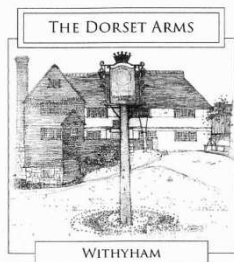


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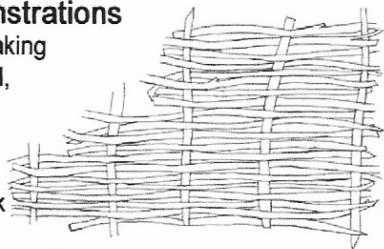
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# 1.

## CHURCH CALENDAR – JUNE 2015

### ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, WITHYHAM

<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Said Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>
	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Said Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>
	9.45 a.m.	Family Service
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Said Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10.00 a.m.	Said Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>
	9.45 a.m.	Family Service
	11.00 a.m.	Matins
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	10.00 a.m.	Said Morning Prayer
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>		<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>
	11.00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist
	6.30 p.m.	Evensong

## PARISH REGISTERS

### BAPTISMS at St Michael's Church:

- On 26<sup>th</sup> April **Charlotte Anne Clark**, daughter of John and Elaine Clark.  
 On 16<sup>th</sup> May **Anne Frances Lodwick**, daughter of Thomas & Leila Lodwick.  
 On 23<sup>rd</sup> May **Arthur John Cox**, son of Jonathan and Dawn Cox

### WEDDINGS at St Michael's Church:

- On 16<sup>th</sup> May **Thomas Peter Alun Lodwick** and **Leila Katherine Bradley**.  
 On 23<sup>rd</sup> May **Michael John Tonkin** and **Jenny Lorraine Hearmon**

### FUNERAL events that took place at St Michael's Church:

- On 1<sup>st</sup> April the funeral of **John Lyons**, aged 92.  
 On 8<sup>th</sup> May the interment of ashes of **Margaret Eveline Sharp**, aged 67.  
 On 9<sup>th</sup> May the interment of ashes of **Dorothy Buddell**, aged 96.  
 On 22<sup>nd</sup> May a service of cremation for **Doreen Maddocks**, aged 84.

### FUNERAL event that took place at All Saints, Blackham:

- On 3<sup>rd</sup> April the burial of **Frank William Kemp**, aged 94.

## 2.

### LETTER FROM THE RECTORY

During the absence of an incumbent in the Rectory, "Letters from the Rectory" will perforce be suspended. We are all, therefore, immensely grateful to Elizabeth Parish and Donald Yonge, our tirelessly hard working lay readers, who have volunteered to contribute monthly pieces to fill the gap.

### THE VORTEX

I was standing in Alnwick Castle gardens a week or two ago and was mesmerised by a water feature.

Called 'The Vortex' - it seemed to me just like the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the birth of the new born church as it burst upon the world.

From a small bubble - the water welled up swirling faster and faster until it came right up to the top - and then filling the bowl completely - it bubbled over the side in great force! Thus began the early church in vitality and power, adventure and faith. It was fresh in its enthusiasm, warm in its love, energetic in its evangelism, passionate too- even in its disagreements! The book of the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible tells how the good news of Jesus Christ was taken from Jerusalem to the ends of the known earth and it tells the story of how the world was turned upside down!

Pentecost is a Jewish festival to celebrate the end of the grain harvest, which is why so many believers were gathered together. Suddenly there came the sound of a gale force wind, the weird appearance of flames of fire and an outburst of languages they'd never learnt! The frightened disciples were turned from scared lambs into roaring lions and out they went to convert the world, led by Peter, the man who had once denied Jesus, who was now proclaiming his Lordship! Those who accepted Peter's message were baptised and **three thousand** were added to their number that day! Thousands!!

We would be rejoicing over one or two a month!

So began the Christian church – and we in Withyham and Blackham look forward to new beginnings and it can be daunting to wonder what lies ahead. Perhaps we all need to pray

***"Lord, come and baptise your church again with your Holy Spirit!"***

Who knows how such a prayer might be answered? God is not predictable and does not repeat himself. He doesn't go back because he is forever evolving and creating and recreating. So no doubt a new Christian Pentecost would be very different from the first. But what is Pentecost about if it's not exactly that, the freshness and the unnerving excitement of new beginnings? And even, perhaps, a full-to-bursting Church!!

