

ISFIELD PARISH NEWSLETTER

Editors Note:

We live in a village full of arts and crafts people, they may not be sitting out on their stoops whittling away but you only have to visit of the Festival of Talent at the village hall this summer and you'll get some hint as to the sheer diversity of creativity in our midst. Lesser known examples include Annemarie O'Sullivan who makes willow baskets that have featured in the New York Times and Country Living. Lisa Hamilton is a fabulous jeweller with a client list that includes Judy Dench and whose work can be seen at one of the Open Houses in Brighton in May. Many of you will know Adele Scantlebury whose beautiful prints have been the highlight of many events in the village and some will undoubtedly have seen the work of print maker, Karen Potter whose landscapes are highly evocative of our local scenery. Painter Annie McManus makes very strong works in oil with a wide range of subjects which visitors to her Artwave events have always enjoyed. And Peter Rigby is the artist who designed our wonderful village sign. Many of these creative people will be showing their work at Isfield's first Festival of Talent in August, a three-day event at the village hall taking place in August. If you are keen to join the gang then let yourself be known to Peter Rigby (below) who has entry forms.

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ISFIELD FESTIVAL OF TALENT - ARTWAVE 2018 -

OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS ENTRIES:

We are delighted to announce that Isfield Village Hall is hosting the

ISFIELD FESTIVAL OF TALENT EXHIBITION

on August 24th to 26th inclusive, as part of ARTWAVE 2018, in order to showcase the wonderfully creative artists we are fortunate to have in our local community and surrounding area. We are anticipating a great response from our artists to this unique event and opportunity to exhibit locally, and are calling now for all artists wishing to exhibit artworks to request, complete and submit an entry form by 30th April 2018.

Please phone Peter Rigby on 01825 750344 or email info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk to request an entry form which contains all the Terms and Conditions, including fees and restrictions on artwork sizes.

Artworks can be offered for sale, if wished, but this is not mandatory. Then, if the entry is accepted, artists will be required to deliver their (framed if a painting) artworks to the Hanging Committee (chaired by Peter Rigby, assisted by Adèle Scantlebury, Katherine Meakin and Peter Holmes) by Saturday 11th August. 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). Teas and home-made cakes will be available to purchase and enjoy.

ISFIELD WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our programme continues to have a wide selection of diverse and interesting topics. We started in January with a talk on Churchill's Chartwell, which coincided nicely with the recent film 'Darkest Hour'. Next, we learned of the workings of the town council with Paul Sparks.

We, the audience, acted as jury to answer the question, "Was John Whitfield a smuggler?" The evidence being put forward in a most entertaining way by Dr John Kay.

A look at the evolution of the largest and most intelligent sea-based mammals, whales and dolphins, came next for a most engrossing talk, our speaker having braved the snow coming from Wiltshire.

We still have many wide-ranging presentations planned. Our highly enthusiastic speakers always make for entertaining afternoons.

Our programme can be found in the diary dates at the back of this booklet. Details can also be found on the village notice boards, in The Laughing Fish and on the Isfield Parish website.

Meetings are held every other Wednesday at 2.30 pm in Isfield Village Hall. Each meeting is followed by a homemade tea of sandwiches, savouries and cakes. Everybody is welcome. Do come and join us. Members pay £2 and guests pay £3.

Please put a date in your diary for the annual flower show hosted by The Wednesday Club. This year it will be on Saturday 11th August. If you have not entered before why not try this year - a single rose, some baking, a painting, or just come along and try your luck at the Tombola?

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

Liz Fine

LITTLE HORSTED C.E. SCHOOL

School events Looking back, the school community was very sad that Mrs Dainty-Woodham became unwell and was unable to continue teaching our Badger Class in January. We send her and all her family our very best wishes for the future.

In school the children have been very busy with their various learning journeys. Robins (Nursery) and Rabbits (Reception) have enjoyed being 'superheroes' for the day. They

created capes for their superhero characters with their parents and dressed up as their superhero character. We all felt very safe that day with Batman, Superman, Supergirl, Cat woman and many other superheroes. Hedgehogs Class have enjoyed learning about the Arctic and Antarctic and some of the explorers who have visited these cold regions of the world. Badger Class were fascinated by China and Chinese New Year and enjoyed sampling Chinese food at a banquet held towards the end of term 1. Owl Class have experienced being mountain adventurers and finding out all about surviving in, enjoying the landscape and preserving our mountain environments.

We were challenged by the severe cold weather and snow recently, however the school remained open on all the days apart from the Tuesday when the snow fell thickly during the morning and provided all the children with a delightful white landscape to enjoy with their families for a few days. As we get older, we all remember the days the 'school closed' because of the snow!

