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Community News

Find out what local organisations have been doing and what events they are planning.....

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

At least we are now enjoying some warmer weather and some rain for the gardens but unfortunately Covid has not disappeared although all efforts to keep track of the situation have been withdrawn and we really don't know the true situation. We have continued to wear masks when going into areas where there are lots of people as a precaution against catching it.

Some of the activities recorded in The Parish Pump have restarted but others have been cautious and are delaying for a while longer.

Recently the most recent edition of The Parish Pump was made available on the Pevensey Parish Council web-site and it is likely that a similar action will be taken on the Westham Parish Council web-site. This will help ease our problems in finding volunteers willing to deliver the magazine door to door. Personally, I do not think that the time is right for going on-line completely and that there are still many local residents who like to have a hard copy and who don't yet use the internet for everything.

In that context I would appreciate being informed on people's preference by way of a simple answer to the question, 'Yes, I would prefer to be able to access The Parish Pump on-line' or 'No, I would rather retain the present format.'

I am going through and updating the contact numbers of the various clubs and associations and should be grateful if anyone concerned could inform me of any numbers that need updating.

Now I'm sure that most people are looking forward to H.M. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the celebrations and activities surrounding it. I wonder how many of you remember the Coronation? By the time you receive the magazine it will all be over but I trust you will have enjoyed the Jubilee.

Nicholas Munro, Editor
07507 480084

PEVENSEY MEMORIAL HALL Volunteer Bookings Secretary

Pevensey Memorial Hall already has a well established schedule of regular bookings ranging from dance classes to a playgroup, however there are still some slots available for hire. The Hall Committee are seeking an enthusiastic volunteer to co-ordinate regular users and one off lets alike.

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As the new Council year begins Pevensey Parish Council (PPC) has various projects, commitments and events planned. We are also pleased to welcome two new Councillors.

April is the start of the Council's new financial year which will bring repairs and replacement to some assets, mainly due to their age.

PPC is conscious of the difficult financial times facing local people and has therefore kept its increase to its part of the Council Tax precept as low as possible. Nevertheless, the main unavoidable increases for PPC are down to inflation and tree management, as 2 examples of the reason for the £0.13p increase per week (per band D household).

PPC has issued its second three year plan. This rolling 3 year plan is reviewed and updated annually, changing as needed. This is the main way of conveying what PPC are doing to meet the needs of the community within the constraints of the role and responsibilities of a parish council. It is available on the Parish Council website www.pevenseyparishcouncil.gov.uk and hard copies are available at the Information Centre and Library.

In December 2021, PPC issued its second parish wide questionnaire. The overall response rate was good at just over 16%. The views expressed have been incorporated in the 3 year plan and ongoing Council business. In addition, PPC asked if there were any residents willing to help volunteer and help for examples with events, Planters, Litter Picks and leaflet drops. PPC are still looking for volunteers. Please contact the Clerk.

Early this year the Council launched its new accessible website. It provides information about the Council, other service providers and authorities, posts and regular news of Councils initiatives and information on planned events and Council meetings. PPC have also created a helpful 'Frequently Asked Question' page to help try and answer residents' questions and queries. A video and photographs of the local area are also on the website.

Council continues to work closely with the Environment Agency and partners to ensure that a Sea Defence Contract beyond 2025 is in place. Several public exhibitions meetings took place in May to find out about the new project.

PPC has been discussing with Wealden District Council (WDC) concerns raised by residents about the charges put in place by WDC at Sea Road Car Park to find alternative solutions to help benefit our local residents and businesses. PPC would like to see WDC to introduce a free parking period at the car park to encourage people to use the nearby businesses.

PPC are also working with WDC and ESCC to establish Emergency plans for the area. Links and updates are available on the Parish Council website.

Attempts to secure funding to update and replace the play equipment at Wallsend Road have been unsuccessful. PPC have decided to look at using its own reserves to improve the ground.

After two years the Council is pleased that it can run the events it has planned. The first was the Vehicle of Yesteryear, held on the 2nd April. This was hugely popular

and attracted many visitors to the village. This years winning car was a 1968 Lancia Fulvia Sport Zagato 1-3S owned by Derek Creasy. Seen below being presented with their certificate by PPC Chairman P Lowton and G Bryant from the Sponsors Mason Bryant Estate Agents.



Other community events planned for this year include the Dog Show on the 26th June, the Information Day on the 1st October and formal litter picks.

This year's Village in Bloom competition will be held 11-15 July and will mark the Queen's Jubilee. PPC produced a programme of all the events to mark The Queen's accession for the weekend of 2-5 June, when many events were held across the parish. The various planters in the villages are maintained by volunteers and have local sponsors.

This year the responsibility of urban grass verge cutting will again become the responsibility of ESCC. PPC pay ESCC for four additional urban grass cuts and the Council will monitor ESCC's performance. All cutting dates and other information can be found on the East Sussex website <https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/our-services/vegetation/grass>. PPC employs a local contractor to provide regular cuts to the Recreation grounds throughout spring and summer.

PPC continues to monitor and provide comments as a Consultee on planning applications and matters

PPC will continue to monitor crime issues and antisocial behaviour and liaise with local elected Members at WDC and Sussex Police and provide updates through the Councils meetings, website and social media channels.

Pevensey has two Community Speed watch groups and both groups require volunteers, which PPC supports and promotes. If you can spare a little of your free time to help tackle speeding in our villages, please contact Steve O'Connell at CSW@sussex.pnn.police.uk

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ANDERIDA BORDER MORRIS

Anderida Morris have been busy preparing our new dancers to dance out this Summer. We finally danced at our first festival since before lockdown and it feels good to be back. Doing what we love and seeing old and new friends. Rochester Sweeps was a great way to start the season which is always held on the first bank holiday in May every year. We have a number of dates for dance outs over the coming months. Our local dance outs are at the Royal Oak and Castle on 20th May with Long Man Morris. We will also be dancing 14th July at the Castle Inn, Pevensey Bay with Hannah's Cat and are hoping to be involved with the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

Anderida are always interested to hear from anyone wishing to join our happy band of dancers and musicians. If you would like to have a go at Morris dancing or if you are a musician and would like to play for a Morris side contact Jane! It's an excellent way to get fit, and to meet new friends at our venue The Ethel Wood Community Centre, Pevensey Bay.

Our email is anderidamorris@gmail.com. Or search for us on Facebook under Anderida Border Morris

ANDERIDA WI

We have 'lift off'! Anderida WI (Pevensey Bay) have managed to keep going thanks to a volunteer coming forward to join the WI and agree to being our Treasurer. Obviously, all the ladies of Anderida WI are delighted to have been able to save this 60-year-old institution.



All the speakers have now been confirmed up to and including December. The speakers are varied and will talk on a variety of subjects. One in particular we are all looking forward to, is a Pearly Queen. Diane Gould will be giving a talk for our Platinum Jubilee celebration in June. A lady's jazz band called the Pink Panthers will be helping celebrate our 61st birthday in July and our 'veteran' music group 'Recycled' will be there to give us a good musical afternoon for our Christmas Party in December.

The new year for the WI was in April 2022 and we have lost a few of our ladies due mainly to ill health. We are now hoping to gain some new members from in and around Pevensey Bay. We are an afternoon group which unfortunately prohibits a lot of the younger ladies but there are still a lot of older ladies in the Bay who might benefit from a welcoming group of 'older' ladies!

We meet in St Wilfrid's Church Hall on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 2.30 pm. There is plenty of parking and we are on a bus route. Anderida WI have monthly coffee mornings, craft group and games afternoons. We have regular lunches or theatre trips. Why not come and join us? Now that COVID-19 and its variances are behind us (fingers crossed!), we can get back to what we do best. A local group that welcomes ladies to join in the companionship, albeit for two hours per month for main meetings. The coffee mornings are full of laughter and 'putting the world to rights' and the craft and games afternoons also provide fun and laughter each month.

You can try the meetings for three visits before you will hopefully join the WI. We are worth it!

Shirley Clark

President, Anderida WI (Pevensey Bay)
01323 769236, sscgypsy@hotmail.com

EAST SUSSEX MOVIEMAKERS

Members resumed meeting in their usual room at St Luke's Parish Centre in January to watch a Showreel of films made by members of the Spring Park Film Makers. The evening proved to be entertaining and enjoyable, made the more so by the usual break for a cup of tea and biscuit!



