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Walberton, Binsted & Fontwell
in this month's edition:

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- 100 Years ago
- 'Talking To' Diane Evans



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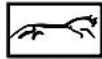
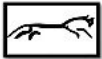


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Wednesday Afternoon Club – 15th Oct



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Join us at 2pm in the small room at the back of Walberton village hall
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ST MARY'S WALBERTON WITH BINSTED

SERVICES IN CHURCH AT ST MARY'S

Sunday 5 October Walberton Harvest

9.00am Binsted Holy Communion BCP
10.30am All Age Harvest Communion CW
6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP

Sunday 12 October Trinity 17

9.00am Holy Communion CW
10.30am Morning Praise
5.00pm Families at Five

Sunday 19 October Trinity 18

9.00am Mattins
10.30am Holy Communion & Baptism
with Sunday School
6.00pm Holy Communion CW

Sunday 26 October Trinity 19

9.00am Holy Communion BCP
10.30am Ising Morning Praise with Sunday School
6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP

CW = Common Worship
BCP = Book of Common Prayer 1662

ORGANISATIONS OFFERING HELP

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| Mothers' Union | 01243 552292 | Mary Lewis |
| Village Friends | 07925 217843 | Meg Brackley |
| Wednesday Afternoon Club | 01243 555893 | Ann Wells |
| Parish Clerk | 01243 554528 | Shona Turner |
| St Mary's Church Office | 01243 552792 | |

LETTER FROM THE VICAR



*What I love about
Harvest*

The colours: The golden colours as autumn comes in. The russet, yellow and even orange hues that delight my eyes. The flowers in church.

The food: Apple and blackberry pie made with local apples and lashings of cream! It's a bumper apple and pear harvest this year.

The joyful hymns: 'We plough the fields and scatter' and 'All people that on earth do dwell' sung at the top of our voices

The community: Gathered together at the Harvest Supper (see page 9) Meeting new people, playing games.

The sense of gratitude: Simply saying thank you seems to make us happier people.

Remembering others; As we pile up a wheelbarrow full of goods for Bognor Food bank. (No beans or pulses please!) and collect money for Farm Africa.

Hope to see you at the 10.30am Harvest festival on 5 October

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 October.** Craft, drama, stories and more. Please contact **Sandra Cooke or Sue Harris (01243-544077)**

Talking to...

Each month we ask members of the parish about themselves and their lives. This month we are talking to Diane Evans



Diane was born to a Royal Air Force Family in Singapore, and was educated internationally. She married into the Royal Air Force. She and her children accompanied Mr Evans (Mike) in his global travels until his retirement in 2005.



Throughout her life as a Forces child and wife, Diane was heavily involved in the British overseas community and local welfare matters. As a teenager, she was awarded the 'Queen's Guide'. She volunteered at the Leonard Cheshire homes in Singapore and ran several sports/ clubs. During her time in Hong Kong, she passed the Unit Physical Training Instructor course, was appointed to run the Unit Swimming facility, and was appointed Swimming Teacher for 10 Gurkha Rifles and their families.

Following her return to the UK after 4 years in Germany, Diane prepared for civilian life by becoming heavily involved at the national level in the Royal Life Saving Society (UK), where she served as the Bedfordshire Safeguarding Officer. Her work in the community continued with running sports and swimming facilities for local and Service children at RAF Henlow, for which she was recognised by the ASA (UK) with the award of the ASA Silver Pin for services to the ASA.

Having lived in Binsted for over five years Diane now volunteers for the Walberton Parish Council representing Binsted.

Plastic Carrier Bags

This year marks ten years since England introduced the 5p charge for single-use plastic carrier bags. The charge has had a dramatic effect – with a reduction of 98% in sales.

In 2014, 7.6 billion single-use plastic bags were sold in the UK. By 2023, 133 million single-use bags had been sold in the major supermarkets. The average person in the UK now buys only about two single-use plastic bags per year.

St Mary's Harvest Supper



Saturday October 4
6.30pm to 9.00pm

Why not join us at **Walberton Village Hall**

Ploughman's Supper (*Please bring and share salad and desserts*)

Entertainment will be homespun
(Please let us know if you would like to be part of the entertainment)



Adults £5 Children (under 18s) £2.50

Please book at the Church Office during opening hours or via email: walberton.stmarys@uwclub.net confirming number of adults and children, dietary requirements and contribution of food (BYO drinks)

WALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

October 2025

Sunday Mornings Oct - 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

All services at 10.30am.



Where there's a Will, there's a Way!

We hear a great deal today about the importance of making a will so that the right people inherit any estate that we might be able to leave when we die. It turns out that this is another area where criminal gangs have been able to exploit the extremely loose rules in place to manage this practice. A recent BBC documentary on Radio 4 called 'Shadow World – the Grave Robbers' has revealed that millions, and probably billions of pounds, have been defrauded from families and the State by these vulnerable practices. As a result of that documentary, the "Bona Vacantia" list of people who die in the UK without known relatives or a will, was temporarily taken offline to prevent further false claims being made. My understanding is that the list includes unclaimed estates that have no known heirs and so, by law, should pass to the Crown. Criminals have used this list to create wills with which they then apply to the online probate system claiming the right of inheritance. It's a massive scam by those who exploit a very naive and antiquated system!

Arguments over wills are not new as we can read from a Scripture in Luke's Gospel chapter 12 starting from verse 16. Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, **"Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."** Now, we've no idea what this family dispute was about but Jesus replied saying, **"Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?"** Jesus used the opportunity to tell a story with a very important message. The man He spoke of was doing well for himself. He had a plentiful harvest and was trying to make up his mind as to how he could take advantage of his good fortune. He asked himself the question, "What shall I do since I have no room to store my crops?" He concluded, "I will do this; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones and there I will store all my crops and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink and be merry.'" It seemed a good idea at the time. **"But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'"** Jesus concluded with the words, **"So is he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich towards God."** (Incidentally, I took a funeral Service on one occasion, and I gave the address from this passage. A man came up to me afterwards somewhat concerned. He told me he was a farmer and had just pulled down his barns to build bigger ones!)

