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Reaching out to the community
December 2024



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&
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Wednesday 11.00am

SUNDAY SERVICES

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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.

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*Merry
Christmas*

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From the Rector's Pen

December 2024

Dear Friends,

As we find ourselves once again at the threshold of the Christmas season, I offer you my warmest and prayerful greetings. The story of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, is one that resonates deeply, not just in churches and chapels, but across the villages and fields of our rural communities. Here, among the quiet corners of our four parishes, the meaning of Christmas feels especially profound, as we reflect on the significance of God coming to live among us.



In a world that often feels divided and distant, the message of Christmas is a beacon of hope. Jesus, born in humble surroundings, reminded us that God does not remain afar from us but comes close. He is not just a figure in a faraway land or a distant time but is near to us, living within our hearts and continuing to be a gift to us each and every day. The joy of Christmas is the reminder that, despite the hardships and uncertainties that may surround us, God is with us – in the laughter of

children, in the shared meals, in the familiar sounds of carollers in the village square, and in the quiet moments when we feel His presence in our homes.

As we approach the end of another year, I want to take this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to all of you. Your active participation in the life of these parishes is a continual source of blessing. Whether it is through the quiet prayers of the faithful in our pews, the dedicated work of volunteers, or the generous support of time, talents, and finances, you all contribute to the flourishing of our church communities.

As we gather around tables this Christmas, whether in the warmth of our homes or the fellowship of our churches, let us not forget the poor, the lonely, and the sick. We are reminded that the first visitors to the Holy Child were humble shepherds, who came with nothing but their hearts full of awe. This season, let us extend that same generosity of spirit, reaching out to those in need in our communities, offering a helping hand, a listening ear, and a kind word.



May the peace of Christ fill our hearts and our homes this Christmas, and may the blessing of Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and on those whom you love, now and always. Amen.

I wish you all a Holy Advent, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

***Faithfully yours,
Father Owen***



Parish Services for December



St George's Brede

Sun 1st: 9.30am Holy Communion
 Wed 4th: 11.00am Eucharist
 Sun 8th: 9.30am Holy Communion
 Wed 11th: 11.00am Eucharist
 Sun 15th: 9.30am Holy Communion
 Wed 18th: 11.00am Eucharist
 Sun 22nd: 9.30am Holy Communion
 Tue 24th: 4.00pm **Christingle Service**
 Wed 25th: 11.00am Christmas Day
 Sun 29th 10:00am **Benefice Service**
Beckley

St. Mary's Udimore

Sun 1st: 11.15am Parish Eucharist
 Sun 8th: 11.15am Family Eucharist
 Sun 15th: 3.00pm Carol Service
 Tue 24th: 2.00pm **Crib Service**
 4.00pm **Christingle Service**
 St George's Brede
 9.00pm **Midnight Mass**
 Wed 25th 11:15am **Christmas Day**
 Sun 29th 10:00am **Benefice Service**
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Benefice Service
Sunday 29th
December, 10.00am
All Saint's, Beckley

YOU are warmly invited to join the
Advent Teatime
Bible Study Group
 Meeting at Vine Cottage, Main Street,
 Peasmarsh TN31 6UL
 from 3.30-5 pm on Friday November
 29th and Friday December 6th, 13th & 20th over tea, crumpets
 and mince pies to look at what light the whole Bible has to
 shine on the journey of the Magi.
 [Matthew 2: 1-12]



Table of Readings for December

Sun 1st– 1st Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14–16
Psalm: 25: 1-9
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Sun 8th– 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4
Canticle: Benedictus (Luke 1:68-79)
Second Reading: Philippians 1.3-11
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

Sun 15th– 3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Psalm: 146: 4-10
Second Reading: Philippians 4: 4-7
Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

Sun 22nd– 4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a
Psalm: 80: 1-8
Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Wednesday 24th - Christmas Day

First Reading: Isaiah 52. 7-10
Psalm: 98
Second Reading: Hebrews 1. 1-4 (5-12)
Gospel: John 1. 1-14

Sun 29th - 1st Sunday of Christmas

First Reading: 1 Samuel 2. 18-20 26
Psalm: 148: 1-14
Second Reading: Colossians 3: 12-17
Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

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Dear Members of the Parishes of Brede & Udimore, I'm writing to say that the December edition, will be my last contribution as editor of The Parish Magazine for St. George's & St. Mary's. It has been a privilege & a pleasure to work with you in both parishes. I'm not moving out of the parish, but have some projects coming up that will require much more of my time. In light of that I will not be able to spend the time on the magazine that it deserves. So, from January, the magazine will continue under the very capable hands of Rhiannon Oliver & a small team from both parishes. The Parish Magazine is an integral part of our village life & I am sure it will continue to grow & spread between all our parishes in the Benefice.

