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# **PARISHES OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PETWORTH & ST BARTHOLOMEW, EGDEAN**

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## From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear Friends

On Sunday 18th December I will be made Rector at an Institution service presided over by The Bishop of Chichester, Bishop Martin. The Archdeacon of Horsham, Archdeacon Fiona, will then Induct me into the living.

The Living at Petworth and Egdean was suspended after Canon David Pollard died which meant that instead of being Rector I was made Priest in Charge when I was Licensed in September 2015.

What does it mean? When a living is suspended it usually means there is going to be some Pastoral reorganisation, ie. Parishes may be combined, there is no sense of permanency.

When the living is unsuspected it says to the Parishes that we are looking for a stable and long term future. In practise I will still be the same person doing the same things however it does say to the town how important the Bishops and Diocese see Petworth.

The Church is very prominent in the town and I know lots of regular members of the congregation are involved in all sorts of activities.

The building is a visible sign of God's presence among us, a presence we celebrate especially at Christmas. When the 'Word became flesh and dwelt among us'.

This Christmas do join in our wonderful candlelight services at Petworth and Egdean. We have two beautiful churches to worship in, they help us to see beyond the building to the person who is truly the Church, Jesus Christ God's Son.

Have a wonderful Christmas and please do support me when the Bishop comes this month.

Yours in Christ.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark" with a large, stylized initial "M" and a long, sweeping underline.

## SEPTEMBER 1942 : PETWORTH BOYS' SCHOOL

Reference the report on the commemoration service of the Petworth Boys' School bombing on 29th September 1942, I have been asked by Mrs Betty Exall to correct the following inaccuracy.

Line 3, 2nd paragraph, reads '*An account of the episode was read out by John Exall.*' This should be '*An account of the episode by John Exall was read out.*'

Mrs Exall has also asked me to mention that the children who laid the wreath, George Homewood and Annabel Strange, were descendants of boys who were at the school at the time. George is the great-grandson of Bob Exall, John's brother, who is mentioned in the account. Annabel's relatives were Edward and Frederick Knight who, due to bad weather, were absent from school on the day of the bombing.

*Editor's Note: My apologies to Betty and her family for the inaccuracy and my thanks to her for pointing it out.*

*The Church Wardens of Petworth and Egdean request the pleasure your company  
at the Institution and Induction of*

*Canon Mark Gilbert*

*as Rector of St Mary the Virgin, Petworth  
and St Bartholomew's Egdean.*

*on Sunday 18th December 2016 10.30am*

*at St Mary the Virgin Church, Petworth by  
The Right Reverend*

*Dr. Martin Warner*

*Bishop of Chichester  
the Induction will be conducted by The Venerable*

*Fiona Windsor*

*Archdeacon of Horsham*

*The service will take the form of a Eucharist and Clergy are invited to robe, Gota and stole.  
The induction will be followed by a Reception. RSVP The Church Wardens [elintill@gmail.com](mailto:elintill@gmail.com)*

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# **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

## **Sunday 4th ADVENT 2**

**9.15 am Egdean**

**5.00 pm St Mary's**

**CHILDREN'S**

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**



## **Sunday 18th ADVENT 4**

**10.30 am Parish Eucharist  
Canon Mark Gilbert to be made  
Rector of Petworth and Egdean by  
Bishop Martin**

**4.00 pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL  
SERVICE at Egdean**

*This is our Traditional Carol Service*

## **Tuesday 20th**

**7.00 pm CANDLELIGHT CAROL  
SERVICE at St Mary's**

*This is our Traditional Carol Service*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**4.00 pm CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT  
CRIB SERVICE**

**11.30 pm MIDNIGHT MASS**

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.00 am**

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS Egdean**

**10.30 am**

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS St Mary's**

## **GIFT DAY 2016**

I am sure that parishioners and supporters of St Mary's would like to know the outcome of this year's Gift Day and Stewardship Appeal. Well, it has to be considered a success. Cash donations reached £4,562, upon a substantial part of which 'Gift Aid' income tax is reclaimable.

