

ISFIELD NEWSLETTER

December 2022



ISFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

Editors Note:

Season's Greetings to you all.



This is the last newsletter of the year, where does the time go! All being well, the Christmas tree will be lit up the first week of December bringing some festive cheer to us all.

Thanks must be given to the Parish council who provide the funds for the tree, and for the printing of the newsletters throughout the year. Of course the newsletters wouldn't get to you without the support of the group of people who deliver it to you — a huge thank you to these lovely people for the long walks that they do three times a year in all kinds of weather to make sure everyone gets a copy.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and all the best for 2023.

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FROST FAIR
SUNDAY 27th NOVEMBER
11am to 4pm

ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

NEW & FAVOURITE STALLS - RAFFLE

Come and enjoy Isfield's Frost Fair where local artists, craftspeople and suppliers will be offering amazing Christmas gifts and treats.

Such as fusion glass, ceramics, knits, cocktails, sewn crafts, soft toys, artworks, prints, stained glass, all kinds of bags, jewellery, fabrics, Sussex gift trugs, cards, toiletries and scented soaps, antique jewellery boxes
And writing slopes etc.



ARE WE TO LOSE OUR PEACEFUL ENVIRONMENT?

PERHAPS WE NEED TO BE MORE PROACTIVE.



ISFIELD **PARISH COUNCIL**

I thought it might be a good idea to make some comments here on the planning regime under which housing development is regulated, and to look at some of the effects on Isfield and its surroundings. The first thing I have to say is that - despite the cries of support for 'localism' under David Cameron's government, the power of Parish Councils directly to influence what the Local Planning Authority accept or reject is extremely limited. We have the right to comment, to object or to support, but the weight given to those comments frequently seems minimal, sadly. But we do have to live with the current status quo.

Along with 41 of the 42 Town Councils, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings within the Wealden District (the other one takes the view that as they are in the South Downs National Park, no development affects them: good luck with that) we have given our support to the Working Group on Over Development, which originated in an initiative by Chiddingfold Parish Council to investigate more closely what was going on and why we were seeing a constant stream of large development projects across the District. The Group is now constituted as a part of the Wealden District Association of Local Councils. I should also point out that I am a member of that Group.

The concerns we have are not - emphatically not - nimbysm; appropriate and proportionate development is necessary. People need houses to live in. The problem lies in large developments, which impose serious strains on the infrastructure. Our roads struggle to cope with the current volume of traffic; water supply and sewage disposal are an ongoing concern (you can read about sewage discharge into the sea and the rivers almost every day in the newspapers); schools, doctors' surgeries, in fact all those things that create the community in which we live need to be able to handle the demands on them. That's why development needs to be appropriate and proportionate.

Currently, there are proposals for around 400 properties on Horstedpond Farm (which is opposite the 1000-property development at Ridgewood currently being very slowly built out) and 200+ on Downlands Farm, which is further north, on the Uckfield.

side of the A22. There is also, we understand, a plan which has not yet been finalised and submitted for permission, for something over 2000 properties on land lying on the Isfield/Little Horsted side of the A22, running up from the Little Horsted roundabout. Just to focus on those numbers, there are around 90 properties in Little Horsted and about 250 in Isfield, so the potential impact would be substantial.

Similar proposals are being put forward elsewhere in Wealden, and there are two principal reasons. One is that the central government has decided that the country as a whole need to build 300,000 homes per year (and I don't have the knowledge to be able to comment on that number) and in order to bring that about, they have an algorithm which has many inputs and is supposed to match planning with housing need. I'm not going to detail that here (although I'm happy to discuss it if anyone wishes to) but the simple fact is that in rural South-Eastern England, it produces what appear to be indigestible numbers. The situation in Wealden is exacerbated by the second reason: the Local Plan prepared by WDC was withdrawn - it was heading for rejection by the government inspectors - and the new one is still some way off completion. The result of that is that in the absence of a Local Plan, there is a "presumption in favour of development". Thus, housing developers are putting in rafts of applications, in a territory which because of the situation appears very fertile for them. I would just add one other number: currently, across Wealden, there are in excess of 8000 building permissions where construction has not even started.

