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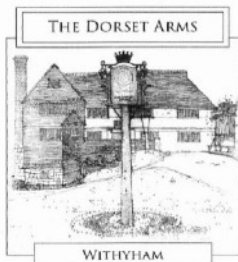
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## Church Calendar - July 2021

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

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup>:</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i>	10.00am	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Church)
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i>		<u>No</u> Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	<u>Matins</u> (Church)
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>:</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i>	10.00am	<u>Family Service (Church)</u>
	11.00am	<u>Morning Prayer (Zoom)</u>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>:</b> <i>St. James the Apostle</i>	10.00am	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	Matins (Church)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August:</b> <i>9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</i>	10.00am	Breakfast Church (Zoom)
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Church)

*Services remain subject to Covid-19 regulations in force at the time of printing, including social distancing and the wearing of a face-covering in Church; singing is only permitted outside. Any alterations after 19<sup>th</sup> July will be notified on the Parish Midweek Bulletin and posted on the website ([withyhamchurch.org](http://withyhamchurch.org))*

## Parish Registers – June 2021

### Baptism

On 16<sup>th</sup> June the christening took place at St. Michael's Church, Withyham of Indigo Rosemary Aida BLAKE, younger daughter of Oriel (née Marshall) and Phil, now living in the US Virgin Islands.

## Church Website

Our re-vamped website will be launched c. 1<sup>st</sup> July.

It remains: [withyhamchurch.org](http://withyhamchurch.org)

Please do have a look – and make any comments either to me or to Bridget Clayton who has put it together ([withyhamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:withyhamchurch@gmail.com)).

A big thank you to Meg Stafford for administering the existing site for a number of years.

**James Campbell**

## From the Rectory

Dear Friends,

In the challenging times in which we live, the stories of other people's lives can be an inspiration. One such person was Elisabeth Elliot. She was born in 1926 in Brussels to missionary parents who soon relocated to the USA. In 1944 she first met Jim Elliot who also felt called to this work. In 1952 they both went independently to Ecuador. The next year Elisabeth and Jim married in Ecuador, and in 1955 their daughter Valerie was born.

There was a totally unreached Amazonian tribe, the Waodani. Links with this tribe, deep in the rainforest, were almost non-existent and their language was unknown. The Waodani also had a fearsome reputation for violence. Drawn by the challenge of the Waodani, a group of five young Americans, including Jim Elliot, decided to try and befriend them. After seemingly friendly initial encounters, in January 1956 they flew in. Tragically, on arrival all the visitors were suddenly speared to death.

The murder of these five men had a huge impact in the United States and beyond. The press focused not just on the events and the 'savage' tribe involved but also on the survivors, notably Elisabeth and baby Valerie. Elisabeth left for the States with her daughter. In a very short time, she wrote a book about the dramatic events entitled *'Through Gates of Splendor'* which became a bestseller.

Elisabeth felt called to return to Ecuador with her daughter. A Waodani woman enabled Elisabeth to begin to learn the language. Promised safety, Elisabeth and her three-year-old daughter went to live with the tribe. That Elisabeth, as a single mother, was taking her little daughter to live with the violent tribe who had killed her husband stunned many.

For two years Elisabeth and Valerie lived with the Waodani. They were accepted and, learning the language, Elisabeth taught the tribe the basics of the Christian Faith. That Elisabeth was able to display forgiveness to the men who had killed the man she had loved has a lasting impact for good.

Eventually Elisabeth left Ecuador in 1963, returning to the USA. She led an active life into old age until her death in 2015. Elisabeth Elliot's fruitful life and ability truly to forgive remain an inspiring example.

**James Campbell**

## **Churchwardens' Notes**

Services continue in the church with social distancing and no singing; however at the end of the service, weather permitting, a hymn is sung outside the west door. On the 5th Sunday in May, Matins was held at Blackham and Evensong at Withyham.

The panel in the east window has been restored and placed back in the window. It has been restored so well that it appears just as it was before but slightly brighter as it has been cleaned.

The Withyham Church and Village Fete is going ahead on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>, starting at 12.30pm and finishing at 4.00pm. Any support for stall holders and donations for the stalls are most welcome.

**Richard Halcrow & Jill Pardey**

### **The Withyham Church and Village Fete - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

Following the Government's announcements on 14<sup>th</sup> June, it was decided that it would be possible to hold the Fete, subject to Covid-19 restrictions being adhered to, including appropriate social distancing.