Every blessing- **Elizabeth Parish**

## Churchwardens Notes – May

We are now one month into the interregnum and are pleased that our services continue to be well attended. Our sincere thanks go to Elizabeth Parish, Donald Yonge and Arthur Harris for all their efforts.

Your churchwardens were installed by the Archdeacon at St Richards, Heathfield on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The Archdeacon attended the PCC meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May and guided us through the various procedures that have to be carried out before we can begin our search for Alastair Ferguson's successor. He advised us the living was about to be restored so that Earl De La Warr will again become the Patron. This will mean that we will have an incumbent rather than a priest-in-charge, but the position will still be on a "house for duty" basis.

In the meantime the PCC has appointed a sub-committee to revise the Parish Profile. It is hoped that we will soon be in a position to advertise the post.

At the same PCC meeting, a discussion took place regarding the Church of England Churchyard Regulations, and we draw your attention to the brief summary of these rules in the month's issue of the magazine.

We would like to remind you once again that this year's Fete takes place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July and volunteers to help set up on the day before and help on the day will be much appreciated.

**Richard Carden and Antony Cumberland**

## Prayer corner

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God  
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,  
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing  
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people  
and kindle in us the fire of your love

#### 4.

## CHURCHYARD REGULATIONS

A recent tour of the churchyard has revealed that there are a number of breaches of Diocesan Churchyard Regulations.

The rules about what types of memorials are allowed in Church of England churchyards are very strict and are, briefly, as follows:

Burials in consecrated ground are subject to the jurisdiction of the consistory court which regulates the type of headstone or other marker which may be erected. The regulations are designed to encourage best practice and eliminate bad practice. It is unlawful for a monument to be introduced into a churchyard without permission.

Permitted dimensions and materials for headstones are set out in appendix D of the churchyard regulations, a copy of which can be obtained on application. Inscriptions should be fulsome, giving a flavour of the life of the person commemorated. Epitaphs should honour the dead, comfort the living and inform posterity. Passages of scripture, which have a timeless quality, are to be preferred.

## PROHIBITIONS

The following are not permitted:

- Kerbs, railings, fencing or chippings;
- Integral sockets for a flower vase in the base of a headstone;
- Memorials in the shape of vases, hearts or open books;
- Memorials incorporating photographs or portraits;
- Mementos, windmills, toys or animals;
- The use of 'pet names';
- Artificial flowers.

It is proposed to give a period of 8 weeks grace for the removal of prohibited items, after which they will be removed and placed at the top of the churchyard from where they may be collected if desired.

## Thankyou Corner

### Annual Church Spring Clean

"Thank you to all the helpers who joined us in the Annual Spring Clean of our Church. It was a good companionable morning and a great deal of ancient dust was removed as a result. Many thanks!!"

**Diane and Diana**

### New signpost to St Michael's Church

The Patron, Churchwardens and congregation would like to thank Brian and Michael Tasker very much for making a new signpost to St Michael's Church. The signpost was provided by the Buckhurst estate.



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## CELEBRATE WITHYHAM



**Celebrating Withyham**  
Promoting Village Life - Withyham Residents' Place

Celebrate Withyham now has a website:

[www.celebratewithyham.co.uk](http://www.celebratewithyham.co.uk)

Please have a look at all the different activities going on in the village and let us know if you would like to add or amend anything.

We as a group are here to promote village life and would like to make sure we reach you. We will be knocking on your door soon to ask if you have an email address and whether you would like to be added to our newsletter list, if you don't have an email but would like to be kept up-to-date with village life, we can make sure someone gets a copy of the newsletter to you.

Please let us know if you have an event that you would like promoted. We can email it to all residents at the click of a button, email Julie Ruse at [julie10085@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julie10085@yahoo.co.uk) - this is what we are here for.

Don't forget if you would like to be added to the Withyham Residents Skills List and promote your business, please email Julie Ruse at [julie10085@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:julie10085@yahoo.co.uk), the more professions we have on the website the more likely it is to be used.

