

ISFIELD NEWSLETTER

July 2018



ISFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

Editors Note:

What glorious weather we have been enjoying, long may it last although the gardens are beginning to look a little scorched! The good weather held for the village fete to make a thoroughly enjoyable day and atmosphere in the field. Huge thanks to the fete committee and everyone who helped for their hard work in making the day so successful.

On a similar note we would like to thank all those who enable the Isfield Newsletter to happen—from those contributing the articles, the Parish Council for providing funds to pay for paper and printing and all those willing to deliver to your door a copy of the newsletter within their locality.

There are a few more events taking place throughout the summer from the traditional Flower Show, Isfest, Artwave plus various thank you parties for various groups within the village. Look to the back of this newsletter for the updated diary of events in our, very active, village.

Wishing you all a great summer.

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ISFEST 2018

The Isfield and Little Horsted Bonfire Society is proud to present its 5th Annual ISFEST live and local music festival. Combining everything we all love into one great family day.. with live music, onsite camping, beer and cocktail tents, a pizza oven, children's activities and more!

Back by popular demand is local Ska rabble rousers The Skarlettos, ably supported by King Louie, Dethonator, The Kondoms, The Boogaloo Dudes and a host of other local acts and artists. There really is something for everyone at Isfest!

For more information or to purchase tickets please visit www.isfest.org.uk or tickets will be available from the Laughing Fish from mid-August, along with camping pitches (caravans, campers and trailers) can also be booked and paid for.

Make sure you 'like' our new Facebook page to hear the latest updates - www.fb.me/isfestUK

ILHBS Isfest Team

ARTWAVE 2018

ISFIELD FESTIVAL OF TALENT

Isfield Village Hall
24th to 26th August,
24th - 25th 11am to 6pm,
26th 11am—4pm

ARTWAVE 2018 IN ISFIELD

Artwave is an open, inclusive and very popular annual festival of artists and makers from Lewes, Seaford, Newhaven and surrounding villages. Over 140 artists exhibit in studios, homes, community halls, pubs, galleries and workshops around our beautiful county of East Sussex. Last year the Artwave festival attracted over 42,822 visitors across the 143 venues. In 2017, 50% of those visitors also visited local restaurants, pubs, shops and hotels. The estimated economic benefit to the area, over three weekends, was £1.3m.

For a relatively small village, Isfield has a high number of very creative artists and makers and this is reflected in the fact that four Artwave events are being hosted in the village. Show your support by visiting all four of the Isfield Artwave venues and view the unique works being exhibited and sold.

Isfield Village hall are hosting the **ISFIELD FESTIVAL OF TALENT** on 24th to 26th August, 11am to 6pm, inclusive (the Bank Holiday weekend) in our beautiful and traditional village hall (in Station Road) with its background of open fields and far reaching views. Over 30 local artists and makers are exhibiting and selling exciting work including paintings, jewellery, prints, woodcuts, woven willow baskets, sculpture, drawings, botanical art, photography and calligraphy. Teas and home-made cakes are available all day.

Adèle and Peter Scantlebury are exhibiting **PRINTS AND PHOTOS** at The Laughing Fish Pub (in Station Road) throughout Artwave (18th August to 2nd September). Adèle's woodblock prints are inspired by rural working life and Peter's photographs are of intimate landscapes taken within a mile of the venue.

Fran Sansom's **BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL AT HOME** exhibition with guests (at Shepherds Mead on Horsted Lane) includes unique memo/pin boards, paintings, sculpture and jewellery and is held over the weekends of 18th/19th and 25th/26th August. Aromatic products and plans are also for sale and refreshments available.

Annie McManus' **POND HOUSE STUDIO** event is held on 18th/19th August (at Pond House on the Lewes Road) in a lovely glass and timber barn set in a beautiful Isfield

garden with orchard, chickens and views of The Downs. Fine jewellery, paintings, ceramics, stone carving, woodworks, textiles and luxurious skin products exhibited and sold. Home-made refreshments available all day.

ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL



New Appointments to
Isfield Village Hall
Management Committee

We are delighted to announce the following:

At our AGM in April 2018, Rosemary Bridges was appointed Secretary, taking over from Peter Holmes who we thank most sincerely for his work. Rosemary has a great deal of previous experience to bring to the role, including her work as a Committee Clerk for East Sussex County Council, and has already taken full command over preparation of the Trustees Annual Return to the Charity Commission.

New members of the Management Committee include Nina Cooter and Bev Ashford and we welcome their fresh input very much.

We are pleased that Margaret Levett a long-standing Trustee who stepped down as a Trustee when she stood in temporarily as caretaker/cleaner when Julie Hall left, is re-joining the Management Committee.

