

Editor's Note:

Our thoughts are very much with the war-torn areas of Ukraine and know many of you have supported their needs. If you still want to help you may find the following link useful:

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukraine-what-you-can-do-to-help?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=ddb0930b-8699-44c7-a74a-0360bca456c4&utm_content=daily

The clocks have changed bringing lighter evenings and it's lovely to see the spring flowers in the hedgerows and lambs in the field. Plans are afoot for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations which are being organised by various groups in the village—further details inside.

Wishing you all a happy Easter and hope you can spend it with family and friends.

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ISFIELD CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

Various groups of the village are supporting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by putting on events for the community to get together throughout the weekend which starts on Thursday 2nd June until Sunday 5th June.

The proposed plan, although all to be finally confirmed in the coming weeks, is as follows:

Saturday 28th May: Bunting Up

Sunday 29th May: Scarecrow Competition commences.

Plant Sale proceeds to St Margaret's Church—Village Hall 2-4pm

Thursday 2nd June: Isfield Treasure Hunt. (to run through to 5th June)

Cricket Team v Stoolball Team match

Queen's Jubilee Church Service & Procession

Music Evening with Lighting of the Queen's Beacon

Friday 3rd June: Afternoon Street Party with some entertainment

(Please note advanced warning of road closure that Station Road from Church Lane to the letter box near the Laughing Fish will be closed from 1.45pm–5.15pm. This allows public access to both the Lavender Line and Laughing Fish).

Saturday 4th June: Showcase of Users of the Village Hall

Sing-a-Long for fun at St Margaret's Church

Isfield & Little Horsted has Talent.

Sunday 5th June: Outdoor Church Service in the ICE field

Isfield Village Fete

All timings etc to be confirmed in the Jubilee Programme which will be delivered to your door nearer the time.

If anyone has any other events, they would like to add into the programme then please do contact Bev Ashford Tel: 750456 or email: ashfordbja@gmail.com.

Let's make a real party over the long weekend celebrating the jubilee but also getting together as a community after a very difficult couple of years for everyone!



ISFIELD ART GROUP

Group currently has space for new members.

Isfield Art Group meets at the Village hall for three terms a year on Thursday afternoons. The group is tutored by Andrew Fitchett, a working painter and senior tutor at West Dean Collage. All levels of ability are welcome.

If you would like to join or find out more, please contact

andrewfitchett@btinternet.com

Tel: 01825 751040

Andrew is exhibiting his oil paintings at The Star Brewery Gallery in Lewes alongside films by award winning film maker Nick Collins from 30 April to 8 May. The exhibition is titled 'Closely observed Worlds'. Details at www.starbrewerygallery.com

Andrew Fitchett

UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL MP



When and where new homes are built is always a controversial subject. I receive a lot of correspondence on planning in Wealden, and I recognise the level of frustration at the current housing targets for Wealden.

I fully acknowledge that we do need more homes, and a level of development in Wealden is inevitable. I see the need for affordable homes pop up daily in my casework. However, I am concerned about the unachievably high numbers for Wealden and about the data behind the current methods used for the housing need calculations.

Having lobbied the Department of Housing since 2015, I have had meetings with many Housing Ministers over the years and a huge amount of work is going on behind the scenes to address the current situation. I continue working with Wealden District Council and the Department of Housing and last month I led a parliamentary debate to raise the matter with the Minister.

I stressed that the current numbers for Wealden are absurdly high, they are based on outdated population projections, ignore the environmental constraints on the area and are not accompanied any

meaningful delivery of infrastructure such as road and rail upgrades, nor adequate provision of health and dental care, sewage and broadband.

It is unfair that Wealden has to shoulder local needs elsewhere in East Sussex because neighbouring authorities are not delivering their fair share. I urged the Minister to review why, considering that Wealden Council builds more homes than its neighbouring councils, we are not being prioritised for any Government funding to support the delivery of adequate infrastructure.

I am pleased that the Minister has committed to continuing working with me and Wealden Council and confirmed that calls for making housing targets advisory, not mandatory were being "heard loud and clear" by the Department.