Looking forward Robins and Rabbits are walking across the Golf Course to visit the lambs at South Brockwells Farm towards the end of `March. Hedgehog Class have a visit to the Brighton Toy museum as part of their learning journey on Toys 'Past and Present'. Badgers are visiting Fishbourne Roman Palace to discover more about life in Roman times in Britain. Owl Class and Year 4 have enjoyed a day of music at Sussex Downs College Arts Centre and Lewes Town Hall playing their Brass/ Recorder instruments at a First Access music day. This special enrichment day, was organized by the County music service for children who receive this additional music enrichment in school time. At Little Horsted School, all the children receive this music enrichment with Year 1 and 2 having a vocal/singing lesson, Year 3 and 4 a recorder lesson and Year 5 and 6 a Brass lesson, each Friday throughout the year.

The Governors were delighted to recently appoint Mrs Breminer and Mrs Leffler to share the teaching of Badger Class at the school from the start of Term 5. Both Mrs Breminer and Mrs Leffler will 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.

PTFA The PTFA have raised funds to extend the children's trim trail on the school field. The new equipment consists of a log bridge, a climbing wall, a roll over bar and a log walk. The children really enjoy challenging themselves on each piece of apparatus in the trim trail and often try to complete a full circuit. The PTFA are also organizing the annual Fun Run which will take place on Sunday 13 May starting at 10.00 a.m. from the Isfield Recreation Field. This is a most enjoyable, if somewhat exerting event, please attend if you are able to on the day. There is always lots to see and experience as the runners set off on their various distance runs. Each year we have more and more of the children taking part, which is a fantastic sight to see.

Church The school joined the congregation at the Mothering Sunday service on 11 March and sang a delightful song called 'My Mum'. The children received a lovely pot of flowers to give to their mums, which is a wonderful tradition at St Michael and All Angels church. In December the children sang a song at the Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church in Isfield and were given a Christingle to take home in support of the children's society on this occasion. As I write we are preparing for our end of term Easter Service on Thursday 30

March. The children in Year 5 will be leading this service with a retelling of the events of Easter week. The children at the school sing extremely well and it is always a joy to hear them singing our hymns and songs in the church during our special services with Father John, parents and friends of the school.

Father John is a welcome visitor to Little Horsted School. His Wednesday morning assemblies are greatly enjoyed by the children. He is greatly skilled in storytelling and the clever delivery of his message or thought to the children. Recently, he told the story of Noah and the flood, and linked the story to our Christian value for the week, which was 'Service'. His voice for the character of Noah, was wonderful.

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

THE SINGING FISH CHOIR

Come and Join us!

Just over a year ago a small group of regulars in The Laughing Fish Pub decided to set up a local singing group. The Singing Fish Pub Choir was born and it continues to meet every 3rd Sunday in the month, in the pub! group is led by coach Ruth Kerr, who also runs a number of choirs in the local area.

Andy Brooks, landlord of The Laughing Fish, is an enthusiastic member of the group. "The choir has been really popular and brings together a group of people who just like to have a bit of a sing song. We have had a go at a lot of different songs and Ruth guides us through the music. It's feels great when we sing as a harmonious group and it's really good for you...it gets the heart and lungs going and we have a bit of fun...no-one takes it too seriously!"

Singing is one of the easiest, cheapest and most therapeutic ways to relax, have fun and let go of stress. Why not come and have a go! Singing Fish Choir is for everyone - all ages and abilities are welcome. Meet at 7.30pm every 3rd Sunday for about an hour and a half. Depending on numbers the cost is between £2.50 and £5.00 per person. Remember, it's in the pub and the drinks are not free!

If you are interested come along to the next session or, to register to join the email group, contact Andy at The Laughing Fish.

Sue Harvey

ISFIELD VILLAGE HALL

'The Friends of Isfield Village Hall' Events in 2018:

'The Friends of Isfield Village Hall' was launched in September 2017 and received a wonderful response from the whole community with many Friends joining and donating. The Friends' donations are an essential part of our fundraising initiatives, enabling us to build up reserves for regular major maintenance costs (e.g. floor, decoration) and to make more improvements in the future (e.g. to the toilets, including a disabled toilet).

We have planned two Friends' events so far for 2018; Friends please make a note in your diaries:

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 info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk and we will send you a form.

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 are looking strong (including a wedding in June, and we do love a wedding). We are so pleased that the feedback we receive about the facilities now available at our beautiful, renovated hall is excellent, and are glad that we persevered with the much-needed renovations in spite of the loss of income from Isfield Pre School.

We hosted another spectacular **Frost Fair** at the end of November; local artists, crafts people and suppliers ran imaginative and very attractive stalls offering unique, locally produced gifts and Christmas fare. The fair was a great success thanks to our wonderful stall holders and volunteers. We are planning to hold another fair on **Sunday 25th November** and are already taking bookings from stallholders. If you would like to book a stall contact Katherine by email on info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk.

