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# ST MARY'S WALBERTON WITH BINSTED

## SERVICES IN CHURCH & ONLINE AT ST MARY'S

Church services will resume at St Mary's Walberton on 7 March with a Holy Communion Service at 10.30am. (Unless, that is, there is a strong contraindication by the Prime Minister on 22 February.) When the weather permits, we will relay the services outside as last year. Masks must still be worn in church. Please sanitise on entry and exit. The number of services will depend on our ability to steward them. Please email [Jean@strickland.co.uk](mailto:Jean@strickland.co.uk) if you are able to volunteer. We will also continue to gather online at 9am each Sunday via our YouTube channel, StMarys Walberton. Please do check our website for links and developments [www.stmaryswalberton.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswalberton.org.uk)

Our weekly Parish Prayers continues via Zoom. If you want to take part, please email [houseofprayer@stmaryswalberton.org.uk](mailto:houseofprayer@stmaryswalberton.org.uk) and ask to be added to the ChurchSuite email list. You will then receive a link via email enabling you to join the prayer meeting on Tuesday mornings at 8.30am. Do also look at the prayers in the House of Prayer on the website or even add your own.

The Church office is usually manned by Carole on Tuesday mornings and Jill on Thursday mornings. It is best to contact by email, [walberton.stmarys@uwclub.net](mailto:walberton.stmarys@uwclub.net). The phone, 552792, is redirected to the Vicarage at weekends. If you need help in a practical way then do call our help number **07552 774494** or email [help@stmaryswalberton.org.uk](mailto:help@stmaryswalberton.org.uk). As you can see from the box below the Parish Council, Church and other voluntary organisations are making a coordinated effort to provide all the support you may need.

If you didn't have opportunity to take part in the Ash Wednesday Day of Prayer visit the website [www.stmaryswalberton.org.uk](http://www.stmaryswalberton.org.uk) and check out the heading "Resources for Lent" where you can access the 7 short video meditations and the associated printed booklet.

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# LETTER FROM THE VICAR



## Mothering Sunday

Reading the beginning of Luke's gospel, it is noticeable how strong a place mothers play in the gospel story. Zacharias lacks the faith to believe that his wife will conceive a son, John. Yet Elizabeth and Mary, the two kinswomen, are full of the Holy Spirit and willing to take part in God's great plan. Without their faith the whole story would fall flat in the first chapter. They rejoice together as the babe, John, leaps in the womb when Mary arrives in the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy and the first month of her own. Elizabeth then calls Mary, as we may, 'The mother of my Lord.' Joseph by comparison is kept very much in the background.

Jesus for his part both affirmed and transcended these bonds of family. On the one hand he reserved condemnation for those who failed to look after their parents (Matthew 15 v5) and on the cross he had concern for his own mother's ongoing welfare. But on the other hand, when his family tried to interrupt his teaching ministry, he said, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." (Luke 8 v21). There is then a spiritual family to which we may also belong which transcends all the bonds of kinship. Ultimately it is true to say that if God is our Father the church is our spiritual mother.

I hope you will be able to celebrate with us Mothering Sunday either at home or in church on 14<sup>th</sup> March giving thanks for our mothers. Please keep an eye out on our website for times of services in March when we expect return to church.

Rev Tim Ward, Vicar





## THE ED'S PAGE

My thanks as always for feedback. I provoked some thoughts about COVID last month, and some were pleased to read my thoughts on uncertainty, but my severest critic pointed out to me that I had rashly gone on to say that my Ed's page was the only place where COVID would be mentioned. Not quite true as it turned out! So in recompense I have tried to minimise any mention this month in the fond hope that by the time you read this there will be some substantial good news to cheer us all.

CPAW (page 13) have made an interesting observation that some of their youngest charges have no memory of anything but lockdown, social distancing etc. So for some they will have had very limited contact with grandparents and other relations, and think that is normal. How sad!

You will notice that the Walberton Horticulture Society (facing page) are in the process of re-inventing themselves so next time they report to the Parish News no doubt we will learn of their new name. I am sure we all wish them well for a revitalised membership and programme.

Back in January I reported on progress on the new lych gate. As many will have already observed it is now in place and some photos and a report are on page 14. I have not heard whether there will be some service of dedication of the gate, since it is a part of the village war memorial, but, if so, it will be announced here first!

At the time of writing there has been no response to the plea for a new editor. This editor has been flattered by some very kind and genuine expressions of thanks for his efforts over 5 years but any suggestion that he should continue has been rebuffed. My mind is made up and I am keen for a replacement to be found. The PCC have discussed the situation on several occasions now and the situation is slowly developing. On page 20 there is a report of the January meeting of the PCC where it was suggested that the role could be shared. This has now developed further and at their February meeting a decision was taken to pursue the idea of establishing an editorial team to gather content each month which was then passed on to a more 'techy' person to load on to the desk top publisher system ready for printing. This latter role could be paid. Should you or someone you know be willing to take on any of these roles please contact Rev Tim, further details are on page 29.

Ever the optimists the team organising the Open Gardens event, initially scheduled for June, have taken a leaf from the Chelsea Flower Show, what is good enough for Chelsea is good enough for Walberton, and a new date in September has been proposed. See page 25 for further information.

You will find an extra book review in this copy. Apparently we are all reading much more as Lockdown 3 continues. I, for one, have enjoyed the variety of reading matter recommended by our two regular reviewers and I trust you have too. One of them commented to me that they were unsure whether anyone read the book reviews. Well I do. And so do the proof readers! I know I have to (part of the job!) but also I take up the recommendations too!

## FROM THE PARISH RECORDS ~ Walberton

Burial: Feb 2 Monica May Westbrook

### WALBERTON HORTICULTURE SOCIETY



Early Snowdrops are the first signs, that Spring is round the corner, followed by days of freezing cold and flurries of snow, but now the crocuses are in full bloom and daffodils are waving their heads, giving us all some relief from lockdown. Nature is amazing!

By the time you read this, previous members should have received a letter from us plus a New Membership Form from the hopefully to be renamed Walberton Gardeners Club. (There will have to be a vote by members at an EGM to decide the name.) We would very much appreciate your replies by the end of March. You will then receive your 2021/2022 Programme of Events and Shows hopefully, by Easter. Thank you all very much for being patient with us during this difficult time, but our new Gardeners Club should prove to be worth the wait with lots of enthusiasm for new ventures.

