Parish Magazine

For the Benefice of the Lower Ouse Valley

September 2026

IFORD | KINGSTON | PIDDINGHOE | RODMELL | SOUTHEASE

From Rev'd Joe



What Are You Carrying?

September begins the season of Harvest in the church. Although this year many of the crops were brought in much earlier, Harvest still gives us an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful bounty with which we are blessed.

Recently, I came across a photograph of a harvest in another country, and it prompted me to ask a simple question: What are you carrying?

For school children, it might be a brand-new book bag, or perhaps a new rucksack for starting secondary school. It might be a suitcase as you head off on a late-summer holiday, or lots of bags, pots and pans, and bedding as you leave for university. Perhaps it is your old favourite handbag as you head to the shops or meet someone for coffee.

These are the things that other people can see us carrying. But what about the things we carry within?

There are the good and uplifting things we carry around in our hearts: the joy of friends and family, memories of happy times over the summer, making sandcastles on the beach, or simply the awe and beauty of a sunset lighting up the sky with colours that no photograph can quite capture. Yet many of us also carry burdens that cannot be seen.

We carry loneliness and grief for those we have loved and lost. We carry regrets over choices that we, or others, have made. We carry anger and hurt when relationships have not gone well. We carry worries about our health, our finances, our families, and about the world in which we live. Some of these burdens can become very heavy.

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Don't miss the events and occasions happening along the valley this month

SEPTEMBER				
03/09	19.00	All C7	Speed Watch Meeting	Rodmell Village Hall
03/09	19.30	Kingston	WI: Paper Making & Book Binding	Kingston Parish Hall
04/09	13.00 onwards	Kingston	Kingston Cup Golf Tournament	Lewes Golf Club
05/09	17.00	Iford	Private View Artwave	Iford Church
05-20/09	See page 9 for timings		Artwave	everywhere
12/09	All churches		Ride and Stride	See page 6
15/09	19.00	Rodmell	Rodmell Parish Council Meeting	Rodmell Village Hall
26/09	19.30	Kingston	Quiz Night with Fish & Chips	Kingston Parish Hall

For future months' activities, please see page 3

CHURCH SERVICES: SEPTEMBER 2026

The UNITED BENEFICE *of*

IFORD *with* KINGSTON,

PIDDINGHOE, RODMELL & SOUTHEASE

Rector: Rev'd Joe Chipper Tel 01273 967511 email: Rev.JoeChipper@outlook.com

Times in bold are the new times for this month's services and will also continue at these new times

Sunday 6th

08:00	PIDDINGHOE	Said Communion BCP
09.30	KINGSTON	All Age Worship followed by Refreshments
09.30	IFORD	Music and Meditation
11.00	RODMELL	Parish Communion

Sunday 13th

08.00	KINGSTON	Said Communion
09.30	KINGSTON	Parish Communion
	IFORD	No Service this month - Artwave exhibition
11.00	RODMELL	Matins joined by Southease and Piddinghoe

Sunday 20th

09.30	KINGSTON	***CAMEO** (Come and meet each other)
09.30	PIDDINGHOE	Harvest Festival
11.00	RODMELL	Harvest Festival
18:00	IFORD	Evensong





Sunday 27th

09.30	KINGSTON	Parish Communion
11.00	SOUTHEASE	Parish Communion, Harvest Festival joined by Rodmell and Piddinghoe



***CAMEO**- is a relaxed Sunday gathering for conversation, friendship, Scripture, music and prayer—an open and welcoming space to connect, explore faith and build community, where everyone is invited to come along and bring a friend... with coffee & tea.