Please remember that social media posts and emails to your MP do not count as objections in a formal Council consultation and that I have no jurisdiction over individual planning applications or what local Councillors approve or dismiss on local planning.

But please be assured that I am supporting Wealden District Council where I can, to address the unfair housing numbers currently imposed on Wealden by the Government and I will continue to support the Council on this matter and in producing a local plan.

I continue to work hard to ensure that your concerns are heard in Westminster. If you are a Wealden resident and require my assistance, please email nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk

Nus Ghani. MP



TWIG The Women's Isfield Group

We are a group of ladies who meet on the first Wednesday of every month, offering an interesting and diverse range of activities and talks, hopefully to interest and inspire most of us.

We have managed a few meetings recently, although due to Omicron we did cancel January's get together in the Laughing Fish. Last year we had a great time singing with Angels with Attitude in November and made some great Christmas table decorations in December.

February - we all beat out a rhythm on the drums under the guidance of Thomaz, and thoroughly enjoyed it, even though the video clip on Facebook everyone was looking very serious and concentrating hard to keep time. Martha Mutikani gave us a really interesting insight into her journey from nursing in Zimbabwe to being the vicar here in Isfield, and even got us moving to the sounds of ABBA's Dancing Queen and the Macarena.

Future Meetings at the Village Hall 7:45pm for an 8:00pm start. Other venues and times will be confirmed via email and on the TWIG Facebook page in the week preceding each meeting.

April 6th - plant/seed and garden ideas swap (Yearly subs will be taken)

May 4th - Katie talking about Women's Health and "Menopause Demystified"

June 1st - Jubilee preparations, walk round village to view scarecrows followed by a drink in the Fish

July 6th - BBQ at Nina's and Roger's (everyone welcome, there will be a small charge for non-members)

August 3rd - Usually no meeting in August, but who knows!

August Saturday 13th - Isfield Flower and Produce Show

September 7th - get together and planning the year ahead at the Village Hall

There is a yearly charge of £44.00 to be a member of TWIG this covers paying for the use of the Village Hall, tea, coffee and biscuits, the food and some drink for the yearly BBQ as well as paying for the speakers. For non-members there is a one-off charge per meeting of £6.00. Payment is taken yearly at the April meeting. Information regarding payment methods will be emailed to members at the end of March/beginning of April.

We will also be running the cake stand at the Village Fete in June, with all proceeds going to the Royal Marsden Hospital. Donations of cake and/or time for this always welcome.

For more information or to be added to email list, please contact any of us.

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Hili Harvey

COMMUNITY FIRST **RESPONDERS**

Over the course of the pandemic the Community First Responders organisation within South East Coast Ambulance Service lost a significant number of its CFR volunteers and is now actively seeking to rebuild the numbers. Regular advertisements are placed on the NHS jobs website inviting applicants to train to become CFRs and this is followed by interview, vetting (including Disclosure and Barring Service clearance), and finally a training programme for those selected. It is a very worthwhile role and is a significant help to the frontline ambulance personnel as well as the beneficial and sometimes lifesaving impact on the local community.

As always, anyone reading this who feels that they have the time and skills to volunteer is encouraged to come forward.

Operational demand remains sky high with the Ambulance Service regularly receiving more calls than on a New Year's Eve which is traditionally the busiest time of the year - in excess of 3,000 calls, so that triaging often has to lead to delays for the less serious cases. This has a knock on effect for CFRs as our protocol specifies that we have to remain with a patient until back up arrives and therefore any such delays are translated into reduced availability to respond to other emergency calls. All this is a reminder to self-convey whenever possible and to be as patient as possible when delays do occur.

Derek Smith



ISFIELD PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 2nd—Sunday 5th June

Information below is just an outline of most events and details to be confirmed nearer the time

From Saturday 28th May:

BUNTING

Let's make the village very festive by as much bunting as possible to decorate the village for a week (or more) by streaming bunting along fences, houses etc to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee.

Get busy—you can either make your own or buy some!

PLANT SALE

Sunday 29th May in aid of St Margaret's Church at the Village Hall 2-4pm.

SCARECROW COMPETITION

The much-anticipated scarecrow competition has returned

We are inviting all Isfield residents to participate in this year's Scarecrow Competition. This year's theme for Scarecrows is a personality who came to prominence during the reign (last 70 years) of Queen Elizabeth II.

