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## Farley Music Festival 2018

Each year, concert-goers at the Farley Music Festival are surprised and delighted by the sheer quality of the music that they can hear in the iconic village church of All Saints', Farley. Now in its seventeenth year, the Festival has established a strong reputation for showcasing world-class young musicians in a magical setting - giving pleasure to hundreds of people over five nights for one week in June and providing a valuable income to support the upkeep of this amazing building.

This year the Festival opens with a performance by Retorica - violinists Philippa Mo and Harriet Mackenzie. This is followed by three evenings performed by outstanding young pianists Ariel Lanyi, Julia Hamos and Isabelle Oehmichen. The Festival concludes with A Night at the Opera presented by the talented young artists of Sapori Vocali.

The 2018 festival is from 19th to 24th June (see page 9 or [www.farleymusic.co.uk](http://www.farleymusic.co.uk)).

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You can find details of how to book baptisms and weddings, as well as Team Worship Services, news and activities around the Clarendon Team.

For the Team Worship Rota go to [www.clarendonteam.org/rotacurrent.htm](http://www.clarendonteam.org/rotacurrent.htm),  
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# PITTON MARLEY PATHFINDERS

**The Pathfinders will meet on  
Sunday May 6th in St.Peter's at 11.00am.  
We will find out about how Jesus wants us  
as his friends and wants us to love one  
another. All ages welcomed.  
For details contact Sara Bossom  
on 01980 611133**



## Pitton Methodist Society

The Pitton Methodists worship together with the Anglicans at St. Peter's Church and have a Methodist led service there once a month (currently the 3rd Sunday).

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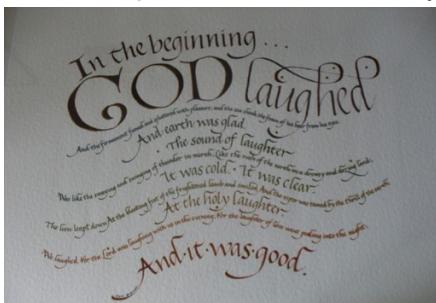
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## Team Letter

Revd Jane Dunlop

Dear Friends,

I have this picture on the wall in my



study, which reads

### In the beginning GOD laughed

and the firmament fumed and spluttered with pleasure;  
And the sea shook the form of his hair from his eyes,

### And earth was glad. The sound of laughter

was like the swaying and swinging of thunder in mirth; like the rush of the north on a drowsy and dozing land,

### It was cold. It was clear.

The lion leapt down at the bleating feet of the frightened lamb and smiled; and the viper was tamed by the thrill of the earth,

### At the holy laughter.

We laughed, for the Lord was laughing with us in the evening; for the laughter of love went pealing into the night;

### AND IT WAS GOOD.

(– Paul Bunday)

Laughter is so good for you, so below is a selection of some sentences with all the 'bloopers' that

have all genuinely appeared in past Church magazines or Church announcements, (but not ours I hastened to add).

'Ladies, don't forget the jumble sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.' 'At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice'

'Peter James and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.'

'Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.'

'Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM. Prayer and meditation to follow.'

'The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the hall on Friday afternoon.'

'This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.'

'Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.'

'Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.'

I hope that you enjoyed these as much as I did.

With love,  
Jane

## Need help? Or know someone who does?

We are a very old charity - The Brooke Evelyn & Thistlethwaite Trust - dating back to 1684, set up to assist residents in the (ecclesiastical) parish of West Dean with East Grimstead, who find themselves in need, hardship or distress. We can help by making grants of money, or by providing or paying for items, services or facilities.

We help support a number of situations, from travel expenses to visit a relative in hospital, payment for a short-term carer or providing a lifeline emergency phone line. We cannot make a grant to replace a benefit which can be claimed as a statutory right from public funds; for example, from The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) or the local authority.

During these difficult times, many people are being forced into unexpected hardship. It might be yourself, friends or a neighbour of whose circumstances you are aware. Please get in touch to discuss the matter, in confidence.

Any Resident of West Dean or East Grimstead who wishes assistance should contact

**Chris Craig - 01722 712677 (East Grimstead)**

**Pat Hargraves - 01794 340254 (West Dean).**

If your case meets the qualifying criteria as set out by the Charity you will be visited by one of the Trustees who will discuss your problems and needs. Naturally you may be asked for details of your financial position but you can expect and be assured all discussions and disclosures are completely confidential and only divulged to the Trustees as part of the approval process. We guarantee full discretion at all times. Please contact us even if it's just for a chat ...we are here to help.

## Farley Hospital Vacancies for Trustees

**Farley Hospital** is a Grade I listed building opposite All Saints' Church in Farley. It is also the name of the charity (Registered Charity No: 201348) which manages the buildings, sometimes known as the Wardens or the Almshouses, and the associated grounds.