If you are interested in joining us as a new member please telephone Brenda Bailey 07881 552980 for a membership form. Everyone is welcome, young or old. You may only have a window box, perhaps an allotment or garden. Size doesn't matter, just an interest in growing flowers, fruit or vegetables, not forgetting indoor plants and cacti.

We have had a very kind offer from a lovely lady who has offered to set up a simple web site free of charge for us. This will take some time as it's so difficult not being able to meet face to face.

Dates for your diary. Summer Show Saturday 3rd July. Autumn Show Saturday 18th September. Happy gardening.

Liz Hewson



## March

Lockdown restrictions are expected to be lifted during March but at the time of printing this is uncertain. Therefore, our usual Services of worship will continue be suspended although the Chapel will be in use for prayer meetings. This is subject to change at short notice when circumstances improve. Online Services will continue via Zoom.

## AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH?

Since the start of the pandemic a year ago, there hasn't been much to make us smile but I must say that I was amused by a cartoon I came across recently. Two mice are pictured talking to one another and the first one says, "Have you had your vaccination yet?" The second replies, "No, they haven't finished experimenting on the humans at the moment!" It may just be my sense of humour but that rather appealed to me.

Whilst this might make us chuckle, we are placing an enormous amount of confidence in the vaccines which, by medical standards, are still in an early stage of development. The NHS are to be congratulated for the highly efficient roll out of the vaccination programme which achieved its target to vaccinate fifteen million of the most vulnerable people by the 15<sup>th</sup> of February. Discussions are ongoing as to who should be in the next priority group with strong arguments coming from the teaching unions and police among other public sector workers.

Whilst I'm sure we are all grateful for the amazing effort that has gone into providing protection from the COVID-19 virus, it is ultimately our own immune system that has to defeat this silent, malicious invader and this is a gift to us from Almighty God! The vaccines are designed to stimulate that response from our bodies' defences in order to create an advantage, but the immune system itself has ultimately to do the work. Without that capacity to fight

disease, we would be unable to function in our present environment which is awash with potentially dangerous pathogens.

Hopefully, with the number of infections and hospitalisations continuing to fall, we will be able to look forward to many of the restrictions we have all lived under for the past year being lifted and some sort of 'normality' returning.

Whilst we have all been preoccupied with the pandemic, a lot of other things have been going on in the background and we should be concerned about these too. I am thinking particularly of four government consultations that have been ongoing since the end of last year. The Law Commission of England and Wales launched its consultation on the reform of Wedding Law, then came Freedom of Expression, followed by Continuation of DIY Abortion, to determine whether the present emergency measures should end immediately or become permanent, and fourthly, a consultation on whether the Contraceptive Pill should be made available over the counter without a doctor's prescription. This last one closes on the 5<sup>th</sup> of March so there's still time to respond, as I intend to do. The Contraceptive Pill was first made available in 1961 but only to married women. How different the world was then! Such issues arouse strong feelings, and everyone is entitled to their opinion, but I question whether this approach will provide satisfactory solutions to the concerns identified. These decisions need to be based on truth rather than opinions that can be manipulated and conditioned by the media, which exercises a powerful influence over our lives in many areas.

In the last chapter of the book of Judges and the final verse it says, "In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in their own eyes." The result was chaos! Because God knew that human beings needed rules to guide them, He gave the Ten Commandments. These are often looked at negatively as restrictions on our freedoms, but they were actually provided to guarantee them, and ensure that we do not wander into dangerous areas from which we cannot extricate ourselves. In recent years, successive governments have chosen to ignore what God has said and instead relied on the wisdom of men as they have introduced legislation that has adversely affected our society.

Far better that those given the privilege and responsibility of governing us should consult the Word of God for guidance instead of the court of public opinion because just one with God is a majority and only by doing His will can we expect His blessing upon our land. Jesus said, "He who hears these words of Mine, and acts upon them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house upon the rock ...." All else is sinking sand!

Pastor Ray



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**OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB**



**HOLIDAY CLUB**



As the Community Playcentre continues to support our pre-school children and their families through this current lockdown, we are becoming increasingly aware that many of these children probably don't remember life before the first lockdown.



During February we have been trying to expand their understanding of life and traditions outside of their own communities. Chinese New Year has given us the opportunity to explore how this festival is celebrated by Chinese people, so we've been listening to music and watching footage of lion and dragon dancing. We made our own lion and danced

together before celebrating by eating some Chinese inspired food. The noodles proved very popular!

Pancake day was very exciting - after watching how pancakes were flipped in a frying pan by one of our practitioners, the children took part in their own pancake races on the Recreation ground.

We also definitely have some budding chefs who have been able to use their emerging culinary skills to make the bread for their homemade pizza lunches. An activity such as these help to develop the children's growing interest in different healthy food ingredients as well as an opportunity for them to get very messy. Soon it will be time for us to start planting in our



vegetable patch and hopefully this year we'll be able to use some of our harvest in future cooking activities. In the meantime, we'll be donning our wellies and getting out and about exploring the village, ready with a smile and a friendly wave to anyone we meet along the way.  
Suzanne Chipperfield  
(Deputy manager for the over 2's area)

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This month in the babies we have been saying hello and settling in our new friends. We have spent some time exploring Chinese New Year, listening to different music, exploring colours in sensory play. We very much enjoyed watching the children in the 'overs' area with their home-made dragon.

We have enjoyed mark making with pinks and reds for Valentine's day and using stamps to help with this. In the half term we explored pancake day, exploring some of the ingredients to make pancakes and tasting them for snacks. Now that Spring is fast approaching, we have begun to look at the fresh, bright colours and animals around us. Our sign of the month is the sign for more.



Flat hand, palm down, covers top of other foot

**More**

Remember - Always sign and say together

Go slow and show

Sensory play is a big part of the day, exploring all the different items we come across in our every day life (Pasta, crockery, nature resources and shells from the beach). Our sing and sign sessions are very popular and help the children to relax just before lunch time.

Claire Shephard (Deputy manager for babies area)

## THE NEW Lych GATE

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00am the new pedestrian lych gate was hung for the first time.

If you have not already been to have a look then this is a very good reason to stretch your legs and get your daily exercise!

