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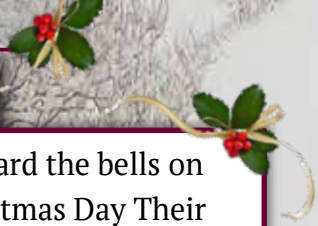
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"I'M
DREAMING OF
A WHITE
CHRISTMAS.
BUT IF THE WHITE
RUNS OUT, I'LL
DRINK THE RED."



"I heard the bells on
Christmas Day Their
old, familiar carols
play, and wild and
sweet the words repeat
of peace on earth,
good-will to men!"
– Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow



- Good FRIENDS
- Good WINE
- Good FOOD
- Good TIMES!



"Christmas at my house is
always at least six or seven
times more pleasant than
anywhere else. We start
drinking early. And while
everyone else is seeing
only one Santa Claus, we'll
be seeing six or seven."

—W.C. Fields



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Details of an angel depicted
in the Stott memorial stained
glass window on the north
wall of the nave in St Michael's
Church, Amberley



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Light in the darkness

At the start of December three years ago Steve and I had just moved into Amberley and between unpacking and struggling to obtain a phone line we were preparing for my licensing service.

In my first letter for this magazine, written just as we moved, I picked up the children's question on long car journeys, 'Are we nearly there yet?'

After another year dominated by concerns around Covid and its restrictions on normal life, we may well still be asking 'Are we nearly there?' Vaccinations have undoubtedly made a huge difference, but how we long for the freedoms we used to enjoy before the pandemic!

There has been much this year which has challenged us. We have shared concerns over not only the pandemic but the big issues of climate change. Many have faced uncertainty over education, finances or employment. For some of you the challenges have been those of personal loss, health and other circumstances.

The 'blitz spirit' with which we pulled together through the crisis time of the first lockdown has long since faded. Instead there is a weariness with Covid, along with impatience and frustration which sometimes leads people to put their interests before consideration for others. I hope that in our local community we can continue to be supportive and understanding of each other.

If you or a neighbour have needs which affect health and wellbeing in the broadest sense please remember the Welfare Trust is there with funds to help. The money has been given by local people for local people and while we're considering a new mutual support fund there is much which we can do already. Please do get in touch confidentially if you'd like to know more. Let's continue to look out for each other and point each other to means of support in difficult times.



The Revd Gerry Burgess

Normally I enjoy the cosiness of winter and the approach of Christmas, but this year all feels a little subdued as we wonder once again if those longed-for events will feel Covid-safe. We have tried to plan a variety of church Christmas events, including some outside and some which will be live streamed, so that we can be together safely and with confidence. We'd love to welcome you to any of these! Look out for posters and a leaflet through your door with full details. If we have to make changes we'll update via Listserve and a notice at the shop.

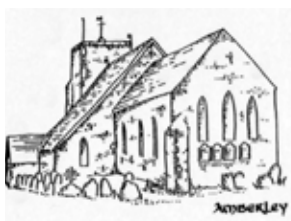
Our theme this Christmas is Light in the Darkness as we celebrate Jesus the Light of the World, not a remote God but born as one of us. He promises to be with us in the darkness of difficult times as well as the joys of life, bringing his love, his strength and hope for the future.

As we look to a new year, wondering what it may hold for us, may we remember the words of the Christmas gospel: 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it' (*John 1 v.5*). I pray that you may know that light, God's gift to us for life and not just for Christmas. When we see torchlight or lights in the windows under our wonderfully dark skies may we resolve to let our light shine out, sharing love and hope in 2022. May we be of good courage as we head into a new year, knowing that we do not go alone.

Steve and I wish you a very Happy Christmas and God's blessings for 2022 and all that it holds.

Gerry

**The Revd Gerry Burgess
Priest-in-Charge**





DECEMBER/JANUARY SERVICES

SUNDAY, 5th DECEMBER ADVENT 2 PURPLE ARRAY

9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
3.00pm	Advent Evensong	Wiggonholt

SUNDAY, 12th DECEMBER ADVENT 3 PURPLE ARRAY

9.00am	Holy Communion	Greatham
10.00am	The Gift of Christmas A short café-style service for all. Enjoy refreshments, bring gifts for Family Support Work and learn more about their work	Amberley
3.00pm	Carol Service	Parham

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER

4.00pm	Crib Blessing May be held in churchyard	North Stoke
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SUNDAY, 19th DECEMBER ADVENT 4 PURPLE ARRAY

9.15am	Holy Communion	Wiggonholt
11.00am	Holy Communion (said)	Amberley
4.00pm	Carol Service	Amberley

SUNDAY, 26th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS 1 WHITE ARRAY

9.30am	Holy Communion A quiet said service	Amberley
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SUNDAY, 2nd JANUARY EPIPHANY WHITE ARRAY

9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	New Year Compline (by Zoom)	

SUNDAY, 9th JANUARY BAPTISM OF CHRIST WHITE ARRAY

9.00am	Holy Communion	Greatham
10.00am	Worship for All	Amberley

SUNDAY, 16th JANUARY EPIPHANY 2 WHITE ARRAY

9.15am	Holy Communion	Wiggonholt
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
3.00pm	Evensong	Parham

Christmas services: The Light shines

We'd love to welcome you to any of our Christmas services as we celebrate the Light of Christ shining amid the darkness.

With Covid still active locally we plan to hold some Christmas services outdoors, so please come prepared. When in church please wear face masks if possible and continue to respect distancing.

Any amendments to our plans which become necessary will be posted on Listserve and the Wildbrooks Churches Facebook page and sent via church e-mail.

FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm	Journey to the Manger, with Crib Building (starting at The Square, Amberley)	
6.00pm	Churchyard Carols Outdoor event: bring torch and dress warmly	Wiggonholt
7.00pm	Holy Communion A short and quiet Communion service in church	Wiggonholt

SATURDAY, 25th DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY WHITE ARRAY

9.00am	Holy Communion	Parham
9.00am	Holy Communion In churchyard if weather permits	Greatham
10.30am	Family Communion	Amberley

SUNDAY, 23rd JANUARY EPIPHANY 3 WHITE ARRAY

9.00am	Matins	Greatham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley

SUNDAY, 30th JANUARY CANDLEMAS WHITE ARRAY

10.00am	Holy Communion United Benefice service	Amberley
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SUNDAY, 6th FEBRUARY 4 BEFORE LENT GREEN ARRAY

9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
3.00pm	Evensong	Wiggonholt



BIBLE READINGS / CHURCH NEWS

Bible Readings

Sunday, 5th December

*Psalm 25.1-10; Malachi 3.1-4;
Luke 3.1-6*

Sunday, 12th December

Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

Sunday, 19th December

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:39-45

Readings for Carol Services and Christmas tbc

Sunday, 26th December

Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2: 8-20

Sunday, 2nd January

Psalm 98; Isaiah 60.1-6; Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday, 9th January

Isaiah 43.1-7; Luke 3.5-17, 21-22

Sunday, 16th January

Psalm 45.1-9; Isaiah 62:1-5; John 2:1-11

Sunday, 23rd January

Psalm 19; Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, 30th January

Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Sunday, 6th February

Psalm 138; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11



A series of short evening reflections held on Zoom.

9pm on Tuesdays, 30th November and 7th, 14th December.

Why not make a space for this quiet time to pause and be with God?

Please e-mail revgerryburgess@gmail.com for Zoom meeting details

(Phone option is also available).

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

Evie Phoebe Sheila Baker
at Parham (31st October)

Service of Thanksgiving

Jerry Losty
at Amberley (25th November)

Burial of ashes

Bill Waymark
at North Stoke (8th November)

Elizabeth (Flossie) Mitchell
at Parham (19th November)

Blessing of the Christmas Crib with Carols

ST MARY THE VIRGIN NORTH STOKE
SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER 4pm
*A Service with **children** in mind*



ST MARY THE VIRGIN NORTH STOKE

**Wrap up and bring a torch - we may be in
the churchyard**

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US



CHURCH NEWS

We will remember them

Well over 70 people of all ages attended the Remembrance Sunday service on November 14 at the war memorial in St Michael's churchyard.

The names of the fallen from Amberley and North Stoke who died in both World Wars were read by David Lyon and the *Kohima Epitaph* was said by Air Vice Marshal Mike Adams. There were also readings by Sue Adams, who also served in the RAF, and Steve Burgess. The *Last Post* was sounded on the bugle by Ollie Clifford, and, following the two-minute silence, the *Reveille*.

Wreaths were laid by the Air Vice Marshal Mike Adams and Geoff Uren, chairman of Amberley Parish Council. Large, decorated poppies made by children from Amberley Primary School, had been previously laid during a special service they attended on Armistice Day.

The Revd Gerry Burgess, Priest-in-Charge, who conducted the service, recalled how her father, as a young RAF medical orderly arrived at Tangmere just as the blitz took place at Portsmouth. "This anxious young man, barely out of his teens, was faced with terribly injured fellow service men. He felt out of his depth, I have no doubt, but he had the courage to kneel at his bedside and pray despite the jeers of others around him, and his faith sustained him through those demanding years.

"We share today in remembering those who served, those who lost their lives or who lost loved ones and those whose lives were changed forever by their experiences.

"As we reflect today on the sacrifice of so many ordinary people may we also resolve, God being our helper, to do all we can to play our part for a hopeful and peaceful future," the Revd Burgess concluded.



