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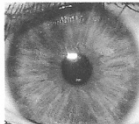
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CHURCH CALENDAR – JULY 2013
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, WITHYHAM

Saturday 6th	2.00 p.m.	WITHYHAM CHURCH FETE Withyham Cricket Ground (<i>see Mag</i>)
Sunday 7th		Sixth Sunday after Trinity
	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Thursday 11th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th		Seventh Sunday after Trinity
	9.45 a.m.	Family Service
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Thursday 18th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 21st		Eighth Sunday after Trinity
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Thursday 25th	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th		Ninth Sunday after Trinity
	9.45 a.m.	Family Eucharist
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Thursday 1st Aug	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 4th August		Tenth Sunday after Trinity
	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong

ALL SAINTS, BLACKHAM

During the interregnum, there will be no Sunday services at All Saints,.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Funerals

On Tuesday 18th June the funeral of **George William Craddock** (aged 78 years) took place at St Michael's Church.

Prayer Corner

Into thy hand, O Father and Lord, we commend our souls and bodies,
Our parents and our homes, friends and servants, neighbours and kindred,
Our benefactors and brethren departed, all folk rightly believing and all who need
thy pity and protection.

Light us with thy holy grace
And suffer us never to be separated from thee,
O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

St Edmund of Abingdon (1170 – 1240)

For all that has been – Thanks!

For all that shall be – Yes!

Dag Hammarskjöld 1905 – 1961

A Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee,
And I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven,
And the pains of hell;

But most of all because they offend Thee, my God,

Who are all good and deserving of all my love.

I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace

To confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life.

Amen.

Reverend James Gibbons (1884)

Churchwardens Notes - July 2013

The Gerini Paintings: No news is good news. So far we have not heard of anyone coming forward to indicate an interest in buying the paintings. If this continues, we should receive the outstanding amount in August or September.

The Interregnum: No news is not good news. The interest in the advertisements in the Church Times and those placed by Lord De La Warr is disappointing, to say the least. At the last count, the replies totalled two. One who had not realised that the post is non-stipendiary and one whose past was more than interesting, to say the least! We even had a mention in the Charles Moore column in the Spectator, but to no avail. We may now have to consider re-advertising.

The Visitors Book: I am indebted to Ray Reynolds who undertook the mammoth task of correlating the last visitors' book. Since September 2005, over 2,100 people and groups had visited the church, from 35 countries. The majority came from Canada and the US, followed by Australia and New Zealand. The comments were varied. One group reported, "Stayed for an hour to keep dry - have put bucket under leak". 10 year old Ella-Rose Nevill said, "Can't wait to be a bridesmaid". A full report will be published next month.

The Men's Breakfast: On the 8th June, 23 men gathered for breakfast at the King's Hall. Bryan Williams gave an interesting and absorbing talk on Syria, its origins and the causes of the current strife. We were amazed at Bryan's depth of knowledge and his ability to both remember and pronounce names of an altogether throat strangling complexity. I had Googled Syria before the breakfast, and all I came up with was that, Damascus is the longest continuously occupied city in the world and that it is possible to get a reasonable hotel room for £19 a night. Not surprising, given that the FCO seems to think that it might be a tad dangerous to go there! Grateful thanks to Bryan and to Anne Barker, Elizabeth Parish and all the other willing helpers, without whom the breakfast just could not have taken place.

The Fete, 6th July: It is almost upon us and the cry has gone out, "Let them eat cake"! But they can't, unless all you budding Fanny Craddocks and Galloping Gourmets don your pinnys and start baking. The tea stall and the cake stall would greatly appreciate any donations of comestibles, including homemade jam etc. Other stalls would also appreciate books, clothes, bottles, toys, plants, pictures, treasure, gifts bric-a-brac, et al.

There will also be a dog show at the fete, and everyone is encouraged to bring their champions to be judged in various categories including "Best of Breed" and "Grand Fete Champion".

Peter Griffiths and Richard Carden.

