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Walberton, Binsted & Fontwell

in this month's edition:

- Churchyard Study Group Article
- Mothering Sunday
- Gardening Tips for March



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LATEST UPDATE

LOTS HAS BEEN GOING ON WITH VILLAGE FRIENDS RECENTLY!
WE ENJOYED A WONDERFUL VILLAGE FRIENDS WINTER LUNCH, AND TODDINGTON
NURSERIES ON LAKE LANE KINDLY DONATED 20 BEAUTIFUL POINSETTIAS, WHICH
WERE GIVEN AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. WE ALSO HAD A FUN TRIP TO
CHICHESTER FESTIVAL THEATRE TO SEE THE BOY CALLED CHRISTMAS.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN ANY WAY,
PLEASE DO GET IN TOUCH — WE'D LOVE TO
WELCOME YOU.

Wednesday Afternoon Club – 18th March

Join us in the small room at the back of Walberton village hall at 2.00pm to hear the true story behind the “Littlehampton Libels”, a poison-pen mystery leading to a miscarriage of justice in the 1920's. If you saw the film we can confirm there is no bad language in Gill Henry's fascinating talk!

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Edith Swan (left) and Rose Gooding (right)

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ST MARY'S WALBERTON WITH BINSTED
SERVICES IN CHURCH AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 1 March - Lent 2

9.00am Binsted Holy Communion BCP
 10.30am Holy Communion CW
 5.00pm Families at 5

Sunday 8 March-Lent 3

9.00am Holy Communion CW
 10.30am Morning Praise with children's groups
 6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP

Sunday 15 March - Mothering Sunday

8.00am Holy Communion said BCP
 10.30am All Age Holy Communion CW

Sunday 22 March - Lent 5

9.00am Holy Communion BCP
 10.30am Ising Morning Praise with children's groups
 6.00pm Holy Communion CW

Sunday 29 March - Palm Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion CW
 5.00pm Families at 5

CW = Common Worship
 BCP = Book of Common Prayer 1662

If you are aged 2-7 years old or 8-14 years old join us for Sunday school **10.30am at St Mary's Church on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of March.** Craft,drama, stories and more. Please contact **Sandra Cooke or Sue Harris (01243-544077)**

ORGANISATIONS OFFERING HELP

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St Mary's Church Office	01243 552792	Ali Stacker



LETTER FROM THE VICAR
Mothering Sunday 15 March

Motherhood is perhaps the most important role any person can play in life. To bring a new life into the world is an awesome calling. As we walked around Florence last year the central image in its art was not Christ on the cross, nor Christ risen from the dead, but rather the Madonna and child. Here was a civilisation for whom God becoming a human being and being born of a mother was the central fact of history. It was so important that his mother was in their view now made Queen of Heaven!

Our daughter became a mother at the end of January which makes us grandparents. It is quite something to have such a vulnerable creature in your hands once again. The years roll back. Did we really do that? Motherhood is sacrificial which is why it is so important. It is physically exhausting. It is costly in many ways. Other things get put on hold.

There are a variety of ways of celebrating motherhood locally this month. Pallant House Art Gallery has an exhibition entitled *Mothering* by Caroline Walker until 26 April. Tickets can be bought online. St Mary's Little Lambs for carers (including grandparents!) with babes and preschool children meets on the third Thursday of each month in the church at 10am. It's a good way to socialise. The next meeting is 19 March. It is free of charge. And of course, our All Age Mothering Sunday service is at 10.30am on 15 March where our Mother's Union provide flowers for all the women in the congregation.

Rev Tim Ward, Vicar



Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday – the fourth Sunday of Lent- offers families an opportunity to honour the women who have nurtured them. Lots of different streams and traditions have come together to make today's Mothering Sunday the special day that it is.

In the Middle Ages it was an occasion for everyone to visit their 'mother' church – the place where they had been baptised. Later, an opportunity for those who worked away from home to visit their mothers became added to the mix of reasons to make it a special day.

Today we honour all women who have in one way or another been special to us, and in church this is usually signalled by small bunches of flowers for every woman present.

Treating mums and grans to Sunday lunch, chocolates and flowers is also part of the present mix. And will there be a simnel cake to be seen – a tradition from ages past – with its rich layers of marzipan, and eleven balls of marzipan on top, reminders of the 11 disciples who remained faithful to Jesus?



Not everyone has enjoyed a wonderful or enduring relationship with their mum, so lest we get carried away on a wave of love and sentimentality, there is usually space in the Mothering Sunday church service to reflect on and pray for those whose relationships with their mother were not all they might have been.

Also, there are the families blighted by the lack of, or death of a child; families remembering a mum who died tragically young; women who never had a child but would have dearly loved the

opportunity; all these and more are a recognition of the imperfections of human love, human life.

These imperfections can be brought in prayer to the God who mothers us. In the Old Testament, Isaiah speaks of God comforting His people like a mother hen. In the New Testament, both Matthew and Luke bear witness to Jesus expressing His desire to gather His people as a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings. Yes, God has strong maternal qualities which He invites us to discover and enjoy!

Have you discovered the mothering, nurturing, maternal qualities which God offers to all people? It's lovelier than flowers, more long-lasting than simnel cake, better than a visit from family, and it's free to everyone who wants it – it could be yours!

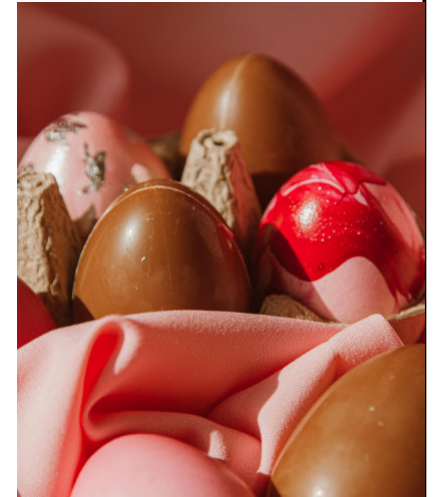
Revd Roy Shaw

Share the Easter story – with an Egg

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The 2026 Real Easter Egg will not be available in any supermarkets, but the full range can be ordered at www.realeasteregg.co.uk or by calling 01925 877004.



WALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

March 2026

Sunday Mornings Mar - 1st , 8th , 15th , 22nd and 29th

All services at 10.30am.

Injustice!

To me, the outstanding characteristic of our modern world can be summed up in one word, "Injustice!" You can see it everywhere you look. The rich and powerful lord it over the poor and weak making their lives unbearable. As an example, Vladimir Putin, one of the richest and most powerful men on the planet, inflicts pain and suffering on others – because he can! Whilst pretending to discuss peace, he sends drones into Ukraine to destroy its infrastructure and demoralise its people. When playing games with the children in our Superheroes Club I would often hear the cry, "It's not fair!" and I used to say to them, "Life isn't fair, unfortunately." I would tell them that in a football match the referee may not always be right, but he is always the referee.