We are hosting a professionally run and very enjoyable **Race Night** fund raiser on Saturday 21st April 2018. The price per person of £12.50 includes 8 races, a £1 bet on the first race, a delicious buffet supper and a glass of wine. If you enjoy the thrills of racing, don't miss this event and bring your family, friends and teams along. For more information and tickets email info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk

Jo McCormick, a qualified meditation teacher, accredited through the British School of Meditation, is offering two free 'taster' **meditation** sessions on Thursday evenings 5th and 12th April, 7.30pm to 9pm, as an introduction to her meditation course. If these sessions generate sufficient interest, Jo will run a 5-week course, costing £50 per person. If you would like to attend the 'taster' sessions or if you are curious to find out more, please email Jo on jo.mccormick@sky.com or call her mobile 07762 787584.

Medeana Findlay's **Pilates** classes are so popular that she has started a second class; choose either 8.30am to 9.25am or 9.30am to 10.25am, both on Thursday mornings. There are no classes on April 5th and 12th as it's the Easter break. Email Medeana on medeanapilates@gmail.com to find out full details.

Isfield Art Group: is a very friendly and supportive group of local amateur artists who meet on Thursdays, 2pm to 4pm, at the Village Hall. We decide ourselves what each week's subject will be, we have visiting artists running master classes for us from time to time, if any of us want to pursue a particular medium or subject we do. Contact Katherine by email on info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk if you'd like to join us.

Andrea Kocache of Crowborough **Tai Chi**, a listed instructor with the Tai Chi Union of Great Britain, is running Monday afternoon sessions, 2pm-3pm. Please note that Andrea is happy for anyone to start Tai Chi with her at any time, integration guaranteed; there is no 'course' start date. Please register your interest by contacting Andrea on 01892 654585.

Please take a look at the **News and Events page** on our website 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.

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 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.

CLEANER VACANCY

Margaret has volunteered very kindly to take care of the hall while we continue to seek a new part time, reliable cleaner. Duties include general cleaning, ensuring access when necessary, and ordering cleaning supplies. Please apply to info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk or contact Keith Taylor on 01825 749778.

Keith Taylor. Chairman

ISFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY

Hello good folks of Isfield!

Well we have had a good start to our year so far - we have lots of plans in motion for our celebrations this year, as believe it or not, we have been going for 10 years!

We will be doing lots of fundraising events and be busy planning over the next few months, so do keep an eye out for what's happening, and do please get involved if you would like to help us; or if you would simply like to enjoy our event and fundraisers, then that is fantastic too.

I also wanted to thank people for coming along to the quiz on 10th March - we all had a lovely evening and it was fantastic to see some new faces.

We also had great fun at the murder mystery night in January, a big thank you to those who organised and ran the event, and also to the people who came. A big thanks also goes to those who kindly volunteered as thespians for the evening - by all accounts it was quite the evening!

A date for your diaries:

ISFEST—SEPTEMBER 8TH 2018

Thanks to the village for your ongoing support over the last 10 years, and we hope that you enjoy what's to come.

Cheers

Timmy Fordham.
Chairman

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Contact Katherine by email on info@isfieldvillagehall.org.uk if you'd like to join in.

Katherine Meakin

A NEW HEALTH HUB IN LEWES

£55k award for new Health Hub in heart of Lewes

Plans to improve access to GPs and provide a broader range of health services in Lewes have been recognised by a £55,000 government award for the new health hub in North Street Quarter.

The award comes from The Greater Brighton One Public Estate Programme which supports projects that improve public services, stimulate economic growth and free up land for regeneration. It was awarded following a joint bid from Lewes District Council and local healthcare partners, including Lewes's three GP practices who will join forces to offer more services and improved access for local people.

School Hill Medical Practice, St Andrews Surgery and River Lodge Surgery will relocate into the new health hub, while still retaining the Ringmer branch surgery for the community. The creation of a health hub in the heart of the town will help meet increased demands on local GP practices. More appointments will be available as the health hub will be open seven days a week and will bring together other healthcare providers including a practice pharmacist, paramedic and nurse specialists.

The grant will be used to design the facilities and spaces inside the hub. Specialist healthcare architects Murphy Philipps have been appointed to carry out the work, which will help health providers to plan their move into the hub and ensure the new premises meet their operational needs. The external design of the health hub has been carried out by the team of architects working on North Street Quarter and has been given full planning approval.

Dr Jason Heath, GP partner at St Andrews Practice,; "We are a step closer to being able to offer high quality integrated General Practice from the very heart of the town, a way that is sustainable and secured for the local community for the future.

"We will now work with architects Murphy Phillips on the specifications of the design on the state of the art premises, which will see an integrated primary and community care facility with the long term aim to transform the delivery of health and social care in the town, and better support people to lead healthy lives."

Marc Levinson from specialist healthcare architects Murphy Philipps, said: "We are very excited to be part of the team on this exciting project to enhance health services for local people. We will be working closely with health providers to tailor the new facilities to make sure they meet the needs of the community and are fit to provide first rate care."

The North Street Quarter health hub forms part of a wider model for Lewes with the development of a health and social care campus, encompassing both existing facilities and a new facility. The Lewes Health Campus will be a catalyst for change to health and social care for the whole town of Lewes and wider population.

There is no need for patients registered at the three surgeries to do anything to get a new GP as they remain registered with the GP partners working from Lewes Health Hub.