The Regulations for Step 2 (from 12<sup>th</sup> April) specifically mention 'Village Fetes' as being able to go ahead, provided that

- a) the arrival of attendees is staggered throughout the event
- b) attendees do not congregate in a specific place on the site

The Step 3 Regulations (from 17<sup>th</sup> May and now continuing until after 10<sup>th</sup> July) state that where events cannot meet these criteria, numbers must be limited to 30. Regarding the Raffle, if you have sold tickets it would be much appreciated if you would return the counterfoil slips to Anne Barker.

### **The Village Fete - a brief history**

Who doesn't love a village fete? What could be better than a relaxing couple of hours spent wandering around the stalls, chatting with friends and neighbours, picking up a plant or two for the garden and, of course, enjoying a cup of tea and some home-made cake. The tradition of holding fairs dates back to the Middle Ages when key towns would hold trading fairs, which could last up to a week. This was an opportunity for local businesses to peddle their wares, and around these commercial enterprises other stalls would be erected selling sweet treats, food and trinkets. The 'modern' fete probably dates back to the 1920s and is rooted more in charity than commerce. Local people would make things to sell at a 'sale of work' and the proceeds would be donated to charity.



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

Dear Friends,

FSW has been a hive of activity this last month and we can't believe it's June already! With our staff and our families getting used to being able to meet again, we have been able to provide face-to-face support in our families' homes for the first time in almost a year. This has been invaluable, particularly for complex cases where a phone call or Skype chat can't provide all the necessary support.

It has also been a joy to welcome our new family support practitioners. Gill joined us in May to cover Rye deanery, and at the beginning of June we welcomed Sara (Storrington), Kirsty (Midhurst and Petworth) and Nidhi (Battle, Bexhill and Sidley). Our practitioner team now comprises 15 members of staff and covers 80% of Sussex. We are delighted to be operating in some totally new areas as well as being back in areas where we have not had a presence for some time. If you live local to any of our new staff, please do give them a warm welcome if you see them around.

We have also been very happy to organise events for our families. Families from Bognor, Crawley, Rustington and Worthing attended a fun day at Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation last week which enabled them to meet together, get active and enjoy the glorious sunshine.

Our events calendar continues to be very busy with Open Garden dates in East Sussex, as well as the South of England Show from 11-13 June, where we will be running a stand to encourage people to learn more about our work. If you are planning on attending the Show then we'd love to see you at stand B3. We are also welcoming registrations for our Amberley-Arundel sponsored walk on Thursday 12 August. Registration and sponsorship forms can be obtained by email to [fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@familysupportwork.org.uk) or by calling the office on 01273 832963.

Finally, our food bank stocks are still running low and we would welcome donations of any non-perishable goods with the exception of dried pasta and tinned tomatoes. If you are able to organise a local collection then we can arrange for our van to come and collect from you – please contact Spencer in the office on 01273 832963.

Thank you for your continued practical support and your prayers as our work grows even more vital.

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### May's work in numbers

- 297 individual visits and 235 support calls with families supporting 37 grandparents, 359 parents and 346 children
- 24 supported meetings with other agencies carried out remotely
- 24 online group sessions held
- 371 food deliveries made

### Prayer points

- Pray that our new practitioners will settle quickly into their new roles
- Give thanks for the recent opportunities we have had to speak to new organisations about our work
- Pray for our volunteers who are providing such vital support to our fundraising and family events

\*\*\* See also page 17..... \*\*\*

## Crowborough Arts and Open Studios



It's been a long road during the last year of lockdown with cancelled and scaled down events for everybody. It was our CA's 10th Birthday, and we had lots planned which had to be cancelled. What does Crowborough Arts do? It aims to build up Arts in the Community and support the practitioners. We have had over a hundred events, concerts, exhibitions, guest speakers, workshops, in-house themed entertainment and literary events; all manner of art work has continued at home during the pandemic and artists have been enabled to

show and sell their work in a virtual gallery on our website. Our first live opening up event is CA's Open Studios on the weekend of the 4th and 5th September 2021; nearer the time you may see the signs on the roadside, and wonder what it's all about. Simply, it is a showcase for local artists, both amateur and professional. This year there are 14 studios in and around Crowborough and we have 7 new artists sharing 3 studios at Fairwarp. Visiting Open Studios is like being on a treasure hunt: finding the studios, seeing different homes and gardens, talking to the artists and looking at visual arts in a wide variety of media. You'll not be disappointed, and you'll find it hard to come home empty handed! It will mean so much to the artists to see you there. All details are on the website.