Elizabeth St Clair George

JIM'S JOTTINGS..... "IT'S NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE!"

But then it never was. Christmas Magic for one thing. During & after World War II in Britain, chicken was very expensive. Roasting a tough & stringy boiling chicken was all some families could afford, with no sixpences for the Christmas Pudding either. "It's not what it used to be!" No, it's not what it used to be. We shy away from today's difficulties by going all nostalgic. In the 1970s, a cry went up to return to "Victorian Values". Supporters seemed to forget the women & children aged from five upwards working in mines, or on factory shifts of twelve hours or more a day for six days a week. Who's for "Victorian Values" now? Nostalgia can be just running away from the present. It's easier to take refuge in the past. But we filter this & save only the bits that make us feel comfortable - because trying to recreate what we fondly believed to be someone else's reality is sadly just chasing after wind. In the mid 1850s writers expressed their horror. "The Condition of England." as they termed it was a cry that asked, "What's happened to this country?" It's changed beyond measure. It was a reaction to new things like capitalism, migration & colonialism. People moved from villages & poorly paid seasonal work to the huge new towns & factories to find work. Or they emigrated. Railways, smoke, thunderous noise, no stop for rest, all serviced by a weak & malnourished people, some with industrial injuries. For most, their life expectancy was very short.

So then, as now, people indulged in nostalgia. The upshot they created in their minds was a stark unreality. Some artists dreamed dreams; they painted idealised rural scenes of the past to satisfy this longing. Country cottages, with children outside perhaps feeding a few chickens. But don't look at the watercolour too closely; the reality is easily missed. The children depicted in the scene belong to a poor family. The thinness of their clothes matched the patched & leaking thatched roof that makes the cottage so damp.

What we are presented with is the reason why farmworkers moved to the new industrial towns or emigrated. Miss the details in the painting & we recreate a one-sided picture & not the truth the painting tells. In our lifetime, as one writer put it, "by the 1970s nostalgia had been normalised & made popular, a fad." We can now recreate the past we want; as the makers of the television advert for Hovis did. Whilst modern pop songs wail with the angst of the pressures of modern urban living on relationships. Film & television have now turned the whole quest of longing for a past into a commercialised competitive sport. If there's one film or programme about the past, don't worry - there will be another one along soon. If we wish for more of the past then we have now been conditioned to have as much of it as we want.

So be careful. Nostalgia is used more often than not to create a merely idealised past. Attempts at nostalgia just skirt round the truth and are often deceptive..... **Jim**

BREDE VILLAGE NEWS

Brede Design with Flowers - The small group do really well & I am very proud of their achievements. At our November meeting we made our Christmas Tree design. **Our December meeting will be Thursday 12th December, 11.00am**, to put together a Christmas design for our home. We meet on a Thursday in St George's Church after Little Giants. If anyone would like to join us they are very welcome. **Please call 01424 882037 or email r.oliver641@btinternet.com**



Brede Luncheon Club - What a treat awaited us when we met in October! We enjoyed a generous pork roast with all the trimmings & a very fruity, fruit crumble dessert. Our grateful thanks to Gary, his kitchen staff & Lindsey & her team, for their excellent service, you all look after us so well when we visit the Red Lion!

We will celebrate 'The Festive Season' with a traditional Christmas meal on **Tuesday 17th Dec at 12.30 pm at the 'Red Lion' in Brede**. Our thanks also to Beryl Jenkins for organising the raffle prizes each month & to Joy Wild who is always on hand to sell the tickets for us - a big 'Thank you to you both. **A Very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all!**

Brede Friendly Circle - The ladies enjoyed their trip to **Blackbrooks** We drank beverages & nattered then perused the stalls with their myriad of goods for sale. Some were bought in readiness for the Christmas season. Our December meeting is on **Wednesday 18 December at Flackley Ash Hotel at 12noon for 12.30pm**. We'll take wrapped presents to put in a sack & pass around after dinner for a lucky dip. Each person receives a present & we usually open them to admire what each of us has received. We are open to anyone else who wishes to go out to coffee, lifts can be arranged. **Please call our secretary Carol on 01424 883612.**