As programmed, the next meeting focused on projects for the months ahead, this produced some challenging ideas; these included ways in which the Queen's Platinum Jubilee might be captured on film in the lead up to the celebrations in early June. In the following meeting members had the chance to review the edited footage filmed of a performance by Brightlights, a drama group in Bexhill.

With evenings of instruction on 'Special effects', and competition results of 'One Minute' and 'Four Minute' films made by members to look forward to, the coming months provide opportunities for members to learn about, and to share, their interest in film making.

Anyone who has an enquiring interest in watching, and hopefully helping to make, short films, will be very welcome. Come on the 1st or 3rd Wednesday of any month at 7.00 pm and give us a try. (If you want tea please bring your own mug!) For more information contact Malcolm (01323 769016) or Val (07950904778).

Malcolm Webster

(Co-chairman with Alan Tutt)



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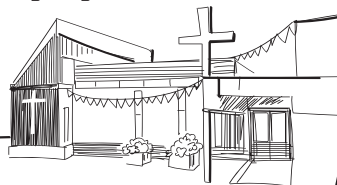
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Daniel Brookbank
Chief Executive

INKSPOT

Inkspot is a creative writing group meeting in Pevensey Bay on the first Friday of each month at 6pm. We have moved to a new home, and are delighted to have use of the Ethel Wood Hall along Coast Road. It's a perfect meeting place for us with plenty of space, ventilation and a bright and modern kitchen.

Each month we write on a different theme, and as well as sharing our written work at our meetings, we bring our stories and poems together in a monthly anthology. Our current theme suggested by a member is the intriguing *Turn Left at Sunset*.

We're on Facebook ([inkspotbythesea](https://www.facebook.com/inkspotbythesea)) where we regularly post details of upcoming meetings and writing themes. We can be contacted by email at inkspot@gmx.com.

New members who wish to share their creative writing, or find inspiration to write, in a supportive group are welcomed.

We're so pleased to be able to meet in person once again!

Jacky Long

PEVENSEY AND WESTHAM
COMMUNITY FOREST GARDEN

One of our recent projects has been to create a new community orchard next to Pevensey Castle, about half a mile from our forest garden. The opportunity to do this came from a fortuitous meeting with some members of Pevensey Parish Council in the autumn of 2021 about the need to clear undergrowth away from some fruit trees we had planted way back in 2015 before we acquired the forest garden. The council kindly agreed to clear away the brambles threatening to overwhelm the fruit trees on the understanding that our group took over the management of the undergrowth from then on and to increase the number of fruit trees, if we wished, on the space cleared in order to create a proper community orchard managed entirely by volunteers and with all the fruit shared freely with the local community.

Since then the orchard has expanded rapidly from an initial core of 6 fruit trees to 14 at the time of writing. The trees are a mixture of apple, crab apple, and plum varieties. 4 of those new trees were planted as part of our group's contribution to the Queen's Green Canopy Project, commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Year of 2022. We commemorated the planting of these new trees with a Wassail Ceremony, which hopefully will guarantee the fruitfulness of the orchard!





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Please contact us at pawforestgraden@gmail.com if you'd like to volunteer to help look after the new orchard.

Andrew Durling

PEVENSEY AND WESTHAM HISTORY SOCIETY

Hi Everyone. We are back! There have been a few changes since we last wrote in The Pump. Both Ian and Jan, our chairman and secretary, have stepped down. We thank them for all their hard work over the years and wish them well. Hopefully, they will continue to come to our meetings.

So, we can now announce our new Chairman, Robert Slater. Many may know Robert for his 'Ghost Stories' and 'History Tales' around Pevensey and Eastbourne. We thank him for stepping into this role.

We have an exciting programme of speakers this year. July brings Ian Everest with his talk 'From Sussex Ox to Fordson Major'. There is no meeting in August. In September we have 'Hidden History of Pevensey' with Peter Harrison. In October we have Alan Wenham with 'Burghs to Boroughs and a 1000 years of Local Governance'.

Remember, we meet on the 1st Monday of each month at 7.30 pm at Westham Village Hall and we would love to see you

The Committee

PEVENSEY BAY ART GROUP

At the time of writing, we are carrying out our sessions in the Baptist Church. We would like to thank them for accommodating us temporarily. We expect to be back in St. Wilfred's in early June when the refurbishment of the hall is completed.



We have been busy carrying out our own art practice and enjoying being part of exciting workshops led by Mick, Sue C and Sue A. Chinese brush painting was introduced to us by Zoe, Vicky, Sue C and Pam. Over the summer, future workshops will include depicting animals, cartoon and caricature drawing, colour exploration, seascape painting, watercolour and lino cutting and printing. If you are interested in participating in any of these sessions please let us know.

This year our annual lunch took place in the Aqua Bar. A lovely meal was enjoyed by all.

Each year we aim to host at least 3 events in which to show our artwork. On 2nd April, we held an exhibition in the Aqua Bar. It was very well attended; a really successful event. We had many complimentary comments on the high quality of our work. We thank the Aqua Bar for allowing us to exhibit on their premises. Our main Art Exhibition will be held on Saturday, 27th August in St. Wilfred's Church Hall. We look forward to greeting you with art works on show by our ever expanding membership.

We are a mixed ability, friendly group, who are always happy to welcome new members. If you would like to join us, please telephone our membership secretary on 01323 763 578 or turn up and meet us in St. Wilfred's Church Hall on Wednesday mornings between 9.00 am – midday.

Dinah Jones

PEVENSEY BAY AND DISTRICT INFORMATION & CARING CENTRE

Numbers are slowly picking up as the weather improves, particularly over half term.



We are still short of volunteers for both the office and drivers for the "hospital cars" so if anyone can help please contact the office on 01323766230 (still morning only 10.00 am to 12.30 Monday to Saturday).

We finally managed to get a large proportion of our volunteers together for an informal lunch recently. Many thanks to Dennis who organised it, ably assisted by Kim and many other helpers on the day. A good time was had by all.

Sadly, we were not allowed our usual stalls at the Vehicles of Yesteryear event but we hope to put on a bit of a show for the Jubilee on the Saturday. Please call in to see us even if just for a little chat.

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We want to extend our greetings to all of you. Wishing to all members of our local community and the surrounding areas God's protection, good health and peace in your heart during this Summer time (2022). Also, that our heavenly father will bless us with peace and reconciliation in our country and around the world. (Matthew 5:9)

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God"

Pastor Edwin

Pevensey Bay Activities for Summer 2022

Our Sunday services are held in our church building at 10:30 am.

Everyone is welcome to join us in worship. We are planning to carry on with our services as at the church building during this Summer time trusting God that nothing will change.

Prayer meetings on the Second and fourth Tuesday of the months at 7.00 pm in our church building. You are more than welcome to let us know if you want that we pray for you or your family.

Life Groups are small meetings for those who want to make friends and study the bible a very informal and familiar way. These take place the first and fourth Tuesday of the month.

Nit and Nat. It is an opportunity for those people who enjoy knitting things together in a friendly environment at the church building it takes place the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 2.00 pm at the church building.

First Step Toddlers.

We are willing to carry on serving our local community with our Toddlers Group, however because of the present circumstances we are not able to do it, at the moment we are experiencing short of supporters for the core team. If you are interested in helping us please contact us on 01323 769002 or 07511297680.

"Friendship-Plus" - coffee mornings, trips out and about, special interest mornings and more. "Friendship-Plus" is one of the many groups hosted and organised by Pevensey Bay Baptist Church.

Mainly, we meet on the 2nd Thursday in the month from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm with occasional additional events or a change of day. We meet upstairs at the church. On a "day out and about" come to the Baptist Church car park to share lifts at 10.15am to leave at 10.30am.

Pevensey Fit-Camp.

Pevensey Bay Church is delighted to offer to our local community a Fit-Camp for those who want to improve their life style doing exercise and making friends. The fit-camp takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. For more information please search: S&F FITNESS ON Facebook or contact us at 07548 692525.

Men's Breakfast. This is a monthly opportunity for men that want to come together to develop friendship, trust, also to reflect on topics of personal interest and prayer together for our needs. It takes place the first Saturday in the month at the church Building at 8:30 am.