The controversy over America acquiring Greenland seems to have subsided for the present but what agreements have been made is not in the public domain. This reminded me of a Bible story in the first book of Kings and chapter 21 where Ahab, the king of Israel, takes a fancy to a vineyard which is close to his palace and therefore very convenient for him to attend. He consults the owner, a person called Naboth and offers money to purchase the land or provide another vineyard in a different location. Perhaps surprisingly to us, Naboth rejects the king's offers saying, "*The Lord forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!*" The issue here seems simple but there is more to it than may be obvious. Naboth could not sell his vineyard to the crown because Canaan was in a peculiar manner, God's land. The Israelites were his tenants, and this was one of the conditions of their lease that they should not part with that which fell to their lot, unless in the case of extreme necessity, and then only until the year of Jubilee when the possession would return to its original owner. Naboth could see that if his vineyard were sold to the crown, it would never return to his heirs, not even in the Jubilee. It is possible that Naboth was one of the seven thousand in Israel who had not bowed to Baal and would rather offend the king than offend God. When he couldn't get his way, Ahab responded in a very childish manner. He sulked, wouldn't eat and went through a "poor Ahab" syndrome. He was selfish, self-centred and felt he was being treated badly. The irony of the situation was that Ahab had everything that money could buy him to make him 'happy' but he was dominated by the one thing that had been denied him. His whole world shrunk down to this one issue that preoccupied him. Do we ever behave like that? We have much to be grateful for, but we are cast down by small issues that don't really matter and which we can't do anything about. Compare this incident with the apostle



Paul who found contentment in a prison when Ahab couldn't find it in a palace! It all comes down to where your heart is! Because of Ahab's immature behaviour, his wife Jezebel got involved. Instead of telling him to grow up, she said to him, "*You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.*" This woman was possessed by a spirit of witchcraft whose characteristics are dominance, manipulation and control, all vividly demonstrated in the way she acted here. Ahab was a weak man – she was a dominant woman, a bad combination. She took control of the situation and manipulated the circumstances in order to destroy an innocent man who had dared to stand up for his rights. Jezebel adopted a subtle and underhanded method to achieve her ends writing letters to the elders and nobles of the city where Naboth dwelt and sealing them as if from the king. By this means, they were implicated in murder because they carried out her instruction without question. This is what she wrote, "*Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honour among the people; and seat two men, scoundrels before him to bear witness against him saying, 'You have blasphemed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him that he might die.*" This injustice was carried out, and they reported back when the deed was done. On hearing that Naboth was dead, Jezebel encouraged Ahab to arise and take possession of the vineyard he so desired now that the obstruction had been removed. This was a terrible injustice, and I may return to the rest of the story in a future article.

In an ideal world (as we see it) every act of injustice would be met with an immediate response and the guilty punished, but we know that this rarely happens because in our Justice System at the present time, cases can take years to come to court. We might well ask ourselves at what point should heaven intervene? We would like to say before the damage is done however, God often seems to act in judgement after wrongdoing has occurred - but act He certainly does. For Ahab, the judgement was catastrophic totally wiping out his posterity as prophesied by the prophet Elijah. Today in our country, murder pollutes the land with horrendous consequences for the families involved. Steven Wright was recently sentenced to forty years in prison having pleaded guilty to the killing of 17-year-old Victoria Hall in 1999. He was already in custody for the murder of five other women in the Ipswich area in 2006. Though abolished in 1969, in my opinion, Capital Punishment would be appropriate in such cases, as justice cannot be granted in this world. Not only were these young lives destroyed but so were their families and any potential children they might have had. Jesus said on one occasion, "***But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.***" It doesn't sound very Christian – but it's how God views evil that really matters and nothing escapes Him!

Pastor Ray.



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Spring Flower Show

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Walberton Village Hall 2pm

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WALBERTON GARDENERS CLUB

Spring is just around the corner, and to welcome it we have organised the first demonstrations of the year.

Floral Art Demonstration Saturday 7th March 10.30 Small Village Hall
Sandra Dean will demonstrate how to make your spring flowers look amazing and hopefully inspire you to enter the Spring Show flower arranging classes. Free to members £5.00 for guests. Remember gents, some of the country's best flower arrangers are men, so come along and enjoy a relaxing morning. Coffee and homemade cake will be available.

Spring Show Saturday 21st March Village Hall
There is a choice of sixty classes to enter across seven categories. All information can be found in the current schedule or from the website www.walberton-gardeners.com
Last years we had a wonderful show with plenty of excellent exhibits. Lots of old favourites in the cookery classes and we have added pottery and wood to the handicraft classes. Something for everyone. You don't have to be a member to enter any of the classes. Staging for exhibits is from 9am-10.30. Saturday morning. The show is open to the public at 2.00pm.
Plant sale, raffle and teas with homemade cakes available throughout the afternoon.

Annual General Meeting 10.30 Saturday 11th April Village Hall
Please note Saturday 11th April is the correct date and not 11th March as stated in last months Parish Magazine.
Coffee and cakes from 10.00. and time to pay your subscription and collect your new 2026/2027 schedule. After the official AGM business the presentation of Annual Awards. We look forward to seeing you.

Dates for your diary:

- **Thursday 14th May 2.30** Village Hall. Talk by Barry Newman 'Preparing for the Annual Show'
- **Tuesday 9th June.** Outing to Borde Hill Gardens. Coach leaves Walberton at 10.00am and returns from Borde Hill leaving at 4.00pm.
- **Sunday 21st June Walberton Open Gardens.**
At our last Open Gardens we were blessed with a beautiful summers day drawing lots of visitors from near and far to enjoy our village, a glass of Pimms and a cream tea. This enabled us to give £3,000.00 away to local charities. If you are thinking of opening your garden we would love to hear from you. Don't think your garden is too small or a bit ordinary, we need all types, a tiny terrace, wild and wonderful, a vegetable patch, or a traditional lawn with surrounding flower beds. Without your garden there is no Walberton Open Gardens. So please think about opening your garden.



Garden Jobs for March

Give your beds a good dig over and fertilize them.

Put supports in ready for all the climbing plants.

Finish cutting back Cornus and Salix down to the ground.

Mophead and Lace cap Hydrangeas can be trimmed as the buds begin to swell.

Prune back over wintered Fuchsias to one or two buds on each shoot.

Trim back winter flowering Heathers.

Cut back autumn-fruiting Raspberry Canes to the ground.

Vegetable Garden – plant out as much as possible as soon as the ground is warm enough, or early results.



In Memory of Keith Perry

Remember to put your clocks forward by an hour the last weekend of March, then you can look forward to summer.

Liz Hewson

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

The Little Bundles project was launched in 2019 to provide assistance for families who cannot afford to provide basic necessities. They provide new or nearly new items for mothers and their children aged from birth to 11 years old.

It is run on a referral basis only.

Bundles of needed items are then put together by volunteers and delivered for distribution.

Our Mothers' Union branch has been supporting Little Bundles for a few years now and the photo below shows recently purchased and donated items.

It has always been a pleasure to visit their Runcton store and be met by cheerful, hard working volunteers.

Their Facebook page keeps us alerted to the current items required. Liz is always happy to receive or collect articles.

Thank you to all our regular donors of knitting, toiletries and money. Little Bundles are so grateful for our contribution.

Liz Brown



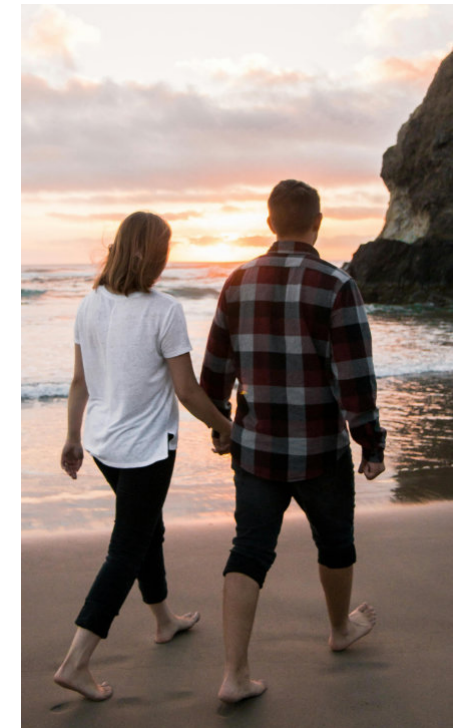
LOSS

I can't think what it was –
a thought, a memory,
across the sand,
felt in a moment
and lost to the sea;

but you beside me,
that I knew,
as once we were in the braving breeze
on infinite shores now faded to night,
dismembered by time;

a sense you are there
and your hand in mine.

