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ST MARY'S WALBERTON WITH BINSTED

SERVICES IN CHURCH AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 2 November - 4 Before Advent - Trinity 23

9.00am Binsted Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Holy Communion CW
4.00pm Families at Four

Sunday 9 November - Remembrance Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion said BCP
10.50am Remembrance Service
6.00pm Holy Communion CW

Sunday 16 November - 2 Before Advent

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

Sunday 23 November - Christ The King

9.00am Holy Communion BCP with hymns
10.30am iSing Morning Praise with baptism & children's groups
4.00pm In Grateful Memory for the bereaved

Sunday 30 November - Advent Sunday

9.00am Holy Communion CW
10.30am Joint School Christingle service
6.00pm Advent Evening Prayer CW with Baptism

CW = Common Worship
BCP = Book of Common Prayer 1662

ORGANISATIONS OFFERING HELP

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR



November, as ever, is a busy month!

10.50am 9 November is our **Remembrance Service** in Church. This year marks 80 years since the end of the Second World War so we will give thanks for that as we remember those who served in this parish.

7.00pm 15 November, we are holding a **Healing Meeting** with Alison Fenning at Fontwell Community centre. She will speak about her experience of healing and offer prayer with the team afterwards.

4.00pm 23 November is our **In Grateful Memory service** for those bereaved during the last two years

6.00pm 29 November is our **A Cappella Concert** in aid of Stonepillow's work with the homeless with free refreshments at the interval. I hope you can come. Entrance £10.

10.30am 30 November is Advent Sunday **Christingle service** with the school at St Mary's. This is one of the highlights of the year as the children lead our worship.

If you would like to be involved in a **scratch choir** singing at **Binsted Carol service** (4.00pm, 21 Dec) we are planning a rehearsal at 10.30am 29 November at the Old Rectory Binsted. Let me or the Tristrams know if you are interested.

Do pray for the governors as we conduct **interviews for the permanent headship** on 25 and 26 November.

Best wishes

Rev Tim Ward, Vicar



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 3rd and 4th Sundays of November**. Craft, drama, stories and more. Please contact **Sandra Cooke or Sue Harris (01243-544077)**

Private Arthur Edward Green Commonwealth War Grave

Private Arthur Edward Green was born on the 28th May 1893 at East Wittering, to parents Edward John Green and Mary Ann Green (nee Kewell). His father was a farm worker locally as was Arthur after leaving school. By 1900 the Green family were living in Grove Road, Chichester. They were a large family with ten children. Arthur had four brothers and five sisters.

At the outbreak of the First World War Arthur was conscripted into the 8th Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment which was raised in Chichester in September 1914 and deployed throughout the war on the Western Front. He served as an infantryman and having survived the conflict, he remained abroad with the Royal Fusiliers Labour Corp in the Army of Occupation in Germany. In 1922 he was awarded the British War Medal and Victory Medal on discharge.

Two of Arthur's brothers also served in the armed forces, Private William Green served with the East Surrey Regiment and died of his wounds in Flanders in 1918 in World War One, and Gunner Horace Green served with the Royal Artillery in World War Two where he was taken prisoner in Libya and died at sea whilst being transported to Italy.

Following military service Arthur returned to Chichester and married Ethel (nee Long) at Graffham 5th August 1922 and made his home with Ethel's parents in East Lavington working locally as a farm labourer. They subsequently moved to Midhurst where in the 1939 Register he was recorded as a member of the Territorial Army. With the onset of the Second World War, Arthur was serving in the Sussex Regiment 8th (Home Defence) Battalion which was raised in 1939 and recruited older and less fit men. Arthur joined in 1939 and served as a despatch rider. He served throughout the war, until his death as a result of an accident while on duty 3rd May 1944 aged 51yrs.



Arthur's long military career with the Sussex Regiment was recognised at the inquest, which was held in Hammersmith, into his death where Major Gerald Rawlinson described him as 'one of the best men we had', with many tributes paid by officers and men of the Regiment at his burial. The burial took place on the 10th May at St Mary's, Walberton with military representatives and family present. A report of the funeral in the Chichester Observer stated his widow Ethel was living in Walberton at Jessamine Cottage and later moved in 1945 to Pound Road. She died on the 17th November 1975 aged 78 and is buried in the same grave.

There is poignancy to the story of Private Arthur Green. He fought in and survived the First World War and the carnage of the trenches. He then served post-war in occupied Germany. With outbreak of World War Two he volunteered for Home Defence duty, only to die in a road accident as the war was drawing to a close.

Terry Scragg

(This article is one of a series about who is buried in our churchyard and is written by members of the Walberton History Group.)

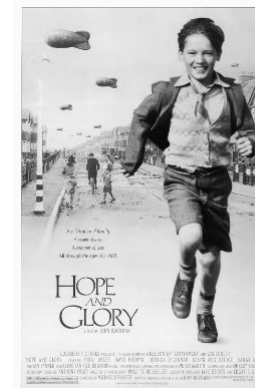
Slindon Life - Remembering Past Lives

Two events are taking place in the Coronation Hall on **Saturday 1st November:**

Slindon History Society - Royal Sussex Regiment - Men of Courage A talk by the Chairman of the Royal Sussex Regimental Association, Barry Lane MBE TD, about the history of the RSR and especially those men awarded the Victoria Cross. 10.30am - 12.00pm £6 including refreshments. (pay on the day.)

Slindon Cinema shows: **Hope and Glory (1987)**

Veteran film director, John Boorman, revisited the London of his childhood for this semi-autobiographical celebration of family life and British stoicism during the Blitz in WWII. Tickets £10 (plus online booking fee) from www.slindoncinema.com or call 01243 814251 Doors open 6.30pm film starts 7.00pm. Bar & refreshments.



WALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

November 2025

Sunday Mornings Nov - 2nd , 9th , 16th , 23rd and 30th

All services at 10.30am.