Updates about the progress of the Health Hub will be posted on the North Street Quarter website.

Please visit www.northstreetqtr.co.uk for further information.

THE LAUGHING FISH

Since the last newsletter we've completed the refurbishment of our catering kitchen to enable our team to produce food even more efficiently, and we hope to demonstrate this with a special "Curry Night" on Thursday 26th April. Our chefs, Benson and Henry, were delighted to be nominated for the **Parliamentary Pub Chef of the Year** award, a competition designed to recognise the quality and variety of pub food across the country. Four pubs in Wealden were nominated, and our MP Nus Ghani presented certificates to the boys to recognise the achievement - you can read more on Nus' website www.nusghani.org.uk/news/nus-ghani-congratulates-wealden-pubs-chef-year-nominations.

Despite the success of our food business, however, we remain committed as always to being a proper pub, and that determination has not changed in the 17 years since we arrived here. Through the winter we've fielded three "**Toad in the Hole**" teams in the Lewes league; continued with our monthly **Pub Quizzes**, including raising £280 for the Friends of Sussex Hospices at the beginning of March (we also participate in the Newick Charity quiz league from January to April); screened the **Six Nations Rugby** - packed houses for all the England games - alas, to no avail for our boys (well done Ireland!); and are continuing with our monthly "**Singing Fish**" sessions with choir leader Ruth Kerr (third Sunday evening of each month—see the diary pages at the back).

The **Beer Race** will go on as usual on Easter Monday (or may already have happened by the time you read this...); we'll be attempting **Barbecues** on all the Spring and Summer Bank Holiday Mondays; we have **Morris Dancing** on several evenings (see the diary pages); and we are looking forward to the **World Cup** (we hope, International Politics permitting!).

And, of course, being a pub we also sell beer, and if you haven't ventured in for a while you may like to know that we have six cask ales and two real ciders always on tap - Long Man Best Bitter is now a permanent presence with Greene King IPA and Hardy and Hanson's Olde Trip, and then three other regularly changing guest ales from breweries such as Dark Star, Gun, Holler Boys, and Burning Sky.

Remember, too, as mentioned in the last newsletter we now have a **Charity Collecting Bin** in our car park in aid of "Scope" - supporting deaf/blind children and adults in the UK. Please feel free to use this - it'll save you a journey into Uckfield or beyond with your unwanted but saleable clothing and footwear.

Andy & Linda Brooks

The Laughing Fish 750349

www.thelaughingfish.co.uk

ISFIELD DANCING CLUB

Club evenings and functions have been well attended so far, despite the winter weather and all the ailments going around at this time of year, it must be the dancing keeping us all fit and healthy!!

We welcome anyone who would like to come and join us on a Wednesday evening, the next one is on the 4th of April and still at only £2 per evening.

Ron Levett

Chairman

(01825 750404)

ISFIELD YOUTH GROUP

COMING SOON

Starting in May on a Friday evening at Isfield Village Hall.

Isfield Youth Group is for ages 11-17 years

Volunteers and donations greatly welcomed.—please phone Jo Pointing 840994.

Look out for more details nearer the time.

ISFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Finally, we are reaching a position where the Parish Council can discuss the potential uses of the Lavender Fields Section 106 money as more than a dream of what might happen at some time in the future. The cash is now in the hands of Wealden District Council, which means that we can actually put together a concrete plan for its use. It's been a long time coming, if you think back to the length of time the Army Camp development project has taken to reach its current state. The Council has received details of several proposed projects; we shall consider the most appropriate way to move forward.

On a less positive note, it appears that BT and/or Openreach are intending to change the technology of the broadband service currently enjoyed by the village. What they wish to do is opaque, as is the number of subscribers that will be affected, but as far as we can ascertain, it looks possible that some users of the Isfield exchange may see their broadband speeds reduced. Clearly, this is not ideal, and Councillors have taken up the issue with both Nus Ghani, our MP, and East Sussex County Council, who were instrumental in funding the original

installation project. Details are sketchy, but anyone who has been approached by BT talking about changes to services might like to pass information on to Councillor Jerry Phillips, who is coordinating our response with ESCC, or me. We can be reached via the website.

We have recently had a speed survey conducted on Buckham Hill, in response to residents' concerns that traffic was reaching dangerous speeds; if the results support it, we shall pass them on to the Highways Department for comment and/or action.

Otherwise, I can only wish parishioners good fortune and hope that Easter does not turn out to be white.....unlike Christmas, of course.

Geoff Sambrook
Chair Parish Council

T.W.I.G

December 2017—a seasonal crafty evening saw us all making beautiful floral table centres, Phyllis (a very lovely local florist) gave a demonstration at the start and then guided us all through step by step until we finished. All the ladies attending this evening produced some truly stunning table centres ready for Christmas. Some very tasty and creative food was shared and secret Santa gifts exchanged before we closed the hall.