If you would like a visit, please do call or email. Every blessing, Rev'd Joe

WHAT'S ON IN OUR PARISHES

PLEASE send dates/times/location of any Charity Events, Parish Meetings, Socials with local benefit (not commercial) to i.k.r.maged@hotmail.co.uk or text to 07976 254316

SEPTEMBER
See Front Page for September's activities

OCTOBER				
03/10	All day	Swanborough	Apple Pressing Day	Swanborough Green
24/10	16.00	Kingston	Village Voices Autumn Concert	Kingston Church
27/10		Iford	ISVS AGM	Iford Hall
NOVEMBER				
17/11	19.00	Rodmell	Rodmell Parish Council Meeting	Rodmell Village Hall

DECEMBER				
06/12tbc	10.30 – 3.30	Iford	Christmas Fair	Iford Hall
JANUARY 2027				
19/01	19.00	Rodmell	Rodmell Parish Council Meeting	Rodmell Village Hall

FEBRUARY 2027				
21/02	14.30	Iford	Winnie The Pooh; Songs and Tea	Iford Hall

If you attend any of these events, please send photos for inclusion in this magazine to i.k.r.maged@hotmail.co.uk

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Harvest reminds us not only to give thanks for God's generous provision, but also to remember that we were never meant to carry life's burdens alone. Jesus says:

"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Our churches are open every day, and I encourage you to take a few moments to step inside. Lay down whatever it is you are carrying, even for a little while, and spend some time quietly with God.

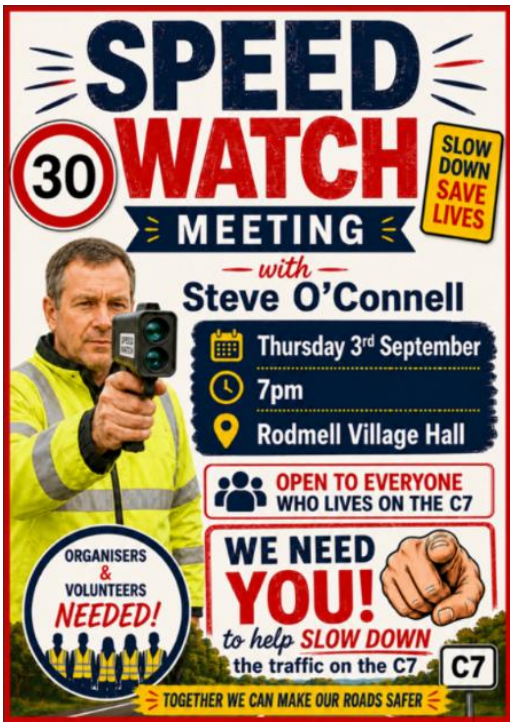
We are also delighted to be starting CAMEO, a new regular gathering on the third Sunday of the month in Kingston, for music and prayer, Scripture/ readings, friendship and an opportunity for conversation over tea & coffee. It is a relaxed and welcoming opportunity to meet together, explore faith and build community... and everyone is welcome, so why not come along and bring a friend? Perhaps you come carrying thanksgiving. Perhaps you come carrying joy. Perhaps you come carrying worries. Or perhaps, like most of us, you carry a little bit of each. Whatever you are carrying, you are welcome.

I hope you will join us at one of our Harvest services. And, just to keep you on your toes, we have changed our service times, only slightly for some, but please note that some services are now earlier and some may even have moved to a different week!

Come and celebrate God's goodness with us and bring whatever you are carrying.

You will find a warm welcome. *Rev'd Joe*

GENERAL NEWS



This meeting is open to residents from all the C7 parishes and is a real opportunity for us as C7 residents to express our opinions about the driving on the C7 and to do something to improve its safety.

Speed Watch could potentially make a significant impact on driving along the C7. It will involve groups of residents receiving training from Sussex Police to operate hand-held speed cameras, at intervals, in their local areas. Offending drivers will then receive 'warning and advice' letters from the police.

Steve O'Connell from Sussex Police will be leading the event **in Rodmell village hall on Thursday 3rd Sept at 7.00pm**. Steve Pearce, representing the Safer C7 Project, will also be attending the meeting

Something to make you smile!

How adorable is this? A very young resident taking church locking up and un-locking duties very seriously!



William Rees Jeffreys and the C7 as we know it today



Rees Jeffreys' life aim was to create better, more attractive, safer and more accessible roads. He promoted the idea of roads as an amenity; opening up access to the countryside for recreation and appreciation of beauty, as well as providing connections between villages, towns and cities. He established the pull-in viewpoint at High and Over, Seaford for example.