We are having a 'Clean Up Withyham Evening' on 15th July from 6.00 p.m. More information to follow with Newsletter June 2015 (hopefully the village will look immaculate just in time for the Church Fete).

Reminder: AGM for The Kings Hall is on Wednesday 17th June at 8pm, all welcome.

Our next Celebrate Withyham meeting is on Monday 15th June at 8pm - Paul and Lycia Sellars' house, call 01892 770263 for more information.

**The Management Committee of the Kings' Hall Withyham**  
invite you to their

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

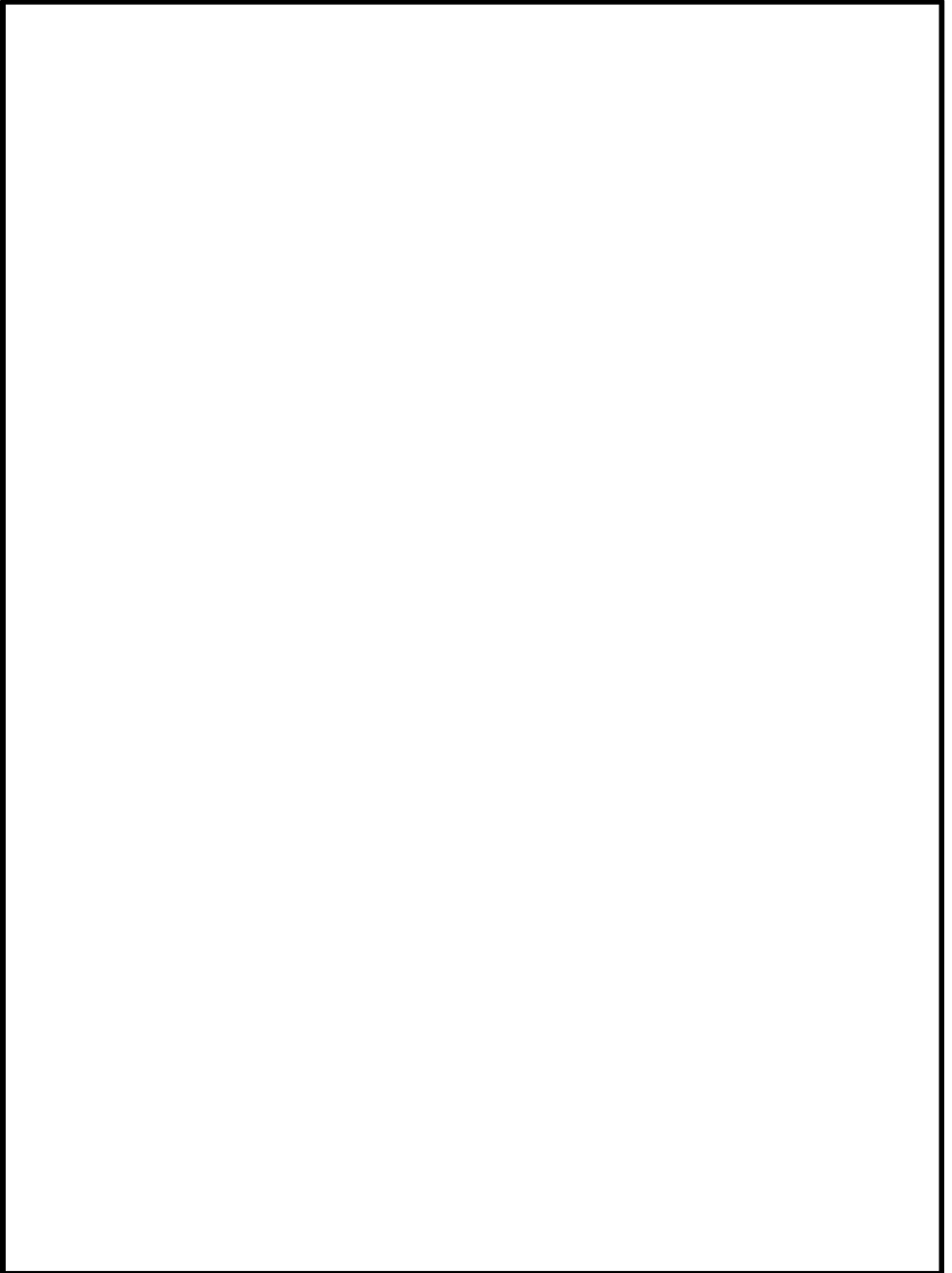
**On 17th June 2015 at 8.00 p.m.**

Come along and learn how your Hall is managed and how you can support its continued existence. Why not join the Committee? Or even put your name down to lend a hand at some of our fund-raising events such as Quiz Nights, Jumble Sales and of course, our Annual Pantomime.

