

The Parish Magazine

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November 2024



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Anna Edwards

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THE PARISH CHURCHES OF ST. GEORGE, BREDE and ST. MARY, UDIMORE

Worship in our Parish Churches centres on the Holy Eucharist at which members meet together to offer themselves to God, and draw strength for their daily lives.

Our churches are open for prayer during the day.

WEEKDAY HOLY COMMUNION AT BREDE

Wednesday 10.30am

SUNDAY SERVICES

BREDE

Sung Eucharist at 9.30am on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday

UDIMORE

Holy Eucharist at 11:15: - 1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday

Family Service at 11:15 - 2nd Sunday

PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE A BENEFICE SERVICE ON THE 5TH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10:00AM.

THIS SERVICE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN
THE FOUR CHURCHES IN THE BENEFICE.

DETAILS OF THE BENEFICE SERVICE WILL BE GIVEN IN
THE 'PARISH SERVICES' PAGE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MAGAZINE.

For those who are sick, housebound or aged, it is a privilege to bring the Blessed Sacrament to their home at any time – day or night.

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U N D E R T H E V I N E



November 2024

In Father Owen's absence, this month's introduction is from the Rev. Dr Liz Varley, Associate Vicar in Beckley & Peasmarsh.

Dear Everyone (and greetings to all four of our churches!),

As November begins, I'm heading up to Iona for Work Week in the Abbey. This is a time for putting right all the things that have got worn, mislaid, damaged or left in the wrong place during the hurly-burly of another long season, and for cataloguing all the good things that are safely stored away for next year. It's also a fun place for meeting with friends old and new, for the great Monday Morning Cooked Breakfast we all look forward to with mouth-watering anticipation, and for the timeless peace and presence that people have been finding on this holy island since before St. Columba arrived there (in about 563).

Is anyone else a fan of Ellis Peters' Brother Cadfael novels? There's a passage near the beginning of the last one, Brother Cadfael's Penance, which I particularly love. "He had never before been quite so acutely aware of the particular quality and function of November, its ripeness and its hushed sadness. The year proceeds not in a straight line through the seasons, but in a circle that brings the world and man back to the dimness and mystery in which both began, and out of which a new seed-time and a new generation are about to begin. Old men, thought Cadfael, believe in that new beginning, but experience only the ending. It may be that God is reminding me that I am approaching my November. Well, why regret it? November has beauty, has seen the harvest into the barns, even laid by next year's seed. No need to fret about not being allowed to stay and sow it, someone else will do that."

As we move into the Remembrance season there will be our shared moments of hushed sadness when we look back to past sorrows and pray to be shown how God is redeeming the damage and destruction we human beings seem unable to stop inflicting on each other – the news is so hard to listen to at the moment.

May there also be moments of new seed-time when we look forwards with hope. In Peasmarsh and then in Beckley our schools have given us two lovely Harvest celebrations, with the children of our community singing their praise and thanks to God for all the good gifts around us, and their determination to use what God gives for the benefit of all God's family. May our children lead us into a profound commitment to the new season which is stirring amidst the dimness and mystery, as in faith we see it about to begin.



Yours with love, Sister Liz.

Parish Services for November

St George's Brede

Sun 3rd: 9.30am Holy Communion
 Wed 6th: 11.00am Eucharist
 Sun 10th: 9.30am Holy Communion
 Wed 13th: 11.00am Eucharist
 Sun 17th: 9.30am Holy Communion
 Wed 20th: 11.00am Eucharist
 Sun 24th: 9.30pm Holy Communion
 Wed 27th: 11.00am Eucharist

St. Mary's Udimore

Sun 3rd: 11.15am Parish Eucharist
 Sun 10th: 10.45am Remembrance Service
 Sun 17th: 11.15am Parish Eucharist
 Sun 24th: 11.15am Parish Eucharist



Remembrance Day

They shall have stars at elbow and foot; Though they go mad they shall be sane, Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again; Though lovers be lost love shall not; And death shall have no dominion