Please consider road safety when erecting your Scarecrow outside your property. If your property does not have a safe area to erect your Scarecrow, please contact Nina Cooter and we will allocate a safe area within the village for your Scarecrow. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to participate, all children under the age of 14 years will receive a prize for their Scarecrow.

All Scarecrows need to be displayed by
Sunday 29th May 2022.

Voting will take place at the Fete on 5th June 2022.

Please complete and return the Scarecrow registration form to:

Nina Cooter

1 Elms Cottages

Isfield

Contact number 01825 750736 or 07552 131612

Nina Cooter.

From Thursday 2nd June:

VILLAGE TREASURE HUNT

This will start from 12:00 mid day, Thursday 2nd June to do at your own leisure but completed by 2pm Sunday 5th June.

Collect your information pack of punch card, map and first clue from the Laughing Fish and then have a fun walk around the village, approximately 2 miles long, looking for each "Treasure Box" which gives clues for the whereabouts for the next one.

There will be some small prizes, but it is mostly about taking part and having fun roaming round the Village solving the clues and looking for the "Treasure".

More information will be in the Jubilee programme

Hili Harvey

ISFIELD CRICKET TEAM v ISFIELD STOOLBALL TEAM MATCH

Should be an interesting afternoon—it has also been suggested to have a BBQ at the end.

JUBILEE CHURCH SERVICE

Church Service at St Margaret's Church in celebration of the Jubilee. This will be on Thursday at 8pm. This will be followed by a procession from church to ICE field. Please wear Fancy hats plus crowns.

—
Martha Mukatani

LIGHTING OF THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE BEACON

ILHBS have been honoured, once again, to be lighting one of the many beacons which will be lit at 21.45pm on the 3rd June. In support of this there will be music playing in the marque in the field from 8pm and a bar run by ILHBS.

STREET PARTY

This takes place on Friday afternoon from 2pm—5pm. Please make a note that the road from Church Lane to letter box near the Laughing Fish will be closed from 1.45pm—5.15pm.

It would be great if everyone can come out onto the street with tables, chairs, picnics and music to have a fantastic afternoon with your neighbours and friends. It is hoped to have some street entertainers to amuse children, and adults too!!

Lets make a really long street party. People who live

outside the road closure please do make sure you are down early enough—I would suggest those on Horsted Lane/
Isfield Road to park cars in the ICE field and those at the Buckham Hill area to park on Church Lane.

Bev Ashford

VILLAGE SHOWCASE:

Many groups will be participating in this event such as ISFIELD ART GROUP

The Art Group are taking part in the Village Hall Open Day on Saturday 4th June 11am-2pm. Many clubs and groups will be there showcasing their activities.

We hope to exhibit a good cross-section of work we have done with the group before, during and after lockdowns.

During Covid we continued online with our Tutor Andrew Fitchett giving very helpful ideas, support and feedback and this worked really well for us. Returning to the Village Hall again we embarked on a life drawing course which was challenging but very enjoyable and enabled us to really improve on our drawing and observational skills.

Come along and see out work.

Sara MacKenzie.

SING-A-LONG FOR FUN

This will take place in the Church on Saturday afternoon from 4pm. Angels with Attitude choir will be there to encourage everyone to enjoy singing—it has such a feel-good factor!

ISFIELD & LITTLE HORSTED HAS TALENT

An amazing Saturday evening of showcasing all the talent we have in both villages—look out for more information nearer the time.

OUTDOOR CHURCH SERVICE

The start to fete day with the service being held in the marquee in the ICE field.

PLANTING OF TREES

Apart from the festivities that the Queen would like towns and villages throughout the Kingdom to organise to celebrate 70 years on the throne she would also like the planting of 7 trees—one for each decade of her reign. This aspect is being co-ordinated by the Parish Council but as yet unable to find land to

fit all 7 trees in one place so currently the proposal is the recreation ground, village hall and the school. Does anyone have suggestions where all seven trees could be planted together? Donations towards their purchase would be gratefully received.