Rees Jeffreys, who in later life lived in Wivelsfield, was a keen cyclist and was a member of the council of the Cyclists Touring Club (CTC) and its representative on the Roads Improvement Council. He introduced surface sealing to improve travel for road users and reducing roadside nuisance. The road we now know as the C7 was one of the first roads to have the new tarmacadam surface so cyclists would have a more comfortable journey to the port for travel to the Continent. (ironically, now, only the most determined cyclists will use the C7).

For centuries, the narrow, winding track had been the only direct land route between the County town, Lewes, and Newhaven. The Ouse was the only alternative route as the railway didn't arrive until 1864.

Along the route are working farms, a vineyard, pubs, three Norman churches and one Saxon age church, two sites of special scientific interest, a National Trust Property, campsites, B&B accommodation and just off Southease village the only Youth Hostel on the South Downs Way. Both the South Downs Way and the Greenwich Meridian, which splits the hemisphere into east and west, cross the C7.

Rees Jeffreys introduced the UK road classification system and designated the road as the southern end of the A275 until the mid-1970s when the A27 Brighton to Polegate Lewes-bypass was constructed and the A26 was extended to Newhaven to accommodate HGV traffic coming away from Newhaven Port. At this point 'our road' was reclassified as the C7 and HGVs were prohibited from using it so that it could revert to a quiet rural road serving local residents. Although this didn't really happen then, The Safer C7 project has now managed to get HGV drivers coming from Newhaven to agree to use the A26 rather than the C7. But, as anyone living along the C7 will know, the volume of traffic is high, dangerous and fast. East Sussex Highways and the Safer C7 Project are working to improve the safety of the road as it still weaves its way through beautiful countryside.

Rees Jeffreys established the Road Fund that lives on in his name in 1950 and, following his death in 1954, his estate funded the endowment which has for over 75 years offered financial support toward education, research and physical projects that would carry on his work to improve road safety.

Sorry the text is so small – it was the only way to get it in – please use a magnifying



Anna MacLeod: Landscapes & Seascapes & More

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The Garage at Chartside, The Avenue, Kingston, BN7 3LL
annamacleodart.com

A selection of oil paintings, inks, pencil drawings of landscapes, seascapes, animals, life drawings and more. Mainly local scenes including my main love of clouds and blustery days. Call 07976 254316 for other appointments.

11:00 - 16:30 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Lovebrook Community Artists: Everything Is Here

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Lovebrook, The Street, Kingston, BN7 3NT
lovebrook.org

Join us at our beautiful ecological community farm and café, and explore this collaborative exhibition of works created with natural and local materials.

10:00 - 15:00 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Black Hurts Day

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3 Tuppen House, The Street, Kingston, BN7 3NX
instagram.com/frazergdonald

Explore the paradox of 'true black' through heavy, sculptural impasto. These tactile works move beyond the canvas to treat black as a conductor of light and a physical landscape of emotion.

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Rachael Stedman: Exploring the Sussex Landscape

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Hyde Manor, The Street, Kingston, BN7 3PB
rachaelstedman.com

A mix of recent plein air paintings, prints and portraits will be on display in Rachael's studio next to Kingston Church.

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Anna Bower: Beneath the Surface

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Providence, The Street, Kingston, BN7 3PB
instagram.com/annabowerartist

Anna creates artworks using reclaimed paper and natural dyes. She will showcase new work in her garden studio, including a selection of smaller pieces made especially for the festival. Other times by appointment.

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The Natural Beauty of Kingston

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St Pancras Church, The Street, Kingston, BN7 3PB
kingston-pc.gov.uk/artwave-nature-photography-exhibition-2026

Visit St Pancras Church in its tranquil village setting to enjoy a slideshow of captivating photographs by residents and visitors celebrating nature recovery in Kingston. Ramps available into the church.

