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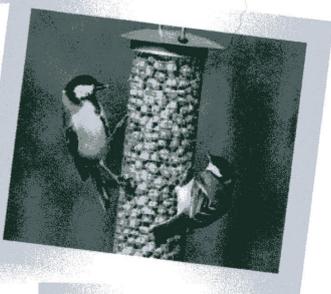
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## From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear Friends

### What are You Worth?

Do you ever sit down and calculate what you are worth? Do you ever tot up the value of your house, the car, the savings etc., and calculate your net monetary value? Or putting it another way, if you were kidnapped, what ransom would be put on your head, what would your value be? I suppose your value would very much depend on what someone was willing to pay for you.

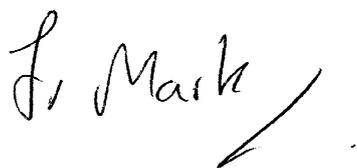
The message of Easter is that God values you astonishingly highly, more highly than you can ever entirely understand. God values you so much that he was willing and ready to leave the paradise of heaven, the adoration of countless angels and become human and live on this earth. God values you so much that he was then willing to be pinned to a wooden cross, and to die the death of a criminal.

He was also willing to take the blame and punishment for everything you have done, said or thought that is against God's ways, our sin.

The message of Easter is that you are very valuable indeed in God's eyes.

Do come along and join us during this Eastertide as we explore that great love that God has for us.

Yours in Christ



### **FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Monday 4th April**

(transferred from Holy Week)

**Eucharist (said) for this major feast-day:**

**8.30 am at St Mary's**



## REMEMBERING THOMAS BECKET ANNUAL COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE OF NONES

**3.00 pm Sunday 1st May - Do join us!**



On the first Sunday in May we once again honour our parish church's connection with St Thomas Becket and the legacy of the influential medieval Augustinian foundation of Merton Priory, where Becket and so many other great English churchmen were educated. The traditional mid-afternoon service is taking place at the same time as equivalent services in well over a hundred churches country-wide that share a connection with St Thomas Becket. Fittingly we shall be in our St Thomas Chapel dedicated to Becket.

As a former rector of St Mary's writes: 'The oldest, and historically most significant, part of the building is the north east chapel dedicated to St Thomas Becket. Becket was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170 and King Henry II, as part of his penance, founded a number of chapels to Thomas, of which this is one.'

St Mary's magnificent east window over the high altar pays handsome tribute to this fascinating connection with Becket: the saint is prominently represented (complete with sword cleaving his head, as traditional) to the left of Our Lady and the crucified Saviour.

Lasting just 20 minutes, the service is a valuable link with important aspects of our national and ecclesiastical history, as well as the many other churches simultaneously celebrating them. All most welcome. Tea served afterwards.

### ST MARY'S LENT LUNCHESES 2016

The individual results for the five lunches were as follow:

17th February: £91.80    24th February: £106.50  
2nd March: £87.52    9th March: £97.00  
16th March: £88.50

Total raised for Family Support Work was thus **£471.32**. So well done, and an enormous thank you to all the soup chefs, to all the diners and to The Hungry Guest for providing the bread and cheese.

# ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

Website: [www.egdeanparish.com](http://www.egdeanparish.com)

## Dates for your Diary

21st April 7.30 pm **Annual Parish Church Meeting** at Gofts Hill, Byworth

**PLEASE COME AND JOIN US EVERYONE WELCOME.**

24th April 9.00 am **Stewardship Pledge Sunday** – please return your pledges at our Eucharist Service or to the Treasurer before the service.

18th June 5.30 pm Annual Church BBQ this year celebrating **The Queen's Jubilee**

30th and 31st July Cream Tea Weekend at Egdean House

*Christine Dallyn*

*Egdean PCC Hon Secretary*

Email [christinedallyn@hotmail.com](mailto:christinedallyn@hotmail.com)

## **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**ST MARY'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**TUESDAY 19th APRIL AT 7.30 pm IN THE SOUTH AISLE**

## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

The Electoral Roll will be updated in time for the Annual Parish Meeting.

If you are not on the roll and would like to be included you will find forms on Col Maude's table, or call Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

## **REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT ST MARY'S**

Monday:	Parent Toddler Group	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
Tuesday:	Keep Fit with Chair Exercises	10.00 am 11.00 am
Wednesday:	Art Group	10.00 am -12.00 noon

Do come and join us for any of these activities, a warm welcome awaits you

## DO YOU LIKE TO HEAR THE BELLS?

For most readers of this magazine I think the answer would be 'Yes'.