The charity presently has a number of vacancies for trustees to assist in the management of the Hospital. The Trustees are volunteers, who will normally attend four ordinary meetings and the occasional extraordinary meeting each year, and sometimes be asked to take on additional tasks required for the efficient management of the Hospital.

It would be beneficial if potential Trustees had some particular skill in the areas of finance and investment, buildings and construction, the law, or social care, but most important is the desire to recognise the heritage of the Hospital and its place in the history of Farley.

If you would like to consider becoming a Trustee, please in the first place indicate your interest to

**Jamie Latham (Chairman)**

**01722 712787**

**or**

**jamielatham2015@hotmail.com**

## From the registers

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#### Baptisms

Harriet Willow ASHBY O'KEEFFE  
at  
Farley  
on  
8th April 2018

Humphrey Angus Patrick PEEBLES  
at  
Farley  
on  
8th April 2018

#### Weddings

Marc Jonathan MITCHELL  
and  
Sara Felicity Tamsin WEBB  
at  
Whiteparish  
on  
5th April 2018

James Julian Ivor GAMMON  
and  
Gemma Elizabeth WOODHOUSE  
at  
Winterslow  
on  
7th April 2018

Brett Jake SEYMOUR  
and  
Victoria Louise MARTIN  
at  
Alderbury  
on  
7th April 2018

#### Funerals

Jean Margaret JONES  
at  
Pitton  
on  
5th April 2018

Kathleen Joyce WOODGATE  
at  
Alderbury  
on  
9th April 2018

# Grimstead Parish Council

Report - April 2018

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The Annual Parish Meeting was held on the 9th April with speakers in attendance from Wiltshire Police, Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Services, Hazel Hill and Wiltshire Councillor Richard Britton.

The Grimsteads are outside of the ten minute response time from Salisbury Fire Station and therefore in more danger should a fire occur in their house. In this connection, members of the team would be very willing to come out to see people and assess their situation. If you feel vulnerable and would like a Safe and Well Visit from the Fire and Rescue, there is a form to be filled out and returned to the clerk who will then forward it on.

The state of Windwhistle Lane was discussed. It is very muddy where large lorries still use it for access to the village. The Council has tried many times to try and prevent such vehicles from turning into the lane from the A36 without success. The clerk will write again to Highways England.

The flooding by the Charcoal Track in West Grimstead continues to cause problems after heavy rain. Wiltshire Council are being kept informed of the situation.

Over the past year, the council has been very involved with the Playing Field particularly with regard to the new safety surfacing. Work on the proposed petanque terrain will commence as soon as the weather improves. East Grimstead Reading Room Committee has offered its large outdoor chess set to the Playing Field at West Grimstead.

Sadly fly tipping is still an issue especially in Windwhistle Lane and Gays Drove but the Council is looking into the possibility of gates being erected at either end of the Drove. The landowners to have keys to the gates.

Unfortunately Long Drove will be closed until the 11th May. The contractors have been unable to do the necessary repairs

to the culvert because of all the recent rain.

The annual litter pick-up was carried out on the 24th March with lots of bags being collected around the parish.

With regard to the Circular Footpath around the parish, it is hoped to appoint a leader of the Footpath Group who is not a member of the Parish Council but a PC member would remain part of that group. The route and position of signs has been agreed and work to install them will start when the weather improves.

Approximately 10% of the Vision Forms have been returned and it was hoped that more responses would be forthcoming. If there is nothing striking with the results, it will be assumed that villagers are happy with the way the Parish Council is working.

Our next meeting is on **MONDAY, 14TH MAY AT EAST GRIMSTEAD READING ROOM**. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

**Liz Bayford**

[grimsteadpcclerk@gmail.com](mailto:grimsteadpcclerk@gmail.com)

# The Month of May

Andrew Simpson

May is the month when the ancient pagans used to get up to 'all sorts'! The Romans held their festival to honour the mother-goddess Maia, goddess of nature and growth. (May is named after her.) The early Celts celebrated the feast of Beltane, in honour of the sun god, Beli.

For centuries in 'Olde England' the people went mad in May. After the hardship of winter, and hunger of early Spring, May was a time of indulgence and unbridled merriment. One Philip Stubbes, writing in 1583, was scandalised: 'for what kissing and bussing, what smooching and slabbering one of another, is not practised?'



Henry VIII went 'maying' on many occasions. Then folk would stay out all night in the dark rain-warm thickets and return in the morning for dancing on the green around the May pole, archery, vaulting, wrestling, and evening bonfires.

The Protestant reformers took a strong stand against May Day - and in 1644 May Day was abolished altogether. Many May poles came down - only to go up again at the Restoration, when the first May Day of King Charles's reign was 'the happiest Mayday that hath been many a year in England', according to Pepys.