William Foot





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In the pavilion - Walberton playing field

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St Mary's Games Evening

Tuesday March 10 from 7.00pm

Why not join us for a fun evening where we get together to play modern board games for a few hours.

Second Tuesday of each month,
It is a games night on a Tuesday evening once a month.

Please contact Peter Allday if you would like to come along.
(peter.allday@gmail.com)





WALBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Firstly I would like to apologise for my error in the last edition of the parish magazine. I had given the date of the 14th March for the gardening

show this year and it is actually the 21st March, I do hope you all can support this great event at the hall. Apologies again.

I have been contacted by a lovely couple in the community to build and erect two book exchange libraries, one for the adults and one dedicated to children's books, which I think will be a great addition for the village and its users to exchange and recycle great reading material. The libraries will hopefully be outside the village hall in Spring, I will send out more information once they are made and when they will be in use.

The trustees will be holding an annual AGM on Monday 18th May at 7.15pm, it would be wonderful if any of you could attend. Questions are welcomed and all information regarding hall business can be discussed along with any ideas for forthcoming events you may have.

We have another new hirer at the hall on Thursday mornings at 10.30am, Something for the little ones. **The little sound company** is a committed group for babies and toddlers to experience exploration, creativity, and confidence within music. The feedback so far has been amazing with the classes filling up each week. Please see there contact email for any questions contact email the

littlesoundco@gmail.com Again, as I always ask, if you can spare any time or skills to volunteering at the hall or with any events please do get in touch. We need you! **Manager@walbertonvillagehall.org**

Penny



WALBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Last month you may remember, I did not mention scams or fraud at all in my report as I thought we could all start the year on a lighter note. However we are now into

February and we must again tackle the ever increasing online and telephone crime that is so common in all our lives.

Surrey and Sussex Police have issued a newsletter informing the public that there is now a new service in response to cyber crime and fraud. Report Fraud has replaced Action Fraud and the National Intelligence Bureau from December 2025. The service includes everything from how reports are made using a new Report Fraud hub (**www.reportfraud.police.uk/**), to how reports are then analysed, and how victims are supported. The new Report Fraud hub has now replaced the existing Action Fraud site but at least for six months users searching Action Fraud will automatically be redirected to Report Fraud. If you have been a victim of cybercrime or fraud, tell the police using the Report Fraud service via:

www.reportfraud.police.uk/ or call 0300 123 2040. If you are vulnerable, elderly or have been a victim of crime please continue reporting to Sussex Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

With the festive season long gone, January and February are the most popular times of year for people to book their holidays. Unfortunately, it is also a time when holiday related fraud can increase. We continue to be aware of reports of victims losing significant sums of money after booking holidays that never existed, or after being defrauded by criminals impersonating well-known booking websites, such as booking.com. Fraudsters are becoming increasingly convincing, but there are clear warning signs to look out for. Fraudsters use a variety of tactics to exploit people searching for a bargain or booking in a hurry. But by following this fraud prevention advice, you can reduce your risk of fraud and book your next trip with confidence. Be alert to the following:

Fake online adverts, emails and text messages offering holidays at price that seem too good to be true.

Stolen images of hotels, villas or apartments, copied from genuine websites and reused in fake listings.

Pressure to pay in unsafe ways, such as cash, crypto currency, or bank transfer via money transfer services (e.g *Western Union* or *Moneywise*), which make refunds extremely difficult.

Fake flight bookings - victims may only discover the fraud when they arrive at the airport and are told their tickets are invalid.

Top tips to stay safe when booking: Look for trusted logos. Check the companies display ABTA or ATOL logos on their website and take time to verify them.

Use a credit card wherever possible as it offers greater protection for online purchases. Debit cards are safer than bank transfers or cash.

Take time to research the company, read independent reviews, and never feel rushed to make a payment.

Ensure the website address begins with **https://** and shows a locked padlock symbol.

If you receive unexpected emails or texts about holiday deals or booking problems, do NOT click links or download attachments. Report suspicious emails to **report@phishing.gov.uk** and texts to 7726.

Obviously much of the information and advice above can be given to online shopping, which is a third of the total shop in the UK. Criminals are increasingly turning to web-enabled fraud to steal money and personal details. If you purchase online, only provide required details at checkout and checkout as a guest if you can, don't create an account for the store. Again use a credit card if you have one which will protect purchases as part of the Consumer Credit Act.

Hopefully if we all follow the advice above, we'll all have incident free shopping online and prevent criminals from stealing our money.

Laurie King

REGULAR EVENTS Friday - Outreach Post Office 9.00am [p.23]
Coffee Stop 10.30am [p.23]

DIARY FOR MARCH

Mar 5	10.30am	Snowdrop Coffee Morning (P.36)
Mar 6	2.30pm	World Day Of Prayer (P.30)
Mar 7	10.30am	Walberton Gardeners Club Floral Demo (P.46)
Mar 7	2.00pm	Downland Art Society meeting (P.33)
Mar 10	7.00pm	St Mary's Games Evening (P.19)
Mar 11	10.30am	Walberton Gardeners Club AGM (P.14)
Mar 11	9.15am	Downland Art Society Workshop (P.33)
Mar 18	2.00pm	Wednesday Afternoon Club (P.2)
Mar 19	10.00am	'Little Lambs' pre-schoolers and carers (P.23)
Mar 21	2.00pm	Walberton Gardeners Spring Flower Show (P.13)
Mar 21	7.30pm	Chantry Quire Concert (P.47)
Mar 22	11.00am	Snowdrop Stroll- A Meaningful dog walk (P.40)
Mar 24	2.00pm	The Arts Society Boxgrove (P.53)
Mar 26	7.30pm	Walberton History Group (P.19)
Mar 28	7.30pm	The SouthDowns Concert Band (P.35)

FUTURE EVENTS

Apr 7	10.30am	Fontwell Community Hall Coffee Morning (P.19)
Apr 11	10.30am	Walberton Gardeners Club AGM (P.14)
May 14	2.30pm	Walberton Gardeners Club Talk (P.14)
May 28-30	TBC	Walberton Youth Theatre
Jun 9	10.00am	Walberton Gardeners Outing (P.14)
Jun 21	TBC	Walberton Open Gardens (P.14)

COMMUNITY MINIBUS SERVICE FOR MARCH

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Thu 12th Mar Highdown Garden Centre
Thu 19th Mar Rustington
Thu 26th Mar Sainsbury's Chichester



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NOTICEBOARD

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Do come and join others at the pavilion for coffee and biscuits from **10.30am to 12.00 noon**.

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Little Lambs

If you have pre-school children, why not come along to our 'Little Lambs'; with toys, songs and crafts. A great opportunity to chat and meet others. **St.Mary's Walberton Thursday March 19 at 10.00am**

Walberton Place Coffee Morning

A coffee morning is being held every **Thursday** at Walberton Place Nursing Home. All visitors are warmly welcomed,

St Mary's online Prayer meeting

Every Tuesday morning from 8.15am, via Zoom.

(Please ask Tim for the details)

OUTREACH POST OFFICE

Don't forget that the **Outreach Post Office** is open every Friday from 9.00am to 12.00 midday. All the usual Post Office services are available. **Please support** Tracy as she provides this invaluable service to our community. Greetings cards also available.
(Held in the Pavilion)

The Binsted Bugle



If you visit St Mary's Binsted you may notice some wall paintings on the window splays of the north wall of the chancel. They are thought to date from the mid 12th century and are thought to be all that remain of a more extensive decorative scheme; a tantalising glimpse of how the interior of this ancient church might have looked in the Middle Ages.