Geoff Uren, chairman of Amberley Parish Council (left) and Air Vice Marshal Mike Adams laid wreaths

Roll of Honour

Great War 1914-1918

Amberley

Thomas Davis
Frederick Duke
Isaac Elcombe
Percy George Hamilton
William Charles Hammond
Reginald Henry Jackson
Ralph Jackson
Herbert William Launder

John Philby

Frederick Quinnell

James Searle

Arthur John Smith

Sydney Onslow Smith

Alfred Wakeham

Peter Wakeham

North Stoke

Frederick George Scott

Alfred Dennis Knight

Charles Upperton



Second World War

1939-1945

Amberley

Alan Gosden
John Cunningham Jackson
Richard John Latham
Andrew Wontner-Smith
George Johnson
Frederick Hamilton



With Christmas approaching St Michael's is again appealing to your generosity to donate Christmas food and gifts for the charity Family Support Work (FSW) to help families in West Sussex who are in difficult circumstances.

The Gift of Christmas – 12th December at 10am

Bring a gift to our café-style service at St Michael's, enjoy refreshments and hear more about the work of the charity Family Support Work

FSW try to ensure that every child on their books – and their mums and dads – gets a Christmas present. If you are able to donate a gift (only new goods please) then please bring it along to St Michael's on 12th December.

Suitable gifts include: toys for children over 5 (they have plenty of baby and toddler toys already and don't really need soft toys); Gifts for teens – a difficult one, but vouchers are always acceptable; gifts for mums and dads – could be toiletries, scarves etc or again vouchers.

No alcohol please and do not wrap gifts – FSW need to see what they have!

Christmas Food Collection

Gifts of Christmas food for distribution via the foodbank will also be appreciated. Here's what they need:



Colin and the team will hold food items for me at the village shop – only items purchased there please
or you can drop in my side porch at Old Place – first door on the left up Hog Lane from Church St end
or drop in the porch at Amberley New Vicarage in School Road.

I need to deliver gifts on December 13th and food by the 17th

For more information please contact

Mel Edge amberleystmichael@gmail.com 07973 163369

As ever, thank you for your support



PEOPLE & EVENTS

Farewell and welcome...

We bid farewell to **Amanda Morley**, who has moved from Mavic in Church Street, Amberley, to Dorset, and welcome **Dr Matthew Cook** and **Michael Donovan**, who are the new owners. We wish them all every happiness in their new homes.

And farewell to **Sue Ford**, of 14 Crossgates, who last month returned to Australia, after 41 years in the UK, to take up a job opportunity in Sydney. She is looking forward to spending time with her 98-year-old father, who lives in Cobram, Victoria, with her sister. Husband **Andy Ford** is planning to join Sue in the spring once his application for a Partner Visa has been approved. Meanwhile, welcome back to Sue's son **Craig** and partner **Theresa**, and four-year-old daughter **Zoey** (who will be starting school at Amberley in September), who are moving into the family home in Crossgates.

Congratulations...

To **Pam Ffoulkes Roberts**, of the Old Brewhouse, Amberley who celebrates her 90th birthday on January 12.

And to **Marcus Lyon**, whose latest publishing project on Detroit has won Book of the Year, Best British Book and Best Self-Published Book at last month's 2021 British Book Design and Production Awards – the Oscars of the British art book world.



Marcus Lyon

Marcus, who grew up in Amberley and last year acquired Gastons, off Church Street, is a noted portrait photographer, whose subjects have included the Queen and several Prime Ministers.

"Moving to Amberley in the 1980s marked the beginning of my love of photography... indeed, I had my first darkroom at Oak Tree. I was much influenced by the late Elizabeth Butler back in the days when she lived and had her studio at Gastons, together with an array of other artists, including Simon Jollands who also grew up in the village at Ruff's Barn.

Marcus's early career was much influenced by his degree in Political Science and he worked extensively for Amnesty International and various other campaigning social justice NGOs. Over the years he established a successful portrait practice but in the last decade has focused on a series of Human Atlas projects. These bring together, in book and exhibition formats, 100 nominated people who are creating significant change in their specific communities through portraits, oral histories and ancestral DNA mapping.

His studio has completed projects in Brazil, Germany and,

more recently, Detroit. It is currently working on projects on Silicon Valley for the Packard Foundation and Los Angeles for the Getty Museum.

In addition to the latest accolades, the Detroit book has won numerous awards to date.

"As a family, Bel, Flo, Arthur and I were incredibly fortunate in 2019 when Katie Ohno offered us the chance to live at the magical Gastons when she decided to move to Brighton. Due to the lockdowns Katie stayed on for several months and we finally moved in during the summer of 2020."

Marcus and Bel recently completed an eco renovation of the old converted Milk Shed which sits between Oak Tree courtyard, Gastons and Church Street, and is currently being used as a wellness space.

Gardens Open 2022

It is hoped that it will be possible once again to stage the biennial Amberley Gardens Open event next June, having cancelled the 2020 event due to Covid-19. The date is Sunday, June 12.

Details will follow in the New Year, but please contact either Suzie Coates (footloose@amberleyvillage.net) or Jacqui Feakins (jaxfs@aol.com) if you would like further information or would like to open your garden.

The event raises funds for Action Medical Research, a Horsham-based charity launched by an Amberley resident, the late Duncan Guthrie, and which celebrates its 70th anniversary next year. In 2018, the last occasion Gardens Open was held, the event attracted around 1,500 visitors and raised £15,000.

Covid update

Thankfully, Covid-19 infection rates are reducing (at the time of writing), from an average of 738 (per 100,000 rolling rate) in the five local areas (Amberley & Pulborough, Arundel, Billingshurst, Petworth & Easebourne, West Chiltington three weeks ago, to an average of 475 at the time of writing (November 17), with the Amberley & Pulborough area at 442.

However, to put that into perspective, this compares to an average figure of 83 across the same five areas, this time last year.

Please continue to consider mask wearing and Covid-19 testing, particularly when planning to attend indoor events (vaccines are good at preventing severe disease but not nearly as good at preventing transmission)...and please ensure that you have your booster jab. **Amberley Help Hub**

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J.P. 'Jerry' Losty, 1945-2021

Jerry Losty, who died suddenly on September 29, was regarded as one of the world's leading scholars of Indian art. He was Curator of Prints and Drawings of the Oriental and India Office Collections at the British Library for 35 years.

Born and raised in London's Clerkenwell he attended St Aloysius Grammar School in Archway. Clerkenwell was just a walk from the British Museum where he spent many hours slaking his thirst for knowledge. He won a scholarship to Oxford to read history at Christ Church, but after the first trimester he changed course to read Sanskrit and Old Iranian.

Jerry went on to the Sanskrit College in Pune (Poona) for two years, reading Sanskrit Drama and spending any spare time travelling around India accompanied by his faithful *All India Railway Guide* which informed him of all the different rail gauges!

On his return to London he was appointed Assistant Keeper (Curator) of the Sanskrit Collections in the Oriental Manuscripts Department at the British Museum. He became more interested in researching the art of Indian manuscripts and moved to become Curator of Prints and Drawings at the India Office Library. This department became subsumed by the British Library which included the Oriental Manuscripts Collections of the British Museum and Jerry went on to become the Curator of Visual Arts at the British Library. His knowledge covered the breadth of Indian art and history from the early palm leaf manuscripts including those from Nepal to that of the Raj and the East India Company, including a huge collection of photographs.

Throughout the 35 years of his active service at the British Library he gave most of his attention to making the collection available to scholars; he was a pioneer in digitising its holdings. He was dedicated to his own research as much as to the research of those who sought his help, but it was only after his retirement that he began to publish in earnest, resulting in the 26 books that he authored or co-authored, as well as many chapters in books, articles in journals, and blogs for the Library.

Besides his much admired *Art of the Book in India* exhibition and book in 1982 he discovered large volumes of the *Ramayana* which had been in the collection of the previous Duke of Sussex and this culminated in a large exhibition at the British Library. Similarly, Sita Ram who accompanied Lord and Lady Hastings up-river from Calcutta in 1815, was another artist he discovered and he again produced a book and exhibition. He also worked on the 19th century English painter William Daniel's diaries in India.

Jerry married Kate Godby, whose parents lived in High Titton, at St Michael's Church, Amberley, on December 31, 1977. Early on they lived in Dulwich with their two daughters, Elle and Cat, moving to Walcot Square in Kennington



Jerry Losty

in 1999, and finally taking up residence at Granny Read's in Amberley in 2010.

Jerry had a great love of music – he played the spinet and piano – and was a frequent concert-goer, but failing hearing, sadly, meant having to give up both these activities in later years. He was also an accomplished cook.

There were many tributes to him from colleagues from around the world, and some of those he mentored and worked with were expected to speak at a Memorial Service at St Michael's on November 25.

Colonel Derek Corner

A former resident of Amberley, Colonel Derek Corner OBE, has died in Cyprus, aged 86. He and Rosemary lived at Brookside in Hog Lane, before retiring to Cyprus where he had served as garrison commander at Dhekelia. Prior to that he had a distinguished career at Sandhurst. The couple had two daughters – Fiona and Jane – who grew up in Amberley.

The house in Hog Lane is thought to have been previously owned by Mrs Scott, Rosemary's mother. Latterly, it has been the home of Martin and Wendy Carter. It is currently let while Martin, who recently retired, does a degree course in modern and medieval languages at Wolfson College, Cambridge.

The funeral took place at Dhekelia on November 2, followed by burial at the British Military Cemetery there.

Hold the front page!

When a character appears in a film with a press pass jammed in his hatband, a notebook in his hand, or a microphone poised to be pushed into someone's face for a quote, it can mean one of several things. Journalists in films can be crusaders or evil manipulators, or just a useful way of explaining the plot to the audience.

The role of the media in films was the subject of an illustrated talk, led by Amberley resident and former journalist Sandy Guthrie, at the New Park Cinema in Chichester last month.

He examined different screen newspaper and magazine writers, as well as broadcasters, throughout the history of cinema, looking at fictional hacks and true-life investigative newsmen and women, and the way they have been portrayed. Films are riddled with them, some comic and some dramatic, some dynamic and some sinister

If you missed this fascinating talk, you can catch up with the podcast on the cinema's website, (<https://chichestercinema.org/film-education/>) and just scroll down. There is also an earlier talk on the same subject in the June 2020 podcast.