Returning to the story, to call him a fool is strong language in

Scripture, but it illustrates that the decisions we make can have serious consequences. This man had put a tremendous amount of effort into building up his portfolio. He thought he had it made but the irony for this individual was that he was making preparations for a future that he didn't have! He assumed that he had many years ahead of him, but that assumption was wrong. This was an issue that he hadn't given any consideration too – what comes next after this life? (the same matter is absent from the 'Assisted Dying Bill' going through parliament – what happens next?)

Jesus also said, **"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"** Throughout history, men and women have waged war to get more than they already have of this world's goods but in the end, death always has the last word. Our lives do not consist in the abundance of the things we possess. This experience of the life we have today is an opportunity to prepare for the life which is to come. We can't take anything with us when we are called away. Nothing except our relationship with the Son of God – if we have such a relationship. The apostle Paul made a profound statement when he said, **"Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out!"** It's a simple statement, isn't it? But it's so true!

The next part of Luke chapter 12 concerns worry and anxiety – emotions that characterise much of our society today. It has long been known that these are damaging to our health and well-being. Some people spend their lives worrying about things that never happen. Worrying is the opposite of faith. It's a failure to trust God to care and provide for us despite the amazing provision He has already made. His love and care have been demonstrated in that He sent Jesus into human experience to take away the burden of sin that ensnares each one of us. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6 v 23)

The man in the story was so focused on his material wealth that he wasn't ready when his appointment with death arrived. Unlike other appointments we make with the doctor or dentist, this one cannot be changed. Will you be ready? Are you ready now? Don't leave it too late to receive God's offer of salvation. We may not have tomorrow – receive the Lord Jesus into your life today!

I started by speaking about wills. For a will to be effective, the Testator has to die. Before that, it is of no legal significance. God's will for us, with all its blessings and benefits, came into effect when Jesus died - and rose again. Don't miss out on your inheritance – it's waiting for you to claim!

Pastor Ray



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Listening to God Group - The Listening to God group will be
on Tuesday **7th October 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.

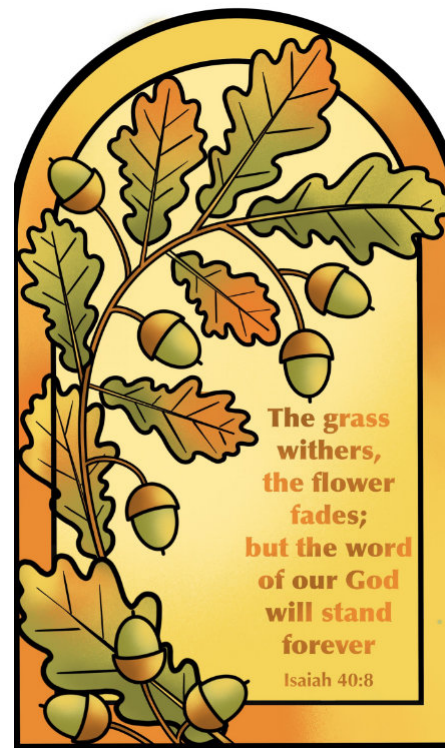
Thanks, **Vanessa**

HOW CAN WE HELP?

For October St Mary's is praying especially for:

Residents of Walberton Green and West Walberton Lane

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



**THE ARTS
SOCIETY
BOXGROVE**

The Society presents its next lecture on

**Tuesday 28 October
2025**

**London Underground
Mark Ovenden**

Visit: www.tasboxgrove.org.uk

Membership Secretary: **01243 555644**

New members and guests very welcome

Flower Rota for St.Mary's Walberton

October

- 3 Harvest Flowers - All help from 9.00am
- 10 All Help - re-arrange and freshen
- 17 All Help - Clear and flowers and re-arrange
- 24 Mo and Jill
- 31 Mo and Jill

Pauline Blumer

Trivia Question of the Month ;

How many manned moon landings have there
been?

(Answer on P. 47)



WALBERTON GARDENERS CLUB

After the long hot summer the rain arrived and within days turned the brown lawns back to green.

Many members enjoyed the Summer Cream Tea on 15th August. Because of its popularity we moved the venue from the Pavilion to the Village Hall which gave everyone more room. We were joined by a Canine Partner and his handler to whom we presented a cheque for £600.00 from the sponsorship of the Dog Show we held with the Summer Flower Show and Village Fete.



Below: Some of our Members enjoying the Gardeners Club Cream Tea in the village Hall.



The results of the Autumn Flower Show held on 20th September will be in the November Parish Magazine.

The Gardeners Club are planning to hold Open Gardens again next year. The provisional date is **Sunday 21st June 2026**. We will be looking for residents to open their gardens to the public and will need lots of willing helpers on the day to sell programs, direct traffic and park cars. Last year Open Gardens raised £3,000.00 that went to The Sussex Snowdrop Trust and Binstead Church. If you can help in any way make a note of the date and contact one of the committee.

Christmas Coffee Morning Saturday 22nd November. Village Hall. 10.30. *(Please note change of date and venue.)*

This is our last event of 2025. Everyone is welcome. The usual home made cakes and Christmas Raffle. Look forward to seeing you.

Jobs to do in the Garden in October

- Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- Cut back perennials that have died down
- Divide herbaceous perennials
- Move tender plants, into a greenhouse or conservatory
- Plant out Spring Cabbages
- Harvest the remaining apples, pears, grapes and nuts
- Prune and tie-in climbing and rambler roses
- Finish collecting seeds from the garden to sow next year
- It might be your last chance to mow lawns and trim hedges in mild areas
- Aerate your lawn and sow new seed in areas that might need it.

We have started to plan next years schedule. New classes, gardens to visit and speakers. If you know of a good speaker who you think the Gardeners Club would enjoy, or a garden you would like to visit, please let us know. Contact details are on our website.

www.walberton-gardeners.com

Don't be too clinical with your autumn cut back and clearing. Remember the wildlife!

Happy gardening, Liz Hewson

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Isaiah 40, "they will soar on wings like eagles,"

Every year, all over the world, Mothers' Union members work to help make life better for those around them. It is all part of putting faith into action in everyday ways.

