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Rectory Ramblings

We moved our second Sunday of the month evening service at Pyecombe to 3pm for January, February and March to enable people to come and go in daylight. It has proved popular but it is nice to be looking forward to Spring and lighter evenings and we will return to 6.00pm in April. We are, of course, also looking forward to celebrating Easter. As we do so, you will be very welcome to join us for seasonal services:

Palm Sunday, 24th March, when we will distribute palm crosses during the 10.00am Parish Communion at Pyecombe church.

Maundy Thursday, 28th March, when we will remember the Last Supper by sharing a simple meal and informal communion at 7.00pm in Newtimber church. Please would you let Pauline Agg know (07803256566 or paulineagg56@gmail.com) if you would like to come, so that we can ensure we cater appropriately.

Good Friday, 29th March, when we will host a Good Friday meditation, at 12.00 noon in Pyecombe church.

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Easter Sunday, 31st March, when we will celebrate Jesus' resurrection in our Parish Communion at 10.00 a.m. in Poynings church.

You will have seen the scaffolding on Pyecombe church. The coping stones on the East end of the Chancel roof were in danger of falling off because the timbers were failing under their weight. We will soon have to remove others from the East end of the Nave for the same reason, and our architect has informed us that the whole of the Chancel roof is in need of retiling and re-detailing so that the heavy stones will not need to be replaced. We are awaiting estimates but will soon be needing to raise funds to ensure that Pyecombe church does not fall into disrepair. I hope there will be a groundswell of support to enable us to continue baptising, marrying and laying to rest members of the community as we have done for the past 850 years. If you would enjoy making grant applications, I would love to hear from you.

For now, I wish you a holy Lent and a joyful Easter.

With every blessing,

Tim

Revd Tim Harford

Rector of the Mid Downland Parish.

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Pew Patter

Our Carol Service on 10th December was a fantastic success with a packed church. Our thanks to Sally and the Pyecombe Choir, and also to Scott for the tree.

With Spring just around the corner, we look forward to welcoming all visitors to the church.

Please remember our twice monthly services:

2nd Sunday - March 3pm, & April onwards 6pm

4th Sunday - 10am

Our Mothers' Day Service is on 10th March at 3pm. We would love to see you!

Palm Sunday, 24th March – 10am

Good Friday 29th March – 12 noon

Our thanks to all who help to keep the church open.

The Church Team

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Pyecombe Church 100 Club

Month	£100	£20	£10
Sep-23	-	Sandra Milner	Paul Wright
Oct-23	-	Mike Grabsky	Karen Lewis
Nov-23	-	Nicky Currie	Paul Watts
Dec-23	Geoffrey Strong	Paul Watts	Tina Hopper
Jan-24	-	Marion Jamison	Jean Carpenter

New players always welcome! Please email
pye100c@gmail.com for details.

Parish Council Jottings

Booking slots now available at all West Sussex Recycling Centres

Appointments can now be made to visit any Recycling Centre in West Sussex, ahead of the expansion of the 'Book to Recycle' system from 12 February 2024.

Slots can be booked up to 14 days in advance. Once the system expands on 12 February residents will also be able to book appointments for the same day where available.

The booking system provides visitors with more time and opportunity to recycle by ensuring items are disposed of in the correct area, rather than just being put into general waste. It also enables staff more time to offer recycling advice and divert more materials to recycling. This reduces the amount of waste being processed, makes the sites more efficient, and ultimately helps to lower the cost of disposal.

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The Book to Recycle system also helps the county council prevent the illegal deposit of commercial waste at Recycling Centres, which in turn reduces the amount of waste it processes. Businesses must meet their own waste management costs. The Recycling Centres are funded by local council taxpayers for the disposal of West Sussex residents' household waste and meeting the cost of processing commercial waste places an additional burden on local taxpayers.

Slots are now available and can be booked for all sites by visiting www.westsussex.gov.uk/BookToRecycle or calling 01243 642106.

Find out more about your local Recycling Centre including opening times

at www.westsussex.gov.uk/rc

Post-16 Transport Policy Statement

West Sussex County Council asks for views each year about the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement. The consultation aims to make sure the information in the Policy Statement is up to date and complete.

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The Policy Statement sets out the help that is available through the council, schools, colleges and transport operators for young people of sixth-form age and those who are 19+ with an Education Health and Care Plan to get to school or college.

A consultation is now open and available via <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/post-16-transport-policy-statement-2024-to-2025> and runs until 17 March 2024 . All responses will be considered before the council's Post-16 Transport Policy statement is published at the end of May.

The Household Support Fund

Mid Sussex District Council is working with the Department of Work and Pensions to support residents in need across the district. The Household Support Fund will allocate funds to aid low-income households in coping with the rising cost of living.

Running until March 31 this year, the initiative aims to provide additional support for families struggling with the increasing costs of food, white goods and other essentials. Eligible individuals and families will receive vouchers, ensuring that the assistance directly addresses crucial needs.