The comparable figure for 2015 was £4,128, and for 2014 £3,689. So we're making good progress. We adopted a new approach this year, by writing to all known recent supporters, rather than the 'whole town' delivery used in the past, and which has become increasingly difficult to sustain.

Plus many of our regular scheme donors felt able to make substantial increases in their monthly or weekly donations. These amounts are not included in the total above. And plus again, we have also been able to identify some additional practical support across a range of areas.

So, an enormous thanks to all who were able to support, in whatever way they chose.

Finally, if you meant to donate or raise your regular contribution, it is never too late to salve your conscience and do so! I've never been known to refuse money! Donations, preferably gift-aided if you can, in the wall box will always find me.

*Andrew Howard*

### **NATIVITY EXHIBITION FOR CHRISTMAS**

We are beginning to make plans for our sixth Nativity Exhibition. This has become an annual event which has proved very successful, bringing in not only Petworth Primary and many local organisations.

We were delighted with the response last year, and were very impressed with Petworth Primary who always put in cribs from each class. We had a wide range of crafts represented, with knitting, clay models, dolly pegs and much more. Other groups represented included The Petworth Society, Community Church, The Friendship Centre (Mrs Pat Turland), Val Fowler, who sadly is no longer with us, for the United Reformed Church, Beaver Scouts, Kaleidoscope Nursery and many more. The event is open to anyone who would like to be involved, as individuals or groups or clubs.

If you would like to participate in our Christmas project please contact Jackie Smith (342487) or Jean Huggett (343906) for further information.

# St. Mary's Christmas Fair

**Saturday 3rd December 2016**

**11.30 to 13.30**



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**And enjoy soup & a roll, and bacon butties for  
lunch. Tea, coffee & mince pies**

**See you all there!!**



# CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHRISTINGLE

This year Christingle will be on Sunday 4th December. The afternoon will begin at 2.00 pm with games and Christmas crafts. We will have tea at 4.00 pm, followed by Carol singing. The Christingle celebration will begin at 5.00 pm. This very special service is for many the beginning of the Christmas celebrations and is enjoyed by all ages. The collections for this service will go to The Children's Society. Please come if you can.



Children's Society collecting boxes are usually collected in at this time, some arrive at the Christingle service. If it is convenient to bring the boxes to Church they will be gratefully accepted; or collection can be arranged by calling Jackie Smith on 01798 342487.

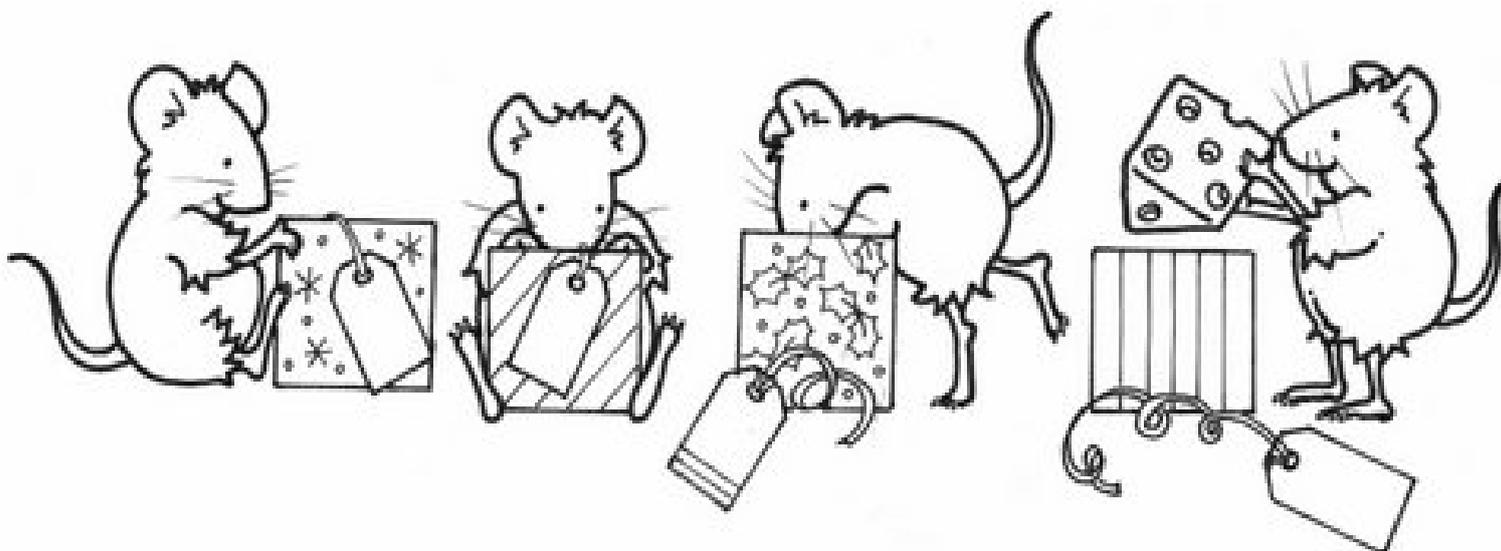
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**There is no lecture in January**