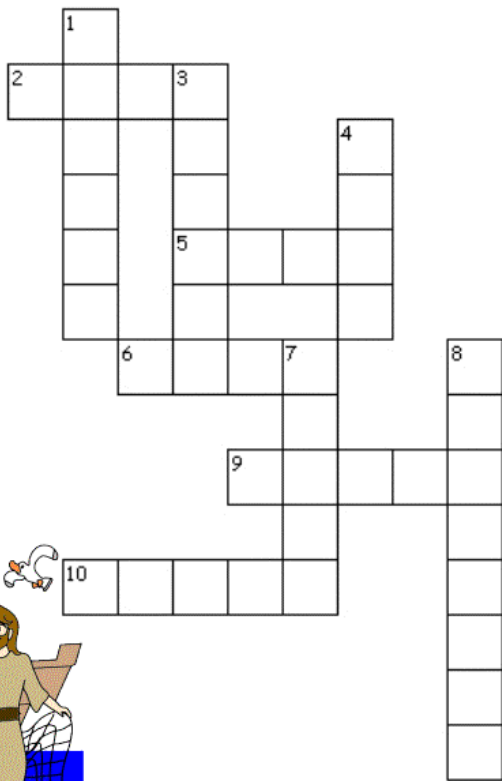
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# YOUNG CHURCH

## Twelve Disciples Crossword



### Across

2. Jesus sometimes taught from inside this.
5. The disciples \_\_\_\_ everything and followed Jesus.
6. Jesus gave the disciples authority to drive out evil spirits and \_\_\_\_ every disease.
9. John's brothers' name.
10. From this disciple's boat Jesus taught and performed a miracle with fish.

### Down

1. Jesus said, "\_\_\_\_ me and I will make you fishers of men".
3. This is the number of disciples Jesus chose.
4. Jesus told the disciples to let down their \_\_\_\_ and suddenly were able to catch fish.
7. We can be Jesus' disciples by trying to \_\_\_\_ all we can about Him.
8. The name for follower of Jesus Christ.

## DO YOU WANT SOME PRIVACY WITH THAT? - Roger Lyon

The internet is the most marvellous tracking tool ever invented. You may also like some privacy, so here are some ideas.

Facebook's intention to make money from their WhatsApp service has raised data protection concerns. Whether this is correct - after all, when did Facebook ever track you? – many people now use privacy-orientated alternatives such as Threema, Signal and Telegram. Is it time to switch?

Mobile apps always ask for permissions, often straying beyond their reasonable needs. Judge for yourself whether monitoring your microphone, contacts and other data is desirable - and the possible impact of that data being shared or lost. Do you still want that app?

The Internet of Things (IoT)... Computer geeks are often wonderfully dour. They have a lovely saying about the Internet of Things: "the 'S' in 'IoT' stands for security." Numerous reports indicate that insecure apps and smart devices are placing consumers at risk. Despite this, many manufacturers continue to ignore calls for better security. When will your smart toothbrush start attacking your network? What picture emerges of your life when your fridge, bed and lights spy on your activity, collect your contacts and share your location? If you must have smart devices then choose them with care.

Few online services are wholly geared towards privacy. Facebook and Google have conflicts between their finances and your privacy. Others, such as Dropbox, may not implement strong security in key areas making them more vulnerable to data breaches and legal requests for data. There are alternatives such as SpiderOak rather than Dropbox, or SecureDrop for file sharing.

More on this and further topics, all free, at [RLComputerSolutions.co.uk/defence](http://RLComputerSolutions.co.uk/defence)

## ALL 'PRE-LOVED' SOFT TOYS – YOU ARE WANTED! WITHYHAM FETE on 10<sup>th</sup> JULY – SOFT TOY TOMBOLA

Last time we were able to hold the Fete I ran a Soft Toy Tombola, which was a tremendous success, thanks to your generous donations.

Each child won a toy – no getting upset or having to explain that a Tombola is a lottery!

I am planning to do the same again this year and would be SO grateful if your children / grandchildren have lost interest in any soft toys and would like to donate them to a good cause. Only toys with a 'CE' mark please. I will collect!

I am also running the 'Country Homes' stall. Any donations, large or small, in good condition, would be gratefully received - items for bathrooms and kitchens to sitting rooms are needed. Many thanks in advance, and I will collect.

