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Village Newsletter



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Rectory Ramblings

I hope you will be able to find time for some rest and relaxation over the Summer months. The fourth of the Ten Commandments embeds the principle of rest into Old Testament law:

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates."

While other ancient religious codes have dedicated holy days when adherents are encouraged to refrain from work in order to attend acts of worship, Judaism was unique in requiring rest for rest's sake. And that requirement for rest was not just for the Jewish people, but for everyone - even servants, visitors and guests. Clearly, those who drew up these rules knew something about the importance of investing time in rest. In a world where busyness is the norm, we might do well to take a tip from those ancient sages.

With every blessing,

Tim

Revd Tim Harford, Rector of the Mid Downland Parish.

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Pew Patter

Betty Eade and I have decided to write this Pew Patter although neither of us are church wardens any longer. We continue to still look for help with the church and if anybody can be of assistance, we really would appreciate it.

Firstly, we would like to say a special thank you to the wonderful choir for their amazing concert in April to raise funds. It was so appreciated and enjoyed immensely. As you can see, work is still continuing on the church roof and there is more to be done. The scaffolding has been up for many months now and more to go up and we're hoping that it won't be long before we can restore the church to its former glory.

It was decided this year that we wouldn't hold the plant sale as we haven't got the quantity of people to help us grow plants, and trying to compete with the supermarkets is becoming increasingly more difficult.

Village Weekend

We are very happy to report that on Saturday 31st August and Sunday 1st September we will be holding our flower festival and village weekend. The theme this year is: *The Last Days of Summer*. As it follows the final week of the school holidays, we thought it was an appropriate theme and easy for people to follow. We are looking for flower arrangers...you most certainly

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don't have to be professional in any way and we encourage those people who just want to have a go and enjoy it.

If you are interested in helping in any way, be it with the decorations, cooking, serving food and drinks, supplying or selling raffle tickets, **please could you contact me on 078503 10603.**

Friday 30th August will be the day that we set everything up ready for opening at 10 o'clock on the Saturday for coffee and refreshments, ploughman's lunches and afternoon teas. There are going to be other activities happening over the village weekend, so please watch this space and we will let you know as details become clearer.

On Sunday 1st September the flower festival will close with Songs of Praise at 5pm. This will mean that on the following Sunday there will NOT be an evening service.

We would like to continue to thank all those who support us in the church, and please do not hesitate to contact us if you would like to be a part of the village weekend in any way.

With all good wishes,

Sally Brown

Get your ideas together to design your scarecrow
for the **Pyecombe Scarecrow Competition** !!



Let your imagination free - the photos show some of the entries from a previous year....



Please display your entries outside your houses for the week commencing Saturday 24th August, and bring them to the churchyard on the morning of Saturday 31st. We will be judging entries in the afternoon (time to be announced later).

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Pyecombe Church 100 Club

Month	£20	£10
Feb-24	Michael Sloman	Paul Watts
March-24	Ann Billing	Geoffrey Strong
April-24	Nicky Currie	Jean Carpenter
May-24	Mike Grabsky	Geoffrey Strong

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

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Parish Council Jottings

West Sussex County Council seeks help from local residents to combat flooding

West Sussex County Council is encouraging all householders and landowners, particularly those in more rural areas, to check if they have a responsibility to keep local watercourses free flowing and to help prevent vulnerable areas of the county from flooding.

If a watercourse, ditch, stream, river, or culvert runs adjacent to, through or under your land or property (even if it does not fall within your property boundary as set out by your Title Deeds) then you are likely to be what is known as a “riparian owner.” In short, you are responsible for the maintenance of the watercourse to ensure that water is able to flow freely into and along it, so that it does not pose a flood risk.

The legal responsibilities of a riparian owner are to:

- ensure the flow of water is not obstructed or polluted
- maintain the bottom and sides of the watercourse (including managing any trees and vegetation growing on the banks)
- remove any obstructions, such as rubbish, fallen branches or garden waste
- maintain any structures (such as rubbish screens, culverts, weirs, and mill gates).

You are more likely to have a responsibility if you live in a rural area due to there not being as widespread a drainage system as

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in urban areas, particularly alongside roads. Rural roads are especially affected when groundwater levels are high and surface water runs off neighbouring land and property onto them. It is essential that roadside ditches in these areas are kept clear for the water to flow into before it reaches the road and causes surface flooding or even damages the road surface.

To find out more about the responsibilities of a riparian owner and what flood prevention works take a look at the FAQ document:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/11194/riparian_owners_faqs.pdf

Parish Community Projects

Many thanks to all those residents who have contacted the parish council regarding the works being conducted adjacent to the BP garage the support has been very much appreciated.

Moving on from this project we would love to hear from residents regarding their views on life in our Parish. What is good about living here? What is not so good? What should the Parish Council focus on over the next few years? You can come and have your say in person at the next Parish Council meeting being held at Pyecombe Church on Tuesday 25th June 2024 commencing at 6:00 pm or email council at parishcouncil@pyecombe.org.uk

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Are you Scam Savvy?

Fraud is the most common crime in the UK, accounting for almost 40% of all crime in England and Wales.

In West Sussex, during the last three months of 2023, a total of £3.5 million was lost to fraudsters, with 53% of victims being over the age of 75. In the same time frame the top three fraud types were courier/impersonator fraud, dating and romance scams, and sextortion which is classed as a form of blackmail.

To support residents from becoming victims of fraud, West Sussex County Council's Digital Safety Team has organised another round of their popular 'Are you scam savvy?' online and in-person sessions, which were launched last year.