Wendy Osborne has taken on the task of caretaker and cleaner for the Village Hall. Wendy has done the job very efficiently in the past, and takes over from her mother Margaret. We give sincere thanks to Margaret for her superb support, and to her husband Ron for his vigilant maintenance of the hall.

Isfield Festival of Talent (part of Artwave 2018):

Isfield Village Hall is hosting an Artwave event - **Isfield Festival of Talent** art exhibition. Although very successful art exhibitions have been held before in Isfield Village Hall, in 2018 Isfield's Festival of Talent will be the first time an event has been organised at the village hall as part of Artwave. The exhibition is designed to highlight the vibrant talents of our diverse range of local artists and makers and includes paintings, jewellery, prints, woodcuts, woven willow baskets, sculpture, drawings, botanical

Village hall cont.

art and calligraphy from over 30 artists and makers. Works will be for sale as well as exhibition. Isfield Art Group are mounting a display of their work in the refreshments area too.

As you know, fund raisers are essential to ensure the financial viability of your village hall. Artwave incurs quite a few expenses for us such as entry fee, plinths and hanging materials, printing of posters and flyers, promotion and refreshments which we aimed to offset with sponsorship. We are very grateful to our sponsors, to our exhibiting artists and makers, and to our many volunteers who have organised and will run this event, in particular Peter Rigby (Hanging Chairman), Adèle Scantlebury, Peter Holmes and Katherine Meakin (Hanging Committee, Promotion, Sponsorship and Project Management), Brenda Reynolds and her team of Isfield Art Group Members and Friends of Isfield Village Hall who will provide teas and home-made cakes throughout the event.

An invitation only Private View will be held on Thursday 23rd August, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, to which all Friends of Isfield Village Hall will be invited. Opening hours for the exhibition will be 11am to 6pm on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th August and 11am to 4pm on Sunday 26th August (exhibition closing at 4pm on the Sunday 26th for collection of artworks).

News and Upcoming Events:

We are delighted to report that, in addition to our regular clubs and activities, bookings for parties, social events, courses and workshops throughout 2018 continue to be strong. For example:

An Isfield couple's charming, abundantly flower-strewn wedding reception was held at the hall at the end of June, taking full advantage of our glorious countryside setting with its backdrop of open fields, and the marvellous weather. They are a lovely couple, and we wish them every happiness.

We are very grateful for the generous donation of a sound system from the Isfield Fete Committee. The new system has already been successfully used at many events in the hall and is a superb addition to our facilities.

We hosted a professionally run and very enjoyable Race Night fund raiser in April which was very well attended. Huge thanks

go to Andy Brooks who compered brilliantly, and assisted with provision of some of the refreshments for the buffet and prizes. A donation was made to Andy's charity Sussex Hospices.

Several new activities have started, or are about to start up, in the village hall; more information on each will be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Isfield Youth Group started in June on Friday evenings and is already very well attended. Jane O'Donnell is running Yoga classes on Tuesday mornings 9.30am to 10.30am. Louise Gorst starts her Experimental Art Classes on Monday mornings from 10th September, 10am to 12noon, and is taking bookings now.

Note: for avoidance of any confusion, the very popular Isfield Art Group is a completely separate activity to Louise's art classes and continues from September 6th on Thursday afternoons 2pm - 4pm, with occasional masterclasses and days painting outside.

Please take a look at the Users and Uses page, News and Events page and the Booking and Hiring diary on our website www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk to see the wide range of clubs and activities that are run at your village hall. As you see from the above, new activities are added regularly so look out for posters up in the Laughing Fish and village notice boards too.

The Friends of Isfield Village Hall Events in 2018:

Another brief reminder of Friends' events for 2018; invitations to the first event have been sent out:

Private View on 23rd August, 7.30-9.30pm, of our ISFIELD FESTIVAL OF TALENT exhibition which is part of Artwave 2018.

Christmas party and entertainment on Friday December 7th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

New Friends continue to join and are very warmly welcomed. If you haven't joined The Friends of Isfield Village Hall yet, and would like to do so now, please email us on isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com and we will send you a form.

Bookings:

To book the Village Hall for your receptions, parties and other activities call Brenda Reynolds on 01825 749778 or email isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com or provisionally book online on www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk (Booking and Hiring page) and Brenda will get back to you to confirm the details of your booking, and will provide all information and assistance that you need.

Keith Taylor, Chairman



ISFIELD WINE CLUB

Isfield Wine Club meets on the Third Friday of every other month in the Village Hall for a relaxed, friendly and informal tasting of between seven and eight wines on a subject often chosen by the members. There is no subscription to join and we charge just £10 per evening so why not give us a try and see if this is for you.