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# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

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**Christingle 4th December at 9.15 am**

**Carol Service 18th December at 4.00 pm** – transport available from Byworth

Please Note There will be no service on 1st January 2017 at Egdean.

## Can you be a Sparkler?

We were alight with sparklers at our Family Praise Service on 6th November the topic being 'Can you be a Sparkler?' Fr Richard Hoyle took the service and in his address lit a sparkler and afterwards the children were asked to come forward and he gave them each a sparkler and lit them before the congregation and said:

'As we light our sparklers and make patterns of fire and light, so we pray. As a spark becomes a flame so may our prayers live. As the sparks dance freely, so may we let go of all that holds us back so we might bring light to others and shine as his light in the World.'

*Christine Dallyn*

*Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC*



## PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Petworth Lunch Club is visiting the Palm House Restaurant in Manor Nursery at Runcton for their Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 13th December. Sorry, fully booked!

The January meeting will be on Tuesday 10th in the URC Hall where we will be having fish and chips, and on 14th February we hope to visit Meghdoots for curry.

*Caroline Stoneman*

**PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s  
THE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE**

Dates for your Diary – December 2016

Sunday 4th 4.30 pm

**Christmas Tea in The Audit Room, Petworth House**

Wednesday 7th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 14th	10.30 am	Christmas Raffle
Wednesday 14th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Quiz Afternoon
Wednesday 21st	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 28th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Card & Board Games

The Centre will be closed from 4.00 pm on 22nd December until 10.00 am on 28th December and from 4.00 pm on 29th December until 10.00 am on 4th January.

We wish all our members a very Happy Christmas.

*Caroline Stoneman*

*House Committee Chairman*

**WEST SUSSEX DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

One Tuesday December 6th Christopher Bradley will give a talk on

**Three Wise Men**

Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh - Traditions of the Magi

There will be Mince Pies and Mulled Wine after the lecture

Meetings are held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2pm

Coffee is available from 1.20pm

For membership details please contact Jackie Buckler on 01903411086

Visitors are welcome for a fee of £8

# CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS FOR FSW



Thank you to everyone who has contributed tins and packets for FSW in the red box by Colonel Maude's table over the past few months. These have been taken to Elaine Waight, who is our local support worker.

Christmas is approaching fast and the red box will be left out for any donations. There is no need to wrap any gifts as FSW need to know which gifts would be suitable for individual children, and their families.

- New toys, games, puzzles and books for children aged 0-14
- Gifts for older teenagers 15-18
- Small gifts for parents/carers (not alcohol or chocolate)
- Gift vouchers e.g. Boots, Argos, H&M, New Look, M&S

## **Food:**

We welcome non-perishable Christmas food items with use-by-dates dated after Christmas, such as:

- Stuffing (dry, in packets)
- Gravy granules
- Cranberry sauce (jars)
- Pickles & relishes
- Tinned foods e.g. fruit
- Mince pies
- Christmas pudding
- Biscuits
- Savoury biscuits/crackers
- Boxes/tins of chocolates e.g. Quality Street, Celebrations, Roses
- Tinned cooked meats e.g. ham
- Bottles of non-alcoholic drink e.g. cordial.