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Ceramics & Print

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The Holdings, Kingston, BN7 3NH • instagram.com/jjpots2024

Julia Jefferson: stoneware ceramics, large salad bowls, tiny spice bowls, food safe and functional. Emily Sinclair: linocut, collagraph and mixed-media printmaking, prints, cards and notebooks. Park on the road and walk into The Holdings (a small close opposite the school) and you will find us.

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Structures & Surfaces

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Hillside, Wellgreen Lane, Kingston, BN7 3NP
stevebannatyne.com/artwave-26

Steve Bannatyne and Rachael Nicholson present new wall-based and sculptural works, exploring colour, form and spatial relationships across interior and outdoor settings. Also open by appointment during the week.

11:00 - 17:30 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Steve Flowers: Ceramics

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Robin Post, Wellgreen Lane, Kingston, BN7 3NP

Open studio sale. Original, hand-thrown pottery with a range of exciting glazes. Studio will be open for a sale of current and past work. Come and see the studio and what is available to buy.

10:00 - 17:00 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Ed Hodgkinson: People And Places

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Unit 3, The Old Dairy, Iford, BN7 3ES
instagram.com/edhodgkinson

Drawing and painting from life, Ed looks for serendipity and a kind of truth in the drawn line, watercolour, oil and enamel on aluminium sheet. Ed has shown in London, NYC, Cape Town and many others. Steps at venue.

11:30 - 17:00 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Ceramics, Texture & Form

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Iford Grange, Iford, BN7 3EJ
instagram.com/barrythepotter

My 3rd year of Artwave. Ceramics is becoming more and more popular. Lots of interest in how it's done, how long I've been potting and how to get involved. Please come and see for yourself.

10:30 - 16:30 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Iford & Swanborough Artists

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St Nicholas Church, The Street, Iford, BN7 3EN
irenemarot.com

An eclectic exhibition held in the atmospheric 11th century Iford church. A rich display of paintings, prints, sculptures, ceramics, textiles and jewellery. Tea and cakes available and free parking.

11:00 - 17:00 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Along our stretch of the C7, there are 16 venues open at various times over the three-week period of Artwave.

Please support your friends and neighbours along the Lower Ouse Valley and go and see their work.

For all further information please visit:

https://www.artwavefestival.org/



Maddy McClellan: Between Root & Star - New Paintings

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Manor Cottage, Iford, BN7 3EP
maddymcclellan.com

Expressive tactile works, finding the primitive rooted in nature and myth. Celebrating wildness from earth to cosmos and the creatures in between. Accompanied by talismanic textural silver jewellery.

11:00 - 17:00 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Precision Cutting Inspired by Nature

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Stable Cottage, Whiteway Lane, Northease, BN7 3EX
katherinepout.com

Nature reimagined through precision cutting. Vibrant sculptural works reveal hidden patterns, playful movement and intricate detail, transforming the natural world into bold, tactile artworks.

11:00 - 17:00 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Nature Caught in Paint

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Rodmell Village Hall, The Street, Rodmell, BN7 3HU

Botanical art of flowers, fruit and vegetables. Selected watercolours from two classes that meet weekly at Rodmell Village Hall.

11:00 - 17:00 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20



Artwave at Piddinghoe

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St John the Evangelist, Village Green, Piddinghoe, BN9 9AP

Joint artists and makers exhibition showing: basket-making, ceramics, crochet frogs, flowers, illustration, jewellery, papier-mâché, textiles, woodturning and painting. All in our 13th century church.

11:00 - 17:00 • 05 06 | 07 08 09 10 11 | 12 13 | 14 15 16 17 18 | 19 20

KINGSTON

Kingston Women's Institute — the WI — INSPIRING WOMEN

Thursday 3rd September
7.30pm
Kingston Parish Hall

Paper Making and Book Binding
led by Anna Deamer

For further info:

carolctaplin@aol.com or sue@wylde.me.uk

New Members Always Welcome

Sunday 23rd August



Kingston Church thanked Valerie Simmons who had been cleaning the Church Brass for over 20 years

QUIZ & CHIPS 2026

QUIZ NIGHT IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

DATE CHANGED !!!!

7 pm (sharpish) SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER
NOT 19th AS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED !!!