Many of our members live in their local communities, so are in a good position to support people that bigger organisations such as charities or government services sometimes cannot reach.

In 2013, Mothers' Union Central secured a grant of £40,000 from the Isle of Man International Development Committee. This helped start a project in Uganda, called **Eagle**. It addresses issues such as domestic violence, unemployment, drug abuse and growing drugs instead of food crops. The high rates of illiteracy and early pregnancy were also issues that had been overlooked.

Today, this project has helped, with increasing access to safe water, helping people improve their livelihoods and incomes by using their land more effectively, enabling more and better food, higher incomes, and being able to afford school fees for their children. There are clear signs that women are now more involved in decision-making and taking on more responsibility, which has contributed to a noticeable drop in domestic violence.

Eagle has helped build resilient communities by encouraging unity and self-sufficiency rather than depending on aid, and the project has exceeded expectations having made a real difference reaching over 6,000 people in the wider community across Uganda.

"Loving Lord, we thank you for your love so freely given to us all. We pray for families around the world. Bless the work of the Mothers' Union, as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening, and support of marriage and family life. Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service, reach out as your hands across the world. In Jesus' name. Amen".

A reminder that for our next meeting on the 10th October we will be making up shoeboxes for the charity, Link to Hope who believe that everyone deserves a present at Christmas time and that the recipients really appreciate those items which meet their most immediate, and mostly practical, needs. A wish list and further information can be seen later in this magazine with the 8th November set aside for the appeal which will be held in Walberton Village Hall.

Mary Lewis



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.

Packing leaflets/instructions are available NOW from Liz Walby Tel 01243 551751 lizwalby@icloud.com
Or go to the website for lots more information and ideas.

www.linktohope.co.uk

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ALL EXTERIOR WORKS





...if you have been affected by any of the issues raised in this sermon...



SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2- 4pm Our president, Marcus Finch is an artist and teacher who experiments with abstracting the landscape in brilliant colour. He always has some constructive comments for us. Paintings can be brought along, framed or mounted for Marcus to critique. It is always an interesting afternoon.

WEDNESDAY 8TH OCTOBER 9.30 - 3.15pm. Marcus Finch leads a workshop on this topic "Abstracting the Landscape". Acrylics or oils can be used. Please contact Liz if you wish 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

I hope you all have had a wonderful summer and enjoyed the sunshine.

The village hall has been busy with hires and classes. All regular hires information is available on our website for you to access, browse and join. We have a wide range of different activities and classes to get involved in. Here is an update to what's on when at the village hall.

Mondays - Yogara large hall 6pm

Barnham adventurers guild small hall 7pm

Tuesdays - Circle pilates large hall 1.45pm

Pilates - Joanna Laurence large hall from 6.45pm

Circle pilates - small hall 6pm

Wednesdays - Wednesday afternoon club - small hall every third Wednesday a month 1.30pm

Southdowns Band - large hall 7.15pm

Yoga with Emma - small hall 6.15pm

Thursdays - Creatively Curious therapy - Large hall 1.45pm once a month

Karate with Sophie for children - Large hall 5pm

Walberton Players - Large hall from 6.30pm

Fridays - Creatively Curious therapy - Large hall 7pm once a month

Sundays - Creatively Curious therapy - Large hall 7pm once a month

We also have a new hire, an extension from the Community Play Centre in our small hall Monday - Friday. We welcome the Community Play Centre to the village hall.

Our Fireworks fundraising event is back again this year on **Sunday 2nd November. (See Page 19)** We hope you will be able to join us! Gates open at 5.30pm, the bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm and the firework display at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from ticket source only. Links for this will be available on our website and facebook page from mid September.

If you are able to volunteer at any of our upcoming events please contact me at manager@walbertonvillagehall.org

Penny



WALBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sometimes, Caroline Wilson our PCSO sends a report to The Parish Council for their newsletter, which I am sure many of you read. I met her at Coffee Stop in

September and she agreed that perhaps the same report should be placed in the Parish News. Crimestoppers (0800 555 111) has launched a targeted initiative throughout Arun District specifically aimed at reducing crime and improving community safety. This campaign is designed to amplify awareness of Crimestoppers 100% anonymous reporting service. This hopefully will encourage residents to anonymously share vital information about a range of criminal activities. Crimestoppers will be working with young people through Fearless, the charity's youth service, providing training at local secondary schools and colleges. Community involvement plays a vital role in reducing all crime, Crimestoppers offers a quick, safe and entirely anonymous way for residents to share crucial information that can make a real difference.

You can meet Caroline Wilson, our Police Community Support Officer at the Pavilion in Walberton during Coffee Stop on **Friday 10th October and 7th November between 10.30 - 11.30**. If you have anything you would like to discuss with her. Also her email address is caroline.wilson@sussex.police.uk

Having renewed our TV licence in July, my wife Chris received an email a few days ago with the heading "You've Just Days Left to Renew your TV Licence". To renew, the email asks whether we want to pay monthly by direct debit or in one lump sum. Either way they are asking for bank details and are obviously a scam. Watch out for this one as it looks on the surface that it could be genuine until you look further into it and some of the text is wrong in English. The word "licence" is also spelt "license" on some occasions!

The police along with Neighbourhood Watch are asking residents to make sure garages and sheds are secure as many crimes are reported of valuable tools and belongings stolen from unsecured buildings. Also make sure that tools and ladders are not left outside in a place where thieves can use them to access your property. You can mark valuable items with your postcode using a UV pen or property marking system. Register valuable equipment at <https://orlo.uk/fr0f1> to help police return stolen items if recovered.

The UK's landlines are going digital and soon most phone calls will be made over a broadband line. Don't worry, your landline is here to stay. Your phone number will stay the same and 99% of handsets work with the new system. For most customers, the move to Digital Voice - BT's new home phone service is as simple as plugging your phone into a router rather than the phone socket on the wall. If you don't have broadband you needn't worry as BT is offering a dedicated landline service, allowing customers to use their landline in the same way they do today. You can phone 0330 1234 150 for any additional support.