**Extra pairs of hands are always welcome!**

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# YOUNG CHURCH



## WITHYHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY June

Our first trip this year was to Ramster Gardens and it was an absolute riot of colour as all the Rhododendrons and Azaleas were in full bloom, magnificent specimen trees and I was especially pleased to see that the handkerchief tree was in full bloom such a lovely sight. Our coach driver took us along the 272, there were many splendid vistas to see and of course over the hedges and walls pretty cottages also in full bloom. Our next event will be a trip to Arundel on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> June the cost of this will be £12 and you will have, the Corpus Christi carpet of flowers at the Cathedral, the Castle, the river, the town and the Bird sanctuary to visit. Let me know if you would like to book a seat on the coach, you do not have to be a member to come so all will be welcome.

We have our AGM on Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a Rose and Sweet Pea Show. We have not printed a schedule for this but 5 stems of Roses in your own vase or rose bowl, and 5 stems of Sweet peas also in your own vase will be acceptable, staging will be from 6.30pm. After the AGM we have a talk given by Mike Lyn with a slide show on wildlife in the garden so please do come along and enjoy the evening with us. As always anyone who would like to join us on the committee would be also very welcome.

We are also taking bookings for our quiz night on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> July so get a few friends together and come and join us ring either myself (661940) or Helen (771044) for information and to book a table.

Garden Tips for this month are: 1. If you have soft fruit growing now is the time to cover them with netting as the birds will get there before you, but make sure if you have a cage that a bird does not become trapped. 2. Make the most of your space by combining crops such as courgettes or fast growing salad crops grown in between sweet corn. 3. Take cuttings from tender Fuchsias, choose a healthy non flowering shoot, or pinch off buds, remove lower leaves, insert cutting round the edge of a pot water and put into a warm propagator, move each cutting into its own pot when fully rooted.

The committee and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM, have a great productive June. **Val Edwards** Secretary

### ***The Hartfield Singers***

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## CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL EVENTS

There is a comprehensive list of events from April to June on the noticeboard. The following gives brief details of some of them and I can provide more information for all of them, including booking deadlines.

### 1. LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

During June, dementia-friendly events and activities will take place in and around Chichester for adults living with dementia and their families and friends.

### 2. FOOD FOR THOUGHT LUNCHEON TALKS.

3rd June at 12.30pm. Managing flood risk.

### 3. BOOK AT BREAKFAST

Wednesday 10th or Thursday 11th June. 9.00 - 10.00am in George Bell House

### 4. FRIENDS ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Tuesday, 16th June Luncheon, AGM, Guest Speaker, Dean of Chichester Cathedral, Afternoon tea, Choral Evensong. Open to all.

### 5. TEXTILE ENCOUNTERS.

Saturdays, 13th June, 12th September and 28th November.

A creative journey drawing inspiration from the art and architecture of the Cathedral. Sessions are stand alone or can be used in a series.

### 6. FRIENDS VISIT TO EXETER.

18<sup>th</sup> to 21st September. Itinerary includes Buckfast Abbey, House of Marbles, Cotehele House and Gardens.

**Sheila Jones (01892 864117)**

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Have you ever wondered why your computer suffers from problems? After resolving a great many computer issues, I have found that my clients' computers run well for longer when they use some simple free tools. I would like to share two of these with you that deal with the most common issues of scanning your computer and improving browser security.

