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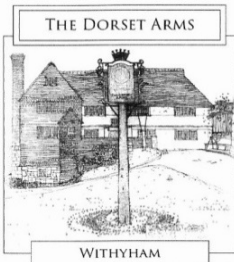
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## Church Calendar - May 2021

### St. Michael & All Angels, Withyham, with All Saints, Blackham

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> after Easter</i>	10.00am	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Church)
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>:</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> after Easter</i>	<u>9.30am</u>	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	<u>Rogation Service</u> (Rectory)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Church)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>:</b> <i>The Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	10.00am	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	Matins (Church)
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>:</b> <i>Pentecost (Whit Sunday)</i>	10.00am	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	<u>Holy Communion</u> (Church)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>:</b> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	<u>9.30am</u>	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	Matins, <u>Blackham</u>
	6.30pm	Evensong (Church)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June:</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity</i>	10.00am	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Church)

*Services remain subject to Covid-19 regulations, including the wearing of a face-covering in Church and singing only permitted outside.*

## Parish Registers – April 2021

### Funeral

On 26<sup>th</sup> March the funeral took place at St. Michael's Church, Withyham of Ann HYNES of Neaves Park, Cotchford Hill, Hartfield who died at the Hospice in the Weald on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 aged 68, followed by burial in the Churchyard.

## Letter from the Rectory – May 2021

Dear Friends,

In October, the BBC's 'Songs of Praise' celebrates 60 years. Last autumn, Katie Piper joined the team. She is perhaps best known for her incredible bravery in coping with severe facial burns and blindness in one eye after an acid attack arranged by an ex-boyfriend.

Katie wasn't brought up in a Christian home and religion really played no part in her life until the brutal acid attack in 2008. Lying in a hospital bed in agony, severely disfigured, she remembers not wanting to look at anyone or anyone to look at her, of being scared of people and scared of the world.

A brave nurse spoke to her about God in the hospital. "Had anyone known", Katie said, "she would probably have been sacked for breaking ethics. But she was just doing it out of Christian kindness to comfort me. I remember her telling me, "Things happen for a reason. This is not the end. God has great things in store for you." That night I prayed for the first time. Then the weirdest thing happened. The room seemed incredibly bright, and I felt I was being enveloped in a warm hug. A voice in my head said, 'Everything's going to be OK.' I felt an incredible sense of being loved."

When she left hospital, Katie joined a church and started exploring the Christian Faith. She went on to say how much her local church leaders supported her ... "They were a massive part of my recovery, and so was God and faith." Katie's gruelling journey to recovery has involved more than 200 operations, including pioneering surgery to reconstruct her face and restore her vision. Last November she celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary with Richard Sutton; they have two daughters, Belle and Penelope.

Amongst many other things, Katie has survived being on 'Strictly Come Dancing', despite never actually having watched the show until she took to the dance floor, and featuring in *Hello* Magazine. More importantly, she founded the 'Katie Piper Foundation' to help victims of burns and other disfiguring injuries and released a best-selling autobiography. She and her mother both appeared as guests on an edition of 'Songs of Praise' last year when she spoke about her journey of faith.

**James Campbell**

## **ROGATION SERVICE 2021**

A Rogation Service will be held at **Withyham** on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May** at **11.00am**.

Weather permitting, the service will be held outside the Rectory and include a short procession, with singing (legally!), Bible readings and prayer as we follow a short circuit below the lake blessing the growing crops and animals.

Originally such services involved walking the parish boundaries. This developed from the earlier practice of taking small boys around the parish boundaries and knocking their heads on boundary stones so they wouldn't forget! Thankfully today, at least in some ways, we live in kinder times.

JMC

## **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

The Annual Meeting this year will be on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May** at **7.00pm** in **Withyham Church**.

The majority of last year was, of course, the quietest in living memory. However, this gathering will still provide an opportunity both to reflect on what has gone before as well as to look forward to what lies ahead. We shall approve the accounts and hold elections, including for a new Churchwarden. The meeting shouldn't last more than an hour.



**Family Support Work - April 2021 update**  
**from Nikki Kerr, FSW Director of Fundraising and**  
**Marketing**

Dear Friends,

The Easter holidays are in full swing for our families and today is a special day as several of our West Sussex families are attending a fun day at Arundel Cricket Club. This is the first organised activity we have been able to arrange for over a year, and it is wonderful to be able to start these sorts of sessions again.