Wishing our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



We really do require more members to fulfil the aim of giving help to those who need it. The movement has progressed much further & the help we give is various. Brede MU do the Toiletry bags for the Conquest Hospital. We help the Rye endeavours when we can. We can help with the Citizenship Ceremonies in Hastings & we provide teas, coffee's & cakes after this very moving ceremony. It has never been done by us yet but we could help with 'Eat Cake'. If we had more members as part of the Chaplaincy team they are able to access the baby unit & give solace & a listening ear to those who need it. (mothers, fathers & staff) Anyone can become a member male or female parents or not. A Christian outlook is beneficial. **Please contact Rhiannon Oliver 01424 882037 or email r.oliver641@btinternet.com if you are interested**, I hope some of you are. Our Christmas meeting on **Wednesday 4th December at 1.30pm at 2 Bellhurst Cottages**. There will be readings, poems, quizzes & carols before we have our festive afternoon tea. We will not meet in January as it will be New Years Day.

Wishing you a Peaceful Christmas and a Joyeux New Year!





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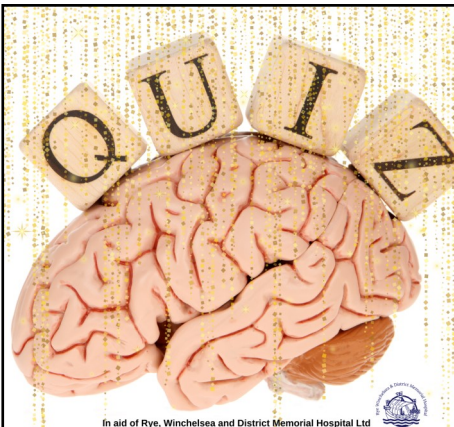
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 at the Northiam Christmas Fair
 Northiam Village Hall
 Rwanda Christmas cards
 and craft sale



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Brede WI

There was a lively and buzzy atmosphere in the Village Hall when Brede WI met in November. After a welcome from our J/President, Jennie Drew, the business part of the Meeting got underway.

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 INSPIRING WOMEN

There are several events planned leading up to Christmas including; helping with the refreshments at The Friends of Conquest Hospital's Christmas Craft Fair; and participating in both the Rother Group WI's celebration of Carols and Readings and the Christmas Tree Festival in St. George's Church. Members are also looking forward to the **'Christmas Lunch' at the Flackley Ash Hotel on 17th December.** The birthdays of the month were acknowledged, with each member receiving plants and cards with our good wishes.

It was a pleasure to welcome Energy Champions, Helen and Martin, from 'Energise Sussex' to our Meeting. Their message to us was, 'How to Save Energy', and the following areas were covered by their presentation. 1) Solving energy billing issues. 2) Accessing the best energy tariff and available support. 3) Tips on how to reduce your energy usage for free. 4) Support to access funding to insulate your home. 5) Heat loss: Free energy-saving essentials- draught proofing materials, LED light bulbs and more. 6) Grant applications for essential household items. Martin was keen to point out that help is available and advice can be sought for all our energy needs., just **email: energisesussexcoast.co.uk** In conclusion, Martin stressed to be aware scams!

Diana Good gave the vote of thanks, commenting that we had all benefited from such a helpful and informative talk.

The ACWW Competition: : "Let there be light", was won by Beryl Jenkins..

Our next meeting - Wednesday 11th December, 2.00pm - Brede Village Hall. will be our Christmas Party- Full of Festive Fun

Happy Christmas and New Year' to you all from Brede WI !

Frances Parnham

For information on Brede WI please contact Frances Parnham T:01424 882007



BREDE VILLAGE NEWS

Christmas Programme

- 05** DECEMBER **Cranbrook Town Band**
Thursday 7:00 PM
£10 inc Festive Drinks & Mince Pies
St George's Church, Brede
- 06** DECEMBER **Christmas Tree Festival**
Friday 3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM
Saturday 10:30 PM TO 4:00 PM
Sunday 11:00 PM TO 12:00 PM
- 15** DECEMBER **Benefice Carol Service**
Sunday 3:00 PM
Nine Lessons & Carols
St Mary's Church, Udimare
- 21** DECEMBER **Little Giants Christmas Party**
Saturday 10:00 AM
All children welcome!
St George's Church, Brede
- 22** DECEMBER **Christmas Sing-Along**
Sunday 3:00 PM
With Gary, Duncan & Friends
The Friends of St George's Church
- 24** DECEMBER **Christmas Eve Services**
4:00 PM Christingle Service
11:00 PM Midnight Mass
St George's Church, Brede
- 25** DECEMBER **Christmas Day Service**
Wednesday 9:30 AM
Family Service
St George's Church, Brede