WITHYHAM CHURCH

FETE 2013

SATURDAY 6TH JULY

AT 2.00 PM

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	Anne Barker	661393
Grand Draw	Alison Hunnan	770347
Bric-a-brac	Rosemary Goolden	770351
Art Group	Jill Pardey	661882
Teas	Ruth Leeves	771138
Treasure Hunt	Anne Radford	770021
	Penelope Carden	01342 822491
	Anne Clark	861455

New ideas and suggestions are always welcome! Help is much appreciated on the **FRIDAY MORNING** and on the **SATURDAY MORNING** with setting up – and (particularly young people) with the **CLEARING UP** afterwards.

Michael Stone – Co-ordinator (07769645569 or 01892 770978)

YOUNG CHURCH

Can you find all the words about growing seeds?

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BIGGEST BIRDS CORN DAY EAR FIELD GROUND

GROWS MUSTARD NEST NIGHT PARABLE PLANTS

SCATTERS SEED SMALLEST SOIL SPROUTING STALK

TENDER TREE

Father God in paradise
Look upon our sowing:
Bless the little gardens
And the green things growing.
Amen



Ride and Stride 14th September(Save the Date)



This is advanced notice of the annual Sponsored Church Ride and Stride which this year will take place on Saturday 14th September. Over the past few years we have managed to get a few very kind people to take part and get sponsorship which I appreciate in the times we live in and the demand to sponsor people is difficult. However it would be so good if there was someone who could lead a walk or lead a cycle ride. Taking part in this event does not have to include visiting your regular place of worship. A planned route could take in other areas which have Churches participating. Children are also encouraged to take part. St Michaels Church is open between 9.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. to welcome people taking part. So I will also be asking for volunteers to help during the day. Coffee Tea and cakes will be made available to welcome our visitors and we are getting known for that which is nice. So please start thinking. More details in another edition of the Parish Magazine.

Janet Funnell

CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL EVENTS

The diary of events is on the noticeboard at both churches but I would like to draw your attention particularly to the following:

1. The **SOUTHERN CATHEDRALS FESTIVAL** of liturgy and music to be held at the Cathedral from 18th-20th July.
2. The **FESTIVAL EUCHARIST** on Saturday 20th July at 11am. This will be a magnificent service, sung by the Cathedral Choirs of Chichester, Winchester and Salisbury and will include a newly commissioned Anthem from James MacMillan and a sermon from the Dean of St. Paul's, the Very Reverend Dr David Ison.
3. The talk in the Hot Topics series by Colin Channon, Editor in Chief Sussex Newspapers - The Ethical ups and downs of a Press Editor – on Wednesday 3rd July 10.30 - 12.00 - when he draws on his experiences to look at some of the dilemmas of everyday decision making.
4. Another talk in the Hot Topics Series, "Gay Marriage - Sacrament or Scandal?" led by The Very Reverend Nicholas Frayling, Dean of Chichester on MONDAY 8th July 10.30 - 12.00.
5. A series of lectures by the Artist-in- Residence at The Cathedral entitled TALKING TEXTILES on Monday September 30th, Tuesday 22nd October and Tuesday 12th November, all in the Vicars' Hall from 11.00-12.00.
6. A visit to **SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA** from 22nd June - 1st July **2014**. Applications deadline is - 1st August **2013**.

Please contact me if you would like further information or if you think you would like to participate in any of these events.

Sheila Jones

(01892 864117)

**Congratulations and
Happy Birthday to
Vi Quilter (in Blackham)
She was 100 on 18 June!**



ASHURST & BLACKHAM
SUMMER FUN DAY

SUNDAY 7TH JULY - FROM 2:00 PM

EVENTS



Children's Play Area
Meet Mrs Back to Front
Punch & Judy
Balloons & Magic
Cowpat Competition
Beer Tent
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(EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

WITHYHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - JULY

I have just read my article for July last year and it appears to be much the same this year! Due to the unseasonal weather plants and vegetables are not growing very well and again we have had the very strong winds (well we have here in Crowborough), which have knocked down all the tender shoots and flowers. I hope you have been luckier.

