

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November cont ...

Weds 9<sup>th</sup> **TWIG Sussex Ouse Restoration Trust - Isfield Lock**

All villagers welcome - please contact Sues, Karen or Jill to let them know you are attending.

Village Hall - doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Art Group**  
Village Hall 2-4pm

**Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm

Weds 16<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Dance Club**  
Village Hall 8-10pm

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Art Group**  
Village Hall 2-4pm

**Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Wine Society**  
Venue tba

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> **Film show.**  
Village Hall 7pm

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Art Group**  
Village Hall 2-4pm

**Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> **Frost Fair**  
Village Hall 11am - 4pm

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> **Parish Council Meeting**  
Village Hall 7.30pm

Weds 30<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Dance Club**  
Village Hall 8-10pm

## DECEMBER 2016

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> **Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> **Christmas Wreaths Workshop.**  
Village Hall 9.30am - 12noon

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> **TWIG Wreath Making**  
Village Hall 7.45pm

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Art Group**  
Village Hall 2-4pm

**Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm

Weds 14<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Dance Club - Xmas Party**  
Village Hall 7-10pm

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Art Group**  
Village Hall 2-4pm

**Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm

## JANUARY 2017

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> **Parish Council Meeting**  
Village Hall 7.30pm

## FEBRUARY 2017

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> - Sat 18<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Panto**

## MARCH 2017

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> **Parish Council Meeting**  
Village Hall 7.30pm

## MAY 2017

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> **Parish Council Meeting**  
Village Hall 7.30pm

## JUNE

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> **Isfield Fete**

## JULY 2017

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> **Parish Council Meeting**  
Village Hall 7.30pm

# ISFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

## Editors Note:

As you can see we have jazzed up the newsletter with a colourful front cover. For this issue a picture of the Village Sign adorns the front but it would be great for future issues if local artists, children and adults alike, could send an electronic image for the front cover to Bev Ashford at ashfordbja@gmail.com. — please be aware though that it will be printed in greyscale. Many thanks to the Parish Council for their continued support in funding of the Parish Newsletter and a special thanks to all those who deliver them.

Lavender Fields —we have received information from Wealden District Council regarding a number of properties on the new development known as Lavender Fields. There will be 9 properties in all that will be either rental or shared ownership with Hastoe HA as landlord — three two-bed, four three-bed houses which are to be rented and two two-bed houses for shared ownership. If you know of anyone with a housing need then they should contact Linda Connor, Housing Register and Allocations Officer, [Linda.Connor@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:Linda.Connor@wealden.gov.uk) at Wealden District Council as soon as possible, for further information.

Bev Ashford: ashfordbja@gmail.com  
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ISFIELD AND LITTLE HORSTED BONFIRE SOCIETY



## ISFEST

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

2pm—midnight

All bands are local artists of Sussex with many from the Uckfield/Lewes Newick area. Bands include Saffron from Republica, Fat Belly Jones, Michael Baker, Auxesis, Dethonator, Katheryn Anderson, Zoe Zori, The Ideology, Skulldrumery, Paddock Singers.

BEER TENT- FOOD - FREE CAMPING - ONSITE PARKING.

**Tickets: In ADVANCE from the Laughing Fish or online:**  
**[www.isfest.org.uk](http://www.isfest.org.uk) Adults £12 or on the day £15.**  
**Children £5. Family ticket (2 adults + 3 children):**  
**in advance £30 or £35 on the day**

**SEE YOU THERE**



### ON THE BUSES....

To avoid any confusion when catching buses back to Isfield, it is a good idea to ask the driver if it calls at Isfield Station.

This is because there has been some confusion over the Old Ship being thought to be in Isfield.

Andy Goble

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### ISFIELD WINE SOCIETY

If you enjoy drinking or talking about wine or want to learn more in a relaxed, informal and fun couple of hours then come along to one of our meetings on the third Friday of every other month. The dates for the rest of the year are 16th September and 18th November with possibly an extra meeting before Christmas.

Previously we have tasted wines from Italy and South Africa, compared grapes from different countries and explored the difference between Old and New World wines. We are open to suggestions if you want to add a subject yourself.

For details contact Keith on 749778.

Keith Taylor

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### UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL MP

The last couple of months has certainly been a hectic time in Westminster! A majority of the British electorate has voted for the United Kingdom to leave the European Union. Our country is now presented with a unique opportunity, and we must make sure to take the entire population on this journey in a calm and measured way, united in confidence and hope for the future. The new Prime Minister, Teresa May, will have the critical responsibility of doing this while delivering the public's will.

However, the task of standing up for local issues always continues. During the last few weeks I've been closely following steps being taken to solve the problems with patient transport services throughout the county, and I've helped the Uckfield & District Lions Club secure their new community minibus, I have received numerous postcards regarding funding for community pharmacies, as well as a petition containing several hundred local signatures. As a result of this, I personally met with the Minister for Social Care, Alistair Burt, to hand this petition to him, and as the Government continues to consult on this very important issue, I will continue to follow it closely and ensure that the concerns of local people are clearly heard.