What you may not realise is that the ability to ring for Sunday Service is becoming precarious. Geoff has been a great loss for many reasons, but particularly as a reliable presence on a Sunday morning. We can ill afford to lose even one or two more ringers. As it is we can only manage by co-operation between Petworth and Tillington. The two towers have thirteen bells and eleven ringers between them, since last year we have lost a few and not gained any. With different service times and some dashing backwards and forwards between the two, Sunday ringing is maintained. But ringers, like everyone else, go on holiday, get sick or sometimes have other engagements. If too many of these circumstances coincide there may be occasions when Sunday ringing is not possible. You may have noticed this last Sunday that we were only able to ring 5 bells, which is barely acceptable, and far below the level of service we wish to provide.

The bells of St Mary's are universally acclaimed as one of the finest rings of eight in the county. Visitors love to come here on their outings and ringers from the county association particularly enjoy ringing peals and quarter peals in Petworth. Some visitors from other towers support our practice nights, and we can recruit from elsewhere, if necessary, to ring for weddings or other special occasions. But on Sundays we are on our own, as other ringers are of course committed to their own home towers.

If you (or anyone you know) have been a ringer in the past and think you might like to take it up again, don't be shy, you would soon get back into the swing of things (no pun intended). We would also be happy to teach from scratch anyone of any age from early teens upwards. No musical ability or any great strength is required. All are welcome, not all ringers are practising Anglicans. As well as being a fascinating hobby it is very sociable. Ringing sessions typically finish down at the pub (thirsty work after all!) and there are outings, divisional association meetings with ringing and tea, and you can visit other towers, locally or on holiday, and be sure of a warm welcome. The degree of participation is entirely up to the individual. Some ringers see it as a duty to their own church and do not ring elsewhere; others are here, there and everywhere ringing at every chance they get; most ringers probably come somewhere between the two extremes. The point I am trying to make is that, whatever your motivation or level of interest, you would be a great asset and receive the support and encouragement you need to fulfil your own objectives.

If you would like to see what it is all about feel free to come up to the ringing chamber on a Thursday practice night, between 7.30 and 9.00 pm. Or for further information phone Chris or Juliet Fynes on 01798 342353.

## GEOFF RIX

Geoff Rix, bellringer, of St Mary's the Virgin Church in Petworth, and his wife Sonia, are leaving Petworth to live in the west country, after ringing at Petworth for some 40 years.

A large congregation augmented by friends and ringers from Tillington, and Chichester Cathedral, heard Canon Mark Gilbert express great gratitude for all that Geoff had done over many years. During all of this time not only has he been tower captain. Not only that but he has saved his church many thousands of pounds in repairs and maintenance costs, and not only in the belfry either. He even fabricated an exact replica in resin of a priceless funeral helm, so that the original could be removed to secure storage. Beyond Petworth he has given endless help and advice to other parishes in his capacity as bell restoration officer. He was heavily involved in augmenting the bells in several surrounding parishes.

A presentation was then made, of a glass decanter engraved with a picture of Petworth Church, and six wine glasses, each engraved with a bell.



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22nd February 2016

Dear All,

*What a wonderful surprise last Sunday was. I cannot thank you enough for your kind thoughts and the lovely decanter and glasses you presented us with which we will treasure.*

*It has been a privilege to have looked after St Mary's bells over the years and I must thank as well, all the tower members who have made the ringing possible.*

*We shall certainly miss St Mary's, the church having been a part of our lives down the years and we have been pleased to have assisted in our small ways when we could.*

*We are now looking forward to a new time in our life, making new friends and new experiences in the lovely Devon countryside.*

*Thank you so much, we will raise a suitable engraved glass, filled from a lovely decanter, and remembering our many friends in Petworth,.*

*With our very best wishes*

*Geoff & Sonia Rix*



## **PRINT WORKSHOP AT ST MARY'S**

Jules Simmons, from St Mary's Art Group, is running a print workshop on Saturday 9th April from 10.00 am until 12 noon. Mono printing is a great way to be creative. The workshop is open to those who have had some experience and to anyone wishing to learn a new skill. Families are welcome.

All materials will be provided and the cost will be £10. Any profits will go to St Mary's. The workshop will coincide with our monthly coffee morning which this time will be in aid of 1st Petworth Scouts.