Spring start for car park

Work on our community car park is hopefully going to commence in the spring.

Amberley Parish Council is in discussion with a contractor on finalising the contract, with the South Downs National Park Authority's planning department over discharging the conditions which were part of the planning permission, and the various sources of funding.

We are pleased to announce that we have now secured funding from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (the providers of funds under what used to be called the Public Works Loan Board, or PWLB), Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds from SDNPA, and Section 106 funds from West Sussex County Council.

Of course, our costs could rise due to inflation, materials supply shortages, or interest rate rises, but we have allowed for some contingency funds to help cover these eventualities.

It has always been our plan to add Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points to the car park, and we will be installing ducting underground to allow us to expand the number of charging points over time. We are in talks with Horsham District Council and WSCC regarding initiatives that they have to introduce EV charging points for both on-street locations and rural car parks.

Amberley residents can help us build a case for EV charging in the car park by going to (<https://www.connectedkerb.com/west-sussex-chargepoint-network>), which will let you register your support for EV charging points in Amberley.

The postcode for the Amberley Community car park is BN18 9NB.

Geoff Uren Amberley

Parish Council

Amberley's Winter Plan

Just to remind readers and also to inform our new residents that Amberley has a Winter Plan which relies on the goodwill of volunteers to make it succeed.

West Sussex County Council's Highways Department grit only the major bus routes in the county – but luckily it did agree that Amberley's bus route (Village Bus and school buses) should be gritted, which means Rackham Street, Rackham Road, East Street and School Road.

There are bins containing salt and grit only for those roads not on the bus route. The amount of grit needed is very small – between 10 and 20g per square metre – which is less than a tablespoon!

If I get notification that they are gritting I will put this out on Listserve – or if you are on Twitter they usually tweet if they are gritting.

We hold reserves of salt and I would be grateful if you would



Doing your bit: 4x4 owners can help in an emergency

let me know if the bins need topping up. In theory, WSCC should have already done this if they needed it as I sent them an audit of our bins in September. We also have a few snow shovels to lend out – Jason Charman keeps these so either contact him or myself if they are needed.

In the past – pre COVID – I kept a list of volunteers with 4x4 cars who would be willing to either pick up prescriptions or take people to their medical appointments if the roads become bad. Please let me know if you would be willing to be on the list and also if you were on the list previously please confirm that you are still happy to be on it.

Hazel Allinson

Amberley Parish Council

Concert date announced for Malawi Schools project

Tickets for a charity concert on February 26 at Champs Hill in aid of the Amberley-backed Malawi Schools Project, together with the Cystic Fibrosis Trust, are now on sale.

The concert will feature two award winning choirs – Vocal Fusion and Kaleidoscope, plus an instrumental group Three's Company. The choirs will perform acapella songs ranging from 1930s Gershwin classics to hits from recent decades and will perform as separate choirs and as a combined choir of over 30 voices. The instrumental group will add further variety to the evening with music-making from Gary Prior's piano, Paul Newton's trumpet and Bryony Prior's horn.

Vocal Fusion Acapella (VFA), who have previously performed both in Amberley, where two of its members live, and at Champs Hill in joint concerts with Citi choir to capacity audiences.

Tickets, priced £20, are available from Jeff Feakins (e-mail feakster@aol.com) for payment by bank transfer, or online via Tickettailor (<https://buytickets.at/msp/605719> for card payment).

The concert is by kind permission of the Bowerman Charitable Trust.



Christmas Fayre

1pm to 4pm

Monday, 29th November

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Artists of Amberley

The artists of Amberley have played an interesting and important part in establishing the cultural heritage of our village. There was certainly a lot of interest at the autumn meeting of the Amberley Society where Grahame Joseph gave a talk about our local artists, past and present.

From enjoying something, comes a thirst to understand, and that was clearly apparent at the meeting. The eyes of artist Edward Stott enjoyed what he saw here, as reported in *The Art Journal* of 1889 of the day he arrived in Amberley in 1887... 'to seek out a path for himself, to fix his eyes on the goal of his ideal'. He arrived 'on a wet miserable day, and there he has remained, and has made the reputation of the village and himself.'

By understanding what he saw, he valued it and shared it through his paintings. In doing so he helped care for our surroundings. He immersed himself in village life and through his influence, other artists came to paint here. The cycle of heritage and appreciation of it, thankfully, still remains strong in Amberley through to this day.

Stott was a reluctant celebrity but his following helped establish one of this country's first rural art colonies. The arrival of the railway from London in 1863 provided easy access between the destinations, enabling artists to visit, live and paint here and exhibit in London.

Stott's painting *Maternity*, exhibited in 1903, is obviously based on the view from his studio overlooking Ivy Cottage in Hog Lane. Stott has been described as 'the poet-painter of the twilight'. Apparently, he, along with other Amberley artists like Felicia Lieven-Bauwens, detested the arrival of electric light, telegraph poles and wires. The painting is symbolic of the cycles of life, nature, the seasons and especially of daylight fading into darkness, which, in the

days before electricity, people were so much more aware.

The comprehensive Amberley Society archive shows around 100 names associated with art – painters, illustrators, wood engravers, etchers, potters, teachers, gallery owners etc. The meeting talk was based on a swift virtual tour around the village to see where some of the more prominent artists lived and the studios in which they worked. It was fascinating to see changes through the intervening years. At each stop along the way we saw images of the artists' work.

As it was Hallowe'en weekend, the talk, appropriately, ended with two spooky illustrations from Washington Irving's book, *Rip van Winkle*. These were by the leading book illustrator from the golden age of British book illustration, Arthur Rackham, who lived at Houghton.

Many missed the talk because of increased concerns about the pandemic but after numerous requests for a repeat, even from those who attended, another showing is being considered.

THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX

Christmas talk

The magic and joy of Christmas through the artist E.H. Shepard's cartoons, water colours and pen and ink drawings will be the subject of the talk for members of the Arts Society West Sussex on Tuesday, December 7 at 2pm. James Campbell's talk will include images from *Wind in the Willows* and *Winnie the Pooh*, and will be followed by prosecco, mulled wine and mince pies.

Non-members are welcome to attend the meeting at Fittleworth Village Hall for £5. Contact Jackie Buckler on (01903) 411086 or e-mail westsussex@theartsociety.org



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Flo Lyon (11) was selected by her primary school in London to visit No.10 Downing Street in the week before COP26 to take part in a children's climate press conference with the Prime Minister. Flo (seated second left, with microphone), quizzed the PM on whether we should be planting more trees and if our cities should have more green spaces.

Time to renew your magazine subscription

It is approaching that time of year again when annual subscription renewals become payable. Most of our readers have their issues delivered to the door on a regular basis by a team of volunteers.

If you would like to continue to receive the magazine – still outstanding value at just £10 for 10 issues – payment should be sent to Pam Keeble, The Old Bakehouse, Church Street, Amberley BN18 9NE (01798 831 050) with cheques made out to Amberley PCC.

Alternatively, if you would prefer to pay online, payments should be made to PCC of Amberley (Account no: 13834387, sort code 20-98-74) using your surname as reference. If paying by this method, it is essential you advise Pam by e-mailing her at pamwkeeble@gmail.com confirming that payment has been made.

Payment should be made before the end of the year to ensure continuity of delivery.

Due to ever increasing postal charges, once again it has been necessary to increase the annual subscription for those who receive their copies by mail to £26.50, for which our sincere apologies.

Although copies are available for purchase at Amberley Village Stores and in the four churches, they are generally snapped up shortly after publication. To avoid disappointment, it is worth taking out an annual subscription and having your monthly copy delivered to the door at no extra charge. Why not do it today?

Bonfire night party kick-starts Parham church tower appeal

The Rackham bonfire night party organised by Nigel and EA Draffan proved an encouraging start for the essential tower repairs at St Peter's Church, Parham, raising over £600, of which £296 came from the raffle organised by Glenys Rowe. It will enable the Parochial Church Council to engage a structural engineer to carry out a survey to determine what repairs are necessary.

Wreath workshop a sell-out

The popular Christmas wreath workshop on Monday December 13 in St Michael's Church Hall is now full, with a waiting list.

Rail disruption over Christmas

Major engineering works will affect journeys in and out of London Victoria on November 27-28, and also between December 25 and 3 January 3. Most trains will be diverted to London Bridge.

Leconfield singers

After a temporary absence in 2020, the popular Leconfield Singers' Christmas concert makes a welcome return to St Mary's Church, Petworth, at 6pm on Saturday, December 11.

This year's concert will be packed full of seasonal favourites along with a selection of surprises, and will feature John Rutter's *Gloria*, a beautiful and dramatic work described as 'exalted, devotional and jubilant', featuring a large brass ensemble, together with percussion, timpani and organ.

Tickets are priced from £7.50. (www.leconfieldsingers.co.uk)

Bring your goals a step closer.

Putting together a plan early in the tax year to utilise the savings allowances and exemptions available can have a big impact towards achieving your long-term goals. When it comes to investing, you might want to take action now to give your money longer to grow – or set up a regular savings plan to invest a little each month. The key is to plan ahead and take advantage of the tax breaks available.

So, whether it's making best use of your ISA allowance, topping up your pension or to give younger generations a helping hand, we can help you head in the right direction.