The paintings remain in a relatively good condition and have not faded because the paintings are on the north wall and not exposed to sunlight.

The colours are mostly red and yellow ochres, but some appear blackened. This is because pigments making flesh tints, for example, would have been mixed with a white pigment containing lead which has blackened over time.

The subject of the paintings is a mystery. On the right side of the window display is what seems to be a female figure, on the left is a three branched tree with a star or sun burst at the apex of the arch. The identity of the female figure on the right is so uncertain that even her gender has been questioned! In the reconstruction of 1888 (displayed in the church) the letters above the figure were interpreted as S/A MARG:. The figure has a 'curious early crown with wimple and so it has been suggested that she is the Saxon princess Queen Margaret of Scotland. This would mean the paintings are not as early as previously thought since she was not canonised until 1250. It has also been suggested that the figure may be the Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven.

The significance of the tree is also uncertain. Do its three branches may represent the Trinity, or is it a 'Tree of Life'. Whilst other trees of this type have not been found in wall paintings they do appear in 12th century illuminated manuscripts, for instance the crucifix is sometimes shown as being a tree. As for bulbous ends of the branches - could they be 'fruits' or grapes at the ends of the

branches referring to Christ as the vine? The star or sunburst at the apex of the arch is also mysterious.

In 2019 Fiona Allardyce, the wall paintings conservator, wrote a report in spring 2019 - and said

'Their style could indicate any date between 1160 and 1250. It is interesting to wonder who did the paintings.

Wall paintings of a similar sophistication may be seen at St Alban's and Canterbury Cathedrals, both dating to the 12th century. The paintings in Hailes church Gloucestershire which are thought to date from 1290 are also comparable. But many wall paintings in England are relatively simple and crude in their execution, while this small fragment at Binsted is by a confident and knowledgeable hand. This small fragment of medieval painting is well worth much more detailed research. It is a rare and precious survival and indicates that the church at Binsted was an important place of worship. It may have been a stopping place for pilgrims to Chichester or between Chichester and Canterbury.'

Sandra Cooke

HOW CAN WE HELP?

For March St Mary's is praying especially for:

Residents of Hunters Mews and Furlong Close.

If you would like prayer for any needs you might have phone

Jean Strickland (552825) or email

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Trivia Question of the Month ;

What is the world's most earthquake-prone country?

(Answer on P. 56)



Flower Rota for St.Mary's Walberton

March

No flowers during Lent.

(Saturday 4th April - Easter Flowers)

Pauline Blumer

Some Tasty Memories From Walberton's Past

By John Boldero

Back in the 1980's, the Walberton Mother and Toddler Group and their friends compiled a recipe book, *Walberton Quick and Easy Cook Book*, on sale then for £1.75, to help raise funds for the building of a new Village Hall in Walberton, with the happy result that we all know and appreciate to-day.

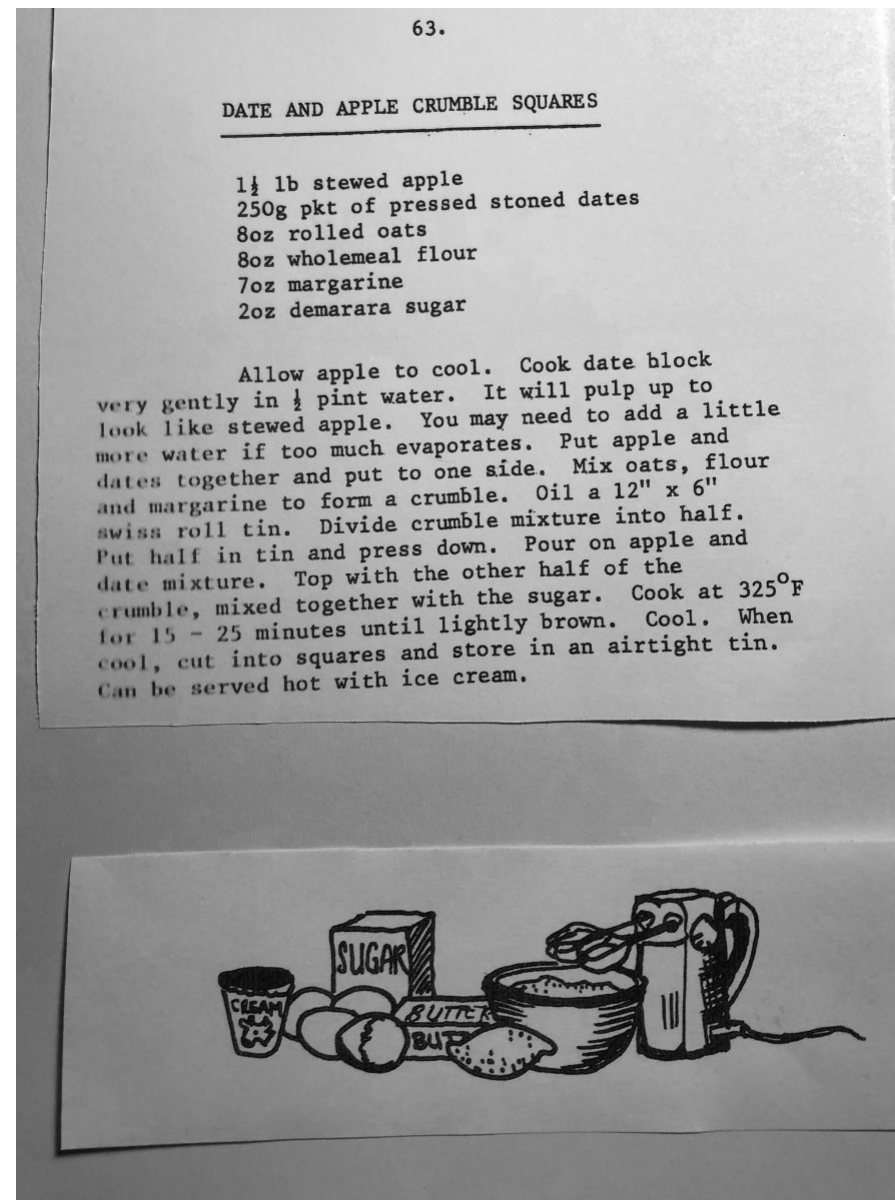
Sue Cox and Belinda Wilkins, along with many others, helped with the production of the 80-page booklet, which had sections on Soups and Starters, Main Dishes, Salads and, of course, Puddings and Sweets. A recipe and illustration from the book are shown on page 27. Belinda provided the cover design and the marvellous illustrations throughout. She also had a hand in its rather dramatic launch, which she describes below.

"It is a while back but I remember booking the local paper for the launch in the Pavilion. Friends of mine who ran a print shop in Wiltshire said they could give a good price for printing the cookbook. Unfortunately, the date I gave was misunderstood and yes, they would be ready for the launch but would not arrive in time if posted.

By chance my friend was coming to the Dressage Competition at Goodwood to see her sister compete in this prestigious event. She was going to travel from Wiltshire by light aircraft, which her husband flew. Perfect. The newly printed books could be put in the plane and I could collect them from her at Goodwood aerodrome.

This worked well. Books arrived in time for the launch and I did not have to pay postage. The newspaper article was written and the books sold out during the year.

I still use mine today."



OK Sauce – A Brief History

It all started with Henderson William Brand (1805-1893). He was under-cook to the Prince Regent at the Brighton Pavilion kitchens and was promoted to "Yeoman of The Mouth". Brand left to formulate a sauce called "Brands International Sauce" which he exhibited at the 1862 exhibition. He won first prize & was, allegedly, declared "A1" by the judges. Brand decided to make the sauce at his Mayfair premises, calling it A1 sauce. Brand was a better chef than a business man so sold the failing company to Thomas Dense & George Mason.