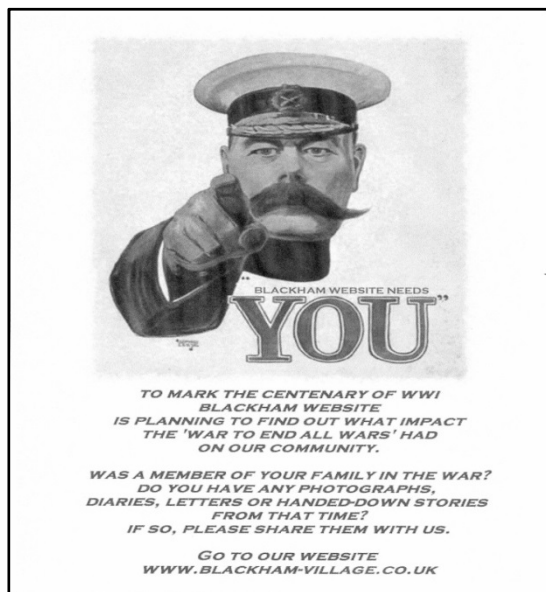
Please do not forget that Janet Wilmer is hosting a social evening with buffet at her house in Hartfield on Saturday the 6th July and I do need to get more names on the list for the coach trip to Sissinghurst Castle. If they are not forthcoming we may have to cancel. You will find my number on your membership cards should you wish to go please give me a call.

Garden Tips for this month are: 1. Plant potatoes for Christmas. Not every variety is suitable, potato specialist Alan Romans recommends 'Sarpo Mira', which grows well despite the shorter days of autumn, plant in pots or bags so that they can be brought under cover before the first frosts. 2. If your wisteria is reluctant to flower, it could well need regular summer pruning. Take control of established plants, by pruning all whippy side shoots growing from the main branch framework back to about 20cm from their base. The leading shoots of newly planted specimens should be left unpruned, train them to cover their supports tying in where necessary before starting the pruning regime. 3. Keep ponds and birdbaths topped up to ensure wildlife can drink in dry weather. Regularly clear excess duckweed and blanketweed from ponds, and make sure amphibians can get out of the pond via a ramp onto dry ground. 4. Self seeders are either a bonus or a nuisance, it all depends on how much you like them and where they come up. To avoid over production cut down all old flower stalks to the base before seeds are released. If however you really want a few more plants then let them seed, and either pot up seedlings and grow them on or transplant them directly to other parts of the garden.

Should anyone need any information regarding the society or shows, please contact a member of the committee, names and numbers can be found either in your membership card or on one of the show schedules

Val Edwards

Secretary



ARTIST OF THE MONTH - Frida Kahlo (1910-1954)

This article is in response to my daughter's request that I should write about a female artist rather than always portraying male artists.

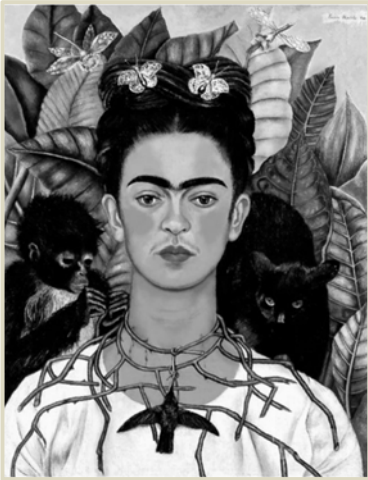
Known as much for her persona as for her paintings. She became a symbol of "Mexicanness" inspired by indigenous Mexican popular culture and folklore, using bright colours, symbolism and primitive style. Her symbolic images portray a cycle of pain, death and rebirth. She was a woman who took charge of her own destiny and as a result became an icon of 20th Century feminism.