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Sunday 5th December
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Sunday 12th December
10am The Gift of Christmas
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A Café style service for all
3pm Carol Service
St Peter's Parham

Saturday 18th December
4pm Crib Blessing
St Mary's North Stoke
May be held in churchyard

Sunday 19th December
4pm Carol Service,
St Michael's Amberley



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN THE WILDBROOKS CHURCHES

Friday 24th December
Christmas Eve
3pm Journey to the Manger
with Crib building
(from the Square, Amberley)
6pm Churchyard Carols
Wiggonholt Church
*Outdoor event: bring torch
and dress warmly*
7pm Holy Communion (said)
Wiggonholt church

Saturday 25th December
Christmas Day
9am Holy Communion
St Peter's Parham
9am Holy Communion
Greatham Church
Outdoors if weather permits
10.30am Family Communion
St Michael's Amberley

Amberley's new housing scheduled for completion next June

Construction is now underway on the new development at Strawberry Villas, with completion scheduled for June 2022.

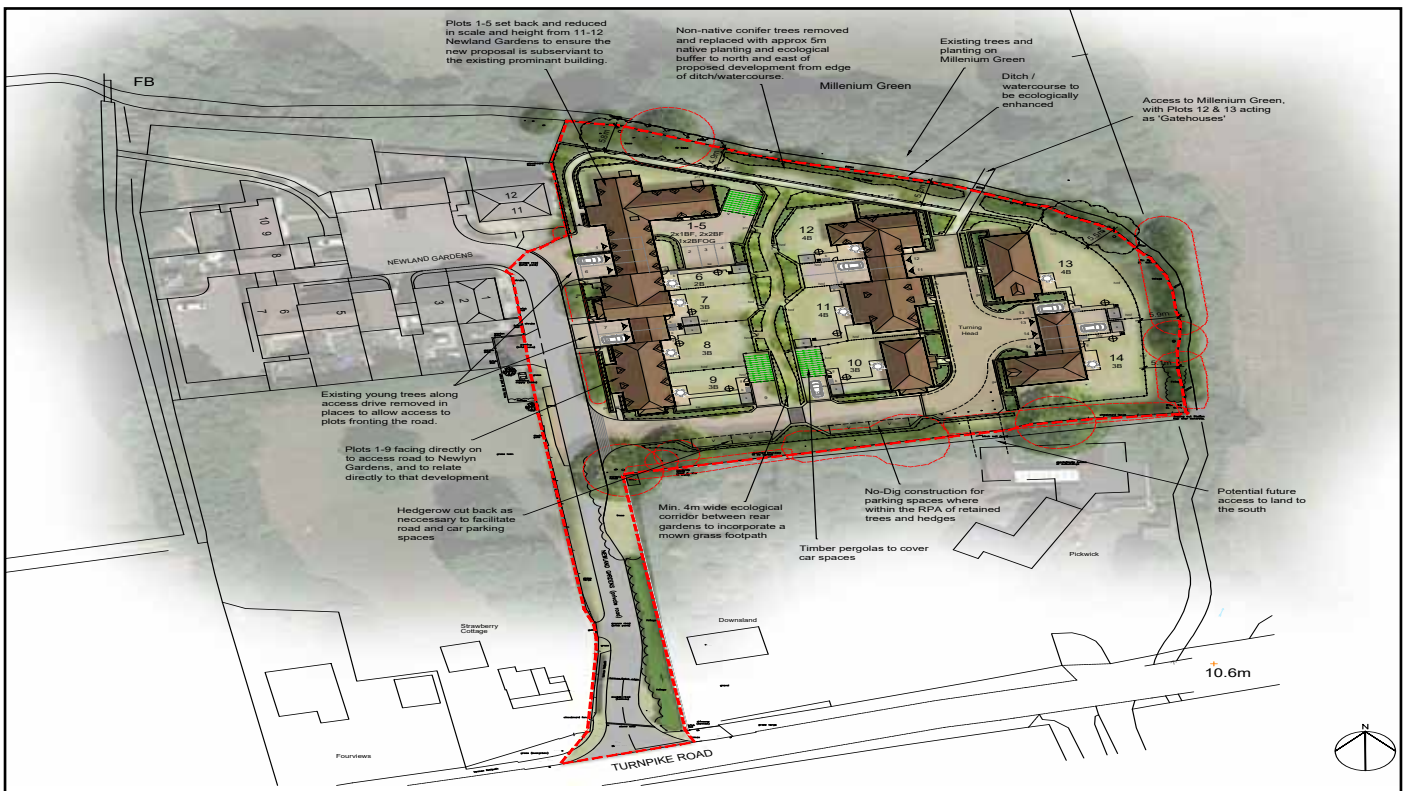
It comprises 14 two-, three- and four-bedroom houses and one- and two-bedroom apartments. There are a limited number of discounted market units available to purchasers exclusively for a period of 12 weeks who meet the South Downs National Park criteria.

To register your interest, contact estate agent Fowlers in Storrington on (01903) 745844 or e-mail storrington@fowler-sonline.co.uk

Says Caroline Cumber, branch sales manager for Fowlers: "If you have a property to sell, it may be worth beginning to think about this in advance as we believe this site will be very popular. We are offering free 'no obligation' valuations to enable you to find out the current value of your home and to help plan your move with confidence."



An artist's impression of the new housing and the site plan (below)



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Lee & Sophie welcome you to The Sportsman

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AMBERLEY'S LIVING ADVENT CALENDAR

Opening doors in the run-up to Christmas

Here at last is the much written about Advent Calendar. In keeping with our very gradual return to post-Covid ways, it has fewer 'open doors' than in previous years but we are delighted to have some old favourites and a couple of new events to enjoy this year.

We feel obliged to ask people to act responsibly and to keep to within Government Covid guidelines and suggest hosts feel free to request such precautions as they feel necessary if they are opening their doors. Malcolm and I welcome double vaccinated guests to our events.

Wednesday, December 1, and continuing throughout Advent: Decorated windows

Mary and Guy Leonard will have a climate change-themed window for you to view at Keeper's Cottage, Drewitts Farm.

Claire Bruce will display a Nativity scene in the window of Walnut Tree Cottage, also at Drewitts Farm.

The **Stagg family**, at 3 Hurst Close, will have a Christmas-themed window where there will be a hidden robin. If you spot this and make a charitable donation you will be eligible to enter the draw for a small prize at Christmas (needless to say you will need to leave your name).

The **Wheelers**, at the old Bakery in Church Street, will also be decorating their window.

Should anyone else decide to display a festive window please advise the village via Listserve.

Open Doors

Friday, December 3, from 6.30pm: Sue and Malcolm Pheasey invite you to Cava and canapés by candlelight at Downsland Turnpike Road. RSVP suepheasey6@gmail.com or call (01798 839046) so that the Cava and canapé elves know how many to prepare for.

Monday, December 6, between 3 and 5pm: Cyndy and Steve Kennett will be opening their door at Highview (3 houses east of the Sportsman on the same side of the road). Bring Christmas poems to share with the poetry group. There will be seasonal refreshments. Numbers will have to be limited to 12 to stay covid safe so please contact Cyndy on (01798) 831010 or email cyndy@profact.co.uk to reserve a place.



Friday, December 10, between 10am and 12 noon: Sue and Malcolm Pheasey would also like to welcome those who don't like Cava or who don't want to venture out in the evening, or if you like mince pies, to come for coffee (other hot beverages will be available) and mince pies. Realistically we can seat 10 people in reasonable comfort so RSVP as above.

Sunday, December 12, at 10am: there will be a short Café-style service in St Michael's. Enjoy refreshments, bring gifts for Family Support Work and learn about their work with families in Sussex (for more details, see page 8).

Monday, December 13, between 10am and 12 noon: Jacqui Feakins is running her Christmas Eco-Friendly Wreath Workshop in St Michael's Church Hall. There will be a cost of £22 to include all materials, coffee and mince pies – just bring your own secateurs. This is part of the Amberley Advent Calendar and the Malawi Schools Project. E-mail Jaxfs@aol.com or call Jacqui on (01798) 831538.

Tuesday, December 14, at 4-5pm: Music on the doorstep at the New Vicarage, School Road. The vicar welcomes everyone to the front of the vicarage for a festive drink and nibbles along with seasonal music to listen to and sing. There will be some shelter, a few seats and warming drinks, but wrap up warmly! All ages welcome.

Wednesday, December 15, between 6 and 8 30pm: James and Marj Tolson are offering Festive Drinks at Brookdown House, Arun Close. Numbers need to be limited to 20 so please e-mail tolsonjab@btinternet.com to let them know to expect you.

Sunday, December 19, between 12 noon and 3pm: Paul and Gail Noon invite you to a Christmas Crafts and Classic Cars event at Ruffs Barn. This will be held in the garage to the rear of the house in Hogg Lane. Mulled wine and nibbles will be served. All proceeds from the classic car side will be split between St Michael's Church and Chestnut Tree House and a percentage of the craft sales will also be divided between the two.

Sunday, December 19, at 4pm: there will be the Carol Service in St Michael's Church.

Monday, December 20, at 6 15pm: Carol Singing around the village with Cyndy Kennett, starting at the Church. Everyone welcome. Donations will be shared between Freedom from Torture and Crisis.

Friday, December 24, at 3pm: the traditional procession to the Crib. This will start in the Square and make its way down Church Street ending in the churchyard. A real baby has been promised!





Christmas/New Year pub opening hours

The Black Horse

Christmas Eve 12 noon-2pm, 6pm-9pm
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day 12 noon-6pm
New Year's Eve From 7pm (advance booking only)

Note: The Black Horse will be open daily from December 27-30 with food served Monday-Wednesday 12 noon-2pm and 6pm-8.30pm; Thursday 12 noon-2pm and 6pm-9pm; Sunday 12 noon-6pm

The Bridge Inn

Christmas Eve 12 noon-9.30pm (food until 2.30pm)
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Closed
New Year's Eve 12 noon-5pm (food 12 noon-2.30pm)
New Year's Day 12 noon-5pm (food 12 noon-4pm)

Note: the Bridge Inn will be open daily 12 noon-5pm from Monday, December 27 until Monday, January 3, serving from 12 noon until 3pm, and then revert to its regular Wednesday-Sunday opening hours

The George and Dragon

Christmas Eve 12 noon-close (food 12 noon-2.30pm and 6pm-8.30pm)
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day 12 noon 5pm (food 12 noon-3pm)
New Year's Eve 12 noon-5pm (food 12 noon-3pm)
New Year's Day 12 noon to 5pm (food 12 noon-3pm)

Note: George & Dragon pub will be open daily 12 noon-5pm (food until 3pm) from December 27-30 and on January 2. It will then be closed from January 3, reopening Friday, January 7.