Mason left A1 sauce & set up George Mason & Co in a converted swimming pool in Kings Rd, Chelsea, where he made a new sauce called "OK". In 1884 Mason invited business men to invest in the Ltd Co. In 1891 Mason, for some reason, was asked to resign his directorship & concentrate on sales. He refused & agreed a pay off.

In 1892 Percy Cooper, entered the company and in 1896 the business moved to a hall in Fulham.

Production outgrew the premises so land was purchased in Southfields, a new factory was built and opened in 1929.

In 1934 the characters "Master OK" & "Uncle George" were created & used in adverts, and OK Sauce was advertised on Radio Luxembourg. During this time the company was granted a Royal Warrant.

In 1936 Masons bought a company called Watersend Condiments, Temple Ewell, Dover, making mint sauce, mint jelly, sliced beetroot & horseradish sauce in a converted barn. I worked there occasionally in the '60's. The premises, a manor house, was the home of the manager.

During the war many products were discontinued due to supply issues & part of the Southfield's factory was commandeered for storage of vital war supplies, including submarine parts made at the engineering works next door (Starkey Gardiner Ltd) The products made during the war were OK, mustard & Worcester sauces, with modified recipes. A notable employee, Frank Sprat, was very valuable in keeping the firm supplied with raw materials. Other lines, mayonnaise, continental mustard, seafood dressing, fruit chutney & Saucy Boy pickle, were reintroduced post war as ingredients became available. Post war, many raw materials were so scarce that the sales team, who had vehicles, were salvaging jars from dumps to be recycled in the new bottle washing machine – still



occasionally used in the 1960s!

In 1952, cousin Brian started at Masons and became sales director and in 1960 I joined straight from school. I was excited on the first day and arrived early. Tom, the night watchman with his trusty collie, unlocked the large oak front door for me with a huge impressive key. In that year the company achieved its first annual million pound turnover from OK sauce alone. All the staff received a bonus & there was a celebration "knees up" in the works canteen.



The factory had an impressive facade and interior, using oak

panelling for the foyer and main offices with herring bone wood block floors in the corridors – unfortunately, 1960s high heeled shoes were the norm and played havoc with the surface! In the foyer was the long service award board, identifying those who completed 25 years service. It is interesting to note that many of the 200 plus workers stayed for their whole working life, many with 25 and 50 plus years service. Above this were 4 individual boards showing 50 years service and 2 above that for 65 years service (*having joined during Queen Victoria's reign!*) Only those named on the boards were entitled to an extra weeks paid holiday (*from 1 to 2 weeks/year*). How times have changed.

It was clear that the production area had not been modernised since opening. The bottling plant also had wood block floors, impossible to clean. All OK sauce, cooked on the top floor in hemispherical stainless steel vats, was gravity fed into huge oak barrels on the floor below prior to bottling on the ground floor. The spice store was a sight to behold:-

most spices were delivered in hessian sacks the contents being scooped and weighed and put into old ex Smiths Crisp tins ready for the sauce coppers. Dear Eva Brown (*Mrs Spice*) was dedicated to her job and you always had evidence of her approaching with her aromatic fragrance!

There was a final endeavour to break into the hotter sauce market near the end of the production. A sauce was formulated being hotter and more spicier than OK, named "Spicy Sauce".

Rex died in the late 1960s and the company was acquired by Colman's of Norwich during the '60s. James Cleminson from Reckitt & Colman joined the board and the takeover and transfer was

completed by December 1969. He was famous during the operation Market Garden in 1944, his role being played by actor Michael Cox in the film "A Bridge Too Far". He was later knighted for his business efforts. In the late 1960s, sauce production ceased and employees were gradually made redundant and left. Only OK sauce, mint and horseradish sauce was transferred to Norwich. I felt very sad for the many long service, loyal workers who all had to leave. First, the shop floor then office workers. There were so many lovely characters who made up the company. In the end there was aunt Betty, myself and a handful of staff left. Eventually, I was handed the key to lock up and passed the impressive key to the estate agent. I said goodbye to the place and paid my respects to the old foundation stone, laid by father in 1924.

Colman's ceased sales of the sauce for the UK long ago but produced the sauce for the Chinese and far east markets which bears no resemblance in quality to the original. I now hear that OK sauce has finally been withdrawn by Unilever (the owners) after 130+ years production. Sadly, food and sauces have become much spicier since the 1960s thus the demand for the fruity sauce had diminished. At least the building with its imposing facade is now (Grade 2) protected for all time and a lovely reminder of times gone by. The irony is that A1 Sauce is still produced today.

Vince Cooper - Chairman of the Walberton History Group 'A personal reflection'

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This is Happiness

By Niall Williams



In remote Faha, which embraced the full force of the Atlantic on a daily basis, it was a mindblowingly memorable day on that Spy (Ash) Wednesday in 1958 when it actually stopped raining. Memorable, too, for 17 year-old Noel (Noe) Crowe who had recently arrived there. Following a crisis of faith, he had deserted his Dublin seminary and sought solace with his grandparents, Ganga and Doady, living a characteristically simple, and very sodden, life on the West Coast. The day also signalled a major upheaval for the Faheans who were made aware, in Fr. Coffey's sermon that very day, of the coming of electricity as well as the Risen Lord!

Drifting along at its own pace, Faha's rhythms had always been firmly aligned to the Church and the pub. Nothing 'of great moment' happened there but, after centuries of darkness, it was now to be catapulted into the modern world, electricity presenting both an opportunity and a major challenge to the way people lived their lives and communicated with each other. Inevitably, as with all works of progress, there would be the odd hiccup.....

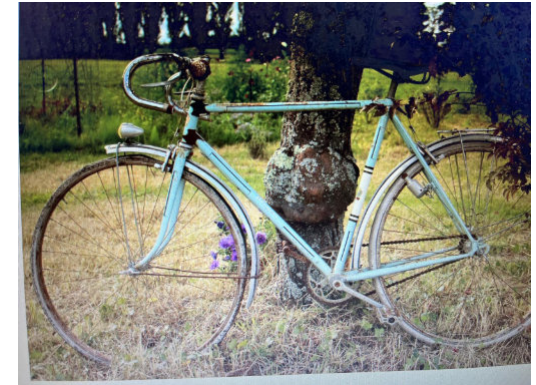
As it happened, '*the electricity man*', Christy, was to be lodged with Ganga and Doady whilst he supervised the electrification process, his entrance more or less coinciding with that of Noe's unexpected arrival. Now an old man, Noe recalls meeting this rather arresting, much-travelled man. Although an unlikely pair, they had formed a gentle bond, and he had become party to the tantalising revelation that Christy had a personal motive to be seconded to this 'back of beyond' - the need to track someone down no less. (But once found, what to do?)

Noe muses on the idle time spent in each other's company, and joint escapades in the everyday earthiness of Fahean life during those precious months of Lent and Eastertide, when the freak weather pattern lingered on. For him, it had been a time of awakening, to the baffling complexities of relationships, the inescapable strictures of the class system (operating even there) and the irrepressible ecstasy of first love. It was a *desolation* that he could no longer hear her voice but six decades on, he still remembered her exact words, saw her clearly and smelled the almond soap on her hands, as she tended him then.

In 'This is Happiness', there is no 'plot' as such. It is an intricate and perceptive portrait of a community of souls with all their

eccentricities, obstinacies and well-meaning-ness: strong, sometimes quirky characters who cherish their independence whilst simultaneously valuing their sense of belonging together. There is an air of innocence about it, tender to the point of being heartbreaking. Shining through is the remarkable vibrancy and resilience of older people, the realisation that life is not simply about striving for better but appreciating what the 'here and now' has to offer: soaking up the joys of just 'being'.

