

PETWORTH MAGAZINE

June 2019

Corpus Christi

June 17th -23rd

Open

9am - 6pm

Carpet of

Flowers



Sunday 23rd
10.30am
Parish
Eucharist &
Procession
Celebrant and
Preacher
The
Archdeacon
of Chichester.



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&

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S, EGDEAN

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Summer Fair

at St. Mary's Church
Saturday 1st June 2019
(12.00 noon – 2.30 pm)

We need your help!

Please donate to our Tombola. 100 items are needed – can you give 5 items, they needn't be expensive!



Lunch, tea, coffee, cakes, bric-a-brac, etc.

Grand Draw

Finally, everyone is very welcome and don't forget to come!

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From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear All

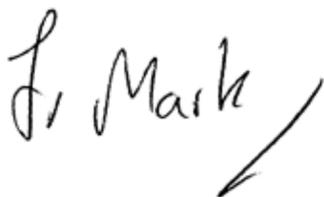
We will again be doing the carpet of flowers in Petworth, it is becoming quite a tradition. Our neighbouring Parish of Wisbourn Green did it for many years. Of course, the tradition in Arundel Cathedral goes back many years.

What the festival does is to bring people into our Church which has been a place of prayer for many centuries. We have many visitors to our Church particularly with the connection to Petworth House. There is something different about visiting a Church. A Church ultimately points people to the Divine. The spire that stood on Petworth Church for many years was an arrow up to God.

We hope that people will come and see out Festival of Flowers in our Carpet. Ultimately it is about celebrating the glory of God who we encounter in Holy Communion.

It is Jesus we are honouring with the carpet of flowers particularly for the gift he gives us in the Holy Eucharist. We are very privileged this year to welcome the Archdeacon of Chichester who will be the Celebrant and preacher on Sunday 23rd June at 10.30 when he will take the Sacrament down the Carpet of flowers to bless our Town and us. Please come along and encourage others to come along as well.

I have myself after 32 years been given the opportunity for a Sabbatical. You are supposed to have them after every 10 years. However from June till the end of August I will be on Sabbatical. It is a very strange feeling, however I am grateful for the opportunity thanks to Fr Richard and the PCC. Please do contact him or the PCC Secretary over any details. Fr Richard's phone number is 01798 345243, his mobile 07981 711792 and email richardhoyal@btinternet.com



**COPY DATE FOR THE JULY MAGAZINE
IS MONDAY 10TH JUNE**



St Mary's Petworth

John Collins (Organist of Christchurch, Worthing)

Saturday 22nd June 2019 at 12 30 pm

Early English, Iberian and Italian organ music,
including pieces by Marsh, Walond, Seixas, Storace and Valerj.

Tea and coffee available.

Retiring collection in aid of St Mary's ongoing organ maintenance fund.

CORPUS CHRISTI 17TH - 23RD JUNE

Help needed for Corpus Christi preparation on 16th June

We will be celebrating Corpus Christie again this year. Our proposal is to lay the flowers after service (and lunch) on Sunday 16th and then leave them down for visitors to enjoy until the 10.30 service on the following Sunday. If you would like to help in any way, deheading flowers, stripping greenery or just making tea for the helpers please contact Fiona or Eileen.

ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNINGS

The Coffee morning on Saturday 11th May raised £200 for Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice. Again, many thanks to all who supported it. As the Summer Fair takes place on 1st June the next one will be on 13th July,
Jean Huggett and Gill Ticehurst

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

web site: www.egdeanparish.com

Dates for your Diary

Community Fund Raising Events:

Saturday 15th June 5.30 pm – Church Barbecue, Grand Raffle, Books, Bric-a-Brac, Cakes and Produce stalls, Games. Please let Christine or Jenny know if you would like to help with any of the stalls, all contributions towards provision of cakes, produce, books, raffle prizes would be much appreciated.

Sat 27th/Sun 28th July 2.30 - 5.00 pm – Cream Tea Weekend – Church Cottage, Egdean

Quiz Night

A big thank you to Bea and Erica for organising a very successful Quiz Night on 2nd May.

We all enjoyed a very social evening, with enough people attending to make up 6 teams of 8 and 1 team of 5. Ed Brewster made an excellent Quiz Master and after several rounds of questions we enjoyed a very tasty hot supper followed by a delicious spread of homemade puddings. After further, quite tricky questions, a raffle was drawn while the points were added up and the winners were declared, with the Farming Friends team having the least points winning the booby prize of a wooden spoon each. As they were a 5 member team the next team with the least points were the Spring Chickens, winning the remaining wooden spoons! Fr Mark's team, The Densa's, were declared the overall winners, winning a large box of truffles to share. **A great time was had by all and we raised £915 for church funds.** *Many thanks to all involved.*



Christine Dallyn
Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

Rogation Service in May

We had a lovely sunny morning for our Rogation Service when we go out and about and bless the water at the well, the bluebell woods, fields and churchyard, with special readings at each stop, and singing along the lane to 'The Fruits of all Creation'. The service was completed in church with prayers and the final hymn 'Colours of the Day'.