Laurie King

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

DIARY FOR OCTOBER

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| Oct 3 | 7.00pm | Snowdrop Event |
| Oct 4 | 2.00pm | Downland Art Society meeting (P.18) |
| Oct 4 | 6.30pm | Harvest Supper (P.9) |
| Oct 7 | 7.00pm | Listening to God group (P.12) |
| Oct 8 | 9.30am | Downland Art Society Workshop (P.18) |
| Oct 15 | 2.00pm | Wednesday Afternoon Club (P.2) |
| Oct 16 | 10.00am | 'Little Lambs' pre-schoolers and carers (P.23) |
| Oct 23 | 2.30pm | Walberton History Group (P.29) |
| Oct 28 | 10.30am | Fontwell Coffee Morning (P.25) |
| Oct 28 | 2.15pm | The Arts Society Boxgrove (P.13) |

FUTURE EVENTS

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| Nov 2 | 5.30pm | Walberton Fireworks (P.19) |
| Nov 8 | 10.00am | Shoebbox Appeal (P.17) |
| Nov 22 | 10.30am | Gardners Christmas Coffee Morning (P.15) |
| Nov 29 | 5.30pm | A Taste of Acappella (P.28) |
| Feb 19 - 21 | TBC | Walberton Players (P.30) |
| May 28-30 | TBC | Walberton Youth Theatre (P.30) |

COMMUNITY MINIBUS SERVICE FOR OCTOBER 2025

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| Thu 2 nd Oct | Lunch - Henty Arms, Ferring |
| Thu 9 th Oct | Sainsbury's |
| Thu 16 th Oct | Chichester Town Centre |
| Thu 23 rd Oct | Sainsbury's |
| Thu 30 th Oct | Findon Garden Centre & cafe |



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For more information please contact Jean Strickland 07966734298 or 01243 552825

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Will now be outside the village hall on Wednesdays

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 October 16 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 Church Office Opening hours

Please note that the office is now open regularly on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.00am to 11.00 am.

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



Glamping in Binsted

The conversion of the horse field south of the Black Horse pub, Binsted, into a glamping site with six pods is a big change which is causing some concern. The planning application reference is WA/21/25/PL if you want to look up the documents. It has planning permission and is being built now.

Everyone wants the farm to earn a living. It is still owned by Luke Wishart whose 92nd birthday was celebrated recently with fireworks. But a neighbour has pointed out to the planning authorities that the new hedging along the lane is 'a suburban type of laurel', and that trees and hedgerow planting along the boundary with the golf course, outside the site boundary, are being removed. Arun District Council's planning department replied saying they are looking into it.

Binsted villagers welcome visitors who come to enjoy our countryside but there are risks as well as beauty here and we want them to be safe. Another concern is that it is dangerous to walk along Binsted Lane from the site to visit the church or go for a walk along the many footpaths starting from Muddy Lane, opposite the church. There are four blind bends between the site and the church and traffic goes very fast. It is safest to walk on the outside of the bend, which means crossing the lane several times. Locals know this, but will the glampers?

An Iron Age earthwork, part of War Dyke, runs along the west side of the site. War Dyke is an Iron Age bank and ditch which stretches right through Binsted from north to south, massive and visible in woodland, though mostly ploughed out where it passes through fields. The northern section, up by Whiteways Lodge, is a Scheduled Monument. There are two massive banks in the open, on the edge of Binsted Rife valley, which appear to be part of it. One is just west of Binsted Lane, opposite Glebe Cottage and Church Farm cottages. The other is directly under the western edge of the churchyard.

Archaeologist David McOmish argues that War Dyke was created to connect with the loops of the River Arun (and its tributary stream at the south end of Binsted) to isolate or defend a peninsula of land. Long ago he gave me this map of the earthwork showing its whole length. In 2018 I marked a red ring where Option 5A for the Arundel Bypass would cross it. In 2021 I added a green ring where the Grey route would cross it. The glamping site is just north of the green ring.

If trees are being removed on the earthwork, perhaps something interesting to archaeologists will be found, especially in the small spring which cuts through it and runs into the valley.



Caption for map: Archaeologist David McOmish's map of the whole of War Dyke.

Emma Tristram



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Join us for a drop-in coffee morning

Fontwell Community Hall

Tuesday 28 October
10.30am-12 noon

A chance to chat over coffee, tea and biscuits

Parents / carers remain responsible for children during the event



The Iron Lady of Britain

One hundred years ago, on 13th October 1925, Margaret Thatcher, Baroness Thatcher of Kesteven, was born. She was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain (1979-90).

Her father, Alfred Roberts, was a grocer and Methodist local preacher in Grantham, and she was brought up as a strict Wesleyan Methodist. At one point just before the Second World War, the family gave sanctuary to a young Jewish girl who had escaped the Nazis.

Margaret later became a lay preacher herself, and was married at Wesley's Chapel in City Road, London, where her children were baptised. Afterwards she and her husband Denis (later Sir Denis) attended Church of England services and became Anglicans. She felt her policies as a Conservative aligned closely with Christianity.

She was the longest-serving Prime Minister of the 20th century and, partly because of her resilience, aroused strong feelings both for and against, having to weather difficulties and misjudgements, such as the poll tax. Those opposing her described her policies as 'Thatcherism', but others put a positive slant on this. Her nickname of Iron Lady – first used by a Soviet journalist – aptly described her leadership style and lack of compromise.

Before becoming Prime Minister, she had studied chemistry at Oxford, and then the law, qualifying as a barrister. She became an MP – for Finchley – in 1959 and progressed to Secretary of State for Education and Science before defeating Edward Heath in the 1975 Tory leadership election, making her leader of the Opposition and the first woman to lead a major UK political party.

When she arrived at Downing Street, she adapted a prayer of St Francis beginning "Where there is discord, may we bring harmony". She died from a stroke while staying at the Ritz Hotel in London in 2013 at the age of 87, having been unwell for some years.

Tim Lenton



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Pirates Ahoy!



Avast ye, landlubbers! It's all hands on deck for some swashbuckling stories and craft activities this half term, else we'll make you walk the plank!