KINGSTON PARISH HALL

FISH & CHIP SUPPER & PUDDING INCLUDED

BRING YOUR DRINKS, PLATES & CUTLERY

TEAMS OF UP TO 8 PEOPLE AT £ 20 EACH

The price does include that funny game of Bingo we play (small prize for the best P.C. name for it !).

Book your Table from Brenda Neller 01273 472720 or 07805 990520

(If you are looking for a refined, sophisticated evening, laced with erudition and scholarly knowledge…. please stay away!)

SUSSEX HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Ride + Stride
SPONSORED EVENT
helping to preserve Sussex Churches
Saturday, September 12, 2026

St Pancras Church, Kingston will be open on Saturday 12th September for Sussex Historic Churches Ride and Stride which sees walkers and cyclists visiting historic churches to raise funds for their preservation. Refreshments will be available.

Can you spare a small amount of time? If you could help, please contact Jane Sallis on janesallis@gmail.com or 07775 708836.

Would you like to participate? Get sponsorship to visit as many different churches as you can through the day. Any route and any transport – walk, run, cycle, ride or drive.

You can be sponsored either based on the number of churches you manage to visit or by a flat donation. After the event, you can collect the sponsorship money personally or collect sponsorships online via the Just Giving page for Sussex Historic Churches Trust.

https://www.sussexhistoricchurchestrust.org.uk/ride-stride

KINGSTON CONTINUED

Fundraising for Church Cleaning – Please Help

We need to pay for church cleaning this year. If you feel you can contribute, we would be grateful. We have suggested £20 per person, but are happy to accept more, or less!).



There are three ways to do it:

1. By Bank Transfer: the new Church Bank Account is
   - Name: Kingston PCC
   - Sort Code: 40-18-22
   - Account No: 32573822
   - Ref: YOUR NAME – Cleaning 24

2. By cheque to Kingston PCC . Take it by hand, or post it to:
   - J.C.Boyes, Deeping, Kingston Ridge, Kingston BN7 3JX
   - or P.H.Neller, 17 Mushroom Field, Kingston, BN7 3LE

3. In cash – in an envelope with your name on the back (for a receipt) - to 17, Mushroom Fields. Please come in through the unlocked outer door and post through the inner, locked door.

Gift Aid: If you have already completed a Gift Aid form in favour of the church we will be able to claim again anyway. If you wish to start for this donation, please include a note or email philneller@gmail.com and we will send you a form. Many thanks in advance from Kingston Church PCC for any support that you can offer.

Artwave Photography Exhibition 2026

Kingston Nature Recovery Group is showcasing a Photography Exhibition in the church during Artwave this September. Photographs will provide a glimpse into Kingston's landscapes and wildlife and nature recovery within the Parish of Kingston; the hopeful, the challenging, the beautiful and the unexpected.

Other Artwave exhibitors in Kingston are listed on page 5

VILLAGE VOICES: AUTUMN CONCERT



Come and listen to a wonderful selection
of music performed by your local community choir
and raising much needed funds for the church

Director: Lucinda Houghton



with guest soloists
LARRY CHARLESWORTH
and BRIONY LAMBERT



at 4.00pm on Saturday 24th October 2026
St Pancras Church, Kingston

To Pay online: please pay £15 per ticket (children under 16 free of charge) on the following bank details:
Name: Kingston PCC Sort Code: 40-18-22 Account No: 32573822 Ref: YOUR NAME – VV2410
Or by cheque (payable to Kingston PCC) or in cash to Brenda Neller at 17, Mushroom Fields.
For further information please call Brenda Neller 01273 472720

IFORD WITH SWANBOROUGH

The pattern of church services in Iford is changing in September.
Music and Meditation remains on the first Sunday of every month but will start 15 minutes earlier at 9.30am.

Parish Communion moves to week 2 and will start earlier at 9.30am, enabling Rev'd Joe travel time.

Evensong will now move back to week 3 and remain at 6.00pm in the summer and 4.00pm in the winter.

Note New Time

Music and Meditation
Sunday 5th September at 9.30am

Anyone of any religion or none is welcome.