Our next Family Service on 2nd June is all about 'MUSIC FOR ALL AGES', please bring a musical instrument with you and especially encourage children to bring anything to make music. Looking forward to hearing what we can achieve!



FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the red box for FSW during the Easter period. These were greatly welcomed by our families.

We will continue to collect any food and household items such as cleaning materials, toilet paper, in fact things that we all use including toiletries. We are very grateful to our friends at the URC who hold their regular tombola for both FSW and the Food Bank.

FSW have a charity shop and will be very pleased to receive any donated items of clothing, household, unwanted gifts, in fact anything that you would find in the local charity shops. On the last Friday of the month the van which collects from the local area, will come to St Mary's to collect anything that we may have (this can vary so I always check with the FSW office).

Jackie Smith

PETWORTH COMMUNITY CRAFT GROUP

The event at the Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Centre on a very busy May Saturday was deemed a great success. In just 2 hours it raised a very healthy sum for the youth club approaching £600.

Sylvia Beaufoy Youth Club is PCCG's charity of the year, a craft group member decided to have a clear out, collect more items from the community and have a sale at the Youth Centre to raise funds for them. The Youth Club liked the idea and said 'What about serving waffles?' So the event was born. The community, including businesses, were very generous with their donations and support.

Part of the success of the event was down to the fact that some people who came to the Centre had not previously known it existed or about the facilities it had to offer. In addition, shoppers went away with some lovely new clothes, quirky hats, shoes and all manner of other things as well as some fantastic bargains. The youth club members enjoyed making and serving the amazingly delicious waffles and there was a very happy atmosphere as everyone browsed, chatted and made new friends.

Thanks must go to everyone who donated items for sale and coat hangers and loaned clothes rails. Special thanks thanks to Jan at Allans and Liz at Sorella who were particularly helpful. We could not have put on the event without you! Much praise to the volunteers who were spread very thinly due to the other group events being held at the same time. Some came to the centre to help with the clearing up after volunteering all morning at another event. The team-work was second to none.

PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Petworth Lunch Club's meeting in June will be on the 11th at 12 noon in the URC Hall where we will be enjoying Coronation Chicken with salad and new potatoes followed by Chocolate Brownies with Ice Cream, choice of tea or coffee. All for £7.50.

Booking essential through Caroline Stoneman (01798) 342942

PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s DAY CENTRE

The Friendship Centre

Dates for your Diary in June

Wednesday 5th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Quiz
Tuesday 11th	Over 60s Film Club – Florence Foster Jenkins	
Wednesday 12th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 19th	Games afternoon (scrabble, rummikubs, cards, etc.)	
Wednesday 27th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo

There are still a few Annual Subs (due on 1st April) to be paid - still only £3.00. Please pay when you next visit.

Although we are a club mainly for the older residents of the district we welcome anyone who would like to pop in, to rest your feet after shopping, have a cup of tea or coffee and meet friends and make new ones. Opening hours are 10.00 am - 12 noon, 2.00 - 4.00 pm, Monday to Thursday. Although we should be open on Friday afternoons we find it hard to do so as most of our helpers (members) are busy that day. For information please ring (01798) 342942.

Caroline Stoneman
House Committee Chairman

FETE IN THE PARK

This year the Fete will be held on Saturday 13th July. Once again St Mary's will be there with children's craft activities. We will be joined by Family Support Work, who will have the Teddybola and publicity about their work and their future activities.

Any offers of help with the craft will be gratefully accepted; even the odd hour would be good. Hopefully all materials will be ready (it may well be a sheep theme). We normally have the use of a marquee, and I believe this will be available for us this year.

If you can help in any way please contact Jackie Smith on 01798 342487, or have a word in Church.

Deadly nightshade

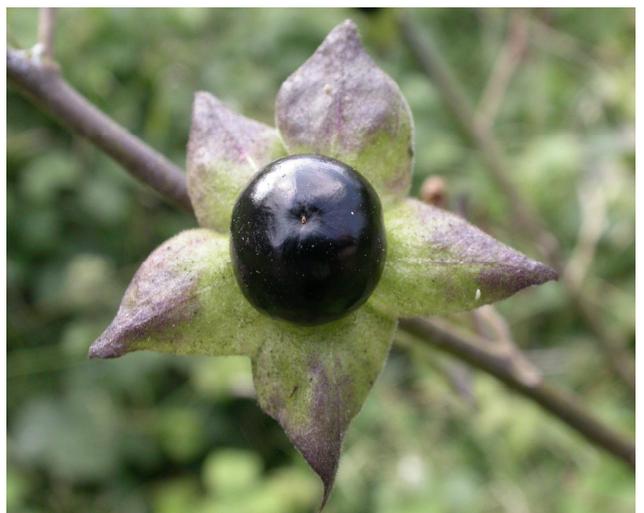
by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

‘A poison bouquet to strike him down’

16th June is Bloomsday, a celebration of the life of James Joyce, whose novel *Ulysses* follows Leopold Bloom’s escapades on that June date in 1904. Throughout *Ulysses*, Joyce uses flowers to symbolize romance and the lure of the exotic. Aside from fornication Joyce also tackles expiration, hallucination and urination. All of which (well, apart from the urination) remind me of another bloom that will be raising hell around Sussex in June.