January 2018 - our now usual first meeting of the year held in the Laughing Fish Pub. A good turnout of members attended along with some new faces coming to see what we were all about. We shared ideas and contacts and after a lovely drink or two we had made good progress on topics and activities for the coming year. Thanks to all at the Fish for a relaxing evening.

February- this meeting fell on Valentine's Day and as we were unsure of achieving a high attendance from our ladies due to (we hoped!) some very attentive partners, we decide not to book an outside speaker but to undertake a fun evening hosted by one of our long-standing members. Jill very kindly stepped up to the plate and produced a very good fun and challenging quiz with a slight valentine's theme. Thank you very much for your efforts Jill and congratulations to the winning team, and to all who came and took part - including one or two husbands!

March - our most recent and very interesting meeting, Tom from **Old Tree Brewery - Brighton**, came along with a selection of very tasty fermented drinks. Old tree Brewery is an ecological brewery based in Brighton producing a unique range of live botanical drinks that are fun delicious and uplifting using live cultures - Kombucha and Fruit Kefir. The drinks are sweet, sour, fruity and tangy in taste, naturally fizzy, probiotic and low alcohol by volume. We were able to purchase these drink from Tom at the end of the evening and I think he sold out as

they were very popular. Please *GOOGLE* "Old Tree Brewery" for more information on Tom and a really worthwhile local endeavour. We had a very high turnout for this evening and were pleased to be joined by a group of like- minded individuals from Barcombe Nursery. My thanks go out to all who attended for their patience in our little technical hic-up and the subsequent delay in starting. (I Won't do it again!) Thanks also to Adele for organising Tom to attend.

April 16th - TBCTalk on the subject of 'Bees'

May 9th - Medical Detection Dogs.

June 6th -TBC screen printing with 'BIP Art'

July 4th - annual summer social and BBQ this year hosted by Bev and Jim

We have the possibility of visiting **The Sussex Prairie Garden** but expressions of interest are required, minimum of 10 to constitute a group which enables us to have the garden to ourselves one morning. Entry would be £8 plus extra for refreshments. (Garden open 1st June to mid-October.

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

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Continuing the theme of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation from the last Isfield newsletter, a training session has been arranged at The Laughing Fish on Sunday 22nd April at 6.30pm. Whilst we welcome as many people as possible, it would be very helpful if you could register your interest with Andy at The Laughing Fish beforehand so that additional trainers can be arranged if needed. For guidance a session at Chailey Village Hall attracted 24 participants which required at least 2 trainers for effective demonstration.

The object of the exercise is to show how to resuscitate an unconscious patient who has stopped breathing or is not breathing sufficiently for survival, by carrying out chest compressions and rescue breaths, in order that some oxygenated blood is still circulating within their system. In addition to CPR we will be showing how to deploy a defibrillator similar to the one in the porch of The Laughing Fish. The chances of survival are dramatically improved when early CPR and defibrillation is provided.

The session will involve hands-on involvement with computerised manikins and defibrillators,

replicating as far as possible, a real-life emergency, so that you are in a much better position to provide meaningful help in the event of a localised cardiac arrest.

You can save a life!

I hope to see you there on 22nd April.

Derek Smith

UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL MP

LOCAL BUSINESSES SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET ON IN LIFE

Last week, I championed the Hailsham Community College Careers Fair, which was organised by an inspiring team of teachers at the college. Careers Fairs, like the one at Hailsham Community College, are fantastic resources for students of all ages to discover more about the options open to them as they leave school, and this event was certainly no different.

What impressed me most at the Fair was the wide range and variety of options on offer. Employers, colleges, universities, apprenticeships, voluntary opportunities and the armed forces were all represented in great numbers. Many were large national companies, but it was especially rewarding to see the fantastic depth of local businesses who had taken the time to come and speak to the students at Hailsham Community College, whether they were based in Eastbourne, Brighton or indeed in Hailsham.

Local businesses hiring local people is great news for the local economy. In Wealden we have some of the best employment records in the country, ranking 30th out of 65 parliamentary constituencies. Politicians like to take credit for great news like this, and while I am proud of the Government's record on getting more people into full-time, well-paying work, it is local businesses and institutions that create the jobs and innovation that grant people the security of a regular pay-packet.

It is local businesses, especially, who give young people the best possible chance in life. Of course, many people choose to go to university and enter the world of work a few years later. But I am always immensely pleased to see so many people consider alternatives, such as undertaking an apprenticeship. Apprenticeships are tremendous opportunities for people to learn as they earn, mastering new skills as they take on the job at hand.

Once again, it is local businesses who support our young people by offering more than 600 apprenticeships in Wealden alone. So, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who had a stall at the Hailsham Community College Careers Fair; it is no surprise that so many students found inspiration from so many different career choices.

Nus Ghani MP

ISFIELD FETE

Sunday 24th June 2018 from 12 noon

Hi everyone, plans for this year's Fete are well underway. We're always on the lookout for helpers, so if you can spare us an hour on the day to help at the entrance gate, on a stall or assisting the car parking team we would be really grateful.

