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Concept of the crown based on an idea by Mark Brown, and made by David Lyon and Mark. To be displayed above the front door of Oak Tree House, in Church Street, Amberley



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The New Vicarage, School Road, Amberley, BN18 9NA Tel: 01798 831 600

Celebrating a lifelong commitment of service to the nation

This month our nation observes a most remarkable anniversary, Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. She is now one of the very longest reigning monarchs in the world of all time and is still amazingly engaged and as active as her age and health permit.

Whether we are monarchists or not, this has given a wonderful excuse for star-studded and horse-themed celebrations, church services and community gatherings, made all the more special as we have missed such events so much during the pandemic years.

Our own local celebrations will be modest but with a nod to days gone by. There are plans for traditional games and activities along with tea and cake at the Amberley Village Picnic on the Millennium Green (Sunday, 5th June, from 2.30pm). In the wider benefice area there is a Platinum Jubilee-themed Flower Festival at St Peter's Parham which runs from 1st June; the holiday weekend will be rounded-off with 1950s-style refreshments after the 6pm Sunday Evensong at Wiggoholt.

How our monarchy and commonwealth may change in years to come we cannot tell, but its survival thus far must be due in no small part to the respect in which Her Majesty is held. For all her adult life, as princess and then as queen, Elizabeth has demonstrated unswerving dedication to the service of our country and commonwealth.

On her 21st birthday she stated: "I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this resolution alone unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it."



The Revd Gerry Burgess

That lifelong commitment is undoubted, even at the expense of family priorities when the royal children were small. We have been saddened by events in the royal family and most recently by the Queen's loss last year of Prince Philip, her beloved husband and loyal companion. Her Majesty, however, has found the strength to carry on despite these very public upsets.

How does the Queen cope and remain seemingly calm and focused? How has she managed to maintain interest in the vast range of people she meets in such a wide range of contexts? Would she not prefer to retire, using her age and failing mobility as the pretext for a well-deserved release from her duties?

There is no doubt that the Queen regards hers as a duty of service for life – the entirety of her life. Aware of the demands of this, she has from the outset asked for the prayers of her people. Her Majesty's faith in God, of which she most often speaks in her Christmas broadcasts, is the quiet but undoubted source of her strength. She seeks to follow in her role as monarch the example of Christ the servant King.

The other recurring theme in the Queen's Christmas messages is that of service to one another, perhaps especially when it is quiet and self-effacing. As we look around the world at political leaders near and far we may reflect how rare is genuine devotion to serving the good of others.

As we give thanks for our Queen's devoted service, may we continue here that tradition of interest in and care for others which characterises a genuine community.

Gerry

The Revd Gerry Burgess
Priest-in-Charge





JUNE SERVICES/BIBLE READINGS

Please note some changes to our services at Amberley this month. In fine weather many services, especially at our smaller churches, may be held in the churchyard.

Holy Communion is now normally given as both bread and wine, dipped by the priest. If you would prefer to receive simply the bread or a blessing, please just say so.

Sunday, 5th June Pentecost/Queen's Jubilee Red Array

The Platinum Jubilee will be marked in all our services. In addition there will be prayers for the Queen around 4.30pm at the Amberley village picnic tea.

9.15am	Holy Communion Also Jubilee Flower Festival open daily.	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong Followed by 50s-style refreshments	Wiggonholt

Sunday, 12th June Trinity White Array

9.00am	Holy Communion	Greatham
10.00am	Morning Prayer	Amberley

A short and simple service before Gardens Open

Sunday, 19th June Trinity 1 Green Array

9.15am	Holy Communion	Wiggonholt
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Parham

Sunday, 26th June Trinity 2 Green Array

9.00am	Matins	Greatham
11.00am	Holy Communion In the churchyard if fine	Amberley

Sunday, 3rd July Trinity 3 Green Array

9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Compline	Wiggonholt

Sunday, 10th July Trinity 4 Green Array

9.00am	Holy Communion	Greatham
10.00am	Café Church In the church hall	Amberley

BIBLE READINGS

5th June

Acts 2:1-21; John 14:15-17, 25-27

12th June

Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15; Psalm 8

19th June

1 Kings 19.1-15a; Luke 8.26-39; Psalm 42

26th June

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14; Luke 9.51-62

3rd July

2 Kings 5.1-14; Luke 10.1-11, 16-20; Psalm 30

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

Baptisms, weddings and funerals can all be held in our churches and Revd Gerry Burgess welcomes your enquiries. Please get in touch (01798 831600) with your requests and to check the current situation regarding any restrictions.

Baptisms

Babies or children of any age may be baptised after a preparatory meeting with the parents. Baptisms may be held during a regular service at any of our churches, or at a separate time by arrangement.



Weddings



To marry in church you need a connection to the parish, through family, by living in the parish, or by attending church here for six months. Weddings can be on Saturdays or other days by arrangement. Please get in touch well in advance to discuss the legal requirements and to arrange a date.

Funerals

Funerals usually arise with little warning, but Revd Gerry Burgess will do all possible to support you at this difficult time with arrangements for a service at church or crematorium, burial in the churchyard or burial of ashes at a later date. Anyone who lives in a parish has the right to burial there, and this is often possible for others with strong local connections.



CHURCH NEWS

A busy month ahead

The **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** will be marked with prayers at all our services on June 5, which is also the church celebration of Pentecost. All are welcome at Parham (9.15am Holy Communion), Amberley (11am Holy Communion) or Wiggonholt (6pm Evensong).

In addition, **Parham Church** will be decorated for the Jubilee Flower Festival, which starts on Wednesday, June 1.

At **Amberley**, the village picnic on the Millennium Green will conclude with prayers for Her Majesty and the National Anthem.

Wiggonholt's evening service will be followed by 50s-style refreshments to round off the weekend.

Gardens Open weekend

Our 10am **Café Church** on June 12 will be replaced by a short said service of Morning Prayer. All are welcome for a few minutes of quiet as we thank God for our beautiful gardens and ask his blessing on the day.



Picture: Michael Joseph

Churchyard event postponed

With so much else going on we have decided to defer the Churchyard Weekend planned for June 25-26. to 2023. Please feel free to visit and enjoy St Michael's churchyard any time but especially while the wild flowers are looking so good. Keep an eye open for a new prayer trail around the churchyard and sheets of things for children to look out for as they explore. On Sunday, June 26 at 11am an outdoor service in the churchyard is planned, weather permitting, to which all are welcome.

Coffee morning raises £900

It was a wonderful day for the Greatham Church coffee morning at the home of Annie Rydon at Walsingham. The weather was perfect and the attendance heartwarming, with everyone clearly enjoying the occasion.

Such was the generosity of people, well over £900 was raised with Annie's many friends helping to sell cakes, plants and raffle tickets. "I have to thank Jenny Sadler for persuading me stage the event," said Annie. "She also provided the beautiful bone china cups, the tea urn and many other items. Thank you all so much."

A pilgrimage through time

Coinciding with this year's Arundel Cathedral's Corpus Christi Carpet of Flowers will be a fascinating exhibition of the history of Arundel from medieval times.

Housed in a marquee in the newly created parish garden at St Nicholas' Church, Arundel, it will embrace the history of the church, the Fitzalan Chapel, the cathedral, the castle and the town, and featuring the results of extensive new research undertaken in recent years.

The exhibition will run from Saturday, June 11 until Sunday, June 19, from 10am-5pm. Entry is free.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Bishop of Chichester will be leading the re-arranged Holy Land Pilgrimage on November 6-13, 2023.

A full colour brochure is currently being finalised and will be available online shortly. It is hoped those who had previously booked will join again. If you would like to be among the first to receive a brochure, call Lightline Pilgrimages on (01992) 576065.

From the parish registers

Baptism

Hallie Purdy at Amberley (May 29). Hallie's mother, Emma, is the granddaughter of former Amberley vicar, the Revd Norman Greenfield.

Funerals

Burial of ashes of **Walter** and **Sylvia Johnson**, at Amberley (May 19). Walter was the youngest of seven sons of Albert and May Johnson who ran The Sportsman. Many of the family lived at Crossgates.

Brenda Elliott, at Amberley (May 25)



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CHURCH NEWS

Greatham christening

Following a long family tradition at Greatham Church, Robin Zoe Sacha Englehart, the daughter of Oliver and Liz Englehart, was baptised there on Sunday, April 24.

Due to Covid, the christening had been delayed but on a most wonderful spring day, 26 family members, Godparents and 20 children attended the service, conducted by the Revd Gerry Burgess, who demonstrated extreme tolerance with the throng of youngsters.

Steve Burgess played the harmonium and managed to squeeze a magnificent noise out of the old thing (known locally as The Beast). We were all able to have a drink in the Orchard among the apple and quince blossom and then lunch in the garden.

These events at Greatham are always very special for our family: I was baptised and married in the church. All three of our children – Alice, Lucinda and Oliver – were baptised there as were Lucinda's two children. She was also married in the church. My parents and a dear sister are buried here, too.

Rose Englehart



Oliver and Liz Englehart with daughter Robin Zoe Sacha

Greatham Church was erected in about 1100 to serve the sparsely populated marshlands next to the River Arun between Amberley and Pulborough. The hamlet was an agricultural community from the Saxon era, and shepherds would have formed the bulk of the early congregation.

Food Bank appeal

With the cost of living rising fast, there are more families in need than ever, even in areas like this.

At present the foodbank needs are as follows:

Yes please: to jam and other spreads, rice, toiletries and household cleaning products. (The usual tinned goods - meat, fruit, veg - would also be fine).

No thanks: to cereal, pasta and tea as they are fully stocked with these items.

Remember all goods need to be new, sealed and in date.

If you can purchase an item or two at Amberley Village Stores that is a bonus!

Purchases made at the Village Stores can be left with Colin and the Team.

Purchases from other places can be left:

- In my side porch, first door up Hog Lane from Church Street, Amberley, on the left
- In the porch at Amberley New Vicarage, School Road, Amberley

A few notes from Family Support Work's latest newsletter:

Work with families is really gathering speed, and the challenges of coping with the cost of living increases are the key issue for most of them. We have also seen a rise in families being referred to us for domestic abuse reasons, which means a lot of very gentle and nurturing support is required.

April's work in figures:

- 189 individual visits and 474 calls with families supporting 355 adults and 331 children
- 19 supported meetings with other agencies
- 27 group sessions held supporting 379 parents and 242 children
- 188 food deliveries made

As a reminder, Family Support Work is the Diocesan Charity serving families in need of support of all kinds across West Sussex. For more information about their work go to www.familysupportwork.org.uk

Melanie Edge

Churchwarden, St Michael's Amberley



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND LISTSERVE POSTINGS

Thanking Basil

The trustees would collectively like to thank Basil Figg for his years of dedication to maintaining the Millennium Green. Basil has now understandably decided to take a well deserved retirement from his duties.

For some time, our long-term vision for Amberley Millennium Green has been to use this asset to further encourage biodiversity, while continuing to encourage community use. You may have noticed some changes in the way the land is being managed; while we will continue to mow central areas, we will look to encourage flora and fauna elsewhere and provide habitat for various types of wildlife. Some nettles and brambles will be removed from places where they will hinder the use of paths and benches. All areas will be closely monitored to ensure the space remains a pleasure, and of interest, for all to use both personally and socially.