Deadly nightshade looks innocent enough. A tall plant with lush leaves and purple, bell-shaped flowers. Later in the year the glossy berries will catch your eye; dangling temptingly like black pearls. It’s in the plant family Solanaceae; related to potatoes and tomatoes. But deadly nightshade isn’t the sort of relative you’d invite round for dinner. And you certainly wouldn’t want it anywhere near the food. It is lethally poisonous.

Its name should be warning enough (and if not, colloquial nicknames such as ‘Satan’s Rhubarb’ and ‘Death Cherries’ underline the message). In 1597, Elizabethan physician John Gerard warned us ‘banish it from your gardens’ and steer well clear but we obviously weren’t paying attention. An internet search today reveals recent stories of accidental deaths, comatose children and a naked, hallucinating German monk.



It is reported (but possibly exaggerated) that just three berries will kill you. Symptoms start with a dry mouth, dizziness and urinary retention (ha – so there was a link to urination after all!) and progress to delirium, convulsions and a heartbeat so furious that it can be heard from several feet away. It’s all downhill from there. Incredibly, the berries are the safest part of the plant – you wouldn’t want to go anywhere near the roots.

Wicked witches would use the berries in a potion to make their broomsticks rise. Wicked women in Venice, looking for a similar reaction in their men, used deadly nightshade eye drops to dilate their pupils. The plant's scientific name belladonna means 'beautiful woman'. The potential side effects of this beautification would later be the answer to the question 'how do you make a Venetian blind?'

Barcombe botanist David Lang tells a tale of a student found staggering the streets drunk and disorderly. Nothing new there - until a police doctor saw his wide eyes and realised he had been poisoned by belladonna. He was rushed to hospital where it transpired that his landlady was trying to extract medicine from the berries and was straining them through the same strainer she was using to make his coffee each morning. You won't get a kick like that in Costa. So, be cautious of this killer as you walk the Downs in June to ensure that your life, which to paraphrase Mr Joyce is already a 'parenthesis of infinitesimal brevity', is not made any briefer.



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- Array of working dogs
- Donkey Rides
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- Coppice crafts
- Sheep
- Gun dog events
- Petting Farm

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- Terrier Racing
- Learn about bees
- Woodcarvers
- Trade stands
- Delicious local food
- Dog agility
- Face Painting
- Air rifles
- Garden furniture
- Rustic home décor
- Archery
- Bar tent - local beer
- Scale- the -bale

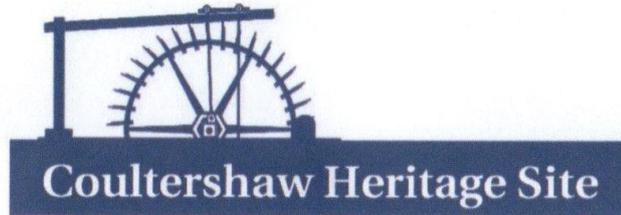
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Are you interested in Petworth's past?

**Coultershaw Heritage Site & Beam Pump need help
stewarding our open days**

The Coultershaw Heritage site is a very important part of the history of the Petworth area. It contains so much that contributes to telling the story of those who have lived in the town and surrounding countryside over the last 200 hundred years or so.

Visitors can:

- Watch the waterwheel drive the Beam Pump to produce an impressive water spout.
- Learn how the Beam Pump was installed in 1782 to pump water to Petworth House and town, 1 ½ miles to the north.
- See the Archimedes screw turbine using water to generate electricity.
- Visit the Engine House, and try pumping water with the hand pumps.
- Walk around the canal basin to see the remains of the 18th century lock, canal warehouses and stables.
- Look out for the wide variety of wildlife and you may see fish climbing the fish ladder!

The development of the Coultershaw site began in 1976 when volunteers from the Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society started the restoration of the Beam Pump. This had operated until 1960 and, when the mill was demolished in 1973, the Beam Pump was left under a concrete slab. After nearly five year's restoration, the pump worked again in 1980. It was officially opened by Lord Egremont on 4 July 1980 and scheduled as an

Ancient Monument in the same year. The Sussex Industrial Archaeology Society operated the Beam Pump until 2002, when the Coultershaw Trust was formed to develop the heritage site.