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**Roger Lyon**

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# WITHYHAM CHURCH FETE 2015 SATURDAY 18TH JULY AT 2.00 PM

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<b>Boutique</b>	Elizabeth Parish	864989
	Diana Muckleston	864410
<b>Cakes</b>	Janice Yonge	665115
<b>Children's Toys &amp; Books</b>	TBA (talk to Elizabeth Parish)	
<b>Garden</b>	Sue Stone	770978
	Pauline Parkyns	01444 482672
<b>Grand Draw</b>	Anne Barker	661393
<b>Bric-a-brac</b>	Alison Hunnan	770347
<b>Art Group</b>	Lis Hunt	770375
<b>Teas</b>	Jill Pardey	661882
<b>Gift Stall</b>	Penelope Carden	01342 822491

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

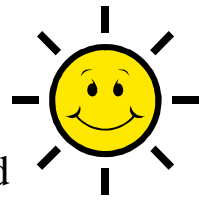
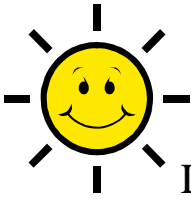
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### **When Mahatma Gandhi was studying law in London**

a certain Professor Peters, took a dislike to him and always displayed animosity towards him. Also, because Gandhi never lowered his head when addressing Peters as he expected, they continually confronted and argued with each other.

One day, when Peters was having lunch in the canteen, Gandhi came along with his tray and sat next to the professor. The professor said, "Mr Gandhi, you do not understand. A pig and a bird do not sit together to eat."

Gandhi looked at him as a parent would a rude child and calmly replied, "You do not worry professor. I'll fly away," and he went and sat at another table.

Peters was determined to take revenge on the next test paper, but Gandhi responded brilliantly to all questions.

Peters, becoming frustrated, asked him the following question: "Mr Gandhi, if you were walking down the street and found a package, and within was a bag of wisdom and another bag with money, which one would you take?" Without hesitating, Gandhi responded, "The one with the money, of course."

Peters, smiling sarcastically said, "I, in your place, would have taken the wisdom." Gandhi shrugged indifferently and responded, "Each one takes what he doesn't have."

Peters, angrily wrote on Gandhi's exam sheet the word "Idiot" and gave it to Gandhi. Gandhi said politely, "Oh Mr. Peters, you signed the sheet, but you did not give me a grade."



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## **FORGIVENESS**

“Forgiveness is God’s command”.

“Human societies could not exist without forgiveness and the public acts of contrition and confession that make reconciliation possible.

“He who cannot forgive breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass”.

“Forgiveness is the fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it”.

“An ounce of apology is worth a pound of loneliness”.

“I can only say: however much we have been wronged, however justified our hatred, if we cherish it, it will poison us. Hatred is a devil to be cast out, and we must pray for the power to forgive, for it is in forgiving our enemies that we are healed”.

Sheila Cassidy (imprisoned by Pinochet)

“Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realising that you were the prisoner”.

“When you forgive, it takes you from the place of the victim to that of a victor”.

“Resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the other person to die”.

“Holding a grudge is letting someone live rent free in your head”.

Martin Luther

the public acts of  
Hannah Arendt

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## **WITHYHAM PARISH COUNCIL (WPC) NOTES – MAY**

### **WPC met on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2015 for the Annual Statutory Meeting.**

Mrs Diana Kelly was returned as Chairman and Mrs Anne Jenkins as Vice Chairman. Councillors were thanked for all their support in the previous year. Four new councillors were welcomed namely Pipp Hamilton and Nick Anderson in the Groombridge ward, Jane Clare in St John's ward and Vicki Longley in Withyham/Blackham ward. These councillors will also take on responsibilities covering the whole parish once they have settled into their new role and received training where appropriate. Profiles and photographs of our new councillors will be in the next issue of the WPC Newsletter. Please make yourself known to them. WPC now has a full complement of 13 councillors.

Voluntary work has become increasingly important within the community, and this can be demanding on time and energy because of the need to maintain services that have hitherto been funded by local government.

WPC initiatives over the last year were reviewed, focusing on the results of the Parish Plan survey that has now been analysed.