The Sportsman

Christmas Eve 12 noon-11pm (food 12 noon-2pm and 6pm-8pm)
Christmas Day 12 noon-2pm (drinks only)
Boxing Day 12 noon-2pm (drinks only)
New Year's Eve 12 noon-5pm (food until 2pm)
New Year' Day 12 noon-2pm (drinks only)

Note: The Sportsman will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays during January

● All subject to prevailing Government guidance

Festive feasting

All the local pubs and Amberley Castle have festive menus available during December.

Amberley Castle

Festive afternoon tea, Wednesday-Sunday (12.30pm-4.30pm). 3-course dinner menu for four or more people in a private dining room - £75 per person). Available until December 23.

The Black Horse

Christmas menu for parties of eight or more – £25 (set menu) Monday-Wednesday; £35 (free choice) Thursday-Saturday. Boxing Day lunch (individually priced items). New Year's Eve dinner – £100 per person

The Bridge Inn

2-course menu, with coffee £24; 3 courses, £29.95. Available for parties of six or more until December 23.

The George & Dragon

2-course menu, with coffee/tea and a homemade Christmas cookie - £27; 3 courses - £30. Young person's (under-12s) menu - £15. Available until December 23.

The Sportsman

2-course menu, including coffee and mince pie - £27.00; 3 courses - £30.00. Available for parties of eight or more until December 23.

Christmas by Candlelight

Christmas by Candlelight, another popular evening of festive music and cheer, is back at Slindon College after last year's unforeseen interlude.

The evening will include a bubbles and canapes reception in the drawing rooms with background music from a harpist, followed by an intimate performance from Rachael Hawnt (BBC 1 *All Together Now* finalist) accompanied by Ashley Cutler on the college's very own grand piano in the main hall.

This year the event is raising funds for the restoration of the Grade II listed conservatory, which forms part of the impressive Elizabethan house. The conservatory, which is currently out of use, will become a multi-use space for the college in addition to being an asset for Slindon House events.

Tickets are limited due to considerations of capacity in light of COVID-19. To allow for social distancing the configuration of the evening will be different to past Christmas by Candlelight events.

Your Christmas greetings to



Happy Christmas Everyone!
Sending all our love and good wishes.

Sheena, Alastair, Flora, Hamish
and Lilla
(the Skinners at Drewitts Farmhouse)



Amberley Parish Council would like to
wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Healthy 2022



Janet and Mike
(Double Jabbed and Boostered)
and Connie
(Annual Booster)

Wish all their friends and neighbours
a very Happy and Healthy Christmas
and New Year

Steve and Cyndy wish all their friends
in the village a very happy Christmas
and a healthy 2022 when hopefully it will be
easier for us all to meet again.



Nick, Jodie and Holly
would like to wish all our lovely friends in Amberley a
very safe and healthy Christmas
and we hope the New Year is a very happy one
xxx



*Merry Christmas and a very happy
New Year to all our friends and
neighbours in Amberley.
From Peter & Bryony*



Sarah and Mike
Wish all our Amberley Friends
a Very Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year



Guy & Mary
wish everyone a very happy Christmas
and hopefully a brighter New Year.
A particular thank you to all those who
have been so helpful during
these strange Covid times.





Your Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours



Rob and Glenys Rowe
wish all their friends and
neighbours
happiness and good health
for Christmas and 2022

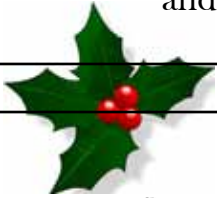


Kate, Elle and Cat Losty
Wish wonderful friends in Amberley
A very happy Christmas and peaceful
New Year.
May the world improve for all mankind.



Tim and Alison
wish all their friends and
neighbours
a happy Christmas
and healthy New Year

Merry Christmas Everyone!
We send our warmest good wishes
and high hopes for a healthy and
happy 2022
Jacqui and Bob Middleton



David and Lillis Lyon
Wish all in Amberley
A Merry Christmas
And
a Happy New Year



Very warmest Christmas greetings to all
our lovely friends in Amberley. We miss you
lots. Do come and visit us at Hummingbird,
Priors Acre, Boxgrove any time.

Lots of love Jo and Len



John and Stella wish all our
friends and neighbours in Amberley
A Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year.



Merry Christmas
and a Happy and Healthy New Year
Hazel, Poppy + Bluebellxx



Your Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours



*Wishing all our friends and neighbours
a Joyous Christmas and a healthy,
happy and safe New Year. Geoff and
Heidi, The Granary*



Pam & John Keeble
would like to wish everyone
a very happy Christmas and a
healthy and good 2022



Dear friends and neighbours,
It's our first year in Amberley and we are very happy
to say "we live here" every time we arrive home.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and
a magnificent New Year.

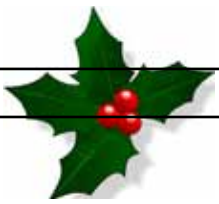
Mark & Mark

Old Post Office Cottages

*Warmest wishes for the festive season
to all our friends and neighbours.*

Catherine and Peter Cunningham

Amberley Place



Valerie and Ian wish all their
friends and neighbours a Happy
Christmas and a Healthy and
Happy New Year.



*Best wishes for a very happy at
healthy Christmas & New Year
to our many friends in Amberley
We miss you all!
Sally and Bob Hutchinson (and Poppy)*



HAPPY CHRISTMAS
BEST WISHES TO ALL
TONY & BETTY



*Peter and Sally Rollinson wish all
our friends and neighbours a joyful,
peaceful and healthy Christmas with
love and hope for the year ahead.*





Your Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours



Wishing our friends and neighbours
a very happy Christmas
and all the very best for the New Year.

Russell and Suzie



Wishing all our friends
in Houghton & Amberley
a very Happy Christmas
and a Healthy New year!
Angela, Chris, Zac & Sadie!

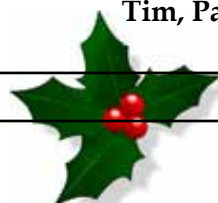


We thank the good people of Amberley
for the support and encouragement
they have given us, and wish
everyone in the Wildbrooks area

Merry Christmas and

a Happy New year

Tim, Pat and Samson our cat



Happy Christmas to all in Amberley
especially to those who have kept us safe
during the pandemic.

From Marj and James



Tailpiece: Merry Christmas to my
many friends in Amberley.

I love you all! Tilly Tolson



Jane Mason wishes all her
friends a very Happy Christmas
and good health in 2022

*Wishing everyone in our super village
community*

*the very best of good wishes for
Christmas and the New Year*

Ros and Tim



Anne and John Rezin

Send Christmas Greetings and
Best Wishes for a Happy New Year
to all our friends in Amberley



Jenny and Mike would like
to thank all their good friends for
their love and support this last
year. Have a great Christmas
and an even better 2022.



Your Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours



Very best wishes for Christmas
and the New Year to everyone
from Jay Simson and family

Greetings from Piddlehinton !

Wishing all our dear friends in
Amberley a very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

We are missing you all very much.
Please call in if passing !

With love

Sue and Jos Belgrave



Simon and Rhona
wish all their friends
a lovely, peaceful Christmas
and a happier and healthier New Year

Happy Christmas!
Kel sene wa entom bi khayr.

Zalfa, Neil, Thomas and Julian



We are sorry not to have seen
more of our friends in 2021 but
hope that together we can look forward
to a better New Year, negative tests
and a very positive happy Christmas.

Carolyn and Charles Shaw

*Camilla at Amberley Cars would like to
thank her friends and customers for
their much appreciated support and
take the opportunity to wish them a
Merry Christmas and a Healthy and
Happier 2022!*

07939 263495



Wishing all our customers and friends a
wonderful Christmas and a very Happy
New Year!

Love from Frankie & Terry
Riverside

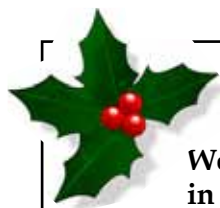
To all our friends and neighbours,
wishing you a very happy Christmas,
and a healthy and active New Year.

Adrienne and Phil





Your Christmas greetings to friends and neighbours



**We would like to wish all our friends
in the parish a happy Christmas
and good health and happiness
in 2022.**

Best wishes

Ray and Rosemary Jackson



Bel, Marcus, Flo and Arthur Lyon
send love to all our friends in Amberley
& beyond for a wonderful Christmas
& a very happy New Year 2022...

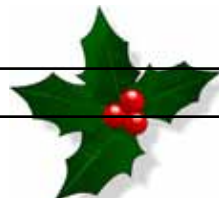


Warm Greetings to Everyone in Amberley
and all dogs (especially black labs),
a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes Claire and Suki

Season's greetings to all with special
thanks to Crossgates neighbours
for their very much appreciated help.

Janet Bates



A joy-filled Christmas to all our
new friends in Amberley
and to those we hope to meet next year!