Following my repeated calls over a period of more than a year, the Transport Select Committee has finally summoned executives from Govia Thameslink Railway to answer questions about the performance of Southern. I have been keeping members of the Committee fully updated, so that they are fully able to ask about Southern's long-term failure to provide a standard of service that is acceptable to passengers. The General Secretary of the RMT Union, which I hold responsible for the current industrial dispute and the increased and wholly unacceptable level of resulting disruption, will also appear before the Committee. This is a positive step, and I hope that the Committee asks searching questions to hold those responsible to account.

I have a lot of good news to report! I was delighted to join students from Beacon Academy in Crowborough as they were awarded a Speaker's School Council Award by the Speaker of the House of Commons. It is one of only four schools across the country to win the award. The awards honour the most

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sept cont ...

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache  
Village Hall 2-3pm

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Licencing service for  
Rev'd John Wall.  
Holy Cross Church, Uckfield.  
7pm

Isfield Dance Club  
Village Hall 8-10pm

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Isfield Art Group  
Restarts. Village Hall 2-4pm  
Yoga Village Hall 6-7pm

Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache  
Village Hall 7.30-8.30pm

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Film Show.  
Village Hall 7pm

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache  
Village Hall 2-3pm

Parish Council Meeting  
Village Hall 7.30pm

Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Isfield Art Group  
Village Hall 2-4pm

Yoga Village Hall 6-7pm

Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache  
Village Hall 7.30-8.30pm

### OCTOBER 2016

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache  
Village Hall 2-3pm

Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Isfield Dance Club  
Village Hall 8-10pm

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Isfield Art Group  
Village Hall 2-4pm

Yoga Village Hall 6-7pm

Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache  
Village Hall 7.30-8.30pm

October cont...

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Harvest Celebration  
St Margaret's Church noon - 4pm

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival Service  
St Margaret's Church 10am

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache  
Village Hall 2-3pm

Weds 12<sup>th</sup> TWIG Pottery Painting  
Village Hall 7.45pm

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Isfield Art Group  
Village Hall 2-4pm

Yoga Village Hall 6-7pm

Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache  
Village Hall 7.30-8.30pm

Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Race Night.  
Village Hall 7pm

Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Rev's John Wall's 1st St  
Margaret's Church service

Weds 19<sup>th</sup> Isfield Dance Club -  
buffet dance  
Village Hall 7-10pm

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Isfield Art Group  
Village Hall 2-4pm

Yoga Village Hall 6-7pm

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Yoga Village Hall 6-7pm

### NOVEMBER 2016

Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> Isfield Dance Club AGM &  
Club Night  
Village Hall 8-10pm

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Isfield Art Group  
Village Hall 2-4pm

Yoga Village Hall 6-7pm

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### AUGUST 2016

**July 25<sup>th</sup> - Aug 4<sup>th</sup> Isfield Play Scheme.** Village Hall

**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter** (07794087043).  
Little Horsted Primary School

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter**  
Little Horsted Primary School

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> Woodblock Printing Workshop.** Village Hall

**Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter** (07794087043).  
Little Horsted Primary School

**TWIG -Summer Social & BBQ**

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter**  
Little Horsted Primary School

**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Isfield Flower Show**  
Village Hall 2.30pm

**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter** (07794087043).  
Little Horsted Primary School

**Isfield Dance Club**  
Village Hall 8-10pm

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter** Little Horsted Primary School

**20<sup>th</sup> Aug - 4<sup>th</sup> Sept ArtWave - Isfield Art Fair.**  
Village Hall

**Weds 24<sup>th</sup> holiday Club, Mark Potter** (07794087043).  
Little Horsted Primary School

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter** Little Horsted Primary School

### Aug cont

**Weds 31<sup>st</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter** (07794087043).  
Little Horsted Primary School

**Isfield Dance Club**  
Village Hall 8-10pm

### SEPTEMBER 2016

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Holiday Club, Mark Potter** Little Horsted Primary School

**Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache**  
Village Hall 2-3pm

**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Isfield Dance Club**  
Village Hall 8-10pm

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm

**Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache**  
Village Hall 7.30-8.30pm

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Friends of St Margaret's Church Party**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Mosaic Workshop**  
Isfield Village Hall

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache**  
Village Hall 2-3pm

**Weds 14<sup>th</sup> TWIG Owl Conservation**  
Village Hall 7.45pm

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Yoga** Village Hall 6-7pm  
**Tai Chi - Andrea Kocache**  
Village Hall 7.30-8.30pm

**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Isfield Wine Society**  
Venue tba

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> ISFEST. ILHBS.ICE**  
Field 2.30pm-midnight.

**Autumn Glory Side Table Displays Floral workshop**  
Village Hall

innovative and exciting projects submitted by school councils to this unique national competition. Beacon Academy were awarded the prize in the age 17-19 category for their project "LGBTQ Anti-Bullying Initiative".

The work that Beacon, and in particular their School Council, has done to promote LGBTQ+ welfare and to campaign against homophobic bullying is worthy of any award, and shows an awareness for the safety and welfare of others that all of us should take as a brilliant example. It is fitting that this award should go to a school with such dedicated teachers which serves its community so effectively, and particularly so in the year it celebrates its 60th birthday. I am a proud MP, and delighted to be a part of the Beacon community.