Dog show. Pevensey Bay Baptist Church will organise a special family surprise activity on 26th June.

Everyone is welcome to take part in all our Celebrations. For more information please call on 01323 769002 or Mobile 07511297680. Also you can visit our website Pevensey Bay Baptist.

PEVENSEY BAY TO EASTBOURNE COASTAL MANAGEMENT SCHEME

In late April and early May, the project team from the Pevensey Bay to Eastbourne Coastal Management Scheme held a series of exhibitions, talks and walks in 4 different locations across Eastbourne and Pevensey. The team were excited to have met with people from the local community to answer questions and have many useful and productive discussions on the high-level flood risk possibilities for the coastline.



At these events we shared the future possibilities of different flood risk solutions to make this area of coastline resilient and adaptable to coastal flooding and erosion into the future. The aim of these meetings was to provide information on where we are in the schemes development and to listen to people's opinions on the high-level possibilities shared. The options shared were a combination of more hard engineering defences and more naturally functioning defences. An overview of these can be found on the scheme's website www.pevenseyandeastbournecoast.co.uk.

Throughout the two weeks, we met over 730 people and have gathered valuable feedback on your thoughts and how you use the coastline now and would like to in the future. Over the summer we will be using all of your feedback to further develop and refine these options and will be coming back to speak to you in the autumn with further updates. Details of this will be available nearer the time on our new project website.

In the meantime, if you would like any further information please contact the team by email at PevenseyandEastbourneCoast@environment-agency.gov.uk or visit the project website.



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PEVENSEY BAY MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

After two abortive and frustrating years, the club is again eagerly anticipating presenting its annual model railway exhibition which is to be held on Saturday 9th July at the Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1UE from 10.00.am to 4.00 pm.



Plans are well advanced to stage the show in what is a new venue that affords a lot more floor space for interesting and varied working layouts and trade stands. Visitors will also have more space to move around. There is ample free parking at the venue. Refreshments will be available during the day.

Shows in previous years have always been well attended and appreciated not just by model rail way enthusiasts, of which, there are many, but the general public as a whole. The club looks forward to welcoming visitors back.

Monday night clubs continue at the Ethel Wood Centre in Coast Road between 7.00 pm and 9.30 pm. The club has fostered a warm and welcoming atmosphere to club nights. Members not only work on the building and construction of model rail layouts, but they also enjoy the social gathering.

For further details contact: pbmrc@outlook.com, pevenseybaymodelrailwayclub.com or 07774185651

PEVENSEY BINGO

We still have a friendly evening of bingo on Fridays. Open to all 10 games plus flier. Free tea or coffee. Entry 50p 6 books £3. Doors open 6.45pm eyes down 7.30 pm . We usually finish about 9.15pm. All welcome contact Peter 763520.

PEVENSEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

It's wonderful to be able to say that our Library is now fully open and providing services to our community again, and that the community is really using it too!

We are open on Tuesday and Saturday mornings from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm and on Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2.0 0pm to 5.00 pm. We have about 7000 books available for loan along with a large amount for sale too. We can lend you jigsaw puzzles, as can photocopy for you and we can even get you a cup of tea and a sit down.

We are very pleased to accept donations of books, so please keep them coming, especially fiction, crime and local interest.

Daniel Brookbank

Director, Volunteers Network CIC

PEVENSEY COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Do you have two or three hours a month to spare? Are you under 75? Do you have D1 on your driving licence?

We urgently need a mini bus driver once a month on a Thursday. Training will be given.

A group of ladies in Pevensey Bay would love to go out once a month. Call 07495 477269.

Our Tuesday lunch club is still thriving, we have two vacancies now.

We are hoping to do a few trips in summer and will be doing a special lunch on the Queen's Jubilee Day.

Our fortnightly shopping trip to Asda is now full but if you are interested your name could be put on waiting list.

Gill Parsons

PEVENSEY MEMORIAL HALL
SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

We are open to all existing and new bowlers of all ages. Tuition available. Monday 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm, Monday evening 7.00 pm till 9.00 pm., Wednesday 2.00 pm till 4.00 pm. Sunday morning 10.00 am till noon. Please arrive 10 minutes before start time.

For further information contact Peter on 763520 or Linda 764336.

PEVENSEY UKELELE GROUP

As socialising relaxed after lockdown the PUGs only gradually built up its numbers at rehearsals but over the Spring months there have been several invitations to perform in Care Homes and local clubs.

Indeed, one club, attended by about 12 players, was at the Ore Community Centre on a Thursday afternoon. It was a bit further than we normally go but both the audience and strummers rejoiced in each other's input; yes, the audience of about 18 sang along enjoying songs like Waltzing Matilda, You are my Sunshine and Wooden Heart. We have a little audience competition during the performance and, no one could guess the song after playing the few introduction chords.

The audience had tea, sandwiches and cakes while we were playing and we finished off with Rod Stewart's, Sailing, where there were a flourish of arms swaying to the beat in the imaginary sea air. Bill Haley's, See You Later



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Alligator, finished off a very successful gig and the band was then presented with a feast of nibbles and tea that was enough not to need a supper that evening. I asked a couple of ladies in the audience what the group was called and all she said was that it was "the club"; it was a mixture of men and women so I guess the local Social Club but obviously popular both for its food, the friendly folk attending and, of course, the quality of performers they have.

We also attended a few Care Homes where one, The British Legion in Bexhill, asked us to do a Covid test before attending. Everyone passed, of course. But the second time we went to the same place they hadn't asked us to do a test before, but on arrival, they said "Oh, you must do the test again." Well fortunately they had test kits in the Home so we did them outside and, again, all passed and we went in and had a successful gig including tea and cakes afterwards. We realised the sense of the test when the management informed us that they had never had any Covid in their home and they wanted to keep it that way; well-done British Legion.

Any money raised by PUGs covers our insurance and a few incidentals otherwise all the funds are donated to local charities. PUGs charge only £50 for a gig and, when you consider you get usually 12 to 20 volunteer players including their singing, well-rehearsed in their red and black attire, it is a good deal. Contact Alan on 01323 763061 or 07986 130034.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION (WESTHAM, PEVENSEY AND STONE CROSS BRANCH)

We are pleased to announce that, even under these unusual circumstances, our Branch raised the sum of £8,288.09 for Poppy Appeal in November. Thank you for your support.



Our Branch is following the Corona Virus recommendations so we are still unable to hold our quarterly meetings but we are hopeful that we will be able to hold our Coffee Morning at St. Wilfrid's Church Hall on Saturday 30th April 10.00 am – 12 noon. Look out for the posters and hope to see you there.

We are still helping our Members with shopping, hospital visits etc. and will continue to do so as long as is necessary.

Hoping for an easier year for everyone in 2022!

RVS MONDAY LUNCH CLUB

We at the Monday Lunch Club are looking forward to a full year. If you are new to the village, or are lonely and find it hard to get out then get in touch.

On arrival tea or coffee is served. A home cooked lunch is served at mid day. If you wish, you can join in with our game of Bingo before you leave. We are able to collect you by Mini Bus if required.

We will have celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee with a special menu and a few games.

We still require relief drivers under 75 years of age, can you help?

If you would like to come along and join us then ring Chris Wood on 768019 or 07485 489 449

Christine Wood

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WESTHAM

Parish life continues afoot even as the pandemic persists around us and it has been wonderful to still welcome back people who haven't been able to attend previously because of this. Christmas was busy and we now look forward to our Easter celebrations. We're still to fully agree all our Easter services, but we're hoping to once more be able to hold our traditional after-school Shrove Tuesday



Pancake celebration on 1st March before we mark the beginning of Lent with a service on Ash Wednesday (2nd March). Likewise, we are planning to hold our usual Easter services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Day, but to check service times the best place to look nearer the time is on our website: www.stmaryschurchwestham.co.uk.

We hold several different service styles from a weekly Prayer Book Communion to a monthly All Age Worship service (1st Sunday of the month) and there are many opportunities to discover how Christian spirituality helps our life experiences, such as through the well known Alpha course (next one begins just after Easter).

Do take a look at our website, or receive a very warm welcome on a Sunday morning.