Wednesday 29 October
2.00-3.00pm

Suitable for children aged 4+ years

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Present a talk by Peter Higgins

"CLARET & CONFLICT: The 100 Years war in south west France"

Thursday October 23rd, 2025,

In the pavilion - Walberton playing field

All welcome - Non members £2

WALBERTON HISTORY GROUP at the Summer Show



Another successful afternoon for the Walberton History Group at this year's Summer Show in July.



Belinda, Teresa and Vince welcomed many visitors "old" and new to our displays which featured an update on the new Churchyard Study Group. This year it was lovely to have the company of our very own Brian Allsopp with his in depth knowledge of the village and his excellent, recently published, book: **Moments in Time.**

Our talks recommence on 23rd October in the Pavilion at 19:30, members and guests welcome.

Interest does not tie nations together; it sometimes separates them.

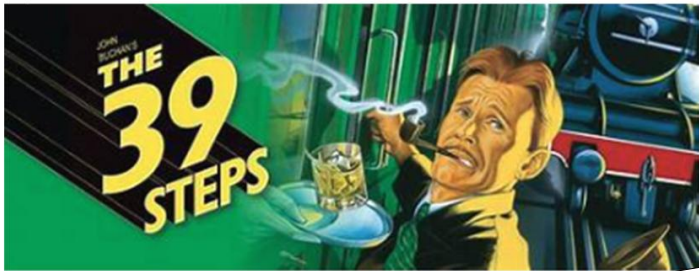
But sympathy and understanding does unite them.

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BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY

Red But Not Dead

By Tony Barnard

Tony is a local author with several published works, including 'The Sheffield Avengers' and 'Pebble in The Pond'. His novel, 'Red But Not Dead', provides an account of the British car industry in Coventry, focusing on a family whose members span generations working within the sector. Written from an emotional perspective, the narrative explores familial relationships, with events set against the backdrop of the British Leyland Longbridge plant during the 1970s and 1980s. This work examines aspects of working-class life, social status, and mobility amid British Leyland's campaign for economic recovery and survival within a rapidly evolving political landscape.

The story is constructed using interviews with individuals formerly employed in the automotive manufacturing industry, particularly at 'The Big Austin' factory—a site known for producing and exporting vehicles worldwide. The book's title reflects both the robust union framework and the complex industrial relations that ultimately contributed to the company's decline.

Drawing on personal experience in a large industrial enterprise employing thousands, the reviewer notes that the book evokes memories of a bygone era, including details such as employee-run shops within the company selling goods ranging from sweets to cigarettes.

Central to the story is a young man's choice to pursue higher education rather than follow family tradition into factory work, challenging institutional barriers and confronting his father's scepticism toward those outside the trade union community.

Overall, the book is well crafted and offers valuable insight into human experiences within a community shaped by historical and political change, making it accessible to readers regardless of their interest in the automotive industry.



Andy Harris

Dryad's saddle

Sandra Cooke snapped this fungi growing by the pond, on Barnham Lane. It looks very impressive and unusual

How to identify A large, almost circular bracket which is usually flat with a slight dip towards where it attaches to the tree with a black-based stem. The upper surface is yellowy brown with dark brown scales. Can appear as single brackets or in tiers. Usually between July and August, but with the dry summer, it is late this year.



Letter from the Editor

As I have been editing the parish news for some years now, I thought it was a good time to write a small article and ask you, our readers, what would you like to see more of, what new areas of interest we could cover? We very often have articles which will look at local or national issues from one perspective and we always welcome any letters or emails to either agree or disagree with a view point. So, please feel free to drop me a line.



We have for the past few years interviewed members of our community about their lives or experiences, which I personally find fascinating. If you have someone you feel would make a good interview, please let me know or better still you may be the best person to do the interview!

Over the past few years the team at Parish News have tried to include as big a variety of subjects that we can, but I am sure there are many experts in subjects that we have never covered before, so again, if that is you, please drop me a line.

OK, my last ask now, if you agree with me that the Parish News is not only terrific value for money, but a great read too. Please chat to your neighbours and encourage them to take a copy too,

parishnews@stmarys.org.uk

Andy Harris

As you tidy your garden for winter

Gardens are preparing to go to sleep, but next Spring will soon be here. So why not consider some changes now:

- Install a water butt now, to store up the winter rain for the Spring.
- Reduce the hard standing in your garden. Instead, let rain soak into the soil, rather than go down a drain.
- Plant something tall to create shade in your garden next year – the soil will remain wetter.
- Put in more plants – the more you have, the more protection they give the ground. Try to use native species, as your local wildlife depends on them.
- Consider adding a pond – it will be a great boost to your local wildlife!

The Rev Dr Jo White



Complaints – how do you make them effective?

I cried unto the Lord with my voice;... I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before Him my trouble. (Psalm 142:1,2 KJV)

Perhaps it is a British thing, but we do not like to complain, do we? But the psalmist was not British, so he did not mind complaining – even to God, we are told. Nowadays, most large organisations, especially public bodies, want us to complain if something is wrong, because good service standards are important.



They have well designed complaints systems and independent ombudsmen to oversee it all.

The first thing is to try to resolve an issue informally. If this has not worked, use the proper procedure. You can probably find how to on the company's website.

Be precise about what you are complaining about. Be clear – use account numbers, references and dates. Put in the names of persons involved, if you know them. Do not leave it too long because most procedures have deadlines.

Keep it short, simple and to the point. Ask a friend to look at it first, to make sure they understand what you are complaining about. Be firm but polite and business-like – you are more likely to be listened to. It may be helpful to use numbered points, in date order. Keep a note of dates. Be reasonable. It may be an apology will suffice, but do not be fobbed off.

Think about what outcome you want. Is it an apology? If so, get a genuine apology. If you are told “we are sorry you felt let down” that is not an apology; “We let you down” is. Perhaps you want the organisation to change their ways so something bad does not happen to other people.

And another thing: if you get a good service from someone, tell the company. It might make their day.