I am also proud of Sussex Vineyards, one of our wonderful local wine producers. Their Mayfield Essence Brut 2011 wine, made from grapes grown right here in Wealden, was tasted by the Decanter, the most prestigious wine magazine in the world, along with 91 other English sparkling wines. I am delighted to be able to tell you that the Decanter rated the Mayfield Essence as outstanding, with an average score of 96/100. This was the highest score given to any wine, and given that I already knew how great Sussex Vineyards are, I'm so pleased to see them get the recognition that they deserve. They are part of a fantastic wine industry here in Britain, and part of a fantastic local area! I'm so pleased to be able to acknowledge the success of Beacon and Sussex Vineyards, but I know that there will be lots more to come from the incredible people of Wealden!

As always, you can contact me by emailing [nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk) and I will be delighted to hear from you.

**Nus Ghani  
MP**

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### ISFIELD WEDNESDAY CLUB

Do you sometimes wonder what to do on a Wednesday afternoon? If so, perhaps our meetings could be the answer on alternate weeks. Sit back and listen to interesting talks and have a tea prepared for you!

You will see our programme on the village notice boards, but now just turn to the Dates For Your Diary on the back pages in this newsletter.

Our first speaker is Malcolm Pratt who recently talked to us about the Cinque Ports. This was so well received that we have invited him to return on 24<sup>th</sup> August. This time his subject will be "A Life in Education as both Pupil and Teacher". This won't be dry and boring!

Why not come to the Village Hall and join us?

Contact numbers:

Colin Stains (Chairman) 766 342  
Liz Fine (Secretary) 750 658  
Jan Phillips (Treasurer) 750 522

**ISFIELD FLOWER SHOW**  
Show Chair: Brenda Reynolds 749 778

But, before then, a most important annual event is THE FLOWER SHOW on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Please come and support us on the day. Also look at the schedule which was delivered to you and see what you could enter.

There are the Domestic Classes as well as Flowers and Vegetables. Don't just say, "I haven't got anything good enough" - give it a try.

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## ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

The village hall is a very popular local venue for family parties of all kinds but it's been a good few years since we've had a wedding at the hall, so Brenda Reynolds, our Bookings Manager, is thrilled to report that a wedding celebration has been booked for September. In July a hirer who held her joint 18<sup>th</sup> birthday at the hall booked the hall again for her 40<sup>th</sup> birthday; a delightful example of continuity of use. Booking details for the village hall are at the end of this update.

Floor maintenance takes place on August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and we are replacing the back kitchen door with a white composite door with storm guard and threshold.

Due to relatively low numbers attending our film shows, Filmspot can no longer continue to run them with us. We thank Filmspot for the quality of the shows, and for being a joy to work with. A survey of the village in 2015 put film shows as the top choice for events that people would like to attend in the village hall, but we have only had large audiences for a couple of films. Many of our loyal regulars will miss the films but, despite all the positive comments, and attempts to promote the events widely, we have failed to draw a large enough audience, so we do have to call it a day now, with much regret.

At the Isfield Parish Council (IPC) meeting held on 24th March 2016 we presented a succinct, serious and substantial submission under the **Millwood Homes development's Section 106** for funding of £80,000 (i.e. approx. 50% of the £167,509.52 available under the Sec.106) towards the costs of building an extension to the back of the village hall (for an extra events room, a disabled toilet and storage) and to update existing facilities such as the kitchen. We believe that improvements to the hall are essential for a growing community, that we have strong support in the village (evidenced in the survey of the village that we ran in 2015, and, more recently, by positive, written comments we received from over 65 residents at our Open Day in March) and that the Sec.106 offers an unique opportunity for village improvements.

We were informed by IPC that our submission was not successful as the Sec.106 funds are for 'open space' initiatives, and not for community hall improvements. We sought clarification from Wealden District Council as 'open space' doesn't appear anywhere in the Sec.106 and were informed that all the funds were for 'a children's play area.' We asked Wealden how the 'youth and adult' category in the Sec.106 fitted a 'children's play area.' Wealden have now informed us that this category covers facilities such as playing fields. Whilst our priorities are the maintenance of the village hall and its on-going financial stability, eventually we hope to attain funding elsewhere to improve our much used and valued village hall.

### Upcoming Events:

During the school summer holidays **Isfield Play Scheme** runs every week day from 25<sup>th</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August in the village hall. Play Scheme is organised and facilitated by Sean and Carole Ring, contact details 01825 760959.

Tai Chi will come to Isfield if there is committed interest. Andrea Kocache of [Crowborough Tai Chi](#), a listed instructor with the Tai Chi Union of Great Britain, will run classes on the dates below provided that she has at least 10 signed-up attendees for the sessions.

To sign up email [andreakocache@gmx.com](mailto:andreakocache@gmx.com) at least 3 days before the first date:  
Monday afternoons (2-3pm) September 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, October 3rd, 10th.

Thursday evenings (7.30-8.30pm) September 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th, October 6th and 13th.