Harvest Festival – Friday 30th September to Sunday 2nd October. Come and look around the 'Celebration of Harvest' Flowers. Good refreshments available. Sunday services on that particular day, 8.00 am BCP Holy Communion and 9.45 am 'All Age Worship

ST WILFRID'S HALL, PEVENSEY BAY

The hall will, by the time you read this, be open again following major refurbishment work to replace the roof, ceiling, insulation, lighting, flooring and redecoration. Funding for this has been received from a number of funders including the Suez Landfill Trust, the National Lottery Awards for All fund, the Garfield Weston Trust and DEFRA.

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Churches:

Pevensey Bay Baptist Church	01323 769002
St. Luke's, Stone Cross	01323 767020
St. Mary's, Westham	01323 460176
St. Nicolas, Pevensey	01323 765481
St. Wilfrid's, Pevensey Bay	01323 765481

Halls:

Ethel Wood Community Centre	-----
Ethel Wood Community Centre, Bookings	01323 763900
Memorial Hall, Pevensey	01323 764565
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St. Luke's Parish Centre, Stone Cross	01323 767020
St. Wilfrid's, Pevensey Bay, Bookings	01323 460523
Stone Cross Memorial Hall	-----
Westham Village Hall, Bookings	07821 377110

Medical Centres:

Pevensey Bay, Westham & Stone Cross	01323 761461
Eastbourne D.G. Hospital	0300 131 4500

Parish Councils:

Pevensey - Clerk to the Council	01323 743900
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Westham	01323 461299

Play Groups & Primary Schools:

First Steps Mums & Toddlers	01323 769002
Hankham Primary School	01323 763265
Little Castle Nursery	TBA
Little Lukes Playgroup	01323 461649
Pevensey & Westham Pre-School	07925 538730
Pevensey & Westham Primary School	01323 762269
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Social Services:

William Daly Centre	01323 484316
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General:

Court House, Pevensey	01323 733419
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Pevensey Bay Community Library Renewals	01323 398227
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Pevensey Coastal Defence	01323 761202

Women's Institutes (WI):

Anderida	01323 769236 (Shirley Clark)	01323 769236
Westham Evening		01323 762374

Voluntary Organisations & Societies:

Anderida Morris	318532 or 07943 839838
Bowls Club	01323 764346
British Red Cross	01323 732471
Care for the Carers	01323 738390
Cats Protection League	01323 440101
Dickens Fellowship	01323 471615
Disability Solutions	01323 763506
	disabilitiesolutions8@gmail.com
Eastbourne Stroke Support Group	01273 782715
East Sussex Vision Support	01323 832252
East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre	01323 722505
East Sussex Moviemakers	01323 769016
E/Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service	07815 078234
Foxes Hollow Residents' Assoc.	01323 764350/764590
Guide Dogs for the Blind	01323 763206
Haven Players	01323 460174
Kit Wilson Trust	01825 830444
Monday Bingo Club	01323 763583
Monday Lunch Club, Pevensey Bay	01323 469168
Pevensey Area Gardeners' Club	01323 650719
Pevensey Bay Art Group	01323 763578
Pevensey Bay Model Railway Club	07774 185651
Pevensey Bay & District Stroke Club	01323 762591
Pevensey Bingo (Friday)	01323 763520
Pevensey Church Farm Trust	01323 743301
Pevensey Church Farm (Tenant)	01323 762371
Pevensey Community Support	-----
Pevensey Dreamers Social Club	01323 763750
Pevensey Villages Partnership	07511 835408
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Pevensey & Westham Adult /	
Jnr Football Club	01323 763026
Pevensey & Westham Flower Club	01323 736257
Pevensey & Westham Historical Society	01323 728277
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What's On

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WEEKEND LOCAL CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays **8.00 am** St Mary's, Westham – BCP Holy Communion.
9.30 am St Wilfrid's Pevensey Bay – Holy Communion.
9.45 am St Mary's, Westham – Holy Communion – All ages welcome.
11.30 am St Nicolas Church, Pevensey – Sung Eucharist.

EVERY WEEK

Sundays **10.00 am – 12.30 pm** Pevensey Memorial Hall SM Bowls Club – now open.

Mondays **10.00 am** St Mary's Church, Westham open.
 RVS Monday Lunch Club – Ethel Wood Community Centre.
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Pevensey Memorial Hall SM Bowls Club – now open.
7.00 pm – 9.30 pm Pevensey Memorial Hall SM Bowls Club – now open.
7.00 pm – 9.30 pm Pevensey Bay Model Railway Club – Ethel Wood Community Centre.

Tuesdays **10.00 am** Pevensey & Westham Community Forest Garden volunteers meet at Pevensey Recreation Ground Car Park.
10.00 am St Mary's Church, Westham open.
2.00 pm – 4.30 pm Pevensey Memorial Hall SM Bowls Club – now open.

Wednesdays **9.00 am – Noon** Pevensey Bay Art Group – St Wilfrid's Hall, Pevensey Bay.
9.30 am – Westham Pop-In – Westham Village Hall.
10.00 am St Mary's Church, Westham open.
11.30 am – 12.30 pm Chair-Based Yoga – Ethel Wood Community Centre.

Thursdays

2.00 pm – 4.30 pm Pevensey Memorial Hall SM Bowls Club – now open.
6.30 pm – 7.30 pm Hatha Yoga for All – Ethel Wood Community Centre.
10.00 am St Mary's Church, Westham open.
10.00 am Pevensey & Westham Community Forest Garden volunteers meet at Pevensey Recreation Ground Car Park.
1.00 pm – 3.00 pm Noah's Ark – Parent & Toddlers Group (during term time) – St Mary's Church.
10.00 am St Mary's Church, Westham open.
10.00 am – 11.00 am Chair-based Yoga – at Langney Community Centre.
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm eye down looking Bingo, Pevensey Memorial Hall – already started.

Fridays

Cuckmere Buses Service 36 (Berwick Station to Beachlands via Polegate, Stone Cross, Westham, Langney Shops, Asda (Crumbles) and Pevensey Bay (Plus return).
Cuckmere Buses Service 37 (Beachlands to Hailsham via Pevensey Bay, Asda (Crumbles), Langney Shops, Westham, Stone Cross and Ersham Road (Plus return).

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JULY 2022

- Sat 2nd** **6.30 pm** The Alan Gesty Ragtimers Dixieland Band – St Nicolas Church, Pevensey.
- Sun 3rd** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open for teas and tours.
- Mon 4th** **7.30 pm** Pevensey and Westham Historical Society – 'From Sussex Ox to Fordson Major' – The story of oxen, horses and steam power and their impact on the Sussex countryside – by Ian Everest – Westham Village Hall.
- Tue 5th** **Time and venue TBC** Anderida WI – Coffee morning
- Tue 5th** **7.30 pm** Happy Feet Sussex – Pevensey Memorial Hall.
- Sat 9th** **10.00 am – 12.30 pm** St Wilfrid's Craft Fare – St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Pevensey Bay.
- Sat 9th** **10.00 am** Pevensey Bay Model Railway Club Annual Model Rail Exhibition – Victoria Baptist Church, Eldon Road, Eastbourne BN21 1UE.
- Sun 10th** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open for teas and tours.
- Tue 12th** **1.30 pm** Anderida WI – Craft afternoon – Ethel Wood Community Hall.
- Sun 17th** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open for teas and tours.
- Tue 19th** **2.30 pm** Anderida WI – Games Afternoon – Ethel Wood Community Hall.
- Sun 24th** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open for teas and tours.
- Tue 26th** **1.30 pm** Anderida WI – Birthday Party with 'The Punk Panthers' – St Wilfrid's Church Hall (Invitation only).
- Wed 27th** **1.00 pm – 3.00 pm** Friends of Pevensey Playgrounds – Free play event for all children & families, Wallsend Road Recreation Ground.
- Thu 28th** **7.30 pm** Westham Evening WI – 'The Creation of Loose Ends' Barbara Hibbert – Westham Village Hall.
- Sun 31st** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open for teas and tours.

