

# ISFIELD NEWSLETTER

November 2018



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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### Editors Note:

Autumn is well and truly here and the garden is being wrapped in a blanket of leaves. It is beautiful out there and a very good time to take a walk to some of the interesting spots near the village. One such is the Sutton Hall lock on the Ouse just north of St Margaret's church. To get there you need to cross at the White Bridge (it was once) and head up the footpath through the fields and then onto a road before veering right down past some beautifully coppiced hazel to the Isfield lock. This was closed in 1868 but the Sussex Ouse Restoration Trust has been working to restore it and "work is well advanced". Removing 150 years worth of silt is a huge task but it looks like the job will be done in the not too distant future. Beyond this is the weir that was put in to divert the river, it's particularly attractive and another good reason to visit this spot. Keep it a secret though, it's only for locals!

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and New Year

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### ISFIELD FROST FAIR - SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

#### ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

*Exciting stalls - Raffle - Teas/Homemade cakes - Pizza van  
Entry Free of Charge (11am to 4pm) Plenty of parking*

River Thames frost fairs, where local people sold their goods to each other, were held on the tideway of the River Thames in some winters between the 17th century and early 19th century when the river froze over, Emulating this spirit of festive co-operation, Village Hall's fair has a wide variety of local art and craft stalls and suppliers of wonderful Christmas fare e.g. aromatherapy soaps and creams, children's book and associated products, handmade chocolates and sweet treats, antique writing slopes & boxes, ceramics, hand stitched and printed homeware, soft toys and knitted toys, textiles, plants, wooden artworks, painted and printed artworks, jewellery, cards, memo boards, Christmas wreaths and table centres, Christmas foods, cheeses, chutneys, etc.

Isfield's Frost Fair has become a very popular regular event in the village calendar. We hope this year's fair will be a great success once again thanks to our wonderful stall holders and volunteers. There's plenty of parking, plus cakes on offer, a raffle and, for hot lunches, we are hoping to have a mobile pizza van present.

### BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL AT HOME Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Nov. 4pm-6pm

For those who missed our August Artwave Open Houses, we will be at Isfield's Frost Fair, AND continuing afterwards at Shepherds Mead, Isfield from 4-6pm, where we will have our large and framed memo boards available - and some mulled wine! All are welcome.

Our 'Board-Room' in our home is where we design and make memo boards, cards, screens, embroideries etc. This gives us the opportunity to host occasional events, as there is no substitute for seeing our products first hand although we constantly update and improve our website [www.beautifulanduseful.co.uk](http://www.beautifulanduseful.co.uk).

Fran Sansom. Shepherds Mead, Horsted Lane, Isfield

## ISFIELDVILLAGE HALL

### Isfield Festival of Talent (Artwave 2018)

Isfield Village Hall hosted an art and crafts exhibition, August 24th to 26th, as part of Artwave 2018, in order to showcase and celebrate the many artists we have in our local community and surrounding area. Artwave is an open, inclusive and very popular annual festival of artists and makers from Lewes, Seaford, Newhaven and surrounding villages. Over 150 artists exhibit in studios, homes, community halls, pubs, galleries and workshops around our beautiful county of East Sussex.

Although very successful art exhibitions have been held before in Isfield Village Hall, Isfield's Festival of Talent was the first time an event had been organised at the village hall as part of Artwave. The exhibition was designed to highlight the vibrant talents of our diverse range of local artists and makers and included paintings, jewellery, prints, woodcuts, woven willow baskets, sculpture, drawings, botanical art and calligraphy from over 30 artists and makers.

Isfield Art Group mounted a small display of their work too in the refreshments area. Teas and home-made cakes were available throughout the exhibition. Our exciting event raffle had many superb high quality prizes donated by local firms such as East Sussex Golf Club, East Sussex Heath Club, Buxted Park hotel, Horsted Place hotel, Rathfinny Wine Estate, the Laughing Fish PH, Carvills, Chariots, Miss Bloomsbury Florist etc.

We give very grateful thanks to our exhibiting artists and makers, to our very generous major sponsors (W.E. Clark and Son, Millwood Designer Homes, KPS Composting Services, CRB Construction and Isfield Parish Council), to our generous donors (Kampsons Chemists, Profile Arches, Rosehill B&B) and to our many volunteers who organised and ran this event, in particular our hard-working exhibition committee Peter Rigby (Chairman), Adèle Scantlebury, Peter Holmes and Katherine Meakin (promotion, sponsorship, project management, supervision/sales), Roger Cooter and Mike Fordom (hanging over 100 artworks), Brenda Reynolds and her team of Isfield Art Group Members and Friends of Isfield Village Hall (providing and serving teas and home-made cakes).