David Pickup



Chichester Area Talking News is a local charity which produces and records programmes of local news and events for blind and visually impaired people. It's run entirely by some 80 volunteers, with no paid staff. Despite the name, we cover not only Chichester but also the Bognor Regis, Midhurst and Petworth areas – from the south coast towns and villages as far north as the Surrey border, east to Yapton and Walberton and west to Emsworth. Talking News helps to restore independence and creates opportunities to take an active interest in the local community. We rely on our local printed newspapers to keep us in touch with news and events in and around the area which doesn't reach us on TV or the radio. This is really local news, from which visually impaired people are completely cut off unless there is someone who can spare the time to read to them regularly.

The hour-long programmes are recorded on USB sticks in our modern recording studio in the grounds of St Richard's Hospital. These are sent by first-class post to our several hundred Listeners, who use them in specially designed audio players, with tactile controls to make it easy to use by those with poor vision. As well as the USB sticks, people can hear our programmes on our website: www.catn.org.uk, on smart speakers such as Amazon Alexa, or on a mobile phone using the Speech Talking News app. The whole service is completely free to use.

The main content of the recordings is a round-up of local news and features taken from the Bognor Regis, Midhurst & Petworth and Chichester editions of the *Observer* newspaper. In addition, there is an Information Desk, Village News and events of local interest. Also included in the service is a quarterly magazine programme, Insight, which runs for around 75 minutes. It has articles and information of local and general interest, many by familiar guest speakers.

Talking News started in 1975, so this year we are celebrating 50 years of producing our programmes. New Listeners are always welcome; there's no subscription to pay and the service and postage is completely free for the user. If you would like to know more (and there's absolutely no commitment) you can call the Studio on 01243 775050, look at our website www.catn.org.uk or email us at studio@catn.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.



THE FOX

I see the fox,
sharp face, red hair,
he comes from the trees into the garden
tasting the air,
takes a few paces, then scents again,
uncertain of his welcome
in this space of flowers and grass;

at least there will be no hallooing here
and cries of hounds or stamping steeds,
or so he believes,
although he can never be sure
of what will issue from the haunts of man:

uncertain of his step, he trails the hedge,
which offers shelter should he be betrayed;
and all the time the sunlight is on his back
glowing like gold dust, this Reynard,
so remarkably revealed:

of a sudden, he spots danger,
my shadow perhaps,
turns and runs,
where to, I do not know,
into the churchyard most likely
to hide behind a stone,
where he will stay
until the sun grows low,
unfed and alone –

a condition only to be imagined,
yet close to man's own.

William Foot



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Crimestoppers has launched a targeted initiative throughout Arun District, specifically aimed at reducing crime and improving community safety.



This campaign is designed to amplify awareness of 'Crimestoppers', 100% anonymous reporting service. This activity is hoped to empower Arun residents to share vital information about a range of criminal activities, including drug dealing, violent crime, criminal gangs, anti-social behaviour (ASB), domestic abuse, drink and drug driving.

In an emergency, or if you see a crime taking place, call the police on 999 or 101. To pass on crime information completely anonymously, visit the charity's website Independent UK charity taking crime information anonymously, Crimestoppers, and fill in a secure anonymous online form or call the contact centre on freephone 0800 555 111.

Your Parish Council Needs You! We are recruiting for new Councillors. Two new Councillors have recently joined the team, bringing numbers to seven out of a possible nine, but, with devolution in Sussex on the horizon, possibly bringing more responsibility to the Parish Council, we would be very grateful for anyone who can spare a few hours a week to help their neighbourhood. You just need to be over 18 and have lived in the parish for more than one year. There are numerous opportunities for Personal Development and Training that may help with your own career. Please contact the clerk (clerk@walberton-pc.gov.uk) if you would like to find out more about the role and what it entails.

Come and Meet Caroline Wilson, our PCSO (Police Community Support Officer). Caroline will be at the Pavilion in Walberton, during the Coffee Stop session, on the following dates, should you have anything you would like to discuss.

10th October and 7th November (1030am -1130am)

PCSO Caroline Wilson 21888 email caroline.wilson@sussex.police.uk

The Youth Council If any teenagers in the village are interested in joining the Youth Council please do contact the Parish Clerk – clerk@walberton-pc.gov.uk . All those aged 12-17 are welcome to join. The next project we will be looking at will be a pump track facility for mountain bikes/skateboards/scooters. Time spent working with the Youth Council can be counted as volunteering for Duke of Edinburgh.

It has come to our attention that some residents are using the tennis

courts to play football in. We would be extremely grateful if you could stick to playing tennis on the courts as footballs are likely to damage netting both inside and surrounding the courts.

We hope to have a date for the installation of the new football/basketball practice goal soon. Many thanks for your patience.

Louise Higham

How does our nearest airport rank?

Have you flown recently? What did you think of the airport? A recent survey considered the various merits of our 30 biggest airports, and chose the following for its 'Top Ten' best airports in the UK.

1. **Jersey** – 1.5million passengers in 2024. 17 destinations across five countries. One of the airline's hangars (now disused) was built by the Luftwaffe during WW2.
2. **Aberdeen** – 2.3 million passengers in 2024. The only British airport with an outdoor beer garden.
3. **Inverness** – 800, 000 passengers in 2024. All flights only to Amsterdam.
4. **Birmingham** – 12.8 million passengers in 2024. Seventh busiest UK airport with flights to 130 destinations across 40 countries. In 2012, they considered renaming it the Ozzy Osborne Airport.
5. **London Gatwick** – 43 million passengers in 2024. Second busiest UK airport with flights to 205 destinations across 69 countries. Has 37 bars and restaurants.
6. **Newcastle** – 5.1 million passengers in 2024. Flights to 76 destinations across 28 countries. Once partly owned by Copenhagen Airport.
7. **London Heathrow** – 84 million passengers in 2024. Flights to 216 destinations across 82 countries. The world's fifth busiest airport. 20 four-star hotels within two miles.
8. **London City (in Docklands)** – 3.6 million passengers in 2024. 31 destinations across 15 European countries. Short-haul specialist.
9. **George Best Belfast City** – 2.39 passengers in 2024. 23 destinations across four countries. Most punctual airport in UK, excels as a short-haul hub, and is only five miles from the city centre.
10. **Liverpool, John Lennon** – is considered our best airport. 5 million passengers in 2024. 70 destinations across 29 countries. The airport's motto, painted on its roof – 'Above us only sky' – is from John Lennon's 1971 song Imagine.