Our next meeting is on Friday 20th July and we will be visiting Bolney Vineyard for a tour and taste of some very good English wines (this has proved very popular and is now fully subscribed). Our September meeting is on Friday 21st and everyone is welcome, both existing and new guests.

For more information please contact Keith on 749778.

Keith Taylor



COULD YOU GET YOUR ELECTRICITY CHEAPER?

Heating and hot water accounts for around 80% of energy used around the home so securing a cheaper deal on your purchased oil could be worth considering. Securing a cheaper deal on your oil purchases is as easy as 1, 2, 3.....

1. Get in touch for a quick informal discussion about how you use energy around the home.
2. Submit your latest invoice or annual statement for purchased oil.
3. Receive feedback on your energy costs to see how much you could save.

You might also want to consider getting your electricity bills checked as this can also result in good savings especially if you are on a Standard Variable Tariff (SVT).

We are happy to provide feedback on your energy costs as well as some general comments on your homes Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) so you know how efficient your home is and how to go about reducing your energy bills in the most cost-effective manner.

For more information contact:

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NEW ART CLASS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2018

Ringmer based Artist and Art tutor, Louise Gorst of MINDFULLY CREATIVE, is starting up a new Art course on Monday mornings from September, called EXPERIMENTAL DRAWING & PAINTING.

There will be a different theme each term and participants will be invited to explore a range of experimental approaches to art through drawing, painting, collage, mixed media and mono-printing. Working from both observation and the imagination there will be guided exercises, an opportunity for individual projects and occasional collaborative work. This course is suitable for beginners as well as more experienced artists and offers the opportunity to widen creative expression, address creative 'blocks' and encourage more spontaneity, enjoyment and mindfulness in making art.

Dates: September 10 - November 26
(no class 15 & 22 October)
Cost: 10 weeks £150 includes most materials

"I really enjoyed all the experimental drawing sessions; there was a variety of media and activities each week and it felt very inclusive. The group was very welcoming too which made the sessions even more enjoyable!" NK, Lewes

Louise has many years' experience teaching a range of art classes and leading groups in creative exploration. She's run this course over the last two years at the Paddock Studios in Lewes and it's been very popular. She also teaches Life Drawing, Drawing Mandalas and is a Certified Zentangle Teacher. She has an Open House Exhibition as part of Artwave on 25-26-27 August with work for sale, taster Zentangle sessions and tea and cake.

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Louise Gorst



ISFIELD WEDNESDAY CLUB

Once again we have enjoyed some very interesting and entertaining presentations at our meetings. In March our speakers were husband and wife team Ann and Robin Gregory who gave us a most thought provoking talk based on Ann's father's diaries from the 1914-18 war. These were written, in painstakingly tiny handwriting, in the trenches and brought the horrors of those days to life.

We were very grateful to Kevin Gordon who stepped in at the last moment when another speaker was no longer able to attend. He gave us an hilarious and enthusiastic power point presentation entitled "Quirky Sussex". The talk was so engrossing that we were left wanting more!

In May we were happily entertained by the singer Pamela Marsh who brought her guitar and backing tracks along and sang a mixture of popular hits from the 50s and 60s. We were all encouraged to sing along and surprised ourselves with how many of the words we knew.

Louise Peskett gave her talk "Notorious Women of Brighton". She came highly recommended and did not disappoint. She kept us all enthralled by tales of amazing women from all walks of life.

Jim Withall's talk was entitled "Toc H in Flanders". This was the story of the founding of Toc H. He briefly went over the dreadful times in the First World War and the desperate need for some sort of rest house for the troops. Jim's account included the history of one of the founders, a charismatic priest called Tubby Clayton who set up the house for all regardless of rank.

In June Bill McNaught gave us a talk entitled "Buffalo Bill and Queen Victoria". He showed us some original film of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show and cleverly linked this all up with Queen Victoria at the time going over some fascinating facts of her life, including the enormous size of her knickers!

As you can see from the above our meetings are diverse and entertaining. Each meeting is followed by a home made high tea of sandwiches, savouries and cakes.

Our next programme can be found on the village notice boards, in the Laughing Fish, on the Village Hall website and in the diary pages at the back of this newsletter. Do have a look and if anything takes your fancy please join us. There is no need to be a member. All are welcome.

We meet every other Wednesday in Isfield Village Hall at 2.30pm.