For more information about the workshop:-

Email [jules.simmons1@btinternet.com](mailto:jules.simmons1@btinternet.com) or phone 01798 342487.

## **PASSOVER SUPPER 2016**

25 parishioners and friends joined together for a traditional Passover Supper on the evening of Friday 18th March. The table was set out underneath the chancel arch, and illuminated entirely by candlelight.

The main dish was Moroccan lamb, which had followed the eating of hard-boiled eggs, and tasting of bitter herbs – and copious toasting with red wine. Fresh fruit salad concluded the meal.

All those present concurred that it had been an uplifting and inspiring experience.



# **St Mary's Church Petworth**



# **Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 9th April 2016  
10.00 am -12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle  
and Refreshments**

**In aid of  
the 1st Petworth Scouts**

## WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

WIGGONHOLT CHURCH is approached off of the A283, at the end of a lane near the RSPB Reserve south of Pulborough. It is basically a single room with south facing porch and shingled bell turret. The church dates from the late 12th Century and is built mainly of rubble. The two heavy tie beams of the roof date from this period, the south doorway dates from the 13th Century, and at some period a north doorway was blocked. The roof is half tiled, the lower half is of Horsham stone. On the south west corner of the church are two fine examples of 'mass dials'. Inside, note the complete set of commandment and creed boards on the east and west walls. The large square Norman font of Sussex marble has well preserved arcading around each side and the communion rail is Jacobean. The east window is large and dates from 1859. The centre light of three has a single medallion with striking colours with the rest of the window comprising of red and grey patterned quarries. The west window is similar but without a medallion. A tiny stream runs down the outside of the boundary wall to the fields below. There is no electricity connected, so services take place by the light from oil lamps and candles. Since 1443 Wiggonholt had shared its priest with nearby Greatham church but today it is part of the Wildbrooks Benefice that includes Greatham, Parham and Amberley. Services at Wiggonholt are held twice a month and are both taken from the Prayer Book. (The 1st Sunday evensong at 3.00 pm and the 3rd Sunday Holy Communion at 9.00 am)

*John Townsend*

### **SUSSEX HISTORIC CHURCHES RIDE and STRIDE**

The annual awards ceremony for the Ride and Stride event was held in Chichester Cathedral on 5th March.

The guests were welcomed by the Dean, and Bishop Martin in an address praised the work of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust established in Sussex in 1956 and this year celebrating its Diamond Jubilee. He stressed the importance of maintaining the ancient churches across Sussex as they have been handed down over the centuries, so it is our responsibility today to do so for future generations. To date over 500 churches have received grants towards repairs from the Trust.

The awards were presented by Mrs Susan Pyper, the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex. The Individual Riders Trophy was won by Luke Ulliyot from St Bartholomew's, Rogate with 157 stars, and 'Team Midhurst' from St Mary Magdalene church won the Team Riders Trophy with 127 stars with the 'Woolbedding Wheelers' taking second place.

This years event will be on Saturday 10th September.

# **PETWORTH LAWN TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY**

**Sunday 24th April at 2.00 pm**

Open to All. Come and join the Club. New members and visitors very welcome. You can try out the courts, meet members, enjoy the grounds and indulge in cake and tea. Spectators welcome. Existing members can renew memberships. Bring that 'dusty' racket and have a go.

Petworth Lawn Tennis Club is the nearest club to Fittleworth. There are two grass courts as well as two hard courts to give all year round play. A number of players from Fittleworth enjoy the pleasure of playing tennis on grass as opposed to hard hot macadam courts. They are easier on the knees and other joints and cooler and more refreshing to play on during a hot summer's day. The clubhouse is fully equipped with a clubroom, kitchen, changing rooms with showers, 2 table tennis tables, outside barbecue area and veranda where one can relax and watch the play.

We have a Level 3 LTA coach, Oliver Ormsby, who organises group coaching for youngsters, individual coaching and our regular Tennis Camp will be held during the Easter holidays on 7th to 9th April. Sessions for 4 – 7 year olds and 8 – 13 year olds.

Summer Tennis Coaching groups for 4 to 14 year olds are on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in July and August. For information, contact our coach, Oliver Ormsby, E-mail: [Oliver@beactiveplaytennis.co.uk](mailto:Oliver@beactiveplaytennis.co.uk) Tel: 07714 293328. Fees are kept low for juniors to encourage them into the game and the club is open for play during the school holidays.