This is necessarily only a brief look at a highly complex subject, but it's one that affects us all. As I said above, as the Parish Council we do have the right to comment, but it is difficult to know what weight our comments are given. Our comments are of course based on the sentiments we get back from our parishioners. Individuals also can comment directly to WDC, and I would suggest that comments from individuals as well as the PC can do nothing but ensure a greater weight is given to those views.

Geoff Sambrook
Chair Isfield Parish Council



ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

To see the many activities that take place in the Village Hall please visit our website www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk or our Facebook page; Rennie Dance Academy, Dog Training, Messy Church, Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Dance Club, Mindfulness, Voice and Movement, meetings and events of societies such as TWIG, Young Farmers, and ILHBS, and all kinds of parties and celebrations are among the activities of our very vibrant village.

THE EXTENSION

This newsletter contains a flyer inviting you to give us your views on the need for the proposed Village Hall extension. We need to hear your opinions and will be extremely grateful if you would take the time to respond to secretaryisfieldvh@hotmail.com or in person at the Frost Fair on 27th November.

We are delighted to announce that we have now obtained at least three estimates/quotations for each of the main elements of the works (Plumbing, Electrics, Construction) required, and for a number of smaller elements, in readiness to commence our fundraising effort. We do not claim fundraising will be a quick and easy effort; the uncertainty over levels of inflation and the cost-of-living crisis makes our task even harder, but we are very motivated to succeed. Our Funding sub-committee has been identifying national and local sources of funding and are ready to commence fundraising activity.

As reported in the last newsletter, England's village halls are set to benefit from a major new renovation fund launched by the Government in May 2022 to mark Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee. The government website states:

'Village halls are the centrepiece of rural life and funding their renovation to mark the Jubilee is a fitting tribute to The Queen's Service. In a changing world, Village Halls are important facilities for community groups, social clubs, and local services. This funding will ensure they are central to the fabric of our villages for many more years to come.'

Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), who specialise in advice to projects such as ours, and provide grants, believe they may be appointed administrators by Defra.

We subscribe to the local arm of this organization, Action in Rural Sussex.

FROST FAIR

The ever-popular Frost Fair takes place at the Village Hall on Sunday 27th November 2022, 11am to 4pm. Entry is FREE, we have a wonderfully diverse selection of exciting new and regular, favourite stalls, which will be spaced out inside the hall, and exciting raffle prizes, so please do come and enjoy this event. Posters are up in the village providing more details.

THE FRIENDS OF ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Our annual Christmas party for The Friends of Isfield Village Hall (our 'Friends') with drinks and canapés is held on Friday 9th December (7pm - 9pm) at the Village Hall. We look forward to welcoming our Friends, spending time with them and thanking them for their support.

We greatly appreciate all the aid and support given by our Friends. Their backing makes an enormous difference to our ability to continue to improve our wonderful village asset. New Friends are very warmly welcomed to join the Friends. For more details please contact Katherine Meakin, Treasurer, Isfield Village Hall Management Committee, by email on 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

SOUTH BROCKWELLS FARM

Winner, Chicken (or perhaps Game) for dinner?

At South Brockwells Farm we are delighted to announce that at the Uckfield Business Awards at the end of September we were lucky enough to scoop up not one, but two awards.

Earlier this year after a tough interview with category sponsors Chris Dowling from Dowling Consultants and Gordon Mankelov from Relativity Ltd we were thrilled to be announced as finalists in the category for 'Best Rural Business' and even more so to have won the award on the night.

Hosted at the East Sussex National, the evening brought together a complete range of businesses from across Uckfield and really held a feel of comradeship, achievement and gratitude for getting through what has been a tough few years for all businesses.