Dylan Thomas

Table of Readings for November

Sun 3rd– 4th Sunday before Advent

First Reading: Ruth 1:1-18
 Psalm: 146
 Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-14
 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Sun 10th– 3rd Sunday before Advent

First Reading: Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
 Psalm: 127
 Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28
 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Sun 17th– 2nd Sunday before Advent

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3
 Psalm: 16
 Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-19)
 Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Sun 24th– Last Sunday before Advent

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
 Psalm: 93
 Second Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8
 Gospel: John 18: 33-37

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Remembrance

**The first two-minute silence held in London
(11th November 1919) was reported in The
Manchester Guardian on 12th November 1919:**

"The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect. The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough & fume & stopped dead & the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads & stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition. Someone took off his hat & with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here & there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman, not far away, wiped her eyes & the man beside her looked white & stern. Everyone stood very still ... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city & become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain ... And the spirit of memory brooded over it all."

Remembrance means different things to different people. For some it's about observing traditional elements such as the Two Minute Silence and the laying of wreaths. But over the years, across different cultures & communities, Remembrance is evolving. Remembrance now takes many forms and means something different to everyone. It can be a collective act or something deeply personal.

Why do we remember?

As thanks - It is a chance for individuals, communities and the nation to honour those who serve and sacrifice to defend our way of life and who gave their today for our tomorrow.

To bring communities together - Communities across Britain irrespective of religion, race or ethnicity share a history of service and sacrifice from the two World Wars through to the present day. Remembrance is a time to reflect on what we have in common.

To understand who we are - To understand modern Britain is to understand that it was built upon the service and sacrifice of millions of men and women from Britain and the Commonwealth during the two World Wars and in the rebuilding of the nation after them.

To learn - As we remember the service and sacrifice of so many, who came from every walk of life and from every background, whether they served 100 years ago or today, the act of remembering reminds us that we must all continue to strive for a better and more peaceful future.

We are the ones who will never need to be reminded that "We will Remember Them"
As we are the ones who will always remember those we forever call friend.
Anthony Devanny



BREDE VILLAGE NEWS

FINAL REMINDER - Have you renewed your subscription for The Parish Magazine !! Please do so if you wish to continue receiving it from November

Brede Design with Flowers - The ladies are doing remarkably well, They did brilliant Harvest arrangements & this month will be doing something for Christmas that will last. We meet in the Church straight after Little Giants at **11.00am** if you would like to join us & do something yourself for Christmas you are welcome, just bring evergreen greenery & either real or fake flowers the latter looking very real amongst greenery.

If you wish to join us please contact Rhiannon Oliver 01424 882037



Brede Luncheon Club - How quickly the months come & go; we're already into the Autumn Season! When the Lunch Club met in September we enjoyed a nourishing first course of Shepherds pie with mixed vegetables & a dessert of creamy, Crème Brûlée! Thank you Gary & Lindsey & your helpers behind -the - scene, for all you do to make us so welcome at the Red Lion each month. Christmas will soon be here on **Tuesday 17th December** Gary will be preparing a Christmas meal for us. (Details to follow next month.) We next meet on **Tuesday 26th November at 12.30. pm at the Red Lion**- the fourth Tuesday of the month. Please inform me ASAP if you are not able to join us- this helps SO much with the catering arrangements. *For Information - Frances Parnham—Secretary & Membership: T. 01424 882007*

Brede Friendly Circle - On **November 20th** we are going to **Blackbrooks** for our coffee and maybe a bit of Christmas shopping. Last month we went to Lime Warf cafe and we had a lovely sunny day to enjoy our coffee and each other's company. If you feel you would like to join our coffee group you would be very welcome. **Please contact Carol 01424 883262**



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

We met on in October in the Church Room at St George's & enjoyed a relaxing but somewhat, at times, a taxing but happy afternoon, because after reading the service Rhiannon showed us various ways of folding table napkins which were not at all straightforward, being a new exercise. Anyway, we did our best & afterwards Rhiannon made us a cup of tea & we had a good talk ..