'Ladies mornings' on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10.00 am are very popular as is an adult club evening on Fridays from 6.00 pm in summer. Friendly and league matches are arranged and other club play is organised according to demand.

Website: [www.petworthtennis.co.uk](http://www.petworthtennis.co.uk)  
and/or email Michael Crawley at [club@petworthtennis.co.uk](mailto:club@petworthtennis.co.uk)

## **FERNHURST CHORAL SOCIETY**

Fernhurst Choral Society invites you to join them on Saturday 16th April at St Mary's, Petworth in their third 'Come and Sing' event with their conductor, Tim Ravalde. This year sees participants come from 1.30 pm to practice 'Mozart's Requiem' before an informal performance, starting at 5.45 pm. Tea and cakes are provided. Tickets are £10 for non-choir members with music hire an option as well. For an added bonus friends and family can attend the 5.45 pm performance for free. Bookings through our website [www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk/concerts](http://www.fernhurstchoralsociety.org.uk/concerts) and by phone: Judy 01428 644125.

# **ARUN VALLEY U3A**

## **Coffee Morning**

### **Introducing Arun Valley U3A**

**Thursday 14th April: 10.30 am - 12.00 noon**

**Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View, Pulborough RH20 2BF**

The U3A (University of the Third Age), is a nationwide organisation of local groups set up for and by people no longer in full-time work – in our ‘third age’. We run groups and activities led and taught by our members, for our members. We are a non-profit making, charitable, self-help organisation. It requires no qualifications - just an interest in learning. Retired and semi-retired people make new friends and learn new things together. We provide leisure, creative and educational activities in a friendly environment – not for qualifications but for the joy of new friendships and discovery!

**So, make a new year resolution to expand your interests, skills and learning in an informal friendly atmosphere. Fill that gap left by retirement or living alone. Participate with others in topics of mutual interest. It's never too late to try something new.**

**Get to know other people and make new friends.**

### **Arun Valley U3A covers:**

Pulborough, Petworth, Bury, Billingshurst, Storrington, Sullington, Thakeham, West Chiltington, Fittleworth, Coldwaltham and surrounding areas. Group meetings are held during the day in members' homes or local halls. Meetings are held weekly, twice a month or monthly depending on the group.

### **Current Arun Valley U3A groups:**

Art Appreciation, Ballet and Dance Appreciation, Book Circle, Craft & Embroidery, Film Circle, Flowers and Gardens, French Conversation, History and Discussion, Luncheon Group, Music Appreciation, Opera Appreciation, Poetry, Personal Computer Group, Science and Technology, Spanish Conversation and a Walking Group.

**Membership giving access to all groups** is only £10 per annum to cover costs of administration and newsletters. Some groups incur small extra costs of a few pounds.

**Come along** and see if you would like to join.

### **Further information:**

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**Phone: 01798 865528**

**Website: [arunvalleyu3a.org.uk](http://arunvalleyu3a.org.uk)**

## COTTAGE MUSEUM ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

At 346 it will be 1910 precisely. It's been 1910 for twenty years now, and to celebrate this milestone the trustees are staging a free exhibition entitled '1910 Precisely' on Saturday 9th April from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm in the Leconfield Hall (upstairs).