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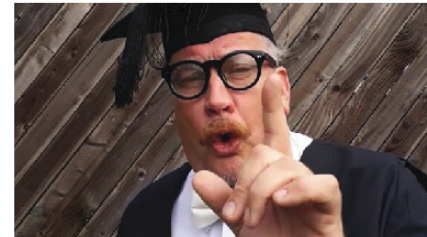


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We offer a range of enjoyable events each month to members and non-members of our association. Walks September-June | Talks October-May
Our 5 mile circular walks cost £3 and begin at 10.00am. All walks end with a rewarding pub lunch and a quiz. Our 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.



Christmas Party | Thursday 5 December 2pm



Tony Harris, actor and historian, will be entertaining us in his character 'The Headmaster'. We will all be in his class and taken down memory lane! The Christmas Party will follow the entertainment. Small decorated tables will be set out around the hall, and a buffet will be provided, including mulled wine and mince pies. Cost £19. Book Now!

Walk & Pub Lunch Thursday 12 December



By popular demand we are returning to the excellent **Robin Hood** pub in Icklesham for our festive circular walk and meal. The Robin Hood is a family owned pub and restaurant which has been serving the local community for over 25 years, offering a wide selection of ales and ciders. There is ample parking available.

Talk | A History of Sport in Sussex Thursday 16 January



From the amazing to the bizarre. **Matthew Homewood** takes a lighthearted look at the history of sporting events in Sussex, with cricket, football and horse racing, as well as the much-loved Sussex game of stoolball. Matthew will treat us to tales of all these events, which should be entertaining and informative with wonderful photographs.

SOME FUTURE EVENTS TO ADD TO YOUR DIARY: Walk and Pub Lunch: A linear walk from Cooden Beach to St Leonards-on-Sea, Tuesday 11th February.

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st michael's hospice



Lights of Love - Sunday 1st & Sunday 8th December, Reflect & remember those we miss at a St Michael's Hospice Lights of Love event. Add a star dedication in their memory to one of the Lights of Love trees & watch the tree lights shine bright. "Lights of Love will always be a time when we reflect on the life we shared with our loved ones." 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.

The Big Give - 3rd – 10th December. One donation, double the impact.. Every contribution made online, through the St Michael's Hospice Big Give campaign during this period will be doubled by match funders. If you're thinking about supporting a local charity this Christmas, or had already planned to donate to the Hospice, you have the opportunity to double your impact. The money raised will go towards creating a Christmas for patients & their loved ones to remember. **For more details, please visit stmichaelshospice.info/big-give or call 01424 456396.**

Christmas on the Coast, Saturday 7th December, 11am-4pm, Stade Hall, Hastings Old Town, St Michael's Hospice invites you to join them for their annual Christmas on the Coast celebration. It's set to be a festive day out the whole family will love. With a special visit from Father Christmas, festive crafts & many more fun activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Bring your children, grandchildren, parents & friends for a magical day of Christmas cheer. Entry is free. **To find out more, visit stmichaelshospice.com/event-diary or call 01424 456396.**

Christmas Crackers - Christmas is almost here, and the St Michael's Hospice Lottery Christmas crackers are a fun way for you to celebrate. Each cracker includes a scratch card, for a chance to win cash prizes, as well as the traditional hat, joke and trivia. With every cracker pulled, not only will it bring a bit of fun to the festivities, but it supports the vital work of the Hospice in the community. But that's not all, the Hospice will also be selling beautiful Christmas cards, perfect for wishing a merry Christmas to your loved ones, friends, neighbours or colleagues. Pick up your Christmas crackers and cards from any of the St Michael's Hospice shops. **You can find your local shop here: stmichaelshospice.com/retail or call 01424 728728 to find out more.**

Thank you! St Michael's Hospice would like to thank everyone in the community for their support & generosity over the past year. Running the Hospice costs £5.5 million per year, with only a third of their income coming from the NHS. This means they have to rely on generous donations from their community. Whether you've attended an event, enjoyed a cup of tea or cake, made a donation, completed a sponsored challenge or shopped for pre-loved treasures, you've directly contributed to the vital services which St Michael's Hospice provides to Hastings & Rother., to support & enable people to live well with dying death & loss. Thank you for being such an important part of the community.