The survey was carried out by the Daily Telegraph. The consumer magazine Which? has also named Liverpool Airport as best in the country.

The Rev Dr Jo White



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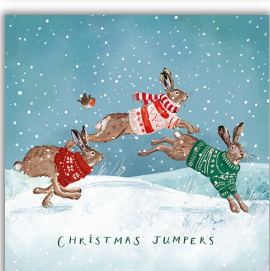
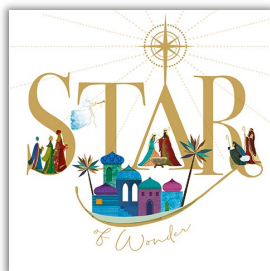
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PRAYER DIARY FOR OCTOBER

"He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for people to cultivate, bringing forth food from the earth: wine that gladdens human hearts, oil to make their faces shine, and bread that sustains their hearts." Psalm 104 v 14-15

St Mary's

Pray for the work of Farm Africa, now in its 40th year, supporting local sustainable projects to counter poverty, food insecurity and the impact of climate change.

As we give thanks during our Harvest Festival, pray for those who will receive the goods donated and for the work of Bognor Food Bank.

Our Community

Pray for the residents of Walberton Green and West Walberton Lane, for an awareness of God's love in their lives.

Give thanks and pray for our local farmers and growers.

Our Nation

Pray for young people leaving home for the first time for study or work.

Pray for the elderly that they would be able to live with dignity whether independently or in the care of others.

Mental Health day, 10 October: pray for timely access to support services for people experiencing mental health problems. Pray for greater understanding of these conditions.

Pray for victims of racial hatred and discrimination, and for protection for those affected by prejudice in their daily lives.

The World

Pray for wisdom and integrity for world leaders in their words and actions.

Pray for the United Nations as it reviews its role and remit in the face of global challenges, 80 years since its foundation to maintain international peace and security.

Pray for those who are hungry; for relief organisations working to provide food, water and aid where needed. Pray that resources would reach their destination without political obstacles.

Church

At harvest time we acknowledge our dependence on God and give thanks for all we have.

Pray for Agricultural Chaplains and organisations supporting the farming community, including Farming Community Network, Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution and the Arthur Rank Centre.

Mary Ingram

Believed to be a foot stone, barely two feet high, to a grave uncovered whilst clearing ivy opposite the church entrance is thought to be for Mary Ingram, (see below.)

The Ingram family graves are situated on the far side of the graveyard so why the foot stone is where it is, is not known.

Mary was born in Oving in 1831 and was baptised in Oving Church 4th March 1832. Her father and mother were Henry and Mary Cover and Henry was a gardener at that time.

George was the son of Frank and Elizabeth Ingram who lived in Walberton with a lodger named William Halstead and a visitor named Hannah Chitty. Frank was described as a Brick m/g (Maker?). George was baptised in St Mary's Walberton 29 January 1840 (Census 1841)

Mary married George Ingram at Westhampnett in September 1859. (1861 census) The 1861 census shows them living at 41 Brick Kiln cottages. He is described as a "wood dealer" and they also had a Hannah Chitty, (visitor) and William Halstead (lodger) living with them.

The location of Brick Kiln Cottages is not known but there were several brick making kilns in the area over time. Three were in the fields East of Yapton Lane. There was also a Brick Kiln Copse by the present A27 close to Havenwood and a Brick Field halfway up Mill Road (OS map 1875)

The 1881 census shows them living in Mill Road cottages and Frank is now a gardener, coachman and Mary is a laundress. Maybe working for Avisford House?

Francis and Elizabeth are buried in Walberton, Francis in 1892 and Elizabeth in 1893. They have a simple headstone numbered 167 on the churchyard map. (SFHG)

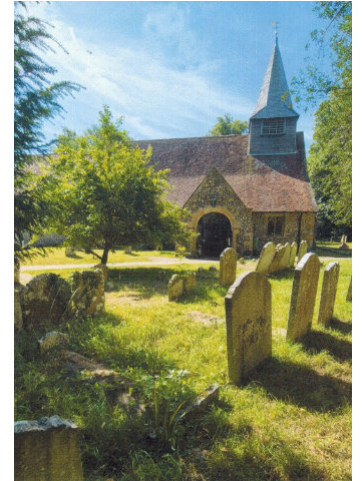
George Ingram is buried close by (numbered 166) in 1879 aged 39. This has an elaborate headstone (Gothic top, square shoulders, engraving of a cross) (SFHG)

Mary is buried in the same grave in 1888 aged 53. (SFHG)

SFHG - Sussex Family History Group

Compiled by David Garraway

If any readers have further information regarding the individuals or places mentioned in this article please do contact, chair Walberton History Group, gessima@uwclub.net



Vince Cooper

Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in
Judges 6:36 - 7:8, 16-22

God had told Gideon he would drive the
Midianite invaders out of His country.
32000 men had come to fight with Gideon.

Gideon asked God for proof.



God did as Gideon
had asked.



Could you show me again,
but with the wool dry and
the ground wet?



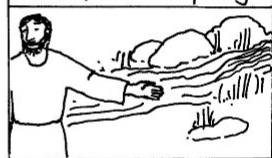
God said
The army is
too big. They will think that
they beat the Midianites,
not Me.



So Gideon sent home
all who were afraid -
22,000 of them



There were still too many,
so Gideon told them to
drink from the spring.



300 scooped up water to drink,
and the rest were sent home.



Each man was given a
jar with a lit torch in it
and a horn.



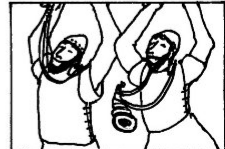
That night they
surrounded the
Midianite camp.