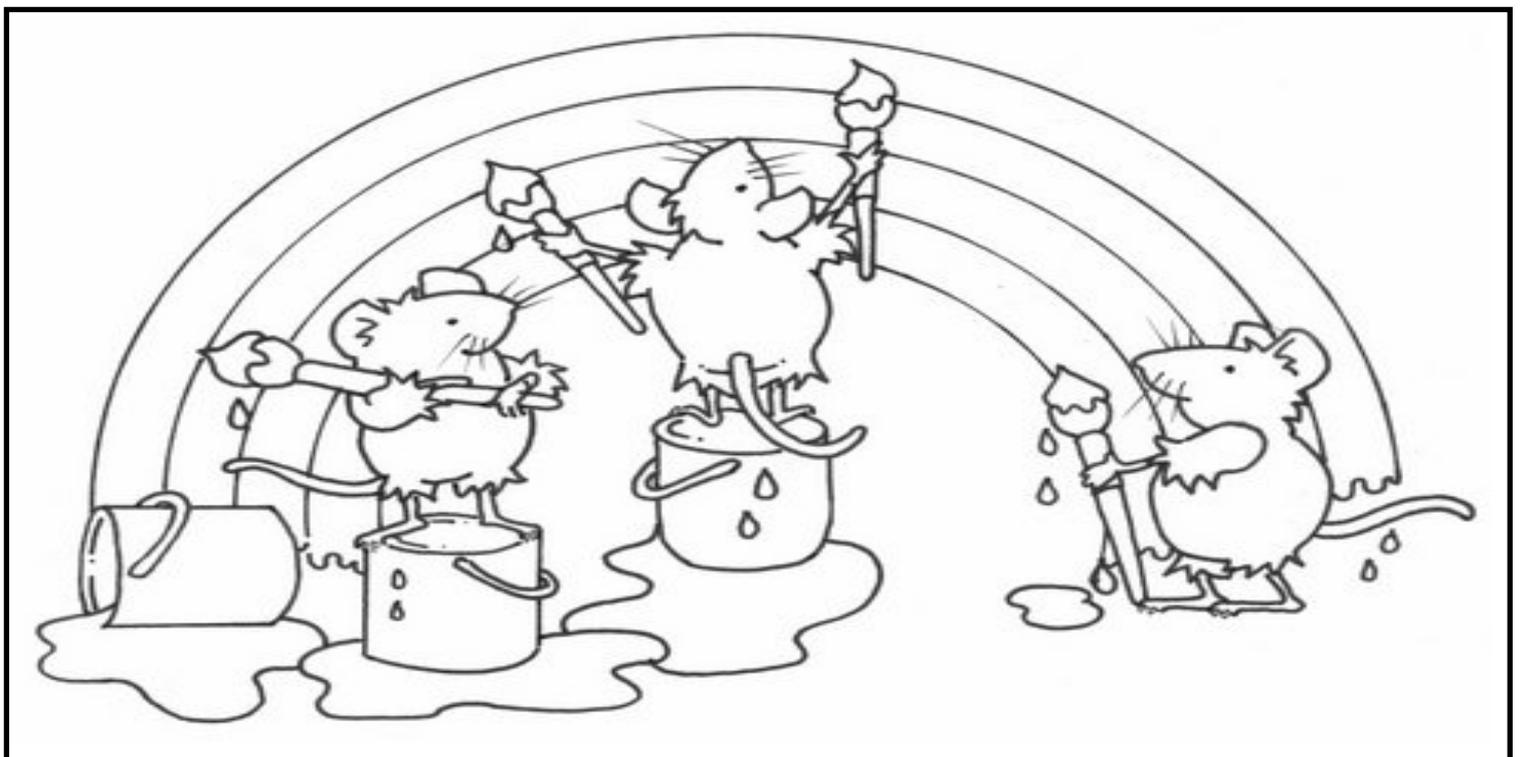
On show will be objects from the collections, slideshows, visitors' comments, material that illustrates life and events in 1910, and about 50 museum press cuttings from the Midhurst & Petworth Observer, charting the museum's development and progress from the grand opening in 1996 to now.

It will be a chance to show some of the reserve items and recently conserved textiles, and to recall past anniversaries. In 2006, the tenth anniversary was marked by two exhibitions and two lectures. And in 2010, when 1910 was 100 years old, the museum produced a new guide book, and former chairman, Peter Jerrome, published 'We Don't Do Nostalgia' - a collection of his Petworth Society Magazine museum articles, with drawings by Jonathan Newdick, some of which will be on show.

346 is 'not really a museum'. It is a house that's been restored and furnished as the home of Mrs Mary Cummings, a seamstress who worked at Petworth House and in her own sewing room at home. Agnes Phelan, a close friend of Mary's granddaughters, who had stayed in 346 in 1919, came to see the museum in 1997 and her memories, captured in the guide book, helped the early trustees to enhance their authentic re-creation of Mrs Cummings's cottage.

On 9th April the museum will be open from 10.00 am to 4.30 pm. Normal entry charges apply to the museum. More information can be found on the Events page of the museum's recently overhauled website at:- [www.petworthcottage-museum.co.uk](http://www.petworthcottage-museum.co.uk)

*Gordon Stevenson*



## APRIL

April springs in,  
Fresh is the air;  
Windows open wide,  
View the spring tide.

April showers fall;  
Boots muddy the hall,  
New buds burst with bloom,  
Dispel mists of wintry gloom.