Due to demand, Blackbird Arts ('Hands on Arts Tuition'), run by local artist Adele Scantlebury, is holding a second **Woodblock Printing** workshop with Martin Brockman on 6th August, 10am to 5pm, for you to design, carve and print from your own woodblock. Cost is £75 and places are limited so booking in advance is advised by contacting Adele on 07968 119479.

The Wednesday Club hold their annual **Flower Show** on 13<sup>th</sup> August at the village hall; full details are in the Wednesday Club's report in this newsletter.

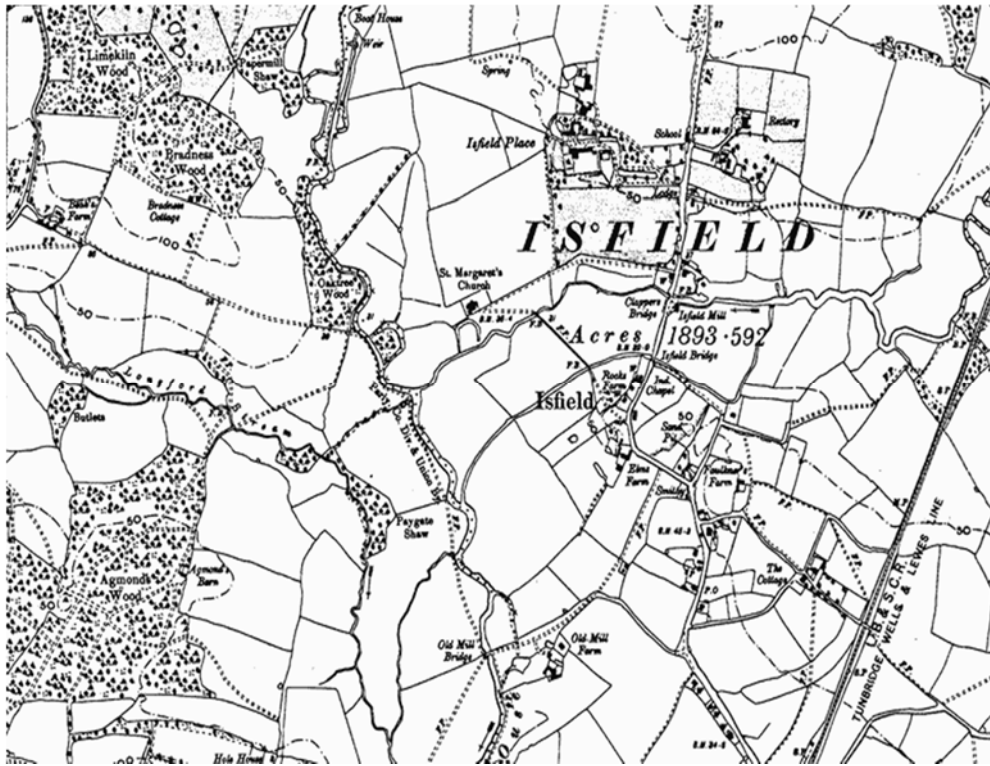
Blackbird Arts have organised a **Mosaic** workshop with Hannah Griffiths on 10th

## CONTACT DETAILS

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## A little bit of Isfield history.....

An old map of Isfield dated 1899



### The description of the village on record is -

"Isfield is a parish and a village on the River Ouse in the East Grinstead division of Sussex, in the hundred of Loxfield Dorset, rape of Pevensey, rural deanery of Uckfield, archdeaconry of Lewes and diocese of Chichester. It is 44 miles south of London".

The map shows a number of original properties which still exist, although not working farms or smithy any more, shows where the paper mill and school were and some properties which have now changed their name for example the Independent Chapel. In 1841 I THINK the main road through the village was known as the High Street and in the 1881 census there was an Isfield Street.

In the 1891 census Isfield had a population of 423. Over the years more houses have been built along the main road through Isfield plus the estates of Northfield Cottages and Tile Barn Close so by the census of 2011 Isfield's population had grown to 574. No doubt this will be boosted again when Lavender Fields is completed.

## Isfield Village Hall cont.

September, 10am to 5pm, at a cost of £90 per person, which is suitable for beginners and those with some mosaic experience. Materials are provided but bring your own broken tiles and crockery for 'upcycling'.

Jane Will of Flowers and Daughters will run another floral workshop on Saturday 17th September, 9.30am to 12noon, on 'Autumn Glory Side Table Displays'. There is also to be a repeat of last year's very popular 'Christmas Wreaths' workshop on 3rd December. Jane supplies a huge variety of beautifully scented flowers and foliage to these events for the participants to select from to create an individual arrangement, and provides both group and individual instruction and advice. Workshops cost £48 to include all materials. To register interest please phone Jane on 01892 852189.

Isfield Art Group takes a summer break in July and August and starts up again on 22nd September, with a session every Thursday 2-4pm (except 27th October) at the Village Hall. The group use watercolour, acrylics, pastels and charcoal, over a wide variety of subject matter including life, landscape, pop art, portrait etc. and receive individual tuition. As an introductory offer you can attend 5 classes for £50, or, if you introduce a friend, you can have a 10% discount. For more details contact Steve Pierce-Smith on 01892 723596.