I was privileged to see the gate in the course of construction and Mike Hughes explained many of the problems that he had encountered in the course of the year since first he was commissioned to build it. Not least the sourcing of the wood. We are very fortunate in West Sussex to have, in English Woodlands Timber at Cocking, a first class timber yard. For all we wood lovers who like to whittle away at bits of wood and make things useful and sometimes decorative this yard is our first port of call. The staff are unfailingly helpful and treat the amateur with the same respect as the professional. Mike used air-dried oak for the gate, which means that it has never been subjected to heat and has had time to dry out naturally over many months. This means that its natural environment is the open air with changes of humidity and temperature 'built in' to the wood's structure. During construction it was unlikely to warp or twist. Carefully Mike took apart the old gate, revealing two previous major repairs, and a patch up of the top bar which had lasted much less well than the original oak and was completely rotten. In



Mike Hughes (reluctantly) standing by the gate he made



As we stood admiring the gate our first pedestrian came along to use it. Actually it was her dog who went through first. I promised her a small photo since she was not prepared for a photo so early in the morning!

It is hoped that many thousands more will use the gate in time.

addition he discovered that the top hinge was in serviceable condition, needing only to be cleaned up and repainted, but the bottom hinge was rusted through and had to be replaced. The work of the blacksmith in reconstructing in every detail the old hinge is itself a matter of wonder - it is a work of art.

So when, finally, the moment came to hang the gate, whilst adhering to COVID restrictions, there was some understandable apprehension. Mike had measured and re-measured a hundred times (no exaggeration!) to be sure that the distance between the hinges was correct and that the holes in the hinges were precisely in line ("to about half a millimetre" to quote Mike). Whilst he guided us Peter Brown and I lifted the gate into place and lowered it gently on to the pintles. With a rather satisfying clunk the gate rested in place and swung easily through its full range. Only those who have constructed something like this will fully appreciate the delight and relief felt by Mike in particular as this project came to such a satisfactory conclusion.

Before there is any outcry that the gate is unfinished and could do with a coat of something to make it match the other gates be assured that you will not be heard! Air dried oak is best left to weather and, in time, it will turn grey and start to look more like the other 2 gates which have never had any sort of coating, they are natural oak, a hundred years old and entirely sound. This gate should last a hundred years too.

Ed.



## NOT QUITE COSMO

Is there anyone who hasn't enjoyed reading magazines at some stage in their lives? Whether it was the Beano, (frowned upon) or Girl, the day it came was always a good one. My brothers had The Eagle of course. We weren't woke and so had a clear idea of which gender we were and what we wanted to read about, although I did enjoy a sneaky look at Dan Dare and that annoying Mekon. The grandchildren still love the Beano, but now add The Phoenix and the oldest of them is reading The Economist!

Magazines keep us informed and up to date. They tell us what we should be wearing or eating or doing next. They are good to share and build up communities of interest among hobbyists. They can also be very effective uniting people in a locality, either on the grand scale or just a village. Thank you, Parish News team.



Mothers' Union have also used magazines to reach out to members and to fellow travellers. The most popular one with our members is the Prayer Diary, which used to be called Families Worldwide, because it guides our prayers to our sisters and brothers all round the world. Prayer is central to our lives and work with

Mothers' Union and each day at midday members all over the world pause to pray. This wave of prayer is a continuous expression of our commitment in prayer to each other, which runs throughout the year and encompasses all the places in which we are present. As I write this at the beginning of February, we are asked to pray for Matlosane in South Africa, Mumias in Kenya, Eha-Amufu in Nigeria, Ballarat in Australian, Niagara in Canada and North Kerala in India. There are brief articles from some of these places that reveal how hard their lives are. In southern Africa the pandemic has destroyed the fragile lifeline provided by migrant workers, who sent money back to their families. With the decrease in working possibilities crime has increased and domestic violence is on the rise. In Tanzania, MU

members have set up credit and saving groups to assist some of the poorest. The women who access these funds often use them to set up small businesses so that they can support their children to go to school or visit a clinic when they fall ill.

For a long while there has been an excellent MU magazine called Families First. It could be bought in newsagents and was a 'shop window' for Mothers' Union in the secular world. Sadly it has fallen victim to Covid-19 and the funding crisis that has overtaken most charities. We are now promised a new publication, which will be called Connect and will be sent to every MU member in the UK, around 60,000 people.

Mothers' Union Chichester Diocese has its own magazine called Link. It is usually published twice a year, but Covid has struck again and we will only be having one edition this year. There is news in the last one, of growing numbers going to family services in Heathfield, the excitement of filming Songs of Praise in Worthing and the ordaining to priest of one of our members, Reverend Emma Ham-Riche. Our holidays were restarted as soon as it was possible to do so and thanks to the efforts of Christine Bright all the available weeks in the school holidays were filled. This was particularly costly because the caravans have to be fumigated between each group of guests.

We work alongside others to fulfil our charitable aims as when we helped Family Support Work to feed families at the start of the first lock down. We are also working with the Clewer Initiative to raise our awareness of modern slavery and to provide victim support and care. All in all, Link is a source of great encouragement, a reminder that Mothers' Union acts as well as prays and is still a relevant organisation in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

*Scilla Page*

## *The Art Society Boxgrove*

We hope that all our members are well and that most of you have had or will have had your first jabs against Corona virus.

Please note that our February lecture on Tuesday 23rd is on 'English Women in the French Revolution' it will be on Zoom and a link will be sent to you a few days before so please put it in your diary. We hope to welcome you to it next Tuesday.

Depending on the Government announcement we hope that we can be back in the Boxgrove hall for the April or May lecture.

Hopefully we can celebrate some sort of normality with friends and colleagues after so long. We will let you know nearer the time

Keep safe and well in the meantime

If anyone has any queries about membership for this year please ring me, Elaine Clark on. 01243 555644

*Elaine Clark*

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# Walberton Pre-School

Following on from my gloomy but heartfelt article last month, I'm so grateful to the people who have seen me in the village and been so supportive and kind. We are blessed indeed to live in such a lovely community.