“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come”

I have heard a number of people remark on how quickly this year of 2025, seems to be passing. With the arrival of November comes the reminder that Christmas is just around the corner! Of course, time passes at virtually the same rate every year and it's really our perception of it that changes. My first thoughts about November are that it is the month in which the nation pauses to consider the impact of two World Wars and other conflicts that have arisen since. 'Victory in Europe Day' marking the end of the Second World War was commemorated on the 8th of May, and we reflected on the 80 years since in which this country has enjoyed a period of peace, although our armed forces have been deployed in many other parts of the world seeking to establish freedom from tyranny of one kind or another. If only the act of Remembrance could prevent the same expressions of violence from being repeated, but unfortunately, history testifies to the fact that it doesn't. I think most of us have been horrified over the suffering inflicted on those in places like Ukraine, Sudan and the Middle East among the many countries that are currently at war. Hundreds of thousands of people have lost their lives and many more will have been changed forever by what they have experienced. In Northern Nigeria, somewhere rarely referred to in the news, Christians are being persecuted and murdered daily, simply for choosing to follow Jesus.

Every nation that experiences such trauma also carries the consequences which seriously affect future generations. The broken lives of those who survive are left to soldier on and make the best of the circumstances they now find themselves in. Sadly, humanity never seems to learn from the mistakes of the past and we find ourselves today at a critical time in world history when there are global concerns over how to conserve stability, security, self-sufficiency in food production and many other issues that influence our daily lives. Despite our amazing intellectual abilities and creative powers, we show ourselves unable to contain the impulse to serve our own interests before considering those of the wider population. Whilst wars have been a constant feature throughout human history, the modern weapons now available make huge destruction possible on a scale not previously seen - and at the press of a button. However clever these devices are, like all technology they can malfunction, and they are under the control of fallible human beings

who, although highly trained, can make errors which lead to the loss of many innocent lives. There are currently at least thirty conflicts worldwide, with most of them in the Middle East, Northwest Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. As I write this, a ceasefire has been agreed between Israel and Hamas with prisoners on both sides due to be released imminently, but there are many serious issues yet to be resolved, and the seeds of hatred have been sown in hearts on both sides. Without wholesale repentance and forgiveness, such conflicts are destined to continue. The same ingredients are essential for securing the well-being of all relationships we are party to whether they relate to marriage, family, work colleagues or any other human beings with whom we interact. We should behave towards others in the way that we would like them to behave towards us.

The apostle Paul, writing two thousand years ago to a younger pastor, Timothy, penned these words, “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God.”

Sadly, all those characteristics that Paul refers to can be witnessed in our society today. One example is lawlessness on our streets where young people particularly, feel they can smash shop windows, steal goods and even assault shop workers with impunity! The rising use of catapults should alarm us all as these can be used to inflict serious harm on pets, property, livestock and even endanger human lives. Such things were unheard of when I was a child but are commonplace in many parts of our country today. How did we get here? I believe it is the consequence of turning our backs on the God who has been so kind and generous to this nation in past generations. We have disregarded His Word and substituted it with our own rules which have led us into fear and poverty of spirit. Sin is lawlessness, living as if there will never be an accounting for the way we have used this precious life that has been granted to us, but the reality is that there will be. We may hide our deeds from others, but we cannot hide them from the One who sees all. That's why He sent Jesus into this world as the only Person who could pay the price for our sin and deal with the corrupt nature that we have all inherited. The Bible makes it very clear that, “...all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” By dying on the cross, Jesus turned our fortunes around and for all who put their trust in Him, there is the guarantee of abundant life both now, and in eternity. Whatever your current situation, Jesus can make the difference that no one else can. He's only waiting to be asked and that's your responsibility. Respond to His invitation now while you have the opportunity. Every blessing,

Pastor Ray.



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Listening to God Group - The Listening to God group will be on Tuesday **4th November 2025**. We arrive from 6.45pm for a 7pm start finishing around 8pm.

Please email Vanessa Church on vchurch@btopenworld.com if you would like to attend.

Thanks, **Vanessa**

HOW CAN WE HELP?

For November St Mary's is praying especially for:

Residents of Eastergate Lane and Wandleys Lane

If you would like prayer for any needs you might have phone Jean Strickland (552825) or email houseofprayer@stmaryswalberton.org.uk

Village Friends

Village Friends held its AGM in September at Nylon House Care Home, who had generously offered to host the occasion. The Chairman and Co-Ordinator delivered her report which reflected another busy year for all involved. Village Friends is currently supporting 20 people in their homes and a further smaller number through coffee mornings and outings. Three social lunches had taken place with almost 30 people coming to each. It has become clear that these have become important events in our yearly calendar, and if the conversation buzz and the laughter are a measure then they are a definite success.

Building on the success of earlier years a new development during this past year has been an increase in outings, not only to the theatre but also to the Aviation Museum at Tangmere, to the Wetland Centre in Arundel, and twice to the Spitfire Cafe for lunch and a sing-song.

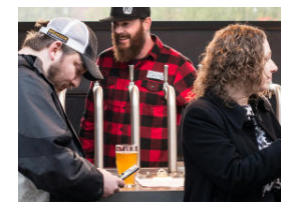
Following the Election of Officers changes have taken place. The role of chairman and co-ordinator has been split to enable the co-ordinator to concentrate on the core business of Village Friends, meeting the needs of local people, and for the chairman to cover the practical tasks of running a charity. Meg Brackley was elected as Co-ordinator, while Elizabeth Folman has stepped down from her role as Treasurer and was elected as Chairman. Annemarie Doick was elected as Treasurer and is a welcome addition to the Village Friends team.

None of this would be possible without the wonderful commitment of our volunteers. Our clients have said in the past how much the visits mean to them, one even likening them to a glass of champagne , but the visits are a two-way thing, and in the words of our volunteers one of the best things about being a Village Friend is that the reward is much more than the effort put in , giving opportunities to meet interesting people - everyone has a story worth listening to .

Elizabeth Folman.

Trivia Question of the Month :

In the film 'Shaun Of The Dead', what's the name of the pub frequented by Shaun (Simon Pegg) and Ed (Nick Frost) – which is later overrun by zombies?



WALBERTON GARDENERS CLUB

What a wonderful summer we've all enjoyed. I know watering become tedious but as soon as it rained in September lawns returned to green from parched brown unmown grass.

Members enjoyed the annual Cream Tea during August where we presented a cheque to Canine Partners for £610.00 from sponsorship from the Dog Show.

Autumn Flower Show held on Saturday 20th September. We had some wonderful entries especially in the fruit and vegetable classes. This was the biggest Autumn Show we have run with 290 entries. The judges can't believe the standard that the members have achieved.