**WPC Targets for 2015/2016** are already emerging from this analysis as follows:-

To achieve a higher profile in the parish through initiatives and projects; To improve communication channels; To work closely with schools, churches and residents' groups in the parish; To increase facilities for children, young people and families; To maintain community assets; To introduce faster Broadband in the area; To be actively involved in bringing residents' concerns and needs to the attention of services. These include crime, transport, Gatwick, open spaces, medical provision etc

**Annual Parish Assembly (APA):** Feedback on the way in which this year's Annual Parish Assembly had been organised indicates that we should build on this different approach but with 'tweakings'. WPC would welcome your suggestions on what you would like to be included. The Parish Directory has been a success. If you run an association or organisation and would like details of this to be advertised please contact the assistant clerk. Legally, the APA must take place annually between 1 March and 1 June. The next WPC newsletter will be ready for delivery from 11 June onwards.

**Parish maintenance person:** Malcolm Brown has been appointed to this role. He will be working mainly in Groombridge but will also undertake maintenance of WPC assets across the parish. He will wear a high-vis jacket and carry official WPC identity. Please say hello when you see him!

**Community Resilience:** There was an interesting presentation of why emergency planning is important for parish councils. Each councillor now has an emergency planning pack containing useful guidance and basic equipment.

**Diana Kelly, Chairman: 01892 864557**



## Ashurst Raft Race 1.00 p.m. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015

In the early 70's Ashurst & Blackham Sports Association built a new pavilion with money borrowed from local families. This replaced the old wooden cricket pavilion. The Raft Race event was 'launched' to raise funds to repay these loans.

In 2006, the field with pavilion was sold. For 5 years the gates were locked and no sport took place at Ashurst and Blackham. The ground came back to auction in 2011 and we regained possession. The purchase price was raised entirely by voluntary contributions from local residents helped by a substantial donation from the Ashurst McDermott Village Hall Trust.

We are once more raising funds, this time towards a traditional oak framed building that will blend in well with our lovely location besides the River Medway. This new building will provide a games room for our successful Youth Club and also be headquarters for the Junior football teams. Sport England is providing a grant towards this very worthwhile youth project.

We look forward to another great family day out and hope you can join us. Enter your dog into the dog show, meet the donkeys, bounce on the bouncy castle, play beat the goalie. Browse the book and bric a brac stalls, see the model airplanes and classic cars and throw flour bombs at the rafts to speed them on their way! There is £50 to win if you buy the nearest £1 square to where the Willets Farm 'Ice Cream' Cow 'Pats' in a measured roped off area on the day.

From 1.00 p.m. onwards the Beer Shack and Pimms tent will be open and the BBQ will be serving pulled-pork, hot dogs and burgers. See you there!

**Mike Wheeler**

Ashurst & Blackham Sports Ground is on the A264 between Blackham and Ashurst at the rail bridge traffic lights TN3 9TJ

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Tickets will be available from Playschool in advance or on the door. We hope to see many of you there! Please visit our website at [www.hartfieldplayschool.co.uk](http://www.hartfieldplayschool.co.uk) or call us on **01892 770830** for more info about any aspect of Playschool. Charity No. 103305.

**PARISH DIARY JUNE 2015****Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 p.m.**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** 1.00 p.m.**Monday 8<sup>th</sup>** 7.30 p.m.**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** 8.00 p.m.**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>** 8.00 p.m.**Hartfield Singers** (*see Magazine*)**Ashurst Raft Race** (*see Magazine*)

Ashurst &amp; Blackham sports ground

**Withyham Parish Council Meeting**

The Old Station, Groombridge

**AGM Kings' Hall, Withyham** (*see Mag*)**Hospice in the Weald Moonlight Walk**Tunbridge Wells (*see magazine*)**Midday Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Deadline for July Magazine****Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>** 12.00 – 5.00 p.m. **Hartfield Playschool Fun Day**Hartfield Playschool Gardens (*see Mag*)**ADVANCE PARISH DIARY JULY 2015****Saturday 4<sup>th</sup>** Noon – 4.00 p.m.**St Michael's School Family Fun Day**At the School (*see magazine*)**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>** 2.00 p.m. **ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH FETE**

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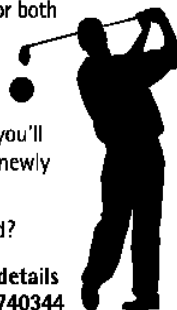
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