During 2013 and 2014, a major redevelopment took place at the Coultershaw Heritage site. With a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, buildings have been restored to allow access for more areas of the site. The Engine House, constructed in 1919, now houses our collection of water pumps which visitors can operate. The Warehouse, with toilets, provides a heated space for learning activities, talks and exhibitions. Around the site new exhibitions will enable visitors to understand the important part that Coultershaw played in the development of Petworth and the surrounding area.

The Heritage Site relies entirely on voluntary help. It is operated and maintained by the trustees and volunteers from The Coultershaw Trust.

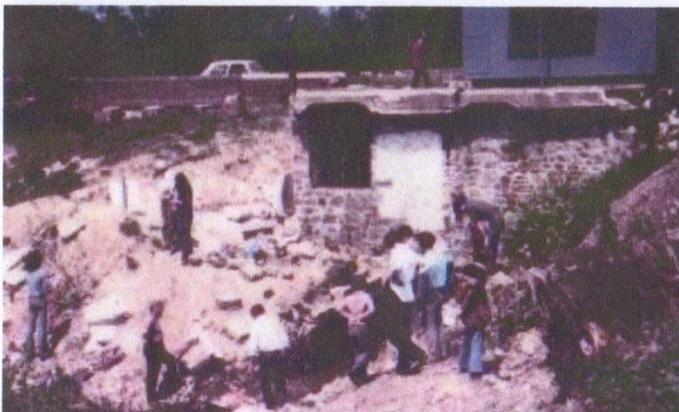
Would you be willing to help us continue to keep the site open to visitors by welcoming them and telling the Coultershaw story?

We are open on the first and third Sunday of the month
Easter to September plus the bank holidays.

You can do all day or half a day – any help is appreciated

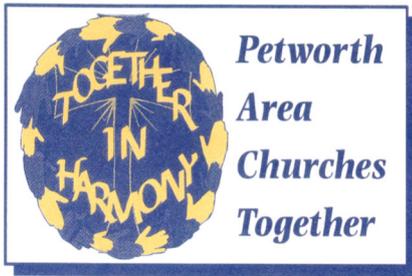
For further information contact Robin Wilson 01798 865774
curator@coultershaw.co.uk

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To this.....





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Petworth Area Churches Together
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www.petworthareachurchestogether.com

JUNE NEWS

Our new Facebook Page

Please 'Like' our page at 'PACT Petworth Area Churches Together'. We will be putting information on Facebook, as well as using the existing channels.

The Petworth Foodbank

Our local Foodbank, a satellite of the Chichester District Foodbank, exists to provide crisis support for some who, through force of circumstance, may be struggling to put food on the table. You might wish to express your appreciation of the Foodbank's work by making a contribution to the Foodbank basket in the Petworth Coop.

Various agencies including, doctor's surgery, Primary Schools, the Children and Family Centre and Churches provide Foodbank vouchers to clients who qualify.

Gerald Gresham Cooke

GOOD NEWS' BOOK CLUB AT SOMERSET LODGE

**2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays 2.00 pm,
and also 6.00 - 7.00 pm every Wednesday (except Jul. Aug. and Dec.)
followed by separate prayer group all year round. Tel 343842.
All welcome**

The Book of Revelation, being studied in the Tuesday group, is indeed a revelation, as each strange reference or number has a meaning. It sets out God's plan for our lives with God in charge. It is a rewarding study. In the Wednesday group Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus reveal his great concern about his followers, knowing, as he did that he was soon to be executed.

Rosemary Harris



LEAF OPEN FARM SUNDAY



VISIT A FARM AND DISCOVER THE WORLD OF FARMING

Sunday 23rd June 10am – 4pm

Come and visit Moor & Marshalls Farm at Petworth – free entry



Meet the animals – Ask the farmer

Field to fork displays – see the cows being milked

Tractor trailer rides around the farm – Ice cream & refreshments

Young people in agriculture – farm machinery displays

Fun and informative for all the family



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CHIDDINGFOLD VILLAGE HALL **CINEMA**

Book Online at chiddingfoldcinema.com 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month

Friday 7th June 2019 – 8.00 pm (doors open 7.30 pm)

MARY QUEEN OF SCOTS (2018). Starring **Saoirse Ronan, Margot Robbie, David Tennant, and Jack Lowden.** Margot Robbie and Saoirse Ronan excel as wily foes in Josie Rourke's striking take on the rivalry between Elizabeth I and her Scottish cousin. Queen of France at 16 and widowed at 18, Mary Stuart defies pressure to remarry. Instead, she returns to her native Scotland to reclaim her rightful throne. However, Scotland and England fall under the rule of the compelling Elizabeth I. Each young Queen beholds her sister in fear and fascination. Rivals in power and in love, and female regents in a masculine world, the two must decide how to play the game of marriage versus independence. **Biography/Drama BBFC Certification:15**