AUGUST 2022

- Tue 2nd** **Time and venue TBC** – Anderida WI.
- Sat 6th** **10.00 am – 12.30 pm** St Wilfrid's Church Hall Reopening Day and Craft Fare – St Wilfrid's Church Hall.
- Sun 7th** **7.30 pm** Happy Feet Sussex – Pevensey Memorial Hall.
- Sun 7th** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open for teas and tours.
- Tue 9th** **1.30 pm** Anderida WI – Craft Afternoon – Ethel Wood Community Hall.
- Sun 14th** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill is open for teas and tours.
- Tue 16th** **1.30 pm** Anderida WI – Games afternoon – Ethel Wood Community Hall.
- Wed 18th** **1.00 pm – 3.00 pm** Friends of Pevensey Playgrounds – Free play event for all children & families, Wallsend Road Recreation Ground.
- Sun 21st** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill is open for teas and tours.
- Tue 23rd** **2.30 pm** Anderida WI – Social Afternoon – St Wilfrid's Church Hall.
- Thu 25th** **1.00 pm – 3.00 pm** Friends of Pevensey Playgrounds – Free play event for all children & families, Wallsend Road Recreation Ground.
- Thu 25th** Westham Evening WI – Summer Outing / Evening Event
- Sat 27th** **10.00 am – 3.00 pm** Pevensey Art Group Art Exhibition – Free Entry – St Wilfrid's Church Hall.

- Sat 27th** **10.00 am – 5.00 pm** St Nicolas Church – Flower Festival – The Queen's Reign – Admission Free, Donations invited, Refreshments available.
- Sun 28th** **11.00 am – 5.00 pm** St Nicolas Church – Flower Festival – The Queen's Reign – Admission Free, Donations invited, Refreshments available.
- Sun 28th** **2.00 pm – 4.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open – August Bank Holiday.
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- Sun 28th** **2.00 pm** Happy Feet Sussex – Pevensey Memorial Hall.
- Sun 28th** Westham Evening WI – Summer Outing / Evening Event.
- Mon 29th** **10.00 am – 5.00 pm** St Nicolas Church – Flower Festival – The Queen's Reign – Admission Free, Donations invited, Refreshments available.
- Tue 30th** **2.30 pm** Anderida WI – Murder Mystery Afternoon.

SEPTEMBER 2022

- Sun 4th** **2.00 pm – 5.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open for teas and tours.
- Mon 5th** **7.30 pm** Pevensey and Westham Historical Society – 'Hidden History of Pevensey from the Romans to the 20th Century' by Peter Harrison – Westham Village Hall.
- Tue 6th** Anderida WI – Coffee Morning – Time and venue TBC.
- Sat 10th** **10.00 am – 12.30 pm** St Wilfrid's Craft Fare – St Wilfrid's Church Hall.
- Sat 10th** **1.00 pm – 4.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open – Heritage Weekend.
- Sat 10th** **7.30 pm** Happy Feet Sussex – Pevensey Memorial Hall.
- Sun 11th** **1.00 am – 4.00 pm** Stone Cross Windmill open – Heritage Weekend.
- Tue 13th** **1.30 pm** Anderida WI – Craft Afternoon – Ethel Wood Community Hall.
- Sun 18th** **2.00 pm** Happy Feet Sussex – Pevensey Memorial Hall.
- Tue 20th** **1.30 pm** Anderida WI – Games Afternoon – Ethel Wood Community Hall.
- Thu 22nd** **7.30 pm** Westham Evening WI – 'The Frog Life Charity' – Westham Village Hall.
- Sun 25th** Stone Cross Windmill closes.
- Tue 27th** **2.30 pm** Anderida – Melinda Stone (Herstmonceux Castle).
- Tue 27th** **2.30 pm** Westham Evening WI – Fun Bingo Afternoon – Westham Village Hall.

OCTOBER 2022

- Sat 1st** **10.00 am – 12.30 pm** Pevensey Parish Council Community Information Day – a chance to meet all groups for information and to join.
- Mon 3rd** **7.30 pm** Pevensey and Westham Historical Society – 'Burghs to Boroughs – 1000years of Local Governance' by Alan Wenham – Westham Village Hall.
- Tue 4th** Anderida WI – Coffee Morning – Time and venue TBC.
- Sat 8th** **10.00 am – 12.30 pm** St Wilfrid's Craft Fare – St Wilfrid's Church Hall.
- 7.30 pm** Happy Feet Sussex – Pevensey Memorial Hall.
- Tue 11th** **1.30 pm** Anderida WI – Craft afternoon – Ethel Wood Community Hall.
- Sun 16th** **2.00 pm** Happy Feet Sussex – Pevensey Memorial Hall.
- Tue 18th** **1.30 pm** Anderida WI – Games Afternoon – Ethel Wood Community Hall.
- Tue 25th** **2.30 pm** Anderida WI – Annual Meeting and social afternoon – St Wilfrid's Church Hall.
- Thu 27th** **7.00 pm** Westham Evening WI – Annual Meeting plus 'A life in Comedy' – Colin Bostock – Westham Village Hall.

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A formal Reopening and celebration day will be held to mark the occasion on 6 August from 10.00 am -12.30 pm on the same day as our monthly Craft Fair, which will resume on 11 June, following completion of the building work.

Light refreshments will be served by volunteers from St Wilfrid's Church. Anyone interested in having a stall should contact Revd Merriel Woodward at revd.merriel@hotmail.co.uk or 01323 509891.

A variety of activities and meetings are undertaken at the hall, including art, children's play, music, health classes and dog training. There are slots available to hire the hall so do contact our bookings clerk on 01323 743900 Keith will do his best to accommodate your requirements whether for a one off event or a regular booking. He, or one of the Committee, will be happy to show you round.

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The Memorial Hall premises are open Monday to Friday mornings, 9.15am to 12.15 pm for children aged two to three years. There is a maximum of 30 children per session. The Memorial Hall premises include use of the main hall, a second smaller room, kitchen and small enclosed garden area.

The Nursery Unit premises are open Monday to Friday mornings, 9.00 am to 12.00 pm and Monday to Friday afternoons, midday to 3.00 pm for children aged 3 to 5 years. There is a maximum of 24 children per session. Morning and afternoon sessions can run consecutively.

We are pleased to now be able to offer an extra hour before school hours which are chargeable. We also offer

a lunch club which gives an extra hour after the morning session times

The Nursery Unit is a purpose built premises within the main primary school building, with an enclosed playground area.

The Pre-School is run by a parent elected voluntary management committee, which ensures that major decision making is in the hands of parents who use the group.

To book a visit or for further details please contact the Administrator on e-mail admin@stonecrosspreschool.org or mobile 07864295888.

Stone Cross Pre-School Staff and Committee**STONE CROSS WINDMILL**

Stone Cross Windmill is now open for the season and visitors can enjoy refreshments in the café and an energetic tour of the Tower. Some interesting facts about this Grade 11* listed building which local residents may be unaware:



Stone Cross Windmill was built for Mr Samuel Dallaway, cousin of the then owner of "Cherry Clack" Windmill at Punnetts Town. She was built on Windmill Green, Stone Cross in 1875-6 by Stephen Neve, the Warbleton millwright. The tower was built by Thomas Honeysett, a local bricklayer from Herstmonceux and fitted out by Neve (from Heathfield) with machinery supplied by the Phoenix Iron Foundry, Lewes. Stone Cross Windmill is the only brick-built tower mill with known connections to Neve. It is considered to be the most highly developed tower windmills in the country renowned for the quality of its craftsmanship and believed to have more ironwork than any other mill of its type in the country

Interesting that the neighbouring estate is actually named Honeysett.

If you have recently moved to the area, especially the new estates that are adjacent to the Windmill, please visit and help to maintain this iconic building in the heart of our community. The Windmill is a reminder of our farming and industrial heritage that still mills flour for sale to the public. There is no entry fee to the Windmill and there is a disabled toilet.

Further information will be on the website www.stonecrosswindmill.co.uk

Private group visits can be arranged and also talks to local organisations. Please contact the chair if you require further information.

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We have a limited amount of funds available for projects within local good causes and have recently been able to assist the Children with Cancer organisation in Polegate and the Demelza organisation. If you represent a club, or society which you believe could qualify for funding, please email me at the above address presenting your case, which I shall put before the Lodge for consideration. Only written requests, submitted by email, will be considered, all will be acknowledged.

Terry Wale

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THE WARTLING AND HERSTMONCEUX LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

We have managed to produce three books during lock-downs of 2020 and 2021. For details please see below.