April brings in  
Excitement to the air,  
Warming blood of girl and boy;  
Need to be together, sharing joy.

Teresa Charman © 2016

## COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to everyone who supported the coffee morning on Saturday 12th March. £230.70 was raised for Easter flowers.

*Jean Huggett and Gill Ticehurst*

## ‘LIFE OF CHRIST’ AT WINTERSHALL

YOU HAVE NOT SEEN ‘LIFE OF CHRIST’ AT WINTERSHALL?  
You have another chance!

21st - 26th June 2016, 10.00 am - 3.30 pm.  
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[www.wintershall-estate.com](http://www.wintershall-estate.com) or 01793 418299. Well worth a church outing!

(Very beautiful but quite strenuous for very elderly)

*Rosemary Harris*

## PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s – THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

Dates for Your Diary – April 2016

Wednesday 6th            2.00 – 4.00 pm            Bingo

Friday 8th                2.00 – 4.00 pm            Beetle

Saturday 16th            10.00 am – 12 noon

COFFEE MORNING IN THE URC HALL. Donations for cakes & produce, tom-bola, raffle and bric-a-brac stalls gratefully received in the Centre during the week or in the Hall on the day.

Wednesday 20th        2.00 – 4.00 pm            Bingo

Our 60s members were saddened to learn of the deaths of two of our members recently, Jessie Baxter and Betty Banting. Both were loyal members and Betty served for many years on the committee. Both will be very much missed and our condolences go to their families.

The Petworth & District Over 60s are delighted to have received a donation from McCarthy and Stone and we are very grateful for their support.

*Caroline Stoneman*

*House Committee Chairman*



YOU ARE INVITED TO AN RNIB FUNDRAISING EVENT  
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, PETWORTH

ON FRIDAY 8TH APRIL

From: 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Refreshments at 7.00 pm

FREE PRIZE DRAW

With Special Guests: GOSPEL TOUCH CHOIR

RNIB SPEAKER: SALLY HUTTON

CHRISTIAN AUTHOR & SPEAKER: DAVE HOPWOOD



# PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Beech Class

‘Another Badger has drowned in the lake today!’ cried dad as he came through the door. ‘Who?’ said mum. ‘Poor uncle Chester’ said dad sadly. ‘Where was he trying to go?’ asked Rosie their child. ‘He was trying to get to the other side of the lake.’ ‘But why?’ asked Sir Super Moore Maximus or for short Maximus. Dad said ‘Maybe because there are lots of worms on the ground by the lake.’ ‘Who would like to cross that stupid lake anyway’ said dad. ‘What did you say?’ shouted Rosie and Maximus. ‘Um..... I’m trying to talk to your mother here.’ Mum said ‘Do you want to find out how to cross the lake.’”

By Abbie M and her story was inspired by Hodgeheg.

## West Sussex Decorative and Fine Arts Society

On Tuesday April 5th the talk will be

Pompeii - A Product of its Time

Given by Gillan Hovell

The lecture on 3rd May, given by Dr Janet Brennan, will be

Scotland's Lost Castles

A Tale of Destruction, Decay and Defeat

Meetings are held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2.00 pm

Coffee is available from 1.20 pm

For membership details please contact Jackie Buckler on 01903 411086

Visitors are welcome for a fee of £8



"See you back here again for her wedding?"

# Petworth Players

Amateur Drama Group

THE

VICAR

OF DIBLEY

CHRISTMAS

A stage play by Ian Gower and Paul Carpenter adapted from the original TV series by Richard Curtis and Paul Mayhew-Archer. With kind permission of Tiger Aspect Productions and Comic Relief

**21, 22, 23 April 2015**

**Nightly at 7.30 pm**

**Herbert Shiner Centre, Petworth, GU28 0EE**

**Adults £10 in advance (£11 on the door)**

**Children £8 in advance (£9 on the door)**

Tickets from

Baytree Bakery Petworth or [www.petworthplayers.co.uk](http://www.petworthplayers.co.uk)

## National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children

Thank you to everyone who supported our Autumn Fair last year when we raised an astounding £1450!

We are now getting ready for our **Spring Fair on Saturday 30th April in the Leconfield Hall from 9.00 am to 12.00 noon.** There will be the usual stalls of gifts, cakes, toys, books, bric-a-brac, good quality second hand clothing, as well as a tombola and raffles.