You may remember that we recently held interviews for new practitioner posts. We are delighted to say that we have appointed three new staff members to cover Petworth, Storrington and Midhurst deaneries and hope to have a fourth in place soon to cover Rye. We will be sharing more information about the appointments as soon as we can but we are very excited that we will be able to start work in these new areas very soon.

As the lockdown eases, we are now extremely busy preparing for many Open Garden events that will be taking place over the coming months. We have a record number of dates this year and are in need of support for these, particularly from cake bakers. If your church or parish might be able to help with providing cakes, we would love to hear from you – please contact Nikki by email on [nikki@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:nikki@familysupportwork.org.uk). All the dates for our Open Gardens can be found on our website under the Events section and it would be lovely to see you.

**March's work in numbers**

- 297 individual visits and 244 support calls with families supporting 39 grandparents, 365 parents and 321 children
- 24 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely
- 31 online group sessions held, including Easter activities
- 497 food deliveries made

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### Prayer points

- Give thanks for the new practitioner appointments, and that all vetting procedures will run smoothly
- Pray for some of our staff members who have recently been experiencing ill health in their families, that healing will be quick
- Pray for our management team, who have many important decisions to make regarding the work of FSW over the coming year

## **Churchwardens' Notes**

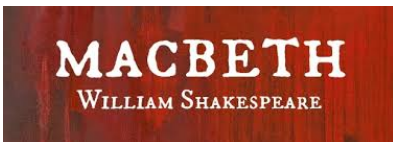
The much awaited resumption of worship in church began with a Communion service on Easter Day.

The next Sunday a Family Service took place and a special Commemoration Service for the life of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, was held on the following weekend.

It was wonderful to be able to return to the beautiful surroundings of our church after such a long time, albeit under Covid restrictions. These restrictions will be in place for the foreseeable future and we are grateful to those who help us with stewarding.

The repairs to the East Window have now been completed and the contractors are scheduled to replace it at the beginning of May.

**Antony Cumberland & Richard Halcrow**



The Lord Chamberlain's Men, the UK's premier all male theatre company, with direct links to the history of William Shakespeare, invite you to join them on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June, on the south west lawn at

Chichester Cathedral, for the brilliant tragedy **Macbeth**. Bring a chair and a sun hat and prepare to be entertained and transported watching Shakespeare as he first saw it performed: in the open air, by an all male cast with Elizabethan costumes, music and dance.

Details at <https://www.chichestercathedral.org.uk/events/macbeth>

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## Open Garden

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Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup> - 11am to 5pm

In aid of Hospice in the Weald

Children and dogs welcome

Entrance £5 - children free

It is intended that refreshments will be available as in previous years, but this is weather-dependent since Covid restrictions dictate that they must be served outside. Fingers crossed for a sunny day!

## Christian Aid Week



10<sup>th</sup> – 16th May 2021

The annual street to street collection takes place this year from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16th May.

As in previous years we will not be undertaking a street to street collection in Withyham, but a Christian Aid envelope is enclosed with this magazine and you are invited to give as generously as you are able towards their valuable work. Please place the envelope in the receptacle provided at the entrance to St Michael & All Angels church during Christian Aid Week. Alternatively, if you are unable to attend any church services at Withyham in Christian Aid Week, you may deliver the envelope to the Rectory. Please also complete the Gift Aid declaration on the envelope if you are a tax payer.

Any queries, please contact Barry Davis on 01892 664162.



**NOTES FROM WITHYHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Withyham Parish Council serves residents of Blackham, New Groombridge (the East Sussex side of the River Grom), Marden's Hill (St John's, Crowborough) and Withyham.**

**Withyham Parish Council (WPC) met on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021. To follow are the headlines, plus other news.** Full action from this meeting is available on our website [www.withyhamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.withyhamparishcouncil.org.uk) and Facebook on [www.facebook.com/WithyhamParishCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/WithyhamParishCouncil). Minutes can also be obtained from the Clerks at the Parish Office.

**The Parish Council is currently conducting its Council and Planning meetings remotely via 'Zoom'.** Members of the public can view meetings via the WPC YouTube channel where they are shown until the minutes become available. Members of the public wishing to attend or address items on the agendas should email their question / comment to the Clerk by the morning of the meeting. At the above meeting we were very pleased to welcome a resident from St Johns, who came to observe our meeting before we discussed his application to become a councillor for Marden's Hill Ward.