Grace Annand of Uckfield Yoga holds a popular drop-in yoga session at the hall every Thursday evening, 6pm to 7pm, no booking necessary, at a cost of £6 per person but please note there are no classes in August - classes restart on 1st September. Classes are mixed ability, from beginners to experienced students and for all ages. For more information contact Grace on 07966 284139.

We are hosting a professionally run and very enjoyable **Race Night** on Saturday 15th October starting 7pm. If you enjoy the thrills of racing and missed the January event, be sure to come to the next Race Night. Your support for these events help us to off-set the costs of maintaining the village hall. For more details and to register interest email [info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk). **Isfield Frost Fair** will be held on Sunday 27th November from 11am; local artists, crafts people and suppliers will offer wonderful Christmas gifts (toys, ceramics,

artworks, prints, stained glass, jewellery, toiletries, plants, bird feeders & nest boxes, gardening gifts, yoga gifts, soaps, sweets, etc.) and Christmas fare (wreaths, trees, cheeses, specialist charcuterie, chutneys & jams, mustards, Christmas cakes & puddings, gift packs, mushroom produce etc.). Entrance will be free. Teas and home-made cakes will be available and there will be competitions, with prizes, and a raffle.

For details of all these events, and others as they appear, and for the contact details of the instructors/facilitators, please see the News and Events page on our website [www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.isfieldvillagehall.org.uk)

### Bookings

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

Brenda Reynolds on 01825 749778 or

email [bookings@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk)

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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## ISFIELD DANCING CLUB

Club evenings and functions have been very well attended throughout this year, which enabled us to give our members a free evening complete with a buffet supper on the 20th July. So if you're Young or slightly more Mature come and join us, some of our members who joined in 1973 were in their 20s, 30s, 40s, and 43 years later are still members and very active and young at heart. Dancing keeps you young. It is also a great way to make new friends and keep mentally and physically active, with a great crowd of people.

We would welcome anyone who would like to come and join us on a Wednesday evening; the August club nights are on the 17th and 31st at 8pm till 10pm, and all for £2 per evening.

**Ron Levett**  
Chairman  
01825 750404





## ISFIELD STOOLBALL

Last Sunday 8 of us bravely endured the sizzling heat to compete in the mid divisional tournament in Chiddingly. This involved short matches against all the other teams in our league. We started with an easy victory against Glynde, then went on to defeat Ringmer, Wivelsfield, Barcombe and Plumpton. Our final match was against the hosts Chiddingly who were also undefeated at this point. Thanks to the brilliant batting by Carla and Laura and some equally brilliant bowling from Jane and Jo we defeated Chiddingly and became winners of the mid divisional cup!

In the league we started well with 3 early victories but unfortunately the typically British summer weather has paid havoc with our fixtures but we should finish in the top 4 and hence gain a place in the regional finals tournament in Seaford.

As always we would welcome any newcomers and now is a great time to start as we will soon be starting the August league which is more relaxed and laid back and is a great place to start! If interested please contact our skipper Carla who will answer any queries on 07824 556832.

### Charlotte Das

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## ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Summer finally seems to have arrived, and with it the campers and picnickers along the bank of the river. While it's always good to see people - mostly in this case I guess from outside the village - enjoying the peaceful attractions of our Parish, I don't believe I'm the only one who has noticed the amount of debris - used barbecues, plastic bags of rubbish - left lying on the bank after a sunny weekend. I would like to be able to offer some solution to this littering, but I'm afraid it's outside the powers of the Parish Council. Jim Smith and Ron Harrington do a sterling job of picking litter through the village, but, splendid though their efforts are, it's difficult to keep ahead of the litterers. I can't provide an answer to the

problem, but perhaps we should all be prepared to do our bit of clearing.

The main issue that the Parish Council has had to respond to this half year has been the proposed Boundary Commission changes to Ward boundaries. The response that we made to the Commission is available on the website; we proposed what we believe is a more satisfactory solution to the required change than that originally outlined. I'm pleased to say that we were able to work constructively together with the Parishes of Fletching and Little Horsted (both of which were also adversely affected by the original change) and between the three Parishes we were able to agree a similar response. We will not know until some time in September if our representations have been heeded, but I am confident that we have made a cogent, coherent case for our alternative solution. I would like to thank all those Parishioners who also made individual representations to the Boundary Commission about the unsuitability of their initial proposal. We are assured by the Commission that individual, personal responses will be given a significant weighting.

I understand that the debate over the Brighton Main Line 2 is hotting up. The consensus view appears to be that there is a fair chance that the development will go ahead - although there has as yet been no decision - which will ultimately mean a discussion within the village about whether or not a station would be welcome. We are far from needing to have that discussion yet, but I do think it is worth beginning to think about.