Please contact:

Alison O'Sullivan: isfieldpc1@aol.co.uk or
Tessa Brown: tessa.brown3@me.com

ISFIELD VILLAGE FETE.

Hello Isfield,

The Fete is just a couple of months away! Sunday 5th June to end the Jubilee celebrations.

So far, we have a growing number of stalls on board - including delicious locally made food and drink, bouncy slide, puppet show and 'The Swords of Albion'.

You can vote for your favourite Scarecrow and find out who won the Jubilee Treasure Hunt. We can also promise some old favourites like the Dog Show, Tug of War and School Games - culminating in competitive Egg Throwing. It could get messy...

Things are coming together, but there is still a lot to do. If you would like to be involved at all, either with selling your wares or offering an hour of your time to help with organising on the day, then email us at isfieldfete@gmail.com.

Adele Scantlebury

A JUBILEE PROGRAMME will be flying through your door sometime in May giving you much more detailed information about each event over the four days.

All these events are being organised to provide free entry for everyone but obviously there are costs involved in putting them on. Huge thanks to the Parish Councils of Isfield and Little Horsted who have donated funds in support for some of the events.

However, funds are still short to be able to provide everything required to make the four-day event a success. **If anyone would like to donate funds to help cover costs then please do so through the FARM SHOP or LAUGHING FISH PUB.**

Many thanks.



**ISFIELD &
LITTLE HORSTED
BONFIRE SOCIETY**

Hello lovely Isfield.

I very excited and proud to introduce myself as the new Chairperson of Isfield and Little Horsted Bonfire society. I personally cannot wait to see what adventures this season brings us!

Our main aim of this year is to put some terribly tricky time behind us, and move into a fantastic year with our bonfire family. We hope you are all as excited as we are.

The new committee has met a few times now and I can happily say there are lots of things being planned and worked on. We are in good financial health but, like everyone, we will need to be conscious of some big cost increases this year. Our Firework Team are busy designing our firework display and we are developing our plans for our 2022 Bonfire Celebrations which will take place on Friday 28th October!

We are very pleased to announce that our newly elected Isfest Co-ordinator, Jamie Hall, has been doing a fantastic job of planning Isfest 2022 - our one-day music festival and one of our biggest fund-raising events. I have no doubt he and his team will be put on a great event for us to enjoy and dance the night away in the ICE field!

Our famous ILHBS quiz night will be held at the Village Hall on Friday 29th April 2022. We have decided to switch it up and use 'guest' quizmasters to explore all aspects of people's knowledge. So, get your brains in gear and study hard...The first quizmaster will be the very Brainy Mr Andy Brooks! Tickets will be available from The Fish very soon. (£6 per ticket / £40 for a team of 8).

Wish us luck!

On 20th April we will be entering, not one, but two teams into the annual Toad in the Hole Competition, which is taking place in the Lewes Town Hall, (organised by one of the Lewes Bonfire Societies)! Please don't panic, I won't be playing! I have elected myself as chief Cheerleader for the evening.

We have decided to postpone our Murder Mystery drama production until early 2023...some of our leading ILHBS thespians would like a bit more time to prepare! So, watch this space for more details in the coming months!

We are looking forward to playing our part in supporting the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations in June and look forward to seeing lots of you over the weekend of celebrations...including a Jubilee Bonfire Beacon and live band, courtesy of ILHBS!

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their continued support for the society.

That's all from me this time, you all know where you can find me if you have any questions or would like to chat (good excuse to go to the pub right?).

Jodie Hall
Chair ILHBS



**ISFIELD &
LITTLE HORSTED
COMMUNITY**

For those of you who use Facebook you may now have discovered that a brand-new group page has been set up, in response to the fact that Isfield Talk has become very heavily about advertising rather than news and as a public group with no known admins there's not much we can do about it.

So, for a local chat page without the generic trade advertising (and with admins ready to remove anything offensive or dubious) why not join the new group - "Isfield & Little Horsted Community" (if you're searching, the ampersand & is important)?

The group does allow the two pubs and the farm shop to advertise, but most other attempts will be removed to keep it relevant and interesting.

All are welcome to join, regardless of their location - but can be removed if they break the rules!