#### **The Friends of Isfield Village Hall**

This time last year we launched The Friends of Isfield Village Hall as an important initiative to combat the loss of Preschool's subsidised hire fees in 2017. Our Friends' support and donations enable us to build up reserves for regular maintenance costs (e.g. floor decoration) and to make more improvements in the future (e.g. a disabled toilet). We were delighted with the wonderful response from the whole community with many Friends joining and donating to our long term maintenance reserves for which we are very grateful. We sent out renewal letters in October to all our Friends and did a mail drop through the village to invite new Friends to join and support us.

So far this year the Village Hall Management Committee has thanked the Friends by inviting them to a very well attended Private View event taking place before the Isfield Festival of Talent. Many people commented on the wonderful spirit and energy at this enjoyable event. There is a Friends Christmas party with drinks and canapés on Friday 7th December 2018 (7pm - 9pm) at the Village Hall. These events are sponsored so that no Friends' funds are spent on them.

New Friends are very warmly welcomed to join the Friends of Isfield Village Hall and all donations are very much welcomed. If you have not received a communication and would like to join The Friends of Isfield Village Hall entry form please contact us on [isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com) and we will send you a form.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

The details of **Isfield Frost Fair** on Sunday 25th November at the Village Hall are provided on the front page. There will be a very warm welcome for all the family, so please come along and make an early start on the Christmas festivities.

Please take a look at the **News and Events** and **Booking and Hiring** pages on our website [www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk) to see the wide range of clubs and activities that are run at your village hall. New activities are added regularly so look out for posters up in the Laughing Fish and village notice boards too. Recent new activities and events include **Yoga** on Tuesday mornings, **Isfield Ping Pong Club** on Thursday evenings, **Daisy Birthing Mum-to-Be classes** on Monday evenings with Midwife Lucy, **Blackbird Arts Woodblock Printing Workshop** on November 10th (see Adèle's stand at the Frost Fair), **I.L.H.B.S. Quiz Night** on December 8th, a **Messy Church Event for Children** on November 17th and December 15th, and a **Natural Dying workshop** on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (also see Beccy's stand at the Frost Fair).

#### **Bookings:**

To book the Village Hall for your receptions, parties and other activities call Brenda Reynolds on 01825 749778 or email [isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com) or provisionally book online on [www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk) (Booking and Hiring page) and Brenda

will get back to you to confirm the details of your booking.

**Keith Taylor,  
Chairman, Village Hall Committee**

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### **LITTLE HORSTED CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL**

#### **The Early Years Village including our Nursery at Little Horsted C.E. School**

At the start of the autumn term we welcomed our fifteen new reception children to Rabbit Class and the school. Mrs Greenwood (Early Years Co-ordinator) is delighted with how well they have all settled into life at Little Horsted.

Our Early Years Village has been open since September 2016 and includes our Nursery Robin Class for children, aged 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ , three and four years old. We are able to offer up to 15 places to children in Foundation Stage 1 for the following session each week.

Nursery children may attend our Breakfast Club from 7.55 a.m. Please contact the school or look at the website to find out more information. The number of children in our Robins Nursery Class continues to grow and we would be delighted to welcome new children and their families to the school. Please look at the website for further information.

#### **School and PTFA Events**

The children have enjoyed many school and community events during the Autumn term including our Farmers' Market, some wonderful year group and musical assemblies and our most enjoyable 'Reading Rocks Book week' which included an assembly with Alex Butler (our rockstar guitar teacher), a class door book display competition (won by Rabbit Class - for the book 'Room on the Broom') and a reasons to read poster competition over half term (won by Alyssia in Rabbit Class, Lily in Hedgehog Class, Dylan in Badger Class and Alfie in Owl Class. The children also enjoyed a dress as a book character day, which included Wally from Where's Wally, Harry Potter, Witches, an amazing Hagrid and fairytale characters such as the Wolf and Red riding Hood.

The children, as a result of a vote held by the new School Council, have supported the Uckfield Food Bank (gifts from our harvest

8.45—11.45. Half day am

8.45—12.45. Half day am with lunch

Mon — 11.45—12.25 Lunchtime

Fri 12.25—3.25 Half day pm

8.45—3.25 All day

service), and have done fund raising for 'Cancer Relief UK' this term. The School Council have been creating sporting challenges for the children to encourage them to raise funds and the challenge recently was to run, jog or walk around the school field for 3 laps (R & KS1) or 6 laps (KS2).