Cranbrook Town Band Charity Christmas Concert



Thursday 5th December, 7.30pm for 7.45pm

St George's Church

Waterworks Lane Brede, TN31 6HG

Tickets £10 available on the door

includes wine and a mince pie

Children - £1, squash & cake; under 5 years free

Raffle

Please support this event

All proceeds in aid of the Royal British

Legion & Brede Church



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
Accompanied by our choir

2.30pm - Mulled wine and mince pies.

Father Christmas is back!

Ideal for family fun so come & enjoy this wonderful event that is being shared with

"Follow the Star"

**School children and parents are invited
to a Preview of the
Christmas Tree Festival
& visit Father Christmas**

6th of December, 3.30pm - 5.00pm



FROM THE BENIFICE



4Charities

Get Together Friday
Friday 6th December
10:30 to 12.30

Coffee Chat, Games, Refreshments & Company
St. Mary's Community Hall,
Udimore TN31 6BB

£5 (or more!) gratefully received

SAVE THE DATES!

Get Together Friday - 3rd February
Winter Lunch - Friday 7th February 2025

Contact Liz Turgoose: 07808 597689/Judy Edwards: 01424 882222
for tickets or more information

Transport

We've arranged with FlexiBus to pick up any who would like to come so, if you know someone who might like to come & 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.

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UDIMORE VILLAGE NEWS

Three Sussex Cattle in Brede & Udimore ...

Frank Langrish

Many people often remark how nice it is to see the cows & calves along the road going through Udimore which are the local Sussex breed. There are now three herds in the Parishes of Brede & Udimore. The Dean family have kept Sussex on their organic farm for many years and we started our Pedigree herd seven years ago and now have almost 60 cows. The newest herd is the Wheelers at Parsonage Farm.



The Sussex breed were originally a multi-functional animal. They were kept for milk & meat having great tasting marbled meat & as a draft animal used in the 19th Century, for pulling heavy loads such as timber or muck carts. They tend to be quite docile & even tempered, but they can be very protective when they have young calves. They are very distinctive with the deep red colour & large bodies, often topped with a large set of horns that stuck out straight from their heads & could be up to six feet across. These days many are bred not to have horns & become polled, much easier to manage & safer to handle. The modern breed have also been crossed with meatier breeds such as the Aberdeen Angus & Limousin to improve their conformation. Being a native breed they are very good at eating lower quality forage & will live outside all the year round if ground conditions allow. The largest herd of Sussex cattle is at Windsor & is now owned by King Charles. His late Mother & Grandmother were great lovers of the breed & is known as the Bowes Lyon herd. The breed has been exported to many countries in the world & is very popular in South Africa as they thrive in the dry climate. Our cows spend the winter around Camber Castle at Winchelsea Beach where the land is free draining & they don't make much mess when fed hay for a few months. The only time they come in is for calving which starts in February & is mostly completed by April. The calves stay with their mothers until October when they are weaned. The cows will have run with the bulls again from early May & the bulls are taken out just before the calves are weaned. The cows are all pregnancy scanned from mid October & the scanner can tell how many weeks they are in calf by. This helps in planning & space in the yards at calving. We keep most of the heifer calves to go into the herd & these are two years old before they go to the bull & so are almost three years old when they calve for the first time. The cows can be kept for up to 15 years all the time they have a healthy calf. We have three bulls, Gerald, Baxter & the newest Captain who cost over £5k. Bulls only last as long as they can be used on enough cows until their daughters come into the herd. The bull calves are castrated soon after birth & are mostly sold as store cattle when they are 18 months old. We do fatten some & any heifers we don't breed from. These are sold through local butchers at, Winchelsea, Pett & Hawkhurst. Unfortunately the nearest abattoir we use nowadays for cattle is on the Essex coast at Burnham on Crouch, all the closer ones having closed down.



Peasmarsh & District Ladies Choir



The choir is singing at the annual Carols by Candlelight Service at Peasmarsh Church on Advent Sunday, 1st December at 3.30pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Thereafter they will be singing Carols with the residents at Peasmarsh Place followed by a short winter break, resuming rehearsals again on 4th February 2025 at Broad Oak Trinity Methodist Church.