Rosemary Crouch

Our next meeting will be on **November 6th**, when, thinking of Remembrance Sunday we will have a go at making Poppies **If you wish to join us please contact me.**

Rhiannon Oliver 01424 882037 or email: r.oliver641@btinternet.com

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Our 5 mile circular walks cost £3 and begin at 10.00am. All walks end with a rewarding pub lunch and a quiz. Our talks with popular guest speakers cover a range of topics and are held from 2.00pm at Brede Village Hall, and cost £5 for members/£10 for non-members – including refreshments



Walk & Pub Lunch Tuesday 12 November



Our November walk begins and ends at the excellent **Queens Head** pub in Sedlescombe. The attractive 15th Century pub is located at the top of the village green and offers locally sourced food to suit a variety of tastes. There is ample parking available both in the Queens Head car park and along the green.

Talk | The Hussey Family Thursday 21 November



Helen Davis, The Collections and House Manager of **Scotney Castle**, will be talking about the three generations of the Hussey family that called the historic house, castle and grounds their home, focussing on the estate's last owner Christopher Hussey CBE who passed away in 1970 and bequeathed his beloved Scotney to The National Trust.

SOME FUN REVENUE EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY: Christmas Party: Thursday 5th December; Christmas Walk & Pub Lunch at The Robin Hood, Icklesham: Thursday 12 December.

Contact: Dee Williams (membership) 07760 115413 membership@nationaltrust@gmail.com
Julie Eches (bookings) 01797 225317 julie.etc@btinternet.com

st michael's hospice

invites you to help shape the future of the new hospice building. Since their initial announcement in March, they have been busy seeking advice from heritage & planning experts to find out what may or may not be possible on the current site whilst reviewing other potential locations. This process of research & due diligence will help determine where the new hospice will be located. In the meantime, the Hospice is gathering ideas to help shape the design brief of the new building & would love to hear from you. Feedback to date highlights the importance of space for families, easy access to a garden & natural views. A member of the community said: "When my dad was in the hospice, he loved looking out at the flowers & birds. It was important for him to still feel the outside world. A garden space is important." If you want to share your ideas or if you'd like the Hospice to come & talk to your community group contact futurehospice@stmichaelsospice.com.

Brede WI

Our October Meeting opened with a warm welcome to our speakers, visitors and members, from our J/President, Jennie Drew.

theWI
INSPIRING WOMEN

Autumn is proving to be a busy time and we're looking forward to celebrating the season with an Autumn/ Halloween themed lunch at Udimore Village Hall. Our Clubs are all flourishing, keeping members busy and entertained and, rehearsals for our Pantomime are now underway. Following on from the business part of the Meeting, J/President, Sue Orchard, presented cards and plants to our 'Birthday Ladies'.

Our Speakers, Gardner Crawley and David, from the Rother Valley Steam Railway, were introduced. Gardner set the scene by giving an interesting history of the Rother Valley Railway, (RVR). Originally built for public use way back in 1901, the route passes through the Rother Valley, from Robertsbridge to Bodiam and onto Tenterden. Sadly, the line was closed in 1961 by Beeching. However, it was successfully revived by 1974 onwards. Since then major projects have continued to restore and preserve steam train travel locally.

David then took the stage. He proudly announced that the Kent & East Sussex Railway, are celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. He emphasised that this achievement would not have been possible without the dedicated teams of volunteers. "A skilled workforce is needed to maintain the trains, tracks and Stations and there are many opportunities for young volunteers also, to come along and develop their interests and learn new skills", he said. Attracting visitors and tourists to travel on the railway is vital and there are many interesting and special and imaginative events planned throughout the year, including, 'The Fish and Chip Train' and, 'Halloween Fright Night'.

Gardner Crawley and David are both wonderful Ambassadors for the K& East Sussex Railway, having been involved from the start of the revival in 1974 and their enthusiasm for steam travel certainly rubbed off on us! Mary Jo Griffiths gave the vote of thanks on behalf of a very appreciative audience!