The older children in Mr Barnes and Mrs Levy's Owl Class have enjoyed learning about the Tudors and Tudor explorations of our world through studying the life of Henry VIII and experiencing a visit to the Mary Rose exhibition in Portsmouth dockyard. Their Term 2 learning journey is based on the key aspects of history relating to WW1 and WW2. The children in Mrs Breminer and Mrs Leffler's Badgers Class (Year 3 and 4) have loved their learning journey focus on 'The Egyptians' a literacy and history focused Learning Journey. They enjoyed exploring Egyptian artefacts at the Brighton Museum. For their Term 2 learning journey the classroom has turned into a recruiting hall for soldiers to join up during WW1. The whole school will take part in a re-enactment of the Christmas truce in 1914 by playing a whole school football match on the school field (one year group at a time of course).

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Meanwhile the children in Mrs Pepper's Hedgehog Class have been finding out about 'the Great Outdoors' during term 1. In term 2 their learning journey has changed to Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. They enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Bodiam Castle towards the end of their learning journey. Mrs Greenwood's Rabbit Class have been enjoying their outdoor learning area which includes a stage, a willow shelter, a large sandpit, climbing apparatus, a large art drawing and writing area, construction and water play plus other learning activities. Both the Robin and Rabbit class children can access the whole of the outside area. This term, the children have been learning all about what lives, "under the sea" and they have focussed on some of Julia Donaldson's texts. The Rabbit classroom looks wonderfully vibrant with all of the children's hanging mobiles, which were completed by parents and children at home during the half-term break.

Hedgehog Class and Rabbit Class will be performing 'A Christmas Party', their seasonal nativity play, towards the end of this term. These performances by our very youngest children are always thoroughly enjoyed by parents, grandparents and friends of the school. During the weeks before Christmas Badger Class will be presenting readings, poems and plays based on Christmas during WW1, while Owl Class will be singing in the Big Christmas sing with other schools at Glyndebourne. The whole school will be going to see the Cinderella pantomime at the Devonshire Park theatre in Eastbourne.

The PTFA provided the BBQ at the Isfield Bonfire and Fireworks. They have organised a film night and a disco for the children this term and a quiz for the parents. The PTFA kindly raise funds to support the resources available to the children in school. Recently, they have raised funds for projectors in the classrooms and hall and playtime toys and equipment for the children to use during playtimes.

#### **Church Information**

Father John and Father Mike have led many enjoyable Wednesday and Monday morning assemblies and our special Harvest church service which was held in St Michael and All Angels Church on Friday 12 October. Our Year 5 children presented the 'Parable of the Sower/ Farmer' to the congregation and the children filled the church with their wonderful singing of our delightful harvest hymns and songs.

We have our Christmas bazaar on Thursday 29 November in the school from 2.30 - 4.00 p.m. The children will be singing carols and Christmas songs in the high street, Uckfield, at 5.30 p.m. on Friday 7 December. The school will attend the Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church, Isfield on Sunday 2 December at 10.00 a.m. with Father Mike. Our end of term Christmas service at St Michael and All Angels Church is on Wednesday 19 December.

For more information about the school and to view the 2018/2019 nursery prospectus or the 2019/2020 school prospectus please visit [www.littlehorsted.e-sussex.sch.uk](http://www.littlehorsted.e-sussex.sch.uk) or telephone us on 01825 750380.

#### **Dr Michael Davies - Headteacher**

### **ISFIELD ART GROUP**

Isfield based artist and West Dean college art tutor, Andrew Fitchett, has brought an exciting new development to the well-established and friendly Isfield Art Group for the current 'term' which started in September; six half-day classes in portraiture, starting with drawing (to obtain accuracy and a likeness) and continuing with painting, with a life model throughout. Andrew is an inspirational artist and teacher and we hope that he will continue to teach us by starting a series of still life classes when our new 'term' starts in January, and then possibly move on to landscape for the late spring and early summer.

Our Group which meets in the village hall on Thursday afternoons, 2pm to 4pm, extended their time slot to 5.30pm for these six classes which are entirely optional for Isfield Art Group members. We also have occasional master classes and painting days outside; we had a 'painting around the pond' outdoor session in August.