Gilly Halcrow 01892 770607

SATURDAY 10TH JULY 2021

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# WITHYHAM CHURCH & VILLAGE FETE

## SATURDAY 10TH JULY

### FUN STARTS AT 12:30pm – FINISHES AT 4pm

Alongside the traditional events of the Fete, this year sees some new events including, Fancy Dress (come dressed as any character connected with Winne the Pooh) with 1st, 2nd and 3rd book-token prizes being awarded for the best costumes. Also, Children's Races with rosettes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd (so children, bring your running shoes, practise running with an egg and spoon, jumping in a sack and pair up for 3-legged races).

There is a vegetarian option for those that don't fancy something from the BBQ and local crafts for sale as well as some 'live crafts' to watch and learn from.

We really hope to see you there to celebrate 2021 with us.

Stall holders are always looking for support and donations! Please contact them to find out what they need. For example, the Bottle Stall takes ANY bottles – not just alcohol. Stallholders will be delighted to pick anything up from you. Their contact details are below:

Books	Mike Stone	01892 770978
Bottles	Sue Schooling	01892 740397
Cakes	Sarita Ashby	01892 740570
Children's Toys and Books	Linda Chariton	01892 770348
Garden	Alison Hunnam	01892 770347
Grand Draw	Anne Barker	01892 661393
Bric-a-Brac	Honey Wilson	01892 770248
Teas	Jill Pardey	01892 661882

#### Donations needed for the secondhand 'Boutique' stall!

St Michael's School PTA are delighted to support the Withyham Church & Village Fete this summer by helping to run the ever-popular second-hand 'Boutique' stall. But we need stock...

If you've had a lockdown clear-out but not made it to the charity shop yet and have a cupboard or even garage full, we can help! We are looking for the following donations:

- Clothes, jackets etc
- Shoes, boots & trainers
- Bags & accessories
- Linen/curtains

Women's, men's and children's items welcome – good quality and washed please.

Donations in tied/sealed bags can be left at Withyham Church or St Michael's School on Station Road (under the shelter in the school gate waiting area). If you have a large amount to donate please contact either Kerri Sargent, PTA Chair via email – [hello@stmichaelschoolpta.org.uk](mailto:hello@stmichaelschoolpta.org.uk), Victoria Chesterfield – [victoriachesterfield@me.com](mailto:victoriachesterfield@me.com) or Bridget Clayton – [withyhamchurch@gmail.com](mailto:withyhamchurch@gmail.com) – to arrange collection or delivery direct to Withyham Village Hall.

For any other queries about the Fete, please contact Mike Stone on 01892 770978





## **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 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 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.

**County Cllr Georgia Taylor** was welcomed to her first meeting with the Parish Council following ESCC elections and elaborated on the points she had sent ahead in her report.

### **NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH**

#### **OUR FIRST SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)**



We are delighted that a movable 'SID' is now up and running and currently sited along the Ridge in Groombridge. It will display the driver's speed and give either a happy or angry face according to whether it's over or under the speed limit. It will also collect data which can be provided to East Sussex County Council for action. Studies elsewhere in the country give concrete evidence that the presence of a 'SID' on the roadside does help reduce speed and minimise the risk of accidents. Several sites in the parish have been approved by ESCC so you will see SIDs appear in different locations. I am sure only green smiley faces will be flashing as you drive past them! This initiative was made possible through the hard work of our Highways Co-ordinator, working with the Assistant Clerk and the Parish Council's Road Safety Committee, which is made up of councillors and residents.

#### **GROOMBRIDGE MENS SHEDS (GMS)**

The lease to GMS has now been granted. This means they have full permission in place for the land and they can now start work! We wish them every success in taking this project forward.

#### **THE AMBLERS**

After many months of having to pay heed to restrictions relating to the coronavirus, the Amblers team were able to organise their first walk of the year – and what a wonderful start to the programme! We ambled along footpaths that took us through the bluebell woods at Motts Mill, which have been particularly stunning this season, and breathed in the heady smell of wild garlic which clustered along the tracks. More walks are being planned – the next is on June 26<sup>th</sup> and starts from the Bushey Car Park on the Ashdown Forest. Do contact our Admin Assistant Stephanie Chapman (at the Parish Office) for more details of further walks and join us for an amble, a natter and the opportunity to photograph wild life!