After many years of not having a 'Visitors Guide' we have finally published this book last month.

The third book to be published is 'Listed Buildings of Herstmonceux Parish', which will come out in July, 2022.

As always, we do not receive any of the profits, as they are passed on to local charities.

Details of books:

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'Pocket Guide for Visitors to Wartling and Herstmonceux' - £3.00 each from same source as above or The Herstmonceux Information Centre.

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TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

Our regular Tuesday Lunch club is up and running again. Over the last few months we have enjoyed trips to The Star and The Kings Head. Also in December we had had a lovely Christmas lunch at Hydro Hotel.

This coming year, hopefully, we are going to go out for more trips and lunch out once a month.

Anyone interested in joining the Tuesday Lunch Club either as a member or a volunteer, please call 01323 767615 or pop in to Ethel Wood Community Hall on Tuesday morning 9.30 am to 1.00 pm.

Thank you.

Gill Parsons

VIEWCRAFT

VIEW Craft is a small independent voluntary organisation which runs a weekly art and craft group for blind and partially sighted people living in the Eastbourne and Wealden district.

We meet on Tuesday mornings during term times at Herstmonceux Village Hall from 10.00 am – midday. We run five craft classes, including macramé, mosaics, wood carving and cane work, which are taught by experienced tutors.

The members make a small weekly contribution (currently £5) towards the cost of the craft materials. Transport is free and is provided by volunteer drivers some of whom also help with the activities. There is a very friendly atmosphere with plenty of help and support to produce many lovely items.

We are still very short of drivers and we would be very pleased to welcome new volunteer drivers. We pay a mileage allowance of 45p per mile. We have also lost some of our members and so have several vacancies in all crafts, so we would be delighted to welcome more visually impaired people as members. If you are interested or know of someone who would like to join us, please get in touch.

For further information please contact Jean Wilson. Tel No 01323 505764, email: jean.dolmeg@outlook.com or check our website: www.viewcraft.org



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VILLAGE IN BLOOM

As you are all aware, this is a special year for Her Majesty the Queen. She celebrates her Platinum Jubilee. What an achievement! Will Pevensey and Pevensey Bay celebrate? The Parish Council have a few things up their sleeve and there will probably be street parties going on throughout the villages.

If there are street parties, will your front garden be on show? Will you be celebrating with the colour of our national flag? Red, white and blue is the theme for Village in Bloom this year. It is to be hoped that our villagers will enter their gardens for the 2022 competition. The categories are **a.** Best front garden, **b.** Best hanging basket/container, **c.** Best Coastal garden (sea side) and **d.** Best Community Garden. Entry forms are in the Information Centre in Pevensey Bay or the Parish Council Offices in Coast Road, Pevensey Bay. If you are using our national flag with your display, remember to fly it or hang it the correct way up with the broad white band at the top on the left-hand side and/or next to the flagpole!! So many people are unaware that to fly it the wrong way denotes a distress call!

Joining our resident judge, Mrs Lorraine McIntosh, this year, will be Mr Loveland of Loveland's Flowers. Two judges to make their decision on the best of the categories! Make it worth their time and effort to judge our wonderful gardens and hanging baskets/containers. The Coastal Garden may be a bit more challenging due to the elements but our entrants will overcome all the challenges. A Community Garden/Display would be an asset to the competition. Challenges all round!

The dates are Monday, 11th July 2022 until Friday 15th July 2022. Closing date is Friday, 8th July 2022. Make this a year to remember. We will not see a Platinum Jubilee again for a very, very long time, if ever.

Shirley Clark, Event Organiser,
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VOICES CHOIR

Voices Choir have good news and bad news! Let's start with the positives. The Big Summer Fundraising Concert will take place at The Kings Centre, Edison Rd, Eastbourne on 17th June at 7.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale at the the door, and cost £10 each. All profits from the concert will go to the excellent local mental health charity 'Holding Space'.

As always, the songs chosen are a good mix, including This Old Heart of Mine, Higher Love, The Greatest Love of All and Eleanor Rigby among many more.

For the first time in their ten year history, Voices have invited guest singers onto the stage. Pupils from West Rise Primary School will sing four songs of their own choice, and also join Voices in three other songs.

Now we come to the bad news. This will be the last ever concert by Voices Choir. Diana Terry, Choir Director has already closed three of the branches of Voices, and after this final fundraiser, the last group will also close.

It has been an incredible ten years, during which time the choir has raised approximately £30,000 for good causes. Great friendships have been forged, some members have seen both mental and physical health improve, and much fun has been had.

However, as the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. Diana will be able to spend more time with her family, and concentrate on her own career. She tells us "I have been getting more and more offers of Voice work, including radio and TV voice-overs. I have also enjoyed reading and recording for audio books, and plan to do more of this.

My biggest project, though, will be forming choirs and singing groups within Care Homes, particularly those specialising in Dementia Care. All these things can be done within a time frame that fits in with my family".

Voices have many happy memories, as well as some poignant ones.

They have sung at the funerals of four choir members.

The back of a lorry was one of the more unusual venues for a performance.

The Royal Hippodrome Theatre, Eastbourne Town Hall, Western Lawns, Steampunk Festival, A Dog Show (!), supporting the award winning group Blake on stage, London TV studios, The Italian Gardens, Chalk Farm, Xmas Fairs, The Bandstand, The Lansdowne and The Grand Hotels. So many memories. During their ten years, Voices won two awards, including The Eastbourne Herald's Community Group Award.

It has been a very special time, with very special people, and I feel blessed to have led this amazing choir for ten years. Thanks to everyone who came along to support us at various times, and to Voices I say: Thank You For the Music.

WESTHAM ART CLUB

The excitement levels are rising in Westham art club as members prepare their entries for our annual exhibition.

This will take place on Saturday September 24th from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm in the Westham village hall.

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For those budding artists who would like to join our friendly and welcoming group, we do have a few vacancies. We meet every Wednesday from 1pm until 4pm in the village hall. There are members with all degrees of ability and all are willing to give advice and assistance. You'll only get better if you try!

The weekly charge is £5 for which you receive somewhere bright to work for three hours a week, coffee/tea and cakes or biscuits and a place in our program of outings and treats. The next one is a trip to the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke on Wednesday 27th July. Details are not yet finalised but a coach, in each direction, will be provided. We also have several delicious luncheons in local hotels such as The Hydro and Langham's. All paid for from the weekly subs.

For more information on the exhibition or to join us in the weekly meeting please contact Brian Gage on 01323 461433 or b.gage158@btinternet.com

WESTHAM EVENING WI

As Spring warms up and plans turn to Summer, many people's thoughts are dominated by the hope of good weather for the Platinum Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June.

At Westham Evening WI, there is a varied programme of speakers arranged for the coming months, never mind whether the sun shines or not; however, good weather for a possible outing in August would be popular with members. Also, there is another of the popular Fun Bingo afternoons to look forward to in September.

The groups that offer a selection of activities continue to flourish and include: gardening, walking, Solos, Night Owls and craft with Knitter/Natter.

The village hall on the fourth Thursday of the month is usually where this friendly WI can usually be found.

Liz Lash

WESTHAM POND

The Yellow Irises planted by the Parish Council volunteers in recent years are flowering and looking lovely. Pond weeds have, for the first time, become established enough to oxygenate and clean the water to a significant degree.



There is really good evidence that the wildlife friendly policy implemented over the last 3 years is working. The bird and bat boxes put up last year were all fully occupied by Blue and Great Tits and Pipistrelle Bats. This spring there were over 100 frogs breeding. There had been none before 2020 with only a few pairs in the last two years. Toads also breed but as yet only in small numbers. Major news is that Great Crested Newts have arrived in the pond. They were probably here years ago and were lost when the pond became polluted but this is the first proper record of them.



The water in a pond like ours should be really clear but it is still not completely clean. Although the pond is now much healthier due to a thoughtful, kind response to the signs that politely ask everyone not to feed at all. If we all took this on-board our small pond it could be beautifully clean and clear. Every animal that lives at the pond has to drink the water and in many cases breathe it. They are no less susceptible to harm from dirty polluted water than we are. It may seem that giving food to the ducks is a nice thing to do but even a little feeding ends up polluting the water very badly and causes ecological damage.