We enjoyed celebrating the successes in each of the award categories and took the long-awaited opportunity to reconnect with old friends as well as meeting some fantastic new businesses. Our table was the most decorated, with the team from Team Base joining our table who also won 2 awards!

As the awards were nearing the end, the overall award for 'Business of the Year' sponsored by Thorne Civil Engineers was announced and to our complete surprise, not only did we make the shortlist, but we won the overall award. Shocked, grateful, humbled and honoured were only a few of the emotions overwhelming us all that evening. Having our hard work recognised by the town and other local businesses has been wonderful and it has certainly made the 3am wake up calls to check on the newly born piglets more bearable over the last few days!

We are immensely proud of how the business has evolved over the years from working farm and livery yard to equestrian events centre and cross-country course, asparagus farm, farm shop and now, our newly launched Farm School which only opened its doors to children, families and local community groups in April of this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank The Uckfield and District Lions, The South of England Agricultural Society and The East Sussex Farmers Benevolent Fund who have all supported in getting some small Farm School projects started!

So, if you are intrigued with the goings on at South Brockwells Farm and want to see what all the fuss is about, I urge you to head to our website www.southbrockwellsfarm.com, visit our Facebook or insta pages @southbrockwellsfarm and/or come in for a good old fashioned visit where our farm Shop is open Wed-Sat 10am - 5pm. We are just at the very start of the game season so there are plenty of tasty delights awaiting!

We have lots of exciting plans afoot at the farm where children, young people and families can get involved, learn lots and have fun. We hope to see you here soon!

Caroline Tasker.
South Brockwells Farm

WINE CLUB



The Wine Club gets ever more popular with meetings on Friday evenings of alternate months. In our many years of existence we have tasted wines from every wine producing continent on earth and we are still looking to taste unusual or popular wines from around the world.

If anyone would like to join or just get more details, please contact us.

Dates of meetings for 2023 are as follows. (Third Friday of the month.)

January 20th
March 17th
May 19th
July 21st
September 15th
November 17th.

Keith and Brenda.
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T.W.I.G

We are a group of ladies who meet once a month offering an interesting and diverse range of activities and occasional talks. Our aim is to foster friendship and community spirit in Isfield and the surrounding area.

In AUGUST TWIG hosted and ran the annual Isfield Flower and Produce Show. Our thanks to Helen Thomas for overseeing this and to all her helpers. It was a very enjoyable and successful day.

In SEPTEMBER we had a lovely group walk through our beautiful countryside finishing with a welcome trip to the Laughing Fish beer garden.

OCTOBER brought us an evening of Tai Chi Qigong with Caroline Searchfield. She explained more about these very relaxing exercises which are certainly good for both the body and mind. We all had a go at practicing these gentle, flowing movements.

NOVEMBER'S meeting was an informative and enjoyable evening led by Derek Smith, our First Responder in the village. We were able to use the latest 'Resusci Annie' and had defibrillators demonstrated. TWIG is pleased to donate £200, following the successful Flower and Produce Show, towards a new defibrillator which will be located at the Village Hall. Our thanks to Derek for his time and dedication.

The next meeting will be DECEMBER 7th for our usual seasonal table decorations and wreath making.

In January we propose to change our meeting day to the SECOND WEDNESDAY of the month so that more people may be able to attend. This will be our AGM and Treasurer's report to be held on the 11th January.

It was envisaged that the TWIG stewardship should be on a rolling basis and as Hili and Sara step aside, the baton needs to be passed on. Please try to attend in January and bring your ideas for future meetings with you! Hili and Sara are stepping down in April but our thanks to Tessa who will continue as Treasurer. TWIG is an important part of our village and we do want it to continue.

February is chilli night to warm us up! Friends and partners' welcome. March Nina Cooter giving a talk on cardiology.

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

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COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Summer has skipped by and here we are again on the cusp of winter. The usual reminder please to leave lights on outside, if possible, should you need to call 999 after dark together with any illuminations showing the house number or name.