Warmest wishes,

Anna & Ian Corcoran



*Fraser, Sarah, Francesca and Will Wheeler
send our love and very best wishes for
Christmas and for 2022 to all our dear
friends and new neighbours in Amberley.*



Sarah, Nick & Bella

(The Great Barn)

*Send our thanks to all of our friends for a lovely
year in Amberley.*

*Have a wonderful Christmas
& Happy New Year.
Xxx*



*May we wish everyone a Happy Christmas
and New Year and a big thank you for all
the support so many have shown when the
alarm was raised about St Peter's tower and
roof. Best wishes from Parham PCC*





Christmas posting deadlines

UNITED KINGDOM

Saturday, December 18
Second class

Tuesday, December 21
First class

Thursday, December 23
Special Delivery (guaranteed)

OVERSEAS

Wednesday, December 1
Caribbean

Monday, December 6
Australia Greece, Italy, New Zealand and Portugal

Wednesday, December 8
Africa, Central and South America, Asia, Far and Middle East

Friday, December 10
Cyprus, Malta and Sweden

Saturday, December 11
Eastern Europe (except Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia), Turkey

Monday, December 13
Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Poland and USA

Thursday, December 16
Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland

Saturday, December 18
2nd Class

Tuesday, December 21
1st Class

Wednesday, December 22
Royal Mail Tracked

Thursday, December 23
Special Delivery Guaranteed

Allow plenty of time for posting. You are advised to post items and gifts for Christmas early, particularly for international deliveries. According to Royal Mail, ongoing Covid restrictions, reduced air and freight capacity, high volumes and winter weather conditions are all impacting transportation and local delivery across the globe

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

THE LIGHT SHINES

We'd love to welcome you to any of our Christmas services as we celebrate the Light of Christ shining amid the darkness.

With Covid still active locally we plan to hold some Christmas services outdoors, so please come prepared. When in church please wear face masks if possible and continue to respect distancing.

Any amendments to our plans which become necessary will be posted on Listserve and the Wildbrooks Churches Facebook page and sent via church e-mail.

FRIDAY, 24th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

3.00pm	Journey to the Manger, with Crib Building (starting at The Square, Amberley)	
6.00pm	Churchyard Carols Outdoor event: bring torch and dress warmly	Wiggonholt
7.00pm	Holy Communion A short and quiet Communion service in church	Wiggonholt

SATURDAY, 25th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY WHITE ARRAY

9.00am	Holy Communion	Parham
9.00am	Holy Communion In churchyard if weather permits	Greatham
10.30am	Family Communion	Amberley



Christmas Market

The Wildbrooks Churches are planning a Christmas market in Amberley Square during the morning of Saturday, December 4, from 10am until 12 noon. Gifts, Christmas cards, home produce and more will be on sale with the proceeds going to the four Wildbrooks churches.



The Last Bus

A touching story of an elderly man whose wife has just passed away uses his free bus pass to travel to the other end of the UK, using only local buses is the subject of this month's Storrington film night, organised by the Rotary Club. It is a nostalgic trip by the end of which he has acquired celebrity status.

Starring Timothy Spall and Phyllis Logan, *The Last Bus* is being screened on Wednesday, December 15, at 730pm at Sullington Hall in Thakeham Road.

On Wednesday, January 12, the film choice is *The Courier*, starring Benedict Cumberbatch. This is a true story of a British businessman unwittingly recruited into one of the greatest international conflicts in history. Forming an unlikely partnership with a Soviet officer hoping to prevent a nuclear confrontation, the two men work together to provide the crucial intelligence used to defuse the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962.

Tickets are £5, and are available in advance from the Card Shop in Storrington, or available at the door on the night. There is a bar and a raffle during the interval.

Anyone requiring transport should contact Roger Jamieson (01798) 813956

Ros Simpson's decorative poppy heart, made out of painted plastic bottle bases, was displayed in the Hurst Cottages bus shelter during the week prior to Remembrance Sunday. The plastic bases were decorated by members of CAMEO at their October meeting.



Picture: Mike Beck

A gift with a difference

How about giving someone special a Christmas present that lasts all year? Chichester Concert Society's new season of nine events includes an exciting variety of prestigious chamber ensembles, instrumental recitalists even including a xylophone and piano, and lecture recitals including one from Paul Guinery of BBC Radio 3 who many of you may remember entertaining us as part of a cabaret duo for the Roaring Twenties evening here in Amberley. There will also be an opportunity to hear some of the most talented University students who are supported financially by the society.

Concerts take place in Chichester University chapel at the Bishop Otter Campus. For details of membership see the website of the society: www.chichestersociety.org.uk



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AMBERLEY PARISH COUNCIL

What your councillors discussed



Highlights of the meeting held on November 11, 2021, in St Michael's Church Hall

Present: Jason Charman (acting chair for the meeting), Peter Cozens, Hazel Allinson and Tim Simpson. Also in attendance: Horsham District councillor Diana van der Klugt, Vicky Spiers (parish clerk) and five members of the public. There were apologies from Geoff Uren, Elisabeth Tooms, Alex Beveridge and Laura Rawnsley.

Progress on the proposed village car park and concerns about local residents being overlooked for social housing within the parish were among the topics discussed. There was also a report on a move by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) to refuse housing developments above a certain size because of an increasing demand for water thought to be harming protected species in the Arun Valley.

Tim Simpson said that funding had now been secured for the proposed car park on the corner of School Road and the B2139. This was made up from a £35,000 Community Infrastructure Levy grant from the SDNPA, £16,363 from Section 106 funding paid by developers for use on community infrastructure projects, and a £75,000 loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

Work was continuing on the discharging of planning conditions, and Mr Simpson thanked Phil and Adrienne Greenwood (two retired town planners) for their help in connection with the project. Among the five quotes submitted, Pulborough-based Landbuild had been accepted.

A member of the public raised the issue regarding local residents being overlooked for social housing within the parish at the expense of those from further afield. It was noted that housing association Saxon Weald had a local connection policy, although had recently allocated two Amberley properties to families from outside the parish because their homes had become unlivable due to subsidence.

Stonewater, another local housing association, did not have any local connection policy and had recently sold off one of its Amberley properties. The questioner thought that more could be done to help Amberley residents, some of whom had been forced to move away because they

were unable to obtain housing in the parish. Horsham District councillor Diana van der Klugt suggested that the HDC cabinet member for housing, Patricia Youton, should be approached.

On a different subject, Mrs van der Klugt told councillors that the district council had received a 'position statement' from Natural England, setting out concerns that development in the district (and parts of Chichester and Crawley) were increasing the demand for water which is thought to be harming protected species in the Arun Valley. It had advised that for a development to proceed it must be 'water neutral' which meant that any development should not increase the rate of the extraction of water from the district's supply site in Hardham.

She said that the SDNPA was refusing any development above a certain size unless the developer could demonstrate water neutrality. It was the first time such a 'position statement' had been issued in England so was uncharted territory, but Mrs van der Klugt said HDC was now turning down all planning applications where the developer could not demonstrate water neutrality.

Prior to the meeting Laura Rawnsley had advised councillors that progress had been made on the proposed pedestrian route linking the Monarch's Way at Houghton with Amberley station. Stephen Douglas, WSCC Highways' area manager had given an informal heads up that the Community Highways Scheme, backed by both Amberley Parish Council and the Houghton Meeting, had successfully gone through the county council's moderation panel. The next stage would be a feasibility study.



Housing issues: concerns about the implementation of the local connection policy for social housing

Jason Charman reported he had been working on the clearing of ditches along Ruffs Path and cutting back hedges and Hazel Allinson said that all the repairs to the playground following the annual inspections had now been completed. She also told councillors that details of the parish's Winter Plan had been distributed on Listserve and that a list had been collated of residents with 4x4 vehicles willing to pick up prescriptions or take people to their medical appointments should the roads become bad. Mr Charman added that he now had a dozen snow shovels and a salt spreader which residents were welcome to use should the need arise.

Councillors agreed to researching the cost of a small-sized sign at the entrance to Crofts Path, which runs alongside the cricket field and recreation ground, although the clerk was instructed to establish what protocols the SDNPA had regarding signage. And Mr Charman said that the Millennium Green trustees were looking to apply for 30 free tree saplings under the Queen's Green Canopy scheme.

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Among the new planning applications was a change of use of the Boathouse Ballet Studio at Houghton Bridge to a café and events venue; the construction of a cabin/outbuilding at The Rook in Rackham Road, Amberley; the relocation of an extension previously approved for the side of 2 New Barn Cottages to the rear of the property; and the replacement of an existing flat-roof extension at Mill Lane Cottage, Amberley, with two- and single-storey extensions, and the replacement of the concrete garage with a carport.

Councillors agreed to the dates of 2022 meetings as follows: January 20, March 10, May 12, July 14, September 8 and November 10.

Date of the next meeting: January 20, 2022, at 7.30pm, in St Michael's Church Hall.

Parham Parish Council

Summary of the meeting held on November 9, 2021, at The Rackham Old School

Present: Tim Hayward (chair), Heather Cartwright, Paul Slimming, Nigel Dean and Claudia Fisher. Also in attendance: Horsham District councillors Paul Clarke (leader) and Diana van der Klugt, and Vicky Spiers (parish clerk).

Encouraging news about improved broadband for the parish, an agreement to adopt a general environmental strategy in respect of planning applications and other council matters and a unanimous decision to adopt a recommended code of conduct for parish councillors were among the subjects on the agenda.

Horsham district councillor Diana van de Klugt, who lives at Greatham, reported that Openreach had referred a proposed project for improved broadband, initiated by herself and Janet Aidin at Wiggonholt, to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport for approval. Once received, Openreach would set up an online portal for residents to pledge their £4,000 voucher towards the works.

She also advised councillors on the 'position statement' from Natural England relating to housing development and water use (see reference reported at the Amberley meeting (above)).

HD councillor Paul Clarke added that a letter had been sent to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and to local MPs to ask for their assistance as this was not something that local planning departments could fix. He also advised councillors that a contract had been signed with an electric vehicle charging point in-

staller, and these would initially be rolled out into car parks in the district as it was acknowledged that the current electric vehicle charging infrastructure was poor.