## **WARD REPORTS - GROOMBRIDGE**

**THE TANYARD:** It is regrettable that the Management Committee of the Groombridge Sports Ground Association has had to ban dog walking on the Tanyard from the 1st of May, but quite understandable in the light of the dog fouling that they have had to clear up before children can play football and other games. Most of us are aware of the serious health risks caused by the presence of *Toxocara canis* in dog messes. It contaminates the soil for several years, causing blindness, particularly in children. The Parish Council provides dog bins in strategic places at a cost for emptying of £250 per bin per year. It is therefore very disheartening, when out for a walk, to see coloured bags of dog mess hung in trees and bushes. Most dog owners are meticulous in cleaning up after their dog. As usual it is the very few who spoil it for the majority.

**GROOMBRIDGE PLAYGROUND:** The current playground remains closed due to the last safety inspection, which highlighted an issue with the sparsity of play-grade woodchip under play equipment, and exposed foundations. This is becoming very frustrating for families (and the Parish Council) especially in this good weather, and so, with the full agreement of the Play Area Group, who are masterminding the future play area, we are releasing some funds from the £25k that WPC allocated to the new project, to pay for new woodchip and equipment repairs.  
**So, watch out for the reopening of a safe play area!**

## **PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT**

The Parish Council has had several residents making contact regarding future applications for developments in the Parish. As a consultee to Wealden District Council (who are the Planning Authority) we respond to applications once they are added to our Planning Agendas. Applications are added to our agendas after we are notified by Wealden of the official planning application. Residents and applicants are always welcome to attend our meetings to speak on agenda items and we allocate a ten minute period at the beginning of the meeting for this. The Parish Council does not undertake pre-application discussions with developers.

## GROOMBRIDGE POST OFFICE



The council is continuing to make progress with securing the Post Office. As you know, we have set in motion the mechanisms to buy the building in which the Post Office is housed, as it will be so much more convenient for residents to continue to access the Post Office if it is part of the 'hub' of shops that are located in Groombridge. To date:

- A Building survey of the premises has been undertaken
- An application to the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) has been made to enable the purchase of the building. This is a lending facility operated on behalf of HM Treasury for local authorities such as town and parish councils to fund capital projects.
- Our solicitor is to be instructed to start 1) conveyancing & 2) the commercial lease between WPC and the Community Interest Company which we have had to form.
- The contract with Post Office Ltd has been signed and returned, following an interview with the Clerk and the Chair, as two of the Directors of the Community Interest Company
- Architect plans are being finalised asap so that we may go out with specifications for conversion quotes
- A Building Group is overseeing checks on utilities and the separation of the residential part of the building from the Post Office to enable the high standard of security required by Post Office Ltd.

We now look forward to:

- Recruiting and training up a third Post Office staff member
- Negotiating job descriptions and contracts for existing members of staff; we couldn't do without their knowledge and experience, could we?!
- Members of the Post Office Retail Group advising on fit-out requirements and what needs to be done to establish a flourishing retail side
- Engaging and training volunteers for the retail side
- Undertaking conversion and shop fitting

**Di Kelly: Chair**

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## Some gardening tips for May

There's so much to do in the garden now that the spring sun has brought on a growth spurt. Keep sowing, mowing, weeding, watering and protecting young plants from the very last of the frosts by bringing them inside overnight or covering them with fleece.

Prune early spring flowering shrubs now that blossoms have finished.

This is the time to sow tender vegetables under protection, ready to plant out when all the risk of frost has passed. You could invest in a cloche or make your own smaller ones by cutting large pop bottles in half.

Watch out for slugs on new plantings. A cloche will help, or you could try traditional techniques such as crushed egg shells, coffee grounds or beer traps. Failing that, try copper tape around pot rims (which slugs don't like to cross) or slug pellets. Choose ferrous phosphate-based pellets rather than metaldehyde, which don't harm birds and will break back down into soil nutrients.

## Online privacy

Online privacy is like an obstacle course in three main parts: getting online, finding things and visiting websites.

### Getting online

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### Finding things

Google, Yahoo and Bing are impressive advertising companies... with free search facilities attached. Choose a search engine that forgets your searches:

[duckduckgo.com](https://duckduckgo.com) and [qwant.com](https://qwant.com).

### Visiting websites

Cookies are not the only show in the privacy circus. Tracking technology is evolving and your browser needs to evolve. Chrome and Edge share too much information. Choose **Firefox** with the *uBlock Origin* add-in or **Brave**.