Our president Gwendolyn Van Paasschen presented the prizes to

Cups and Trophy Awards for the Autumn Show 2025

Fuchsia Glass Bowl Best exhibit in the Fuchsia classes	Sue Pitman
The Dahlia Cup Best exhibit in the Dahlia Classes	Patrick Dealtry
The Chrysanthemum Cup Best exhibit in the Chrysanthemum classes	Brenda Bailey
The Drakers Dibber Best exhibit in the Vegetable classes	Kirsty Wilgoss
The John Mills Memorial Bowl Best exhibit in the Fruit Classes	Brian Varney
The Trug Trophy Best exhibit in the Trug classes	Bob Rogers
Silver Salver Best exhibit in the Floral Art Classes	Christine King
Silver Salver Best exhibit in the Cookery Classes	Mary Lewis
The Milenium Glass Vase Best exhibit in the Cut Flower classes	Brenda Bailey
The Kendrick Award Best exhibit in the Pot Plant Classes	Ted Coomber
The Irene Dawson Trophy Best exhibit in the Handicraft classes	Brenda Bailey
Photography Trophy Best exhibit in the Photography classes	Brenda Bailey

Members and friends enjoyed a wonderful day at RHS Wisley on 23rd September. The sun shone all day and the gardens looked magnificent wherever you went. There were many new features as Wisley is always evolving. Whatever time of year you visit there is always something

beautiful to see.

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 22nd November 10.30 Village Hall

We look forward to seeing you. This is our last event of 2025. Usual coffee and homemade cakes. Christmas themed raffle and of course guess the weight of a fantastic homemade iced cake. Non members and new Walberton residents especially welcome.

Who knows what winter will throw at us, but Autumn has been kind. Remember the insects and small animals that might want to make your garden their winter home, so don't be too tidy when you're clearing away all the leaves and remnants of summer.

Happy gardening.

Liz Hewson

Autumn Flower Show



A Beetle Revival?

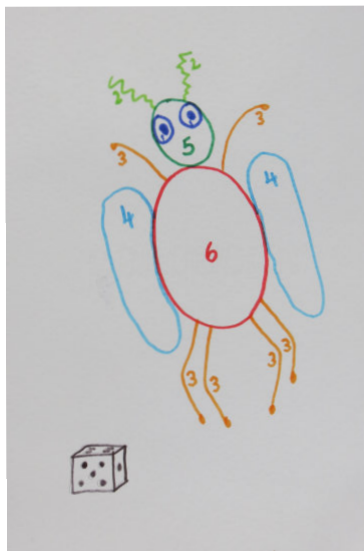
On the last Saturday in September the noise in the village hall was building up to a crescendo, to a great shout of "Beetle", as a player completed their beast. The dice were still while people changed tables, met old friends or new neighbours and settled to the next round. No screens, no phones just silly old fashioned fun for an hour or so punctuated by cake, sausage rolls and tea. Well it was a Mothers' Union event. There were players in their eighties, their seventies and even a young lady who is still at Primary School.

Why did we revive this game that was widely played in the fifties and sixties but has dropped out of favour? Fund raising can take many forms. Since there was a great coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Care ably run by the Coffee Stop team on Friday, something different was needed.

And what is the money needed for?

Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Chichester run two static caravans in order to give free holidays to families and individuals who need a break. The scheme is known as AFIA Away from it All and it is expensive to keep the caravans in really good order, to pay the site fees, renew gas cylinders and pay for the activities pass at Selsey. Money also has to be set aside to replace the caravans when they become too old and worn. Sadly we do not have equipment for disabled campers, but both caravans now have verandas, which makes them much more user friendly for toddlers, who no longer fall down the steps the moment they go out of the door.

Many of the people who have a holiday with MU are put forward by Family Support Work, another diocesan organisation. Others come through Social Services and still others are recommended by their parishes. When no one in particular need is using the caravans, they can be occupied by paying guests for the sum of £20 per night. The one at Winchelsea is quiet and on the edge of the small caravan park, close to the beach and the sea. The Sussex Wildlife Trust's Rye



Harbour reserve is close enough to walk. The site at Selsey is very different. It is large and busy with activities for children and adults. There are bars, restaurants, shows and discos, as well as a sports centre with swimming pools. The site owners have very high standards and good security but, none the less, it can be noisy.

Mothers' Union is a charity founded in the 19th Century to support families. It has changed with changing times, but still finds ways to assist families, particularly those with children. If anyone is interested in going to a caravan for a holiday, speak to a Mothers' Union member, such as Liz Brown or Scilla Page and they will give you contact details.

Pollarding in Walberton

It may look like a picture from The South Pacific, but it is in fact



Pollarding of the large trees in the village, a real autumn scene.

Pollarding goes back to Roman times and is used to contain large bushes or trees in a given area.

A tree surgeon undertakes this job, usually every two to three years. My thanks to Ed Martineau for taking the picture.

Andy



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SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2.00 - 4.00 in the pavilion.
Sue Cooper will be demonstrating Portraits in Watercolour. Sue is an artist and art tutor specialising in people, animals and sketchbook landscapes.

Her workshop follows on **WEDNESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 9.30 - 3.15pm**. Please contact Liz if you would like to join the workshop.

Do visit our new website to see all events and programmes.

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



WALBERTON VILLAGE HALL
FUNDRAISING EVENT

Walberton Fireworks & Bonfire Night

Sunday 2nd November

5.30 - GATES OPEN
6.30 - BONFIRE IS LIT
7.00 - FIREWORK DISPLAY

HOT FOOD | BAR | HOT CHOCOLATE | MULLED WINE
No dogs allowed

**BOOK TICKETS IN ADVANCE
VIA TICKETSOURCE**



WALBERTON VILLAGE HALL

Hi all,
I have returned from holiday to see the new Parish notice board at the front of the car park, what a

difference it makes and with all the new signage it all looks very smart and clear.

I would like to thank the Community Playcentre for supporting the village hall, funding the new fencing and gates around the main and small hall, I think you will agree they look fantastic! Great for privacy and security for all the community when using the hall. Firework Tickets are selling really well so don't miss out on buying yours, remember tickets are only available from 'ticketSource' prior to the evening, head to our website or Facebook page to find easy links to purchase. Tickets are not available on the night.