Frequently funny, I still chuckle at the scene where Christie and Noe get blind drunk in a pub and try to ride back home on their bikes in the dark!



Williams is a supreme wordsmith and has an acute eye for detail. His graceful script, relaying the memories of an old man conveying the experiences of a young one, shows rare insight while he transports and plants you firmly in this community. Savouring every word, I did not just 'read' this book: I watched it, in glorious technicolour, as if in the front row in the Minerva Theatre. I felt I could touch these colourful characters as they played out their Lenten observances, wrestled with their inner fears and longings, and chased their dreams.

Anne Brearley-Smith



SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2 - 4pm

Roger Dellar is a well known and impressive artist with many skills. It is fascinating to watch how his paintings materialise with such ease. Roger's demonstration will be of a marine scene in oils.

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH 9.15 - 3.15 pm

A workshop follows. Roger is a very good teacher who really engages with the participants.

Please let Liz know if interested in joining the workshop.
pjbrown294@btinternet.com

For more information of 2026 events, see our website.

Liz Brown pjbrown294@btinternet.com (www.downland.org)
(All DAS meetings are held in Walberton pavilion).

Right Hon: the Lady Elizabeth Louisa Reynell

Lady Elizabeth was born 2nd February 1783. the fourth daughter of George, 1st Marquis of Waterford. Raised in Ireland her maiden family name was Beresford.



She married Maj. Gen Sir Denis Pack, a fellow Anglo Irish. A career soldier he fought with distinction around the globe. The pinnacle being his actions at Waterloo under Wellington where he ended the campaign as the second highest decorated officer next to Wellington himself. As the son of, albeit high ranking, clergy he would have been her social inferior, but as they were in their thirties and he was a lauded military hero maybe the usual rules no longer applied.

Lady Elizabeth & Sir Dennis had two sons and two daughters in quick succession. Arthur, Dennis, Ann and Elizabeth. Sir Dennis died in Ireland after only seven years of marriage and is buried in Kilkenny Cathedral.

In 1831 Lady Elizabeth married another officer of Irish aristocracy, Sir Thomas Reynell who had also been at Waterloo & had been a friend of her first husband. They bought the Avisford Estate around 1835. During their ownership census records show that several cottages were built including what are now known as Swiss Cottages, possibly originally called Reynell Cottages, and the Laundry House in Yapton Lane.

After Sir Thomas died in 1848, Lady Elizabeth continued to live at Avisford House with her unmarried daughter Ann, daughter Elizabeth & son-in-law Lord Anson, and their first six children, a further five were born later.

She played an active role in the village, opening a lending library at Avisford, and exhibits from her gardens were entered at village shows. Her elder daughter Ann, had two cottages Peach Villas, built in The Street and founded a "Dame School" there. Designed as a place for the education of the tradespeople it seems to have been successful. It continued until the Education Act of 1874 brought state education to Walberton. The cottages are now known as The Old School House and Peach Cottage.

Upon her death on Jan 6th 1856 the Avisford Estate, together with other properties inherited from Sir Thomas passed to her eldest son Arthur Pack, on condition that he took his stepfather's name to become Reynell-Pack.

At her funeral on Jan 14th 1856, local dignitaries & landowners, the Duke of Norfolk, Lady Newburgh, Richard Prime & J Fletcher Esq led all the tradespeople of Walberton. An obituary reads that she had long supported the poor of the village and contributed to numerous charities. She is buried in plot 10 with Sir Thomas.

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March Coffee Morning

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Guest Speaker

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Why big, wet licks from a dog can help a teenager's mental health

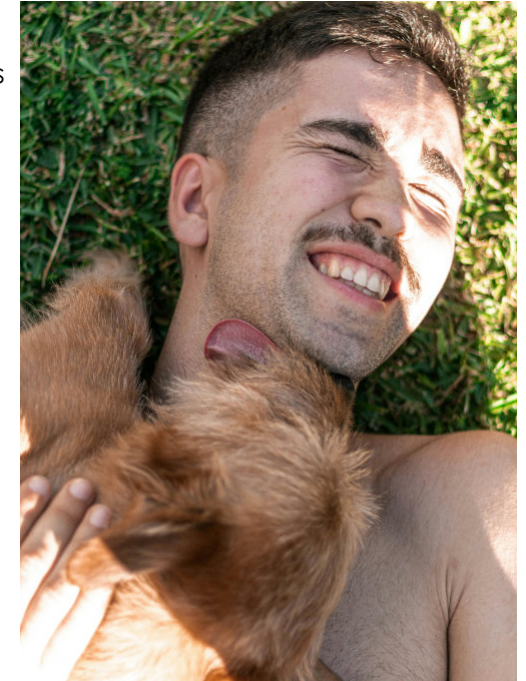
Teenagers who kiss their dog or are occasionally licked by their pet are happier, according to a recent study. They have even been found to have better mental health than those who do not have a dog.

Why should this be? It seems to all come down to the gut. Research has found that teenagers in homes with a dog have a specific gut bacteria constitution, known as the microbiome, which boosts mental wellbeing.

Gut bacteria samples from teenagers were analysed and the participants also underwent psychological assessment. Tests showed that those with dogs had healthier scores, and that their microbiome was rich in certain bacteria.

When the dog-influenced bacteria were injected into mice in a lab, even the rodents became more social and engaged more with other mice.

The study's author, Prof Takefumi Kikusui, of Azabu University in Japan, said that although dog ownership provides a sense of security through simple interaction, "the most interesting finding from this study is that bacteria promoting prosociality, or empathy, were discovered in the microbiomes of adolescent children who keep dogs."



The Rev Dr Jo White



Defibrillators

On behalf of our parishioners, Walberton Parish Council has deployed two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). One in Fontwell and the other in Walberton.

The Fontwell AED is in the recycled Red Telephone Box on Arundel Road in Fontwell Village. There is a sign on the Telephone box advising that the (AED), is inside, housed in a cabinet. It is a type which can be used on children as well as adults.

The AED is set for adults and, all one needs to do is change the setting for use on children. This AED has been successfully used in the village, and pads have now been replaced.

The Walberton AED is housed in a cabinet on the outside wall to the right of the front door of the Walberton Village Hall. This AED is the same type as the Fontwell AED and is likewise set for an adult. Again, if necessary, all that is required is to move the setting to children. The AED is placed in a cabinet which has a push button code to open the box. To get the code, telephone 999 and they will give you the code.

Both AEDs once opened/operated will give voice instructions to operate the machine. Please listen to the machine and follow the instructions.

The Parish Council hope to be delivering hands-on introduction/training which would give those attending an opportunity to use training defibrillators and be shown how to deliver CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) as this may be required for a casualty with a suspected Cardiac Arrest.

Both defibrillators are checked monthly to ensure that they are still working and that the powerpack and Pads are in date.

If anyone uses either defibrillator, could they please contact the Walberton Parish Clerk as the pads will require changing and the machine checking.

What is a defibrillator - it is a device that gives a jolt of energy to the heart. It helps get the heart beating again when someone is in cardiac arrest and their heart has stopped.

It can also be called a defib, a PAD (*public access defibrillator*) or an AED (*automated external defibrillator*).

How to use a defibrillator - if someone is in cardiac arrest, call 999

and start CPR. If you are on your own, do not interrupt CPR to go and find a defibrillator. If it's possible, send someone else to find one. When you call 999, the operator can tell you if there's a public access defibrillator nearby.

Anyone can use a defibrillator. You do not need training.

Once you turn it on, it will give clear step-by-step voice instructions. Many defibrillators also have visual prompts and images showing how to use it. The device checks the person's heart rhythm and will only tell you to give them a shock if it's needed. You cannot shock yourself or someone else accidentally.