Just to say a little about Community First Responders. We are a small team of six covering the Uckfield area together with surrounding villages and we try to attract volunteers living in different geographical locations to minimise response times wherever possible. We are constantly seeking to increase the size of the team to meet the ever-increasing demands on the ambulance service as our role is to be first on scene when there is no ambulance immediately available or the crew are coming from some distance away. Our job is primarily to cover emergency situations where there is risk to life and where basic life support is urgently needed, but we are also tasked to other calls such as falls and minor trauma. Each CFR is a volunteer who is trained by SECamb and thereafter skills learnt are maintained by monthly training sessions together with annual reassessments. Volunteer hours can vary a lot for each CFR depending on their own work schedules or other commitments, but monthly totals are shown on our Facebook site and we try to maximise availability across the week.

We rely on public support to fund our equipment, defibrillators, bags etc with SECamb providing uniforms and consumables such as oxygen, drugs and bandages. Looking at the ever-expanding population in our area more CFRs are urgently needed so anyone who is over eighteen, fit and with a clean driving licence is very welcome. Fingers crossed that the next few months are not as busy as the NHS has predicted!

Derek Smith 07818 673148



UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

As we approach the year's end, please allow me to reflect on some of the local successes and work that has been done to support Wealden throughout the past year.

Three Wealden schools: Beacon Academy in Crowborough, Hailsham Community College and St Mary's School in Maynard's Green, were able to benefit from multi-million-pound government funding which I am proud to have helped secure for building upgrades. This is a fantastic win for Wealden, and together with improvements to Uplands Academy worth £12.5 million, it will ensure that our students can thrive in an improved learning environment.

I am also pleased to have successfully campaigned alongside local residents and Friends of Crowborough Hospital to get the superb Birthing Unit reopened. It is a much-valued, first-class service for parents-to-be from across Wealden, and I look forward to more babies being delivered there next year. In good news for our winemakers, I am pleased that Sussex Wine was designated as Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) this year, joining the family of special products including Welsh Lamb and Herefordshire Cider. Wealden's award-winning viticulture industry is a major local employer, and I am pleased that local winemakers have been granted this important recognition.

As a result of Putin's illegal war in Ukraine, 2022 was a challenging year not just for us in Wealden and in the UK, but also for people across the world. The responsibility to keep each other safe has become a defining feature of our lives throughout the pandemic, and Wealden has yet again proven to be a shining example of community spirit during this incredibly difficult time.

I am immensely proud that Wealden has led the way in providing support to Ukrainian families fleeing the war and is hosting nearly 600 arrivals - the most in the county. I was pleased to meet some of the Ukrainian families at the fantastic Support Hubs in Mayfield and Hellingly, and I want to express my heartfelt thank you for the compassion and kindness Wealden residents and volunteers involved in local support have shown to our Ukrainian guests over the past six months.

For over a year, I have been dealing with the

impact of sanctions from the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and following my calls for tougher sanctions for Putin's oligarchs and the establishment of a special tribunal, I was also sanctioned by Russia in April. It is rare to be double sanctioned, and I am the only female MP to be sanctioned by two countries. But being sanctioned by two authoritarian regimes means that I must be doing something right. These sanctions have not prevented me from defending our values and freedoms, and I will always stand up to tyrants.

It has been a difficult year and I know that stability and security is what people want most for the future. Please be assured that I will continue to work hard in 2023 to ensure that your concerns are heard in Westminster. This year, my office helped over 12,000 residents and I continue to hold weekly surgeries to provide advice and representation.

If you need my assistance, email me at nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk or visit my website www.nusghani.org.uk.