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The Pond Volunteer Group continues to work hard to restore wildlife back to the pond and new members are most welcome. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more information if you are interested.

WESTHAM POP-IN

Westham Pop-In provides a morning of friendship, chat, tea, coffee and biscuits and we hope that you will join us on Wednesday mornings between 9.30 am and 11.30 am at Westham Village Hall.

The cost is just one pound and we politely ask if you would bring the correct change to reduce money handling issues. We have a large number of pre-read books for sale at 30 pence a book. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Westham Pop-In Committee

WESTHAM VILLAGE CONSERVATION GROUP

Wealden District Council have delayed the New Local Plan public consultation this may be some months hence. WVCG members continue to submit objections to inappropriate local developments.

Thank you to members of the public who are volunteering with the Police "Speedwatch" initiative. They are active outside St Mary's Church and by the level crossing. Usually for one hour at a time. The aim is reduce speeds and prevent accidents. More volunteers are needed. Please check the Sussex Police website for details and application form to volunteer. Training is provided.

The beautiful, historic Peelings Lane is part of the designated 1066 walking trail from Rye. This crosses the Pevensey Levels to link with the South Downs Way and Newhaven. Across the Channel is the E9 route along the coast of France and Spain.



Residents and users of the lane are extremely concerned about increasing traffic and road safety risks. The character of the lane is narrow and winding with few or no passing places. Unfortunately there is not a long enough straight section for the Speedwatch team to operate on. There is an increasing risk to walkers and cyclists who may be forced onto the verge, (if there is one), with little warning.

Regrettably a duck was killed by a vehicle near the pond recently, a swan was killed a few years ago. There

is inconsiderate parking here especially at school times. This reduces available space restricting visibility. Children especially are at high risk of injury.

Anti social driving can be reported via the Sussex Police system, "Operation Crackdown". A report may take 5 or 10 minutes to complete. The owner may be sent a warning letter or prosecuted if there is evidence. Reports also identify regular problem "Hot Spots".

Towards the Stone Cross end of Peelings Lane occasional vehicles often meet an obstruction and have to reverse long distances. The whole lane is an exercise route for cyclists, walkers and runners. It is included in the Eastbourne Cycling Map.

Wealden District Council promotes walks which link in with Westham Parish at times. For future events see, <https://www.healthyywealden.co.uk/guided-walks>.

WESTHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our Hall continues to serve as a hub for our Community. We have recently welcomed new Groups, have had family parties and get-togethers which have run alongside our long-standing Groups.

We still have availability, so please get in touch with our helpful booking clerk Julie on 07821377110 if you would like to hire your Hall. Our renovations are in full swing, with new stage curtains and freshly painted stage providing a smart focal point and backdrop, the hall walls are currently being painted and we are delighted that our fund-raising and obtained grants have allowed a much-required new floor to be laid in August. We hope these changes will be welcomed by you all and thank you for bearing with us while our renovations take place. Hope to see you at your Hall soon.

Diane on behalf of Westham Village Hall Committee

ISSUE 163 DEADLINE

Local voluntary groups and societies should send news of forthcoming events and activities for the period 1st November 2022 to 28th February 2023 by email to parishpump13@btinternet.com no later than

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WESTHAM PARISH COUNCIL DEDICATED PAGE

Now that all Covid restrictions have been lifted the Parish Council is operating normally. Our meetings are open for the public to attend and are held either at the Amenity Hall in Stone Cross School or Westham Village Hall. All agendas will state where the meeting will be held.

If you would like to attend a meeting and you would be more comfortable wearing a face mask then you may do so.

Community Governance Review

On Thursday 17th October 2019 a petition was received by Wealden District Council calling for the creation of a separate parish council.

The petition stated "We the undersigned, being local government electors for Stone Cross and Hankham as recorded in the Register of Electors as at March 2019 hereby request Wealden District Council to undertake a Community Governance Review covering the area currently contained within the Parish of Westham as shown on the map with a view to separating the Local Government functions of the three villages as two entities. It is envisaged that this would be achieved by the establishment of a separate parish council for the villages of Stone Cross and Hankham, the constitution of which is to be agreed between Wealden District Council and the two villages. We consider that the proposal is in the best interests of our community".

The petition was from 483 names on the electoral register.

The process was then held in abeyance since 2020 due to Covid.

On 20th January 2022 Wealden District Councils Audit, Finance and Governance committee looked at the petition in respect of the existing parish of Westham with a view to establishing a separate parish council for Stone Cross and Hankham.

Wealden District Council then advertised for a Project Manager to manage the process and a project manager has recently been engaged.

The Act requires the Council (Wealden) to draw up terms of reference for the review and the Community Governance Review must be completed within 12 months of the date on which the Council publishes the terms of reference for the review. The terms of reference will be formally considered at the Audit, Finance and Governance Committee meeting on 27th July 2022.

The Council (Wealden) is under a duty to inform the County Council. Government guidelines also suggest consulting local businesses, local public and voluntary organisations such as schools and health bodies.

Wealden District Council has now engaged a Community Governance Review Project officer and the officer wishes to engage with stakeholders in the community.

There will be an update in the next Parish Pump issue.

Adur Park

The Council is in discussions to provide an all-access, all-weather track around the perimeter of Adur Park. This track will provide a running, walking and cycling amenity all year round. The Council believe this will be of great benefit to the well-being of users of the park throughout the year.

More details will follow in the next Parish Pump edition.

The Parish Council is also looking at opportunities for tree planting in the park next winter. We hope to involve residents in this project.

Residents Council Tax bills

The Westham Parish Council has managed to reduce the resident's proportion of contributions allocated to fund Westham Parish Council to minus 0.6%.

Planning Consultation

The forthcoming Wealden District Local Plan Residents Consultation has been delayed and may happen in the Summer. Your comments to this plan are vital for the forward planning of this area. More information about the consultation can be found on the Wealden District Council website.

Ash Tree Dieback

Ash dieback disease has affected trees throughout the Parish and wider area. Unfortunately, we will lose many Ash trees over the coming years. Also note the loss of trees on the Eastbourne Downland Escarpment. Trees on Westham parish land will need extensive maintenance works in the future.

Volunteer Assistant Tree Warden

A Volunteer Assistant Tree Warden is needed. This is an opportunity to learn more about trees. No experience needed some training is available through national organisations and informal mentoring with our Tree Warden. Please contact the Parish Clerk for more details.

Hobney Rise Recreation Ground Westham

Hobney Rise Recreation Ground Westham - Regrettably the landowner from whom WPC has leased the land since (19 date) has given notice to rescind the lease from August 2022. This land has been maintained by Westham Parish Council since but this will cease in August.

If you wish to know more about the Parish Council then visit the Westham Local Parish Council Facebook page or @WesthamLocal on twitter.



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On Isolation

by Frances Bradley

It's not really any hardship -
living by myself
I've been doing it for years,
just sitting on the shelf

But recently I've been advised
to get myself a pet
However, I'm a bit confused,
what sort of pet to get.

At first I tried a parrot,
to have someone to talk to
The trouble was, it never stopped,
and nearly sent me cuckoo

That bird could talk the hind legs
off a donkey - plus the cart
I tried to get a word in edgeways,
but it shrieked at me "Don't start!"

I didn't know that anything
could talk without a breath
And I could only hope
that it would talk itself to death

And then one day it flew outside,
right underneath a lorry
Although it was a little sad,
I wasn't really sorry.

My neighbour asked me if I'd like
his six foot alligator
I put him in the bath,
but didn't realise till later
When I was sitting on the loo
He'd eaten all the paper.

My Aussie mate suggested
I would love a kangaroo
Until it boxed me round the room
And left me black and blue.

I got a dog to keep me fit
we walked a mile each day
Now that was really fun,
because that doggy loved to play

I took him to the local park
to have a little doodle
Alas, he went and shamed himself,
with some poor lady's poodle.

I met a fella - took him home -
I thought it was for life
Till I discovered that he had
six children, and a wife.

Oh well.

At last I think I'll settle
for a nice old tabby cat
We could grow old together,
and probably grow fat

Because he isn't good for me,
he won't go for a walk
Just sits there, purring gently
But at least he doesn't TALK !