UDIMORE VILLAGE NEWS

CHRISTMAS at TIBBS !

Mini Photoshoots - 8th December

Katie from Mini Apples Photography will be at Tibbs in our Christmas Tree plantation to capture photos of you and your loved ones and make a memory to treasure.

To book please contact Katie directly at miniapplesphotography@outlook.com



Festive Afternoon Tea

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December

12.30pm or 2.00pm



Gather friends and family together for an Afternoon Tea with a Twist. Their boards will include a selection of festive favourite (all made in house) served with an optional glass of mulled wine. Tickets are available through their website www.tibbsfarm.com



“FRIENDS QUIZ” - 26th October

The Friends of St. Mary's Church Udimore hosted a successful quiz on 26th October. There was a full house with teams of six on seven tables.



In some cases it turned into teams of seven but no one seemed to mind!

It was a light-hearted, sometimes rowdy evening despite threats of heavy-weight bouncers in the cupboard. Timothy our excellent quiz master kept control & banished questions from the audience skilfully. His own questions were excellent, taxing but possible.

Despite being very short-staffed the Friends committee provided a jolly evening with cottage pie & a raffle. Many kind people from the village, friends & relations stepped in to help. We were extremely grateful for that.

Our organising group is small. We would welcome anyone who could give a small amount of time to join our committee & introduce new ideas. It is all fun.

The quiz was an excellent evening. **£610.01** was raised & will go towards the upkeep of St. Mary's Church & church yard, the bricks & mortar.

Liz Dean - Friends of St. Mary's Church Udimore, Charity Number 292990

BREDE VILLAGE NEWS



QR Code for St George's Brede - Thanks to Dan, St.

George's now has it's own QR codes that will make it easier for everyone to access different information about St. George's.

This QR code will take you to St George's website. Why not try it?

But what are QR codes? - The QR (Quick Response) code system was invented in 1994 at the Denso Wave automotive products company, in Japan. The initial alternating-square design presented by the team of researchers was influenced by the black counters & white counters played on Go Board with the pattern of the black-white areas on printed matter. The functional purpose of the QR code system was to facilitate keeping track of the types & numbers of automobile parts, by replacing individually-scanned bar-code labels on each box of auto parts with a single label that contained all the data of each label. The quadrangular configuration of the QR code system consolidated the data of the various bar-code labels with Kanji and alphanumeric codes printed onto a single label.

Whereas a barcode is a machine-readable optical image that contains information specific to the labeled item, the QR code contains the data for a locator, an identifier & web-tracking. To store data efficiently, QR codes use four standardized modes of encoding: (1) numeric (2) alphanumeric (3) Bute or binary and (4) kanji. Compared to the standard UPC barcodes, the QR labelling system was applied beyond the automobile industry because of faster reading of the optical image & greater data-storage capacity in applications such as product tracking, item identification, time tracking, document management & general marketing.

A Stroll through Old Brede:16th October A Talk by John Crook

It was a great delight to prepare and deliver my presentation on Old Brede, given in aid of The Friends of St George's in that church on 16th October. Over the years I have amassed a large digital archive of photographs of the village, many of them kindly lent by Brede residents present & past. I was able to compile a kind of pre-digital *Street View* perambulation, taking the audience down Brede Hill & back, around the village green, through Cackle Street & down Stubb Lane, looking at the houses & occasionally meeting some of the inhabitants. I recalled some of the people of my childhood: amongst them Billy & Audrey Allen, who fed me my daily dog biscuit when I visited their shop, Lou & Flo Dann who once scolded me for crying so loudly at night that they could hear me from *John & Mary West* & Eric Winch who allowed me to 'drive' his tractor.

At least sixty people attended the talk. As well as the illustrated presentation, they enjoyed free wine or soft drinks & excellent 'nibbles'. There was also a raffle. I am grateful to Committee members for all their work at this event, which raised **£432**. This will allow the Friends to continue their important role of helping the church pay for repairs and beautification of the wonderful historic building.