The ACWW Competition: 'Something Pink' was won by Beryl Jenkins.

Our next meeting - Wednesday 13th November, 2.00pm - Brede Village Hall.

The speaker is Chris Richards and the talk is entitled. 'Energy Champion'

The ACWW competition: 'Let there be Light'

Frances Parnham

**For information on Brede WI please contact
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BREDE Village Hall - Classes & Activities

ADULT BALLET: Thursday 11.00 – 12.30pm

Aisha: studiojamie@icloud.com

BREDE LUNCHEON CLUB: 4th Tuesday , The Red Lion, Brede, 12.30pm

Frances: 01424 882007

CRAFTERS: Last Wednesday of the month 2.00pm

FARMERS MARKET: Friday 10.00 – 12.00pm

JAZZ DANCE & STRETCH: Thursday 9.45 – 10.45am

Aysha: studiojamie@icloud.com

LITTLE GIANTS BABY & TODDLER GROUP: Thursday 9.30am

(Term Time) St. George's Brede.

MOTHERS' UNION - 1st Wednesday, St George's Rectory, 2.00pm

Mrs. Rhiannon Oliver 01424 882037

NATIONAL TRUST Rye & Dist. Ass.: 3rd Thursday of the month 2.00pm

Louise Hull: 07791383323

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Tuesday 9.30 – 12.30pm (in the months that have 5 Tuesdays there will be an extra class)

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Cranbrook Town Band Charity Christmas Concert



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7.30pm for 7.45pm

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Wednesday 20th November

Wednesday 8th January

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st michael's hospice

Sunday 1st Dec -Lights of Love

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Lights of Love services will be held across Hastings & Rother on **Sunday 1st & Sunday 8th December**, visit stmichaelshospice.com/event-diary to find out where. Complete an online request form at stmichaelshospice.com/event-diary to request a star or call 01424 456396 or pick one up from any of the St Michael's Hospice shops.

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Brede Village Hall

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Village Hall Booking:

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St George's Brede - Christmas Tree Festival 7th of December

10.30am - Coffee & Shortcake or Cheese & Fruit Scones, craft stalls, cake stall, new gift stall & Raffle

12 noon - Lunch - Two different soups with a bread roll

2.30pm - Mulled wine and mince pies.

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**School children and parents are invited
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Transport

We have arranged with FlexiBus to pick up any who would like to come so, if you know someone who might like to come and doesn't have transport, do let us know.

Please contact Steve on 01424 882222, or email him at steve@chitcombe.co.uk to book a seat. There is no charge for the transport if you hold a Concessionary Bus pass or £4 return without one.

Rye Harbour Sailability (RHS)
enables people with disabilities to enjoy the fun and freedom of sailing at Rye Harbour.

We are fund raising for our fourth boat, a Coulam V17 Wheely Boat, which will enable us to get wheelchair users out on the water at Rye Harbour, thus widening our customer base.

Our charity is run entirely by volunteers. It is only with the help of the local community and fundraising bodies, that we can raise the funds needed to bring this important project to life.



Bonfire Night Supper
Sausage and bacon frikadeller with onion & mustard sauce - Nigel Slater
 Serves 4 Oven: 200C/gas mark 6.
A sweet & mellow feast for a Bonfire night supper.

Frikadeller

450g, herby, well-seasoned pork sausages
 150g, smoked streaky bacon, finely diced
 2 tsp, parsley, chopped
 2 tbsp olive oil

Cabbage

500g red cabbage
 2 tbsp olive oil
 4 cloves
 4 tbsp cider vinegar
 2 tbsp redcurrant jelly

Sauce

400g onions
 3 tbsp olive oil
 1 tsp coriander seeds
 6 juniper berries
 2 bay leaves
 1 tbsp grain mustard
 double cream

Slit the sausage skins & remove the meat. Put into a bowl & discard the skins. Add the bacon to the sausage, mix in the parsley & check the seasoning. Roll the mixture into 12-16 table tennis-sized balls. Set them apart on a baking sheet & refrigerate for 15 minutes.