Andy Brooks



ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall - Spring 2022

Isfield Village Hall is a very well used facility in the Village. It is a registered Charity and the Scheme which governs its management provides for a Management Committee comprised of five Elected Trustees and ten representative Trustees, the latter representing and appointed by local groups/clubs that use the Village Hall.

THERE ARE EXCITING TIMES AHEAD AND WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN

As previously reported, planning permission for a small extension has been applied for to provide a disabled toilet and an adaptable space for various village functions such as a tearoom for the Flower Show and the Frost Fair, changing rooms for the Murder Mystery evenings, or even a pantomime, together with improved storage.

On the Management Committee, there is one vacancy for an elected Trustee and the Scheme allows for the appointment of up to two co-optative Trustees. **Expressions of interest are invited from anyone over the age of 18 living in Isfield who has the time and energy to join us in the interesting task of managing Isfield Village Hall.** The Committee meets in the Village Hall six times a year at 7.30pm on the second Monday of alternate months, starting in January, with an Annual General Meeting before the April Committee Meeting. In addition, a working party for about two hours is organized in the Spring to carry out maintenance work not covered by the ground's maintenance contract. If you are interested, please notify **Rosemary Bridges**, Secretary, Isfield Village Hall Management Committee.

Email: secretaryisfieldvh@hotmail.com

Tel: 07792 578417.

The Annual General Meeting of Isfield Village Hall takes place on 11th April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall. All are welcome.

As part of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations** being planned in the village, the Village Hall are organizing an **OPEN DAY** event to 'showcase' the activities of the regular users of the hall each of whom have been invited to run a stall providing details of their activities. Our regular users are many and varied and include Rennie Dance Academy, Isfield Art Group, Dog Training, Isfield Church, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Dance Club, Mindfulness, as well as meetings and events of societies such as TWIG, Young Farmers, and ILHBS. The **OPEN DAY** takes place on Saturday 4th June 2022, 11am to 2pm, in the Village Hall.

The Friends of Isfield Village Hall understand that the Village Hall is an extremely valuable asset of our village (evidenced by the variety and amount of bookings), and that the hall has to be run and maintained from hire fees, fund raising activities and donations. We are extremely grateful for our Friends' generous support that enables us to care for the Village Hall whilst maintaining hire fees at an affordable level and we very much welcome new Friends. For more details, please contact **Katherine Meakin**, Treasurer, Isfield Village Hall Management Committee.

Email: isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com

Bookings:

To book the Village Hall for your receptions, parties and other activities contact

Wendy Osborne by email on

isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com or provisionally book online on

www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk (Booking and Hiring page). Wendy will get back to you to confirm the details of your booking and will provide all information and assistance that you need.

Ron Levett

Chairman Village Hall Committee



ISFIELD FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW 2022

The Women In Isfield Group (TWIG) are happy to be hosting the Isfield Flower and Produce Show after a very successful event last year. The Village Hall is booked for Saturday 13th August, so ensure you keep the date free in your diaries!

Show categories include fruit and veg, flowers and flower arranging, baking and preserves, and all manner of handicrafts.

A full schedule will be posted through your door in a month or two, so look out for that. We look forward to seeing you on the day, with your entries, or just to come along in the afternoon to view the entries, and enjoy the refreshments and enter our fabulous raffle.

For any queries or offers of help, please contact Helen or Tessa on 750734.

Helen Thomas



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Vicar's journey in Isfield!

It's almost a year since we moved into Isfield and our journey continues. We could not survive without your love and support as well as beautiful cheer leading especially from the members of the church.

It has been an awesome mothering Sunday with so much sunshine I was amazed at the traffic to Brighton in the afternoon. Every woman deserves to be spoiled in the month of March. I am thankful to the numbers of St Margaret's who went out to bring joy to many by giving flowers. Thanks again to Mrs Cariena Cartwright for leading in organising this gesture every year.

On Mothering Sunday, we were blessed by the talks on women wellness by Dr Clarissa Fabre (used to be Buxted GP) and Jo Reffin (Clinical lead physiotherapist) if you need notes on the topics discussed please do not hesitate to contact me I will email the topics discussed. I was particularly interested in the importance of HPV vaccination for our 12-13-year-old, keeping moving, understanding menopause and dementia. We thank Clarissa and Jo for giving us such great wisdom.