Donations of cakes on the day are always very welcome and when you're in the garden once spring finally arrives, dividing plants or potting up seedlings, if you could put a couple aside for the plant stall it would be really great. The Bonfire Society would appreciate any donations for their bottle tombola.

The only other thing we need is for everyone to come along on the day and enjoy themselves, oh and can someone sort the weather for us please!

If you would like to help in anyway please contact:

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Adele Scantlebury info@adelescantlebury.co.uk

Andy Brooks Laughing Fish Pub

or isfieldfete@gmail.com

Rachel Cranfield

ISFIELD CRICKET CLUB

Firstly, the Cricket Club would like to express its sorrow at the death of Stefan Halsey's father recently. Stefan has been an important playing member for quite a few years now and our thoughts go out to him, and the family, during this difficult time. Things like this tend to put cricketing matters into perspective.

Nonetheless, the new season is now only a matter of a few weeks away - with new Captains for both the Saturday First and Second teams. This season sees the formation of a Sussex wide cricket league pyramid. The First XI has been promoted into a higher division and so is anticipating increased stiff opposition - with the first league match being against Glynde & Beddingham 2nds. The Second XI can expect some good games as well in their division. There are some attractive fixtures for the Sunday Eleven this season.

We are grateful to David Williams, and other members, for their work on the cricket square. As a club we are very much hoping that we will be awarded funding from the Lavender Fields S106 monies for our new practise and coaching nets. Speaking of nets, we have been holding Winter Indoor nets at Longhill School, Rottingdean, since early February. These will continue for another couple of weeks (8.00 - 9.00pm). Our outdoor Academy Nets for the Academy will be re-commencing at the Recreation Ground on 23 April at 5.30pm. We cater for an age range of 11 to 18 years old. If you have not attended before, and have an interest in

cricket, why not come along for a taster session.

Pre-season friendlies and cup games will be played in April. For further details of this, the youth Academy and joining the club please contact Neil Thornicroft on 01825-750283 or e-mail: thornicrofts@btinternet.com.

Neil Thornicroft

ISFIELD STOOLBALL

We are very much looking forward to the season ahead which is due to start with some friendlies at the end of April.

The league in earnest starts in early May. Practices are likely to start on Tues 17/04 or 24/04 depending on the weather and the state of the pitch. always we are on the lookout for new blood so if there are any budding stool ballers out there or anyone who just fancies giving it a go please come along to one of the training evenings or contact myself on **07712001879** or Carla our Captain on **07824556832**

Charlotte Das

ST MARGARET'S CHURCH

Robert Smith died just as the November Newsletter was going to print and now we should fully record St Margaret's greatest stalwart over the past four decades.

He was born in 1923, educated at Wimbledon College and joined the RAF in 1941. Trained as a pilot he ended the war in the Far East flying fighter planes against the Japanese. After the war he trained as an architect, qualifying in 1954 as an Associate of the Royal Institute of British Architects. In 1953 he joined the very large and prestigious firm of architects, G.M.W., where he met June, and with which he spent the rest of his working life, becoming Senior Partner in 1973. He was involved in very many major architectural projects, including Sheffield and Riyadh Universities, several hospitals, office developments [including the American Express building in Brighton], leisure and shopping centres, retiring in 1973.

In the early '70s, he and June moved into St Margaret's parish, with him designing and building

own beautiful home - Princes in Buckham Hill. Always a devoted member of the congregation, he became Churchwarden of St Margaret's in 1987 and remained in this capacity until he died; a record length of service. He brought his exceptional knowledge of buildings to oversee the care and maintenance of our Grade 1 Listed church and his business acumen to guide the PCC, of which he was a member for 46 years, on financial and other matters.

In retirement, Robert, a devoted husband, and June led very full lives. Their love of music, particularly opera, led them to pursue this interest far and wide and they were great travellers. They were famous for their hospitality and their wonderful Christmas Carol parties will long be remembered. Robert's other interests included golf [with a hole in one and a separate eagle at the East Sussex National course] and fine wines. He never lost his sense of humour.

In writing this appreciation of his life, I recall that I was his fellow churchwarden for over twenty years. We never disagreed, either because we were both wise or because I was in awe of him. I now normally occupy HIS seat in church and feel reasonably comfortable about this as I often wear his clothes donated to me by June!

Our sincere condolences to June and the family - he is greatly missed and will be long remembered.

We have also lost another long-time member of St Margaret's, Peter Gordon who died earlier this month. Although Peter lived in Ridgewood, he had many friends in the village, especially the Laughing Fish and the church where he had been Verger and a PCC member for over twenty years. His friends miss him.

Our Eastertide services start with the now traditional procession on Palm Sunday from the Recreation Field to the church led by the Reffin family's thoroughbred "donkey". On Good Friday there will be a Devotional Service at noon and on Easter Day [also April Fool's Day!] a family communion service at 10 o'clock. There will be lilies in the church for Easter in memory of loved ones. If you would like to give one, please contact Cariena Cartwright [tel. 750749]. She would also love to hear from anyone who would be able to help, along with others, with flower arranging for important services.