The basic cost is £2 per week per member although this can fluctuate depending on the number of members present and extra for the optional masterclasses.

For more details about joining the Art Group please email Katherine on [isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:isfieldvillagehall@gmail.com)

**Katherine Meakin**

## **ISFIELD WINE CLUB**

The wine club has had another successful and enjoyable year. The meetings have tasted wines from all over the world including Eastern Europe, Bordeaux, California and Italy. Members also had a trip to Bolney Vineyard with a tour of the vines, winery and a tasting of Bolney's finest wines.

The Club meets on the third Friday of alternate months and the dates for 2019 are as follows.

18th January 15th March: 17th May 19th July: 20th September: 15th November.

All meetings are in the Village Hall and start at 7.30pm. If you would like to come along to our fun, friendly and informative tastings please contact me and you will be made most welcome.

### **Keith Taylor**

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## **ISFIELD STOOLBALL**

Normally the dark nights of winter are a quiet time for the Isfield stoolball club but not this year!! We have entered the newly established indoor winter league. This involves 90 minutes of smashing a slightly softer than normal ball against the walls of the Plumpton college sports hall. It is a modified version of the traditional game with 8 players in a team. The aim is still to score the highest number of runs with different walls hit scoring different run values. It really is a lot of fun so if you ever find yourself wondering what to do on a cold dark Tuesday evening, why don't you come along and give it a try!

For further details contact  
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**Charlotte Das**

## **ST MARGARET'S CHURCH** **FUND RAISER**

Plant/book/cake sale on **Sunday 28th April**  
in the  
**Village hall from 12.00 to 4.00 pm**  
in aid of Wellbeing and St. Margaret's church

**RIDGEWOOD POST**  
**OFFICE**

We operate our Outreach Post Office at The Laughing Fish, Isfield on a Thursday morning between 10.00am - 12.00. The Post Office provides many of the usual services which include withdrawing money, buying stamps and posting items.

Our Post Office and Stores on the Lewes Road, Ridgewood also provides most of your daily needs in newspapers, magazines stationery, photocopying plus groceries, beers, wines and spirits

Royal Mail's last Christmas posting dates in December are as follows;

Tuesday 18th—second class

Thursday 20th — first class

Saturday 22nd — special delivery.

Thank you for your continued support for the post office on a Thursday despite the, sometimes, intermittent nature of the connections.

**Sue & Jon Gotthard**

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**ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

It seems that East Sussex County Council - our highest-level local authority - continues to have some major financing issues, which will almost certainly be reflected in the level of services we all receive, paid for by a combination of Council Tax and central government funding. This may come as a surprise, although I'm sure we all appreciate the growing cost of healthcare and social care, in particular, and the strains these increasing demands may put on budgets.

However, I would remind parishioners that all of our Parish Council meetings are open to the public, and that our County Councillor is usually present at those meetings in order to present his report and answer questions from Councillors.

I would also draw attention to the fact that the Council will be due for re-election in the spring, and that at least one current member intends to stand down, having served for many years. This is an opportunity for anybody fulfilling the necessary (very basic) requirements to put themselves forward for election. Parish Councillors are your representatives, and, although very often what they are doing may not be headline-grabbing stuff, it is nevertheless stuff which needs to be done. I mention this now, because I understand that deciding to put oneself forward may need mulling over for a while.....

On the same kind of note, I would remind parishioners that as well as meetings being open to the public, minutes of those meetings and thus detail of decisions taken are always recorded on the village website, as are details of the Council's finances - what we do with your money. Incidentally, having mentioned ESCC's position, I can assure you the PC's finances are robust.

Lastly, may I wish all readers of this a Happy Christmas.

**Geoff Sambrook**

**Chair Parish Council**

## ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

I've now been in my new job for two months in wonderful Isfield. Penny and I would like to thank you all for your friendly welcome as we've met you at church, in the Fish, on the street, at local groups and at the remarkable Bonfire!

It's been quite busy for us too. We've had three of our new light Family Festival Services at St Margaret's - for Harvest, Sea Sunday and "When the Saints go Marching In". There was a very moving service for people who had lost loved ones, on All Souls eve, a packed Remembrance Sunday, and we launched our new Saturday Messy Church in the Village Hall with lots of bread baking activity for families! There is a (45 minute) Bible study group - "Coffee Cakes and Christianity" which meets on Fridays once a month, and I enjoy taking fortnightly Assemblies at Little Horsted School so am regularly greeted on the streets by little ones who know my name!