There will a bar for refreshments mulled wine and hot chocolate something for everyone, a great evening for all the family. We will be joined by Holy Guacamole serving Mexican burritos and loaded nachos and Beauford and Barley serving gourmet burgers and posh hotdogs, both are local caterers and we welcome them aboard. All fundraising events that take place are paramount to improvements to the hall, The committee are always working hard and giving their time for the best interests of the hall, keeping things updated and maintained.

Projects we hope to take place for 2026 are modernisation of the kitchen, revamp of the gentlemen's toilets and decoration of the main hall.

A special thank you to Brenda Bailey for tirelessly watering and maintaining our front planter which has bloomed so fantastically all summer.

If you would like to make a donation to any of the projects listed above, please contact me on manager@walbertonvillagehall.org

Many Thanks

Penny



WALBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

You may have already read the Walbifont Newsletter and seen the article by Caroline Wilson our PCSO concerning motorised bikes, but I thought it important to mention it again in the Parish News. She has asked residents to be vigilant to spot when motorised bikes are being used in the village. These are not to be confused with electric bikes that can be purchased in any bike shop. For an electric bike to be legal, the motor must be no more than 250W and must be regulated to do no more than 15.5mph, and the pedals must be used for the motor

to engage. Any bike that exceeds these specifications or has an Internal Combustion Engine is classified as a moped and requires a licence, insurance and must be registered which many are not. Also e-scooters are illegal to be used on public roads but unfortunately are getting to be quite a menace in some areas.

If you see anyone using these bikes in the village, please note where they are going to or from as it will help the police greatly. If you see them waiting somewhere, such as outside a shop, or on the playing field, please phone 101 immediately as the police are keen to apprehend the riders and will confiscate the bikes and scooters. Any help with identifying the riders would be useful too. A resident told me that he had seen a number of youths on these bikes doing wheelies by the pond and it's these sort of sightings that the police are interested in. Caroline will be at the Pavilion in Walberton, during Coffee Stop, on Friday 7th November 10.30 - 11.30.

You have probably seen on the news, the huge increase in mobile phone thefts throughout the country which is now a lucrative business for criminals. Many of the phones are shipped abroad to Hong Kong and North Africa where they are worth a lot of money. Luckily a criminal gang has been apprehended in London where hundreds of phones were discovered ready for shipping, but there are plenty more of these organised criminals. It is reported that a mobile phone is stolen every hour in some parts of the UK. The police have put together some top tips to help keep your mobile phone safe. These phones are more than just monetary, they contain our personal data, our social account, our banking details and treasured photos. Priceless!

1. Stay aware in public places where thieves often target people who are distracted or standing at a bus stop or on a train platform especially if texting.
2. Avoid keeping your phone in a back pocket or loosely in your hand. Use a zipped bag or front pocket, ideally with the opening facing inward when in a crowd.
3. Phone theft is common near transport hubs, tourist attractions and in pubs and restaurants. Avoid displaying your phone when standing in a crowded place or queue.
4. By using tracking and backup services you may have a chance of getting back your phone and you won't lose personal information. Activate "Find My iPhone" (Apple) or "Find My Device" (Android). Regularly back up important data.

Last but not least, my wife has been pestered by up to four calls a day on her mobile number by a Chinese lady speaking Chinese. She now ignores the calls and blocks the number, but she phones back on a new number. A friend of ours who lives in Surrey also has the same problem together with another resident in the village. Hopefully these calls will eventually stop!

Laurie King

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Coffee Stop **10.30am** [p.23]

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Nov 20	10.00am	'Little Lambs' pre-schoolers and carers (P.23)
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FUTURE EVENTS

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Feb 19 - 21	TBC	Walberton Players
May 28-30	TBC	Walberton Youth Theatre

COMMUNITY MINIBUS SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER 2025

Thu 6th Nov Sainsbury's
Thu 13th Nov Lunch - Hummingbird Cafe at Shoreham
Thu 20th Nov Sainsbury's
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NOTICEBOARD

FRIDAY COFFEE STOP

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OUTREACH POST OFFICE

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(Held in the Pavilion)



Report on the archaeology trenches for the Arundel Bypass

At last, a link to the Archaeological Evaluation Report for the cancelled Arundel Bypass has been sent to me by National Highways, as a result of Freedom of Information Requests – and to others, for instance the County Council.

Back in 2021-2, nearly 600 trenches were dug by the consultants doing the archaeology work, in 18 separately numbered Land Parcels. To jog your memory, a small story in the local paper showed one of the trenches in Binsted being used in a one-person anti-road demo, to stress the devastating effect the Bypass would have. 'Trench grave'.

Reading and evaluating the 687 pages of the report, with its detailed discussion and diagrams covering every trench, will take some time. A section 'Project results', after the Bibliography, summarises: 'The finds assemblages recovered from the evaluation included prehistoric, Roman, medieval and post-medieval pottery, fired clay, CBM [ceramic building material], animal bone, worked and burnt flint, metal, cremated human bone, industrial residues, wood and worked stone. Of particular note was the Neolithic Grooved Ware pottery assemblage that was deemed to be of regional significance on account of its relative rarity within the Sussex region. Similarly, the Late Iron Age Aylesford-Swarling cremation urns are of regional significance given that they provide new insights into Late Iron Age burial practices and, potentially, cultural affinities in the West Sussex region during that period.' It stated that Land Parcels 10010, 10280 (areas near the Fontwell Roundabouts), 10425, 12795 (the fields east of Yapton Lane), and 10490 (fields east of Binsted Lane between the Black Horse Pub and the Old Rectory) possessed 'high archaeological potential', and 'As a minimum, further work may be required in these areas.'