For more information contact Colin Stains chairman on 01825 766342, Wendy Chandler, deputy chairman, on 01825 750517 or Liz Fine, secretary on 01825 750658

Liz Fine



ISFIELD YOGA GROUP

Stretch, de stress, stay flexible, a bit of time for yourself. These are just some of the reasons to join us for yoga in the beautiful Isfield village hdl. I've been doing yoga for many years and have found it so beneficial for body and mind. I love that we can all do it and receive the benefits. I often hear people say they are not bendy enough to do yoga and that's just not true. All bodies will benefit, and different options for poses will be given. In yoga we all work at our own pace, there is no competition.

These classes are friendly and informal, mats and blocks provided if necessary. There is a strong accent on moving mindfully, connecting with the breath and a lovely relaxation to finish. Hopefully you will leave feeling much better than when you arrived!

We start back after summer holidays on September 11th, Tuesdays in term time, 9.30-10.30. £8 per class if block booked, £9 drop in. Get in touch to find out more and register your interest.

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See you on the mat

Jane O'Donnell



I.C.E.

If this hot weather continues, with the schools breaking up, we are expecting a busy time in the ICE Field. Already we have seen the Fete Committee put on another superb afternoon's entertainment for us, with medieval battle re-enactments, vegetable men on stilts, trug-makers and scalectrix amongst the usual Fete fare of a fun dog show - thank you Mandy for filling the gap - sports day and stalls.

With funds healthy, repairs to the track, along with some site improvements are planned this summer. The entrance way to the ICE Field is getting a make-over, with a path to the Lavender Line, some post and rail fencing and shrubs being planted. So as to reduce ware on the field, over the winter, we also plan to put in a durable area for the parking of 6-8 cars, through which grass will be allowed to grow, in keeping with the character of the site. While at the very top of the Field we plan something similar, beyond the hedge, to allow for the occasional caravan during the winter months, increasing the length of our season.

Alongside other village organisations, ICE were earlier this year, pleased to be able to help Michelle Coates and Jo Pointing with the set-up costs of Isfield's new youth group, which will meet every Friday, during term-time, in the Village Hall. On the opening night, despite being surgically removed from their smart phones, everyone appeared to be having fun. I'm sure this will continue into the future and wish all involved every success.

Pete "Scan" Scantlebury
(Chairman ICE)

ICE Film Night **Saturday 15th September**

In the marquee in the ICE Field
Doors open 7pm,
Film starts at 7.30pm.

Film title soon to be confirmed!
Tickets £5.

Come and join us for a lovely evening of entertainment



LITTLE HORSTED **C.E.PRIMARY SCHOOL**

At the start of the Summer term the school community was delighted to welcome our new Badger Class teachers, Mrs Bremner (Monday /Tuesday) and Mrs Leffler (Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday) to the teaching staff team. Both colleagues have really enjoyed their first two terms at the school, particularly the work the children have learned and produced in relation to their learning journey linked to the books by Roald Dahl. Both Mrs Bremner and Mrs Leffler bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the teaching team at Little Horsted School and we are very fortunate to have secured the services of two such well-qualified practitioners

On the 30 April 2018, we received a visit from Mrs Jan Meyer (Ofsted inspector), who conducted our one day church school diocesan (SIAMs) inspection (our last inspection which graded the school as outstanding, was in February 2013). Her findings about the school were as follows:

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Little Horsted Primary School as a Church of England school are good.

The school's Christian values are strongly linked to biblical teaching. They are known and articulated by staff and pupils and impact very positively on pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development (SMSC).

The Christian character of the school makes a significant impact on the way pupils live their lives although systems for monitoring its impact do not consistently support strategic planning.

There is a strong mutually supportive relationship between the school and the church that is greatly valued by all members of the school community.

Worship has a high profile in the school. It enables pupils to experience Anglican practices and includes the teachings of Jesus Christ and biblical links.

The two areas to improve were as follows:

Develop the motto into a Christian vision that is rooted in distinctively Christian theology, is known and articulated by all members of the school community and makes a difference to the lives of learners.

Little Horsted CE School cont.

Develop rigorous systems for monitoring and evaluating the Christian distinctiveness of the school, particularly religious education (RE) and collective worship, to inform leaders and governors in planning strategically for improvement as a church school

The full report can be found on the school website.

School events Some memorable events for the children this term have included:

Owl Class (Yr 5 & 6) have been on their school journey week to PGL Little Canada on the Isle of Wight, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

Badger and Owl classes (Yr 3, 4 and 5) have had swimming lessons at Ringmer Academy Pool every Wednesday and all the children have advanced in their swimming ability.

Rabbit and Robin Class have played host to a family of ducklings.

Hedgehog Class have been learning about the Great Fire of London.