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)

Ann Cootes 01424 882524

PILATES: Every Thursday 6.30 – 7.30pm

Geraldine: 07811141873

SHORT MAT BOWLS: Every Friday 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Sue McGavin 01424 883566 / Lynne Bramley 01424 882252

VOCALITY: Every 1st, 2nd & 4th Thursday, 2.00 - 3.30pm *(Term Time)*

Nadia: 01424 8882948 nadia.florence@btinternet.com

WI: 2nd Wednesday of the month 2.00 – 4.00pm

Beryl: 01424 883475

YOGA: Tuesday 7.30 – 8.30pm

Jodie: jpreaser38@gmail.com

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*All classes in term time stop over half term & school holidays
For information: Penny Williams 07541 263 991 - Or Just Turn Up!*



St Mary's Church UDIMORE

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

2024

15th December
Carol Service 3pm St Mary's
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24th December
Crib service 2pm St Mary's
Christingle service 4pm St
George's, Brede
Midnight Mass 9pm St Mary's
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25th December
Christmas Day 11:15am St
Mary's

PLEASE JOIN US OVER THE CHRISTMAS
SEASON

UDIMORE - St. Mary's Hall - Classes & Activities

PILATES: Monday - Thursday 9.15 - 11.15am (Term time)

Susan Taber: 07858 518504 susantaber66@yahoo.co.uk

ELEVATE YOGA: Flow Yoga suitable for all : Tuesday 7.00- 8.00pm (all year round)

Rachael: 07921854105, Elevateyogaclass@googlemail.com

SLOW FLOW TO YIN YOGA: Monday 7 - 8:15pm

Jo-Jo Hancock: jojo@yogacreative.co.uk

STUDIO JAMIE BALLET -Tuesday 11.00am

Jamie: 01424 882238

VINYASA FLOW : Friday 8.00am

Jo-Jo Hancock: jojo@yogacreative.co.uk



UDIMORE - St. Mary's Hall - Hire

Planning an event - Looking for a venue?
Our Hall nestling next to the Church and set amidst orchards, is bright & modern with central heating, a large car park, a well fitted kitchen & disabled facilities.

Monday – Friday £12.00 per hour (Events 1 to 6 hours duration)

Events on Friday may have to finish by 14.00pm if there is a weekend wedding

Saturday & Sunday £15.00 per hour

One Day & Evening Hire

Sun - Thurs 08.00 - 23.00 (max15 hrs) £240.00

Fri & Sat 08.00 - 23.30 (max 15.5 hrs) £350.00

Hire charges for some events over 6 hours may be negotiable.

Weddings

For information and hire charges please contact
udimorehallweddings@gmail.com

For all further details and booking, please contact:

Email: udimorehallbooking@gmail.com



BREDE Village Hall - Hire



Brede Village Hall

Planning an event - Looking for a venue?
Our Village Hall is a bright, modern building with central heating, a large car park, a well fitted kitchen and disabled facilities.



Monday – Friday

Residents: 8.00 am - 11.00 pm £12.00 per hour
(10 or more sessions per year)

Non- Residents 8.00 am - 11.00 pm £14.00 per hour

Weekends

Residents: 8.00 am - 11.00 pm £12.00 per hour

Non- Residents: 8.00 am - 11.00 pm £19.00 per hour

Committee Room

£9.00 per hour

Treatment Room

£9.00 per hour

- All hiring sessions terminate at 11.00pm

Village Hall Booking:

Penny Williams: villagehall.brede@gmail.co.

Chairman: Rod Came

Email chair@bredevillagehall.org.uk

Bookings can also be made online

<http://www.brede-pc.org.uk>

Go into village hall screen and make provisional booking, this is then automatically emailed to me for verification, you can always go back onto the site later to see if you provisional booking in grey has changed to green which means it is then booked. An Invoice will be then sent to you for payment for your booking. Please supply a postal address.





All Things Christmas

*Happy Happy Christmas,
that can win us back to our
childhood days, recall to the*

*old man the pleasures of his youth, & transport the
traveller back to his own fireside & quiet home.....*

Charles Dickens

Advent Calendars

Advent means “coming” or “arrival” in Latin, but before the Middle Ages, the word referred to the second coming of Christ, not his birth. The Advent season was full of prayer, penance & fasting ahead of the January feast of the Epiphany. A very different vibe from the merry-making that we associate with the season. So, when did Advent become a bit more fun? In early 19th century Germany, Christians totted up the days leading to Jesus’s birthday by marking their walls & doors with chalk or lighting a candle. This period became known as Advent & the daily markers developed into more elaborate devotional images or lines of scripture. The first calendar, a wooden one was created in 1851, but paper versions were only printed commercially at the start of the 20th century. Then in the 1920’s Gerhard Lang added concealed images and Bible verses behind little numbered windows – the prototype for the calendars we buy today. Actually, Gerhard’s mother should have some of the credit as she had the idea of attaching 24 little cookies to a square of cardboard for him to sample in the days leading up to Christmas. The idea of a daily surprise or treat during Advent certainly inspired his version of the calendar. He formed a company to produce the calendars but was closed before the Second World War. After the war a Stuttgart based company started to print them again and many were brought back to Europe and America by returning serviceman.

