sudoku puzzle is graded as : fairly EASY!



Lockdown Birdlife ~ a Rarity in the Cuckmere Valley

Despite all the hardships suffered, the impacts on families, friends and of course The Economy, we have also been extremely privileged in an unexpected way through the process of the 2020 Lockdown. Our environment has taken the chance to breathe, maybe for the first time in many decades. We have enjoyed wonderful clear blue skies; cleaner air to breathe; and the relative silence without noise of vehicles on the roads or aircraft overhead. In particular that has meant that one could hear the birds singing.

We have been particularly fortunate this year in that we have had nesting in our own garden a pair of Spotted Flycatchers (Scientific name : *Muscicapa striata*). That is a species that has become vanishingly rare in the overall region of Sussex, and nationally it is a Red Listed species in respect of conservation status (source : RSPB). Survey Numbers have shown a drop of over 80% since the British Trust for Ornithology survey of 1968.

I had not seen any Flycatcher for probably the best part of 15 to 20 years. I used to see them frequently up in Surrey, but since moving to Sussex over 13 years ago I have certainly not seen a 'Spotted Fly' in that time.

From May 31st to close to the end of July we have been able to watch almost daily a pair that nested in our garden in the Cuckmere Valley. They successfully raised (we think) at least 2 fledglings. We have a photo of one of

the fledglings and several photos of the parent birds when they were hunting within the garden.

This has been reported with the County Bird Recorder and therefore may appear in the Sussex Bird Report for 2020 in due course.

Recent years have low, confirmed, breeding records for the whole of Sussex ~ both West & East.

Confirmed Breeding of Spotted Flycatcher is a rare thing in Sussex. Statistics drawn from published Bird Reports ~ with records given by numbers of tetrads, reveal the following :

2018 9 (plus probable 7);
 2017 6 (plus probable 4);
 2016 9 (plus probable 6); &
 2015 13 (plus probable 5).



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DRUSILLAS PARK RAISES OVER £1.5K FOR SLOTH CONSERVATION

Welcome to Drusillas zoo news! Sue Woodgate, Drusillas Zoo Business Manager, gives us the inside scoop on the zoo! From new babies to funny animal stories and more, Sue takes us behind the scenes and giving us an exclusive glimpse into life at Drusillas.

We have been appealing for help from the public for help to raise money for our Conservation Charity of the Year, The Sloth Conservation Foundation (SloCo). Following a mass outpouring of public support, we managed to raise an amazing £1735 for sloth conservation in just 8 days.

After coronavirus closures and restrictions forced us to cancel our fundraising activities for the year, we called out for help from the public and hundreds of sloth lovers came to our assistance!



The Sloth Conservation Foundation is a non-profit UK registered charity based in Costa Rica, that aims to protect sloths in the wild through conservation initiatives and scientific research.

We were so disappointed to not be able to go ahead with our planned fundraising activities, but we were determined that we would raise funds for SloCo in any way we could. We are so overwhelmed by the generosity of the public, without hesitation they answered our call and helped us to raise an incredible amount of money.

We launched a giveaway to win a sloth bundle and asked if anyone would like to donate, but we were very clear that they didn't have to donate to win. We are just completely gobsmacked at the kindness everyone has shown and even though they didn't have to, they all donated and helped us to reach this incredible amount of money. This goes a massive way towards helping protect sloths in the wild.

Conservation is really important to us and something we have always strived to make a core part of Drusillas. Over the years we have raised over £100,000 for conservation. Sloths are facing the most devastating reality in the wild, so we really want to do what we can to raise funds and support for SloCo.

This is just an incredible amount of money and the difference it will make to SloCo is huge. This money will go towards building rope bridges across highways so sloths can travel freely over roads without the risk of getting hit by a car. The rope bridges will also help all manner of tree dwelling wildlife in Costa Rica. It is heart-breaking to see so many of our beautiful animals losing their homes and natural habitats due to deforestation.

SloCo is working hard with local communities to provide education on conservation, to stop the illegal pet and selfie trade, to preserve habitats and to save the world's slowest mammal from extinction. We are truly grateful to everyone who has helped us raise these funds.