More info and links - all beautifully free - at [www.rlcomputersolutions.co.uk/fingerprint](https://www.rlcomputersolutions.co.uk/fingerprint)

Roger Lyon

## **Musical Theatre Quiz (answers on page 16)**

1. **Jean Valjean, Fantine and Javert are characters from which musical?**
2. **What is the name of the musical based on Monty Python and the Holy Grail?**
3. **What popular musical features a girl named Kim who falls in love with a soldier?**
4. **Which musical is set among the students at New York's High School for the Performing Arts?**
5. **In which rock musical, with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Richard Stilgoe, do the actors perform the entire show on roller skates?**
6. **The Jets and the Sharks battle it out in which Broadway adaptation of "Romeo and Juliet"?**
7. **Which long-running West End musical was written by South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone?**



# PRESS RELEASE

## South East Open Studios ... 4th to 20th June 2021

Now in our 24th year, with more than 200 artists taking part, SEOS is one of the most established annual arts events in the South East.

South East Open Studios is a fantastic opportunity for artists to open the doors of their studios and meet people who are interested in them, their process and work.

All artists in the South East are eligible to take part, provided they are living or working in Kent and the fringes of East Sussex, which provides an incredible breadth of practise and wealth of talent.

As one of our art lovers said: "SEOS is one of those events I really look forward to - you get to see so much creativity AND explore the most beautiful countryside - great fun for all the family."

The event is on from 4th to 20th June, and is supported by a full colour high quality guide; up to 30,000 copies are printed and distributed to targeted outlets across the South East.

Alongside the event we run a year-long online campaign designed to promote our artists across all our platforms, reaching over 8,000 art lovers.

Our aim is to enable the art loving public to meet artists, engage with arts and crafts as an industry and artists as local business people.

We don't know exactly how this year is going to look, but whatever happens, we will do everything we can to get our artists out there and connected with people who want to meet them and learn more about them.

Our members practise painting, printmaking, pottery and ceramics, jewellery, glass and wood work, sculpting, textile art, digital work, illustration and mixed media. Our area stretches from Edenbridge to Ramsgate, Rochester to Hastings ... and everywhere in between!

Make sure you are following us @seopenstudios on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, check out our website to see more work from our artists [SEOS-art.org](https://seos-art.org) and keep up to date with news and features by signing up to our mailing list.

## Groombridge and Hartfield Surgery Patients Participation Group

There has been a hugely generous response from so many of you with contributions towards a retirement gift for Drs. Andrew Wolfle and Karen Whichello. We feel it appropriate to consult with them about the type of gift and this we shall be doing over the coming weeks.

All being well, the restrictions on social contact may be lifted / eased from the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, so we are planning for a suitable event on a Saturday morning in mid / late July where you can take the opportunity to say a personal thank you to Andrew and Karen. As they live in Groombridge it would seem appropriate to hold the event in their village hall. Details will appear in the June edition of this magazine.

We are also hoping to give Andrew and Karen a Retirement Presentation Book which will include your many messages and any photographs which include either of them. We already have many messages that have been sent by card or posted on social media but we would welcome as many as possible. These can be sent by email to the PPG secretary, Chris Slater - [gandhppg2021@outlook.com](mailto:gandhppg2021@outlook.com) - or left in an envelope at the surgery, marked for the PPG.

Finally, both Andrew and Karen have been overwhelmed by your response to their retirement and they would like you all to know how much they have appreciated all your very kind thoughts.

**Tony Howell - Chairman, PPG**

### Answers to the Musical Theatre Quiz on page 14

- 1) Les Misérables
- 2) Spamalot
- 3) Miss Saigon
- 4) Fame
- 5) Starlight Express
- 6) West Side Story
- 7) The Book of Mormon





## **The Arts Society Ashdown Forest**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 2pm**

**James Butterwick**

### **‘Provenance Matters’**

With the opening of Russia post-glasnost came a huge surge of interest in the Russian Avant-Garde. Previously unknown artists - Malevich, Popova, Filonov, Kliun and Lissitsky among them - became famous and much sought after by the new Russian buying public. With their reappearance however, came an industrial scale level of faking of their pictures, together with other artists of the period, often with the connivance, unwitting or otherwise, of Western and Russian experts.