Section 10, 'Conclusion', gives a number of 'aims' and how they were fulfilled. One aim (10.55) was 'To further determine the level of risk that the archaeological resource would present to the Scheme; and to inform the determination of a suitable mitigation strategy and, if appropriate, a programme of works. 10.56 The scheme is no longer being pursued, as such there is no longer a risk to the archaeological resource.' Archaeology is a 'risk' to the scheme,

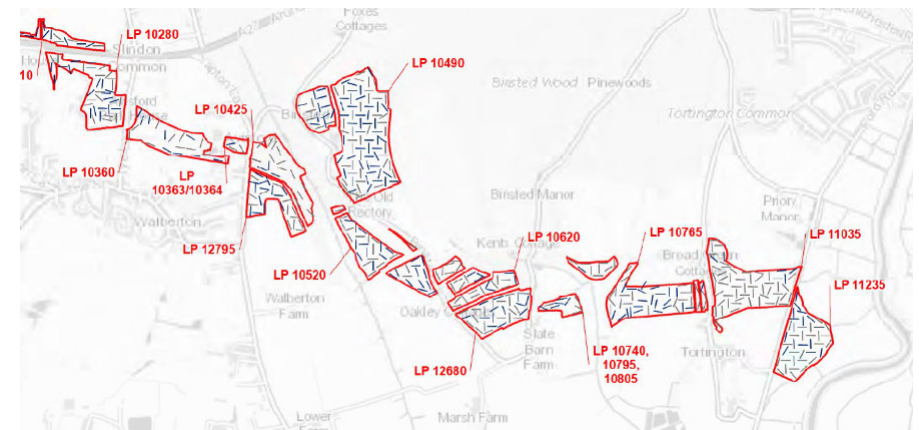


then the scheme becomes a 'risk' to the archaeology! A nice turnaround.

Some other points I remember from a quick scan were that Roman pottery was found near the presumed Chichester to Brighton Roman road (near Fontwell), suggesting roadside activity, though the road itself was not found; and that the Binsted earthwork was not found in the fields opposite the Black Horse pub, or by Binsted church, suggesting that in this section (compared with the massive remains further north), the Iron Age earthwork makers used the Rife valley as a defence rather than an actual earthwork. Some archaeologists I have spoken to over the years would disagree.

If you would like me to send you the link to the Report, or to ask me any questions about it, do email me on emma@tristram.biz. Emma

Map of main land parcels covered in the survey



'Key: Trenches dug for the Archaeological Survey for the Arundel Bypass scheme, 2021-2. LP stands for Land Parcel.'

Visit to Goodwood Aerodrome

A group of men and women from Walberton had an opportunity recently to visit the Control Tower at Goodwood Aerodrome, which sees a steady stream of visiting aircraft calling in on its grassy runways, as well as being a home to a flying school for fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters.



As we began to approach the area of the Tower, we were welcomed by the sight of a two-seater Spitfire landing immediately in front of us. Because of its size, our group (only 10!), were taken round the Tower in two groups and inspected the apparently rather simple but very effective tracking equipment used to keep the movements of the visiting and departing aircraft, both local and international, in order. Visibility is, of course, excellent, both from the Tower and the adjacent countryside, nestling in the South Downs. The team on duty have a keen sense of what a challenging but enjoyable daily life they lead!



After the Tower visit, the whole group set off for a tour of the various hangars which surround the airfield, containing various types of small fixed-wing planes and helicopters. In addition, we were privileged to see inside the hangar of a well-known flying experiences company, which operates some of its services out of Goodwood. Finally, we walked across the grassy runway to inspect one of their two-seater aircraft there, standing with canopies open, before walking back to the Flying Club, after a fascinating visit of this marvellous local centre.

John Boldero



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Church Flower Arranging

Do you enjoy arranging flowers? We are looking for more volunteers to join our team at St Mary's Church in Walberton and I would be delighted to hear from you if you would be interested. We are a very supportive and friendly team.

At the moment there are 8 of us and we always work in pairs. When there is a special Service, eg Christmas, Easter, Harvest Festival, Weddings and Funerals, we all then join together.

If you would like to learn more, please contact me by email (pandablumer@gmail.com) or telephone on 01243 945491. I would be delighted to hear from you.



Pauline Blumer

Flower Rota for St.Mary's Walberton

November

- 7 Remembrance Sunday - All help from 9.00am to arrange greenery and poppies
- 14 Janette and Sue - and any volunteers to clear away poppies and arrange fresh flowers
- 21 Janette and Sue
- 28 No Flowers in Advent

Pauline Blumer





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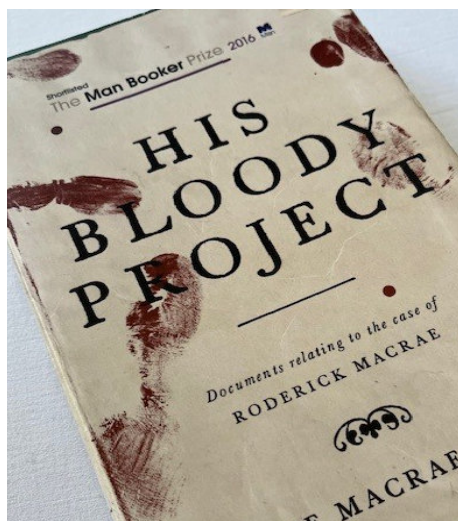
By Graeme Macrae Burnet

'His Bloody Project' imagines the (supposedly) real-life story of 17 year-old Roderick (Roddy) Macrae, who committed a triple homicide in 1869. It is based on an eloquent memoir, written by Roddy whilst awaiting trial in the gaol of Inverness, together with witness statements, medical reports and the process of the trial itself, all of which came to light in 2014, when the author Graeme Macrae Burnet was researching details about his own grandfather.

The authenticity of the memoir was doubted by many, coming as it did from a 'semi-literate peasant'. Yet records of the curriculum at the local school show the children were instructed in Latin, Greek and science; and it emerges that Roddy's teacher saw hidden talents in him and was ambitious for his future. For others, the memoir provided clear evidence of the injustice of the feudal system under which the Highland crofter laboured. However 'intelligent' or 'worthy' Roddy might have been, whatever the degree of exploitation and provocation he suffered, the whole system would be against him.

As described, the community of Culduie with its nine houses is easy to picture. The Macrae house with just two chambers – the byre and the living quarters – impacts strongly on one's senses. Life there is piercingly harsh, bereft of any security, let alone comfort. There is long-held animosity within the neighbourhood; grievances are carefully nurtured. The feudal conditions sting and challenge all notions of reasonableness.

This is no 'ordinary story'. It is Roddy's account. At no time does he fail to acknowledge his violent acts, nor does he show any signs of remorse; but the question facing the legal and psychiatric minds of the time (and the reader) is whether he was driven to the edge of his senses and temporarily labouring under insanity when he committed them? In which event, would justice truly be served by sending him



to the gallows?