We reflected on the need for women to be the leaders in showing love, compassion, kindness and humility. The children and church members present were encouraged to remember to pray for their parents daily. It's not always easy to be compassionate, to always put others first before ourselves and to be able to say sorry to others. We cannot be kind without forgiveness and love these are all interrelated.

As we enter the season of Easter we are reminded of the compassion and unconditional love shared on the Cross by our Lord Jesus Christ. I would like us in this season to reflect on how we can be intentional in showing love; compassion and kindness especially to those we feel do not deserve our love.

Love and support

We are eternally grateful to those who continue to support us as individuals and the work at St Margaret's Church. We are excited by the work of our Volunteers and St Margaret's team. Ron and Ruth have continued to help with coordinating the cleaning of the church.

Recently the bench in the front of our church was restored by my husband Constantine. We have found

sitting in the church yard very peaceful when the call for benches was made the Parish Council agreed to fund two benches, The Fabres and Fingerneissls responded and offered to buy a bench each see sample picture attached. These four benches will be delivered soon in the church yard.

I have had bereavement; I went to Zimbabwe to be with my family it was both sad and joyful moments as the family gathered. We had more than 1200 people who attended, which was an amazing send off. I am thankful that people have continued to be supportive emailing and calling to check on us. As I have said in the past as a village community let's continue to hold each other's needs: phone or knock on the door supporting each other. Together we are stronger!

Being a Presence for Isfield

The Christmas services, Vision launch, Chatty Church and Pancake Sunday were well attended thanks to those who continue to support us. It has been very motivational to see the transition as we take small steps in all the activities we have been doing together as a church and the community. Please give us any feedback as you know we can only grow with your gentle evaluation of what we offer.

We are thankful for your support for the Ukraine needs, the collections have been going via different sources. We have asked for people to continue using the resources available. I have been sending out a tool kit to help those who are arranging to host families. Please contact me if you wish to get the tool kit, it offers guidance and information to help those who wish to host ensuring there is safe guarding of all individuals involved.

We have pledged to continue supporting the East Sussex charity, Caring and Sharing all information is on their website

<https://www.caringandsharingeastsussex.org.uk/caringsharing.nsf/page/projects>. For our poverty Sunday giving we had an inspiring talk from Andre about Shamrock School in Nepal, you can donate directly on their website <https://shamrockschoolnepal.org/>. We continue to support the food bank and the community fridge. If you wish to donate or get more information please don't hesitate to contact Jo Reffin, our poverty-giving coordinator.

Church services

We are looking forward to seeing you during our church services every Sunday at 10 am,

especially Palm Sunday (10 April) and Easter Sunday (17 April).

On Palm Sunday we will process to the church from the end of the church lane. We will be following behind the Reffins Pony. We are grateful for their support.

We have popcorn Sunday planned for 22 May in the village hall at 2.30 pm please come as we talk about Jesus popping into heaven. Messy church will be on 26 June from 2 pm in the village hall. Please remember to let Honor Ellis (honorellis@gmail.com) and Jenny Holmes (jennyholmes55@hotmail.com) know if you plan to come to any of the village hall services this helps with catering.

Clergy

We are blessed as we continue to work with our Rector, Fr John Wall supporting us, as well as Canon Hugh Moseley, Fr Mike Blanch and Fr David Ashton. Sheila Fordham, our reader, has continued to come and support us. Please continue to pray for our clergy and reader.

St Margaret's Friends and the future

We continue to appreciate all the donations both in money and work done as you support us at St Margaret's church. Please continue as we can only survive with the support you give us.

We will be having the plant sale on Sunday 29th May, 2022; if the date changes, we will keep you updated.

Little Horsted Church of England School

St Margaret's Church governor, Mrs Honor Ellis, continues to support the school. Together with Fr John, we have continued to attend the school for assemblies, and help where possible with reading. Your continued support for the school is valued; as parents and grandparents you have helped the school to keep going.

Working party/groups

The church building, church yard, hedges, pot holes and lane continue to need our attention as communities please don't hesitate to offer support as it is always needed. We need to bring running tap water to the church it's a mammoth task we are trusting God to open doors for us. If you wish to offer your services, please do not hesitate to contact me or our church wardens.