The majority of her work is autobiographical. Her self-portraits depict her physical and psychological pain and anguish. The French writer and the chief exponent of surrealism, Andre Breton described Kahlo's work as "innately surrealist", a label she rejected. She once commented that "I paint my own reality".

Her entire life was dominated by major health issues. Her lifelong desire to bear children would never come to fruition. At age 6 she suffered from polio. When she was 15 she almost died after being hit by a car. The accident crushed her pelvis and her spine and her desire to become a doctor was destroyed. Painting became an important part of her convalescence. Thirty five operations were to follow and she lived in constant pain.

She was once a lover of Leon Trotsky and later married fellow artist Diego Rivera. A stormy marriage ensued. His many infidelities (including an affair with her sister), only heightened her emotional pain. In 1939 they divorced.

During the 1940's her physical health deteriorated. In 1954 she died. Rivera wrote, "I realised that the most wonderful part of my life had been my love for Frida." In November 1957, at the age of 70, Rivera died of heart failure in his San Angel studio. The official cause of death was given as a pulmonary embolism, although some suspected that she died from an overdose that may or may not have been accidental. An autopsy was never performed.



Self-portrait with Thorn Necklace and Hummingbird – 1940

In this picture she has unravelled the crown of thorns and wears it around her neck, portraying herself as a Christian martyr. The monkey is a symbol of lust in Mexican mythology. Kahlo however, portrayed them as tender and protective symbols. The thorns digging into her neck represent the pain she still feels from her divorce from Diego. She would sell this painting in order to pay the fees of her divorce lawyer.

(with grateful thanks to Ian Morgan)



Please Sponsor “Doctor on a bike”

Dr Matt James will be cycling from Exton near Winchester to Exceat near Eastbourne 100+ miles over 2 days

Friday July 19th & Saturday July 20th

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Open Garden

Sunday 21st July 2.00-5.00 p.m.

Glen Andred Lodge, Corseley Road, Groombridge, TN3 9PN

Adults £2 Children Free

Cakes and Cream Teas

All proceeds towards new ECG machine and Ambulatory blood pressure machine for the Groombridge and Hartfield Surgeries

Please come and support this event, and have tea and cakes in the garden. Enjoy a wander around the fruit, vegetable and flower gardens, or have a go on the zip-wire in the woods if you are feeling brave!

We look forward to you joining us,

Andrew and Karen Wolffe

Thank you Corner

The Royal Society of Medicine has asked me to convey sincere appreciation and thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the Society in memory of Kurt.

Jane Hellman

WITHYHAM PARISH COUNCIL (WPC) NOTES– JUNE

A petition was presented for car parking spaces for dropping children off and a safe crossing outside St Michael's School Withyham. This will be sent to WDC.

Appointment of Ward Chair: Anne Jenkins had agreed to take over from Duncan Sanders as ward chair for Groombridge. Mandy Bowler continues as Ward Chair for Withyham/Blackham ward and Jill Pardey for St John's ward.

ESCC & WDC reports: The first ESCC meeting since the election had gone smoothly. Householders have received details of their waste collection days and recycling bins would be delivered to those who had ordered them. The new waste collection service, which includes a more extensive recycling service, will commence on 22 July 2013.

New Permitted Development Rights should not have any significant impact on the parish as it is in the Ashdown Forest 7km Exclusion zone as well as being an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It does, however, include provision to mitigate restrictions for 'pop-up' shops to utilise empty shops and encourage local enterprise. WDC's Community Infrastructure Levy consultation takes place June to July. Well attended Safety in Action days have taken place at Bowles Outdoor Centre during June for school children to learn more about safety.

Vacancies: There are currently two Councillor Vacancies; one for Withyham/Blackham and one for St John's ward. We would welcome anyone who is interested to contact the Parish Clerk. Interest has been shown in the Withyham/Blackham vacancy.

Ward Reports

Groombridge: The table tennis table on Groombridge Recreation Ground will be inaugurated at 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 20 July by Will Bayley, our paralympic medallist! Refreshments will be available.