## **Plus:**

- Wrapping paper
- Christmas crackers

*Jackie Smith*

# **PETWORTH AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER**

**Working in harmony**

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

The theme is 'Crossing Barriers' which draws on the scripture 2 Corinthians 5:14-20 which includes this part from The Message – 'Christ included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own'.

## **Sunday 15th January**

3.00 pm at St Laurence, Lurgashall for the opening ecumenical service.

## **Monday to Friday 16th to 20th January**

1.00 pm at the United Reformed Church in Petworth for the lunchtime sessions with 30 minutes of reflection/prayer followed by soup and rolls. There will be a different speaker every day and lots of inspirational content to encourage us all on our individual 'resurrection lives' with Christ by our side.

Look forward to seeing you there!

*Karl Ayling*

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## **CAROLS AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE**

**IN AID OF**

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## WHY NOT VISIT A CHURCH

The present church of ST MARY at SLINDON, replaces an earlier building that was mentioned in the Domesday Book. The parish was part of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Sussex estates and it was Archbishop Theobald who, in 1154, was responsible for demolishing the church and replacing it with a new building of which only a small part of it remains today.

One small round headed window above the north aisle and some parts of the nave walls survive from the modest building that consisted of just a nave and chancel.

In the late 12th Century a south aisle was built and on the north side a one bay chapel was added. It was dedicated to St Thomas a Becket and no doubt referred to the parish link to Canterbury. Two hundred years later a north aisle was built which incorporated the earlier chapel and a south aisle was added with the nave being extended westwards. Of particulate note are the difference in the interesting architectural features of the arcades to the north and south aisles. Major restoration work was undertaken in 1866-67 by Sir T G Jackson. The aisle walls were replaced and he was responsible for the five stepped east lancet windows. He designed a chancel arch to match the late 12th Century work and placed a broach spire on top of the tower. Of the four bells in the tower three date from the 17th Century. Two of these are particularly rare, being dated 1651 and 1657. This was at the time of Cromwell's time in power when such activities as bell casting was restricted by law.

Other interesting items worthy of note are the three poppy headed benches in the south aisle dated from the 15th Century, and the Royal Coat of Arms of George 111 high up at the west end of the south aisle. No doubt the most rare and interesting however is the wooden effigy of Anthony St Leger who died in 1539.

He is shown in prayer, lying in full length in armour from the period of the War of the Roses with his head resting on his helmet. The effigy, now resting on a 19th Century stone base and contained in an iron like cage, was moved from the chancel to a position in the south aisle. Usually these effigies are seen in stone but the wooden version at Slindon is the only surviving one in Sussex.

*John Townsend*

### PETWORTH FARMERS MARKETS

The market will be held every 4th Saturday of each month, with the exception of December which is on the 3rd Saturday.

2016      17th December

2017      28th January  
            25th February  
            25th March



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The Centre is somewhere for pre-loved items to be donated for re-sale in our charity shop and where you can get help with low vision and independent living equipment which is on display. Low Vision Assessments can also be carried out to help determine the strength of magnifiers if you need one. Information on eye conditions, advice, guidance and referrals to appropriate services for our members, families and the wider community is also available.

We are happy to receive any unwanted clothes, shoes, books and CD's/DVD's you no longer want so please pop in and see Jill our shop manager if you have any small unwanted items you would like to donate to our shop or, get in touch with Bev Tinson if you need equipment or advice relating to sight loss. We can be contacted on 01730 812 338 or via email at [midhurst@4sight.org.uk](mailto:midhurst@4sight.org.uk)

Further information about our charity and the services we deliver can be found on our website at [www.4sight.org.uk](http://www.4sight.org.uk)

### **SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO A PERSECUTED CHRISTIAN**

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## PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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On the way to Pulborough train station we were all extremely overjoyed. Waiting on platform one, it was cold waiting for the train to arrive at the station.