Spend half an hour quietly listening to poetry and music and the sound of silence in this noisy world. Finish with a cup of tea/coffee at 10.00. Come at 10.00 just for refreshments and a chat if you prefer!



Nave Altar

At our Parish Communion service in August the Rector initiated a new look at Holy Communion explaining its meaning and symbolism.

He introduced a Nave Altar and an informal wording which certainly brought us back to the simpler actions of the early church.



Artwave
September 2026

The exhibition will be open on

Saturday 5th, Sunday 6th,
and
Saturday 12th, Sunday 13th

11.00am till 5.00pm each day.

Tea, coffee and cake available!

We look forward to presenting the creativity of the many artists and makers in Iford and Swanborough.

For those of you exhibiting, bring your work to the church between 2.00pm and 5.00pm on Thursday 3rd September (collect at 5.00pm on Sunday 13th September if not sold).

All Residents are invited to a

PRIVATE VIEW

IFORD & SWANBOROUGH ARTISTS

From 5.00pm to 6.00pm
Saturday 5th September
(after the public viewing has closed)
join us for a glass of prosecco and see the Artwave exhibition in the church



Local Flora and Fauna

This **stork**, possibly an escapee from Knepp, was spotted on an Iford chimney top on August 14th. We haven't heard of any new babies yet!!!



The warm weather and profusion of buddleias around, have encouraged **hummingbird moths** to the area.
Fun fact: they beat their wings up to 80 times per second and create a humming sound

Forthcoming Events in the Hall

5th September
(birthday party)

10th October
(wedding)



ISVS Apple Juicing Day **Saturday 3rd October** Despite the hot, dry summer, we are hoping there will be enough apples in early October for juicing. The juice is likely to be sweeter and more concentrated following this weather – so it may be a delicious year!

NB: this year we are asking people to bring their own bottles in the interests of being green, So, start to save your empty milk or juice bottles. There will be a moderate supply of new bottles if needed.

RODMELL WITH NORTHEASE

From Jenny Brown; Out and About in Rodmell

CHANGE BACK TO 11AM SERVICES

Services at St Peter's will now be as they used to be – held at 11.00am

Please Note: September 20th is Rodmell's Harvest Festival at 11am. It will be a Celtic Service with Harvest Festival.

The Eclipse



Rodmell has several vantage points to watch the eclipse and villagers congregated at the top of Mill Hill and on the cricket pitch.

With a clear sky, it was a perfect evening for this spectacle and it didn't disappoint. Southeast England didn't have the complete weirdness of the strange darkness experienced in 1999 but nevertheless it created lots of "oohs and aahs"!!

VILLAGER OF THE YEAR -Chrissie Toye

As announced at the Parish Assembly, Chrissie Toye is this year's winner of the Resident of the Year award. She is a worthy addition to the historic roll of honour as someone who has worked tirelessly for the Parish Council and the village, as well as achieving critical acclaim in this year's panto.



Most of you will have seen her litter picking and cleaning bus shelters. In addition, she is responsible for the beautiful wild flowers sown under the finger post opposite the pub and down by the church stile by the wall.

Her enthusiasm for taking on village jobs is epic and she can be relied upon to do what she sets out to do!

She is a retired Dental Nurse and now is a volunteer at Hope in the Valley Riding for Disabled Group. She rides regularly herself. She and husband Paul are a formidable team.

The excellent Rodmell Summer Show was very well attended on 16th August and despite such a lack of rain the entries were excellent with some amazing dahlias and even roses which managed to stay put throughout the afternoon without dropping their petals in the heat.



The Patcham Silver Band played expertly while people had fun on the coconut shy or welly wanging; took part in the tombola, raffle, and lucky dip, or played other games.



All the stalls were very busy and the BBQ, courtesy of Chris and Daisy of the Abergavenny pub, did a roaring trade as did the Pimms and the bar and the tombola and raffle. It was so delightful to see many families at the Show all enjoying the side stalls for which Rodmell has become famous: the coconut shy, golf and the games tent.