We would be pleased to hear from you if you have anything which we could collect and sell to raise funds for this charity. All items would be gratefully received. Please contact Chris Hirons on 01798 342672 or Ann Blunden on 01798 343076.

We hope to see you on the 30th April.

## **PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB**

Petworth Lunch club will be meeting on Tuesday 12th April at noon in the United Reformed Church Hall. All welcome! Please let Catherine know by 10th April. 01798 343162. £6.50 + raffle, tickets £1 a strip!

Please note date time and place!

*Catherine Perschke*

## **SOUTH DOWNS DECORATIVE & FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

*Inspiring, Dynamic and Fun*

**On 6 April the lecture will be  
The World of William Shakespeare  
by Nicole Mezey**

**On 4 May the lecture will be  
The story of the Restoration of Barholm Castle  
by Dr Janet Brennan**

**Fittleworth Village Hall  
At 10.30, coffee from 9.50  
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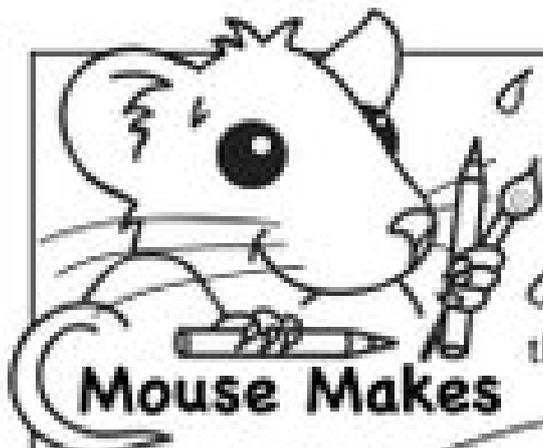
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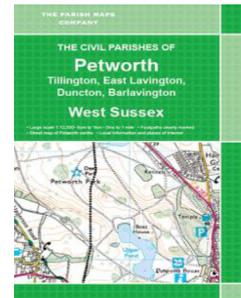
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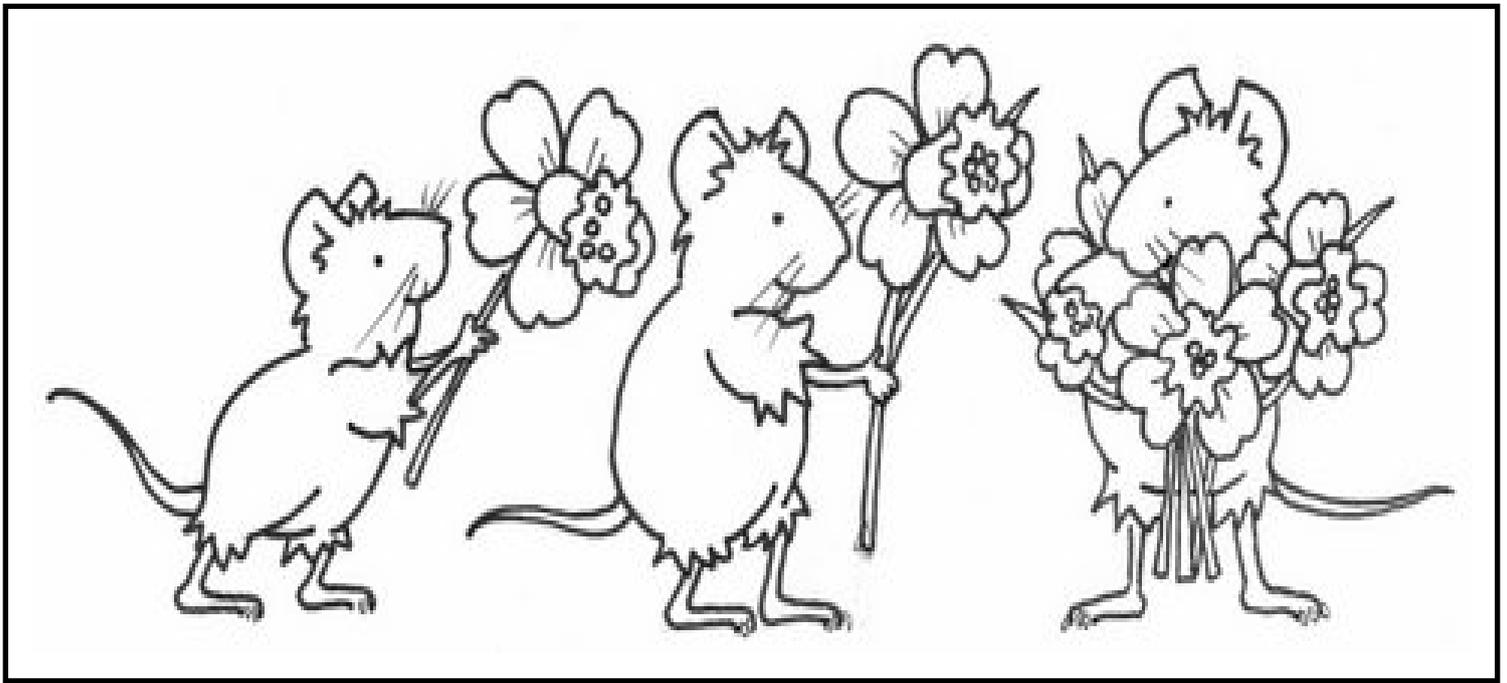
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### FUNERALS

