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Dates and Events for Your Diary

27th May	'Pub in the Club'. Just drop in!	6.00 pm
June 2nd-5th	Platinum Jubilee Flower Festival	
June 5th	Songs of Praise at Wilmington Church	11.00 am
June 5th	Wilmington Platinum Jubilee Lunch	Noon
24th June	'Pub in the Club'. Just drop in!	6.00 pm
9th July	'I spy!' What's outside the church?	2.00pm

FROM THE VICARAGE

June is Jubilee month and whenever my attention is drawn to the Queen, her example of service comes to mind. Princess Elizabeth, during her visit to South Africa, which my parents remembered so clearly all their lives, made this promise on her 21st birthday:

'I declare before you that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong. But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.'

What has unfolded is a very long life of service, and there have been many difficult years, many good years, times of great happiness, and times of great sorrow – much the same as we all experience in this transient life.

Some may be quite unmoved by a life of service in surroundings of obvious opulence and luxury, but this is perhaps what makes the Queen's dedication to her duty remarkable. She did not need to be so faithful to her calling; throughout history there have been good and bad monarchs. In this day and age, with her role not a political one, would dereliction of her duty have caused much upheaval? Yet she 'put duty before personal preference, showing remarkable restraint and self-sacrifice' in order to keep her public promises.



Being accountable for how we live our lives seems an old-fashioned idea, for many times the focus these days is on "self care", being true to oneself. Service to others is what we do, so that we feel better about ourselves.

Perhaps this generalised statement seems harsh, but the truth is that the human condition requires offering and accepting service to and from others. And Christians know that ultimately there will be a reckoning, and we will be accountable for all that we have done or left undone. This would be an intolerable burden without God's help and guidance, and his infinite mercy. As the Queen said in 2002: 'Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to

do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.'

Psalm 23 is one of the Queen's favourites, but perhaps she identifies with that other monarch of long ago, King David, who wrote: 'The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults.' (Psalm28v7.) We may not live like royalty, but we are all called to serve; let's do it to the best of our ability and give thanks to God for our Queen.

God bless you all

Reverend Shirley

A Good Reader

During the a conversation I had with Annie Baillie when she and Richard first came to the village Annie asked whether there was a Book Group in the village. There was not – but Annie quickly formed one. We used to meet in The Giant's Rest on Sunday evenings. Along came lockdown, the pub closed and when the group started again we met in the summer house at Hunter's Dene. We didn't know then that Annie was a writer with her first novel almost finished. Alas, that novel hadn't made it to publication when Annie died. This surprises me because I had the opportunity to read the manuscript and was puzzled that so powerful a piece of writing had not found a publisher. Annie did have a short story published – it was both clever and stylish.

What we did learn at Book Group was that she was not only well read but that she was sharp and pointed in her comments. I was indebted to her for leading me to some excellent reading and I want to recall some of those books here. It was, for example, Annie who pointed me towards "A Little Life" – a book which I have written about before but one I would recommend. It's a novel I read in bursts. There are times when the events are so painful that I needed to stop reading at the end of some episodes – but it is full of compassion.

Of all the books Annie recommended to me There were two that I particularly enjoyed. The first of these was "Hamnet" by Maggie O'Farrell. I had not read any of O'Farrell's well received and prize winning novels but she was a particular favourite of Annie's. Hament is a historical novel which is about the short life of Shakespeare's

son who died of the plague when he was eleven years old. I suspect that writing a historical novel about great writer is a risky undertaking and little enough is known about the life of Shakespeare which might make the task easier There have been, of course, many attempts to seek in the plays clues to Shakespeare's life to round out the limited factual knowledge. In a sense, this book does something of the same and it's easy enough to surmise that Hamnet, Shakespeare's son in the novel, might be a

foreshadowing of the protagonist of one of his plays. This novel goes far beyond that – it does imagine what the internal life of the poet/dramatist might have been as well as giving us a sense of what life in that period was like - but its real theme is about grief and how overwhelming the death of a child can be. It is brilliantly written, warm, tender and sad.