### Geoff Sambrook

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## LITTLE HORSTED CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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

The Early Years Village including our Nursery for children, aged 3, 4 and 5 at Little Horsted School will open on Wednesday 7 September 2016. Our new Nursery Class will be called Robins while our Reception children are called Rabbits. We are able to offer up to 15 places to children in Foundation Stage 1 (age 3 to 4 year olds) for the following



## COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Our local First Responding Team has sadly become depleted with Bev and Jim Ashford withdrawing from the scheme because of the conflict between their travel commitments and being able to devote enough free time to give sufficient hours of availability to the Ambulance Service. They have been very loyal and supportive Responders and I would like to thank them for their help in getting the scheme off the ground at its inception in Isfield, and for securing initial funding for their medical kits and defibrillator. The intention is for this spare defibrillator to be placed somewhere central in the village and designated a 'Public Access Defibrillator' for immediate availability in the case of a cardiac arrest.

The period ahead will be very busy with ever increasing demands upon the Ambulance Service and it would be good if we can get another CFR in the Isfield area. If you are over eighteen, in good general health and would like to give some of your free time to being a Volunteer Responder, please contact either myself or visit the SECamb website. You will be trained in frontline emergency situations when you are often first on scene and the vital link providing lifesaving treatment in the period before an ambulance can attend. Training takes place over a period of months during which time new skills are taught at each session, so that the incidents to which you are able to respond are gradually extended. In addition there are monthly training and discussion meetings as well as an annual field day, and you will also be required to gain additional experience by completing full shifts in an ambulance or in a response car.

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## I.C.E.

As many of you will know this year's Fete, despite the threatened downpours, was blessed with fine weather. I thought the Pre-school tea-tent, in particular, was an especial success, while the girls, having beaten the boys, went on to conquer a tractor in the tug-of-war final and an incredible 94 people entered the egg throwing competition. Certainly, I enjoyed the day enormously. But it wouldn't have been possible without all your help, so thank you very much and pat yourself on the back if you lent a hand.

Unfortunately, it is not all good news, as this year's ICE Arts and Crafts Market has had to be cancelled. There are a number of reasons for this, one or two of which may have been surmountable, but in totality were not. However, we are still going to show "Guardians of the Galaxy" (PG-13 certificated) alongside a local short, on Sat 24th September at 7.30pm in the marquee in the ICE Field. Tickets £4, wrap up warm and bring blankets & cushions! The atmosphere last year was lovely, so come along and join us for a great evening!

On the plus side over the next week, we hope to be putting in an order for a new village marquee, for which ICE and the Fete will share the cost. This on our part is due to the steady flow of income our caravanners provide. The old marquee saw its "finest hour" well before this year's Fete and would never have been a reasonable, let alone a safe option, for our film show. All too much time has been wasted in repairing twisted frames and torn canvass in the past. Last year I patched up the old marquee on the night before the Arts and Crafts Market, only to have to start again from scratch the next morning. So though the cost to the two organisations is high, I believe the quality of the finished article will serve us well in the long term.

### Pete "Scan" Scantlebury Chairman ICE



## **ST MARGARET'S CHURCH**

We are looking forward to a number of exciting events in the autumn but first we must look back to two in the past. Peter and Jenny Holmes organised a fundraising summer tea party in their garden. Lots of villagers enjoyed scones with strawberries and cream followed by a great variety of cakes. It was a lovely time for everyone and a marvellous way to raise funds for the church; thank you to them.

The second is to John and Margaret Lomas for whom the village and church have much to thank. They lived in the Birches Farm back in the 1930s and gave the village the land which is now the Recreation Ground and also a Village Hall which stood near the Lavender Cottages. It fell into disrepair but when the Village School closed in 1970 the Hall Management Committee sold the old hall site and used the £4,000 it raised to buy the School and convert it into our Village Hall. Mr Lomas died in 1962 and Mrs Lomas moved to Lewes. More than 25 years later she died but she had not forgotten Isfield and, to everyone's great surprise and pleasure, left a bequest which has helped to ensure that the church has been well maintained and major works carried out.

The Lomas Cottages, which adjoin the Recreation Field, ensure that the Lomas name is not forgotten in the village. In the church, the P.C.C. decided in 1982 that there should be a memorial to Margaret Lomas and raised funds for an oak altar in the Shurley Chapel. At that time the majority of services were held in the main church for a relatively small congregation and the Chapel was rarely used. But now, after a project of installing a lighting and simple heating system, it is used for the majority of services with the Margaret Lomas altar as its centre. At a service in early July the altar was rededicated to her with sincere thanks for her great bequest. John and Margaret Lomas will not be forgotten.

Now to the future:

The Friends of St Margaret's Church are not just regular and occasional churchgoers but many others in the village who recognise the value of the church to the community not only as a building for weekly worship,

the big festivals and for baptisms, weddings and funerals but also because they want to ensure that it is here for generations to come. The Friends are always extremely generous and that we continue to keep our heads above water is solely thanks to them. Villagers are asked annually to become Friends and to give an amount entirely up to them. As a small thanks to them all Friends are invited to a Get Together. This year this will be on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Invitations will be circulated around the village but if you don't receive one please contact Mervyn Griffiths [tel. 750446].