We are exploring the opportunities to lay the hedge in the future. This means in the short-term we will need to let it grow, with the exception to the area directly on the pavement edge of Hurst Cottages and where it adjoins the local residences on the north-east corner of the Green – we will continue to cut this in the autumn as normal.

A programme of hazel tree coppicing will start this winter, on a five-year rotation. As you can imagine, there are many other, less significant, aspects to this revised management plan and we hope to involve the community in many of the projects.

Roger Agate

Chair, on behalf of Amberley Millennium Green Trustees

Where neighbourliness runs deep

Come this month I shall have lived in Amberley for 22 years; it is the longest I have lived anywhere. My wife, Annette, and I in 48 years of marriage averaged six years per house. Six years is, I suppose, long enough to turn neighbours into friends but in some places neighbours were just neighbours. I came to Amberley with a sick wife, who subsequently died, and I stayed here, lucky enough to marry again, but now with age I, too, have become a bit wobbly. The other day Stella and I needed help. Sandie and Geoff Conlon sorted us out and – although they didn't say so – I think kept an eye on us for a while.

Tim and Pat Ashby - I was going to write "have had their problems" over the last two years. That would have been the understatement of the year. Most of us know what



Basil seated on the Millennium Green tractor

has happened to them. Please, my other neighbours, don't take offence. I know you have helped, too, but Sandie and Geoff have helped Tim and Pat enormously. Neither "beyond the call of duty" or "going the extra mile" are adequate to describe what they have done for the Ashbys.

We are a small village and most of us know what is going on but some may not and I just wanted to draw attention to Sandie and Geoff's kindness and to say how lucky we are that neighbourliness in Amberley goes so deep.

John Kemp

Swallow Barn, Amberley

Farewell to Samson

On behalf of Pat and Tim Ashby, Sally and John White of Barton Cottage and ourselves may we say thank you to everyone who helped and wished Samson a happy transition to a new location. In particular thanks to Sally and John who of late have attentively looked after Samson for his daily meals, walks round the garden and comforting chats.

Between us all it now leaves a bit of an empty space because he has had to go to pastures new but we are assured it's in his best interests, especially as he ages.

He has been such a feature of Amberley, strolling around his 'kingdom' and following his daily round/beat of various favourite domestic visits...which according to some TripAdvisor reviews gave him the title of the village's 'PC Samson'.



The capable RSPCA officers have assured us he certainly will be well cared for, and happily placed and he was very content to go with them to Mount Noddy for some initial and usual health checks before choosing his new home.

Sandie Conlon

Stream Barn, Amberley

Misplaced popularity?

As a former townie, I am puzzled by the cuckoo's popularity. I appreciate that it heralds the arrival of spring/summer but its nest-invading, infanticidal lifestyle seems hardly praiseworthy to me.

Sue Pheasey

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND LISTSERVE POSTINGS

Camp-out controversy

Following the announcement by the trustees of Amberley Millennium Green of a planned a mid-summer campout on the Green on Saturday, June 18, from 3pm until 9.30am the next morning, the following exchange of views ensued on Listserve. (Details of the camp-out appear on page 15)

What thought has been given to how this will impact those living around and directly next to the Green; and what steps will be taken to mitigate this?

Caroline Preece

Thank you for your concern. Please can you explain how you feel this will impact the neighbouring communicating, so as we can consider any concerns that you might have. We are hoping that it will be an event to bring the community together and to enjoy the benefits of spending time outdoors.

Judy Agate

Millennium Green Trustee

For a start noise. Our house and bedrooms front on to the Green as does those of many in Hurst Cottages and Newland Gardens. You are proposing people camp there overnight. This is very inconsiderate to the surrounding residents.

This means overnight noise and disturbance, there is no realistic way you are going to be able to keep this noise down and make sure everyone is totally 100% quiet after 11pm (which is a reasonable time to expect silence). My mother is 84 with high blood pressure and a light sleeper. This won't do her any good. I am not a light sleeper but there are limits to my ability to sleep though stuff.

How about getting the village together in the cricket pitch which is further out of the village and will inconvenience less people. Or get permission to camp in one of the nearby woods away from people.

There are lots of ways of getting people together which does not involve the selfish overnight inconveniencing of everybody living nearby. I am really surprised this was suggested as it feels as if we down Hurst Cottages don't count and the residents here are not important enough to worry about.

By all means put something on until 10/11 o'clock in the night – but then make people go home so the nearby residents get to sleep in peace and quiet.

I am not even going to go into how popular the bonfire will be in the village given the ongoing debate over the last few years.

Caroline Preece

Thank you to all who have contacted us privately in support of this event and to those who have raised concerns. Please let us reassure you that this is not a party. Our 'Why' for this event is to get people outdoors in nature, connecting with their local surroundings – and yes to have some fun. As trustees of AMG, we are all nature lovers and have a vast range of experience in running nature connection activities. Undoubtedly, there will

be some laughter, but hopefully that will be enjoyable for you to hear, if you are not able to come and join us. We are hoping for clear, dark skies that night, so that we can enjoy some stargazing, before bed. Of course, we will be respectful of neighbouring residents and keep the noise to a minimum as it gets later.

The campfire will be very small and contained within a fire bowl, so the smoke from it will be minimal. For anyone loving the idea of coming along, but do not have a tent, please do get in touch as we will do our best to find one for you. If you fancy coming for the afternoon or evening only – that's great too. Please let us know if you would like to join us.

Judy Agate

We think that your ideas are great. Even though I live in Hurst Cottages, it would be lovely to see and hear local folk enjoying themselves in such a lovely setting. Go for it folks, see and feel nature around you.

Julian Husk

Such a lovely idea, we used to do this in the 70s, and it's such a good community feel-good, get together, and so much fun. Let's get life back to normal again and enjoy.

Kay Miranda

We love this idea Judy and team. Count us in. If it's a clear night we may just sleep under the stars with no canvas!

Filipa, Sean, Sophie and Martha

I appreciate and welcome the fact that AMG is a public space and have attended public events there myself. I love that people walk in it, especially with their dogs, and have picnics and whatever. I certainly don't expect to be consulted every time someone wants to use the Green. What makes this different is the overnight aspect. We've enjoyed a lot of camping in the past and know how sound carries at night, even just voices and I just wanted to express my reasonable concern about parking. I hope everyone who attends enjoys themselves.

Jill Couling

I think this initiative by the Trustees of the Amberley Millennium Green sounds admirable. After the problems many families suffered through the pandemic, this is a good opportunity for village families to socialise, learn, and experience new outdoor skills together. The provision of healthy, social, outdoor activity for the younger members of our community is important. Hopefully, it will help engender Amberley's special community spirit which can be carried forward into the future. It is just the kind of activity and reason for the establishment of this public green space for which we campaigned and worked hard to achieve. Any brief inconvenience or disturbance to adjacent properties should be taken into perspective with the benefits from this protected public green space they enjoy nearly every other day and night of the year.

From past experience of the organisers involved, I have every confidence that this event will be well organised with minimum disruption. I hope it is well supported.

Grahame Joseph



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PEOPLE & EVENTS

Dudley Chandler

It is with sadness we report the death of Dudley Chandler, of 9 Hurst Cottages, who is thought to have died suddenly on May 22, in his garden, just days before his 75th birthday. Our condolences to his sister, Veronica Pooley, who, with Dudley, grew up in Amberley. A full appreciation will appear in next month's issue.



and is also an environmentally friendly way of getting around the area. The bus has a ramp and space for one wheelchair. For those with a bus pass it is free and for everyone else there is a simple return fare of £3, irrespective of the destination. The timetable is published in the magazine (see page 39) and on the Parish Council website (www.amberley-pc.org.uk), and is also displayed in the bus shelters.

So we would encourage you all to consider the advantages of using the bus and in the process make new friends in the village.
Elisabeth Tooms

Jubilee picnic invitation

Everyone is invited to the Queen's Jubilee Picnic on the Millennium Green on Sunday, June 5, from 2.30pm. Bring a picnic and a rug or chairs.

There will be a range of children's activities organised by a group of local mums. Traditional races, 'stick the jewel on the Queen's crown', make your own crown (materials provided) and more. There will be prizes! And for tired toddlers there will be a chill-out zone.

Adults are encouraged to bring photos of themselves as babies or children and we will try to guess who is who. There will be a quiz for grown-ups, too. We'll also have a display of any Coronation memorabilia you can bring along.

There will be tea and cake on sale and a toast to the Queen. The event will end at around 4.30pm with thanksgiving prayers and the National Anthem but you are welcome to stay on and continue to enjoy the afternoon.

Village Community Bus

Many of you will have seen the Amberley and Slinndon Community Bus passing through the village on certain days of the week. Some of you use it regularly.

As we in Amberley have very little access to public transport some years ago this community bus, shared with Slinndon, was put in place with a team of volunteer drivers from both villages. We drive four different routes every week and once a month drive to Worthing.

The bus is a resource for everyone in the village and it is not just about shopping. You might like a stroll along the beach at Littlehampton, meet a friend for coffee in Bognor, go for a medical appointment in Storrington or visit the cathedral in Chichester with time for lunch as well. You can use the bus to do all these things and more.

Even for people who drive cars it can be an advantage. Using the bus reduces your fuel consumption, thus saving money

Treading the boards again

Amberley resident Martin Carter, who is currently doing a four-year course in modern and medieval languages at Wolfson College, Cambridge, following his retirement last year, is once again treading the boards.

He is playing the butler in Tom Stoppard's *Arcadia* at an open-air performance in the Trinity College Fellows' Garden, Cambridge, from June 8 to 11. Martin and Wendy, whose home is in Hog Lane, are currently living in Cambridge while Martin studies. He has previously performed with Storrington Amateur Dramatic Society.

Concert in aid of Ukraine

Local musicians, including Alan Wheeler and Anne Sartain from Greatham, are delighted to be joining with the many other UK and worldwide venues and organisations to support the Disaster Emergency Committee's (DEC's) Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

An evening's entertainment is being organised at West Chiltington Village Hall on Saturday, June 25, at 7.30pm. In a relaxed café-style setting, the audience will be treated to a wide range of music from classical to folk and easy listening, played by a variety of different musical groups and instruments linked together by memories of Ukraine – something for everyone.

Entry will be by cash donations on the door. Advance booking via Anne Sartain (anne.sartain@gmail.com) or call (01798) 812838.

Building on water

Not a talk on new developments being built on flood plains but how Venice, which became rich from trade with the Byzantine Empire, was extended over the waters of the lagoon and how the architecture of the new city reflected influences from the east. It is the subject of this month's talk for members of the Arts Society West Sussex on June 7 at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall and will be followed by a jubilee celebration tea. Non-members welcome (£7). Doors open at 1.40pm.



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Richard Robinson, 1943-2022

Richard Robinson, who died suddenly on April 10, aged 79, played an active role in village life after retiring to Amberley in 2009. In addition to establishing the First Responders group dealing with medical emergencies he was a key player in the parish's response to the Covid pandemic. A keen botanist, he wrote regular column for the parish magazine and conducted nature walks around the village and on the Wildbrooks. He also set up the Amberley Singers.

Richard was born in Bedford and attended Oriel House prep school in North Wales after the family moved to St Asaph when he was aged six. There he spent a lot of time out of school roaming the local countryside with friends.