Pray for the repose of the souls of

BETTY BANTING who passed away at the Cottage Nursing Home on 26th February aged 84 years.

Betty was a well known member of our community and will be remembered by many for the time she worked at the local Supermarket, going back to the days when it was the International Stores. She was born on 9th September 1931 in Lodsworth, the youngest of three girls. After attending school at Easebourne, she worked for Daniels the bakers in Midhurst. She later met Cyril and they were married in 1955. They had three children, Gill, Della and Adrian. Cyril worked for the Leconfield Estate, being employed in the forestry department, and lived in one of the cottages by the Horsham Road junction which was to be their family home for a number of years. Sadly, Cyril passed away in June 2001. 25 years ago the family suffered the tragic loss of Adrian. Betty had been a member of the Over 60s Club and had often helped out during Petworth Players productions selling raffle tickets.

Failing health had forced Betty to move to Rotherlea towards the end of last year. Evidence of how much she was thought of was apparent by the many who attended her funeral service at St Mary's on 11th March which was followed by burial at Hammers Green Cemetery.

We offer our sympathy to her daughters, Gill and Della and all the family in their loss

We also record the passing of BARBARA ANNE ELLIOTT who passed away on 17th February aged 80 years.

Barbara followed her son Clive by moving to North Devon following her retirement as the Warden of Lund House, the sheltered accommodation in Wyndham Road.

Previously, she had lived for many years at Station Road before moving to Herringbone Cottages at Duncton. It was whilst at Duncton that her husband Ken passed away early in 1978.

Barbara's funeral took place in Devon and her ashes are to be interred in the Garden of Remembrance at Egdean along side those of her late husband.

CHRISTOPHER DAVID BIDDELL (Priest) who passed away at his home, 3 Park Terrace, Tillington on 18th February .

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His passing, with much sadness, is mingled with the greater perspective of Christian hope and celebration. May he rest in peace.

The funeral service at his parish church of All Hallows was held on 29th February and was followed by burial in Tillington cemetery.

## Calendar and services for April and early May

### APRIL

#### 3rd **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY EASTER 2**

*Acts 5.27-32, John 20.19-31*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Family Service at Egdean *'Have you missed the Party'* 9.00 am

JUBILATE Family Mass 10.30 am

#### 10th **EASTER 3**

*Acts 9.1-6, Revelation 5.11-14, John 21.1-19*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP) 9.00 am

Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

**17th EASTER 4**  
*Acts 9.36-4, Revelation 7.9-17, John 10.22-30*  
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am  
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am  
 Evensong Egdean 4.00 pm

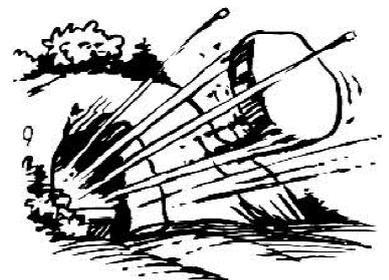
**24th EASTER 5**  
*Acts 11.1-18, Revelation 21.1-6, John 13.31-35*  
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am  
 Parish Eucharist at Egdean 9.00 am  
 Parish Eucharist 10.30 am

**MAY**

**1st EASTER 6**  
*Revelation 21.10,22 - 22.5, John 14.23-29*  
 Holy Eucharist 8.00 am  
 Family Service at Egdean Rogation 9.00 am  
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<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
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