The whole school have enjoyed a magic mathematician day and Little Horsted's Got Talent.

Many of the school community attended the sheep racing at South Brockwell's Farm.

A whole range of amazing year group assemblies have taken place on Friday mornings.

Our many musicians have played in assemblies including, our cellists, guitarists flutists and drummers..

The school council gave a presentation to parents and governors about the work they do in the school which recently has included fund raising for Cat Protection, dementia UK and our prayer reflection area in school.

Children have taken part in a range of enrichment clubs and sporting events, including, French, chess, multiskills, yoga, tennis, badminton, and our young tennis team won the inter-primary school tennis shield.

PTFA The PTFA have raised funds to enable three of our classrooms to have new IWB projectors. They have also paid for a magic mathematician day for the children and new parts for our Goblin Car, which the

Year 6 will race during the Uckfield Festival on Sunday 15 July. Recent PTFA events have included the PTFA fun run, a children's disco and the BBQ at the Isfield Fete.

Church Our Year 6 children enjoyed a lovely Diocesan Leavers' service at All Saints Church, Crowborough in June. Bishop Martin talked to the children on this occasion. He spoke about the rose of England and the importance of following God (as people follow the rose/ England rugby, football or other teams) in this Year of Prayer. Two of our Year 6 children read the reading during the service. A few weeks earlier, four of our Year 6 children, were confirmed by Bishop Richard, at Holy Cross Church.

Father John is always a welcome visitor to Little Horsted School. He will present the Year 6 with their certificates, bibles (kindly paid for by the PCC of St Margaret's and the PCC of St Michael and All Angels) and shields at our Leavers' service on Wednesday 18 July. The children in Year 6, will be congratulated during the service, for all their achievements throughout their time at the school.

If you would like to find out more about Little Horsted CE school, please visit our website or contact the school on 01825 750380. Thank you for reading this article and for supporting our school.

Dr Michael Davies
Headteacher



ISFIELD YOUTH GROUP

Isfield Youth Group have had a successful launch with almost 40 children attending each week. The children have loved playing table tennis, pool, table football and just having a chance to socialise with each other without digital devices. The tuck shop has also been a very big hit!

The group will not be running during the summer holidays and will return in September. Keep an eye on the website for further details: <https://www.isfielddyouthgroup.com>.

Thank you to everyone who has given support and donations to the group over the past few months. We couldn't have done it without you!

Jo, Sandra & Michelle

THE WOMEN'S ISFIELD GROUP

April - we were unable to secure a speaker for the planned talk on bees so at the last moment we made the decision to have 'bedding plants in a container of your choice' we supplied a lovely range of plants and bulbs along with compost and a relaxed social evening went ahead. Thank you Karen and Jill for organising this at short notice. We are still hoping to secure a speaker on the subject of bees if anyone has any suggestions we would be very grateful.

May - Medical Detection Dogs. What a lovely and really informative evening with Moira Harrison and her dog Treade. Moira came with a very good PowerPoint presentation telling us all about how important these animals are and especially how important Treade is in predicting her diabetes related issues. M.D.D are a charity and constantly need to raise funds, for more info on their valuable work follow the link <https://www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk/>

June - screen printing with 'BIP Art'. A very busy evening with a large turnout of ladies who all enjoyed this absorbing craft. Most ladies printed onto a cotton bag but a few choose to print onto a cushion cover. By the end everyone had produced a practical piece of artwork to be proud of. Thanks go to Karen for organising this again.

July - annual summer social and BBQ this year was hosted by Bev and Jim the original date was postponed due to a certain football match that night so we had it a week later. A visit to The Prairies Garden was also planned for this date.

August - the venue and date TBC as we are unable to have the hall for this meeting so please check your emails as we may organise a walk or pub visit. September 12th Drumming workshop with a return visit from Thomas Christen. October 11th the Art of Folding led by Bev Ashford. November 7th to be confirmed and December 5th will be the Christmas party—the activity yet to be decided.

All ladies are welcome to join us — we meet once a month on Wednesdays in the village hall doors open at 7.30 (to set up) with the meetings starting at 8pm. Non members £5 to include refreshments.

Sues Crawford



ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

In my last report here, I mentioned that there had been some issues concerning BT and the broadband service to the village which might result in a deterioration in speed of download and upload. The work in question has been carried out now, and I am pleased to be able to say that - as far as I am aware - the service has not suffered through the technological changes. Most households appear to be in the same position as before, and a few actually seem to have higher speeds. A reflection, I suppose, of how difficult it is, even for the experts, to predict the performance of signals passing down a mixture of old copper and new fibre-optic cables.