The Parish Council intends to hold ad hoc training sessions on how to use a defibrillator and first aid, (dates and venue to be confirmed).

Further information can be found on the Parish Council website or if you have a specific question about AEDs, please email the Parish Clerk.

Shona Turner

Arun West u3a

Our parish is covered by the Arun West u3a, although this doesn't mean you cannot belong to any of the neighbouring u3a's.



Alongside coffee mornings and various groups we also have monthly talks at Yapton village hall, doors open at 13:20. On 11th March, Janet Bounds is speaking about Mudlarking; 8th April we have Andrew Elms from Lordington Lavender and on 20th May Ben Applin shares his knowledge about the Fire & Rescue Service. You do not need to be a member to attend these talks, although there is a small charge to cover refreshments. The u3a is open to any adult not in full time employment. Currently, the Arun West membership annual fee is £12.00

For more information about the u3a visit: <https://www.u3a.org.uk/about> or for Arun West specifically: <https://arunwest.u3asite.uk/> or contact: memsec.arunwestu3a@gmail.com 07881 200740

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PRAYER DIARY FOR MARCH

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11 v 28

St Mary's

Give thanks for those who lead our Sunday School and Little Lambs and pray for the children and young people to grow up knowing Jesus in their lives.

Give thanks for the Mothers' Union and pray for the local Little Bundles project they support, providing essential supplies to families across Chichester and Arun.

Our Community

This month we pray for residents of Hunters Mews and Furlong Close, for a deeper awareness of God's love in their lives.

Pray for those in our community who are lonely, facing challenges in their family or going through a time of loss, that they may feel supported and cared for.

Our Nation

Give thanks and pray for mothers with their own families, those looking after children and those who nurture and care for others in their local community.

Pray for communities affected by recent flooding, for help to repair the damage to homes and businesses.

The World

Pray for the people of Iran as they seek change, for protection and justice.

As the 2010 New Start expired last month, pray for diplomatic efforts to renew the treaty and avert a new arms race.

8 March: International Women's Day; pray for fair treatment and protection for women experiencing harassment, abuse and violence.

The Church

Pray for the new Archbishop of Canterbury as she is formally installed and begins her public ministry.

Pray for God's guidance and discernment in the appointment of the next Bishop of Chichester as Bishop Martin has announced he will retire at the end of May.

World day of prayer, 6 March I will give you rest, Come; pray for those who are carrying heavy burdens that they may find rest, strength and comfort in God.

Petworth House & Park News

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth>



'Hop into the wild' Family Trail, inspired by Disney and Pixar's "Hoppers"

Saturday 14 February – Sunday 8 March

From 14 February to 8 March, the National Trust is celebrating the release of Disney and Pixar's "Hoppers", in Cinemas 6 March. Discover the 'Hop into the wild' family trail, with storytelling and outdoor play.

If you're a family (with children aged 6-11), come and enjoy the great outdoors, guided by cutouts of the "Hoppers" gang. Collect your discovery passport, explore the animal kingdoms, and most importantly, unleash your wild side!

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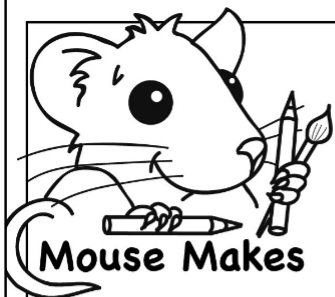


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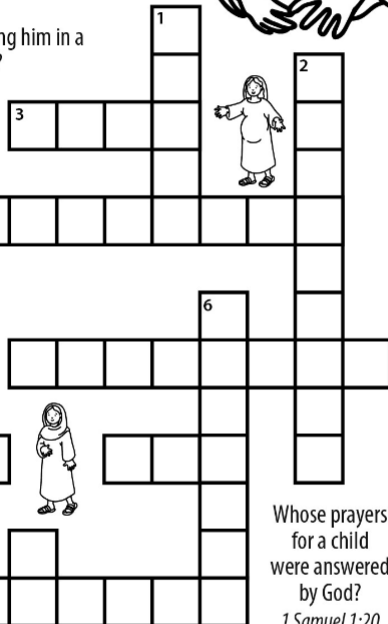


The Bible has many stories of mothers who had great faith in God. With their love, care, encouragement and prayers their children grew up to be great people of God.



Who saved her baby by putting him in a basket in the river?

Exodus 2:1-3 and 6:20



Who was 90 years old when she had her son Isaac?
Genesis 17:19



Whose prayers for a child were answered by God?
1 Samuel 1:20

Across

- 3. **Obed's** mother
Matthew 1:5
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Luke 1:57-60
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Genesis 29:32
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Genesis 30:22-24
- 9. **Jesus'** mother
Acts 1:14

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- 1. **Boaz's** mother
Matthew 1:5
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1 Kings 1:11
- 4. **Timothy's** mother
2 Timothy 1:5
- 5. **Ishmael's** mother
Genesis 16:15
- 6. **Jacob and Esau's** mother
Genesis 25:21-26



Who had two sons called Cain and Abel?
Genesis 4:1-2

Answer the questions then put them into the crossword

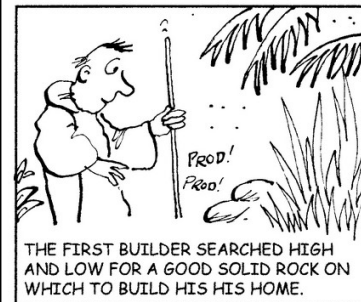
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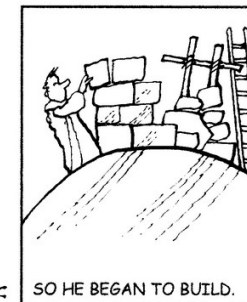
ONE WAS ABOUT TWO MEN WHO BUILT THEIR OWN HOUSES



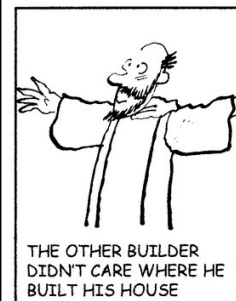
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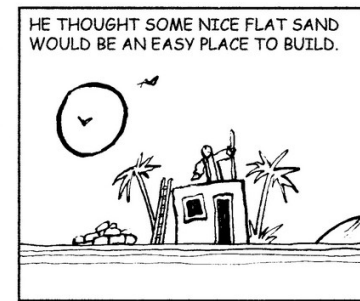
AT LONG, LONG LAST HE FOUND THE IDEAL SPOT.



SO HE BEGAN TO BUILD.



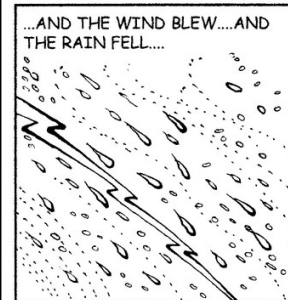
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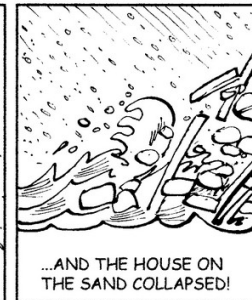
HE THOUGHT SOME NICE FLAT SAND WOULD BE AN EASY PLACE TO BUILD.