These free 1.5-hour sessions are open to anyone who wants to keep themselves, or friends and family, from falling victim to different types of scams, both online and offline.

The dates available for the online only sessions are:

- Friday 5 July: 11am - 12.30pm.

In-person 'Are you scam savvy?' sessions will also be taking place in West Sussex Libraries across the county:

- Monday 17 June at Shoreham Library: 10am - 11.30am .

If you cannot attend the library event in person, there is also the opportunity to view these online. Booking is essential to attend the

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in-person or online sessions and free tickets can be ordered through www.eventbrite.co.uk by searching for 'Are you scam savvy?'.

If you can't attend any of the sessions, you can still visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/staying-safe-online where you can find more information on how the Digital Safety Team can support you, your family or business to keep safe online.

Email Updates:

My thanks to those residents who have contacted me regarding assorted 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 assorted 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

USEFUL INFORMATION

Pyecombe Village Website - 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 is 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 292601

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Pyecombe Village Choir sings at the Georges Brassens Festival!



The choir is back from an amazing weekend in France, singing at the Georges Brassens Festival on Sunday 19th May in Chailland, Pays de la Loire!

Everyone took up residence in the village on Friday 17th, several having flown over from Gatwick that afternoon, and we had plenty of time to eat, drink and be merry, and, of course, to rehearse our programme, before the big day!

We treated the local crêperie to an enthusiastic rendition of "Siyahamba" the night before the Festival, joined by honorary

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choir members, Sue & Steve Knight, who came across from Paris to sing with us!

We had the additional and unexpected honour of singing at the Cathedral of Notre Dame de Pontmain on the Sunday morning, joining with the choir there and then singing alone “Hear My Prayer” by Moses Hogan at Communion. At the end of the Mass we were warmly thanked by Pere Vincent, the priest in charge, and the congregation of over two hundred people applauded!



Arriving at the Basilica



Rehearsing in the side chapel before Mass

Dashing back to Chailland, we arrived in good time for our first Festival performance – one of three in different venues dotted around the village, this one being on a fully equipped “Caravane”!

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If you attended our May concert in Pyecombe you might recall that we had to sing something by Georges Brassens himself. We chose "La Cane de Jeanne" [Jane's duck!]. Sadly the duck is dead but leaves a beautiful egg and feathers for us all to enjoy. Here you see Mary presenting the egg to the audience at the end of the song!

A great time was had by all. The choir did Pyecombe proud and we have already received an invitation to sing next year!

Meanwhile...back home we are singing at the Henfield Festival of Gardens & Arts on Saturday 8th June – 11.30am Old Mill House, 12.30pm Three Oaks, & 2pm St Peter's Church. We are also sharing a platform with students from Hurstpierpoint College on Friday 14th June, 7pm at Poynings Church (see poster). Hope to see you there!

Jane Cullen

With thanks to Anne Finney & Andy Au, our tour photographers!

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FUNDRAISING CONCERT

IN AID OF FAMILY SUPPORT WORK

MUSIC PERFORMED BY

PYECOMBE CHOIR AND THE
STUDENTS OF HURST COLLEGE

Friday 14 June 2024 @ 7pm

Holy Trinity Church, The Street, Poynings
BN45 7AJ

Tickets £10 each, to include light
refreshments



For further information and to book
tickets please email
fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk or
phone 01273 041401

**STOOLBALL REMATCH AGAINST POYNINGS,
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE, 6PM**

Following last year's highly enjoyable game of Stoolball, Poynings has kindly offered to host a return fixture at their beautiful cricket ground on Friday 28th June at 6.00pm. As last year, this will be followed by a barbecue.

We are now in the process of raising a team. David Bailey has bravely volunteered to captain us and a number of you have already expressed an interest in playing. We are still looking for players so please phone or text me if you would like to play.

However, the event is open to all. It is a lovely family occasion with great company in a beautiful setting. As well as the barbecue there will be a bar selling drinks. Those of you who were there last year will remember what a lot of fun it was!

Tim Cullen

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Pyecombe v Poynings Annual Stoolball Match

Friday 28th June, 6pm, Poynings Cricket Ground

Followed by a barbecue

*If you are interested in being part of the team,
please contact Tim Cullen on
timothypcullen@gmail.com*



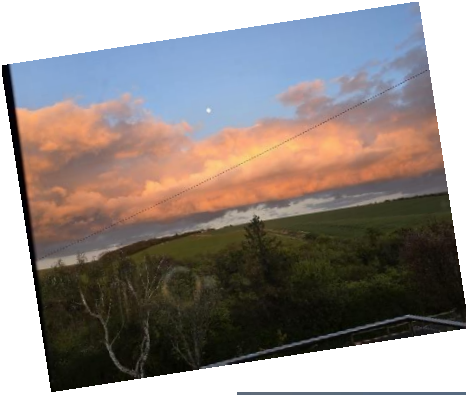
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The View from my Window



An amazing collage from Vicky Clapperton's window

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The ascent of the moon
from Nikki Bailey's window





*And then came the Northern Lights! Many of us our kicking ourselves that we missed seeing them on Friday 10th May, but our resident artist, **Emily Grocott**, has captured them superbly in these photographs.*

*The next newsletter is due out in September. 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. Don't forget our new section, "The view from my window", in celebration of our beautiful Downland home here in Pyecombe. Please send in your photos! In order to be included in the next issue, send articles in anytime from now until 26th August. You can email them to tincullen@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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