The Cruciverbalist

by Valerie Crossley

My dad's a cruciverbalist, I can tell that you're impressed,
I am an atheist myself, but here I have digressed.

It's not his full-time job, of course, just the hobby he likes most,
And he's really very good at it though you'll never hear him boast.

Perhaps you're rather baffled and this word is strange to you
So, from the goodness of my heart I'll give a little clue.

He always has a notebook to jot down likely words
That he could use, most cleverly, like "glazed" and "spores" and "curds".

He knows a lot of fancy words, like "funambulist" and "kation"
And juggles with them endlessly while waiting at the station.

His work appears quite regularly as puzzles for your brain.
They might be in your paper while you're travelling on the train.

Now, dad's not young but he's quite fit, in fact he's hale and hearty
And next July he's 60 and then we'll throw a party.

So we were shocked when he first said he'd picked a burial plot
And he'd take us to the cemetery to show the exact spot.

So off we went, one sunny morn, we were feeling rather down.
"Are you quite sure about this plan?" said mother with a frown.

Dad stopped inside the cemetery gates then gave his head a toss.
"Just follow me to this fine spot - it's nine down and twelve across."

Nature Notes

Alan Everard's regular nature column



Hello my friends, at least this magazine has been a little contact through Covid and our last issue introduced you to the similarly named "Corvids". So I shall start with one of them. Two Magpies recently built a nest in one of our Fir Trees. Sadly, the gale that we then experienced destroyed that nest as Fir Trees are sparsely branched and so offer little resistance to strong winds. However they persevered and built another nest, this time higher up where branches grow a little closer together. It worked this time and we had the pleasure of seeing them flying back and forth feeding their young.

Still with Corvids, we had three Crows as constant visitors until they decided which two made the best pair and now it's that pair only. One of them regularly comes to our bird feeder on the patio to collect the larger elements of bird food that the House Sparrows reject. Surprisingly, it seems quite unafraid of our dog "Mickey" who is often on the patio whilst the Crow is mopping up its seed food. Getting back to the House Sparrows we get great pleasure from watching them collecting the seed and darting back between our houses taking it to their nest boxes of which I have four (two semi-detached), one at the side of the house and one on the front. All four are in use which makes the making of them some years ago so worthwhile, especially as, today, we saw a male, perched outside, feeding his young through the entrance hole.

Hazel Wood tells us that she has two Wood Pigeons doing the same as our Crow in her garden where amongst many other Birds she has Goldfinches feeding from her Bird feeders. Her garden is, in fact, a miniature Nature Reserve bounded on one side by her house, the rest by hedges and bushes most of which she has planted plus a white Cherry Tree which, as I write this is in full flower. Beneath this, where she daily puts food out to attract her avian visitors she has visits from a pair of Blackbirds, my favourite songster, a pair of Dunnocks and recently the lovely sight of a Robin feeding its young. Also she, unsurprisingly, has regular visits from our local Sparrow Hawk which hedge hops through our gardens in search of prey. Hazel is going to keep notes in future from which I shall be happy to include extracts in our future articles.

In late March, Mary Larlham had the good luck to see a female Redstart in her back garden in Maresfield Drive, Pevensey Bay. As she said, this is a little brown Bird until she ruffles her feathers and reveals her bright orange tail. This, in the male Redstart, is more obvious and in courtship he splays his tail feathers which are flame red. In fact he also possesses a red back and breast, hence the name. I have not yet had the good luck to see these beautiful Birds.

I'll finish off with my paintings for our Nature information boards which I painted nearly twenty years ago. One showed a view of Pevensey Bay beach and included the Flowers, Birds, and Butterflies etc. one would see there. The other did the same for the local countryside. They were printed on firm plastic boards, framed and placed in appropriate locations to assist in identification and appreciation of our wonderful Wildlife. Time inevitably took its toll. Some of the prints and the frames deteriorated badly and to my great relief and appreciation Councillor Shirley McKinnon and the Pevensey Parish Council decided it was time to deal with the situation. They repainted the worn frames in a beautiful blue, replaced the prints of the paintings that had been badly affected by time and weather and relocated some of them. The three coastal information boards are now, at the foot of the steps from the Kiosk in Coast Road to the beach, in the main Pevensey Bay beach car park and on the beach this side of the Sandcastle property. The countryside information board has been placed on the wall of the Pavilion in Anderida Park. You may remember that the board in the car park appeared in the Parish Pump in January under Community News when the Chairman of the Pevensey Parish Council, Peter Lowton and I were photographed jointly introducing the board to the public. We are grateful for their time and use of Special Funding to revitalise these local nature information boards.

Do Enjoy Nature!

Alan Everard

Sea Defences

Ian Thomas, Project Manager with Pevensy Coastal Defence Ltd, describes the work being done to maintain our local sea defences.....

WAVES

In the last edition of the Pump we looked at tides and how the influence of the sun and moon combine to produce the movements of the sea with which we are so familiar. Whilst we may periodically see exceptionally high tides, spring tides alone are not able to threaten sea defences. Of course, a higher tide increases the risk of flooding occurring, but to be truly threatening it needs to be accompanied by big waves and what is known as a storm surge. All are dependent on storms associated with deep low-pressure areas usually approaching the British Isles from the Atlantic. In this article we shall look at the effect of waves on the defences.

Wave size depends on wind speed, the length of time the wind has blown, and the fetch – the distance over which the wind has blown. The greater each of the variables, the larger the waves. As any keen surfer will tell you, the largest waves occur in the world's major oceans and often appear in calm weather as a result of distant storms that have long since blown themselves out. In Pevensy Bay and Eastbourne we are almost totally protected from this kind of wave by Beachy Head and our waves are almost exclusively as a result of local winds. This is just as well since our beach is small when compared to Atlantic facing shingle ridges such as Chesil Beach in Dorset. A typical beach height at Pevensy is about 6.0m above sea level (Ordnance Datum), whereas Chesil reaches +14.0m. Beach heights reflect the intensity of the waves they experience, and even moving the few miles east to Bulverhythe there is a discernible difference, the beach there being 7.0m above sea level. Tidal predictions are generally quoted in Chart Datum, which varies from port to port, but for Eastbourne it is 3.65m below Ordnance Datum (OD). What this means is that whenever we see an 8.0m tide is due, a water level of 4.35mOD is expected, meaning that there will only be 1.35m of freeboard between the sea and the top of the defences. Waves therefore do not need to be very large before they begin to pose a threat. Chart Datum zero for a port reflects its lowest likely water level and is recorded this way to enable vessels to estimate the depth of water at any given time.

One factor in our favour is the potential fetch. Beachy Head protects us from the worst long-distance waves from the west, whilst the narrowing of the Channel coast to the south means there are only relatively short distances over which waves can generate. And there is a marked difference in how each wave direction effects the Bay. Prevailing winds, and hence most common wave direction, come from the south west. Waves from this direction tend to approach the shore at a 45° angle and are more likely to scour out the front of the beach crest, taking shingle down to the lower part of the beach. It is this direction that is most likely to result in a breach of the defences in an extreme storm. In terms of water damage to properties on or close to the beach, southerly or south easterly storms are those of most concern. These generally approach the beach head on and have a tendency to come up and over the defences, without unduly diminishing the overall size of the beach, leaving a long shallow graded foreshore behind. It was such a storm that caused the last major incident at Pevensy in October 1999. In this case the integrity of the defences was not challenged, water coming straight over the top of the beach in what is known as "overtopping". Storms originating in the north west, north and to some degree, north east, are of little consequence since they do not result in large waves arriving on our beaches. The same cannot be said for northern France, where they suffer from storms that have little impact here. In the "near miss" over Christmas 1999, when Pevensy was saved by winds veering north westerly an hour or so before high tide, the French coast then bore the full brunt. Even Paris was not spared, considerable damage occurring in the French capital on Boxing Day.

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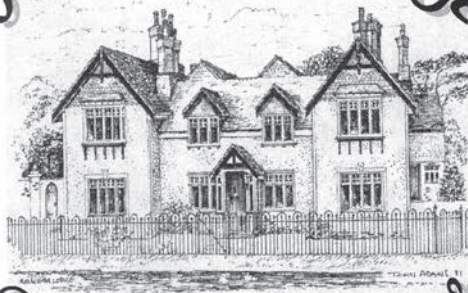
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