Among the planning applications was a variation to an existing one relating to Link Farm at Wiggonholt, seeking a change of use from light industrial (Class B1) to Class B2 for vintage car and vehicle repair business, including general vehicle servicing, body repair, refurbishment, paint spraying and MoT testing. The parish council had raised no objection to the original application, which was currently in progress with HDC, but since then the premises had been taken over by Southern Transit with a completely new set up. The council, therefore, agreed to withdraw its original 'no objection' ruling.

And following a discussion by members about a variation to a previously approved application relating to the Granary at Greatham, it was resolved to submit the same objections as before.

Councillors reviewed and discussed a motion presented by Claudia Fisher to adopt Brightling PC's environmental policy, but by a majority decided against doing so. However, it was agreed that a general environmental strategy for the council to follow in respect of planning application considerations and also other council matters would be a sensible compromise. Once drafted, the strategy document would be reviewed and, if agreed, adopted at the council's January 2022 meeting.

Claudia Fisher asked it to be minuted the fact she felt the parish council could be doing more with regards to climate and environmental issues. She had attended four climate change meetings run by HDC, whose goal was for the whole of district to be carbon zero by 2050. Ms Fisher advised that further meetings had been scheduled in November and December and she would report on these at January's meeting of the parish council.

Prior to the meeting, the clerk had distributed a code of conduct which HDC's Legal and Standards team had reviewed and which had been adopted by the district council in April this year. It was recommended that all parish coun-

cils in the district should do likewise so that a uniform approach could be taken. Members unanimously approved the code, adopting it from November 2021.

Finally, councillors agreed the dates for their meetings in 2022: January 18, January, March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13 and November.

Date of the next meeting: January 18, 2022, at 7.30pm in the Old School, Rackham.



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A family affair

"Who are these people?" You've hardly seen them all year yet here you are, full of turkey, squashed between them on the sofa, your paper hat askew. It's Christmas and, like it or not, there's no escaping your family.

On a branch, out in the cold darkness of the garden, also sandwiched between aunts, brothers, cousins and daughters, a tiny bird is asking a similar question (except he isn't wearing a novelty hat).

Long-tailed tits and humans. Two of Britain's most social species. And just like a visit from your relatives the arrival of a long-tailed tit flock in your garden will turn tranquillity into chaos. It's like someone has emptied a box of feathered fireworks over the fence.

They manically bicker on the bird feeder and swing acrobatically upside-down on the fat balls, all the while trilling, rattling and screaming 'eee-heeee-heeee' like a troupe of Michael Jackson impersonators.

What you're witnessing is a group of roving relatives, roaming the neighbourhood looking to pillage your peanuts. This posse of outlaws consists of in-laws, brothers, sons, daughters. It's a family affair. With their gorgeous pink, black and white plumage and those ridiculously long tails these flying lollypops must qualify for Britain's cutest bird. Then suddenly they're gone and the pulse rate of the garden returns to normal.

By late-winter the long-tailed tit's extended family will drift apart, find new partners and start new families. In March the foundations are laid for an epic construction. Moss building bricks are lashed together with ropes of sticky spider's webs. The walls rise, a camouflage cladding of lichen is added to the roof and a cosy filling of a thousand feathers lines the interior. The end result looks a crocheted stomach and soon there will be plenty of rumbling from inside as eight hungry chicks demand to be fed.

But raising a large family can take its toll. The constant hunt for insects can exhaust a parent almost to breaking point. And that's when something unusual and wonderful happens. Their family arrives to save them. Aunties and uncles who have not been successful raising their own family that year will selflessly join the parents and help feed their nephews and nieces.

Even after the children have flown the nest the whole gang remains together and joins with other siblings to form your chaotic neighbourhood feeding flock.



Turning tranquillity into chaos: the long-tailed tit

But the biggest challenge of the year still awaits: winter. Freezing night-time temperatures exact a heavy toll on our garden birds. And that's why at Christmas, hidden deep in a hedge, you'll find the extended family of long-tailed tits, huddled together, supporting each other on a frosty branch, their tiny hearts beating, sharing their warmth and surviving. So if you're wondering why family is so important look out of the window and think of that long-tailed Tit, because none of us can get through this on our own.

Michael Blencowe

Head of Community Action for Communities and Wildlife, Sussex Wildlife Trust

RECIPE

Gingerbiscuits

A nice, spicy treat for Christmas

You need

- 4oz margarine
- 1 tbsp (heaped) golden syrup
- 6oz self-raising flour
- ½ tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2½ tsp ginger
- 1 tsp mixed spice
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 3oz caster sugar

Method

Melt margarine and syrup, then mix in the remaining ingredients. Form the mixture into walnut-sized balls and place on a greased baking sheet with space to grow. Bake 180C for 5 minutes, remove from the oven and bang the tray on the work surface to collapse the biscuits; then return to oven for a further 10 minutes or until golden.

Valerie Myers



October rainfall

During a three-day period in October (18-20), we had 71.1mm (just under 3in) of rain – a significant proportion towards the monthly total of 172.6mm (6¾in). In all there were 19 wet days during the month. However, the total was slightly down on that of the corresponding month in 2020, when a total 197.5mm (7¾in) was recorded.

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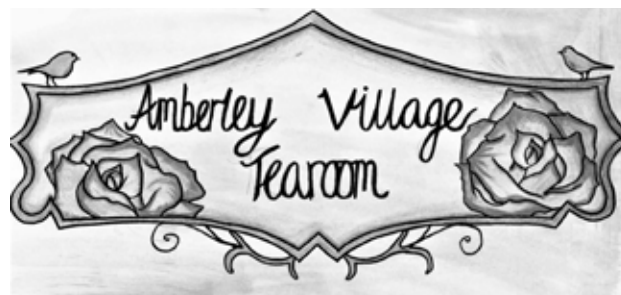


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EDITORIAL

A year-end reflection

Looking back at my first editorial in 2002, I quoted Laque's *Seven Ages of Man* monologue from Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.

All the world's a stage

And all the men and women merely players;

They have their exits and their entrances,

And one man in his time plays many parts...

My role for the last 20 years has been to play that of Editor of the parish magazine, which deals not only with church matters, but also serves as an important source of news for the residents of Amberley, North Stoke, Houghton Bridge, Parham, Rackham, Greatham and Wiggonholt. It covers all local life, from the cradle to the grave – the sort of news that rarely makes the local newspapers but is nevertheless important to those of us who live here.

I have always maintained that as well as informing, it should also be entertaining, and we have many players backstage with talents that we call upon – reminiscences, recipes and recitations, prose and poetry, help and advice, and more.

It is, first a foremost, still the magazine for the four Wildbrooks parishes and its content will always reflect the interests of the Church. But we welcome contributions from all sectors of the community.

Forgive this rather theatrical tone, but everyone has a part to play in village life.

Let's hope, before I enact "the last scene that ends this strange eventful history, that of second childishness and mere oblivion..." I can, with your help, continue to produce a magazine worthy of its readers.

And finally, my thanks

With the approach of the end of another year, I would once again like to thank Pam Keeble, who coordinates the distribution of the magazine, and all her volunteer helpers who deliver it in all weathers; Alex Dunlop for her help in putting the issue together; Hazel Allinson for her proof-reading skills; and last, but by no means least, my long-suffering wife Jenny, who does all the tedious administration, invoicing advertisers and ensuring payments are collected. God bless you all.

Mike Toynbee



Picture: Mike Beck

This was one of the poems by First World War poets selected by Hazel Allinson and displayed in the bus shelter at Hurst Cottages in the run-up to Remembrance Sunday

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses, row on row,

That mark our place; and in the sky

The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago

We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie

In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high.

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders fields. **John McCrae (1872-1918)**

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For Church Street and Hog Lane, collections for non-recyclable waste will be on **Wednesdays, December 1 and 15**; non-recyclable waste will be collected on **Wednesdays, December 8 and 22**; with collections for garden waste (brown top bins for registered users only) will be on **Mondays, December 15**.

● Unfortunately, Christmas and January collection dates had not been published before we went to press. See Listserve for details.

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Billingshurst: 9am-4pm (closed Thursday and Friday); **Bognor:** 9am-4pm (closed Thursday and Friday); **Chichester (Westhampnett)** 9am-4pm (closed Tuesday); **Littlehampton** 9am-4pm (closed Tuesday and Wednesday). **Note:** Advance booking necessary at Bognor and Littlehampton and proof of West Sussex residency is required at all sites.

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

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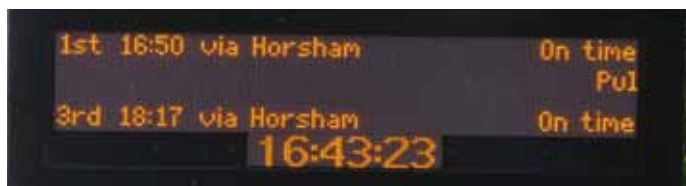


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Mon	Bognor For details of the Storrington & Pulborough service, see panel above	Rackham St 12.35pm Hurst Cott 12.40pm Square 12.41pm Bridge Inn 12.44pm	1.25pm to 3.30pm	4.12pm approx
First Tues only	Worthing via Storrington (with around three-and-a-half 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



LOCAL INFORMATION



Southern Trains Timetable

(from February 22, 2021)

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.

* 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.

* London Bridge

From London Victoria to Amberley: 05.54, 06.36, 07.06 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 21.05, 21.35P&S, 22.05C, 22.35C.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 22mins.

From London Victoria to Pulborough: 05.54, 06.36, 07.06, 07.36, 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 21.35P&S, 22.05C, 22.35C. 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): 06.40SC, 07.15SC, 07.55, 08.23, 08.57, 09.27, 09.57 and then 57 minutes past the hour until 16.57, then 17.27, 17.57, 18.57, then 27 and 57 minutes past the hour until 22.27 then 22.51P&S, 23.21C, 23.52C.