Churchwardens and PCC

Honor Ellis (honorellis@gmail.com) and Penelope Steel (penelopesteel@gmail.com) were elected as church wardens end of January 2022. We also have newly

appointed Kelly Dillon as treasurer and Sarah Panahinejad as PCC secretary. We are grateful to all of them for accepting to support us as a church in this great manner. Stephen resigned after many years of generous support to the church doing many roles and being the library of St Margaret's church. We thank him for his loyalty and hard work. It's was more than a full-time job and sometimes it demanded more than we can imagine.

The PCC has been working more than usual to support the new initiatives as we start new programs in the church. You are invited to the annual meeting our APCM on 5 April in the village Hall at 7.30pm. Please come and hear more of the church journey, elect PCC members to support the church plans.

Please continue to pray for The PCC and our churchwardens, as they work together with the clergy to make sure the running of the church continues smoothly.

Encouragement

We experience resurrection at Easter, as St. Paul did, embedded in struggle itself: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies" (2 Corinthians 4:8-10).

Without the resurrection to enliven his experience of suffering, Paul would have been both afflicted and crushed, perplexed and driven to despair, struck down and destroyed. But he is not. The Risen Christ illumines (lights) everything. According to the gospel accounts, the risen Jesus repeatedly displays his wounds: they are not left behind. We carry our wounds as we journey on.

Christ is both crucified and risen, and baptism is immersion into both sides of this paschal mystery. The resurrection lights up present suffering with hope streaming to us from the glory yet to be revealed. We journey each day with a God who suffers and cries with us. As we witness the pain of displaced families, we also witness the generous giving of many offering to stand with others.

Let's continue to allow God to help each one of us shine for the other even if we cannot shine now or help others now, or if feeling down. Don't give up your season to bloom and shine will come.

We wish you a blessed Easter season.

Revd Martha Mutikani



ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Spring seems to have arrived here in East Sussex relatively early, with beautiful blue skies, sunshine and the retreat of winter's oceans of mud in recent days. What has also arrived is the publication by WDC of the SHELAA (Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment). In simple terms, this is the assessment of land availability for development used by district councils to work on the preparation of their local plan for development. A glance at this map is sobering, but it is important to understand that just because land may be suggested for development, that does not mean it will be accepted; there are plenty of reasons - possibility of flooding, access, sustainability and so on - why such suggested development land may in reality be considered unsuitable.

However, we are very conscious, as the Parish Council, of the threat of excessive development concentrated in and around our village as part of WDC's need to fulfil the central government's housing requirement. We are working with other Wealden Parish Councils to try and support each other in ensuring that development balances building needs with the responsibility of preserving the rural character of our environment. I could wish things were not so, but this issue is in truth the biggest challenge we face at the moment.

On a cheerier note, the platinum jubilee weekend approaches, and several things are planned for the village celebrations; the PC are intending to go along with the national intention to plant trees.

Ukrainian Refugees:

I'm sure there will be those in the village who wish to help refugees from the war in Ukraine. One way of doing this - obviously not the only way - is being undertaken by Councillor Toby Illingworth (WDC), who has already secured about 100 offers of accommodation locally (mainly around Buxted), and who will be going to Poland in the near future to facilitate his operation. If anybody wishes to, he suggests they should register at:

<https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>

and also contact

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Geoff Sambrook

Chairman Parish Council

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

- Tues 5th **APCM Annual Church Parochial Meeting.** Village Hall 7pm
 Weds 6th **TWIG Garden ideas & plant seed swap.** Village Hall 7.45pm for 8pm
 Sun 10th **PALM SUNDAY PARADE & Church Service** & process with a pony from the end of Church Lane.
 St Margaret's Church 9.30am
 Mon 11th **VILLAGE HALL AGM** followed by VH Management Meeting
 Village Hall 7 pm

HOLY WEEK SERVICE

St Margaret's Church 7pm.