Nusrat Ghani. MP

CHRISTMAS RECYCLING & RUBBISH COLLECTION

Usual collection date: Revised Collection:

Mon 26th Dec	Tues 27th Dec
Tues 27th	Weds 28th Dec
Weds 28th Dec	Thurs 29th Dec
Thurs 29th Dec	Fri 30th Dec

**Normal Collection resume
from Monday 2nd January 2023**

GARDEN WASTE

These collections will be suspended Monday 26th December and resume on Monday 9th January 2023



ISFIELD FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

The Women in Isfield Group (TWIG) were delighted to be able to host the Isfield Flower and Produce Show again in August. We were fortunate to have a splendidly sunny day and a great turn out in the midst of the heat wave! There were 30 competitors bringing 138 entries and the Village Hall was full of flowers, fruit, veg, homemade produce and arts and crafts. Congratulations to all the winners; Bev Ashford, Katherine Meakin, Honor Ellis and Bryony Spinks.

Special thanks go to all the hardworking volunteers who helped to make the day a success, running the show, the raffle, and refreshments, not forgetting our judges. We are very grateful to all those who donated brilliant raffle prizes:

Garrison Roofing
Cranwell Wealth Solutions
Isfield Farm shop
KPS products
Laughing Fish
Stavertons Nursery
Goldcliffe Nursery
and the many and generous
residents of Isfield!

With all the generosity shown by those who came along, we have been able to make a donation towards an additional defibrillator for the village with the proceeds.

A new date for your diary next year is Saturday August 12th 2022 for the next Isfield Flower and Produce Show. See you there!

Helen Thomas
on behalf of TWIG.



LAUGHING FISH PUB

Hello lovely Isfield.

We are definitely hitting a wet winter now! Come down and warm up by our lovely open fire.

It's coming home! (...well...) World cup 2022 is officially starting, we will be showing matches here. If the television isn't on, please feel free to ask us to pop it on for you! Seating for matches is first come first served, so get down nice and early to grab a seat! We are running a sweepstake and all teams have now gone! Good luck everyone.

Christmas time at the Fish - We are running a special Christmas menu throughout December (pre-order only). Menu available online or we have physical copies if you prefer. Book now for your festive table.

Uckfield Concert Brass Band will be returning to do their usual Carols evening! This will be held on Sunday 18th December. We will be open Christmas Day (12pm-2pm) for drinks and our annual Christmas Raffle! We look forward to seeing you.

Going into the new year we will continue to have live music events, at least once a month! Keep an eye on our Facebook page or look out for posters for more information on any upcoming events.

Thank you for all your continued support!

Jodie Hall
& The Laughing Fish team.



Little Horsted CE Primary and Pre School



We invite you to come and look around our wonderful setting. We are currently welcoming visits for those starting school for the first time as well as being able to offer some spaces in other year groups. Please contact the school office on 01825 750380 or office@littlehorsted.e-sussex.sch.uk

LITTLE HORSTED CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY AND PRE SCHOOL

School events

As usual we have had a super busy term already. Highlights of first term included a Samba workshop and the whole school fun run. We are now on the run up to Christmas and rehearsals for the nativity play have begun in earnest. We are looking forward to taking part in the late-night shopping event in Uckfield - please do come along and support us at 5pm on the 2nd of December. We are also decorating a tree for the festival of Christmas trees which will be on display at Holy Cross Church during December.

School council and Eco Council

This term we have been busy with elections for the new academic year and now have a new school council in place. We have also been thinking about fundraising for Children in Need this coming Friday and enjoyed a presentation from the children in a recent assembly.

PTFA

As you know the PTFA kindly raise funds to support the resources available to the children in school. Recently we have enjoyed doing the refreshments at the Isfield Bonfire event. All those on the team enjoyed their time at this fabulous local event. Next up we have our Christmas Bazaar and Quiz night.

Church links

We are pleased that Father John and Rev Martha have both been able to lead assemblies on a Wednesday in school and the children have enjoyed these immensely. We also attended the Remembrance service at St Margaret's last week and took part in the service with readings, laying of a wreath and a prayer being read by pupils and ex pupils of the school.