Warm the olive oil in a frying pan over a moderate heat, add the frikadeller & let them brown, turning from time to time. Transfer to a baking dish & bake in the oven for 15 minutes until cooked through. (Keep them warm while you finish, switch off the oven & cover with foil.)

For the sauce, peel & finely slice the onions. Warm the olive oil in the pan in which you fried the frikadeller & add the onions. Lower the heat, partially cover with a lid and cook for 15-20 minutes until soft & pale gold. Add the coriander seeds, juniper & bay. An occasional stir will help the onions to cook evenly. Stir the mustard & cream into the onions, let it bubble briefly, adding salt & pepper

Halve the cabbage & shred finely. Heat the oil in a deep pan or casserole, add the cabbage & cloves & cover. Continue cooking for 5 minutes, giving it an occasional stir, add the vinegar & replace the lid. Leave to cook for 2 minutes, then stir in the jelly & add salt & pepper. Transfer the cabbage to a serving bowl, place the frikadeller among the cabbage, spoon over the onion sauce & serve.

UDIMORE VILLAGE NEWS

FINAL REMINDER - Have you renewed your subscription for The Parish Magazine !! Please do so if you wish to continue receiving it from November

St Marys Church, Udimore

Our Great

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come and meet Father Christmas

SATURDAY 30th November 11.00am – 2.00pm

St Marys Community Hall Udimore TN31 6BB

Entry Ticket £1 (children free)

*All the usual: Christmas Cakes/Puddings & Preserves
 Christmas Wreaths * Gifts * Mulled Wine /Mince Pies
 * Tombola * Raffle * Children's Fun & much more!*

**PLEASE COME & MEET UP AT THIS
 SPECIAL VILLAGE EVENT**

Zoe Wilmoth 07771657670

UDIMORE EVENTS CALENDAR

1st November	Get Together Friday 10-12pm Community Hall
2nd November	All Soul's Day service
10th November	Remembrance Service 10:45am St Mary's
30th November	Christmas Fair 10:30-12:30pm Community Hall
6th December	Get Together Friday 10-12.00pm Community Hall

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

15th December	Carol Service 3.00pm St Mary's
24th December	Crib Service 2.00pm St Mary's
	Christingle service 3.00pm St George's
	Midnight Mass 9.00pm St Mary's
25th December	Christmas Day service 11:15am St Mary's

Jim's JottingsWHO'D BE A GRANDAD?

Bill & I bumped into each other, that Thursday afternoon. We knew each other pretty well. He & Ruth had moved into their house in the same road in the same week as Rachel & I had. He looked down in the mouth. I could see he wanted to talk. "What's up, Bill" I asked.

"It's the grand-children, I can't stand them. Ruth would have them all day if she could. Once she & Felicity get together, I'm not in the picture at all. 'Oh yes' she says, 'we'll go to the zoo or the sea; Grandad will drive' & she turns to me, "'Won't you Grandad? It'll be such a lovely day.'" "Ruth can't drive, you see & I've run out of excuses now I'm retired. On the day, I hope it bloody pours & we won't have to go. How old? Two & four." "Not much of a choice, then," I said sympathetically. "No," said Bill "In the car, they touch everything & it gets so sticky. Then if the youngest one fills her nappy, you can guarantee it'll be just after we've set off".

"Sounds awful," I said, "With five of you in the car, it'll be just like Oscar Wilde said about Heaven: 'The press, the smell'" "I'd use plainer words than that," said Bill. "It's the same in the house; finger marks everywhere, toys all over the floor - not a moment of peace & quiet." "Oh don't go out, Bill," says Ruth, 'They love having Grandad to play with them.' But Grandad wants a bit of peace! I'd better go in, now, I suppose. I'll be wanted to take them home. Four miles there, four miles back. You can feel the whole car sigh with relief. So long." And he crept away, bent over with unhappiness.