#### **COMMUNITY CAFÉ**

The treat for the Amblers after their exercise used to be a coffee and slice of cake at the Community Café in Groombridge Village Hall, where they joined residents from all over the parish to catch up on each other's news. This of course has had to be put on hold for the last three lockdowns but we wanted to let you know that we are trying very hard to reinstate these Community Cafés and eagerly await a possible easing of restrictions.

## GROOMBRIDGE POST OFFICE



We are now one step closer to making the post office a vibrant hub for the community. After five months of waiting, we have had news from the Ministry of Housing that our application for a loan has been approved to purchase the building in which the Post Office is located. COVID 19 was given as the reason for this long wait. Conveyancing has now been undertaken and we are moving towards a position to complete and exchange with the post mistress and owner. We are now seeking quotes

from builders to undertake alterations required by Post Office Ltd, who are very strict in their layout requirements.

A number of you expressed an interest in assisting in the retail side and have met with us to discuss exciting possibilities, which are now being followed up.

We are working closely with the existing Post Office counter staff regarding job descriptions and Debbie our Clerk is looking forward to undertaking three days training at Post Office Ltd and a week's shop training so that she will be able to support staff.

We are gradually working through a programme of tasks to be undertaken so please be patient with us if some things take time; there is so much to do! There will be a time when the post office will have to be shut for the conversion, but it will be worth it in the end!

## LITTER PICKING IN BLACKHAM

Blackham residents are coordinating litter picks and have requested signs to make people aware, as well as equipment to borrow, such as litter pickers, gloves, black sacks etc, which we keep at the parish office to lend out to any of you who wish to organise a clean-up in your patch.

## DROP IN FROM THE POLICE

Two Police Community Support Officers, Amy and Matt, came on an informal visit to introduce themselves to the Parish Office Team. We were very pleased to hear that they will be based at Crowborough Police Station when it reopens. They are keen to be more local so that they can be prompt in their support of residents, which is not easy at the moment whilst they are based at Hailsham.

## FUTURE INITIATIVES

- A Rights of Way footpath volunteer initiative is being progressed to improve our footpaths
- Upcoming projects also include Park Corner Pond tidying and tree planting in the parish if suitable sites are found

## FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that due to the increased workload associated with making the Post Office a reality, Parish Council meetings will resume in October. However the work of the Parish Council will continue and the Parish Office will still be available to all residents via email, phone and, subject to COVID guidelines, in person at the Parish Office.

**Di Kelly: Chair**

**The Parish Office can be reached at 01892 864557 / [clerk@withyhamparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@withyhamparishcouncil.org.uk)  
The Old Station, Station Road, Groombridge, TN3 9RD**

## Groombridge and Hartfield Surgery Patients Participation Group

To confirm the arrangements, as outlined in the June edition, for those of us who would like to wish Andrew Wolfe and Karen Whichello a happy retirement and thanks for their service to our community, they are:

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall at Groombridge, between 10.00 and 12.00.**

Given that current restrictions will continue beyond 21 June it will be helpful, as a means of managing numbers and therefore risk, if we can stagger arrival times. To this end, if possible, could those travelling from Hartfield, Blackham, Withyham and surrounding areas come between 10.00 and 11.00 and those from the Groombridge area between 11.00 and 12.00.

You will then be able to meet with Andrew and Karen and see the gifts which have been bought for them as a result of your generous contributions. We may not now be able to provide the cup of coffee originally promised.

Maybe not the ideal arrangements for their farewell, but under the current circumstances perhaps the most appropriate?

We have received quite a few complaints / concerns from patients about the difficulty they have experienced in trying to contact the surgery by telephone, subsequently making an appointment and issues over call-backs; this has been raised with our Practice. Like many others in these challenging times, our Practice has been receiving 2-3 times the level of calls normally expected.

The Practice's website [www.groombridgeandhartfieldmedicalgroup.co.uk](http://www.groombridgeandhartfieldmedicalgroup.co.uk) is being updated regularly to keep you informed about these issues.

Another area of concern, which you may have read about in the press, is the intention by the NHS to share patient information, albeit anonymously (no names or addresses), with other organisations. Whilst the thinking behind this initiative is probably that it will aid research and development of new / better treatments, there appears to be little information available at the moment to indicate who might be able to access it. There is an opt out clause which will allow patients to prevent their information going beyond the NHS. You can find further information on the NHS website: <https://digital.nhs.uk/services/national-data-opt-out>

An update is expected from NHS England in mid July, so we will cover that in the next edition.