He decided he wanted to be a doctor after suffering from Bright's disease (an inflammation of the kidneys at about the age of eight), a conviction which he said never wavered.

Naturally bright, he was sent off to boarding school in Bedford, aged 13. He was a year early and was subsequently accelerated a further year, which meant that at 14 he was two years younger than his classmates. At school he started to play the French horn. He also sang in the school choir, beginning a life-long interest in choral music.

Richard went on to King's College, Cambridge, aged 17, and completed his pre-clinical studies in two years instead of the normal three. He spent his third year doing social anthropology.

It was at this time he became a keen climber and joined the mountaineering club at Cambridge. As well as climbing, he continued to play the French horn in the university orchestra, and took up rowing.

He did his clinical studies at Guy's Hospital, where, in 1967, he met Jenny, who at the time was a sister on one of the wards he worked on. After a whirlwind romance, they were married three weeks later in Cambridge. The couple had four children - Sarah, Tom, Kate and Harry.

During a long and distinguished career, he had a range of jobs, both clinical and research. One of these involved setting up, together with Jenny, one of the first coronary intensive care units, at Orpington Hospital.

He then made the decision to become a paediatrician and then specialise as a paediatric neurologist. His book, written at this time – *Medical Emergencies - Diagnosis and Management* – became a handbook for many doctors around the world.



Richard worked for a year in Nigeria to gain experience in paediatrics, and three years in the USA in order to gain further experience in paediatric neurology.

Returning to Guys, he became one of only 14 paediatric neurologist in the UK, and remained there until the end of his career, having been given a personal 'chair' (professorship). He was pre-eminent in the field and was involved in training many of the UK's paediatric neurologists, and some of those overseas.

During his time at Guy's he set up clinics in a range of different hospitals and worked for a long time at the Chailey Heritage School in East Sussex for physically handicapped children. He remained engaged in clinical research, describing a number of new diseases and developing new medical techniques. He strongly believed in treating not just the child, but the whole family. Colleagues have mentioned how consistent he was in being caring and compassionate with his patients.

Richard was president of the British Paediatric Neurological Association and secretary general of the European Federation of Child Neurology Societies.

After a near-fatal car crash, he decided his work-life balance needed to change and joined the Dulwich Choral Society and then a chamber choir – Concordia – with whom he sang for many years. He also gave more time to his botanical interests, starting with finding every wild orchid in the UK, bar one.

After 18 moves during their married life, Richard and Jenny were happy to settle down when they retired to Amberley. He enthusiastically pursued his interests in botany and became the chair of the Hardy Orchid Society. He even became the minute secretary of the Botanical Society of the British Isles so that he could attend its meetings. He continued to sing, joining a choir in Petersfield for some time and, more recently, the Sussex-based Chantry Quire.



Always a willing volunteer when something needed doing



Community summer camp on the Millennium Green

The Amberley Millennium Green Trustees would like to thank everyone for supporting the Queen's Canopy Tree Planting event in March.

It was a beautiful and productive day with more than 30 volunteers, of all ages, helping. We not only achieved our goal of planting 28 native tree saplings, but also removed all of the redundant plastic guards from the hedges planted 20 years ago.

The next event we are organising on the Amberley Millennium Green is an overnight Summer Camp on Saturday, June 18. It is open to anyone who lives in Amberley, and we are encouraging families with young children who wish to enjoy a communal night's camping in their village.

If you'd like to camp overnight with us you will need to register a place by e-mailing Judy Agate at amberleymillenniumgreen@gmail.com. Places are limited so please book early.

We will start the event at 3pm when you can bring your tents and pitch them. Games and activities will be organised throughout the afternoon and there will be a cosy space provided for quiet reading.

There will be a fire for keeping warm but please bring your own picnic, flasks of soup or hot food as we won't be able to provide BBQ facilities.

There is no power to the Green so bring torches or lanterns and don't forget to dress up warm. There will be handwashing and green toilet facilities. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and it will be an alcohol-free site.

From 7-9pm there will be storytelling around the fire, followed by stargazing (clouds willing!) until bedtime at 10pm. We will be taking down the tents at 9am the following morning.

Of course, if the weather is inclement, we may not go ahead, but there will be some shelter provided in case of light rain or showers. Bring umbrellas if it looks likely. If you would like to join us but don't have your own tent, we may be able to find you one, but please do register in plenty of time.

The event is under the expert care of an experienced Forest School leader and we are asking for a donation of £5 per person to cover costs. Any profits will be used for future events.

We do hope that you will support this Summer Camp as a way of enjoying the Green, experiencing the wonders of nature and being in the company of friends.

Ruth Stevens and Judy Agate

On behalf of the Amberley Millennium Green Trustees



The Community Summer Camp is the latest initiative by the trustees to encourage greater community use of the Millennium Green

Gardens Open 2022

We are pleased that Amberley Gardens Open can finally happen again after a break of four years due to Covid.

The event gives us this opportunity to welcome the public to our picturesque village and the chance to visit many of the Amberley gardens, giving much pleasure to so many.

This year three of the gardens will feature talented musicians.

The plant stall at Oak Tree House will have on sale many plants grown by Amberley gardeners or kindly donated by our local nurseries. Teas once again will be available at the Church Hall or at Amberley Village School, with ploughman's lunches in the hall. Raffle tickets for a stunning handmade quilt, especially designed for this Jubilee year by Linda Conol will be available by The Alley entrance.

Our thanks to Hazel Allinson for organising the tombola on the day, located outside Oak Tree House.

Gardens will be open to the public from 12 noon until to 6pm with tickets available at the junction of Church Street with Hog Lane, and The Square, from midday on the day.

You may have already offered to help, but if not and you'd like to lend a hand, please contact either Jacqui Feakins (01798 831538 jaxfs@aol.com or Suzie Coates (01798 831676; e-mail: footloose@amberlevillage.net).

For more information, see amberleygardensopen.blogspot.co.uk or amberleysociety.co.uk All proceeds are donated to Action Medical Research, the Horsham-based charity founded by the late Duncan Guthrie, an Amberley resident.



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A centenary celebration at Parham House

This year is a special anniversary for Parham House, which celebrates 100 years since the estate was purchased by Clive and Alicia Pearson. Lady Emma Barnard, their great granddaughter, explains how their legacy is still important at Parham today



Picture: Elizabeth Zeschin

After many months of preparation and negotiation, Clive and Alicia Pearson took final possession in the late spring of 1922. Their daughter, my great-aunt Veronica Tritton, wrote that they had been looking for “a lovely house that needed their loving care and my father’s engineering skill...a house that needed help – an orphan child”. Parham was in a very sorry state; the Pearsons immediately embarked on a meticulous programme of restoration and conservation to save this beautiful Elizabethan house and bring it back to life.

They supervised and directed everything themselves. Clive brought the brilliant engineering skill and incisive attention to detail he had inherited from his father (1st Lord Cowdray) and Alicia a wide-ranging academic understanding, innate sensitivity and exquisite aesthetic sense.

Neither knew much about interior decorating or buildings when they started, but, as Veronica said, “they had a great feeling and understanding for what was right, and they spent their lives putting Parham together again and filling the house with things that it liked and needed”.

Parham was so lucky to have them, at that desperate time just after the First World War, when so many old houses were struggling in disrepair or simply being demolished. The Pearsons had the energy, they had the means and they had access to the best. The family firm, S Pearson & Son, was one of the world’s greatest engineering firms thanks to Clive’s brilliant father, with whom he worked very closely. “Do it with thy Might” was Lord Cowdray’s motto, and Clive was certainly a chip off the same block. He and Alicia researched extensively, cut no corners and saved no expense. Everything was kept firmly under their control, to exacting standards.

What is perhaps most remarkable

Parham House is one of the country’s finest Elizabethan houses, known for its rare and precious collection of paintings, furniture and needlework. It has always been a well-loved family home, and only three families have lived there since its foundation stone was laid during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I in 1577. Visitors to Parham also greatly enjoy Parham’s beautiful and award-winning gardens.

Lady Emma Barnard has lived at Parham with her family since 1994, following the death of her great-aunt Veronica Tritton, who died the previous year. Parham is now owned by a charitable trust.

is that all they did not for themselves, but for Parham itself. Veronica often spoke of it, and this ethos also comes out time and time again in letters and documents, and in the manner of how the couple built their collection after the major works had been finished. Despite their position and obvious abilities (they inspired awe and affection in equal measure in all those who knew them or worked for them), both Clive and Alicia were very shy.

Even after the house opened to the public (a bold step for private owners in 1948) they never wished to be in the public eye personally. They would be amazed to think that, in fact, they were pioneers in the field of Britain’s heritage, and perhaps not a little gratified that the Parham they saved is still such a treasure, a very greatly loved family home.

Veronica inherited Parham, lovingly continuing in her parents’ footsteps. It is now owned by a charitable trust, and those of us responsible for it now always keep before us the examples of excellence they set. We honour the traditions the Pearsons started, constantly asking ourselves “is this what Clive, Alicia and Veronica would have done?” It is a great responsibility, and a joyous one. I hope they would think we are doing a good job, and I heartily thank them and salute them.”

● Parham House and Gardens are open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, as well as Bank Holidays until mid-October. Throughout the season, there will be a limited number of special tours for visitors, focusing on the collections in the House created by the Pearsons.

For more information about opening times and information about special guided tours of the House and gardens, visit www.parhaminsussex.co.uk.



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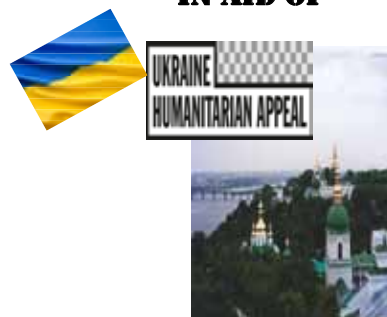
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Amberley Social History: website now live

Many of you (I hope!) will recall that over four years ago the Amberley Social History (ASH) project was launched. Although it may appear that things have gone quiet on the ASH front, there's been quite a bit of on-going work, collecting and generating material. But a key issue has been to make the ASH material available online – and we can now do this.

The recently re-built Amberley Society website (www.amberleysociety.org.uk) incorporates an ASH section (thanks to Jeff Feakins and Catherine Cunningham). There's already a lot of material on the site, with more going up all the time.

The ASH website has three objectives:

- To provide a place where information and material relating to life in Amberley and its people can be made available to all;
- To provide help and guidance on how to use this and other resources for research;
- To provide a place to publish such research.

The site has lots of 'hot' links to other material, both on the site and on other websites, and it is very easy to view or download all this material. The ASH material on the website is presented quite simply – the web pages are not flashy. No apology for this: the intent is to make it easy and quick to get new material 'live' and to edit material that's already there, without requiring specialist website knowledge. A few pieces of research are online: Malcolm Pheasey's article on the Social Impact on Amberley of the Building of the Railway; a piece by Pam Keeble on the Amberley Odd Fellows; the Oral Interviews conducted under Cyndy Kennett's supervision.

The site is organised into the sections described below, though right now the amount of material available online under these headings varies from 'quite a lot' to 'nothing much'. The sections contain a miscellany of material: documents, photographs, press cuttings, transcriptions of source material, all of which can be downloaded.

In many places you will see text in red, suggesting possible projects for research or for helping make additional material available online. If you are interested in following up any of these suggestions, please let us know. Red text is also used to identify questions, particularly about photographs – Who or what is in the photo? When and where was it taken? If you know the answer to any of these questions, please let us know.