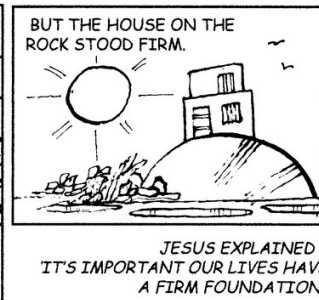
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NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS from 100 years ago

Women's Institute & Club Choirs Class IX Test Piece: "The Wild Brown Bee". (Winner Easebourne with 85 points)... Walberton 77; ... Barnham 70... The adjudicator said that this was a very jolly class, all doing their work splendidly. They got better every year, and there was an improvement on their last year's work. Barnham WI tone was much too weak, possibly accounted for by being early in the morning. Walberton WI, quite prettily sung, but not enough tone... West Wittering, singing good but mechanical... (Walberton came 9th) *Chi Obs 24 Mar*

Rats and mice have been very troublesome to Walberton residents this winter. Recently one of the latter gained access to the bedroom of a Council house and, concealing itself in the bedding, at dead of night bit the finger of a slumberer. *WSG 25 Mar*

MORE DWELLINGS FOR LAVANT AND WALBERTON. HOUSING TENDERS

The following tenders were recommended for acceptance, subject to the approval of the Ministry: Balls Hut, Walberton: 14 pairs of parlour type by Mr H W Seymour of Nyewood Lane, Bognor for £12,400 Mr Marshall said these tenders showed a distinct improvement. On an average there was a saving of £10 or £15 a cottage as compared with 12 or 15 months ago. In some other districts the percentage had gone up more than that, so that they would be building at a difference of £40 a cottage as compared with some other districts. The report was adopted. *BRO 3 Mar*

In Mr Walter Ewens, who died here on Friday, Walberton has lost a resident who was quite an authority on the history of the village. For many years he has been a member of the Parish Council.

The members of the "Mutual" had a most enjoyable evening in the Village Hall on Friday evening, when Mr G H Thompson of Littlehampton lectured on "The Great Swiss Alps". Much interest was added by the photographic lantern pictures of Alpine scenery which Mr Thompson had himself taken. Before and after "the pictures", friends of the lecturer delighted the audience with songs, violin recitals and humorous items. Mr W Sergeant junior operated the lantern. *WSG 25 Mar*

ROYAL WEST SUSSEX HOSPITAL report for week ending March 7, patients admitted 27, discharged 21, average number of patients 87. the Board of Management acknowledge the receipt of the following donations... Royal Oak Inn Avisford 1s 6d; Holly Tree Inn, Walberton £1 7s 3d; Mr Humphreys, Walberton 10s 6d Mr Evans Walberton 3s 6d.

Hants Telegraph 12 Mar

For anyone (like me) who doubted the authenticity of Mr F A Rogers formerly of New Zealand, re the Germolene advert last month.... In our 1921 census he lived at Brewery Cottages, The Street. He was 26 years old, a gardener for Mr Alwin (Farmer) and worked at Old Deer Barn Farm in the village. His wife Lilian was 24 from Poland (amended to Poling) and their daughter Winifred was aged 4.

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RAIDING THE ROOF OF THE WORLD. EVEREST EXPEDITIONIST'S LECTURE. The not generally suspected fact that one of the intrepid band of British explorers which took part in the last attempt to conquer the great mountain of Everest has been residing in the district (at Walberton) was responsible for a Chichester audience having the much appreciated opportunity on Monday night of hearing, in the Assembly Room, a graphic account, and witnessing a vivid photographic record, of the epic expedition.

The lecturer was Lieut-Colonel V A Haddick, who acted as second in command of the photographic section of the "show", as he tersely termed it, and commandant of the motor transport. He has a graceful style, with a nice leavening of humour, and his audience followed him and his slides with the keenest interest.

The expedition was undoubtedly the most successful of the onslaughts that have been made on this majestically mysterious Thibetan peak, which rears its gleaming white head to the highest point of any mountain in the world. Two members of the party, Mr Mallory and Mr Irvine, actually reached a point believed to be within 300 feet of the summit, but paid for their intrepidity with their lives. Two others, Lieut-Colonel Norton and Dr Somerville, scaled the heights to over 27,000 feet, and at this altitude succeeded, despite the painful handicap of rarefied atmosphere, in taking a couple of wonderful, and in their way, unique photographs.

As view after view of great barren plains, ice and rock-strewn plateaus and dangerous glaciers was thrown on the screen in depiction of the successive stages of advance of the expedition, one marvelled at the hardihood and courage of this little band in braving so much for the advancement of British prestige, and the cause of science. Those of us who grumble at the roughness of some of our local roads became a little mollified when we saw examples of the highways Colonel Haddick had to traverse with his motor tractor. Great boulders protruding out of the soft soil, hair-pin bends with precipitous drops on the offside, and in one case, the necessity for a hasty tree trunk improvisation to bridge a small chasm caused by a landslide, were among the difficulties cheerfully surmounted, in order that the elaborate photographic apparatus might be transported in its full bulk.

On the types and habits of the natives of these little-known regions, the lecture threw illuminating light. We learnt, among other things, that Thibetans have a horror of washing; the superstition has them in strong grip that hospitality comes naturally to them, that they are fully content to live as their fathers did, that a scarcity of women promotes polygamy, that in certain regions they depend very largely for their existence on the yak, that docile versatile member of the bison tribe.

From the spectacular standpoint alone, the slides were glorious. One marvelled at the richness of the vegetation on the lower levels, at the presence at a higher altitude of acres of delicately tinted rhododendrons, at the grandeur of the white peaks sharply silhouetted against the brilliantly blue sky.

It was altogether a fascinating evening and the audience, which filled the hall, showed its appreciation at the close with a ringing volley of applause. The proceeds were devoted to a fund for the installation of wireless in Walberton Village Hall.

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BRO 10 Mar



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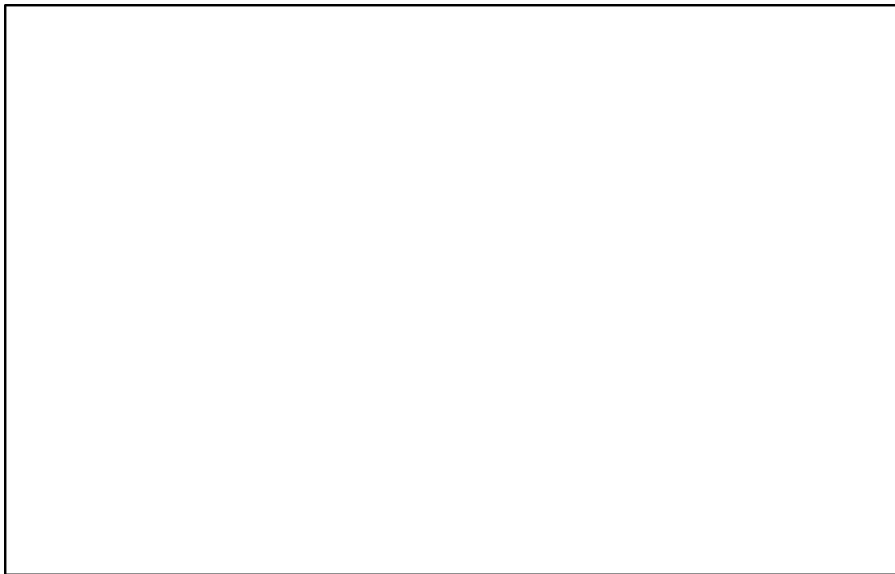
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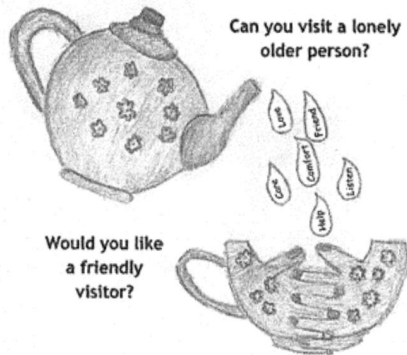
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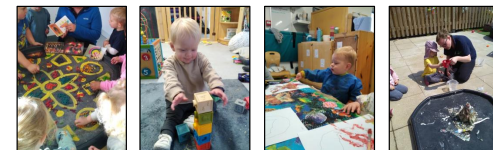
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