The result of the speed test which we had undertaken on Buckham Hill demonstrated that speeding - defined as exceeding the mandated speed limit - is unusual along that stretch of road. I know some residents are unhappy with this, but the Highways Department have indicated that they have no grounds to reduce the speed limit. Speeding does remain a problem, though, particularly where there is a 30mph limit and an increasing volume of traffic using the roads as a short-cut or traffic avoidance route. That especially applies to Station Road, and that is a constant priority in our conversations with District and County Councillors.

With the good weather of late, one of our perennial problems has resurfaced: the reluctance of picnickers to take their rubbish away with them when they have enjoyed an afternoon beside the river. In fact, rubbish generally is becoming more and more of a problem. Councillor Jim Smith and Ron Harrington do a sterling job in picking it and disposing of it, but it's pretty poor that they need to. I appreciate that probably the bulk of this stuff is deposited by non-residents, but when it comes, for example, to the bus shelters in the village, that thought stretches credulity a bit; please, if you're waiting for a bus, don't leave rubbish around. We are investigating the possibility of bins by the bus-stops, but we still don't need rubbish dropped there in the interim.

I hope everyone has a good - and sunny - summer holiday period.

Geoff Sambrook
Chair Parish Council



ISFIELD & LITTLE HORSTED BONFIRE SOCIETY

I wanted to start by congratulating the village for a very successful fete, each year they get better and better. Furthermore, the bonfire stands required a lot of hard work to set up and run, especially in the hot weather, so a big thank you to those who helped, and to anyone who visited our stands for supporting us!

We've got a busy few months coming up, with some big pre-season events for your calendar!

Our membership sign up barbecue is on 26th August, at the White House opposite the Laughing Fish. This will be an evening to either renew your existing membership, or join us if you want to take part. It is a good opportunity to meet the members of the society and learn more, as well as a jolly evening of nice food and drink.

Secondly, it is Isfest 2018 on 8th September. We have another exciting line up of bands, and our Isfest team have been working very hard to organise this year's event. It would be great to see lots of you there, for our major fundraiser for our fireworks display. Lots of information is available on the Isfest website www.isfest.org.uk, and you can also buy tickets there.

Aside from the two events above, we have a few social events as well, including a beer bus and summer walks. Joining the society is more than just drinking and walking about. Oh wait...

Finally, this will be the last entry before the Bonfire Season starts, so I do look forward to seeing you all when we are processing around the county. Don't forget that this will be ILHBS' 10th anniversary year, and to celebrate we are looking for your "Images of Isfield and Little Horsted" to add to our tableau this year. These are drawings, paintings or photos that represent something you feel is important to the area. These will be put into our tableau as part of our display. To learn more, please email us at ilhbs@yahoo.co.uk and we can fill you in.

Wishing you all a lovely summer, and a great Bonfire Season!

Timmy Fordham
Chair of ILHBS



ISFIELD VILLAGE FETE

The fete committee would like to say a very big thank you to everyone that helped with the village fete in any way, the event involves input from a large number of people from the village and nearby and really brings the whole community together. We had a lovely afternoon in the glorious sunshine.

If you have any ideas of events/activities/stalls that you would like to see at the fete next year please email isfieldfete@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Next year's fete will be on Sunday 30th June 2019

Rachel Cranfield



ISFIELD PING PONG CLUB

If you like a game of ping pong / table tennis come and join us in the village hall!

Everyone welcome. Normally every Thursday night 7pm to 9pm. £3.00 per session.

Join our Facebook page: Isfield Ping Pong under the groups tab or text Tim on 07901 555 280 for details.

Tim Coates



UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL MP

It's great to get together

Two years ago my colleague in Parliament, Jo Cox, was murdered. Jo's legacy is one of unity in the face of division, and togetherness in the face of adversity. To commemorate her life and carry on the work she did as an MP tackling loneliness, 'Great Get Together' events were recently held across the country, bringing communities together to through a mix of street parties, BBQs, sporting events and picnics.

Great Get Together is all about celebrating what we have in common - as Jo Cox famously said, "we have more in common than that which divides us". I was pleased to join one of these Great Get Together events, which were held all over Wealden, from Halsham to Crowborough and Forest Row to Uckfield.

Bringing our communities together is incredibly important. Despite our modern and inter-connected world where an Instagram post can reach the other side of the globe in seconds, it's perhaps even easier than ever to feel isolated and alone. Initiatives like the Great Get Together are a great way to remember the support circles available to us in our own local communities.

Tackling loneliness was one of Jo Cox's driving ambitions. It rests on all MPs now to take up that mantle and do our bit to help fight social isolation. That's why I'm pleased to see the Government's recent announcement of a £20 million loneliness fund, which will go to charities and community groups to bring people together.