Pre-School has been carrying on 'as normal' and I know that you'll already understand that that means normal for Covid! But we've also had a child who has tested positive. They didn't get too poorly, thank goodness, but we had to go into full-on Covid Protocol and follow our Public Health England flow chart, contact the Department of Education, advise all our families, WSCC and Ofsted and then close pre-school for 10 days! We are all working as one bubble so a positive case affects us all.

I'm very happy to say that everyone else has remained well, thank goodness. It is a horrible feeling to be at home self-isolating and aware that you've been in contact with someone who has Covid. You are so aware of every ache, pain, cough, and you become a compulsive 'smeller' – at least I did... I've never been so glad to notice that my dog (whilst out walking with my husband) had rolled in fox poo!

We were delighted to get back to Pre-School. Mandy and I have stepped 'out of ratio' (i.e. we are at pre-school but working in admin roles to keep on top of the pandemic paperwork) I just love the buzz of children's voices, as background noise, which is better than any radio. And we keep being brought little gifts from the children that they've made – ahh, those little things are so full of love... The children are busy 'being kids', chatting, painting, pushing cars around, building with bricks, playing with the dolls' house and they are loving being together.

It's not always possible to refrain from joining in the fun that the children are having. We all need a 'brain break' from time to time and what better to have a dance around the Village Hall, have a lie down and a relax looking at shapes produced by our new lightbox on the lobby ceiling, have a sing-song, make some pancakes, or be chased by a Chinese Dragon (It's the Year of "the um, well it's a bit like a cow but it's not a cow" said one of our little boys to his Mum. He was trying to remember that it is the year of the Ox.)

*(Continued opposite)*

*Helen Baxter*

## THE PRE-SCHOOL PANCAKE RACE

It's been perishing cold outside, as you know, but that didn't deter us from our annual Pancake Race on the last day of half term... Cor, we were glad to get back inside to eat (freshly made, I should hasten to add) pancakes and drink hot chocolate.



# WALBERTON PCC

held a Zoom meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January.

- 1. Church Services:** The first item on the Agenda was the urgent matter of whether to stop holding services in the church or not. Although the government had not actually ordered churches to close this time, it was very regrettably decided that we must stop holding services until at least the end of February. We were lacking sufficient volunteers to keep the church clean satisfactorily and to assist at services. The church could nevertheless remain open for private prayer.
- 2. Parish News:** Next was a discussion on the future of the Parish News and the search for a new editor. The PCC was unanimous in agreeing that the magazine is vital to parish life so everything possible should be done to keep it going. Suggestions were made such as separating the task of collecting material from that of processing it and/or possibly paying someone to do the latter if no volunteers step forward. But we still hope for a volunteer (or two).
- 3. H & S matters:** New members of the PCC reported that they had completed online Safeguarding courses as required. Risk Assessments were reviewed with particular reference to the Covid pandemic, and re-adopted.
- 4. Staff Furlough:** Covid restrictions have meant less work is needed in the Parish Office so it was agreed that Carole Edwards should, with her agreement, be furloughed for one of her days each week, from 25 January.
- 5. Keeping in Contact:** We heard how parishioners had been keeping in touch during the pandemic. Both evening Home Groups were now meeting for Zoom bible study on Wednesdays and about 15 people were joining the Prayer Zoom on Tuesday mornings (8.30 am). A Lent course led by Julie Allday on Zoom would hopefully draw in others. Over 30 people not involved in such groups or unable to Zoom had been phoned by members of the Pastoral Action Group. Mothers' Union members were keeping in regular touch with each other, and intended to hold their AGM on Zoom. RAFT was also about to hold a Zoom meeting. The Vicar was about to start a Zoom coffee morning on Sundays (9.45 am) and was thinking about running a Quiz. Kevin was planning to keep the Helpline open until the end of the current Lockdown.
- 6. Future services and events:** Plans for the Prayer Day on Ash Wednesday and a Children's Service on Mothering Sunday were outlined.
- 7. Church yard:** Our Churchwarden Steve will be checking out repairs needed for the Path lighting. Peter Brown will be able to equip the shed with new tools, thanks to a gift on behalf of Alan from Jenny Curzons.



# WALBERTON VILLAGE HALL

I don't know about you but even though the days are much the same during lockdown, I can't believe we are at the end of February and Easter is fast approaching. With that in mind and the prospect of lockdown not being lifted for a while we have decided not to go ahead with the Easter Craft Fair in March. I think I have *déjà vu*, as I remember writing the same thing this time last year! We may decide to do a Christmas Craft Fair instead so watch this space.

However, with the vaccination programme going apace we are hopeful that things should return to some sort of normality by the summer. To ensure that the Open Gardens event, that was planned for June, will be an enjoyable occasion for everyone involved we have taken the decision to move it back to the 5<sup>th</sup> September. With the summers being a lot hotter now during September we are confident that the gardens will still look great and have lots to offer. I also think by that point everyone in the village will feel a lot more comfortable with large numbers of people coming into the village for the day and we will be able to offer refreshments. If the Chelsea Flower Show can do it in September, then I'm sure we can!

Other than cancelling and moving dates around we are making sure the hall is ticking over. I am still furloughed for half of my time, while Pre-School is the only group allowed to continue, but have been using this time to do jobs that I wouldn't normally have time for. We still have to make sure that our risk assessments are up to date and that health and safety reviews are carried out. So, when the hall is allowed to open once more, we should be in good shape to welcome back our regular groups and private hirers. Fingers crossed it won't be too long and we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel. At least when I come to write my next article hopefully my daughter will be back at school!

If you do wish to get in touch please call on 01243 554448 or email me [manager@walbertonvillagehall.org](mailto:manager@walbertonvillagehall.org) Fiona Horton

## WHY TEACHERS DRINK

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?

A. Keep it in the cow

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorised (eg abdomen)?

A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels: A,E,I,O,U.



## HERE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

If you need help in any way please contact us. We can direct you to the best place to get help and if you need financial help St Mary's have a dedicated fund available to those who live in the parish. Email, text or phone

The email address is [help@stmaryswalberton.org.uk](mailto:help@stmaryswalberton.org.uk)

The mobile phone number is **07552774494**

## COMMUNITY MINIBUS SERVICE

### No 'new' news!

We regret that the Community Bus Service is to be suspended for the time being. As soon as it is considered safe to start again, we will let members know and the schedule will be published in the Parish News.