The second book "Shuggy Baines" by Douglas Stuart is a different thing altogether. It won the Booker Prize in 2020 having been rejected, it appears, by over 30 publishers. The book is about a boy living in a deprived part of Glasgow. It took me some time to appreciate how unjust my initial reaction to the



novel was. You might think this is just another story about a poor lad in a rough background because it is that on the surface and that is brilliantly created. However, it is really about love and perseverance. Don't allow the Glasgow dialect and the rugged background to put you off reading the novel. Like Hamnet, the surface is a surface beneath which is traced a story about fundamentals.

The book group is a place of enjoyment, discussion, and disagreement. Last year I recommended that we might read "Going, Went, Gone" by the German novelist Jenny Erpenbeck. I had known nothing of her before coming across a chance mention of this novel but she is seen as one of Europe's foremost writers. The story concerns a newly retired Classics professor who is wondering how his days are going to be filled. He lives in Berlin and has gone through the reunification



of East and West Germany. By chance, he comes across a group of refugees from Africa who are living rough in Berlin and as his concern for them develops he begins to query what his life is for. It's often hard to tell what a translation does for a novel, but the spare prose of this novel is compelling. One critic I read described the book as having "a wonderfully plain and candid tone". Is the book about migrancy and how we might treat refugees? It certainly is but those are the circumstances which leads into an exploration of a man's life. I enjoyed it enormously but not everyone did and I think it was the style that was not liked.

Finally for this month another translation of a novel which I would have wished to share with Annie. "The Frozen Heart" by Almudena Grandes is translated from the Spanish and I came across this when a speaker on a nodcast described it as

cáme across this when a speaker on a podcast described it as having "the wide scope of a novel by Tolstoy". That's a hard recommendation to resist even if you know it will mean something both long and serious. Don't be put off by its cover which has all the appearance of a romantic pot boiler. It has an epic sweep and concerns two linked families whose lives are distorted by the Spanish civil war and its aftermath. I don't think you need to have much prior knowledge of the complexities of that period to understand what is happening as that emerges as the novel develops. It's not set entirely in that period. The time frame switches back and forward from the events of the war to its continued impact on the families. It's a delight to read full of colour and life and I fully recommend it.

I hope that the Book Group will continue and I also hope that there will be more members who can join in sharing the enjoyment of what you read. If you would like to be kept in touch with the group, please email me at: a.m.webster@btinternet.com

WILMINGTON NEWS

St Mary's & St Peter's

Jubilee Flower Festival

2nd-5th June 2022



You are invited to bring your tributes as we commemorate the Queen's reign. Flower arrangements, or any other handcrafted floral tribute or bunting, will be welcome. Please bring them to the church by Wednesday evening.

You are welcome to call or text if you have any queries.

Wilmington Events Organised By The PCC Of Saint Mary and St Peter's Church

'I spy!' What's outside the church? - July 9th: 2pm

Explore the churchyard, and find flora and fauna, particular graves of significance, and other features unique to this little corner of God's acre. Prizes for the fastest to complete the challenge.

Be assured of a very warm welcome.

Reverend Shirley 07880 554750

WILMINGTON, FOLKINGTON AND MILTON STREET VILLAGE CLUB PUB IN THE CLUB

We – collectively - will continue to run the "Pub in the Club" on the last Friday of every month from 6 until 10 until the village pub re-opens. So it's a time limited opportunity to go along to an 'exclusive' venue and support our local Village Hall. Don't miss out! And if you fancy running the bar – just let Ruth or Melissa know.

From Ruth, Our Chairman

Hello Everyone,



BIG JUBILEE LUNCH

Wilmington Village Hall, Sunday 5th June, 12pm to 4pm

We hope as many residents of all three villages as possible come along to a (free!) buffet lunch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Free Pimms and soft drinks will be available (plus a bar).

As well as boules and other games there will be a Best Jubilee Hat or Crown Competition (children & adults), and a plant stall.

So we have an idea of numbers, if you are planning to come please email Ruth at ruth@rawzac.com by 24 May.