This is not a book for the faint-hearted. Eloquently written with an educated turn of phrase, 'His Bloody Project' is a court-room drama which keeps its focus and makes for a grim but, nevertheless, fascinating read. I was truly mesmerised from page one and regard it as one of the best books on my shelf.

Anne Brearley-Smith



FAMILY & ELDERLY SHOEBOX APPEAL

Romania • Moldova • Ukraine • Bulgaria

Saturday 8th November

10am to 12pm
Walberton Village Hall

Link to Hope is a Christian led, Sussex based charity, helping to rebuild lives and communities in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Ukraine and Albania.

We will be filling and wrapping shoeboxes for Christmas. Volunteers will then travel to Eastern Europe and deliver the boxes personally to some of the poorest and most marginalised families. Shoeboxes are just one of many projects in place and are a way of building relationships with the most vulnerable, opening doors to people and situations where help is desperately needed.

Please bring any of the following items: Average Size Shoe Box, Christmas Wrapping Paper, Sellotape, £3 towards transport costs, Gloves/Scarf/Hat (new or knitted), Soap and Flannel, Shampoo (300ml max), Toothbrush & Toothpaste, Candle & Holder, Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes, Playing Cards, Crayons, Pencils, Rubber & Sharpener, Soft Toy (with CE label), Tape Measure/DIY Tool, Head Scarf (lightweight), Solar Powered Calculator, Safety Razors, Hairbrush/Comb, Sweets/Chocolate (EU Origin BB June 2026), Colouring Pad (A5), Reading Glasses/Magnifier, Mug, Wooden Spoon, Cutlery, Lavender Bag, Work Gloves, Small Hot Water Bottle, Pens, Writing Paper, Wind -Up Radio/Torch, Scissors, Nail Clippers, Sewing Kit, Cloth Handkerchief, Small Toy eg: yo-yo, skipping rope, small car, bouncy ball, puzzle.

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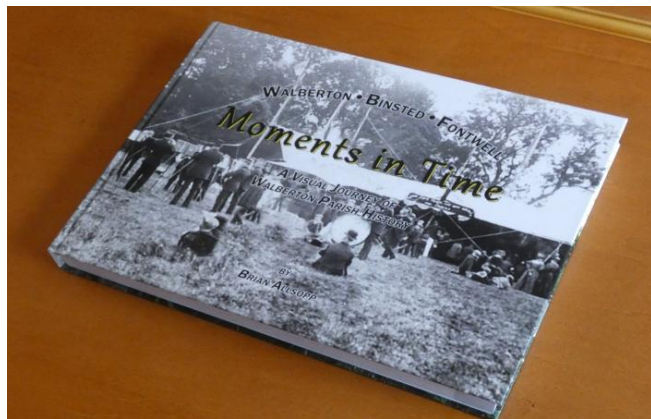
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Moments in Time

A Visual Journey of Walberton Village History

A review by Brian Allsopp (Author)



It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since the launch date of the book and it seemed a good idea to update Parishioners of its current progress.

Firstly, the sales exceeded my expectations and is currently at 420 and on behalf of my helpers and myself, I wish to extend our thanks to those of you who bought it.

By tracking some old pictures, contact was made with some famous organisations who requested, if possible, a copy of the book to place in their libraries. These pictures were often critical for continuity and I happily obliged. The result is that our book, with its detail on our Parish will now be held in the following libraries.

Masters and Fellows of Trinity College, Cambridge. Chichester University, Princeton University, New Jersey, USA. Diocese of Arundel and Brighton Archives British Library. West Sussex Records Office

It is also noteworthy that copies have gone to Australia, Canada and USA.

I thoroughly enjoyed producing and selling the book, with help from publisher Kevin, even though it took three and a half years of my life, and the comments received from many of you, were appreciated

For those of you still thinking of making a purchase use 2024momentsintime@gmail.com but the current stock is quite low.

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Enjoy our opening session for free on Thursday 11th November

Advent Hymn

Watch for the Lord and shout for joy!
Jesus lives and eyes shall see
Restored, renew us, Holy God
Let us tread where saints have trod.

Thanks to you our loving Saviour
Freely we are once redeemed
He shields us with His mighty arm
Praise the Lord for his great calm!

Beautiful is God's great news -
Proclaiming peace, good tidings, too
His salvation is for all -
Our God reigns, He doesn't fall.

Lord, you are righteous, kind and pure
Saviour, may the world know you
Works of darkness go away!
Come, Lord Jesus, this we pray.

Alison



Remembrance Sunday: A Time to Remember

Each November, our community joins the nation in marking Remembrance Sunday, a day to honour and remember all those who gave their lives in service to our country. This year, the commemoration falls on the second Sunday of November, close to the anniversary of the Armistice that ended World War I in 1918.

Across towns and villages, people gather at war memorials, churches, and cenotaphs. At 11 a.m., we pause for two minutes of silence — a simple but powerful act of collective remembrance. Here in our parish, we come together not only to remember the fallen of past wars, including World War II, but also to give thanks for the courage of those who continue to serve today.

The red poppy, inspired by “In Flanders Fields,” has become a familiar symbol of remembrance. Worn with pride, it reflects both our gratitude and our hope for a peaceful future.

As the Last Post is played and prayers are offered, we are reminded that remembrance is not just about history — it is about community, faith, and shared hope. Together, we honour the past and look forward to a future built on peace.

Lest we forget.

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.



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



Motorised Bikes - Please can you help spot when motorised bikes are being used in the village. These are not to be confused with electric bikes that we can all buy from a bike shop. For an electric bike to be legal, the motor must be no more than 250W, the assistance must not exceed 15.5mph, and the pedals must be used for the motor to engage. Any bike that exceeds these specifications or has an ICE (Internal combustion engine) motor, is classified as a moped or motorcycle and requires a license, insurance, and registration.

If you see anyone using these bikes in the village, please note where they are going to or from as it will help the police greatly. If you see them waiting somewhere, such as outside a shop, or on the playing field, please phone 101 immediately as the police are keen to apprehend the riders and will confiscate the bikes. Any help with identifying the riders would be useful too.

To be clear, these riders have no permission to be on the playing fields or on any parish land.