Jo Cox was a colleague and I have fond memories of her. As MPs, we are public figures and go about our constituencies helping and representing our constituents. Unfortunately, the job isn't as safe as it used to be. We take so much for granted, which is why I will be joining other Wealden residents in taking some time remember Jo, and do what matters most - spend time with our families and loved ones, doing our own small bit to tackle loneliness.

Nus Ghani MP

ISFIELD FARM SHOP

Summer is truly here and BBQ season is in full flow! We have been really busy with this fantastic weather; the latest member of the team, Andy, has been filling the counter with lots of kebabs and ready to go BBQ meat, which has been really popular.

Thursday July 26th Tim the pizza guy will be away for a week so we thought we'd have a bbq evening starting at 5pm till 7.30 . Come along and join us.

Don't forget that during summer till 31/8 we will be open on Saturdays until 4pm. The ice cream freezer is full of lovely local Downsview ice cream and ice lollies .

Special offer ...

We do seem to have a bread mountain in our freezer so we are offering to locals £1.25 each a loaf or 2 for £2. Grab it while you can.

Many thanks for your continuous support.

Sue, Dave and team



ISFIELD DANCING CLUB

Club evenings and functions have been well attended so far this year. We are having a short break and will restart on 8th August thereafter fortnightly until the Christmas break.

We welcome anyone who would like to come and join us on a Wednesday the 8th August and still at only £2 per evening.

Ron Levett
Chairman 01825 750404



ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

The best news from St. Margaret's is that, after a five-year interregnum, we now have a new clergyman coming to Isfield. We hope that the Rev. Mike Blanch will be licensed by the end of September. However, it is all dependent on The Parsonage being ready for occupancy by him and his wife, Penny.

Mike was ordained in 2009 after a long and successful career in local government, including being Chief Executive of Eastbourne Borough Council, the London Borough of Bromley and the Falkland Islands Government.

More recently, Mike served at St. Michael and All Angels, Eastbourne, and at St. Mary's and St. Peter's Hampden Park. The PCC is excited that he will reach out to the village population here in Isfield with equal success that he has achieved so brilliantly elsewhere.

We had our annual meeting on 19th April. And thankfully, we continue to meet our obligations and contributions to the Diocese. It is not an easy job keeping pace with those demands on finances, and, we are, as always, extremely grateful for the contributions and support of the Friends of St. Margaret's, plus the fundraising efforts of members of the PCC. Without their generosity, the future of a church in Isfield could be in jeopardy.

We very much welcome all new parishioners who have moved into the village, and we will always be glad to welcome you to our church services at 10.00 am every Sunday. If you have never visited St. Margaret's, please can I encourage you to do so. It is a beautiful place, with a very special atmosphere all of its own.

Recently, I was asked if I could help an American couple, who were researching her 14 times Great Grandfather, who they believed was buried in the church yard, and they wanted to know where his grave might be. The 14 times Great Grandfather was, in fact, Sir John Shurley to whom the Shurley Chapel is dedicated. Shaunte Lawrence (the American visitor) was "blown away" when she realised how important her ancestor's monument and chapel were. It was humbling and also a great privilege to give these visitors such an exciting insight into their ancestral heritage.

Our annual thank you and social gathering for the Friends of St. Margaret's is taking place on 17th August from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm at The Old House. There will be a talk to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Royal Air Force given by Wing Commander Patrick Cliff, OBE. The evening will also be an opportunity to meet Rev. Mike Blanch and his wife, Penny, and learn of his plans for his incumbency as our local priest. If you would like to join the Friends of St. Margaret's and attend the event on 17th August, please contact Mervyn Griffiths on 01825 750446 for an application form, and to discuss the role of the Friends.

Peter and Jenny Holmes will be holding a cream tea party for the village, in aid of the church, on Sunday 29th July at 3.00 pm, at Derriford, off Station Road at the entrance to Lavender Fields. Please do come. It is a lovely chance to meet old friends and make new ones.

Our Harvest Festival will take place on Sunday, 23rd September at 10.00 am in the church. If you would like to bring gifts of non-perishable food, which we then donate to the Uckfield Food Bank, we will be glad to receive them.

Penelope Steel
Church Warden **01825 750209**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JULY

- Fri 20th Isfield Wine Club - tour of Bolney Vineyard
- Wed 25th Isfield Wednesday Club.
Tea at the Lavender line.
- Thurs 26th BBQ Evening. Isfield Farm Shop 5- 7.30pm
- Sun 29th Cream Teas in aid of St Margaret's Church at Derriford, off Station road, entrance to Lavender fields at 3pm.