Any contributions of salads and puddings welcomed (help with the cost of ingredients provided) – please contact Christine on 01323 870 426. Donations of plants, seedlings, pots etc for the plant stall also gratefully received – please contact Billie on 07786 436238

Other Events in the pipeline are a BBQ in late summer and a boules evening. Look out for them in future editions of the Parish Magazine.

Reminder The Hall can be hired for £10 per hour for residents; Christine West is bookings Clerk, mobile: 07391 031411 or emails to candpchurch@btinternet.com and I will pass information on to Christine.

If you have any ideas for an event then we are happy to hear them as we are a small, dedicated committee whose aims are fundraising for upkeep of the Village Hall and getting people together.

Ruth Zacharewicz

BENEFICE NEWS

FAMILY SUPPORT WORK, MAY 2022 UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all of you who joined us back in April for our Easter Walk. It was a fantastic day and we hope that everybody enjoyed themselves. We hope that the event will raise around £5000 once all sponsorship money has been collected, which is a wonderful result and provides much-needed funds to support our East Sussex work.

Our new practitioners joined us at the start of May and are settling in to their areas, meeting local contacts and beginning to build caseloads. We are so happy to have them on board so that we can offer our services to families in areas

which have not had support for many years. You can find out more information about our new practitioners on our website or Facebook page.

Work with families is really gathering speed now, and the challenges of coping with the cost of living increases are the key issue for most of them. We have also seen a rise in families being referred to us for domestic abuse reasons, which means a lot of very gentle and nurturing support is required.

Open Garden season is upon us now and there are many garden openings to look forward to over the spring and summer months. Full details can be found on the Events page of our website and we do hope you are able to join us at some of them. We are also planning many family events for the Jubilee weekend in various parts of Sussex, as well as a return to Warnham Park for the first time since 2019 and a new family day at Ashburnham.

If you collect items for our foodbank, we would be particularly grateful for jam and other spreads, rice, toiletries and household cleaning products. We are fully stocked with cereal, pasta and tea so please avoid these if possible.

Thank you for your continued support of FSW's work.

April's work in numbers

189 individual visits and 474 calls with families supporting 355 adults and 331 children

19 supported meetings with other agencies

27 group sessions held supporting 379 parents and 242 children

188 food deliveries made

Prayer points

Pray for our new family support practitioners, that they will quickly feel part of the team and their local communities

Pray for all of the children we support who are about to take GCSE exams Give thanks for new contacts made in recent months which may lead to new sources of financial and volunteer support

Nikki Kerr FSW Director of Fundraising and Marketing

LONG MAN PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk for Long Man Parish Council is:

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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.

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The Rambling Publican

Grogshop News 6



I love to go a-wandering, along the mountain track, And as I go I love to sing, my knapsack on my back. Val-deri, Val-dera, my knapsack on my

Val-deri, Val-dera, my knapsack on my back.

Having twice whistled my way along the South Downs Way from Winchester to Eastbourne, I can testify first-hand just how miraculous it is for a tired and thirsty pilgrim to finally stumble down from the hills towards a vision of Jerusalem - which in my case is the pub that I'll be staggering

into after a hard days walking. Then hallelujah: boots off, hot shower, a pint or two of God's own nectar (*cheers*), a substantial well-cooked meal and a comatose night luxuriating in a warm comfortable bed. Heaven on earth! What's for breakfast?

The South Downs Way is a 106 mile rambling trail stretching between the ancient cathedral city of Winchester and the white chalky cliffs of the Seven Sisters and Beachy Head at Eastbourne. The advice from guidebooks is to walk west to east - towards Eastbourne. The trail follows prehistoric routes across the rolling ridgelines of Hampshire and Sussex, meandering through the cultural patchwork of the South Downs National Park - the UK's newest and busiest - and eventually into our lovely village of Wilmington. Where's the pub?

As fortune has it our grogshop (AKA Long Man Inn) is on the South Downs Way and once revamped, will have four private overnight rooms for weary

wayfarers to rest up in and recuperate before saying hello our mysterious guardian on Windover Hill and heading off towards the finishing line. *Pint of Long Man please*.

The final stretch of the trail from Wilmington to Beachy Head across the Seven Sisters, makes for a spectacular emotional finale and if you're lucky, you'll get the prevailing winds whistling behind your back, easing you forward.