On the train we played noughts and crosses, top trumps and also hangman. It took an hour and thirty one minutes because of the train delay of eleven minutes.

Arriving at London Victoria train station, we walked to Westminster Abbey while here we looked at the poppy display. It was stunning! Then we went to the Houses of Parliament the place that Guy Fawkes attempted to blow up from the cellars, it is also where the laws are discussed and many debates have been held there.



We went past Big Ben (or Queen Elizabeth Tower) just as it turned eleven o'clock. The bell sounded wonderful. A few moments later we were looking over the astonishing River Thames, as we marched towards and beneath the London Eye. We rushed to the Tate Modern to keep our appointment with the author Anthony Horowitz. He spoke to us about what it is like to be an author and how much he enjoyed writing his books and television, which include; Storm Breaker (Alex Rider series), graphic novels, Midsomer Murders, James Bond, Sherlock Holmes and Foyles War.

After our meeting we went to the third Globe Theatre, as it has been rebuilt three times, finally by the actor Sam Wannaker. It looked amazing from the outside and was even better inside, as there were statues carved into the walls and an open top roof. We were able to say some lines on the stage, 'Hubble bubble, toil and trouble, fire burns and cauldron bubble', which was from Shakespeare's Macbeth. A few moments later we went into a room where we played Macbeth's footsteps. We also acted out part of the play.



After our fantastic time at the Globe Theatre we went to Downing Street, where we had a photograph directly outside the Prime Minister's house. We also had a sneak peak inside; the hallway was very long. From here we went to Horse Guards; the horses were lovely.



The final part of our journey took us past Buckingham Palace and back to Victoria station. It was a very long day, but the best day we have ever had in London.

*By Annabel Strange, Ollie Jefford and George Homewood*

## REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AT STMARY'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 the activities, a warm welcome awaits you



*...relax Miss Pugh... he's not introducing incense - he's just got a new phone with a faulty battery!*

## ST THOMAS CHAPEL : THE LECONFIELD MEMORIALS

In the memorials in St Mary's to the family occupying Petworth House in its present or earlier forms, there is a gap of more than one hundred and fifty years between the brass plaque commemorating the death, in 1670 of Jocelyn Percy, 11th and last Earl of Northumberland of the old creation, and a 19th century memorial to some of the descendants of his sole surviving child, Elizabeth. At an early age, Elizabeth had married the 6th Duke of Somerset and her considerable wealth enabled the rebuilding of Petworth House in substantially its present form. She predeceased him and was buried, as he would be, in Salisbury Cathedral. Their son, Algernon 7th Duke, had a daughter Elizabeth but no male heirs, and a sister who married Sir William Wyndham of Orchard Wyndham, Somerset. Algernon was created Earl of Northumberland and Earl of Egremont. A division of property between his sister and his daughter was arranged in part to re-create the House of Percy, Lords of Northumberland. The Duke's daughter, Elizabeth, married Hugh Smithson, a Yorkshire baronet who assumed the name and arms of Percy. On the death in 1750 of his wife's father, he inherited, by remainder, the Earldom of Northumberland and the substantial Percy estates. The title Earl of Egremont passed with the Petworth and other property to Charles Wyndham, the son of Lady Katherine Seymour and her husband William Wyndham: both of them had died by that time. Charles Wyndham was important in the politics of his day - the mid 18th century - holding an office comparable, in modern terms to Foreign Secretary. He added to Petworth House the first element of what would become the North Gallery to house his collection of classical sculptures. However, he lived largely at Egremont House, Piccadilly (now Cambridge House). On his relatively early death in 1763, he was interred at the Wyndham family burial place in Somerset. His son, George Wyndham, succeeded as 3rd Earl of Egremont at the age of 12. The 3rd Earl is memorable for many reasons but particularly as an art collector and patron of artists, in particular J.M.W. Turner and of sculptors, including John Flaxman. He was also an advanced agriculturalist at a time of unprecedented improvements in land use and animal husbandry. He was in a long-term relationship with Elizabeth Ilive who bore him eight children, the eldest being George born in 1787. Two of the children, both sons, died in infancy. The couple married in 1801 but the only child born subsequently also died in infancy. Thus three sons and two daughters reached adult years. All of them married. On the east wall of St Thomas Chapel, there is a memorial to George the eldest son, usually referred to as *Colonel Wyndham*, which displays an impressive service record throughout the wars of the early 19th century. Nearby is a memorial plaque to his wife Mary Blunt. Being born out of wedlock, Colonel Wyndham could not inherit the Earl-