- Tues 12th - **CHURCH SERVICE** Little Horsted St Michael's Church 7 pm
 Weds 13th - **AGAPE MEAL** Holy Cross Church, Uckfield 7 pm
 Thurs 14th **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**
 St Margaret's church 6pm
 Fri 15th **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
 St Margaret's church 12pm
 Sun 17th **EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE**
 St Margaret's church 10am
 Fri 29th **ILHBS QUIZ** Village Hall

MAY

- Weds 4th **TWIG Women's Health and Menopause Demystified** Talk by Katie. Village Hall 7.45pm for 8pm
 Sun 22nd **POPCORN FAMILY FUN**
 Village Hall 2.30 - 3.30pm
 Fri 27th **ISFIELD WINE CLUB**
 Village Hall 7.30pm
 Sun 29th **PLANT SALE** on behalf of St Margaret's Church.

June

- Weds 1st. **TWIG Walk around Isfield to view Scarecrows and drink at the Fish.**
 Hall 7.45pm for 8pm
 Thurs 2nd - Sun 5th **ISFIELD CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE**
 Thurs 2nd - Isfield Stoolball Team v Isfield Cricket Team. Afternoon timings tbc

Willowisp Band. Playing in the ICE Field from 8pm

Thurs 2nd cont:

**CELEBRATION of the QUEEN'S
JUBILEE CHURCH SERVICE**

St Margaret's 8pm with procession
to ICE field. Wear Fancy hats plus
crowns

**LIGHTING of the QUEEN'S
BEACON ICE field 21.45pm**

Sat 4th **SHOWCASE VILLAGE HALL
USERS**. Village hall 11am - 2pm

SING-A-LONG FOR FUN.
St Margaret's Church 4pm

Sun 5th **ISFIELD & LITTLE HORSTED HAS
TALENT ICE Field 8pm**
**OUTDOOR FAMILY CHURCH
SERVICE ICE field 10am**

ISFIELD VILLAGE FETE.
I.C.E. Field 12pm

Sun 19th **FATHER'S DAY SERVICE**
St Margaret's

Sun 26th **MESSY CHURCH FAMILY FUN**
Village hall 2 - 4pm

July

Weds 6th **TWIG BBQ in Nina & Rogers
Garden**

Fri 15th **ISFIELD WINE CLUB**
Village Hall 7.30pm

Sun 24th **PATRONAL SERVICE**
St Margaret's 10am

Sun 31st **PET SERVICE** St Margaret's church
10am (combined with St Michael's)

August

Sat 13th **ISFIELD FLOWER & PRODUCE
SHOW**. Village Hall 2pm - 4.30pm

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September

Weds 7th **TWIG Get-Together to Plan the
Year** Village Hall 7.45pm for 8pm

Fri 16th **ISFIELD WINE CLUB**
Village Hall 7.30pm

Sun 18th **HARVEST FESTIVAL** St Margaret's
Church 10am followed by Harvest
Lunch in the village hall.

October

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Fri 28th **ILHBS BONFIRE NIGHT** ICE field

Sun 30th **MESSY CHURCH**
Village Hall 2 - 4pm

November

Weds 2nd **ALL SOUL'S SERVICE**
St Margaret's Church 6pm

Fri 18th **ISFIELD WINE CLUB**
Village Hall 7.30pm

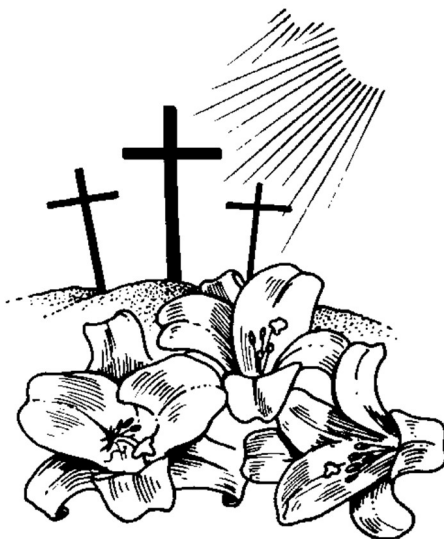
Sun 13th **REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**
St Margaret's Church 10.50am

December

Sun 4th **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**

St Margaret's Church 10am

Sun 18th **CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**
St Margaret's Church 6pm



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