Meanwhile, the marquees held plentiful and wonderful exhibits of home grown vegetables and flowers as well as flower arrangements. Adults and children with creative flair, exhibited their photographs, paintings, drawings and handicraft, and the food category overflowed with homemade jams, jellies and preserves, as well as cakes and bread.



The (hot) dog show was as popular as ever; winners wearing colourful rosettes with pride - well, their owners were proud!

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The lovely quilt, donated by the quilting club, was raffled too with the money raised going to the village hall.

All in all, it was the most marvellous afternoon and thank you to all of the hard-working organisers on the Rodmell Horticultural Society committee, in particular Jill Goodman, and the band of volunteers.



Jill Goldman is standing down as Chair of the committee this year. Anyone interested in joining this fun group, please contact her via this magazine.













RODMELL OPERA



The Rodmell Opera followed hot on the heels of the Summer Show and it was staggering the speed at which the field was transformed into stage, auditorium and bar with a huge sound system in place plus lighting.







The evening was as startlingly wonderful: An orchestra of 13 instrumentalists and three top singers, a soprano, tenor and baritone delighted an audience of almost 200 in the open air of Rodmell cricket pitch. The atmosphere was electric as we were entertained with Carmen, La Bohème and other arias from favourite operas while music lovers enjoyed their picnics and drinks on the grass in a wonderful atmosphere. As the light faded and the stage lighting came on the magic certainly happened.

Michael Royalton Kisch is the brains, ideas, contacts and mover and shaker who got all this to happen, along with a terrific band of workers from the village, not least the Opera Committee! An enormous help from Bettina too with her backstage knowledge of instrumentalists and singers.

Thank you to everyone who made this happen. It would never have happened without you.

As this is being written, we are being promised rain next week!! What is that exactly? Next year will all be geraniums in the garden and things that are drought proof. Happy September, Jenny

SOUTHEASE

There has been no news from Southease this month.

PIDDINGHOE



Artwave at Piddinghoe in the church 11.00-17.00 on 5/6th and then 12/13th September

Wonderful artists and makers exhibtion with basket- making, woodturning, ceramics, crocheted frogs, flowers, illustration, jewellery, papier mache, textiles and painting.

CHURCH ROTAS: SEPTEMBER 2026

	KINGSTON	IFORD	RODMELL
6th September			
Flowers	Chrysoula Worrall	Artwave	Audrey Valentine / Marcie Heywood
Cleaning		Artwave	Jenny Brown / Maureen Ford
Sidespersons	Ian and Gwyneth Macdonald	Churchwardens	Michael Sword Daniels
13th September			
Flowers	Caroline Halvatzis	Artwave	Audrey Valentine / Marcie Heywood
Cleaning		Artwave	Jenny Brown / Maureen Ford
Sidespersons	Brenda and Phil Neller	Churchwardens	Ian Bell
20th September			
Flowers	Hilary Oglieve	Anna MacLeod	Carol Putnam / Carolyn Orchard
Cleaning		Tessa Besley and Addie Dalhuisen	Deirdre Parkes / Anna Carasso
Sidespersons 8.00 9.45	Joe and Chrissie Chipper Anne Mudge and Chrysoula Worrall	Churchwardens	
27th September			
Flowers	Jan Sumner	Anna MacLeod	Carol Putnam / Carolyn Orchard
Cleaning		Tessa Besley and Addie Dalhuisen	Deirdre Parkes / Anna Carasso
Sidespersons	Mary Bartlett and Valerie Simmons	Churchwardens	Churchwarden

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Treasurer	Jeanne Symonds	1 New Cottages, Iford BN7 3ER	01273 479030

	KINGSTON		
Churchwarden	Vacant		
Treasurer	Jeremy Boyes	Deeping, Kingston Ridge, Kingston BN7 3JX	01273 473238

	RODMELL		
Churchwarden	Jenny Brown	Abergavenny House, Rodmell BN7 3HS	01273 473939
Treasurer	Helen Macaulay	147 Lewes Road, Newhaven BN9 9SU	07850 130878

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