Information and Open days

We welcome visits to our school and nursery/preschool. We are currently welcoming visits for those starting school for the first time as well as being able to offer some spaces in other year groups. Please contact the school office on 01825 750380 or office@littlehorsted.e-sussex.sch.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing our news again in the new year, until then enjoy a lovely Christmas!

Warmest Wishes

Mrs Ali Causton
Headteacher



ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

The Vicar's journey in Isfield

It was my second Remembrance service on Sunday 13 November since moving into Isfield. Many village folk were there and it was lovely to have members of the younger generation participating so confidently and thoughtfully in the service.

We prayed that "We remember those who made the great sacrifice during the two World Wars; We remember those who have given their lives in the service of their country in other conflicts; We pray for those who suffer at this time; We pray for those who have been bereaved; We pray for peace; We pray that we may be worthy of the sacrifice made on our behalf."

War is not history yet and peace will not come if we forget; it will not happen if we wait for others to work for it. It is through our vigilance, our voice, and our prayers that peace and light will emerge.

I remain deeply encouraged by the togetherness I have seen in Isfield, the support for those grieving. Let us continue to pray and stand together as one family.

Love and support

Isfield community is amazing we have journeyed together well, thank you for supporting us. I have relearned to play table tennis lets meet up when free and catch up over a game of table tennis.

I was recently appointed as Racial Justice Officer for the diocese of Chichester at the October black history celebrations at the Chichester Cathedral. Anna Dillon one of our acolytes read the bible reading beautifully. The service highlighted the need for each one of us to continue fighting racism as we support those who are minority ethnics.

It is in small steps that we continue to build important things as a community!

Being a Presence for Isfield

As a church we continue to support families I am happy to meet in your homes, local pub, swimming pool, church, farm shop or where it is convenient.

Over the past months it has been encouraging to stand together with families, and individuals, during funerals, baptisms, weddings and during our special services. We continue to have baptisms on the first and third Sunday as we welcome those baptised into the family of God.

Our PCC will shortly be reviewing our vision for St Margaret's 'Your Church, Your Support and Your Community'. If you have any feedback on the services you have attended or any ideas you would like to put forward, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Clergy

The clergy have remained committed to supporting Isfield parish, our Rector, Fr John Wall has been supporting us, as well as Canon Hugh Moseley, Fr Mike Blanch, and Fr David Ashton. Sheila Fordham, our reader, has continued to come and preach for us. Please continue to pray for our clergy and reader.

St Margaret's Friends and the future

The Friends of St Margaret's have continued their financial support and we are grateful to Jo and Jeremy Reffin for hosting this year's gathering, again blessed by warm sunshine.

Our plant sale next year will be at the Village Hall on 21st May, 2023 from midday until 4pm. The green-fingered Carlena Cartwright will once again be at the helm.

Our treasurer Mrs Kelly Dillon wrote "Thanks so much to the huge generosity of the Friends of St. Margaret's for their support this summer. This financial aid helps us to run the Church in the year to come and we are so very grateful for every donation.

We are now registered with the Parish Giving Scheme - through which donors are able to

give regularly by direct debit. This system is secure, confidential, and easy to use, while supporting our church today and for the future. If you would like to set up a regular gift to St. Margaret's please email our treasurer Kelly Dillon - kellyjrickard@hotmail.com

Little Horsted Church of England School

Honor Ellis and myself continue to support Little Horsted School in the capacity of governors and we were pleased to welcome Ali Causton, the Headteacher, and pupils to our Remembrance service. Father John and I regularly attend the school for assemblies.

Your continued support is valued, as parents and grandparents, you have helped the children, school and teachers to remain encouraged.

Working party/groups

We are also so grateful for all of those who support the Church in so many different ways. Volunteers keep the church clean and tidy as do those involved in keeping the churchyard up to scratch and hedges trimmed. Special thanks to Kevin Fingerneissl for grass cutting to Joanna Adams who arranged for Michael Fordham to cut the hedge.