We realise there are some patients who do not have a computer to access the Practice's website or other information sources, so we would ask that you help any friends or neighbours in that situation to obtain any relevant information.

**Tony Howell - Chairman, PPG**



## The Arts Society Ashdown Forest

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2pm**

**Daniel Robbins**

### **‘A Private Palace of Art: Frederic Leighton’s Studio-House’**

Frederic Leighton’s studio-house (now Leighton House Museum) is one of the most remarkable buildings of the nineteenth century. First built in the 1860s, Leighton continued to extend and embellish his home over the next thirty years, transforming what had been a relatively modest house into a palace of art filled with fascinating collections of fine and decorative art. The construction of the exotic Arab Hall, lined with Islamic tiles collected as Leighton travelled through the Middle East, brought new fame to the house as Leighton’s reputation continued to grow. This lecture explores Leighton’s motivations in lavishing such attention on the construction of his home and how it came to embody the idea of how a Great Artist should live.

Daniel Robbins is Senior Curator, Museums with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and is responsible for two of London’s most significant house museums: Leighton House Museum and 18 Stafford Terrace. Formerly with Glasgow Museums, he has organised many exhibitions and contributed to numerous catalogues and publications on the subject of nineteenth century art, architecture and design, including the authorship of the companion guide to Leighton House Museum published in 2011. He was responsible for leading the award-winning project to restore the historic interiors of the house completed between 2008 and 2010 and is now leading a £7 million refurbishment project addressing the additions made to the building in the twentieth century.

Our lectures are currently available to members only, but if you would like to join please contact our Membership Secretary on 01892 663388.

### FSW SPONSORED WALK

Don’t forget - there’s still time to register for the Family Support Work Sponsored Walk on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August, starting at Amberley Station. For more details see the poster in last month’s magazine or at this link: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jmkBg6SMQ8JWezKHgMTjrMlwU-piRk\\_a/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jmkBg6SMQ8JWezKHgMTjrMlwU-piRk_a/view?usp=sharing)

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## Groombridge Horticultural Society



Summer has finally arrived, and we suspect it is now hot enough for everyone - following all the heavy rain we had, you can practically see the plants growing! The summer months are the society's quieter time though we are usually getting ready for our summer coach trip around now. We have lots of ideas for when we are able to resume these outings and if there is anywhere you particularly want to visit with your friends and fellow members, then do get in touch and we will add it to our list.



Some of us have been spending our weekends visiting local open gardens, most recently in Mayfield and Fletching (pictured here). You do get lots of inspiration from seeing real village gardens and how they have been planted and designed, regardless of whether the garden is big or small. What does always stand out is when the right plants are in the right place, so it's a good idea to think about your space and conditions before shopping!



Don't forget that members can still enjoy discounts at local garden centres – 10% at Royal Mires in Lye Green and Millbrook in Crowborough on production of the 2020 membership card.

If you are new to the area or just getting into gardening, new members to the society are always warmly welcomed. Membership is still a snip at only £3 per annum and secures entry to our programme of evening speakers when they resume. Our plant sales in May and October and shows in April and September are open to all.

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

### **2021 Remaining Events – all to be confirmed**

Saturday 11th September - Autumn Show

Saturday 2nd October - Autumn Plant Sale

Thursday 21st October - Ian Beavis on the flora and fauna of Tunbridge Wells

Thursday 18th November - Christmas floral demonstration

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

*"Take a lesson from the weather - it pays no attention to criticism."*

## 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 now slowly restarting. We welcome back the Bowls Group, and the Art Group may be back soon. If you are interested in joining the Art Group, please contact Ali Hunnam at [alihunnam@hotmail.com](mailto:alihunnam@hotmail.com).

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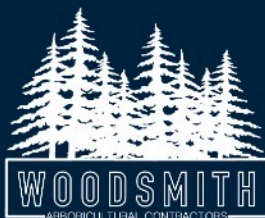
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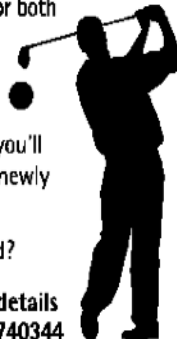
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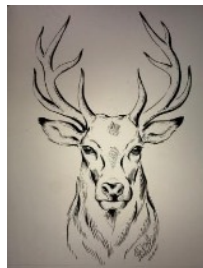
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