Our PCSO - will be at the Pavilion in Walberton, during the Coffee Stop session, on 7th November from 10.30 to 11.30am should you have anything you would like to discuss.
PCSO Caroline Wilson 21888 - caroline.wilson@sussex.police.uk

AED - Walberton Parish Council has two *Automated External Defibrillators* (AED's). The Fontwell AED is located in the recycled Red Telephone Box on Arundel Road in Fontwell Village. The AED is set for adults and all one needs to do is change the setting for use on children.

The Walberton AED is housed in a cabinet on the outside wall to the right of the front door of Walberton village hall. 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, one has to 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 plans to deliver free hands-on introduction/training in the use of these machines to any parishioners who are interested through Cllr Diane Evans and her husband Mike, who are

both qualified for this purpose. The first training session was in October. This gave those attending the opportunity to use some 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. Future sessions may be arranged for an evening if there is enough demand.

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

Allotments - There are still allotments available to rent at Fontwell Meadows. These are available for anyone in the parish, but priority will be given to Fontwell residents. If any parishioners could spare a few hours a month to help run those allotments through an Allotment committee please do let the Parish Clerk know, at clerk@walberton-pc.gov.uk

HGV's - If large HGVs are spotted in The Street, Walberton, we would encourage parishioners to take a photo (*if possible of the front and back of the vehicle*) and report them to the Parish Clerk on clerk@walberton-pc.gov.uk so we can pursue a complaint with the relevant authority. Please don't confront the drivers yourselves.

Notice Board - You many have seen the new Parish noticeboard at the entrance to the Village Hall car park in Walberton. This is the first of several that are being installed/replaced around the Parish, helping to make our villages look smarter. If you would like to post a notice please contact the Parish Clerk, Shona, by email on clerk@walberton-pc.gov.uk as the new noticeboard requires a key.

New Residents - With so many new people moving into the Parish we realise that many are not subscribed to the email newsletter and may be missing out on information that affects them. If you or a neighbour aren't subscribed you or they can subscribe by emailing the Parish Clerk, Shona, on clerk@walberton-pc.gov.uk and she will ensure the email address is added to the mailing list.

Cycle Path consultation - 15th November - Walberton Pavilion - 1-3pm.
Come and look at the plans, ask questions and provide feedback.

Louise



Grittenham Barn
Christmas Market
 Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd
 November 2025
 10am - 4pm

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PRAYER DIARY FOR NOVEMBER

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15 v 13

St Mary's

Pray for God's presence and peace as we honour those who died during world wars and other conflicts on Remembrance Sunday.
Pray for those preparing for baptism and confirmation this month that they may continue to grow in faith within the church family.
Pray for the Healing meeting, for God to touch the lives of those who ask for prayer.

Our Community

This month we ask for God's blessing on the residents of Eastergate Lane and Wandleys Lane. Pray that residents in new housing developments will feel part of the local community.
Pray for safety for the village fireworks and bonfire events.
Pray for volunteers to come forward to fill needs in our local organisations and societies.

Our Nation

Pray for the work of the Royal British Legion and other organisations supporting veterans and their families. Commend to God's care those who mourn and pray for healing for those who have been wounded in body or mind.
Pray for discernment in the use of AI which brings benefits but may also replace men and women in employment.
Pray for children in the care system, that they may find loving homes; pray for social workers and other carers working alongside them.

The World

Pray for a breakthrough in the war in Ukraine; for diplomatic efforts to bring an end to the ongoing attacks.
Pray for the safety and well-being of medics serving in areas of conflict and need; pray for those in their care.

The Church

International Day of Prayer for the persecuted church: Pray for God's strength and comfort for believers experiencing persecution and discrimination for their faith in Jesus, those in prison, those who have been rejected by their families, those who are secret believers.
Give thanks for those who have gone before us in the journey of faith; pray for boldness in communicating the good news of the gospel and the love of Jesus.

Violence towards Christians increases around the world

Whether it is in tightly controlled autocratic states, or in countries that are unstable due to weak government or civil war, persecution is on the rise: targeting of Christian communities, destruction of lives, homes and churches, and immense pressure on believers. 'Open Doors' reports on trends of violence against the Persecuted Church. Just some examples include:

Continued violence across Sub-Saharan Africa - Multiple countries in Sub-Saharan Africa have seen a rise in violence. Currently, eight of the top ten deadliest places for Christians are in Sub-Saharan Africa. Chronic government instability has created an environment where Islamic militants can use the chaos as cover for their attacks on Christians. Many Christians have been forced from their homes. Of 34.5 million displaced people across Sub-Saharan Africa, around 16.2 million are Christians. The 'Open Doors' 'Arise Africa campaign' is a response to the overwhelming violence against Christians in the region. It relies on the prayers and support of Christians around the world to stand with the African church.

Middle East – where the church is being driven out, or driven underground. Christians in the Middle East are being driven into isolation and decline. After more than a decade of war, the church in Syria has diminished significantly. Emigration is actively changing the church from an ancient, large minority population to a much smaller, more endangered Christian community.

Following the Israeli-Hamas war that began in October 2023, Christian communities in Gaza and the West Bank have come to the brink of extinction. In Gaza, at least 33 Christians were killed, and most houses destroyed during the violence. Many Christian families have moved abroad or are trying to leave.

China - Unregistered churches, once tolerated by the government, are now considered illegal as authorities enforce regulations. State-approved churches are under stronger ideological pressure and new laws send pastors into indoctrination sessions, where they are urged to preach accordingly. Smaller congregations are either forced to merge into a larger church that is easier to control, or to take their fellowships underground, into isolated home groups.