The Rev'd John Wall will be licensed as Rector of Uckfield, Isfield and Little Horsted at a service on 21<sup>st</sup> September. We wish John well and greatly look forward to his first service at St Margaret's on October 16<sup>th</sup> and our village community getting to know him. The top priority now for the diocese is to at last find Isfield a Curate-in-Charge and thereby complete the Uckfield team. In the meantime, we want to thank Rev'd Mitch Mitchell for all he has done for the whole of the Uckfield plurality over the past difficult year and also the retired ministers and others who ensure that we continue to have weekly services.

The weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> will be a special harvest one for the village. On the Saturday there will be a Harvest Celebration in the church which will be open from 12 noon to 4 o'clock for everyone to come to see and enjoy the harvest decorations.

On Sunday, we will be holding our Harvest Festival service, starting at 10 o'clock. Do please come with your family and friends both on Saturday and Sunday.

Just a reminder, our Sunday services are at 10 o'clock with Holy Communion on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays, Matins on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and a Family service on the 4<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will join us.

### **Churchwardens**

**Robert Smith**  
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sessions each week.

	8.45 - 11.45 Half-day AM)
	8.45 - 12.25 Half-day AM with lunch
Mon -Fri	11.45 - 12.25 Lunchtime
	12.25 - 3.25 Half- day PM)
	8.45 - 3.25 All day

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.

Holiday Club provision is also available at the school on the following dates 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 August and 1 September through Mark Potter and Outstanding Coaching. Please contact Mark (07794087043) if you would like further information.

We are very pleased about these exciting developments for the school and the community, particularly as we are always aiming to meet the educational needs of all our children and families.

### **School and Community Events**

The children have enjoyed many school and community events this term including a delightful lunch with the Mayor Linda Eastwood and invited guests to celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday 11 June. The Rabbit Class children presented all the guests and the Mayor with flowers and Ron Hill took photographs of the event for the local papers.

The children as a result of a vote held by the School Council have supported Parkinson's UK and they were all encouraged to write a poem by Mike Bell who talked to the children about Parkinson's disease and his passion for writing poetry at one of our assemblies. The children created some wonderful poems as a result of his input and enthusiasm.

The older children in Owl Class have enjoyed a school journey to the Isle of Wight where

they stayed at the PGL adventure centre, Little Canada. They took part in many activities including archery, fencing, abseiling, climbing and other team challenges. The Year 6 have also enjoyed a canoeing and orienteering day in the Seven Sisters Country park and their BBQ and shelter building day with their Reception buddies in Wilderness wood.

The children in Mr Barnes' Badgers Class (Yr 3 and 4) have loved their learning journey focus on Roald Dahl and his wonderful stories about the BFG (Big Friendly Giant) and Charlie and the Chocolate factory. Meanwhile the Hedgehog Class have been finding out about the Great Fire of London and with their parents designed and built some amazing Tudor style houses. One parent informed Mrs Greenwood (Hedgehog Classteacher), that her husband had been waiting all his life for this particular homework assignment to complete with his child!

The PTFA provided the BBQ at the Isfield Fete and also at the end of term Bentley evening for all the children. Many of the children created flower filled wellington boots and shoes for the Little Horsted Flower festival in the church. Although a very windy day, the Little Horsted Fair on the School Field was enjoyed by all those who attended, particularly the smash the crockery stall, the Hungry Hippo game and the other challenge games organised by Mr Barnes and Mrs Greenwood. We would like to congratulate Laura Wood and Ann Norman for masterminding these two community events which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Father Mitch and Father David have led many enjoyable Wednesday morning assemblies and our special leavers' church service for our wonderful Year 6 of 2016 which was held in St Michael and All Angels Church on Tuesday 19 July. Father Mitch presented the children with a Youth Bible, a certificate and a shield indicating an area of expertise demonstrated by the child throughout their time at Little Horsted Church of England School.

The School Website has information about the school which is readily available to both parents and interested members of the community. For more information about the school 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**





## TWIG

March - for the first time in TWIG's history we had to cancel our meeting at very short notice, our topic this

month was to be first aid, plans are underway to re-book.

April - a noisy meeting this month as we had a drumming workshop with Thomas Christen from Musumba Drummers. Thomas brought along 20 drums which he explained the origins and history of and then taught us how to beat out a rhythm and basic sound patterns. We almost managed to raise the roof on the hall, but drumming is not as easy as it looks!

May - the ever talented Bev Ashford gave us all a master class in 'Silk Painting'. This proved to be another popular evening, all the ladies were fascinated to see the stunning effects that can be achieved and everyone found the evening to be quite therapeutic and proudly took home a small silk square which they had hand painted. Many Thanks Bev for another creative meeting-is there no end to your talents!

June - our planned circular walk around west Barcombe starting and ending at the Royal Oak pub. A small enthusiastic group of ladies and one small pooch, set off on the dot of 7.30pm to undertake this enjoyable walk leaving two of our number behind to enjoy an early supper and drink as they waited for our return. The weather remained on our side and the walk was really enjoyed by us all, as was the welcome refreshments on our return to the pub! The walk took us 1 hour and 10 minutes in total and several ladies were going to repeat the route again with friends.