Reputed specialists have estimated that as many as 95% of pictures on the market are unacceptable to any leading auction house, museum or dealer. This lecture will examine the evidence for and against such paintings, usually devoid of provenance and exhibition history, including attempts to ‘sneak them under the radar’ through exhibitions in Western institutions, as well as attempts to use the Western judicial system and fake news to help ‘legalise’ the works

James Butterwick began collecting and selling Russian Art in 1985 and has established himself as one of the world’s leading experts. He moved to Moscow in 1994, becoming the only foreign member of the Russian Society of Private Collectors, and began forming collections, taking part in museum exhibitions and lecturing on Russian Art, including at the Tretyakov Gallery in Moscow and the Museum of Russian Impressionism.

James acts as a source of museum quality paintings with flawless provenance of both the Russian and European School and has access to all the leading experts, private collections and museums in any area of the Arts. He travels regularly to Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan where, in October 2013, he opened an exhibition of leading Impressionist paintings.

In 2015 James became the first gallery dealing in early 20th century Russian Art to be invited to exhibit at TEFAF, Maastricht, selling four works to the Kröller-Müller Museum. The following year saw a much-heralded personal exhibition of the Ukrainian avant-garde artist Alexander Bogomazov (1880-1930) with further sales to both Kröller-Müller and subsequently to the Arkansas Art Centre. James also exhibited at the first TEFAF New York fair in 2017.

Our lectures are currently only available to members via Zoom; if you would like to join please contact our Membership Secretary on 01892 663388 or email [adfasnews@gmail.com](mailto:adfasnews@gmail.com).



## Groombridge Horticultural Society



It's been cold lately and even snowy but apart from a little bit of frost damage, our gardens are still bursting to life, and it was fantastic to receive over 70 entries to our Virtual Spring Show. Thank you so much to all who entered for making the show a success and brightening up our Instagram page!

As ever, the standard was very high and it was incredibly hard to judge, but finally the winners have been selected:

- 3 daffodil stems – Sandra Patrick
- 1 daffodil stem – Nicky Hankey
- Pot of flowering plants – Tim Clark
- Flowering shrub – Susan Homewood
- Item of handicraft – Frances Howorth
- Juniors vase of flowers – Isla Gould
- Juniors item of handicraft – Felicity Matthews and Dylan Gould

Congratulations to all the winners! We hope you enjoy spending your garden vouchers on some more lovely plants.



If you are itching to get some beautiful plants yourself, then please join us at our **Spring Plant Sale** which will now take place on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May** from 9am to 12 noon in the Groombridge Village Hall car park, to allow for better social distancing. As usual, we will be selling lots of great value plants from Jordan's nursery near Crowborough. We want to keep everyone safe, so will be operating a one-way system with limited people at a table at any one time, so please do bear with us and, if you can, avoid coming at 9am which tends to be our busiest period, as this will help to minimise queuing.

We look forward to seeing you there. Stay safe and enjoy your gardens.

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

*Gardening requires large quantities of water, mostly in the form of perspiration.....*

## **Forthcoming Events in the Withyham Village Hall**

**REGRETTABLY, THERE WILL BE NO EVENTS IN THE KING'S HALL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS SITUATION, but we are hopeful that after June 21<sup>st</sup> we might tentatively start to plan events.**

**Regular hirings are postponed until Government guidance allows, but again from May 27<sup>th</sup> some renaissance may follow – we hope to see Art and / or Bowls!**

## **Withyham AED – Automated External Defibrillator**

We reported last year that there is now a defibrillator housed on the external wall of the Kings' Hall for use in a cardiac arrest emergency. The machine has a recorded sequence of messages to explain how to use the device; therefore it can be used by anyone in an emergency, allied to CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation), particularly chest compressions. No shock will be applied unless the machine has detected that this is an appropriate course of action. Recently the machine was used; the responders were pleased to inform the Hall that it was easy to use and very reassuring, because they learned that the patient was not in cardiac arrest and so did not need a shock. The patient made a good recovery. However, the responders advised that many people they know were not aware that the machine was available, so we are repeating the notification. There are similar machines in both Hartfield and Groombridge, outside their village halls.

## **The Kings' Hall Withyham 100 Club**

We are very grateful for everyone's support but are happy to encourage more local people to become members and help our fund raising for further maintenance and improvements.

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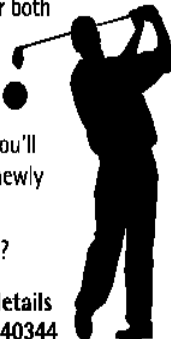
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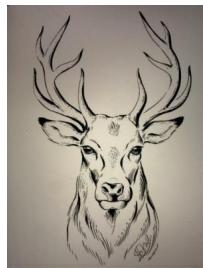
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