I met Bill a fortnight later in The White Horse, "You'll never guess what!" said Bill. "Go on" I said. "They've only been & bought a house in Brampton" he said " & they're having work done on it. Felicity says with builders in, it's best they're out of the way; & she has suddenly found she can drive; the children are both old enough to use those special seats & surprise, surprise, they're over here three or four times a week. Ruth says, 'Now you will be nice to them, won't you Bill, they're having a hard time of it – "Them having a hard time of it" says Bill "Pouf - Another pint"

About six weeks later I saw Bill again, this time he was in the bus stop sitting alone. "Hello, Bill, "What's happened to the car, then?" I asked. You look really down in the dumps." Well, it's like this" said Bill "you remember last time I told you about Felicity's house?" I nodded. " You remember the builders were working downstairs. Well, when they were done, the architect had a look upstairs. Blow me, he found dry rot & beetle in all the upstairs floors, plus the whole chimney needs replacing." At this juncture Bill gave a deep sigh, which not very successfully covered a sob. He looked at the drizzle slowly coming down. He almost shouted the words: "*The beggars are moving in with us!*" His disappointment was plain.

Then I remembered. My contacts in the local Council! - Bill now has a part time job going round schools, emergency services, village halls & so on to check on the safety of their fire extinguishers & can choose the hours he wants to work.

He was grinning all over his face when he saw me next. "Sometimes," he told me excitedly,

I can be out for most of the day. It's marvellous!"**Jim**

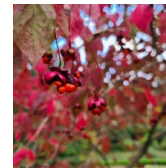


In 2019, Leonardslee Gardens

Horsham RH13 6PP opened after a closure of 9 years, this magnificent Grade I listed garden was nearly lost forever & has been the subject of the largest garden restoration in England & possibly

Europe. These spectacular & ancient gardens are open for the public to enjoy once again. Head gardener Jamie Harris says

"There are so many things in the garden this month The autumnal hues of the season continue to develop & dazzle all throughout the garden. November may be synonymous with Bonfire Night but it's the fireworks of the horticultural kind that excite us! As well as the obvious highlights of Acer Walk with its Maple trees in full show, there are plenty of other plants in the garden this month to see. The Shagbark Hickory tree (*Carya ovata*) down at Waterfall Pond for example is an unusual specimen with stunning butter-yellow leaves, while elsewhere in the valley is *Nyssa sylvatica* (or Tupelo tree) that turn a range of yellows & oranges at this time of the year. A stunning orange-hued *Parrotia persica* (Persian Ironwood tree) on Daffodil Lawn & a young specimen of *Cercis canadensis* 'Ruby Falls' planted below the Courtyard..



There's another garden highlight at this time of year that is the start of the winter scented shrubs display. Plants that flower in autumn & winter have to work extra hard to attract the fewer number of pollinating insects & therefore their scent is often stronger & more enticing than most of the spring or summer plants. We have plenty of *Mahonia* (Oregon Grape) & *Sarcococca* (Christmas Box) shrubs that fit the bill, but the scented star of the show at this time of the year is a group of large *Osmanthus* shrubs. Commonly known as Sweet Olive, they may look like a lush green holly-like plant during most of the year, but right now they will be smothered in delicate white highly scented flowers. You'll almost smell them before you see them!

It's time to start thinking about putting down a good mulch. An organic well-rotted compost, manure or other similar material. Mulching can often be a miracle fix for a whole range of problems. Applied at the right time of year (autumn is good as the ground should be moist & warm) & to the right depth (2 inches is the minimum) mulching has many benefits. It suppresses weed growth which might out-compete the plant for water & nutrients. It will help to retain moisture in the soil, particularly if done after rainfall. It will also improve soil structure by encouraging worm activity which in turn improves drainage & access to soil nutrients. Mulching helps to keep plant roots cool in summer & warm in winter & helps to prevent soil compaction & erosion if you only do one job in your garden this month, give it a good mulch!"

*The last Fungi Walk of the year is on **November 6th at 11am** & Autumn Walk on the **7th at the 10.30am** & garden tours on **Monday 4th and Wednesday 20th.***