P&S – Portsmouth & Southsea; C – 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, 07.57 and then 57 minutes past the hour (to Bognor) until 21.57, then 22.21, 22.51P&S, 23.21C, 23.53C.

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

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1. Who is Lord of the Isles, Earl of Chester, Baron of Renfrew and Duke of Rothesay?
2. In which country is the headquarters of Nokia, the mobile phone manufacturers?
3. What is the radio code word that follows November?
4. The state capital of California?
5. What type of star explodes and increases in brightness by a million times or more?
6. Who rules in a kratocracy?
7. What does the Latin phrase tempus fugit mean in English?
8. Who in 1978 became the first woman to top the UK single charts with a song she had written herself?
9. What distance is the longest swimming race in the Olympic Games?
10. Which medieval order of monks was established by St Bruno?
11. 753BC is the traditional foundation date for which ancient city?
12. In which motorsport is Briton Tai Woffinden a three time world champion?
13. What creature is common to the flags of Wales and Bhutan?
14. Escamillo the Toreador is a character in which opera?
15. The Greek god Pan had the hooves of which animal?
16. How many letters are there in a tetragram?
17. What is the name of Boris Johnson's dog?
18. Which measurement of intellectual ability is represented by the initials IQ?
19. Famous American gangster with the nickname of Scarface?
20. Which national newspaper was founded in Manchester in 1821?
21. Which hard cheese from Ayrshire shares its name with a tyre brand?
22. What political party was led by Robert Walpole and Lord Charles Gray?
23. In athletics, which is the only throwing event not included in the decathlon?
24. Which business magnate is known as the 'The Sage of Omaha'?
25. What does an anemometer measure?
26. Halloumi cheese originates from which country?
27. Fray Bentos corned beef takes its name from a city in which country?
28. Which country is the original home of the budgerigar?
29. Which city's Anglican cathedral is the largest such building in the UK?
30. Frank Duckworth and Tony Lewis won MBEs for their contribution to which sport?

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QUICK CROSSWORD

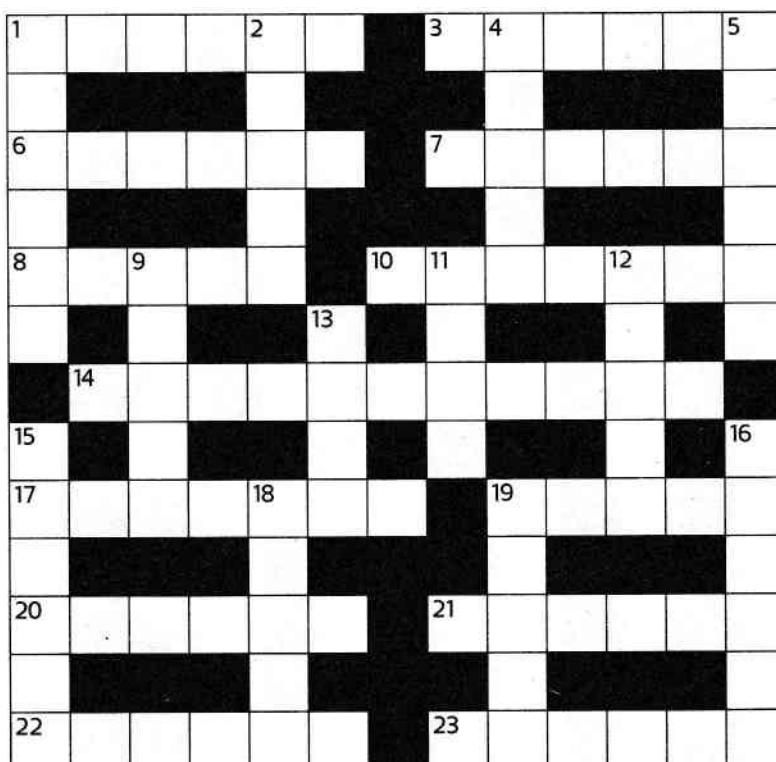
ACROSS

1. Modify (6)
3. Small dog with long ears (6)
6. Total void (6)
7. Confer (6)
8. Jules ____, French writer (5)
10. Author of *The Canterbury Tales* (7)
14. Tail veteran [anag] (11)
17. Undress (7)
19. Asian country, split in the 1950s (5)
20. Declare illegal (6)
21. Elton John hit, __ in the Wind (6)
22. Objective (6)
23. Violin string material (6)

DOWN

1. Resuscitate (6)
2. Foam (5)
4. Field of conflict (5)
5. Cheap-looking (6)
9. Regulations (5)
11. Hoodwink (4)
12. Cloak (5)
13. Seize (4)
15. Deft (6)
16. Natural flair (6)
18. Chicago airport (1'4)
19. Australian marsupial (5)

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS/TIDE TIMETABLE

DECEMBER

2nd Thursday

Concert: Le Consort (Chichester Chamber Concerts, Assembly Room, 7.30pm)

3rd Friday

Carol concert, Family Support Work, St Mary's Church, Funtington, 7pm

4th Saturday

Wildbrooks Churches Christmas Market, The Square, Amberley, 10am-12 noon

6th Monday

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

7th Tuesday

CAMEO, St Michael's Church Hall, 2pm-3.30pm
Talk: Shepard's Christmas, The Arts Society West Sussex, Fittleworth Village Hall, 2pm*

8th Wednesday

Concert: Bursary Holders (Chichester Music Society) University Chapel, 7.30pm

11th Saturday

Christmas Concert: Leconfield Singers, St Mary's Church, Petworth, 6pm*

12th Sunday

Carol Service, St Peter's Church, Parham, 3pm

13th Monday

Christmas Wreath-making Workshop, St Michael's Church Hall, 10am*

15th Wednesday

Film: *The Last Bus*, Rotary Club, Sullington Parish Hall, 7.30pm

18th Saturday

Blessing of the Christmas Crib with carols, North Stoke Church, 4pm

19th Sunday

Carol Service, St Michael's, Amberley, 4pm

20th Monday

Village Carol Singing, meet outside St Michael's Church, Amberley, 6.15pm
Christmas by Candlelight, Slindon College, 7.30pm*

24th Friday (Christmas Eve)

Journey to the Manger, The Square, Amberley, 3pm
Churchyard Carols, Wiggonholt Church, 6pm

*Booking essential

continued overleaf

Littlehampton Tide Timetable December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 st Low 01.58 High 08.23 Low 14.26 High 20.46	2 nd Low 02.48 High 09.10 Low 15.14 High 21.33	3 rd Low 03.35 High 09.56 Low 16.00 High 22.21	4 th Low 04.23 High 10.42 Low 16.47 High 23.10
5 th Low 05.10 High 11.30 Low 17.36	6 th High 00.00 Low 05.59 High 12.19 Low 18.25	7 th High 00.50 Low 06.49 High 13.08 Low 19.17	8 th High 01.42 Low 07.40 High 13.59 Low 20.09	9 th High 02.36 Low 08.35 High 14.55 Low 21.05	10 th High 03.34 Low 09.35 High 15.56 Low 22.07	11 th High 04.36 Low 10.44 High 17.02 Low 23.17
12 th High 05.41 Low 11.55 High 18.10	13 th Low 00.24 High 06.48 Low 13.00 High 19.20	14 th Low 01.23 High 07.49 Low 13.55 High 20.19	15 th Low 02.16 High 08.41 Low 14.43 High 21.07	16 th Low 03.02 High 09.25 Low 15.27 High 21.50	17 th Low 03.44 High 10.04 Low 16.06 High 22.29	18 th Low 04.23 High 10.40 Low 16.43 High 23.05
19 th Low 04.59 High 11.13 Low 17.18 High 23.39	20 th Low 05.34 High 11.45 Low 17.53	21 st High 00.11 Low 06.09 High 12.16 Low 18.28	22 nd High 00.43 Low 06.43 High 12.48 Low 19.01	23 rd High 01.16 Low 07.17 High 13.23 Low 19.35	24 th High 01.52 Low 07.52 High 14.02 Low 20.12	25 th High 02.32 Low 08.35 High 14.46 Low 20.56
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January

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JANUARY CALENDAR

3rd Monday

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

11th Tuesday

CAMEO, St Michael's Church Hall, 2pm-3.30pm

12th Wednesday

Film: The Courier, Rotary Club, Sullington Parish Hall, 7.30pm

18th Tuesday

Parham Parish Council meeting, Old School, Rackham, 7.30pm

20th Thursday

Amberley Parish Council meeting, St Michael's Church Hall, 7.30pm

27th Thursday

Concert: Van Baerle Trio (Chichester Chamber Concerts), Assembly Room, 7.30pm

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Diversions answers (see page 44)

1. Prince Charles 2. Finland 3. Oscar 4. Sacramento 5. Supernova 6. The strongest 7. Time flies 8. Kate Bush (with *Wuthering Heights*) 9. 10 kilometres 10. Carthusians 11. Rome 12. Speedway 13. Dragon 14. *Carmen* 15. Goat 16. Four 17. Dilyn 18. Intelligence Quotient 19. Al Capone 20. *The Guardian* (formerly the *Manchester Guardian*) 21. Dunlop 22. The Whigs 23. Hammer 24. Warren Buffett 25. Wind speed 26. Cyprus 27. Uruguay 28. Australia 29. Liverpool 30. Cricket (they invented a formula for deciding matches stopped by rain)

Crossword solution (see page 44)

ACROSS

1. Revise 3. Basset 6. Vacuum 7. Bestow 8. Verne 10. Chaucer 14. Alternative 17. Disrobe 19. Korea 20. Outlaw 21. Candle 22. Target 23. Catgut

DOWN

1. Revive 2. Spume 4. Arena 5. Tawdry 9. Rules 11. Hoax 12. Cover 13. Grab 15. Adroit 16. Talent 18. O'Hare 19. Koala



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