Egremont, but did inherit the Petworth estates and much else. In 1859 he was given the title of *Baron Leconfield*

There is a marble monument on the west wall of the St Thomas Chapel, intended to record the names of the persons interred in the Egremont Vault in the New Burial Ground off Barton Lane, which was constructed at the instructions of the Third Earl. The monument is by way of a memorial to the early days of the Wyndhams holding the Leconfield title.

Some of the names listed are those who pre-deceased the 3rd Earl, the first being Mary who died in 1823, aged seven. She was the daughter of the eldest son, George and his wife Mary: they lived at Drove, near Singleton. Then come in succession two brothers of the 3rd Earl - the Hon William Frederick Wyndham of Newmarket who died in 1828, aged 67 and the Hon Percy Charles Wyndham, of Jackleth, Cambridgeshire, who died in 1833, aged 76 years.

The next name, of a different generation, is William Wyndham of the 7th Regiment of Madras Cavalry, born 1809 died 1833, aged 24 years. Service in India was a good career path for a young man of good family but limited means: the Duke of Wellington had made name and fame there. But the death rate in Indian service was high. A child's name follows: *Lady Mary Gertrude FitzClarence, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Munster*. She died in 1835. Her parents were George FitzClarence and Mary Fox, born 1794, the daughter of the 3rd Earl of Egremont and Elizabeth Fox, who was also, by chance, from a theatrical background. George FitzClarence was the eldest son of William Duke of Clarence, later King William IV, and Mrs Dorothy Jordan, a leading actress of her day: his parents had gone through a form of marriage which was invalid under The Royal Marriages Act of 1772. Their several children were known by a name appropriate for the situation - FitzClarence - probably the last *Fitz* surname to be created. In 1831, just into the short reign, his father, William IV, George FitzClarence received the title Earl of Munster.

There follows George William Wyndham, son of George Wyndham of Drove, Lieutenant Colonel of the 20th Light Dragoons, died 2nd July 1837, aged 20 years and 4 months.

*Desmond Fitzpatrick*

To be continued .....

## COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee morning at St Mary's on Saturday 10th November raised **£184.80** for Christmas Flowers. Many thanks to all who supported it. The next coffee morning on Saturday 14th January 2017 will be in aid of church funds.

*Jean Huggett and Gill Ticehurst*

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## Everyone's Favourite Festive Psychopath

By Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Americans have chosen to align themselves with a mighty eagle. India have elected the elegant peacock. But we've voted a territorial ball of anger as our national bird. So what is it about the robin that we find so endearing?

That famous orange-red breast, a flaming flash of feathers in a bland back garden of blackbirds, sparrows and starlings is certainly striking. Those disproportionately large eyes give robins a cute 'face' (but are useful for a bird which hunts for beetles and worms under bushes in low light levels). They're cheeky little beggars. As we kneel weeding in the mud they'll hop along hoping for a castaway worm. Elsewhere in Europe robins avoid human contact and inhabit dark forests where they follow feeding boars as they dig in the soil. To a robin we're just big pigs in gardening gloves.

Surely the greatest coup that the robin has pulled off is cornering the lucrative Christmas market - especially considering the only other bird we associate with Christmas is beheaded and stuffed into an oven at Gas Mark 4. This Christmas connection is linked to the red tunic plumage of Victorian postmen. Robins were depicted as card-carrying postmen on the earliest Christmas cards and since then have joined Santa and snowmen as Christmas A-listers.