We are extremely grateful to Canon Hugh Moseley who will lead these services as well as most of our other Sunday ones for us. These weekly services continue to be held at 10 o'clock with Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays, Matins on the 2nd and a Family service on the 4th.

On Thursday 19th April we will be holding our Annual Meeting starting at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Amongst many matters will be the very important one of electing two churchwardens, one to succeed Robert. Also, it gives everyone in the village the opportunity to raise any matters concerning the church, its services or any other matters. I do hope you will be able to make time to come.

Mervyn Griffiths

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ISFIELD FARM SHOP

After a rather snowy few weeks, we are now busy gearing up for Spring. We have dusted off the burger press and started making the "famous farm shop burgers".

Pizza night has now returned from 22nd March on a Thursday evening 5 - 7.30pm; remember the shop is open late that evening till 7pm.

The butchery is as busy as ever now manned Tues - Saturday. The introduction of our Saturday Special has gone down well with the locals and has even bought out the "salesman" in Henry!. Our local lamb from "The Old dairy" from Furners Green will be available for Easter, so give us a call and pre-order your joints of meat. We will have all your Easter covered from fresh vegetables, local cheeses, bread and those deli-counter treats. We now have a new range of home-made cakes - loaf tins, Victoria sponges and tray bake family favourites. Don't forget we will always deliver free in the village so give us a call.

Summer - we will again be opening to 4pm from 5th May. So to start us off and to celebrate our second anniversary we have decided to encourage summer early by breaking out the BBQ and refreshments.

Saturday 5th May 10.30am - 2.30pm Shop BBQ outside.

Come along and join us, there will be lots of special offers and sausage tasting.

Many thanks for your continues support

Sue, Dave and the Team

DIARY OF EVENTS

APRIL

Stoolball practice & cricket nets in the rec commences this month

Sun 1st Family Communion Service. St Margaret's Church. 10am

Laughing Fish Pub Quiz, 8.00pm,
teams up to six, £1.50 pp, please book a table.

Mon 2nd Laughing Fish - The annual

"Tommy Trot" beer race - all timings as usual:

12 noon Easter Egg Hunt in the garden for children up to 11

12.45 pm Children's "Lemonade Race" from the pub to the Telephone Exchange and back

1.45 pm The Tommy Trot - carry your half-pint of beer to the Mill and back without spilling

any!

3.30 pm Ashdown Forest Morris Men

All events in support of the Friends of Sussex Hospices

Wed 4th **Isfield Wednesday Club. Talk on John Every's Ironworks by John Blackwell** Village Hall 2.30pm

Isfield Dance Club Village Hall 7-10pm

Thurs 5th & 12th **Meditation 'taster' Sessions** Village Hall 7.30-9pm

Thurs 5th, 12th, 19th, 16th **Pizza Night** Isfield Farm Shop 5 - 7.30pm

Mon 9th **AGM Isfield village Hall.** Village hall.

Mon 9th, 16th, 23rd 30th **Tai Chi with Andrea.** Village hall 2-3pm

Weds 11th **TWIG. Talk on Bees (TBC)** Village Hall 7.45pm

Sat 14th **Woodblock Printing Workshop** Blackbird Arts. Village Hall. 10am-5pm

Sun 15th **"Singing Fish"** - our just-for-the-joy-of-singing session with Ruth Kerr from 7.30 until 9.15 pm. All welcome. Singing ability NOT required! £2.50 contribution from attendees requested towards Ruth's fee.

Tues 17th or 24th **Stoolball practice commences.** Recreation ground

Wed 18th **Isfield Wednesday Club AGM.** Village Hall 2.30pm

Isfield Dance Club - buffet dance 7-10pm Village Hall 7-10pm

Thurs 19th **Annual Meeting St Margaret's Church Isfield,** Village Hall. 7-8pm

Thurs 19th & 26th **PILATES with Medeana,** Village Hall. 8.30-9.25am OR 9.30-10.25am

Isfield Art Group Village Hall. 2-4pm

Sat 21st **Race Night,** doors open 7.30pm at Isfield Village Hall.

Sun 22nd **DEFIBRILLATOR DEMONSTRATION by Derek Smith.** Laughing Fish 6.30pm

Mon 23rd **Cricket Academy Nets Starts.** Recreation ground 5.30pm

Thurs 26th **Curry Night.** Laughing Fish Pub. Booking essential, menu available
April 7th

Mon 30th **Cricket Academy Nets** Recreation ground 5.30pm

MAY

Wed 2nd, 16th, 30th **Isfield Dance Club** Village Hall 7-10pm

Wed 2nd **Isfield Wednesday Club. Popular Music Through the Years by Pamela Marsh.**
Village Hall 2.30pm

Thurs 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st **Pilates with Medeana,** Isfield Village Hall.
8.30-9.25am OR 9.30-10.25am

Isfield Art Group, Village Hall. 2-4pm

Pizza Night Isfield Farm Shop 5 - 7.30pm

Sun 6th **Laughing Fish Pub Quiz**, 8.00pm, teams up to six, £1.50 pp, please book a table.