Running time: approx. 2 hours 4 minutes + 15 Minute Interval

Thursday 20th June 2019 – 8.00 pm (doors open 7.30 pm)

CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME? (2018) Biopic drama in which once best-selling celebrity biographer Lee Israel once famous for profiling Tallulah Bankhead, Estee Lauder and Katharine Hepburn finds herself in financial peril as her failing writing career leads her to commit literary fraud. Deftly directed and laced with dark wit Oscar nominees **Melissa McCarthy** and **Richard E Grant** make a perfect pairing in this finely composed portrayal of real-life literary forger Lee Israel. Fascinating true-crime black comedy, one of **Melissa McCarthy's** best performances alongside **Richard E Grants** bleakly hilarious Jack Hock. **Biography/Comedy/Drama BBFC Certification:15**

****Thursday screening instead of the usual Friday****

Running time: approx. 1 hour 44 minutes + 15 Minute Interval

Tickets for each standard screening cost £6 (£3 for children under 15) on the door, in advance via chiddingfoldcinema.com, or from Treacle's Tea Shop on The Green. Season tickets are also available.

The cinema offers a licensed bar, home-made cakes, popcorn and of course ice-cream at the interval. Free parking at the village hall and at the Coxcombe Recreation ground opposite. Chiddingfold Cinema is volunteer run with profits going to improvements at the village hall. For all the latest information and screening dates please sign up to our Mailing List, either online or in person at the cinema. Email: boxoffice@chiddingfoldcinema.com

ROTHER VALLEY TOGETHER

RVT is an Activity and Lunch Club based at The Grange in Midhurst and supporting those who have difficulty getting out and about independently. The Centre is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 10.30 am to 2.30 pm.

Our members are encouraged to participate in activities like word games, quizzes, armchair exercises, knitting or pottery. It is all very friendly, and you are welcome to join in or, if you prefer, just enjoy each other's company in the tea and coffee area. An excellent lunch is also provided. RVT has a specially adapted minibus with driver and volunteer on board to help, and is able to pick up over a wide area and then return you home. If you would like to try RVT, or know someone who might like to, you would be most welcome to visit us.

If you would like to consider becoming a member, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Caroline, the Activities Manager on 07957 405958 or email rothervalleytogether@gmail.com

THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX

**On Tuesday 4th June Imogen Corrigan will give a talk on
The Bayeux Tapestry**

Scenes in the Tapestry will be studied in detail and explored as turning points in our history.

**On Tuesday 2nd July Alexandra Epps will give a talk on
As Good As Gold**

A Special 50th Anniversary Talk

Experience the story of gold and its significance and symbolism in the history of art - all that glitters is certainly gold.

Teas and cakes following the talk.

Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2.00 pm

Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the lecture

Please call 01903 411086 or contact jackiebuckler@sky.com

Visitors most welcome - £5

www.theartssocietywestsussex.org

THE FLORAL FRINGE FAIR

We are very excited to announce that our seventh Floral Fringe Fair HAS MOVED for 2019 to:-

Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre, Station Road, Amberley, Nr Arundel, West Sussex BN18 9LT.

Floral Fringe Fair 1st and 2nd June from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm, both days. There is ample parking in the station car park and beyond in the farmer's fields.

For visitors to the fair the entrance price is £10.00, which includes entry to all the museum exhibits (their normal charge is £14.50) children £2.00, under 4's free. Dogs on leads.

Amberley Museum is literally outside Amberley station, so travelling to the fair by train, from London or elsewhere, couldn't be easier.

Amberley Museum is a registered charity. It is an exciting 36 acre site in a former chalk pit containing not only some very well preserved lime kilns, a greenwood village, a steam crane, a bus garage, a print workshop, a wireless exhibition, Nature trails, an electricity museum, a steam train running on tracks round the site and much much more, a quite extraordinary collection of Industrial vintage items, such as an extensive collection of old buses, televisions, bicycles. The Floral Fringe Fair still has the theme of encouraging visitors to make their gardens wildlife-friendly but it has evolved into much much more. It has become a unique fair with a personality and atmosphere. It is very popular with families and dog-owners.

The fair is a must for plantaholics and wildlife enthusiasts. We try to make our fair special by ensuring, as far as possible, that everything on sale is hand-made or home-made, or at least designed and produced by the stall-holder selling it, except in the case of Steampunk and Vintage stalls. Also we are particularly keen on promoting and choosing businesses from Sussex, Surrey, Kent and Hampshire. The fair is all about artists and makers and producers of aesthetic and beautiful things; it is about food that is locally grown and raised and it is about all things green, health- enhancing and countryside-based. Last year saw the introduction of an inventive new flavour of Steampunk. It is typically English, massively creative and totally eccentric, so fits in well with our ethos

and the industrial history surroundings. This year we have invited several Steampunk societies to come this year dressed in Steampunk style. We also are very excited to announce that the talented and eccentric Ichabod Steam will be bringing his new invention to the fair. Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/floralfringefair> and our website www.floralfringefair.co.uk Find us on Instagram @floralfringefair and Twitter @floralfringe My contact details are jeanjackman@hotmail.com mobile 07939 272443.