Attractive, friendly and festive - everyone loves a robin. Well everyone it seems apart from other robins. Robins hate other robins. They're highly territorial and, once invisible boundaries have been established, robins will rule their kingdom like feathered Fuhrers. They'll sing their washing-line war cries from dawn to dusk or patrol the garden noisily tick-tick-tick-ing like tiny time bombs. Female robins are just as tyrannical and will also sing and scuffle - unusual amongst female birds.

Robins will fight off other birds - no matter what colour; but when a robin sees red it sees red. Robins will peck, scratch, batter and kick any other robin that puts as much as a feather across the line. Behind that red breast beats the black heart of a ruthless killing machine. Fatalities are common.



For the past few months this front lawn turf war has intensified but around Christmas there are subtle signs of a ceasefire. The song of the robin becomes more hopeful and in the bleak midwinter something remarkable happens; robins unexpectedly and temporarily fall in love. For a brief period courting couples can be seen feeding alongside each other. As we enter the New Year this peace agreement ends and it's back to brutal business as usual. But these Christmas couples are now 'engaged' and will re-unite to form a family in the spring.



For robins Christmas is a time for peace, hope and worms. Here's hoping you have a similar Christmas full of peace and hope. And, as for the worms - I'm sure we'll all open a whole new can in 2017.

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The museum's brand new Tim Peake exhibition will be launching Thursday 15th December. The exhibition will allow visitors to embark on a space journey that follows Tim Peake's astronomical adventure - from growing up in Chichester to becoming the first British European Space Agency astronaut. The exhibition has Tim's official backing and his father, Nigel Peake, has been directly involved in curating the exhibition.

The museum's regular collections will also be available for all to enjoy including 'Murray or None', the Roman baths, the Roman gallery, the Bosham head and the Chilgrove Mosaic.

'We are really excited to welcome people to The Novium Museum this Christmas,' says Councillor Gillian Keegan, Cabinet Member for Commercial Services at Chichester District Council. 'As well as lots of events and activities, we will also be launching our brand new Tim Peake exhibition, which we know everyone is excited to see.'

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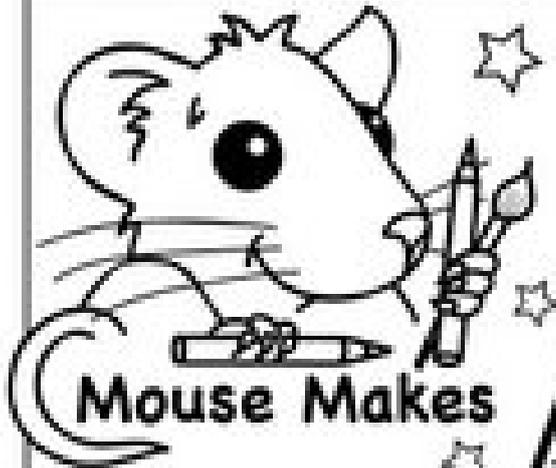
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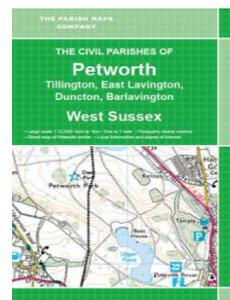
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Peter was buried in the family vault in St Mary's churchyard on 31st October and a Service of Thanksgiving for his life took place later in the day.

We extend our condolences to Anna and to Anne, William and Catherine and all the family in their loss.

RONALD JOHN POTTON of 5 Mant Road who passed away on 11th October aged 59 years.

'Ronnie' as he was known to all was born and brought up in Petworth. Educated at the Primary and Herbert Shiner schools he worked for much of his life as a painter and decorator. Sadly his wife, Angela, passed away in 2011 and this was the beginning of a particularly tragic period in the family's life. His brother in law, Peter Kerridge, died suddenly in November 2012, to be followed by his sister, Annette (Peter's wife) some 14 months later. This year both his parents, Ronald and Florence, died in less than 3 months of each other. Following Angela's death, Ronnie re-married.

The committal service was held at Worthing crematorium on 25th October.