Sections of the website

Sources and resources

Detailed information about material which can help with research into Amberley's social history, plus material which has been digitised for this website and can be downloaded. There are major resources for Amberley research available online, which are described here. If you are doing research of your own involving Amberley or are thinking about it, we recommend you look at this article.

General information about Amberley

Information about the parish of Amberley, spellings of Amberley, street naming in Amberley, maps of Amberley and the surrounding area.

Oral interviews

Oral interviews with Amberley inhabitants, all downloadable from the site. There are currently 11 interviews involving 17 people; over nine hours recording, full of rich material. Further recordings made on cassettes some time ago will be made available later.

People

Information about people and families with Amberley associations. (Includes Ian Galbraith's articles on Amberley Vicars, although these contain much which is not related to Amberley.)

Places

'Places' include individual buildings, farms, and geographical places (eg Amberley Wild Brooks, Amberley Mount) in and around Amberley. There is quite a bit of previously unpublished material already on the website.

Community activities

There have been quite a number of clubs and societies in Amberley over the years, though many are long defunct.

These include: boy scouts and girl guides, youth club, men's club, mothers' guild, Women's Institute, temperance society, Band of Hope, ballroom and belly-dance groups, folk club, brass band, choral society, cricket and football clubs, Odd Fellows, Rat and Sparrow Club [yes], rifle club, Home Guard, fire brigade and Amberley Revels. Angling and gliding have been serious activities at times, involving people from outside the community. Any others that you can recall or that you have pictures or documents relating to?

Education

Schools in Amberley, their staff and pupils.

Health

No content here yet, but ...

Religion

The Amberley churches – St Michael's parish church, the Congregation Church, and also St Edmund's catholic church at Houghton – and their ministers and congregations

Transport and communications

People and goods: road, rail, river. Electronic communications: telephone; broadband services.

Work

Anything to do with employment or business in Amberley.

Please contribute to ASH: If you have material which you know or think is relevant to Amberley's social history, let us know. If the material is already in electronic form, so much the better, but that doesn't matter. We will digitise non-electronic material and return the originals to you. Most of the material on the site has been digitised from original documents and photographs.

And meantime...please have a look at the site and let us know how we can improve things. For example, does everything work OK?

(Ian Galbraith at amberleysocialhistory@gmail.com)

AMBERLEY PEOPLE

Ken Dalmon

I am indebted to former Amberley resident Geoff Wills who unearthed this picture of Ken Dalmon, whose family ran the butchers in the village for many years. Ken, among other things, was trainer to Amberley Boys' Football Club when this picture was taken in April 1949, still wearing his wartime RAF battle fatigues and tie! The team's colours were red shirts with white sleeves, chosen by Ken. "I wonder which football club he supported?" asks Geoff rhetorically.



Bill Smith and Harry Daughtrey



Bill Smith, in the cab of his truck, delivering logs with Harry Daughtrey in the late 1980s. Bill left the proceeds of his home – Ivy Cottage in Hog Lane – to the village shop and the Amberley Welfare Trust.

What people did...

The Baptismal Register for the 25 years from 1813-1838 reveals there were different names of 105 labourers, probably all working on farms. In total, there were 29 occupations listed: servants (9), carpenters (5), bricklayers (5), publicans (4), butchers (3), shopkeepers (3), cordwainers (shoemakers) (2), tailors (2), higgles (itinerant salesmen) (2), dealers (2), blacksmiths (2), lime burners (2), bargemen (2), bakers (2), and one hawker, carrier, fisherman, mantua worker (dressmaker), wheelwright, toll keeper, thatcher, miller, glazier, merchant, and clerk in Holy Orders.

In a 20th century analysis, from 1913 to 1938, there are 52 different occupations listed. Whereas in the 19th century there had been no mention of members of the armed forces, there were now eight in the Royal Navy, two in the Army, and one in the Royal Air Force. There were still two blacksmiths and two bakers, a wheelwright, a butcher and a butcher's journeyman. The effects of the railway, which had arrived in the 1860s, were seen with the list now including two railwaymen, two signalmen, one engine driver, and a platelayer. And mechanisation was having an impact, too, with a chauffeur, a lorryman, a milkman, cable service man, postman, and four engineers. No longer were men just labelled 'labourers' – they were plumbers, metal workers, painters, woodmen, sawyers and gardeners.



Historic MCR at museum

A special piece of broadcasting history will be on display at Amberley Museum during early July. MCR21 is a 1960s BBC Television mobile control room which has been restored by a group of enthusiasts with the help of a £100,000 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The BBC outside broadcast unit was used to televise many historic events. MCR21 was at Brands Hatch motor racing circuit in 1964 when Jim Clark won the British Grand Prix. In 1965 it was at St Pauls Cathedral for the funeral of Sir Winston Churchill and at Caernarfon in 1969 to televise the Investiture of the Prince of Wales.

The technology of MCR21 was 'state of the art' for its time. It had four monochrome cameras, one of the first vision mixers to use transistors and a built-in twenty channel sound mixer.

Visitors will be able to enter the production area and experience what it would have been like to be there when a programme is being transmitted. From pre-recorded material, the television monitors show the pictures from the four cameras recorded at a jazz concert. You can hear the music being played along with the television director's instructions to the camera operators.

Visitors will also be able to find out about the history of MCR21 and the many interesting facts about BBC's television coverage of great events, dating back to 1937. There will also be 'hands on' experiences where you can try your hand at operating a 1960s television camera.

MCR21 has been chosen by the BBC as one of the 100 objects that tell the story of the Corporation over the last 100 years. It will be on display at the museum from July 6-17.

Meanwhile, what's on this month...

A classic car show, a day focusing on the environment, free entry for Dads on Father's Day, and a display of Emergency Service vehicles are all planned at Amberley Museum this month.

Up to 200 cars are expected at a SADCASE (Storrington and District Classic and Sports car Enthusiasts) event at the museum on Friday, June 3.

Visitors on Environment Day, which is being celebrated on Sunday, June 11, will be all about saving the planet. There will be range of stalls run by local green businesses, and visitors will be able to explore the museum's exciting nature trails as well as taking part in eco-friendly activities.

There will be various activities for Dads on Fathers' Day (June 19) as well as offering them free admission. It will



Tuning into the past: the control room of the BBC Mobile Control Unit

coincide with a special Emergency Services event with a wide collection of vehicles, vintage and modern, on display. There will also be demonstrations from West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service during the day.

During July 2-3, there will be a weekend of everything steam related. Other upcoming and popular summer/autumn events include a Railway Gala Weekend, Retro Wheels, Steampunk Weekend, Communications Day, Bank Holiday Ale & Crafts, Miniature Steam Weekend, Land Rover Day and special Halloween and Christmas celebrations.

Defibrillators in Amberley

Recent events have highlighted the need for quick and easy access to defibrillators in Amberley. Currently there are two - at the Sportsman and in the bus shelter in the Square. If and when the need arises, time is of the essence - a speedy response can save a life.

In memory of the late Richard Robinson, for whom defibrillator use was, unfortunately, not successful, a small group inspired by Jenny Robinson has decided to improve the provision of defibrillators in the Parish.

A third defibrillator is to be purchased, financed from existing funds and a generous donation. This will be placed on the outside wall of the Church Hall (the time taken to retrieve the defibrillator from the Square was a factor in Richard's treatment). And training courses are to be offered, for anyone who wishes to be trained in defibrillator use and CPR. These will be conducted by Elizabeth Greenfield, an experienced trainer from the Storrington Area Responders Team.

The dates of the training courses, which will be in the Church Hall, will be announced very soon. **Tim Simpson**

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In need of volunteers

A number of residents from the Wildbrooks parishes will be familiar with Petworth Cottage Nursing Home, which covers the spectrum of short-term, long-term, respite and palliative care.



The first patient was admitted to Petworth Cottage Hospital on November 20, 1867 – a young male, aged 13, from Coates, with an injury to his pelvis from an accident and was discharged (healed) early the following February. During the first year of operation, management committee notes show that the hospital was well-supported by the local community with money and other gifts including fruit, books, wine and curiously, some calf's feet (presumably not intended for transplant purposes)!

After the Second World War, the hospital was absorbed into the NHS as a Cottage Hospital but closed in 1969. In 1971, the premises were bought by Jeanne Courtauld and re-opened using cast-off equipment from King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst.

PCNH exists today as a care home with space for 32 residents. It functions as a charity and is non-profit making. Unsurprisingly, the last two years have proved, challenging both in terms of running the home and raising funds. Suffice to say the team has risen to the challenge and PCNH's residents have remained unscathed by the cursed Covid. Indeed, during the pandemic the home assisted and supported some 40 residents with their fees, most of whom have lived within the environs of Petworth, thereby fulfilling its responsibilities as a charity, but also others from Amberley and the surrounding hamlets.

The Friends of PCNH is a body of local volunteers who provide additional funds through specific events and collections. These funds contribute towards the cost of essential equipment and non-medical items to improve the comfort and well-being of the patients. Recent fund-raising has provided an interactive TV screen for patients to use, refurbishment of the resident's lounge and installation of a new medication room.

Volunteers have only recently been allowed back in to help support the regular staff with the provision of fresh flowers in public areas, morning coffee for residents and tea & cake in the afternoon. They also support in one other critical way – bringing the outside world into PCNH with news, a fresh perspective, a change to daily routine and company. The Friends are particularly keen to welcome new volunteers now.

If you feel that you could help as a volunteer at PCNH, or if you have limited time but would like to help financially or in some other way, do get in touch on (01798) 342785 or by e-mail enquiries@pcnh.co.uk

Amberley CC Fixtures 2022

June

- 5 TBC (away)
- 12 Walberton (away) 13:30
- 17 St Clements Strollers [t20] (home) 17:30
- 19 Lavant (away) 14:00
- 26 Nuthurst (home) 14:00

July

- 1 Watersfield [T20] (away) 18:00
- 3 Southwick Wanderers (home) 14:00
- 10 12th Men (home) 14:00
- 17 Bury & West Burton (away) 14:00
- 24 Gully (away) 14:00
- 31 Parham Park (away) 14:00

August

- 7 West Chilton & Thakeham (home) 14:00
- 14 Ebernoe (home) 14:00
- 21 Arundel Grasshoppers (home) 14:00

New Forest Tour 2022

- 26 Tour: Sway CC [T20] 17:00
- 28 Tour: Lyndhurst & Ashurst CC 13:30
- 29 Tour: TBC

September

- 4 Steyning Rebels (away) 13:30
- 11 Fittleworth (home) 13:00
- 18 TBC
- 25 TBC

The rules of cricket

You have two sides, one out on the field and the other in.

Each man in the side that's in goes out, and when he's out he comes in, and the next man goes out till he's out.

When the side that's in is all out, the side that has been out comes in and the side that has been in goes out and tries to get out the side that's coming in.

Sometimes you get men still in and not out when the side that is in is finally out. When both sides have been in and out, including those who are in and not out, that's the end of the game. Really, quite clear.

AMBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

What your councillors discussed



Highlights of the annual parish meeting held on May 12, 2022, in St Michael's Church Hall

Present: Geoff Uren (chair), Jason Charman, Tim Simpson, Hazel Allinson and Elizabeth Tooms.