Cherry Jay - 551818

Mary Lewis - 552292

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

For the next month St Mary's is praying especially for the residents in **The Street, Maple Parade and Maple Road.**

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

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

I do hope we are much nearer now to our next get together. Hopefully most of you will have had your first vaccine jab, except for our two younger members but you will be next I'm sure at the rate it's happening.

Please use this time to think of what you would like from our club, speakers, activities, discussions, quizzes, afternoon teas and lunches. Hopefully we'll have lots to talk about at our first meeting. When we do meet it's the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2.15pm. in the small room at the rear of the village hall. Best wishes to you all.

For further information please contact Ann Wells 555893

# NOTICEBOARD

## Decorative Garden Flints - Free for collection

Could you use about 40 decorative flints to enhance your garden? If so please phone Helen on 553441 and arrange collection. Free of charge, just call and collect them!

Stop pre-emption taken

## Foodbank Donations

**Don't forget**, you can still donate items to the Foodbank. The need continues and 'The Village Florist' have offered to collect items on an ongoing basis. See the notice on their door.

Thanks very much.

Remember tinned fish, meat, fruit, veg, and dry foods like pasta including pasta sauces, cereals, also toiletry items, toilet rolls and nappies. No fresh food please.

## HELP TO OVERCOME COVID-19

There is a study - **the COVID-19 symptom study** - being conducted by King's College London, monitoring the progress of COVID-19, assessing the roll out of the vaccine, producing informative weekly updates and advising the UK Government. **YOU** can help by joining this study, along with over 4.5 million others. The greater the numbers the more reliable the study will become.

It is an online survey which needs completing each day to alert the organisers of any new symptoms you might have. There is a lot of information on their website which is [www.covid.joinzoe.com](http://www.covid.joinzoe.com)

Sign up and help us out of this pandemic safely.

## OUTREACH POST OFFICE

Don't forget that the **Outreach Post Office** is open every Friday from 9.00am to 12.00 midday. All the usual Post Office services are available, including cash/currency. As busy as ever **do please support** Tracy as she provides this invaluable service to our community. Greetings cards also available.

# The Binsted Bugle



## STAR OF THE SEA?

I was lucky enough to find a hardback copy of 'Meetings with Remarkable Manuscripts', by Christopher de Hamel, when going through Mike's parents' books. I knew someone who would like it – and offered to give it to them – but then started reading it myself and had to postpone the handover to give myself time to finish it, it was so good. Warning: I'm told the paperback does not do the illustrations justice.

Seeing that Christopher de Hamel was so good at interpreting the imagery in all these – mainly illuminated – manuscripts, covering many centuries, I sent him a message via the Parker Library in Cambridge asking him if he could help identify the saint in our 12<sup>th</sup>-century wall-painting in Binsted church. We have what remains of it, a female-looking figure, and a drawing by Johnston of how it looked in 1888, soon after it was discovered hidden under whitewash when the church was renovated and restored in 1868.

Christopher has come up with an entirely new idea. He began: 'I am not really a historian of iconography and certainly not of church architecture. There does not seem to be much in the wall painting to judge by. It is possible that the tree is purely decorative, or that it indicates no more than that the scene is in the open air.' (There goes my theory that it is St Ambrose and the tree is a three-thonged scourge – I'm rather glad.)



The window as it is today

He continued: 'The prominent star seems more unusual and might be more relevant. To judge by the Johnston drawing, the inscription begins "S A M...". I suppose everything depends on where the word break falls. If it is "S[ANCTUS] AM[BROSIVS]", then there's your Ambrose, but it doesn't look like a man, or a bishop. It looks like a woman, with a crown. The caption could just as easily be "S[ANCT]A M[...]", and the 'M' name could easily be Maria or either of the two Margarets. The Virgin Mary as well as both Margaret of Antioch and Margaret of Scotland might all wear crowns, but not Mary Magdalene. Margaret of Scotland would seem an unlikely choice



The drawing by Johnston in 1888 when it was first revealed

in Sussex. The Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven was also the star of the sea, and Binsted is not so far from the coast: I suppose the 'SA' and 'M' words could therefore even be 'S[TELL]A M[ARIS]'. This is only a wild guess, and don't take it as anything more.'

There are some more fragmentary letters after S A M – the last one looks like a C, but it could be part of an S. Once Covid is under control, I look forward to something happening in the church to celebrate this new idea – maybe a special service, and some more music. Settings of the Latin hymn 'Ave maris stella' spring to mind.

Emma Tristram

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## WALBERTON OPEN GARDENS DAY

scheduled for Sunday 13th June, will now be held on

### Sunday 5th September 2021

Following Chelsea Flower Show's lead in believing restrictions on social interaction won't be fully relaxed before late summer, and in the best interests of garden owners and potential visitors, we have reluctantly decided to postpone this much appreciated event until we can safely mount a full and enjoyable afternoon of garden visits and other events of our Open Gardens Day.

So mark up your calendars for

### Sunday 5th September between 12 & 5pm

and look forward to a gloriously happy afternoon among the beautiful gardens of Walberton, Binsted & Fontwell, whether visiting others or welcoming visitors to YOURS

For any further information please contact:

Fiona Horton 07930 311488, Glenn Stone 07709 849712, or Richard Strickland 01243552825

## PRAYER DIARY FOR MARCH

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41v10

### St Mary's

-- Pray for work of our local Mothers' Union branch, for continued provision for the baby basket project and for the renovation of the summer holiday caravans for families in need.

-- Pray for volunteers to help with stewarding, reading and leading intercessions when worship resumes, and for volunteers to come forward to ensure the continuity of the Parish News.

### Our Community

-- Pray for God's blessing on those who live in The Street, Maple Parade and Maple Road.

-- Pray for our village shopkeepers and the weekly outreach Post Office in the Pavilion. Give thanks for the services they provide and pray they would remain safe.

-- Pray for leaders and staff at our Primary school, Pre-school and Community Playcentre and for the children in their care.

### Our Nation

-- Pray for continued guidance for our governments as they navigate the way out of lockdown. Pray for the March budget that it would not hit those who are already struggling to make ends meet.

-- Give thanks for our mothers, for those who have cared for and nurtured us; pray for those for whom Mothering Sunday brings a sense of sorrow.

-- Pray for those working in the Border Force and Police Force seeking to implement measures to safeguard against Covid-19.