St John's Ward: The joint church/WPC notice board is nearing completion. The A licence to erect a parish noticeboard at Cook's Corner is being obtained.

Withyham/Blackham Ward: Blackham Village Hall requires a new oil tank and has applied to WPC for funding. They will apply for a grant in September.

Parish Office: Many of you will have seen the activity inside and outside of the Old Station in Groombridge where we now have our Parish Office. Alterations to enable the clerks to work alongside Spa Valley Railway are being skilfully carried out. Watch this space for an invitation to a joint Open Day!

Surplus bookcases and filing cabinets have been offered to parish schools, churches and play groups. If you would find a use for such items of office furniture, please contact the Parish Clerk (details below).

Balls Green play area: Cllr Mandy Bowler reported on the progress of the play area. A survey will shortly be going out to children, parents and residents.

Pill Boxes: It was agreed to take up the offer from the Sussex Military History Society to undertake a survey of the pillboxes in Withyham Parish.

Diana Kelly, (Chairman)

KINGS' HALL 100 CLUB

PARISH DIARY JULY

Saturday 6th 2.00 p.m.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH FETE

Withyham Cricket Ground (*see Mag*)

Sunday 7th from 2.00 p.m.

ABSA Fun Day (*see Magazine*)

At the Sportsfield and the Pavilion

Sunday 14th 1.00 to 5.00 p.m.

FAMILY SPORTS DAY

The Tanyard, Groombridge (*See Mag*)

Sunday 21st 2.00 to 5.00 p.m.

Open Garden in Groombridge

(*See Magazine*)

Midday Thursday July 25th – Deadline for August Magazine

PARISH DIARY AUGUST

Midday Sunday July 25th – Deadline for September Magazine

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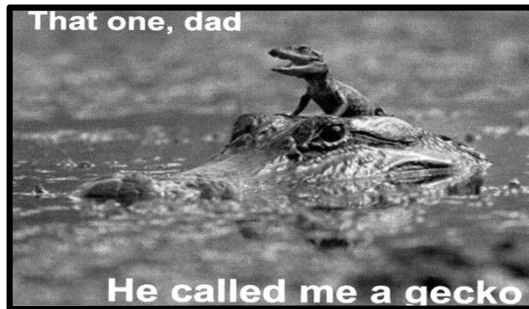
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The single story housing is for one person of 55 years or over and comprises a bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and lounge. A payment towards expenses is payable each month and a resident becomes a beneficiary of the charity.

If you have knowledge of someone within your church community that you consider would benefit from this scheme, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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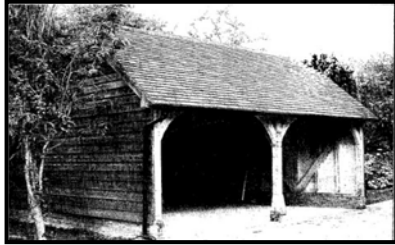
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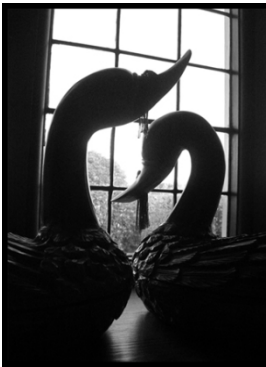
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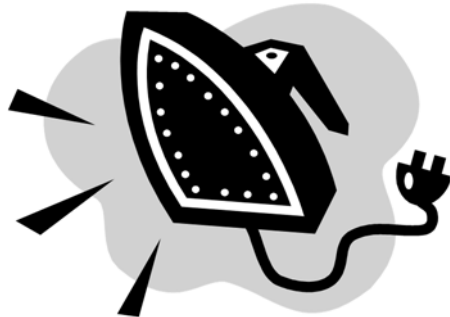
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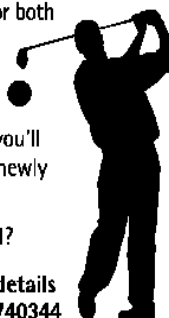
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