Also in attendance: West Sussex County Council leader and councillor Paul Marshall; Horsham District councillors Diana van der Klugt and Paul Clarke, Vicky Spiers (parish clerk); and four members of the public

A start date for the new village car park, the future of the Kithurst car park, a complaint about a dangerous slippery pedestrian railway crossing just beyond Amberley Castle and a plan to install a defibrillator in the Church Hall were topics raised at the meeting.

Councillors re-elected Geoff Uren as chairman and Jason Charman as vice-chairman.

Tim Simpson, who is heading the delivery team for the Neighbourhood Plan, said that work would start on the new village car park by the end of the month as all the necessary funding had been received and planning conditions discharged. The car park contractor, Landbuild, would be on site for approximately eight weeks, depending on the weather. A grant of £17,500 has also been secured from the Rees Jeffrey fund.

Paul Marshall told councillors that negotiations were ongoing with the South Downs Trust for it to take on responsibility for the Kithurst car park from West Sussex County Council. The sticking points were the removal of abandoned cars and the moving on of travellers. He had asked WSCC to consider continuing with current arrangements for these two issues, in order that the Trust can then agree to take over the lease of the car park. The Springhead estate owned the car park, which had been available to the public for 34 years, and it was hoped an agreement could be reached to keep it open. Regrettably, the cost and liability of the car park was too much for Springhead to take on.

A resident raised the issue that Network Rail had still not rectified the slippery wooden sleepers that form the footpath that crosses the railway line on the public footpath that runs behind the Castle, despite having been reported on numerous occasions with many incidents of walkers slipping or falling over on them. He had now reported this to the Rail Regulator in the hope it could finally be resolved.



Crossing hazard: Rail Regulator notified

Another resident, Jenny Robinson, told councillors that during a meeting on May 11 it had been agreed that a new defibrillator would be mounted on the outside wall of the Church Hall, in memory of her late husband Professor Richard Robinson. It would be partly funded by the Amberley Welfare Trust and would also use the remaining funds held by the Amberley First Responders following the group's disbandment last year. There would also be defibrillator and cardiac massage training provided by Elisabeth Greenfield (an experienced local First Responder). Further details would be provided in a leaflet, to be delivered to all households in the parish.

Geoff Uren extended the Parish Council's condolences to Jenny on the loss of her husband and paid tribute to him for all his contributions to Amberley as a First Responder and as a key member of the Covid Hub. Councillors all agreed it had been an incredibly sad loss for the village.

A planning compliance issue regarding the width of the entrance road to the Drewitts Farm development was raised by another resident. The road was going to be narrower than that originally agreed with the developer, and it was noted that the proposed width was insufficient for emergency vehicles accessing the site. The resident had raised the issue with Horsham District Council, which had undertaken a site visit but had not provided any update, and the support of the Parish Council was being sought in an effort to resolve it. The chairman said he had already spoken to HDC and was awaiting a response and HDC councillor Diana van de Klugt said she would contact the planning compliance team.

Responding to a request by a resident for the council to adopt the red telephone box in The Square so that it could be turned into an information kiosk, the chairman said that he had already contacted BT but had been advised that due to the poor mobile reception in that part of the village it was important infrastructure for visitors to have a working telephone line. Regarding the need for a repaint, this had been requested in August last year and had since been repeated. Hazel Allinson suggested that new car park would be an ideal place for tourist information.

She also provided an update on the Amberley Supporting Ukraine initiative which is being run by herself, Mel Edge and Clare Attard. They have now joined forces with similar groups in Storrington, Pulborough and Thakeham, and although several households had offered to host Ukraine refugees, the paperwork and bureaucracy involved was still holding this up. Meanwhile, the group has organised a coffee morning for the refugees at the Riverside tearooms in June. There will also be a charity folk concert in the village in August on behalf of Ukraine charities as well as the Family Support Work charity.



Hazel reported that she had swept and weeded the bus shelters and Jason Charman advised he would shortly start strimming of Ruffs Path. Elisabeth Tooms said that passenger numbers for the village bus had increased.

A new village sign for Crofts Path was expected to be in place within a couple of weeks.

Councillors unanimously agreed a £300 donation which had been requested by the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7.30pm in St Michael's Church Hall.

Parham Parish Council

Highlights of the annual meeting held at Rackham Old School on May 10, 2022

Present: Tim Hayward (chair), Heather Cartwright, Claudia Fisher, Will Rydon and Nigel Dean. Also in attendance: leader of West Sussex County Council Paul Marshall; Horsham district councillor Diana van der Klugt, Vicky Spiers (parish clerk), and two members of the public

The future of the Kithurst car park, good news about faster broadband for residents and concerns about the lack of planning enforcement at Link Farm, Wiggonholt, were among the topics discussed. Tim Hayward and Heather Cartwright were re-elected as chair and vice-chair respectively.

Paul Marshall told councillors that negotiations were ongoing with the South Downs Trust for it to take on responsibility for the Kithurst car park from West Sussex County Council. The sticking points were the removal of abandoned cars and the moving on of travellers. He had asked WSCC to consider continuing with current arrangements for these two issues, in order that the Trust can then agree to take over the lease of the car park.

The Springhead estate owned the car park and Tim Hayward said that it had been available to the public for 34 years. He very much hoped an agreement could be reached to keep it open. Regrettably, the cost and liability of the car park was too much for Springhead to take on.

Diana van der Klugt advised councillors that the Openreach Community Fibre Partnership initiative was progressing well with just under £600,000 in vouchers being validated, which more than covered the cost of the infrastructure. Openreach had advised that the initiative had now moved to its 'build phase', with a timescale of 12 months having been given for the installation. Mrs van der Klugt thanked residents who had pledged and validated their vouchers, together with Janet Aidin, of Wiggonholt, for her assistance.

Two members of the public raised concerns regarding the lack of planning enforcement at Link Farm, Wiggonholt, and

asked for the parish council's support over issues they had raised with Horsham District Council. Heather Cartwright said she, Paul Slimming and Claudia Fisher had made a site visit following the submission of an appeal by the owner of Link Farm after the retrospective planning application for the storage of bricks had been refused by HDC. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the planning committee would put forward a submission to the district council, taking into account some of the comments made.

Following feedback on how the parish council's newly established planning committee was working, it was agreed that once a site visit had been undertaken members needed to agree on the comments that would be forwarded to either the district council or the national park authority. A planning WhatsApp group would be set up and Zoom meetings would be organised when necessary to ensure that comments were sent to the clerk in a timely manner so she could formally submit the comments.

Councillors agreed to donate £50 in response to a request from the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance, the remainder of the budget for donations.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday, July 12 at 7.30pm at the Old School, Rackham.

All Kinds of Folk

An outdoor folk concert in aid of Ukraine and Family Support Work, a charity supported by the church, is being staged in Amberley during the afternoon of Saturday, August 20.

Hosted by Matthew Bannister (presenter of BBC Radio 4's Last Word), it will feature an impressive line-up of local musicians and singers including Rachael Wood, the SuperStrings Trio, Nicolette MacLeod and Jimmy Lee and the Blue Coconut Orchestra. The venue is Brambly Croft Field, which is on the opposite side of The Croft footpath to the cricket field and recreation ground, and the event runs from 2pm until 6pm. Tickets will be on sale soon.

For information about the event contact hazel.allinson@btinternet.com

Amberley Revival a sell-out

This year's Amberley Revival, which takes place on July 23, is a sell-out with 75 classic cars participating.

The 90-mile route through the Sussex and Hampshire countryside, will start from the Millennium Green and finish on the cricket field, where there will be stalls, a barbecue and beer tent.

The event this year is being sponsored by Nyetimber, with the proceeds being divided between St Michael's Church and its charities and the Amberley Millennium Green Trust.

‘Amberley’s mini Glyndebourne’

Libby Burgess, daughter of Gerry and Steve Burgess, is more often to be found playing in major Halls and Festivals across Britain or running workshops as a vocal coach or song expert. But on a glorious May afternoon we had the pleasure of hearing her play selected pieces of Rachmaninov here at the New Vicarage in Amberley.

Many of the audience would know the more famous of Rachmaninov’s pieces but not perhaps the full range of his compositions. Libby compiled a programme from five sets of his work to introduce another side to his music. The recital started with the song-like first piece from *Op 23*. Libby then played two pieces from *Moments Musicaux*, the second piece, *No 4*, being notable for its speed and cascading left hand playing and completed the first half of the programme with a softer *Prelude* from *Op 32*.

The second half of the programme featured a lighter *Prelude* from *Op 32* and then two well known pieces, the *Prelude in C sharp minor op 3*, with its dramatic opening bars and the *Prelude in G Minor Op 23* with its haunting fast rhythm. To complete the programme we had a further work from *Op 3* and then a song *Daisies* from Rachmaninov’s final set of songs written in 1916. Remarkably this same song was also recorded in

2022 on Decca by Rachmaninov’s last surviving piano pupil aged 97 – Ruth Slenczynska.

Rachmaninov was renowned as a composer and pianist particularly for the technical challenge of his music. He had large hands, each of which could span twelve or even thirteen keys on the keyboard and Libby explained that this gave pianists with smaller hands particular challenges (NB the challenge of Rachmaninoff’s music for a pianist is highlighted in the film *Shine*)



Flawless performance: Libby Burgess plays Rachmaninov

Libby’s flawless and excellently flowing representation of Rachmaninov’s music was particularly enjoyable for both the audience and the pianist as Libby explained that it was such a treat for her to be able to play on her own grand piano, which was being housed temporarily at the family home.

The recital was repeated in the afternoon and with tea and cakes being provided by Gerry and Steve and volunteers, over £600 was raised to be divided between Family

Support Work and St Michael’s Church.

It was a very special afternoon with a brilliant recital, good company and refreshments – one of the audience remarked that it was like a ‘very special mini Glyndebourne’ here in Amberley.

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A ghostly experience

A few years ago, as the sun set over the South Downs, I was wandering through a wood on a twilight hike. Through the trees I noticed about a dozen figures decked out in brilliant white gathering in a small clearing. I hit the floor and, buried amongst the bracken, watched as other white figures joined them. Each individual slowly started swaying, swinging hypnotically like a pendulum suspended on an invisible wire. The whole silent scene felt eerie, otherworldly, ancient.

I was spellbound and barely breathing, scared I would be discovered and this mesmerising performance would end. As some of the figures swung fixed to their stations, others oscillated wildly, whirling and crashing into each other. The light was fading fast and as my surroundings dissolved into shadow the swaying white figures seemed luminous against the gloom. Then, as the full moon rose and illuminated the glade, the action slowed, the figures retreated and I was left alone in the gloaming.

The ritual I had witnessed was the dance of the Ghost Moths: elaborate courtship behaviour performed by the males on warm summer evenings across Sussex. That moonlit glade had been temporarily transformed into a miniature moth disco where these incredible insects pirouetted, pranced, swaggered and strutted in an attempt to attract a female. More Saturday Night Fever than The Wicker Man.

And, like tiny Travoltas, the male Ghost Moths know that to stand out on a crowded dancefloor you need a flashy white suit. Their wings are whiter than white and look as though they have been hand-painted with Tipp-Ex. The female Ghost Moth has a more subdued wardrobe and wears pale yellow wings with elegant orange swirls. Males also have another trick up their sleeve (or in this case their trouser legs). Their hind legs contain furry scent-brushes, which release pheromones into the air like an overpowering aphrodisiac. Once the ladies are lured, it's the individual moth's dancing which seals the deal. It can be murder on the dancefloor and scuffles start as the males try to assert their positions. It's a behaviour known as lekking and the dominant dancers will lead a lucky lady of the lek into the surrounding shadows.