-- Pray for charities supporting those who are living rough, for local foodbanks and community initiatives to provide for the most vulnerable.

### The World

-- Pray for the UNHCR working to provide shelter, food, water, healthcare and protection for refugees fleeing war, persecution and violence.

-- Pray for a way forward toward democratic elections in Haiti to end current unrest and uncertainty; pray for those who continue to live under the poverty line in the country.

-- Pray that other countries may follow the example of Colombia, giving protected status to those who have fled Venezuela, allowing them to work legally and access health and education services.

### The Church

-- Ecumenical World Day of Prayer, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March: the theme *Building on a Firm Foundation* encourages us to pray for unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity.

*In this time of Lent, may our thoughts turn inwards to seek God in prayer, and outwards to see and respond to the needs of others.*

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## Downland Art Society

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The Downland Art Society has continued to meet, via Zoom, during these last few months. It has been a great way to keep the majority of our membership in touch with each other, whilst supporting professional artists. They have been able to present painting demonstrations through live streaming with interactive questions and comments from members.

Workshops, online, have followed some of the demos, to give people an opportunity of trying out different techniques at home. It has been a learning curve for all of us but well worth the opportunity of escaping into a pastime we love. In February Marcus Finch, the Society's president, gave an interesting demo with the South Downs as the subject for a contemporary painting approach.

The society has also been running a monthly competition with a different theme each time. Members submit photos of their work onto the website and all are invited to vote for their favourite painting - with a small financial reward for the winner!

For anyone interested in joining the society, go to the website or contact me for further information. It is also possible to watch the online demos, as a non member.

Liz Brown 01243 551829 [pjbrown294@btinternet.com](mailto:pjbrown294@btinternet.com)

[www.downland.org](http://www.downland.org)

### PRAYER FOR MARCH

Have pity on our frailty O God,

Draw us through prayer into your heart of compassion.

Bring healing to those who are enduring pain.

Bring value to those who are disregarded.

Bring joy to those who are in great sorrow.

Bring hope to those that have nothing to live for.

Bring provision to those who are hungry.

Bring shelter to those without a home.

Bring community to those who are lonely.

Please use and prompt me to be your hands of love across a hurting world

In Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

*I liked this prayer because it asks God to act and bring things to our world that we need so much but then turns the prayer round to remind us that we are so often the answers to the prayers we offer! A good prayer for Lent.*

Ed.

### NEW EDITOR NEEDED.

After 5 years your editor has decided to hand on the task of compiling and editing the Parish News before he gets too stale or repetitive. The final copy of my editorship will be no later than the July/August edition but the role is available now.

The Parish News could benefit from some new eyes looking at its content, layout and direction, and preferably someone younger.

There is a job description available and a Comprehensive Guide to setting up and printing the Parish News. The Editor of the Walberton, Binsted and Fontwell Parish News is currently a voluntary role. At their February meeting the PCC agreed that they would prefer to have an editorial team who would sift through the content and present it to a compositor to upload it on to a desktop Publishing system ready for printing. The compositor role would be a paid job, the editorial team voluntary.

The Parochial Church Council are the Publisher and Rev Tim Ward is the Chairman of that council. If you are interested in being on the editorial team, or, equally importantly taking on the role of compositor, please contact Tim for the Job Description, Guide and any further information. Email [vicar@stmaryswalberton.org.uk](mailto:vicar@stmaryswalberton.org.uk)

## BOOKS YOU MAY ENJOY

**Two for the price of one this month! A book on history and a novel. Enjoy!**



### **Operation Chastise. The complete story of the Dambusters' Raid**

by Max Hastings

The 1955 film 'The Dambusters', remains etched in my memory as both a great film and a powerful tribute to the British at war. But what is the full story?

Max Hastings has combined his gifts for academic research and storytelling into a compelling and fascinating account. The book does what a film can never do which is to look in depth at the characters of those involved, the background to the times in which it is set, the lives of men and women at war, the detail of the attack itself and its aftermath.

The familiar characters are of course Guy Gibson, the squadron commander of 617 Squadron, Barnes Wallis the visionary engineer, and the Avro Lancaster bomber. But alongside them are the men and women of the squadron, the engineers and others who got them this far, but principally the aircrew. There is also the high-level Air Force politics, principally surrounding the belief held by 'Bomber' Harris, the head of Bomber Command, on the efficacy of strategic bombing as a war winning strategy. There is the role of technology and its effect on strategy and Britain's desperate lack of resources forcing the need to prioritise rather than doing everything they wanted.

The potential effect of breaching the great Rühr dams on German industrial production was appreciated early in the war; the means of doing so was a different matter. There were not the aircraft able to carry a bomb of sufficient size, nor a bomb to be effective against such formidable structures, nor the capability to achieve sufficiently accurate bombing.

Aside from his work for Vickers, Wallis had independently appreciated the effect of breaching the dams and conceived a method of doing so. Wallis was determined and good at pushing his

theories within the Air Ministry and Ministry of Aircraft Production and found allies where he could. He also made enemies who thought his ideas mad. Among these was 'Bomber' Harris who resented anything that appeared to detract from his obsession that Germany could be beaten by strategic bombing.

Wallis emerges as a man driven by his beliefs. On one hand a gentle, religious, and loving husband and father; and on the other a man of ideas for new weapons and new ways of helping to defeat Germany. Many of his ideas were not practical in terms of resources or application, but this one was, and he pursued it obsessively; an obsession without which the story would have never happened.

Gibson emerges as another man driven by his desire to engage the enemy, in his case by bombing. Like many pilots he probably found it easier to engage the enemy from a distance rather than face to face.

He was given the problem of putting together and training a brand-new squadron from scratch welding them into an effective fighting force using new techniques of low flying. Many of them came from the dominions, Canada, Australia and New Zealand as well as the USA. Gibson was a disciplinarian, remote from his men, respected rather than liked.

The attack, on 16-17 May 1943, looks at each aircraft and what happens to it and its crew. It is an often-harrowing story of men at war and their determination to do their duty when death was their expectation. There is the contrast between men at one moment facing death in the skies and later chatting up the barmaid in their local pub. It is a story of men coping with probable death and becoming old before their time.