Classic car owners are invited to bring their cars to display but need to fill in a registration form please. Available by email as above.



PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Schools constantly evolve and adapt to the needs of the children and the community. Over the last two weeks we have been involved in two projects at our school which will enable us to further enhance the learning opportunities for our children.

The first is the installation of our solar panels, which will help us all understand the importance of replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy. The children will be able to see how much electricity the solar panels are generating and see if this will make a difference not only to our bills, but also with the electricity we are using. The children have really embraced the importance of looking after the environment and we now have groups of children working on our two litre bottles plastic greenhouse, recycling batteries and crisp packets as well as our *litter busters*. Children taking control, responsibility and wanting to make a difference...what more could you ask for?

Our second project is the new obstacle course, which was the idea of a group of year six children as part of our discussions around encouraging children to be more active. The children led an assembly, questioned the children and then designed the course. The result has now added to the multitude of activities the children have during the school day to be active.

If you have any two litre bottles, batteries or crisp packets and you want to help the environment and recycle them at our school, please pop them along to our school reception. If you would like to see what we are offering the children in our school why not join us for our Summer Fair on Saturday 29th June from 12 noon – 3.00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**FOR THE SECRET GARDENS EVENT ON
SUNDAY 9TH JUNE**



**A Discovery Trail
through Petworth**



**200th Anniversary of
Queen Victoria's Birth
Her Life in the Victorian
Language of Flowers**

During the Victorian Era it became popular to use flowers to send secret and subtle messages.

*Learn the Language of Flowers &
Discover Queen Victoria's Life
story in a short stroll through our
historic town*

Queen Victoria's Life in Flowers

The Queen's Death – 22nd January 1901

Souls Reunited & Gratitude

Phlox & Dwarf Sunflower

After being diagnosed with 'cerebral exhaustion' Queen Victoria died aged 81 at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight. Despite their previous fights, her eldest son and successor, Bertie, was at her deathbed alongside her grandson Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm. Her death came to define the end of an era.



Victoria was buried beside Albert in the royal mausoleum at Frogmore House. Albert's dressing gown and a plaster cast of his hand were lowered into the coffin with her. *Phlox* carries the message that their *souls were reunited*.

Victorian flower language ascribes a meaning of *gratitude* to the *dwarf Sunflower*, and *yellow* symbolises *long life*.

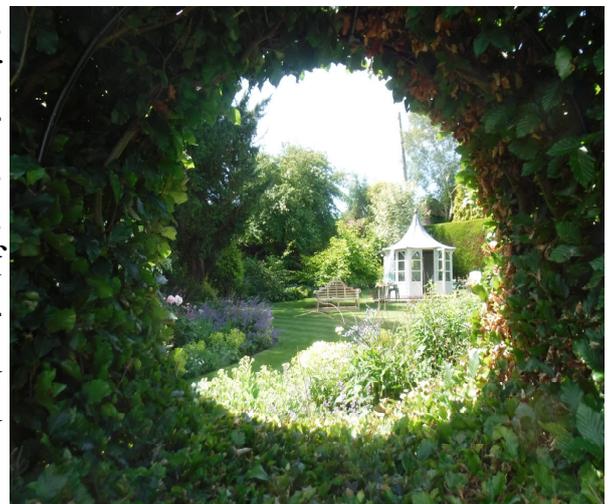
PETWORTH SECRET GARDENS DAY

Sunday 9th June



The Secret Gardens event is a well loved day in Petworth and was run last year in support of Petworth Community Garden. It was a glorious day with over 600 visitors and made over £4,000 which enabled the Community Garden to keep running at a vital time.

Petworth Community Garden is an accessible community project for all ages and abilities run for the community by the community since 2005. We work with locals from all walks of life including wheelchair users, adults with learning disabilities, children with additional needs, locals with social or mental health support needs, low income families, children and older people, along with other locals. Working together in a friendly integrated group according to need and ability, enables everyone to enjoy the many health, wellbeing, social and therapeutic benefits of community gardening. We teach about organic wildlife gardening, permaculture and growing your own during our 'Learn and Grow Tuesdays', offer 'Thriving Thursdays', Social and Therapeutic Horticulture programmes for people with mental health support needs and older people with dementia, and on Wednesdays we run 'Petworth Men's Shed', bringing more isolated men together to create beautiful rural crafts in our 'Crafty Men Working with Wood' project. We also create jams and chutneys from our harvest as part of our 'Chutneys For Change' project, working with older people in our community, harvesting local country recipes and sharing knowledge.



The Community Garden are so grateful for the wonderful support of Petworth Gardeners Club and volunteers, who are organising the Secret Garden Event again this year.