You could be eligible to receive household support to help pay for food, white goods and energy. The Household Support Fund is a helping hand for those navigating financial challenges.

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This funding is designed to benefit a diverse range of individuals and families, including, families with children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, disabled individuals and more.

This initiative aligns with the Council's commitment to supporting vulnerable members of the community during challenging times. The aim is to relieve the financial strain on households, promoting stability and well-being.

For more information, please visit <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/> or contact the customer service team at 01444 458166

Your local Police Community Support Officers will be holding Engagement stalls at the following places:

South downs Nurseries, Hassocks, Brighton Rd, Hassocks BN6 9LY

22nd February- 11:00-13:00

21st March- 11:00-13:00

25th April-11:00-13:00

Rushfields Plant centre, cafe and farm shop- Henfield Road, Poynings, BN45 7AY

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12th March - 14:00-16:00

16th April - 14:00-16:00

Pop along and get Crime prevention advice.

Email Updates:

My thanks to those residents who have contacted me regarding various items throughout the village these updates are very much appreciated and I will always follow up on any items raised. I do now have quite a few residents who have signed up to receive email updates on various items happening both throughout the parish and locally. If you would like to be added to the circulation list, please email me at parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk

Parish Clerk & RFO

Dawn Langston – parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk

Telephone contact – 07909 332605

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Useful Information

Pyecombe Village Website – www.pyecombe.info (this site is in addition to pyecombevillage.co.uk, which is the parish council site). Information is added to the village site, but the Facebook page and WhatsApp message board are more frequently used for updates. If you want to add anything to the website you will need to send the complete article electronically to keith.a.gough@btinternet.com

*Facebook Page is **Pyecombe Village Newsgroup**
WhatsApp - **Pyecombe Neighbours Group***

The administrator for these two groups is Keith Gough. Message him on 07966 292602

Pyecombe Village Choir

The poster on the opposite page tells you of our immediate plans! Please come and support the concert and *your* choir as we prepare for our trip to perform in France! It's getting very exciting!

Back at home we will also look forward to singing at the Henfield Festival of Gardens and Arts on Saturday 8th June – an event highly recommended if you have not been before (and, of course, even if you have!).

Jane Cullen

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The French Selection!

Saturday 27th April 2024 at 3.30pm

Pyecombe Church

Come and enjoy an afternoon tea concert with a decidedly French flavour, as the choir prepares to perform at the Georges Brassens Festival in Chailland, France, this May. Tea & gâteaux will be available after the concert.

À bientôt!

Tickets £5 (children free)

Proceeds to Pyecombe Church roof appeal.



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Audrey Bayliss

Sadly, earlier this month we lost a lady who in her day was one of Pyecombe's true characters. For many years, she and Beryl Robinson had two cottages side-by-side at 13 & 14 The Street. They were both school teachers at Brighton & Hove High School, right up to their retirement. Many people today still talk of Miss Bayliss and Miss Robinson from their school days.

After they retired, they became quite active in the village, Beryl running the village newsletter, and Audrey always busy with her water colour painting and making stunning printed silk scarves - many of which were sold at different church events. Their cottages had a delightful true English cottage garden which I'm sure Beryl possibly tended regularly but Audrey enjoyed. The church was very important to both of them. They were always there along with many of the other wonderful characters putting events together to support endless fundraising.

Audrey loved her holidays to places like The Canary Islands or the West Country where she had the time to enjoy her painting. One skill which passed her by was cooking and we had many laughs when she was living alone trying to cook as well as Beryl and her sister, so she never turned down an invitation to lunch!

Audrey was 99 when she died and lived in the village until she was 80. Beryl had died a year or so before, and Audrey made the decision to go back to her home town of

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Haslemere to live with her sister, who took great care of her right up to the end of her days.

Audrey became a very dear friend of ours over the years and will be greatly missed.

Her funeral is on Monday 18th March at Guildford Crematorium at 12:45.

Sally Brown

There is a box of some of Audrey's beautiful paintings in the kitchen at Pyecombe Church. Please do come and take a look – they all need and deserve a good home! (Donations can be placed in the church wall box).



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The next newsletter is due out in June. We would love to receive articles from you to share with your community. These can be news, items of interest, local history, jokes, recipes or anything that would have been passed around the campfire to keep the sense of community strong in days gone by.

*Now that Spring is around the corner, **and** that we are able to have colour photos in the newsletter, it would be nice to introduce a new feature - "The view from my window", in celebration of our beautiful Downland home here in Pyecombe. So please do send in your photos!*

*In order to be included in the June issue, please send articles in anytime from now until 28th May. You can email them to timcullen@pyecombe.org.uk or post a written piece either in the letter box at no.14 The Wyshe or at no.15 Pyecombe Street - marked **"Newsletter"**.*



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