Where the book really hits home is the story of the aftermath. While the surviving 11 aircrews out of the 19 that left Scampton that night exulted the next day in their survival and the destruction of two dams, the downstream destruction of lives and property makes difficult reading.

100 million tons of water was released from the Möhne dam which carried all before it; men, women, children, livestock, crops, buildings, electricity stations and factories. Loss of life was never fully known because it included slave labour, many of them women, from Ukraine, Poland, France, and other countries.

This is the complete story, warts and all. But more than that it demonstrates why it is we remember these and so many others every year in November.

In that context I found it profoundly moving.

*Patrick Dealtry*

## The Second Sleep

By Robert Harris

This is a fascinating book which resonates with the past, the present and the future. For a book written before we had heard of COVID-19 or Extinction Rebellion it has an uncanny relevance to today's world.

The book is set in the year 1468 but we quickly learn, through the presence of various artifacts, (and an excess of parakeets), that this is not the 1468 we expect. Although the overall setting is what we would expect of mediaeval times, it is an England following some apocalyptic cataclysm, (in 2022), the meaning of which gradually unfolds as we read on. The years have been renumbered and it is necessary to read carefully because, as with any good mystery, there are clues in the text for which we do not see the relevance until later.

Richard Fairfax, a newly ordained priest, has been sent by his Bishop to carry out the funeral of the controversial vicar of a parish set in a remote valley somewhere in Wessex. He anticipates a one-day visit and then a swift return to the seminary. His is a simple world where the horse is the normal means of transport, other than on foot. There is no electricity or means of communication other than letter. The mass of the people live in hovels. Most of the buildings we know today are in ruins or have disappeared; only stone-built churches have survived.

The equality imposed by a post-apocalyptic dystopian world is already separating into the haves and have nots. It is a world where books have been burned, knowledge of science and technology has been lost. Instead, the Church becomes once again all-powerful, as it seeks to control the population. As Harris writes, 'An entire generation's correspondence and memories had vanished into this mysterious entity called 'The Cloud'.

Blame for the apocalypse, which overtook the world in 2022, is placed on the move away from religion and over-reliance on science and technology.

Up to now, Fairfax's world is one where the Church is dominant and any reference to the 'old' world is considered heresy, punishable by death. Nonetheless he is slowly sucked into that 'old' world as he gradually discovers what might have happened. His old certainties are gradually eroded. Why did the old world come to an end? Harris offers, in Chapter 6, some thought on why civilisation as we know it may fall. As one of his characters says 'All civilisations think they will last for ever. History shows that none of them do'.

But this is Robert Harris, where nothing is simple, at his unpredictable and highly inventive best. His writing is intensely skilful with his ability to find the right words to place a scene or an atmosphere into our minds with great effect and without apparent effort.

The book works on several levels; as a mystery, a comment on today's world and as a thought-provoking introduction to the possibilities that might lie ahead of us. It is well plotted with interesting and well-drawn characters involved in what are, for them, dramatic and potentially life changing events. The difficulty lies with the ending which while dramatic is arguably a little unsatisfactory. However the preceding 99.9% makes it more than worth reading.

*Patrick Dealtry*

### *Ed's Note*

I have been holding on to this book review for a few months now (and eventually had a space waiting to be filled) and had been intrigued by the book and so borrowed it from a friend who had been given it for Christmas. It is a real 'page turner' but it has such a resonance with our times of near apocalypse that it is not an easy read in that sense. As Patrick says the ending is possibly unsatisfactory, certainly it is unexpected but I did not feel that it detracted from the 'message' of the book which is certainly very thought provoking for a time of pandemic. I recommend it to our readers.

### **EASTER RECIPE FOR SIMNEL CAKE**

<b>Ingredients</b>	Grated rind of one small orange and one small lemon	Topping and filling marzipan
6 oz. butter	2 oz. candied peel	12oz. Ground almonds
6 oz. sugar	8oz. plain flour	12oz. Icing sugar
3 large eggs beaten	1 tsp baking powder	3 large egg yolks
6oz. currants	1 tsp mixed spice	2 tsp lemon juice
8 oz. sultanas	3 tbs milk	1tsn almond essence
2 oz. Glace cherries in quarters		1tbs brandy or sherry

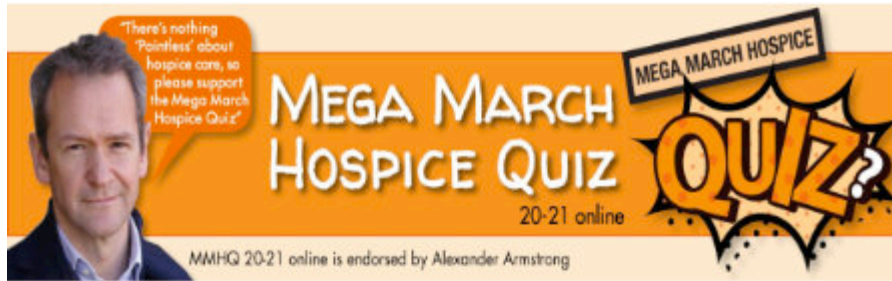
### **Method**

Use an 8 inch cake tin. Cream butter and sugar. Add slowly the beaten eggs. Fold in the fruits, peel and rinds. Add the sifted flour with the baking powder and mixed spice. Fold in the milk. Leave to one side.

Marzipan. Mix ground almonds and sugar. Add the egg yolks, lemon juice, almond essence and brandy. Knead to a stiff paste. Take 1/3 of the marzipan, roll it out to form an 8 inch circle. Put half cake mixture into the tin, fit the circle of marzipan over the cake mix. Put rest of cake mix on top, level it. Bake in the centre of the oven for 2 and a half to 3 hours at 150 degrees C. Roll out the rest of the marzipan to an 8 inch circle. When the cake is cool fit marzipan to the top of the cake. Add traditional 'disciples' if you like.







The Friends of Sussex Hospices are hosting online quizzes in March to help raise much needed funds for hospice care providers and The Sussex Snowdrop Trust is part of this group.

The quiz programme is being endorsed by one of the UK's most popular TV quiz hosts, Alexander Armstrong, who presents BBC's "Pointless".

The quiz series is called Mega March Hospice Quiz 20-21 online!

There will be 4 online quizzes to run at weekly intervals throughout March.