In days gone by the moth's mysterious, ethereal waltz was interpreted as something supernatural and it has been suggested that the dance of the Ghost Moth gave rise to local legends of fairies and Will-O'-The-Wisps. If anything, the reality is just as magical and spellbinding to watch.

Michael Blencowe

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Spellbinding: the Ghost Moth is something to behold

Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, Wildlife Magazine and our Sussex guide book, Discovering Wildlife. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

The Nightjar by any other name

We're approaching midsummer's eve and it's late into the evening before dusk begins to fall. As the sun wanes over the heath and the colours fade, a strange sound can be heard. It's the song of the nightjar; an otherworldly purring tune known by the rather wonderful term of 'churring'.

As he awakens, the male reminds any rivals that this is his patch, choosing a suitable perch from which he utters his odd song. When the churring stops do you have a chance of seeing this mysterious but magical bird in flight; he starts his patrol. The nightjar has a light, buoyant flight; despite being the size of a kestrel he is the same weight as the much smaller starling and can perform spectacular aerial displays. His long slender wings clap together and the white patches near the wingtips glow in the moonlight before he disappears silently into the night...

Master of camouflage during the day, this fabulous bird stays hidden, the mottled brown, black and buff feathers a perfect blend with the heathland floor. Nightjars are ground nest-birds, relying on their superbly cryptic plumage.

The female will lay two eggs, timing her laying so that the chicks hatch around a full moon. More moonlight means better hunting conditions for the adults who will be seeking out moths, flies and beetles. Nightjars are crepuscular rather than truly nocturnal, meaning they come out at dawn and dusk, and need some light in order to hunt. They're well adapted to do this with large, dark eyes designed to make the most of



Picture: Andy Hay

**Master of camouflage: the nightjar**

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bristles to funnel insects in. The female will continue to feed and brood the young for a further 12 days, then abandons her first clutch to start a second. The male will continue to look after the first brood of chicks for a further week until they fledge.

Nightjars aren't with us year-round. They spend the winter in Africa and migrate to England for the summer, arriving in May and leaving in September. Their sudden presence in the summer, appearing only at dusk and the uttering of odd noises have led to nightjars featuring in a number of folk tales and earning some strange common names. The name of 'fern-hawk' describes its main habitat, which features bracken and heather, 'moth owl' its night-time emergence and 'jenny spinner' and 'gabble ratchet' owe their origins to its churring song.

Perhaps the strangest is the 'goatsucker'. For centuries, people believed that nightjars enjoyed a diet of goat's milk, which they drank directly from a goat's udders. Legend had it that any goats who fell victim to a goatsucker would stop producing milk and might also go blind. This superstition persists in the nightjar's Latin name *Caprimulgus* which translates to 'goat milker'. The nightjars are, in fact, attracted to livestock not for their milk but for the flies and dung beetles that can often be found nearby.

You can listen to the song of the nightjar (and admire its 1,900 notes per minute) on the RSPB website at rspb.org.uk/nightjar or, to listen to one for real on one of our night-time safari events at the reserve at Wiggonholt during June and early July.

Anna Allum

Visitor Experience Manager, RSPB Wiggonholt

AMBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Responsibilities of riparian owners

Who is a riparian owner?

A riparian owner is anyone who owns a property where there is a watercourse within or adjacent to the boundaries of their property and a watercourse includes a river, stream or ditch.

The riparian responsibilities under law are:

To pass on water flow without obstruction, pollution or diversion that would affect the rights of others.

To maintain the banks and bed of the watercourse (including any trees and shrubs growing on the banks) and any flood defences that exist on it. This includes keeping the bed and banks free of debris, both natural and artificial, even if it did not originate from your land.

You must keep the surrounds of the watercourse free of loose debris which would be washed into the stream during heavy storms or high flows, causing blockages downstream. This also includes debris which could impact on water quality should they be washed into the watercourse (for example, grass cuttings, tree branches and twigs, litter and chemical containers).

You must keep any structures that you own (for example culverts, trash screens, weirs, mill gates, bridges) free of debris and ensure they are in good working condition.

What is a watercourse?

A watercourse is every river, stream, brook, ditch, drain, culvert, pipe and any other passage through which water may flow. A watercourse can be either natural or man-made. Watercourses drain the land, prevent flooding and assist in supporting flora and fauna. Historically, watercourses have taken water runoff from buildings and roads, as well as fields and parks. In the process of development many have been culverted (piped) or changed in other ways. In normal conditions a watercourse may be a dry channel in the ground; in heavy storm conditions it may become a raging torrent.

The riparian owner of any ditches alongside roads is normally the adjoining landowner, as the highway boundary invariably lies along the top of the bank closest to the road. Adjacent owners should not carry out any work on the ditch which would restrict road surface water draining into it. Although the County Council and Highways Agency in their role as the Highway Authority has the right to discharge rainwater from the highway into these ditches, the landowner is responsible for maintaining it.

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Lemon Swiss Roll and Amaretti Trifle

Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II with this impressive trifle, winner of the national Platinum Pudding competition. For this recipe (for 20) you will need two Swiss roll tins, measuring approximately 24cmx34cm/9½inx13½in and a trifle dish with capacity of approximately 3.5 litres/6 pints. However, you could always halve the recipe to serve 10. For shortcuts to this recipe, see overleaf

METHOD

To make the Swiss rolls, preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Grease and line the two Swiss roll tins with baking paper. In a large bowl, beat the egg and sugar together with an electric hand whisk for approximately 5 minutes or until light and pale. Using a metal spoon, gently fold in the flour. Divide between the two tins and bake for 10–12 minutes or until the sponges are lightly golden and cooked through.

Sprinkle some extra caster sugar on two sheets of baking paper then turn the sponges out onto the sugared paper. Peel off the paper from the underside and, while still warm, roll them both up from the short end into a tight spiral using the paper to help. Leave to cool.

To make the lemon curd, place the egg yolks, granulated sugar, butter, lemon zest and lemon juice in a glass bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water). Whisk until combined and whisk continuously as the curd cooks until thickened. This should take about 15 minutes. Pour into a clean bowl and set aside to cool.

To make the St Clement's jelly, soak the gelatine leaves in cold water for 5 minutes to soften. Using a vegetable peeler, peel six strips from a lemon and six strips from an orange and put these into a saucepan with the sugar and 400ml/14fl oz water. Bring to a simmer over a medium heat, stirring

INGREDIENTS

For the Swiss rolls

4 large free-range eggs
100g/3½oz caster sugar, plus extra for dusting
100g/3½oz self-raising flour, sieved
butter, for greasing

For the lemon curd

4 large free-range egg yolks
135g/4¾oz granulated sugar
85g/3oz salted butter, softened
1 lemon, zest only
80ml/2½fl oz fresh lemon juice

For the St Clement's jelly

6 gelatine leaves
4 unwaxed lemons
3 oranges
150g/5½oz golden caster sugar

For the custard

425ml/15fl oz double cream
3 large free-range egg yolks
25g/1oz golden caster sugar
1 tbsp cornflour
1 tsp lemon extract

For the amaretti biscuits

2 free-range egg whites
170g/6oz caster sugar
170g/6oz ground almonds
1 tbsp amaretto
butter or oil, for greasing

For the chunky mandarin coulis

4x 298g tins mandarins
45g/1¾oz caster sugar
16g/½oz arrowroot (2 sachets)
½ lemon, juice only

For the jewelled chocolate bark

50g/1¾oz mixed peel
1 tbsp caster sugar (optional)
200g/7oz white chocolate, broken into pieces

To assemble

600ml/20fl oz double cream

occasionally until the sugar has dissolved. Remove from the heat and discard the peel. Squeeze the water out of the gelatine and stir into the pan until dissolved then leave to cool. Squeeze the lemons and oranges, so you have 150ml/5fl oz of both lemon and orange juice. Stir into the pan then strain the jelly through a fine sieve into a jug and chill until cool but not set.

To make the custard, place the cream in a saucepan over a gentle heat and bring it up to simmer, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon. In a bowl, whisk together the egg yolks, sugar, cornflour and lemon extract, then gradually pour the hot cream into the bowl whilst whisking continuously. Immediately return the whole lot back to the saucepan and continue whisking over a gentle heat until the custard is thick and smooth. Pour the custard into a jug or bowl, cover the surface with greaseproof paper and leave to cool.

To make the amaretti biscuits, preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. In a large bowl, beat the egg whites until firm. Mix the sugar and almonds gently into it. Add the amaretto and fold in gently until you have a smooth paste.

Place some baking paper on a baking tray and lightly brush with butter or oil. Using a teaspoon, place small heaps of the mixture approximately 2cm¾in apart, as they will expand during cooking. Bake for approximately 15–20 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from the oven and set aside to cool.

To make the chunky mandarin coulis, strain two tins of mandarins. Discard the juice and put the fruit into a saucepan with the sugar and heat gently until broken down. Remove from the heat. In a small bowl, slake the arrowroot with 2 tablespoons cold water then add to the warm mandarins. Add the lemon juice and mix well before pouring into a large bowl. Strain the remaining two tins of mandarins and add the fruit to the bowl then leave to cool completely. *continued overleaf*



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To make the jewelled chocolate bark, if the peel feels wet or sticky, roll in the caster sugar to absorb any moisture. Melt the white chocolate in a bowl sitting over a saucepan of gently simmering water. Pour the white chocolate onto a baking tray lined with baking paper and scatter over the mixed peel. Leave to set then break into shards.

To assemble, unroll the cooled Swiss rolls and spread with the lemon curd. Roll back up again and slice one into 2.5cm/1in slices and place upright around the bottom edge of the trifle dish so the swirl is visible. Slice the other Swiss roll into thicker pieces and use these to fill the bottom of the dish, ensuring the top is roughly the same level as the slices that line the edge. Use off-cuts of sponge to fill any gaps.

Pour the St Clement's jelly over the Swiss roll layer and set aside in the fridge to completely set. This will take approximately 3 hours. Once set, pour over the custard then arrange a single layer of amaretti biscuits, keeping a few back for the top. Pour over the mandarin coulis. In a large bowl, whip the double cream until soft peaks form then spoon this over the coulis. Crumble over the reserved amaretti biscuits and decorate with the chocolate bark shards.

Recipe Tips

As a shortcut for this recipe, you can use ready-made versions for most of the components and just make the Swiss rolls and mandarin coulis from scratch. For the lemon curd, use 300g/10½oz ready-made lemon curd. Instead of the St Clement's jelly, use 1 packet of lemon-flavoured jelly and follow the packet instructions to make 568ml/1 pint. For the custard, use 500ml/18fl oz ready-made custard. For the biscuits, use 100g/3½oz ready-made amaretti biscuits.

Instead of making the jewelled chocolate bark, you can finish this trifle by scattering over the reserved amaretti biscuits, mixed peel and 50g/1¾oz white chocolate chunks.