The next few months will be equally busy, if not more so, and I do hope that, in what St Margaret's is offering, there is something for everyone in Isfield. In the next month then, you are invited to:

Sunday 2 Dec @ 10am FAMILY TOY SERVICE & CHRISTINGLES in St Margaret's, joint with Little Horsted School and Church. If you would like to, please bring toys as a gift for needy children, as we hear about St Nicholas (Santa Claus!) and receive our Christingles.

Saturday 15 Dec @ 3-5pm CHRISTMAS MESSY CHURCH for families at the Village Hall. Make lots of presents, Christmas sweets and decorations!

Sunday 16 Dec @ 6pm St Margaret's CAROLS AND LESSONS (no morning service that day)

Mon 24 Dec @ 11.30pm MIDNIGHT COMMUNION OF THE NATIVITY

Tues 25 Dec @ 10am CHRISTMAS DAY FAMILY SERVICE - children bring your toys! Followed by short Holy Communion for those who'd like to receive it.

Sunday 6 Jan @ 10am St Margaret's FAMILY FESTIVAL SERVICE FOR EPIPHANY & KINGS!

If you are new to the village, or if you're not well and would like a House Visit, please call. I am here for you!

Finally, Cariena Cartwright is assembling our Church Electoral Roll for membership - please contact her to become included on it 01825 750749

**BLESSINGS FOR A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Rev Mike Blanch**

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**The Parsonage, Station Road  
Isfield.**

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## UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

**Wealden's economic strength is showing** Wealden is a great place to live and work, and I am immensely proud to have the privilege to represent our area in Parliament. We are a thriving and growing community, well placed to take advantage of the opportunities the next few months and years will present.

Our local economic strength is down to a strong economy with record levels of employment, unemployment at a 40-year low and wages growing faster than inflation. In Wealden the claimant count is just 0.8 per cent - the security of work is key to building strong communities and families.

Without the hard-working families across East Sussex, none of this would have been possible. We have the best local

businesses, farmers, pubs and community charities who do so much for the Wealden economy. It is the unsung local heroes we have to thank, from the Chambers of Commerce in Hailsham, Uckfield and Crowborough to the vineyards of the Wealden countryside.

My job as Wealden's voice in Westminster is to support our job creators and make our needs heard. That's why, after consistent campaigning, I was delighted to welcome the measures outlined by the Chancellor in the Budget last week.

On top of a tax cut for 32 million families across the country, we are cutting business rates by a third, boosting our wonderful local high streets and saving shops up to £8,000 a year. Duty on beer and spirits has been frozen, and fuel duty will be kept steady for a record ninth year in a row. An extra £200 million to support the rollout of rural broadband is great news - and I will be fighting hard to ensure that the Wealden families, schools and businesses that depend on a reliable internet connection get their fair share.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone in Wealden and across the country, we also able to invest more in our schools, armed forces, health services and put more money into fixing potholes.

The Budget showed how far we've come - but there is still more to do, and I will do my bit in Westminster to support our local economy.

**Nus Ghani MP**

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## **10 Years Old and Kicking**

Bonfire season is almost over for another year. And what a year it has been. Our 10th year as a recognised Bonfire Society has seen us grow in numbers and make our own mark on the great Sussex Bonfire tradition.

Our anniversary bonfire celebrations took to the streets on 26th October. More than 20 visiting Bonfire societies and bands joined our torchlit procession through the village. Dressed in the traditional 'Smugglers' bonfire costume (or our themed Persian costume) society members collected over £200 from the charity street collection, this year going to our nominated charity Help the Heroes. Thank you to all villagers and visitors who came out to support us! We hope you had as much fun as we did!

As Chairman, and carrying our new anniversary banner, I was, once again, very proud to lead the procession onto the ICE Field for the traditional bonfire prayers and some words from the vicar for remembrance, before the bonfire was set alight and the fireworks began. This year, to mark our 10th birthday, a team of people spent hundreds of hours designing, building and decorating our fabulous bonfire tableau. Depicting a 10ft Laughing Fish toppling a Bonfire Boy in his small fishing boat (any resemblance to pub landlords past or present is purely coincidental), The tableau firework kickstarted a fantastic aerial display. Our society members have worked really hard this year to put on a smashing evening, so a big thank you to them as well.