We have been working hand-in-hand with SloCo over the past few months to help them achieve their conservation goals. The foundation was created by Dr Rebecca Cliffe, one of the world's leading experts in sloths.

Sloth populations are in decline throughout South and Central America as they struggle to adapt to the urbanisation of the rainforest. Saving sloths from extinction now requires innovative and long-term conservation solutions that target both human and sloth populations.



One person at a time, one day at a time, and one project at a time, we all have the ability to make a serious difference that will leave a lasting impact on the world. We are at serious risk of pushing our sloth species to extinction, it is devastating to see the impact we are having on these amazing creatures.

The Sloth Conservation Foundation has seven primary conservation programs that help to protect sloths in the wild, to read all about these programs please visit www.slothconservation.com

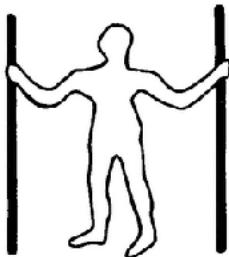
We will also be donating £1 to SloCo every time someone adopts one of our sloths this year as well as driving forward with our online fundraising activities. Members of the public can help support SloCo by donating online directly to the charity through Drusillas' Just Giving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Drusillas-Park>

Sloths need our help now more than ever, so by donating even a little you can help us make a huge difference to the survival rates of sloths in the wild. Let us learn lessons from everything that has been going on globally and use it as motivation to take positive action and save our wildlife before it is too late.

Located just off the A27 in Alfriston, Drusillas Park is open daily from 10am. For more information please telephone 01323 874100 or visit www.drusillas.co.uk. For more information about SloCo please visit www.drusillas.co.uk/conservation-charity-of-the-year

Sue Woodgate



WILMINGTON, FOLKINGTON AND MILTON STREET VILLAGE CLUB

Forthcoming Events

Second Tuesdays' Events: Film Nights and Boules are currently cancelled. Should the situation change during September, an email will alert you to any openings and events.

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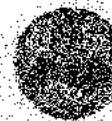
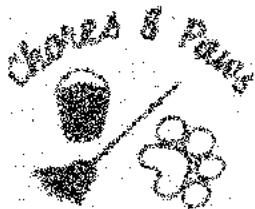
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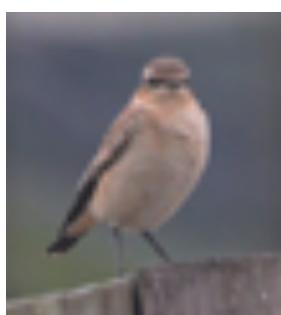
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CHURCH SERVICES and NEWS from SAINT PETER'S CHURCH, FOLKINGTON



We are happy to tell our congregation, all parishioners, residents of Folkington village and all other interested parties, that through the past six weeks St. Peter's Church has been open for Prayer and to welcome visitors on three days in every week, on Sundays, on Wednesdays and on Fridays. Kind parishioners and good people of our village have arranged flowers on the altar and cleaned.



We also tell now of a happy event in our recent church calendar, which is that on Sunday July 26th the first Service since the beginning of 'lockdown' in March, was held in St Peter's. Our Rector, The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes, took a service from the Book of Common Prayer, Holy Communion. He was assisted by The Reverend Christyan James, Associate Priest for the Cuckmere Churches and by Kelly Ellis, Pastoral Assistant, who read one of the Lessons. The congregation of 18 included welcome friends from Litlington, and before the service Abigail from Pevensey rang our lovely 15th century bell to celebrate the occasion. After the Service everyone enjoyed 'socially distanced' coffee and catching up with local and church news.



On Sunday August 9th The Reverend Neville Manning from Eastbourne, conducted a Service from the Book of Common Prayer, Mattins, at St. Peter's;. Abigail Sargent read both Lessons and Psalm 88 was said by everyone.