April rainfall

There were few showers in April, with most of the rain falling on a single day. It was another dry month overall, with just 13.4mm (a fraction over half-an-inch). 10.5mm (¾in) fell on April 6 and there were only two other days during the whole month when there was any significant rainfall, and a total of 20 completely dry days. However, looking back, April last year had virtually no rain at all – a mere 0.1mm being recorded.

Figures compiled by Peter Daughtrey



Easy Coronation Chicken

Make a classic coronation chicken filling to serve with jacket potatoes or in sandwiches and salads. It's an excellent way to use up leftover chicken after a roast

Ingredients

- 6 tbsp mayonnaise
- 2-3 tsp mild curry powder, to taste
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tbsp mango chutney
- 1-3 tbsp sultanas, or to taste
- 500g shredded cooked chicken

METHOD

STEP 1

Mix the mayo, curry powder, cinnamon, chutney and sultanas together and season with black pepper.

STEP 2

Add the shredded chicken and stir to coat in the sauce. Stir in 2 tbsp water to loosen if needed, then season and serve as desired.

- Recipes courtesy of the BBC

How different churches cope with adversity

When a Methodist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was an experience, how do I learn from it?"

When a Catholic priest falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "I must have done something really bad to deserve that."

When a Presbyterian minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "That was inevitable, I'm glad it's over."

When a Baptist minister falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Which one of my deacons pushed me?"

When a vicar falls down the stairs, he picks himself up and says, "Will I need a faculty to get the staircase repaired?"



EDITORIAL

Time to celebrate

For those of us old enough to remember the Queen's coronation on June 2, 1953, it was for many the first televised event we had seen. As we crowded round television sets owned by friends, relatives or neighbours, we witnessed a spectacle on a scale never seen before. According to the statistics, 27 million (out of the 36 million population) watched the ceremony on television and 11 million listened on the radio.

My parents were fortunate enough to have seats in the Mall and watched the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh being driven from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey in the Gold State Coach – pulled by eight grey horses. The three-hour ceremony was conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, a duty which has been undertaken since the Conquest in 1066. And the responsibility for organising the event was that of the incumbent Earl Marshal, a position since 1386 performed by the Duke of Norfolk. It was the 16th Duke (the current Duke's grandfather) who was responsible for the coronation in 1953 (and also for the state funeral of Winston Churchill (1965) and the investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1969.

The return route for the newly crowned Queen was designed so that the procession could be seen by as many people in London as possible. The 4½-mile route took the 16,000 participants two hours to complete.

During the forthcoming extended Bank Holiday weekend there will be a birthday parade in the capital, beacons across the country, a 'platinum party' at Buckingham Palace, a pageant and thousands of street parties and lunches.

Here in the Wildbrooks parishes, we will be celebrating the Jubilee with a number of events detailed elsewhere in this issue. After two years of Lockdowns due to the Covid pandemic, we all need an opportunity to have something we can celebrate together.

Enjoy the occasion. God save the Queen.

Mike Toynbee

Deadline for the combined July/August issue is
Thursday, June 16

Contributions should be sent to the Editor,
Brooklands, East Street, Amberley, BN189NN

or e-mailed to

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To Do List

delay; defer; equivocate
make some tea; procrastinate
scroll through the news; stroke the cat
readjust the thermostat

dawdle; dither; hem and haw
fill the kettle; chew my jaw
write nine words; spin on chair
play six games of solitaire

observe the merry, dappled light
dancing on the screen of white
print out my words; paper scrunch
stroke the cat; break for lunch

prioritise new tasks to shirk
resolve myself to do some work
look at Twitter; spin on chair
make a brew; loiter; stare

scroll through the news; stare some more
reorganise the kitchen drawer
write nine words; cross six out
stroke the cat; stoke self-doubt

make tea; stroke cat; scroll news; stare
Twitter; chair-spin; solitaire
stroke tea; spin news; scroll cat; wallow
write To Do list for tomorrow

Brian Bilston

Samson

Adieu Samson, my old chum
You have gone to pastures new
No not that sort
No longer trembling,
in your imperious stare,
can I jump to your command

Despite when they
imprisoned you
Left with all your hair
When I awoke next morning
The village still was there.

John Kemp



LOCAL INFORMATION

Refuse & Recycling Calendar

Household refuse collections (Amberley/Crossgates/Rackham, Mill Lane, High Titten, New Barn Road and Houghton Bridge): non-recyclable waste will be collected on **Tuesdays, June 7 and 21**; collections for mixed dry recyclable waste (blue top bins) and garden waste (brown top bins for registered users only) will be on **Tuesdays, June 14 and 28**. For Church Street and Hog Lane, collections for non-recyclable waste will be on **Wednesdays, June 1, 15 and 29**; mixed dry recyclable waste (blue top bins) will be collected on **Wednesdays, June 8 and 22**; and collections for garden waste (brown top bins for registered users only) will be on **Mondays, June 13 and 27**.

Opening hours for amenity tips

Billingshurst: 9am-6pm (closed Thursday and Friday); **Bognor:** 9am-6pm (closed Thursday and Friday); **Chichester (Westhampnett)** 9am-6pm (closed Tuesday); **Littlehampton** 9am-6pm (closed Tuesday and Wednesday). **Note:** Advance booking necessary at Bognor and Littlehampton and proof of West Sussex residency is required.

Monday Village Bus service to Storrington and Pulborough

Following the discontinuation of the Compass Bus service, the Village Bus has resumed its Monday morning service to Storrington and Pulborough.

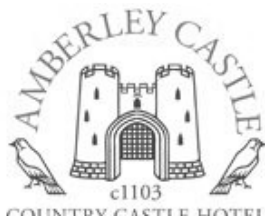
Amberley Square (depart)	10.15
Hurst Cottages	10.18
The Sportsman	10.20
Rackham Street	10.23
Storrington (arrive)	10.35
Pulborough (arrive)	11.00
Pulborough Sainsbury's (depart)	12.03
Pulborough Tesco	12.05
Storrington bus station	12.25
Rackham Street	12.35
The Sportsman	12.38
Hurst Cottages	12.40
Amberley Square (arrive)	12.41

Village Bus



On Monday, Wednesday and Thursday every week (plus the first Tuesday each month), the Amberley and Slindon Community Bus can take you to various destinations thanks to our team of volunteer drivers. We routinely stop at a range of places in Amberley, but as this is a 'hail-and-ride' service the driver will pick up and set down at your door on request (especially useful when you are returning home with shopping), or anywhere else en route. The fare is a flat-rate £3 per return journey, and Sussex County Card Holders and children under 14 travel free. Wheelchair users are welcome, but always ring ahead. To arrange a pick-up from your home, or to discuss becoming a volunteer driver, please call Philip Greenwood on (01798) 831 803. The full bus timetable can be found on the Amberley Parish Council website: www.amberley-pc.org.uk/

DAY	DESTINATION	DEPARTS AMBERLEY	TIME FOR SHOPPING / APPOINTMENTS	ARRIVES BACK IN AMBERLEY
Mon	Bognor For details of the Storrington & Pulborough service, see panel above	Rackham St 12.35pm Hurst Cott 12.40pm Square 12.41pm Bridge Inn 12.44pm	1.25pm to 3.30pm	4.12pm approx
First Tues only	Worthing via Storrington (with around three-and-a-half hours before the return journey)	Bridge Inn 9.37am Square 9.40am Hurst Cott 9.43am Sportsman 9.45am Rackham St 9.48am	10.15am to 1.05pm	1.40pm approx
Wed	Littlehampton & Rustington	Rackham St 9.32am Hurst Cott 9.35am Square 9.37am Bridge Inn 9.39am	10.05am to 12.31pm (Arundel) 10.15am to 12.20pm (Littlehampton) 10.25am to 12.10pm (Rustington)	1pm approx
Thurs	Chichester	Rackham St 9.32am Hurst Cott 9.36am Square 9.37am Bridge Inn	10.25am (Market) 10.30am (South Street/ West Street) to 1.30pm (Cathedral)	2.16pm approx



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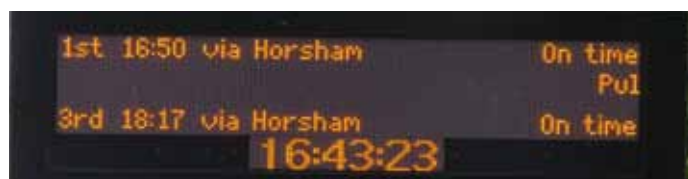
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Southern Trains Timetable

(from February 28, 2022)

MONDAY-FRIDAY

From Amberley to London (Victoria except here shown): 05.54, 06.18*, 06.44, 07.47, 08.17, 08.50, 09.17 and then at 17 minutes past the hour until 21.17 then 23.03 (change at Gatwick Airport).

Typical journey time to London Victoria 1hr 27mins

* To London Bridge

From Pulborough to London (Victoria except where shown): 06.01, 06.24*, 06.50, 07.26, 07.54, 08.23, 08.56, 09.24, 09.55 and then 24 and 55 minutes past the hour until 21.55 then 23.09 (change at Gatwick Airport).

Typical journey time 1hr 19 mins.

* To London Bridge

From London Victoria to Amberley: 05.54, 06.36, 07.06, 07.36, 08.03*, 08.35 and then at 35 minutes past the hour until 15.35, 16.05, 16.35, 17.35, 18.35 and then 05 and 35 minutes past each hour until then 21.05, 21.35 (P&S), 22.05 (B&C), 22.35 (C).

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 22mins.

* From London Bridge

From London Victoria to Pulborough: 05.54, 06.36, 07.06, 07.36, 08.03*, 08.35 and then at 05 and 35 minutes past the hour until 16.35, 17.35 and then 05 and 35 minutes past the hour until 21.05, then 21.35 (P&S), 22.05 (B&C), 22.35 (C). Additional train from **London Bridge** at 17.02.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 15mins

From Amberley to Arundel and beyond (all Bognor Regis except as shown): 06.40 (SC), 07.15 (SC), 07.55, 08.23, 08.58, 09.28, 09.58 and then 58 minutes past the hour until 16.58, then 17.28, 17.58, 18.58, then 27 and 58 minutes past the hour until 22.27 then 22.51 (P&S), 23.21 (B&C), 23.52 (C). P&S – Portsmouth & Southsea; C – Chichester; B&C Bognor and Chichester; SC – Southampton Central

SATURDAY

From Amberley to London: 06.26, 07.17 and then at 17 minutes past the hour until 21.17 then 23.03 (change at Gatwick Airport). Additional train at 16.50.

Typical journey time to London Victoria 1hr 27mins

From Pulborough to London: 06.32, 06.55 and then 24 and 55 minutes past the hour until 21.55 then 23.09 (change at Gatwick Airport).

Typical journey time 1hr 19 mins

From London Victoria to Amberley: 06.35, and then at 35 minutes past the hour until 20.35 then 21.05, 21.35P&S, 22.05C, 22.35C.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 22mins

From London Victoria to Pulborough: 06.05, 06.35, and then at 05 and 35 minutes past the hour until 20.35 then 21.05, 21.35P&S, 22.05C, 22.35C.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 15mins

From Amberley to Arundel and beyond (all Bognor Regis except as shown): 06.41SC, 07.58 and then 58 minutes past the hour (to Bognor) until 21.58, then 22.21, 22.51 (P&S), 23.21 (C), 23.53 (C).

P&S – Portsmouth & Southsea; C – Chichester; SC – Southampton Central.