Thank you to everyone involved in this year's bonfire night celebrations. The work goes on throughout the year as well as on the night itself: Making torches, collecting palettes for the bonfire, saving newspaper and cardboard for the effigy, knitting jumpers, organising quizzes and social events, doing safety checks, putting lights up, offering space to build the tableau, organising parking, and maintaining the ICE field. Without all of these contributions, freely given, we could not enjoy such a wonderful, well-managed and safe family event.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our night. We raised over £1,200 from donations collected on the field which will go a long way towards next year's display

A date for your diary on 8th December we will be hosting another quiz in the village hall. Tickets available in the Laughing Fish pub.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy Christmas, and look forward to more bonfire fun next year.

**Timmy Fordham**  
**Chairman, ILHBS**

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### **ISFIELD YOUTH GROUP**

Isfield Youth Group has now been running since June at Isfield Village Hall and averages around 20 children at each session with some sessions as large as 40. The group runs on Friday evenings from 6pm to 8pm during school term time for years 6 through to year 12. There have been lots of positive feedback from both children and parents alike with the majority of attendees coming back each week.

The youth group has been very grateful for the generous support it has received and would like to thank the following companies and organisations; Isfield Parish Council, Little Horsted Parish Council, Isfield Community Enterprise, Isfield Fete Committee and Independent Roofing Company (Whippet Paul) for their financial contributions. We would also like to thank Ashley and Linda for their table tennis donation, Ray Carpenter, Tim Coates and Jim Coldbreath for their help in putting up the shed and our volunteers that help out on nights. Thank you also to the Village Hall Committee for allowing us to have a regular session in the hall.

For more information about the group or to volunteer your time please sign up to our Facebook page or visit [www.isfielddyouthgroup.com](http://www.isfielddyouthgroup.com).

**Jo, Sandra, Michelle**

### **ISFIELD FARM SHOP**

After a busy summer we have had quite a few weeks to prepare for Christmas mayhem. Remember you can order all your Christmas goodies from local free range turkey, lovely fresh seasonal veg box and plenty of local cheeses.

We will be open on Sunday December 23rd (8-4pm) and Christmas Eve (8-12). Please pop along any time for a chat or if you fancy trying some cheese.

We will be at the frost fair, with a selection of our gifts. These are mainly local products from the shop, boxed in season tradition, prices starting from £7.95.

We look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

We like to thank you for your support this year and wish you all a merry Christmas

**Sue Biggins & Farm Shop Team**

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### **ISFIELD CRICKET CLUB**

Well, what a season we've just had! The Saturday First X1 - having been promoted into the new Sussex Cricket League Division 6 East last year - achieved the excellent feat of being promoted into Division 5 East at the first time of asking, finishing as champions on 02 September! Apologies to any residents living close to The Laughing Fish, who may have been affected by the celebrations, which

went well into the evening! We had some wonderful cricket weather during the summer which in turn led to some outstanding individual and team efforts (too many to list here) except to mention 'tremendous' batting by Huw Williams (two centuries), James Fellows and Emile Chasseaud; and 'tremendous' bowling by Jack Fingerneissl, Stef Halsey and James Fellows. A big 'thank-you', from the skipper, to all who contributed to the success of the team this year.

The Saturday Second XI generally performed well during the season finishing just below half way in Division 14 East of the new League. Darren Andrews took over as Captain early in the season and made a good fist of the job for his first time as Captain. Despite the team struggling to field a full team for a large part of the season, there was tremendous' batting from Stuart and Toby Baker, Francesco Robinson and Toby Baker (one century). Ewan Thornicroft scored his maiden century. The bowling was led by Fran, Giles Baker and skipper Andrews. A huge 'thank you,' to those who made a big effort to play for and support the team in any way.

The Sunday Eleven games this past season were noticeable for some very good batting from James Fellows - but, sadly, it became increasingly difficult to raise team and the club is going to look at perhaps some different ways to encourage people to play. David Williams and his volunteers have again looked after the square and ground superbly this year. There was other success too in the shape of the Six-a-side team who reached the finals of this knockout competition at Hove County Ground in September. Sadly, the great weather didn't hold and the finals were postponed until the new season. Those who journeyed to the Isle of Wight in June enjoyed a good tour.

The Club held its Annual Awards Dinner in October at the Village Hall for the first time with 44 people attending. The main awards went to: Huw Williams - First team batting; Jack Fingerneissl - First team bowling Stuart Baker - Second team Batting; Francesco Robinson - Second team bowling. Club all-rounder award went to James Fellows. My thanks to all who made the evening such a good celebration of a successful season. Winter Nets began early February at Longhill School, Rottingdean.