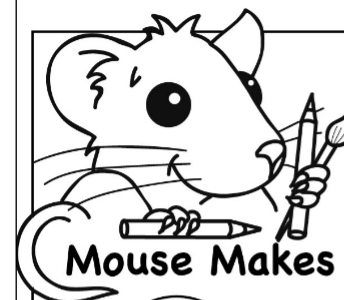
This report is adapted from Open Doors at <https://www.opendoors.org/en-US/persecution/persecution-trends/>

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

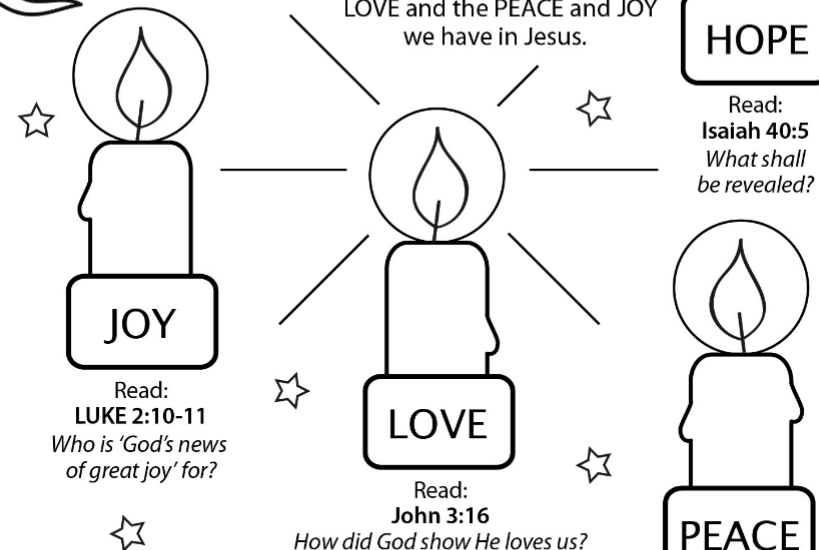
It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story - 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night..!'



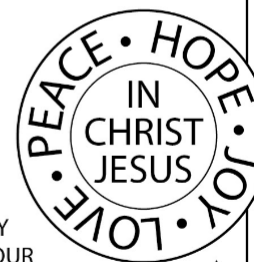
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WALBERTON Another win was recorded by our footballers in the match here, against Bognor Electro-Gas F.C., on Saturday. It was a league fixture, and the score was: Walberton 4; Electro-Gas 3.

The first public appearance of the Women's Institute Dramatic Club took place in the Village Hall on Tuesday evening of last week. They gave "Aunt Belinda's Burglar" and "The Area Belle," both of which were creditably presented, and well received. There was also a musical programme. The Rev. W.J.H. Newman, vicar of Westhampnett, in the Village Hall on Friday evening last, greatly interested the members of the "Mutual" and others in relating his experiences during a voyage to Norway in the s.s. Ophir about 25 years ago. His many slides, which he himself had made, gave a good idea of Norwegian fjords and the ruggedness of northern coasts. Lakeland scenes were also shown. The Rev. W.G. Hunter during the evening presented Mr. W. Sergeant junr., the Society's lanternist with a case of pipes, a fitting recognition of his services.

WSG 5 Nov

ARUNDEL: A double collision occurred in Tarrant street soon after two on Monday afternoon, when a horse belonging to Mr. Tee of Lyminster, bolted with a farm cart. The runaway crashed into a Ford car coming from Worthing, smashing the lamps and some of the bodywork. Dissatisfied with a mere Ford, the animal tried conclusions with a Vauxhall belonging to Mrs. Longhead, of Walberton and with the cart, overturned on to the pavement. Fortunately no one was injured, though the offender's driver complained that he had "sat on the pavement rather hard".

WSG 5 Nov

RURAL HOUSING PROGRESS At Friday's meeting of the Westhampnett Rural Council, the Housing Committee reported the receipt of the Minister of Health's approval to the tenders accepted for the erection of houses on the Council's sites at East Dean, New Fishbourne, Singleton and Walberton (Lake Lane). Many routine matters were reported on, showing the excellent progress which is being made in various parts of the district and the chairman of the House Committee (Mr. S. Marshall) presented some very interesting figures as to what has already been achieved. He showed that 171 houses for the working classes had already been erected, and tenders had been accepted for 40 others, making the total 211. Schemes were under consideration to provide a further 73 houses, and he claimed that the total thus obtained (284) would compare favourably with any other rural district in Sussex, if not in England as a whole. Applications had been made for financial assistance with respect to the building of 329 houses by private enterprise. This gave a gross total of 643 additional houses, which, he pointed out, represented a very satisfactory increase in the rateable value of the district.

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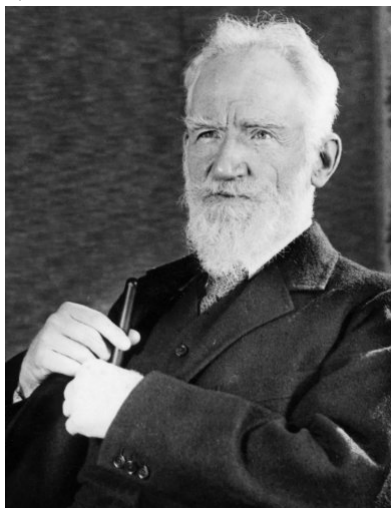
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George Bernard Shaw – the man who wrote Pygmalion

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Shaw, who was born in Dublin of English Protestant descent in 1856, was a failed novelist before becoming widely regarded as one of the most significant of British dramatists; he was also a very successful literary critic and prominent socialist, being one of the four founders of the Fabian Society.

Perhaps his most famous play, *Pygmalion*, was adapted into the extremely popular Broadway musical, *My Fair Lady*. But although Shaw wrote many famous and popular plays – more than 60 altogether – he remained enigmatic as to his beliefs. Describing himself at first as an atheist, by the early 20th century he was calling himself a mystic. In 1913 he said he was not religious “in the sectarian sense” but aligned himself mysteriously with Jesus as “a person of no religion”.

Through his plays he promoted the idea that mankind was on an evolutionary path. He was regarded as a champion of feminism and inveighed against religious hypocrisy (Major Barbara), inhuman forces like the Church and the Law crushing superior beings (*Saint Joan*), and false religion (*Androcles and the Lion*).

In his essays, reviews and lectures he seemed to enjoy being contentious. He denounced both sides in the First World War, but later expressed admiration for Mussolini and Stalin. He opposed vaccination and promoted eugenics and alphabet reform. After his death a Shavian alphabet was created by enthusiasts.

Bernard Shaw (as he preferred to be known) had no children, although he was married to Charlotte Payne-Townshend, a wealthy Irishwoman and champion of women's rights. There is a strong suspicion that the marriage was unconsummated.

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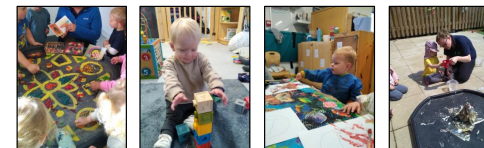
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