The Community garden will be open during the day from 12 noon onwards for visitors to see their work and sample some of the produce and refreshments. The Show Gardens competition is also running on the same allotment site and these will also be open for visitors to see on the day and vote for their favourite in the People's Choice award.

This year we are building on the theme of wellbeing (a key aim of the Community Garden) by introducing a Wellbeing Tent in our town centre garden 'Rosemary Gardens' which will feature demonstrations of wellness techniques such as Acupuncture, Yoga, Qi Gong and Craniosacral Therapy. This will be open from 12 noon onwards so come and have a go! There will also be lots of children's activities in Rosemary Gardens, at the Sylvia Beaufort Centre and at the Petworth Cricket Club, with Ice Creams, Pimms tent, plants, crafts and wellbeing product stalls in Rosemary Gardens and, of course, tea and cake in the Leconfield Hall.



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The Secret Gardens will be open from 2.00 - 6.00 pm and promise a delightful treasure trail around Petworth. From large country gardens with sweeping vistas to exquisite courtyard gardens, there will be something for everyone! Tickets and maps can be purchased at the Leconfield Hall in the Market Square during the monthly Farmers Markets and on the day, £6 for adults, children under 12 are free!

We are also delighted that BBC Sussex is our media partner for the event and that Petworth Town Council, Petworth Business Association and Petworth and District Community Association are supporting the event.