Mon 14th, 21st **Cricket Academy Nets** Recreation ground 5.30pm

Mon 7th **Barbecue in the garden of Laughing Fish** from 12 noon (Normal food menu also available in the pub)

Weds 9th **TWIG. Medical detection Dogs** Village Hall 7.45pm

Sat 12th **Small Drumming/Percussion Workshop** Village Hall.

ILHBS Disco to the sounds of LEVEL 11 Village Hall 8pm - 11.30pm

Sun 13th **Little Horsted C.E. School Fun Run.** Isfield Recreation Ground 10am

Mon 14th, 21st **Tai Chi with Andrea,** Village Hall. 2-3pm

Wed 16th **Isfield Wednesday Club. Notorious women of Brighton by Louise Pesket.**
Village Hall 2.30pm

Fri 18th **Isfield Wine Club.** Village hall 7.30pm

Sun 20th **"Singing Fish"** Laughing Fish 7.30 until 9.15pm.

Thurs 24th **Morris Dancing - Shalesbrook Ladies Morris supported by Cuckoos Nest** at Laughing Fish

Wed 30th **Isfield Wednesday Club. Toc H in Flanders by Jim Withall**
Village Hall 2.30pm

Thurs 31st **Isfield Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm

JUNE

Sun 3rd **Pub Quiz** Laughing Fish 8.00pm

Mon 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th **Tai Chi with Andrea** Village Hall 2-3pm

Cricket Academy Nets Recreation ground 5.30pm

Weds 6th **TWIG. TBC - Screen Printing with BIP Art**
Village Hall 7.45pm

Thurs 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th **Pilates with Medeana.** Village Hall
8.30-9.25am OR 9.30-10.25am

Isfield Art Group Village Hall 2-4pm

Pizza Night Isfield Farm Shop 5 – 7.30pm

Wed 13th, 27th **Isfield Dance Club** Village Hall 7-10pm

Weds 13th **Isfield Wednesday Club. Buffalo bill and Queen Victoria by Bill McNaught.**
Village Hall 2.30pm

Thurs 14th **World Cup** - matches at the Laughing Fish

Sun 17th **Singing Fish.** Laughing Fish 7.30pm

Mon 18th **WORLD CUP Football** - Tunisia vs England, Laughing Fish 7.00 pm

Sun 24th **Isfield Village Fete**

Wed 27th **Isfield Wednesday Club. Food, glorious Food by Alan Hodges.**
Village Hall 2.30pm

JULY

Mon 2nd, 9th, 16th **Tai Chi with Andrea** Isfield Village Hall 2-3pm at

Mon 2nd, 9th, 16th 23rd, 30th **Cricket Academy Nets** Recreation ground 5.30pm

Weds 4th **TWIG. BBQ at Bev & Jim's**

Thurs 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th **Pilates with Medeana.** Village Hall 8.30-9.25am OR
9.30-10.25am

Sat 7th **Mosaics Workshop.** Village Hall. Contact Adele: 07969 119479 or
adele@blackbirdarts.co.uk www.blackbirdarts.co.uk

Wed 11th **Isfield Wednesday Club. Regency in Caricature by John Ford.** Village Hall
2.30pm

Isfield Dance Club Village Hall 7-10pm

Fri 20th **Isfield Wine Club - tour of Bolney Vineyard**

Wed 25th **Isfield Wednesday Club. Tea at the Lavender line.**

AUGUST

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

Sat 11th **Isfield Flower Show**

Fri 24th - Sun 26th **Isfield Festival of Talent** exhibition (ARTWAVE)

Village hall Fri/Sat 11am - 6pm,

Sun 11am - 4pm

Sun 26th **ILHBS Membership BBQ**

SEPTEMBER

Mon 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th **Tai Chi with Andrea.** Village Hall 2-3pm

Wed 5th, 19th **Isfield Wednesday Club.** Village Hall 2.30pm

Isfield Dance Club

Village Hall 7-10pm

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 at

Weds 12th **TWIG.** Village Hall 7.45pm

Fri 21st **Isfield Wine Club** Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm

OCTOBER

Mon 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th **Tai Chi with Andrea.** Village Hall, 2-3pm

Wed 3rd **Isfield Wednesday**

Club. Village Hall 2.30pm

Isfield Dance Club - buffet dance 7-10pm. Village Hall 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

Oct cont.

Weds 10th **TWIG.** Village Hall 7.45pm

Wed 17th, 31st **Isfield Wednesday Club.** Village Hall 2.30pm

Isfield Dance Club Village Hall 7-10pm

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

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

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 **Friends of Isfield Village Hall CHRISTMAS PARTY** Village Hall 7pm

Sat 8th **ILHBS Quiz.** Village Hall 7pm for 7.30pm start

Wed 12th **Isfield Wednesday Club.**

Village Hall 2.30pm

Isfield Dance Club

Village Hall 7-10pm

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