July - A heady and fragrant evening with the very lovely Sally Barrett who showed us all how to make lavender wands and lavender lip balms. A lovely high turnout of ladies who brought along beautiful home grown lavender from their gardens watched Sally demonstrate making the lavender wands which she made out to be very easy to archive, (.....quite a few of us found it a little more challenging than it appeared! ) The lip balms were much easier but still challenging with the speed at which the mixture sets!!

August - our annual summer social and BBQ which this year is planned for 10th. August and members and guests are asked to bring a plate of food to share, and TWIG will provide the burgers, sausages and soft drinks. Anyone

wishing to attend should contact Sues, Karen or Jill for further info. Non members and guests £5 each.

September 14th - we have an owl conservation group due to attend our meeting, this should be a really interesting evening guests welcome.

October 12th - pottery painting, fun for all!

November 9th - Sussex Ouse Restoration Trust -an updated repeat-talk about Isfield Lock, All villagers are welcome to attend, doors will be open from 7.30 and the meeting will start at 8pm there will be a charge for non members and guests which will go towards a donation to the trust and refreshments for the evening.

**PLEASE** let TWIG know if you are planning to attend so we have an idea on how many seats to provide and how many to cater for.

December 7th - wreath making and nibbles the usual Christmas fun!!

All ladies are welcome we meet in the village hall unless stated otherwise, refreshments are included, we open the door at 7.45 and meetings start at 8pm. Further info please contact Sues 750767, Karen 750216 or Jill 750445

## Sues Crawford

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## ISFIELD VILLAGE FETE

Despite the downpours while setting up the day before, the weather on the day itself was very kind to us and we had a very successful and enjoyable fete, with takings on the day very similar to last year but as yet we do not have the final figure. We had over 1000 visitors again- well done Adrian and his car parking team for preventing a village-wide game of stuck in the mud occurring!

The novelty dog show was as popular as ever and the winning tug of war team (The Girls!) got to pull against a tractor and they won to the great amusement of all! People also enjoyed throwing sponges at village 'celebrities'

in the stocks and the day was rounded off with over 100 people throwing eggs at each other. The Scarecrows were great and appeared in increasing numbers throughout the week as the weather improved, some even had their own wet weather gear.

Thank you very much to everyone that helped with the fete in any way. Whether it was manning a stall, putting up or taking down signs, delivering flyers, building stocks, helping set up, baking some cakes or tidying up afterwards or one of the other many tasks that are involved; we couldn't have done it without you all. When you take into account the number of village stalls there are, it really is a community event and shows what a great community we have here in Isfield.

This year we're hoping to buy a new marquee as the old one has reached the end of its days. If you have any other ideas of where the fete's proceeds could be spent in the future, please don't hesitate to contact one of us!

Thank you all for coming and see you again next year!

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The winners of the school games were:

Sack Races: 7-10yrs: Jacob Bilton, 11-13yrs: Isaac Guest, 14-Adult: Mark Templeton.

Three Legged Races: Parent with child under 10: Daisy Burgess and Debbie Stevens, 11-16yrs: Tied between Isaac Guest and Felix Coates and Arlo Mc Walter and Ben Chevassut, Adult; Nic and Jon Ashford.

Wheelbarrow Races: Girls Maisy Templeton and Erin Mun, Boys : Isaac Guest and Joseph Carpenter, Adults: Neil Gillon and Martin Raitt.

The Scurry Race winners were Isaac Guest and Ruby.

Scarecrow Competition Winners were:  
1<sup>st</sup> Queen Bee by the Cranfields,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Queen Birthday Cake by Roger and Nina Cooter,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Queen with Sparkly Lips by Sarah Widdowson.

**Rachel Cranfield**



## ISFIELD PRESCHOOL

As we prepare to close our doors for the summer holidays, the children are full of excitement after a fun packed few months.

The children had a wonderfully British Party to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and had lots of fun making and showing off their crowns and learning about the Queen.

Our Pre-Schoolers took part in a their annual Sports Day and Royal Tea party, where there were all kinds of exciting races with all children receiving a gold medal for taking part.

There was a great deal of effort and fun put into making the Scarecrows, it was great to see our display in the village.

We all had a fantastic day hosting the tea and cake tent at the village fete

The children have been exploring all things creepy and crawly and flittery and fluttery. They particularly enjoyed weaving their way through Incy Wincy's Web that he had spun in the Pre School.

The Pre School opened its doors to prospective parents recently at our Messy Play open days this month.

Tesco came to visit us and taught the children about healthy eating; they all enjoyed sampling different foods and got a goody bag to take away.

Julie and the teachers have been busy getting our current Rising 5s ready to move on to their 'big' school. They have been enjoying visiting their new schools and meeting their new teachers and friends.

There were a few tears at our end of term presentation, where the children put on a wonderful show singing about Peter Rabbit and doing some Lego dancing. It was 'awesome!'

We wish our Rising 5s the very best of luck as they continue on their learning journey.

We still have places for children, from 2 years old, for the new year starting in September. For further information, please contact Julie on 01825 750245 or [preschoolisfield@gmail.com](mailto:preschoolisfield@gmail.com)

**Gail Gillon**