The outdoor Junior Coaching Academy - which caters for an age range of 11 to 18 every Monday evening at the Recreation Ground - will recommence in April (dates to be advised nearer the time).

For further details of the youth Academy or any aspect of the club please contact:

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**TWIG**

**July-** Annual summer social and BBQ. A really lovely evening was had in the garden of the White House with very grateful thanks to Bev and Jim for hosting us this year. As usual the food was spectacular, TWIG provided the sausages and burgers which were supplied by Isfield Farm Shop - (thanks Sue and co!) and all the 'plates of food to share' were extremely tasty!! A really popular night in our calendar and always well attended.

A visit to **The Prairies Garden** by a small group of ladies also occurred in July and was very much enjoyed. it is highly recommended by everyone who has visited it. The group enjoyed lovely weather and found it a very pleasant way to spend a morning.

**August-** a last minute outing to Geoff Stonebanks' 'Driftwood Garden' in Seaford was organised and well attended. The garden is not very big but boy is it packed with plants! Geoff is a very good host and explained the history of the garden well, it has evolved since Geoff and his partner bought the property a few years back and has become a fantastic fund raiser for some very worthwhile charities. We all enjoyed tea and cake presented in beautiful china teacups and teapots whilst sitting amongst the plants in the garden. We can highly recommend a visit.

**September** return visit from Thomas Christen with his wonderful drumming workshop. Another well attended evening and a first for some of our newer members who have joined us over the past couple of years. Thomas brings a huge range and number of drums and everyone gets the chance to have a go! We didn't sound to bad at all and everyone had a smile on their

face throughout the evening.

**October** 'The Art of Folding' - a really fun evening courtesy of Bev Ashford, swans and elephants from bath towels, folding serviettes into flowers and £20 notes (fake ones!!) into clothing. This was a relaxing and fun way to spend the evening with a group of likeminded friends and our thanks go to Bev for coming up with yet another enjoyable activity.

**November** Mindfulness and meditation. Jo McCormick a qualified meditation teacher and founder of The Healthy Head Company, a small start-up business, was invited to visit us and to explain the benefits of mindfulness and meditation on our health. Jo talked the group through a couple of short techniques and the feedback at the end was really positive. A nice way to learn about something that we could all do with in our lives. Jo has recently moved into the area and all the ladies present, I feel sure, would recommend Jo. (her tag line - "Doing more of what makes me happy").

#### **December Wednesday 5th**

We are planning a repeat of our popular 'Christmas Wreath Making' evening and are hoping to see Phyllis the lovely florist who came to us last year. Everyone is asked to bring a plate of food to share. To enable us to fully enjoy the evening we are hoping to start earlier at 7pm so the lovely Christmas food can be enjoyed before the hard work begins. Please keep a lookout for email updates or check out our page on Facebook. If you wish to take part in secret Santa please bring a wrapped gift to the value of no more than £5 place it in the Santa sack.

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**

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#### **ISFIELD PING PONG CLUB**

The Isfield table tennis club has been going for five months now and goes from strength to strength with members young, old and of all abilities enjoying two hours between 7pm to 9pm on a Thursday evening in the village hall. Come and enjoy the exercise and fun at £3 per session.

**Tim Coates**

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#### **COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS**

South East Coast Ambulance are reopening recruitment for CFRs in January following a period of review and reorganisation, including new training programmes and extended/revised operating protocols. Once again, if there is anybody out there over the age of eighteen with a clean current licence who is interested in becoming a First Responder, then please contact me on the number given at the back of this newsletter.

As a group we can only cover a certain number of hours each week as everybody has other commitments to meet, so more volunteers directly raise the availability of help when emergencies arise, and also eases the burden on the Ambulance Service. It is also an opportunity to obtain excellent training in basic life support and emergency first aid.

People of Isfield have a proud tradition of looking out for each other which is one of the big attractions of living in this lovely village, so as winter draws in please pay special attention to those living alone, the elderly and any other vulnerable persons of whom you may be aware and also the old plea, ensure that your house name or number is clearly displayed. Thank you.

**Derek Smith**

## ISFIELD WEDNESDAY CLUB

Sadly, this will be my last contribution to the newsletter for the Isfield Wednesday Club. The club, previously known as the Forget Me Not Club, was originally set up for the older inhabitants of Isfield to enjoy a local, enjoyable gathering. It thrived and became a popular social club. However, over the years the membership began to diminish. We changed our name and opened the club to all who wished to come in an effort to boost the numbers. The membership has continued to decline and we think the club has now run its course.