But it was a British chocolate manufacturer that introduced chocolates into the calendars in 1958. And finally, Cadbury’s launched their own version in 1971. Advent calendars have become increasingly secular but the traditional Advent format prevails with a focus on the run up to the Birth of Christ, excluding Christmas Day itself. Instead, you go to the tree to find the last chocolate for the 25th

Even the simplest Advent Calendars can spark joy by forcing us to pause, savour and stretch out the anticipation of the feast of Christmas.



Thought for Christmas

Rhiannon Oliver

*Autumn hues, red, yellow, orange, green & brown,
Trees & shrubs dressed in utter splendour
All blended together in a golden crown.*

*A beautiful sight, God’s blessing, so tender.
In the city, countryside & town.*

*The weather changed with howling wind & snow
The Rain driving hard on pavements, leaves
dancing*

*Snow so gentle floating down & sticking to the
window*

*Grey sky, clouds scudding by, sunlight chancing.
Creeping around corners & casting long shadows.*

*The month flew past in November. Now, it’s
December,*

*A month of gaiety, singing & lots of food on the
table*

*A busy time for many, but we must remember
Little baby Jesus asleep with animals in a stable.
No fire to keep him warm, not even an ember.*

*Jesus the lamb tried to bring us together with love
His life, was the gift he gave us, so that we might
live*

*Through him peace is represented as a dove
In this busy December, what will we give?*

To God’s son Jesus our Saviour in Heaven above.

Eggnog - The exact origin of eggnog is unclear, although the root of the name comes from the English word ‘nog’ – a type of beer brewed in East Anglia on the 1600s and a ‘noggin’ which was a small carved vessel used to serve alcohol.

The original drink is believed to have derived from posset- a blend made by monks in the middle ages with warm milk, alcohol, figs and spices such as nutmeg. History has seen the recipe evolve with the addition of rum, sherry, brandy or whisky, with raw eggs, cream and sugar. In his novel Great Expectations Charles Dickens includes a version of the drink, called flip. While the name ‘eggnog’ also has links with a version drunk in colonial America. George Washington, was particularly fond of the drink, penning his own recipe.

“One-quart cream, one-quart milk, one dozen tablespoons sugar, one-pint brandy, ½ pint rye whiskey, ½ pint Jamaica rum, ¼ pint sherry – mix liquor first, then separate yolks and whites of 12 eggs, add sugar to beaten yolks, mix well.

Eggnog Bread Pudding Serves 8

Oven: 180°C/160°Cfan/ Gas Mk 4

unsalted butter for greasing

500g sliced white bread

50g dried apricots, chopped

50g dried cranberries, chopped

800ml eggnog

2 tbsp caster sugar

Grease a 1.5 litre oven dish and line the bottom of the dish with bread cutting the slices to fit. Sprinkle over a third of the dried fruit and pour over a third of the eggnog. Repeat the process three times then sprinkle with caster sugar. Bake for 45-50 minutes until golden. Allow to cool slightly, then serve



Cranberries

These hardy plant’s jewelled fruits arrive in Autumn, ready for the Christmas menu, The repertoire of these tart berries, rich in antioxidant, stretch much further than just an accompanying sauce. Cook with beef & red wine for a stew, add to chestnut and bacon stuffing or produce your own liqueur by steeping in vodka together with sugar, a vanilla pod and orange peel.



Holly

Even without it’s connotations of Christmas holly is one of winter’s great visual pleasures.

When so much of the garden is leafless, holly makes a truly splendid sight, with its glossy evergreen leaves and gleaming red berries. Plus having plants in the garden that fruit and seeds throughout the year is such a support for wildlife .Holly also makes an excellent base for topiary, with a tolerance of regular pruning which means they can be crafted into dense shapes. Chose a variegated variety to contribute something totally different to yew or box. Give hollies full sun, they don’t like shade that’s’ too deep/ Plant in free draining soil as they don’t like sitting in water/ If you want berries, make sure you’ve got both male & female plants for pollination