We offer our sympathy to all his family in their loss.

NORMAN JESSE NOAH CARVER of 67 Wyndham Road who passed away at the Cottage Nursing Home on 11th October aged 73 years.

Norman was another born and bred a Petworth man. He was brought up by his mother, Gwen and his maternal grandparents living in Haslingbourne Lane.

He attended the Infants school and then the boys school at Culvercroft before transferring to the Secondary Modern at Midhurst. His first employment was at Hoes Farm where he remained until the farmer, Mr Drake, sold up. He and his mother, moved to Wyndham Road and Norman started working for the County Council Highways department. In the early 1990s his mother moved into the Cottage Nursing Home and it was here that he met Jackie who was employed there as a nursing assistant. The couple were married in June 1993 and eventually moved from 27 to 67 Wyndham Road. Following his retirement, Norman worked as a part time gardener, work that he thoroughly enjoyed.

The funeral service took place at St Mary's on 28th October and was followed by burial at Hampers Green cemetery.

We send our condolences to Jackie at this time.

SUSAN GOLDSMITH of 12 Park Rise who passed away at St Richards hospital on 12th October aged 82 years.

Sue or Susie, as she was known by many, was born on 14th March 1943 in Brighton, the second child to Lilian and Philip (Charlie) Hunt. They lived here in Petworth.

Sue had an elder brother, George, who was born in 1932. Both her parents were from Bedham, a place that held deep affections to her all her life, and where she had fond memories of her grandparents, particularly Grandfather George Elliott who lived to the grand age of 103. The family moved to Tillington, and it was at this time that Sue lost a baby sister, Bridget, to a childhood illness. In 1938 Sue and her family moved to one of the newly built homes at Hampers Green, where her parents were to remain for the rest of their lives. Sadly, George aged 10 was one of the victims of the Boys School bombing on 29th September 1942. At this time Sue was attending the Infants school and later moved on to St Margarets Convent at Midhurst. Not enjoying the office based secretarial work after leaving school, she got a job as a groom at the hunt stables at Flathurst. In March 1954 Sue married Peter Knight at St Mary's and she went on to become the proud mother of Mandy and Jonathan, later she was to marry Victor Goldsmith and had a son, Ben. Over the years Sue has a variety of jobs including an Avon team leader, shop assistant, a matron at St Michael's School, and at the Herbert Shiner school. During the 1990s she lost both her parents and in 1995 Victor died. At this time Sue was living at South Grove, but she decided to move to Rustington. However, two years later she returned to Petworth, moving to Park Rise. She travelled widely visiting Australia, and Toronto and Alberta in Canada, and as a member of the Twinning Association, travelled to France on a number of occasions. She took up art classes, devoted much time to her garden and was a keen follower of sport on television.

The funeral service took place at St Mary's church, Fittleworth on 4th November and was followed by burial in the churchyard.

We offer our sympathy to Mandy, Jonathan and Ben and all the family in their loss.



## Saturday

### 24th Christmas Eve

Christmas Crib Service 4.00 pm

Midnight Mass 11.30 pm

## Sunday

### 25th Christmas Day

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Christmas Family Mass Egdean 9.00 am

Christmas Family Mass 10.30 am

## JANUARY

### 1st Mary The Mother of God

*Numbers 6.22-27, Galatians 4.4-7, Luke 2.15-21*

Holy Eucharist 8.00 am

Parish Eucharist no service at Egdean

Parish Eucharist and Baptism 10.30 am

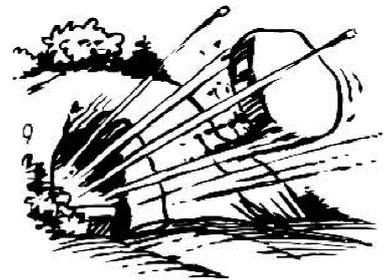
## WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Tuesdays Holy Eucharist 8.30 am**

**Wednesdays Holy Eucharist 8.30 am**

**Thursdays Holy Eucharist 8.30 am**

**Fridays Holy Eucharist 8.30 am**



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