Walk on, walk on with hope in your heart And you'll never walk alone.

Wash your hands and God save The Queen

Peter Bridgewater Long Man Inn 0771549009615



Sussex Zookeepers Celebrate Double Co-Chair Appointment to National Zoo Association



Drusillas Park near Alfriston is celebrating the outstanding achievement of two of their zookeepers who have both been appointed co-chair positions within the British and Irish Association of Zoos and Aquariums (BIAZA).

Zoo Animal Manager, Mark Kenward, has been appointed co-chair of the BIAZA Carnivore Sub Group, and Head Keeper, Gemma Romanis, has been selected as the new co-chair of the BIAZA Small Mammal Sub Group.

Both positions form part of BIAZA's Mammal Working Group, sitting within the wider Living Collections Committee, which aims to promote and ensure the highest standards of animal welfare, husbandry and management in zoos and aquariums



Mark Kenward spoke about the appointment "I've been fortunate to work at Drusillas for over 20 years, and have been zookeeping for almost 30 years, and it's the best career anyone can hope to have. My new appointment means I'll be

assisting other zoos in the UK, and sometimes across Europe, in how best to manage the carnivore species from a welfare and conservation point of view, and ensure their survival for the future."

Mark continued, "Previously I was on the Small Mammal sub group and I'm delighted that Gemma has now taken that position. Gemma and I have worked together for 10 years and it's a huge achievement to have two zoo professionals



from the same collection working with BIAZA in co-chair positions, so I feel incredibly proud. It's a wonderful opportunity and I'm really looking forward to working with colleagues from other zoos and the wider animal community."

Gemma Romanis spoke about her new appointment: "Animals are my life passion and I started my career nearly ten



years ago, and have continuously pushed myself professionally, trying to learn as much as I can. I'm incredibly proud that this has now led me to the position of co-chair, and I'm excited to now be involved in advising and guiding other collections caring for small mammals. It's a big achievement for me to take my place within the zoo community and I can't wait to work alongside my peers towards our goal of ensuring best practice in caring for the species."

Among their new duties, Mark and Gemma will contribute to articles, care sheets and best practice guidance, attend twice yearly meetings, and facilitate collaboration with other BIAZA committees.

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

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THE PUZZLE PAGE

Our JUNE puzzles start off with a WORDSEARCH on a theme of WILD FLOWERS. The Words to seek within the grid (horizontally, vertically or on diagonals) are below:

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Goosegrass
Honeysuckle
Tansy
Scabious
Buttercup
Anemone
Hellebore
Yarrow
Thistle
Dandelion
Ramsons

Betony

Mallow Cranesbill Trefoil Vetch Silverweed Burnet Dropwort Willowherb Loosestrife Nettle Mistletoe Ivy Buckthorn Sanicle Angelica Dock

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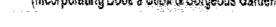
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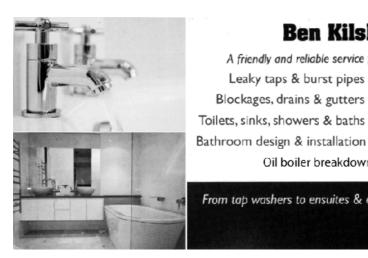
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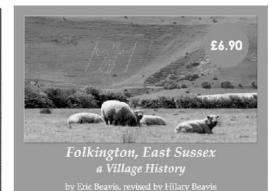
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A section added outlines changes that have occurred over four decades within the A27 boundaries of the South Downs National Park.



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SERVICES FOR JUNE AND EARLY JULY

Sunday June 5th - 10.30am -Pentecost / Whit Sunday
Special Service for the celebration of the QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE
Holy Communion with the Benefice Team - Refreshments after the service.

Sunday June 12th- 10.30am - Mattins Trinity Sunday and Open Farm Sunday
The Reverend Neville Manning
Refreshments after the service

Sunday June 19th - Trinity 1 - 10.30am Father's Day - Mattins
Priest or Reader to be confirmed
Refreshments after the service

Sunday June 26th - Trinity 2 - 10.30 am - Mattins
Priest /Reader to be confirmed
Refreshments after service

Saint Peter's continues to be open for prayer on Wednesday/Friday and Sunday, and for part of Saturday.