AUG

- Mon 6th, 13th, 20th Tai Chi with Andrea.
Village Hall 2-3pm
- Cricket Academy Nets
Recreation ground 5.30pm
- Wed 8th, 22nd Isfield Dance Club
Village Hall 7-10pm
- Thurs 9th, 16th, 20th Pilates with Medeana.
Village hall - 8.30 - 9.25am or 9.30 - 10.25am
- Sat 11th Isfield Flower Show
- Fri 17th Gathering for the Friends of St. Margaret's at The Old House
6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
- Weds 22nd Wednesday Club
Village Hall 2.30 - 4.30pm
- Thurs 23rd Artwave Private view for Friends of Isfield Village Hall.
Village hall 7.30pm to 9.30pm
- Fri 24th - Sun 26th Isfield Festival of Talent Exhibition (ARTWAVE)
Village hall Fri/Sat 11am - 6pm,
Sun 11am - 4pm
- Sun 26th ILHBS Membership BBQ.
4pm onwards at Jim & Bev's

SEPT

- Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Tai Chi with Andrea. Village Hall 2-3pm
- Wed 5th, 19th Isfield Wednesday Club.
Village Hall 2.30pm
- 5th - Lewes in the 70's & 80's
19th - Gongoozling for beginners
- Isfield Dance Club
Village Hall 7-10pm

Sept cont.

- Thurs 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Pilates with Medeana, Village Hall 8.30-9.25am
OR 9.30-10.25am
- Isfield Art Group Village Hall 2-4pm
- Fri 7th, 14th, 28th August Isfield Youth Group
Village Hall 6pm -8pm
- Mon 10th, 17th, 24th Experimental Art Classes
Louise Gorst Village Hall
10am to 12noon
- Weds 12th TWIG. Drumming
Village Hall 7.45pm
- Sat 15th I.C.E. Film Night. ICE Film Night
In the marquee in the ICE Field.
Doors open 7pm, film starts at 7.30pm.
- Fri 21st Isfield Wine Club
Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm

OCT

- Mon 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Tai Chi with Andrea. Village Hall, 2-3pm
- Wed 3rd, 17th, 31st Isfield Wednesday Club.
Village Hall 2.30pm
- 3rd - Energy Saving Grants & Scam Awareness
17th - Our weather
31st - The view From the wings
- Isfield Dance Club -
Village Hall 8 -10pm
(3rd Buffet Supper 7-10pm)
- Thurs 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Pilates with Medeana Village Hall 8.30-9.25am
OR 9.30-10.25am
- Thurs 4th, 18th, 25th Isfield Art Group
Village Hall 2-4pm
- Fri 5th, 19th, 26th August Isfield Youth Group
Village Hall 6pm -8pm
- Weds 10th TWIG. The Art of Folding
Village Hall 7.45pm
- Fri 26th ILHBS Bonfire Night. ICE field

NOV

- Thurs 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Pilates with Medeana Village Hall 8.30-9.25am
OR 9.30-10.25am
- Thurs 1st, 8th, 15th Isfield Art Group
Village Hall 2-4pm at Isfield

Nov cont.

- Thurs 1st, 8th, 15th **Isfield Art Group**
Village Hall 2-4pm at Isfield
- Fri 2nd 9th, 23rd, 30th **Isfield Youth Group**
Village Hall 6pm -8pm
- Mon 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th **TAI CHI with Andrea** Village Hall 2-3pm
- Weds 7th **TWIG.** Village Hall 7.45pm
- Wed 14th, 28th **Isfield Wednesday Club.**
Village Hall 2.30pm
14th - Life on a Harp String
28th Tales from the riverbank
- Isfield Dance Club**
Village Hall 7-10pm
- Fri 16th **Isfield Wine Club.**
Village hall 7.30pm
- Sun 25th **Frost Fair** Village Hall 11am-4pm

DEC

- Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th **Tai Chi with Andrea**
Village Hall 2-3pm
- Weds 5th **TWIG.** Village Hall 7.45pm
- Thurs 6th, 13th **Pilates with Medeana**
Village Hall 8.30-9.25am
OR 9.30-10.25am
- Fri 7th **Christmas Party Friends of Isfield**
Village Hall. Village hall 7pm
- Sat 8th **I.L.H.B.S. QUIZ.** Village hall 7pm
for 7.30 start
- Weds 12th **The Wednesday Club**
Christmas Lunch Halfway house
- Christmas Party Isfield Dance Club.** Village Hall 7-10pm.
- Fri 14th **Isfield Youth Group**
Village hall 6pm -8pm.

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