We have all enjoyed many excellent speakers and some superb high teas. Nevertheless, we are not closing until May so we have the following speakers still to come.

On 6<sup>th</sup> February Kevin Gordon, a quite inspirational speaker, will give a well-illustrated talk about "Gravestones of Sussex and the History of Death". This will also help anyone wishing to investigate family history.

On 13<sup>th</sup> March we have Alan Hodges who will give a talk entitled "Food, Glorious Food" a light-hearted look at food and drink products over the years.

On 27<sup>th</sup> March we have Neil Sadler, an exceptionally engaging speaker, who will draw on his experiences as a police officer. His talk will include prisons and stories from the 'Clink', car chases that go wrong, identification parades with strange twists, an unusual use for a policeman's helmet and other stories.

Do join us for these talks and partake of our lovely tea. Meetings are held in The Village Hall on the above Wednesdays at 2.30pm.

Flower Show

I would like to publicly thank Brenda Reynolds who has organised the Flower Show over many years and made it such a success. The Wednesday Club has hosted the show and has benefited from the proceeds. However, now Brenda is retiring. The profit from the show this year was in excess of £550 and we wondered if any of the other clubs or societies in the village would like to take it on. If so, Brenda would be quite happy to give the benefit of her experience and expertise.

**Liz Fine.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### DECEMBER

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> **Family Toy & Christingle Service.**  
St Margaret's Church 10.00am

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> **Tai Chi with Andrea**  
Village Hall 2-3pm

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> **Daisy Birthing Mum's-to-Be  
Classes with Midwife Lucy.**  
Village Hall 7-9pm

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> **Yoga with Jane.**  
Village Hall 9.30 - 10.30am

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> **TWIG.** Village Hall 7.45pm

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> **Pilates with Medeana**  
Village Hall 8.30-9.25am or  
9.30 - 10.25am

**Ping Pong Club** Village Hall 7 - 9pm

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> **Little Horsted School Carol Singing.**  
Late night shopping,  
Uckfield 5.30pm.

**Christmas Party Friends of Isfield  
Village Hall.** Village hall 7pm

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> **I.L.H.B.S. QUIZ,** Village hall 7pm for 7.30 start

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> **The Wednesday Club**  
Christmas Lunch Halfway house

**Christmas Party Isfield Dance Club,**  
Village Hall 7-10pm.

Fri 14<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Youth Group**  
Village hall 6pm -8pm,

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> **Messy Church Event for Children**  
Village Hall 3pm - 5pm

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> **Carols with Lessons service.**  
St Margaret's Church 6pm,

**Dec cont.**

**Wed 19<sup>th</sup> End of Term Service.**

Little Horsted School

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Midnight Communion of the Nativity.**

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Family Service.**

St Margaret's Church 10am

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### JANUARY

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Isfield Youth Group,**

Village Hall 6pm -8pm

**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Family Festival Service for Epiphany & King's.**

St Margaret's Church 10am

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> TAI CHI with**

**Andrea,** Village Hall 2-3pm

**Daisy Birthing Mums-To-Be  
classes with Lucy**

Village Hall 7pm-9pm

**Tues 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> Yoga with Jane**

Village hall 9.30am-10.30am

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Isfield Dancing Club**

Village hall 8-10pm

Village hall 7pm-9pm

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> The Wednesday Club**

Village Hall 2.30-4.30pm

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Isfield Wine Club,**

Village Hall. 7.30-9.30pm

**Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Isfield Parish Council Meeting,**

Village hall 7.30pm-9.30pm

### FEBRUARY

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> Isfield Youth Group,**

Village hall 6pm -8pm,

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Natural Dying Workshop with Beccy,**

Village hall 10am-5pm

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> Tai Chi with Andrea,**

Village hall 2-3pm

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**Lucy,** Village hall 7pm-9pm

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Village Hall.2.30-4.30pm

6<sup>th</sup> - Gravestones of Sussex & a

History of Death - Kevin Gordon

20<sup>th</sup> Life at Plumpton College.

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**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> Pilates with**

**Medeana,** Village Hall. 8.30-9.25am

OR 9.30-10.25am

**Isfield Art Group,** Village Hall. 2-4pm

**Isfield Ping Pong Club,**

**Weds 13<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> Isfield Dancing Club,,**

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Village Hall 7.30pm-9.30pm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Wine Club**,  
Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm

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