If you wish to offer your services, please do not hesitate to contact me or Carlena Cartwright.

Churchwardens and PCC

Penelope Steele and Honor Ellis, our two Churchwardens, continue to support me as do all of the members of the PCC.

We were delighted to learn that our Vergers, Ron and Ruth Harrington, were to be awarded The Order of St Richard's. This took place at a special service at Chichester Cathedral in recognition of their tireless work in ensuring the smooth running of St Margaret's in a myriad of ways.

Sharman and Melinda Finn have been brilliant in maintaining social media presence and for flyer designs etc. Please follow us on Facebook.

Services

The Pet service, Harvest, Black History celebrations and the All-Souls service were well attended.

St Margaret's will be open on 17th December from 2pm - 4pm for those who wish to enjoy the Christmas decorations and for private prayer as we prepare for Christmas.

St Margaret's Church cont.

Please come and let us make resounding joy at the Advent and Christmas services on:

Christingle 4th December 2022
at 10a.m St Margaret's Isfield.

Festival of Nine lessons and Carols
18th December at 6 p.m.

Midnight Mass 24th December at 11.30 p.m.
Christmas Day at 10 a.m.

Encouragement

It is amazing the more we learn about church, community we realise that Jesus did not establish an institution, though institutions can serve his cause. He did not organise a political party, though his teachings have a profound impact on politics. Jesus did not even find a religion. No, Jesus began a movement, fueled by his Spirit, a movement whose purpose was and is to change the face of the earth from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends.

The early followers of Jesus like us they learned how to become more than a collection of individual self-interests. They found themselves becoming a countercultural community, where Jews and Gentiles, had equal standing. Despite our differences, we are here to serve more than an institution. We are here to serve the movement of our community.

As Christmas approaches let us remain a strong movement, the little steps we make will help us build a community of love, joy and peace. "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love", John 15, v.10.

We wish you a blessed Christmas season and New Year.

**God Bless you,
Rev'd Martha**



ISFIELD & LITTLE HORSTED BONFIRE SOCIETY

Winter time Isfield!

Firstly, **THANK YOU!** To everyone who came out and supported our Bonfire Night! We loved seeing you all lining the street and filling our field with lovely smiley faces! Also, thank you to everyone who bought a drink or donated into our buckets! Your generosity helps us fund another year of bonfire fun! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves this year and we hope you did too. We also extend our thank you to our food caterers, Little Horsted PTFA, Pioppi Pizza and Guac'n'roll, All absolutely delicious!

We hope you enjoyed our two amazing bands and the torchlit procession - it was wonderful to hear everyone singing along. Our Royal Crowns set piece, the little Paddington Bear effigy, (in tribute to her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II) and the awesome firework finale took hundreds of hours of work over many months... we are incredibly proud of, and grateful to, all of our amazing volunteers.

And finally, a big thank you to our other supporters and sponsors without whom our night simply would not be possible.

As a new Committee we would be very interested to hear your feedback on our night. This will be helpful in planning next year's event. We aim to put on a family-friendly bonfire night, balancing the interests of the village alongside the traditions of Sussex bonfire.

You can contact us via our website or send me an email ILHBS@yahoo.co.uk

It may be approaching the end of the season, but our fun does not stop! Over the next few months, we will be running fundraisers and social events for our wonderful society. We are in the process of planning Quizzes, winter socials and various outings! Keep an eye out for what and when these will be!

Once again...you know where to find me!