At the signal, they blew the
trumpets, smashed the jars
and shouted a war cry



The Midianites were so
shocked they attacked
each other, and then ran



The Israelites won
without having to
do any fighting.

Mouse Makes

This is Psalm 150,
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with the harp and lyre,
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with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
with the clash of cymbals,
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with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
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An Open Letter To My Abuser

(A resource from the Mothers' Union RISE UP against Domestic Abuse campaign)

I am your... Wife. Husband. Partner.
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...and you are my abuser. You probably don't like being called that. But that's what you are.

There have been times when you said you loved me, and I assume you meant it. You still say it sometimes – but you don't mean it now. It's like when you say you're sorry – you think you are. But you aren't.

Sometimes, you were the one who held me when I was your new-born child, filled with promise; you watched me grow, dependent on you for everything, and then you helped me spread my wings. Perhaps one special day, you stood alongside me and promised to be my strength, my friend, my lover.

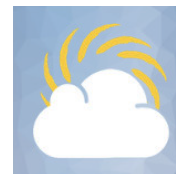
As I grow older I am becoming increasingly dependent on you. In all these relationships, I have loved you – deep down, there is a part of me that perhaps still does. But now, instead of loving you, I am frightened of you. As child, as partner, as parent, you are the one in whom I should be able to place my trust. But I can't. You have hurt me too many times.

You wound me. I have to disguise the purple bruises sometimes (although you take care they are not able to be seen). Sometimes, the pain isn't physical. You control me, you humiliate me, you treat me as a non-person. You hurt me in my heart, my mind, my soul.

Yes, you say there were reasons for your behaviour. You were yourself abused. You were drunk. You had money problems. You thought me unfaithful. You felt trapped. You, deep down, feel inadequate. You have mental health issues..... SO many excuses. But other people have the same issues – and they don't strike out in anger. In truth, there is **NO** excuse. You made a choice to abuse me. It's that simple.

Can I forgive you? – that would be difficult. Can we start again? – Probably not. We've tried that too many times for me to believe that we could. But I do believe this – that you **could** change. You don't have to live your life as an abuser. You can change if you want to. That's your choice to make. And only you can decide.

(For help on any issues this article may raise, please see the following)



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Animal Welfare Sunday – 5th October

This year, Animal Welfare Sunday falls on Sunday 5th October, which is the nearest Sunday to St Francis' feast day on Saturday 4th. It is a good opportunity to thank God for the animals, and to consider how we might help them.

Christians have been involved in animal welfare reform throughout history. For example, even the RSPCA – the first animal protection society, was founded by an Anglican priest – the Revd Arthur Broome. But many well-known Christians such as C S Lewis, John Wesley and William Wilberforce also spoke out against animal cruelty.

As the Psalmist says in Psalm 148, animals in their amazing variety of species were all created for the glory of God and to praise His name. They were not created for our exploitation and domination.

But sadly, Creation has been abused, and it continues to be abused today. The economics of providing us with low-cost chicken, pork, beef and milk can too often result in cruelty towards millions of animals.

These days, The Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals works to raise awareness of animal welfare issues within the Anglican Church and the wider Christian community. If you want to help the welfare of animals in some way, please visit: www.aswa.org.uk

Trivia Question of the Month (Answer)

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NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS from 100 years ago

WALBERTON Ripe raspberries were picked here last week and the mild weather has caused some of the apple trees to blossom a second time.

Walberton footballers suffered defeat on Saturday at Littlehampton against the British Legion team. Scores BL 3; Walberton 1.

It is understood that the building by the Westhampnett Rural District Council of 10 cottages in Lake-lane, is about to commence and before long 20 more on the main road near Fontwell.

A meeting was held in the Village Hall last week to make arrangements for providing a free library, under the West Sussex County Libraries' Scheme, for Walberton and Binsted. Mr. H.A. Twort, F.I.A., explained the scheme and it was decided to apply at once for Walberton and Binsted to be included in the list of villages to be supplied with books. Miss E. Booker accepted the post of hon. Librarian and the books will be obtainable at the Village Hall (except books for children, which will be sent to the school) in one afternoon in each week. The Vicar (The Rev. W.G. Hunter) presided and a committee of 12 appointed.

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Portsmouth Eve News 3 Oct

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Extracted by Harlequin

The cleansing of the village pond at Walberton has yielded a collection of articles almost sufficient, in number and variety to constitute an auctioneer's collection. Thus I read that, apart from two hundred loads of mud that were drawn away from the bed of the pond, were a shepherd's crook, parts of cycles, boots and shoes, two cart loads of wood, oil lamps, bricks, stone slabs, old iron, fragments of telephone wire, a sheet of corrugated iron, three children's hoops, a teapot lid, and a length of coconut (*sic*) matting! That pond has obviously proved a most convenient place of deposit for villagers. *Worthing Gazette 7 Oct*

EAST DEAN. Miss Ivy R. Saunders was, yesterday week, married to Mr. Ralph H. Humphrey of Walberton in the Congregational Chapel..... The bride's parents are well known and highly respected in the village. The bridegroom is the third son of Mr. Henry Humphrey who has had a life-long connection with a Walberton business.... Bridesmaids were Miss Ruth Humphrey (bridegroom's sister) and Miss Miriam Mann. Mr. David H.J. Humphrey, a cousin of the bridegroom, was best man.....
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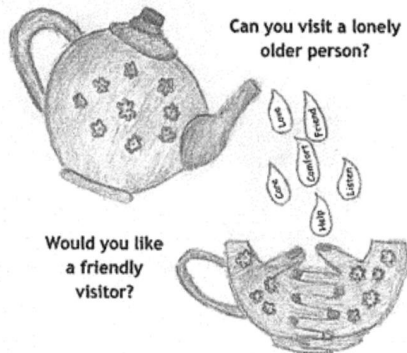
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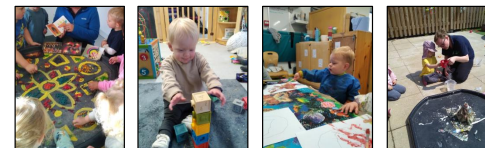
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