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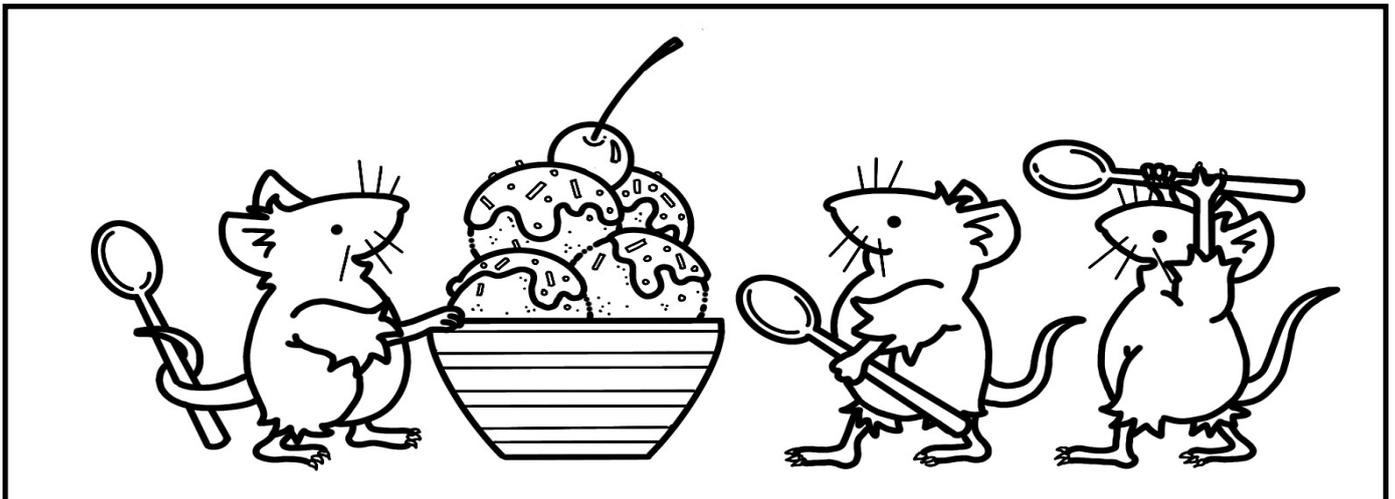
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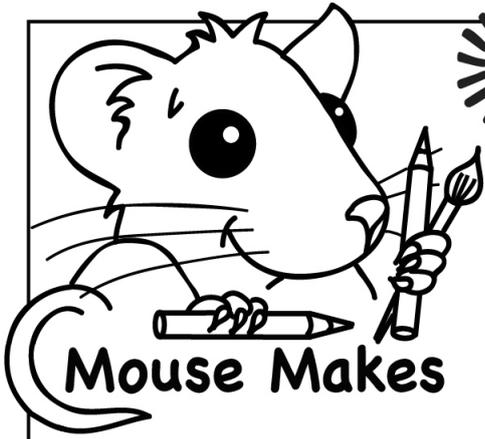
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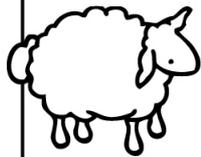
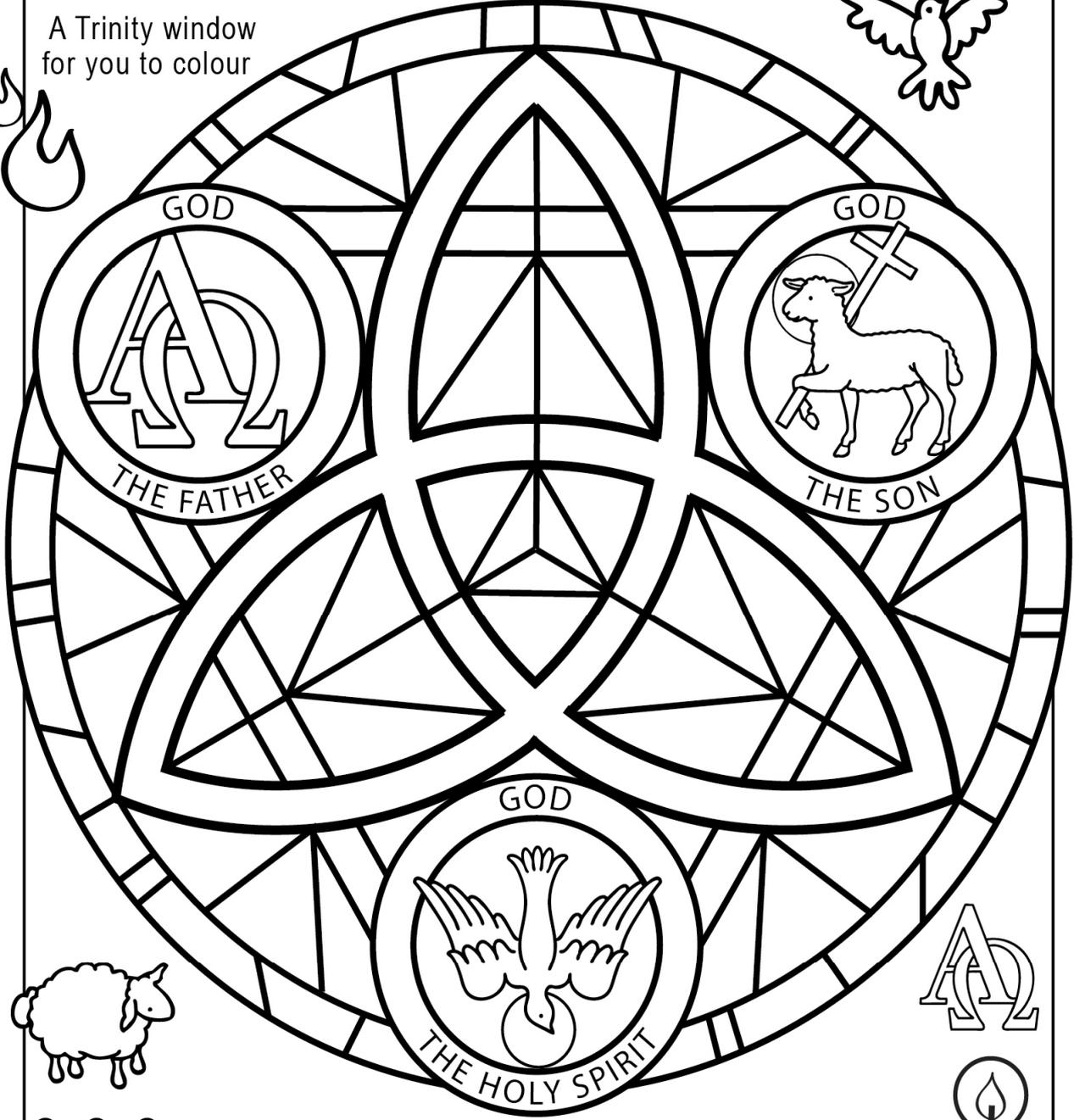


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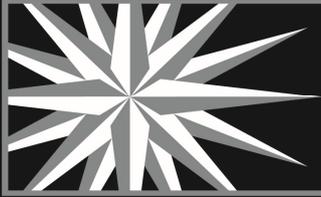
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A LOOK BACK AT THE PAST ST MARY'S ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

Can anyone suggest how to convert our electoral roll into an electrical roll. It certainly needs electrifying for, out of 334 people whose names appear on the roll, only about 45 attended the annual meeting which was held in the Iron Room on Wednesday 16th April.

What would we do without our 'regulars' who faithfully attend every meeting - what, indeed, shall we do when these 'faithfuls' pass on or go away.

Our church, as do churches all over the country, needs help and helpful suggestions now as never, and although numbers attending services are up (the number of Communicants was up by 1,000 over the past year), help and support in the organisation - the chores of the church - are desperately needed. A great start is being made in lots of ways, but the church needs younger parents and the young people with new ideas to come along and help in all sorts of ways. New life and vigour is needed.

Much is being done. Apart from the re-forming of the Sunday School and the Youth Fellowship and other church organisations, helpful meetings were held during Lent for all sections of the church community and it is hoped to continue these during the year.

Extract from a 1930 Parish Magazine as relevant today as it was almost 90 years ago.

John Townsend

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