**Jodie Hall,
ILHBS Chair.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Sun 27th **FROST FAIR** Village Hall 11am -4pm
Mon 28th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
Village Hall 7pm

DECEMBER

Fri 2nd, 16th **DANCE CLUB** 2-4pm Village Hall
Sun 4th **CHRI. STINGLE SERVICE**
St Margaret's Church 10am
Tues 6th, 13th, 20th **YOGA** with Jane
O'Donnell Village Hall 9am - 10am
Tues 6th, 13th, 20th 11am - 12pm &
Thurs 8th, 15th, 22nd 10am-11am **TAI CHI**
QIGONG with Caroline
Searchfield. Village Hall
Tues 6th, 13th, 20th 4.45pm-7.45pm, Thurs 8th, 15th, 22nd
4.15pm-7.30pm & Sat 10th, 17th 10.15am-3pm
RENNIE DANCE ACADEMY.
Village Hall
Weds 7th **TWIG - Christmas Table**
Decorations Village Hall 7.45pm
Fri 9th **FRIENDS OF ISFIELD VILLAGE**
HALL CHRISTMAS PARTY.
Village Hall
Wed 14th **ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL**
COMMITTEE MEETING.
Village hall 7.30pm
Sat 17th **VIEWING CHRISTMAS**
DECORATIONS St Margaret's Church
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Sun 18th **FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS**
CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
St Margaret's Church 6pm

CAROLS WITH UCKFIELD BRASS
BAND Laughing Fish Pub 8pm

Sat 24th **MIDNIGHT MASS.** St Margaret's
Church 11.30pm

Sun 25th **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE**
St Margaret's Church 10am

CHRISTMAS DAY - OPEN FOR
DRINKS AND RAFFLE
Laughing Fish Pub 12pm-2pm

2023

JANUARY

Fri 2nd, 9th, 16th **DANCE CLUB**
Village Hall 2-4pm
Tues 3rd 10th, 17th 24th 31st **YOGA** with Jane
O'Donnell Village Hall 9am - 10am

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Tues 3rd 10th, 17th 24th 31st 11am - 12pm &
Thurs 5th, 12th, 19th 26th 10am-11am

TAI CHI QIGONG with Caroline
Searchfield. Village Hall

Tues 6th, 13th, 20th 4.45pm-7.45pm, Thurs 8th, 15th,
22nd 4.15pm-7.30pm & Sat 10th, 17th 10.15am-3pm

RENNIE DANCE ACADEMY.
Village Hall

Sun 8th **EPIPHANY SERVICE.**

St Margaret's Church 10am

Weds 11th **TWIG AGM** Village Hall 7.45pm

Fri 13th 27th **DANCE CLUB** Village Hall 2-4pm

Fri 20th **ISFIELD WINE CLUB**
Village hall 7.30pm

Mon 30th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
Village Hall 7pm

FEBRUARY

Tues 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th **YOGA** with Jane

O'Donnell Village Hall 9am - 10am

Tues 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 1st 11am - 12pm & Thurs 9th,
16th, 23rd 10am-11am **TAI CHI QIGONG** with

Caroline Searchfield. Village Hall

Tues 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 4.45pm-7.45pm,

Thurs 9th, 16th, 23rd 4.15pm-7.30pm &

Sat 10th, 17th 10.15am-3pm

RENNIE DANCE ACADEMY. Village Hall

Weds 8th **TWIG** - Village Hall 7.45pm

Weds 22nd **ASH WEDNESDAY**

St Margaret's Church 6pm

Sun 26th **MESSY CHURCH** Village Hall 2pm

MARCH

Tues 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th **YOGA** with Jane

O'Donnell Village Hall 9am - 10am

Tues 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th 1st 11am - 12pm & Thurs 9th,
16th, 23rd 10am-11am **TAI CHI QIGONG** with

Caroline Searchfield. Village Hall

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RENNIE DANCE ACADEMY. Village Hall

Weds 8th **TWIG** - Village Hall 7.45pm

Fri 10th 24th **DANCE CLUB** Village Hall 2-4pm

Fri 17th **ISFIELD WINE CLUB**

Village Hall 7.30pm

Sun 19th **MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE**

Joint service at St Michael's Church, Little
Horsted. 10am

Mon 27th **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Village Hall 7pm



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