Services for September

Sunday September 6th at 10.30. am - Mattins ~ The Reverend Neville Manning

Sunday September 20th - 10.30: am - Holy Communion – The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes

SUSSEX HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST -ANNUAL RIDE & STRIDE

We are so sorry to announce here, as many people and supporters may have expected, that due to the Corona Virus situation, this September 2020 there will be no RIDE & STRIDE events in our Sussex churches. Here at St Peter's in Folkington we have been strong supporters and participants for many years, with the church always open and manned on the second Saturday, with refreshments on offer and plants and books for sale. Our parishioner Mrs John Clarke (Gwyneth) has organised the day for at least the past 15 years. We hope that next year the event will re-start.

We are forever grateful to this wonderful Trust for the generous grants that they have given St Peter's over many years, especially in 2015, when we had to suddenly raise a huge sum to replace two 15th- century oak beams in the rafters. As folk will recall, we lived with scaffolding inside the church for four months.

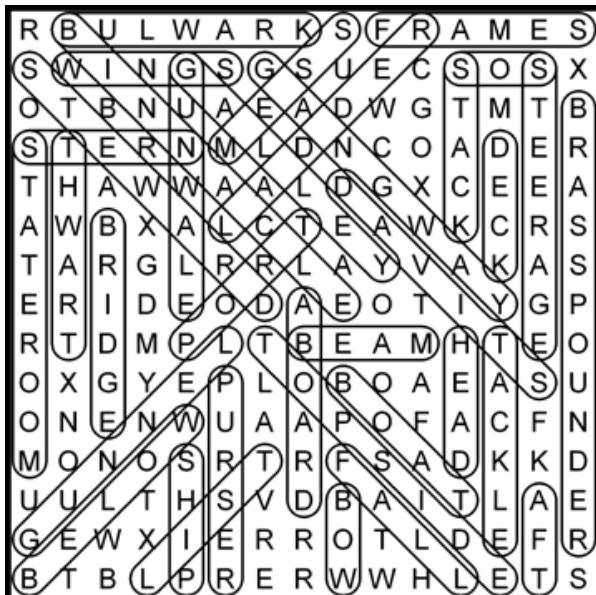
On the first two Saturdays and Sundays in September, we hope to have plants for sale, inside the porch and weather permitting outside. Any proceeds will go to the Sussex Historic Churches Trust

PS !We have just been told by the Trust that any enthusiastic walkers and supporters can get sponsored or sponsor themselves, walk round the Churchyard or any where and tell Gwyneth Clarke and/ or the Churchwardens.

Follow the example of Captain Tom !23

Could you please continue to save postage stamps, milk bottle tops, greetings cards, wool, buttons and ribbons. The Friends of Eastbourne Hospital have been beavering away during lockdown and stocks are getting very low. As soon as the church is open you will be able to deposit your items in the boxes at the back of the church.

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Benefice Services for September

6th September

Selmeston Morning Prayer	10am
Arlington Morning Prayer	10am

13th September

Selmeston Morning Prayer	10am
Wilmington Morning Prayer	10am

20th September

Alciston Morning Prayer	10am
Arlington Morning Prayer	10am

27th September

Selmeston Morning Prayer	10am
Wilmington Morning Prayer	10am

4th October

HARVEST FESTIVALS (location to be confirmed) 10am

Because of restrictions on numbers please contact the Benefice Administrator on 01323 811136 or email at benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk if you would like to attend the Harvest Festival service. Places will be allocated to those who respond first.

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ZOOM SERVICES

Sunday Zoom Morning Prayer will be held at 9am from 6th September. You can be sent a link to join these services - please contact the Benefice Administrator at benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk to be added to the mailing list to receive this link.

Wednesday Zoom Morning Prayer will be held at 9.30am each Wednesday in September. Please request a link as above.

BERWICK CHURCH

We're hoping that the restoration work at Berwick is going to be completed during September and that we will be able to hold our first services in October. If you'd like to be on a mailing list and receive information about the restarting of services please contact the Benefice Administrator on 01323 811136 or email at benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk

If you have any queries please contact:

Reverend Peter Blee on 01323 870512 – he is available whether you are a member of the church or not. (This includes face to face contact - but at a safe distance.) Reverend Frank Fox - Wilson is on 01323 871148. Please respect Frank's need to minimise contact and that he is off-duty Tuesday to Friday.