SUNDAY

From Amberley to London Victoria: 07.53, 08.58 and then at 58 minutes past the hour until 21.58.

From Pulborough: 6 minutes later

Typical journey time to London Victoria 1hr 21mins

From London Victoria to Amberley and Pulborough: 07.32, 08.32, 09.35 and then at 35 minutes past the hour until 22.35.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 20mins

From Amberley to Arundel and beyond (all Bognor Regis and Portsmouth Harbour [divides at Barnham] except as shown): 09.01 (B), 09.58 (PH), 10.58 (PH), 11.55 and then 55 minutes past the hour until 21.55, then 22.56 (B) and 23.55 (B). B – Bognor Regis; PH – Portsmouth Harbour.

Compiled by Malcolm Pheasey

Local Farmers' Markets

Storrington Community Market

Village Hall, West Street

Fridays (9.45am-11.15am)

Chichester

East and North Streets

First and third Fridays (9am-2pm)

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First Saturday (7.30am-2pm)

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High Street Car Park

First Saturday (9am-1pm)

Arundel

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JUNE DIVERSIONS

1. Who rode Black Bess?
2. Gilbert and Sullivan – who was the composer and who was the librettist?
3. How long is a game of hockey?
4. Who was the UK's first ever winner of the Eurovision Song Contest and what was the song?
5. How many countries can you name on the equator?
6. How many bridges are there across the Amazon?
7. What was the name of the Ewings' house in the long-running TV series Dallas?
8. In mythology, Romulus and Remus were brought up by which animal?
9. With which team did Lewis Hamilton win his first Formula 1 world championship and what was exceptional about it?
10. What is the name of an open tart with almond-flavoured sponge over a layer of jam?
11. A word misused through confusion with a similar sounding word, sometimes deliberately for comic effect?
12. With which musical instrument was the astronomer Sir Patrick Moore associated?
13. 'When I find myself in times of trouble Mother Mary comes to me'. Whose lyrics were these?
14. What is a Turk's head?
15. Who played the title role in *The Godfather*, released in 1972?
16. Which country became the first to give women the vote in 1893?
17. The former USSR city of Leningrad is now known as what?
18. Zn is the symbol of which chemical element?
19. What name was given to a female broadcaster of Japanese propaganda during WW2?
20. Which seven letter word for a type of argument is also a collective noun for sparrows?
21. What is both the name of a Greek goddess and a colourful part of the human body? (4 letters).
22. What was the name of Hollywood's first canine star in the 1930s?
23. In racing terms, what is a 'nap'?
24. On a film set, what is a 'gaffer'?

Answers on page 45

QUICK CROSSWORD

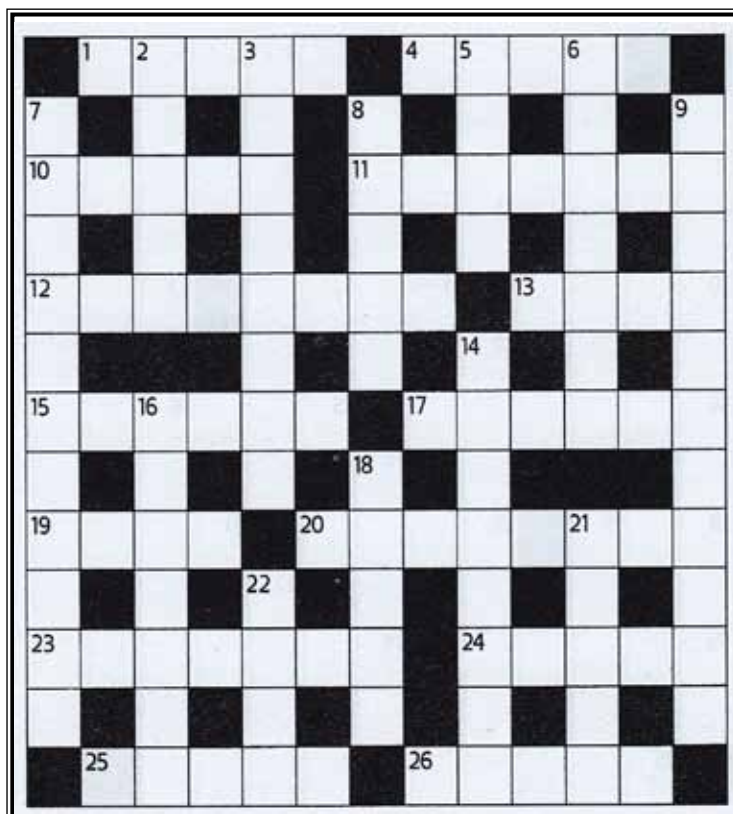
Across

1. Trainer (5)
4. Prod (5)
10. Glossy fabric (5)
11. Consultant (7)
12. The Western Hemisphere (8)
13. Go bankrupt (4)
15. Cowboy rope (6)
17. French brandy (6)
19. Slay (4)
20. Comical (8)
23. Metallic element
24. Irish county in Connacht province (5)
25. Narrow gorge (5)
28. Chubby (5)

Down

2. Spirits dispenser (5)
3. Nationality of actor Michael J Fox (8)
5. Talk wildly (4)
6. Tenor of the oboe family (7)
7. Shakespeare comedy (2,3,4,2)
8. Type of owl (5)
9. See red corps [anag] (11)
14. Gigantic (8)
16. Sir Walter __ explorer (7)
21. Poppy narcotic (5)
22. Painting medium

Solution, page 45





JUNE CALENDAR OF EVENTS / TIDE TIMETABLE

3rd Friday

SADCASE Car Show, Amberley Museum, 10am

5th Sunday

Village Jubilee Picnic, Amberley Millennium Green, from 2.30pm

6th Monday

Bell ringing practice, St Michael's Church, 7.30pm (and every Monday at the same time)

7th Tuesday

Talk: Arts Society West Sussex, Fittleworth Village Hall, 2pm

Talk: 50 years of seaside entertaining, Storrington Museum, 7.30pm*

11th Saturday

Environment Day, Amberley Museum, from 10am

Exhibition: History of Arundel, St Nicholas Church, Arundel, 10am-5pm (daily until June 19)

12th Sunday

Amberley Gardens Open, 12noon-6pm

Cricket: Amberley v Walburton (away), 1.30pm

14th Tuesday

CAMEO St Michael's Church Hall, 2pm

15th Wednesday

Mid-week Wildlife Walk, RSPB Reserve, Wiggonholt, 10am

17th Friday

Cricket: Amberley v St Clements Strollers [T20] (home), 5.30pm

18th Saturday

Community Camp Out, Millennium Green, from 3pm (until 9am the following morning*)

19th Sunday

Father's Day and Emergency Services Show, Amberley Museum, from 10am

Cricket: Amberley v Lavant (away), 2pm

23rd Thursday

Festival of Speed, Goodwood (daily until Sunday)*

25th Saturday

Concert for Ukraine, West Chiltington Village Hall,

26th Sunday

Cricket: Amberley v Nuthurst (home) 14:00

* Booking/registration essential

Littlehampton Tide Timetable – June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 st High 01.02 Low 07.00 High 13.27 Low 19.16	2 nd High 01.31 Low 07.34 High 13.58 Low 19.50	3 rd High 02.01 Low 08.09 High 14.30 Low 20.26	4 th High 02.33 Low 08.44 High 15.04 Low 21.03
5 th High 03.09 Low 09.22 High 15.44 Low 21.46	6 th High 03.52 Low 10.06 High 16.33 Low 22.38	7 th High 04.48 Low 11.01 High 17.36 Low 23.42	8 th High 05.59 Low 12.07 High 18.48	9 th Low 00.51 High 07.15 Low 13.16 High 19.52	10 th Low 01.56 High 08.18 Low 14.18 High 20.49	11 th Low 02.53 High 09.13 Low 15.15 High 21.40
12 th Low 03.44 High 10.04 Low 16.07 High 22.29	13 th Low 04.33 High 10.54 Low 16.56 High 23.16	14 th Low 05.23 High 11.46 Low 17.46	15 th High 00.06 Low 06.12 High 12.38 Low 18.36	16 th High 00.57 Low 07.03 High 13.31 Low 19.27	17 th High 01.48 Low 07.55 High 14.24 Low 20.21	18 th High 02.41 Low 08.48 High 15.17 Low 21.14
19 th High 03.35 Low 09.44 High 16.13 Low 22.12	20 th High 04.32 Low 10.42 High 17.10 Low 23.14	21 st High 05.32 Low 11.43 High 18.08	22 nd Low 00.19 High 06.34 Low 12.46 High 19.08	23 rd Low 01.22 High 07.37 Low 13.47 High 20.10	24 th Low 02.21 High 08.42 Low 14.44 High 21.09	25 th Low 03.16 High 09.39 Low 15.36 High 22.02
26 th Low 04.04 High 10.30 Low 16.24 High 22.46	27 th Low 04.48 High 11.14 Low 17.06 High 23.28	28 th Low 05.29 High 11.55 Low 17.46	29 th High 00.06 Low 06.06 High 12.33 Low 18.23	30 th High 00.40 Low 06.43 High 13.07 Low 18.59		

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

July 9th-10th Sussex Steam Rally, Parham Park

17th July Classic Car Show, Amberley Museum

23rd July Amberley Revival

20th August All Kinds of Folk, Amberley

Property Watch

List compiled from Rightmove

Homes for sale locally

Amberley

Church Street 7-bedroom detached house in 1.3 acres

(Hamptons, Chichester)

£3,000,000

Rackham Road 3-bedroom house

(GL&Co, Storrington)

OIEO £1,350,000

Church Street 4-bedroom Grade II listed thatched house

(GL&Co, Storrington)

£1,200,000

Strawberry Villas (new development of 14 properties)

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£595,000

4-bedroom house (Plot 13)

£1,050,000

(Fowlers, Storrington)



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DIVERSIONS ANSWERS (see page 43)

1. Dick Turpin 2. Arthur Sullivan was the composer and W S Gilbert the librettist 3. The standard time duration of a hockey game gets divided into two halves, each lasting 35 minutes 4. Sandie Shaw with Puppet on a String (in 1967) 5. The Equator passes through 13 countries: Ecuador, Colombia, Brazil, Sao Tome & Principe, Gabon, Republic of the Congo, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Uganda, Kenya, Somalia, Maldives, Indonesia and Kiribati 6. None, despite being the world's longest river (over 4,000 miles) 7. South Fork 8. Wolf 9. McLaren in 2008, to become the then-youngest champion in the history of the sport 10. Bakewell tart 11. Malapropism 12. Xylophone 13. The Beatles 14. A knot 15. Marlon Brando 16. New Zealand 17. St Petersburg 18. Zinc 19. Tokyo Rose 20. Quarrel 21. Iris 22. Rin Tin Tin 23. A tipster's most fancied horse on the day 24. The head man for electricians or lighting technicians

CROSSWORD

ACROSS: 1. Coach 4. Probe 10. Satin 11. Adviser 12. Occident 13. Fold 15. Lariat 17. Cognac 19. Kill 20. Humorous 23. Iridium 24. Sligo 25. Chasm 28. Plump

DOWN: 2. Optic 3. Canadian 5. Rave 6. Bassoon 7. As You Like It 8. Tawny 9. Predecessor 14. Colossal 16. Raleigh 18. Suomi 21. Opium 22. Oils



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