Each quiz will be made up of 21 questions which have to be answered in 20 minutes.

There will be a weekly winner and an overall winner for the four-week programme.

Participants will be encouraged to make a donation at the time of registering and will be able to select the Sussex hospice care provider of their choice when they sign up.

People can get all the information about MMHQ 20-21 online and register to take part from February 4th using the following link:

[www.friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk/mmhq-online/](http://www.friendsofsussexhospices.org.uk/mmhq-online/)

**We hope you enjoy this!**



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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



### A27 Arundel Bypass

The PC has instructed a barrister to help us challenge Grey.

We have had a follow-up discussion with Highways England and are awaiting responses to our written questions. They are well aware of our opposition to the Grey route. In the meantime we are working on considerations for mitigation should we be lumbered with the Grey route to try to minimise the impact on our villages. You have hopefully seen the No Grey posters around the village – please download a copy from the website and display one!

We also had a meeting with Andrew Griffith MP. He has confirmed he will not oppose the Grey Route but has offered to help us with mitigation, and also residents with practical support to reduce the impact the road may have on them. You can email him at [Andrew@GriffithMP.com](mailto:Andrew@GriffithMP.com).

### Neighbourhood Plan

The Plan has been assessed by the external examiner and the final changes are being reviewed ready for the referendum. Please keep checking on the Parish Council website for the final version. We are aiming to hold the referendum on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May at the same time as the local elections. We urge you to support us so we can more strongly resist future unwanted developments.

Please be aware that the Polling Stations for ALL parish residents have been changed to Westergate Methodist Church because of Coronavirus restrictions. To reduce the amount of travelling and to improve social distancing, we recommend that you apply for a postal vote. You will need to apply to Arun District Council; the deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> April. You can download and print a form from <https://www.arun.gov.uk/2021-elections/> or call them on 01903 737616.

### Census

The National Census is being held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March. You can fill in your responses either online or on a paper form. It's best this time if you can fill them in online. If it is permissible and you have a neighbour who needs help, please offer your support. The results provide vital information on various aspects of living in our Parish, but

not just for central government. This may include infrastructure improvements such as healthcare funding. We use Census information to guide and justify our Neighbourhood Plan and other Planning decisions. They can be used to argue against development that we can demonstrate does not provide what is needed in our area.

### KINGFISHER

This bird is not one of prey,  
It sings its sweet song every day,  
You might see flashes of blue,  
But it really has nothing to do,  
This bird is of harmony and soothe,  
It likes the crystal clear waters of the Norfolk broads  
With the peaceful surroundings,  
But you can find them anywhere,  
King of hunting fish,  
They all have no fear,  
To see dawn of a new day,

Many come to photograph,  
Many come to see  
These dazzling birds,  
But they are hard to find even with colour of blue,  
For still they are as silk as blankets,  
All morning they fly around singing their tunes,  
At 12 pm they fish alone for another dinner,  
At night they nestle into bed ready for a new day,  
Their habitats are near water though some stroll off,  
Their habits are simple,  
Their life is calm and peaceful,  
Blue wings zoom into action when time to take off,  
A flash of blue,  
ah you missed it,  
Homes in muddy banks,  
As these never need a fishing rod to get a good catch,  
They gulp down their dinner whole,  
They always like a shoal.

*Sebastian - aged 9*





## WALBERTON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As I write this report I am listening to a very cold, strong easterly wind making the temperature outside seem like -6 degrees. I think perhaps even the criminals are finding it a little too cold to venture outside as crime in the area has reduced dramatically in the past few weeks. Hopefully by the time this article is published, the temperatures will have warmed up somewhat and Spring will be on its way leading to probably an increase in crime. The continued lockdown has also been a contributory factor for the reduced crime rate as so many residences are occupied all day with people home schooling their children and working from home. Vehicle theft seems to be the predominant crime and especially catalytic converters. The precious metal in catalytic converters has led to an increase in their theft from vehicles and unfortunately this trend has taken place across Arun and Chichester. Sussex Police are appealing for the public to listen out for any suspicious noises or activity around stationary vehicles. Thieves usually use power tools to remove the catalytic converters and these obviously will make a noise whilst trying to remove them. These converters can be stolen within 30 seconds and a hydraulic jack will often be used to lift the vehicle. In some cases however a jack is not required as the suspects can reach under a larger vehicle such as a van or 4 x 4. There are security measures that can be employed to prevent you becoming a victim of this crime. Ask your car dealer if they can give you advice on locks and guards that are approved by the manufacturer. There are security devices available both online and in stores that make the theft of a catalytic converter much harder. Please call 999 if you ever witness anyone acting suspiciously around a vehicle or if you see this type of crime happening.

Criminals are continuing to take advantage of the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out as phishing email reports soar. Emails now in circulation, which attempt to trick people into handing over their bank details, were reported more than 1000 times in 24 hours. They appear to come from the NHS and ask the recipient to click on a link to accept or decline an invitation to receive the vaccine. If they click accept, they are asked to input personal information and their bank card details. Head of Action Fraud says "it's despicable that fraudsters will take advantage of such an important tool in the fight against this deadly disease". Please ignore any such email and

report it to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk). Luckily at the time of writing, most people in the top four groups have received their vaccine and probably these include some of the most vulnerable to this sort of scam.

A number of residents, including myself, have received quite aggressive phone calls claiming that their broadband has been compromised and will be shut down within 24 hours unless you press a button and speak to an advisor. Ignore it! One resident didn't even have broadband!

*Laurie Kling*

*Neighbourhood Watch Report February 2021*

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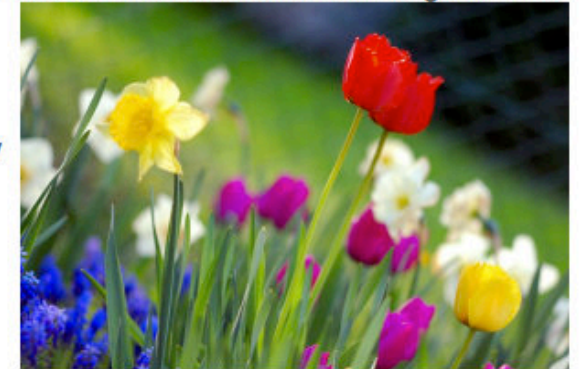
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