Early Summer News From Saint Peter's Church, Folkington

Update on The Sheppard Monuments

We were looking forward to welcoming Stone Conservators Emma and Tom from the Skillington Workshop, on Easter Tuesday. They were due to start work on the restoration and re-installation of the Thomas and Sarah Sheppard Monuments, which had been dismantled and put in store last July, 2021. Sadly, on account of serious Covid illness and their heavy work schedule to then catch up on (including a chapel in Ely Cathedral), they will now come to Saint

Peter's in early September, probably in the first week. Emma and Tom will be under the direction of Dr David Carrington, ACR, FSA, of the Skillington Workshop Ltd, Grantham. These two wall - memorials were the work of the notable Victorian sculptor Charles Raymond Smith (active c.1820-1872).

The work will coincide with the Annual Ride and Stride event on Saturday September 10th, when Saint Peter's will be manned all day and will hope to welcome walkers and riders. We do hope that visitors will be interested to see and learn about the project being carried out by skilled stone conservators, on monuments that are a part of local history.

On May 3rd the Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held in the church, chaired by the Rector, The Reverend Prebendary Stephen Stuckes. Seven apologies were received. The PCC was re- elected en bloc, with Mr Alan Best and Mrs Sabrina Harcourt- Smith to continue as Churchwardens, Mrs Elizabeth Chisholm as Treasurer, Mrs Elizabeth Fieldsend as Safeguarding Representative, Mrs Abigail Sargent as Deanery Synod Representative and Mrs Mel Norman as Secretary.

With the happy arrival of warm weather, there will very soon be plants for sale in the porch.

Watch this space!

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee Celebration on June 2nd through June 5th.

The service of Holy Communion on Sunday June 5th, to be taken by one of the Benefice Team, will have special prayers and hymns and all are invited to enjoy festive refreshments after the service

We are continuing to save milk bottle tops, ribbons, cartridges and stamps for the Friends of Eastbourne Hospitals. Boxes can be found by the organ.

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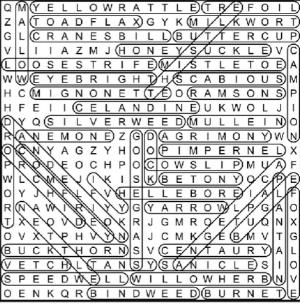
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BENEFICE SERVICES AND NOTICES

June 5th	Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee		
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Songs of Praise	Shirley Pearce	
10.00 am	Selmeston ~Family Service	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Thanksgiving Service	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Songs of Praise	Shirley Pearce	
June 12th			
9.30 am	Alciston ~ Book of Common Prayer	Peter Blee	
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce	
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce	
June 19th			
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce	
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Family Service	Shirley Pearce	
June 26th			
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce	
9.30 am	Alciston ~ Book of Common Prayer	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce	
July 3rd			
9.30 am	Arlington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce	
9.30 am	Selmeston ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Berwick ~ Holy Communion	Peter Blee	
11.00 am	Wilmington ~ Holy Communion	Shirley Pearce	

Please note that these service details might well change!

Pastoral Prayer or Talk

The Reverends Peter Blee and Shirley Pearce are available to speak to people on the phone and are also able to pray with people on request in church at Morning or Evening Prayerand to offer help in any way possible; telephones: 01323 870 512, 01323 318 231. or emails: peter.blee@berwickchurch.org.uk revshirleym@gmail.com

Prayer Requests, Suggestions or Comments

If you have any prayer requests please pass them on – they can either be kept confidential or included in intercessions at our online services.

Suggestions and comments as to what is offered online or what might be offered in addition are welcomed.

The times of the services are subject to change. Please look at the website (www.sussexdownlandchurches.org.uk) and check carefully on the Sunday link emails. If in any doubt please contact Stephanie Lewis-Grey on 01323 811136 or email at:

benefice.administrator@berwickchurch.org.uk

Our churches remain open for private prayer and reflection every day.