May Day to most people today brings vague folk memories of a young Queen of the May decorated with garlands and

streamers and flowers, a May Pole to weave, Morris dancing, and the intricacies of well dressing at Tissington in Derbyshire.

May Day is a medley of natural themes such as sunrise, the advent of summer, growth in nature, and - since 1833 - Robert Owen's vision of a millennium in the future, beginning on May Day, when there would be no more poverty, injustice or cruelty, but harmony and friendship. This is why, in modern times, May Day has become Labour Day, which honours the dignity of workers. And until recently, in communist countries May Day processions were in honour of the achievement of Marxism.

There has never been a Christian content to May Day, but nevertheless there is the well-known 6am service on the top of Magdalen Tower at Oxford where a choir sings in the dawn of May Day.



# Farley

Music Festival



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## Bank Holidays

David Pickup

*Therefore, do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day.... (Colossians 2:16)*

There were Jewish public holidays in New Testament times such as Passover. As Palestine was also occupied by the Romans, there were festivals and public games in honour of the Emperor as well. This caused a problem for Christians, because Roman Emperors were thought to be divine.

Christians have often struggled with questions about what to join in and what to avoid. St Paul seems to be saying do not worry too much about what other people think about what you join in and what do not touch. These things are not important compared to what we have in

store for us. (Which is like a really good holiday!)

I think we need at least one more Bank Holiday. Currently they are eight. (New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, May Day, Spring Bank Holiday, August Bank Holiday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day). I think we need another in October, to tie in with the school half term. Other parts of the UK have different holidays. The Queen decides which days are holidays. In past years we have had extra ones.

Although it is a public holiday, there is no legal right to have the time off. You have to rely on your contract or employment conditions. There is a right to 5.6 weeks annual paid leave, but bank holidays are included in that total. The law about Bank Holidays really just says the banks don't have to work and that means most people do not have to work.

This is light-hearted guide; if you have a concern about work and holidays always get proper professional advice.

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*1<sup>st</sup> Pitton Guides*

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## Ten Commandments for Artificial Intelligence

Lynda Finn

The Bishop of Oxford has suggested '10 commandments' that might be given for AI and robots, in order to ensure that artificial intelligence helps mankind, and does not oppress it.

Bishop Steven Croft, who sits on the House of Lords select committee on artificial intelligence (AI), suggests the following:

1. AI should be designed for all, and benefit humanity.
2. AI should operate on principles of transparency and fairness and be well signposted [signposting refers to road signs and the directions they provide].
3. AI should not be used to transgress the data rights and privacy of individuals, families, or communities.
4. The application of AI should be to reduce inequality of wealth, health, and opportunity.
5. AI should not be used for criminal intent, nor to subvert the values of our democracy, nor truth, nor courtesy in public discourse.
6. The primary purpose of AI should be to enhance and augment, rather than replace, human labour and creativity.
7. All citizens have the right to be adequately educated to flourish mentally, emotionally, and economically in a digital and artificially intelligent world.
8. AI should never be developed or deployed separately from consideration of the ethical consequences of its applications.
9. The autonomous power to hurt or destroy should never be vested in AI.
10. Governments should ensure that the best research and application of AI is directed toward the most urgent problems facing humanity.

### EAST GRIMSTEAD HOLY TRINITY

**Ladies you have done it again!** The church looked wonderful, with the magnificent flower arrangements for the Easter service.

Big thank you everyone who came to the Reading Room and supported the Hot Cross Bun morning, in aid of the Hospice. We raised £341.02.

It was great to see so many people there. **Thank you all.**

## Church bells will still ring out

James Toplyn

Planning policy is finally coming to the aid of church bells. No longer will people who move into areas with 'noisy' church bells be able to complain and have them shut down.

As the Secretary of State for Housing, Sajid Javid, recently said, 'Churches have been part of British life in towns and villages for centuries. Their bells should not be silenced by new housing going up, which is why planning policy will be strengthened to ensure it will be up to

developers building new properties nearby to identify and tackle noise problems.'

And so, it is that under the new guidance, it will be up to developers to soundproof the homes they build near churches with bells, music venues, and community and sports clubs.

The Church of England has welcomed the decision, pointing out that bell-ringing has been part of Christian worship for more than 1000 years.

The Pitton Carnival is being held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018

## Art and Photographic Competition

Release your inner artist and take up that paintbrush and/or camera to enter the competition, on this year's theme of

# A Fairy Tale!

- Classes: Under 16 and 16 and over
- Art Entries can be any size and in any medium.
- Photographic Entries can be any size and in colour or black and white.
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- Photographs and pictures to be handed in by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June at the latest to:

Mandy Mackenzie  
The Old Forge, High Street  
(E: [mandymackenzie1968@gmail.com](mailto:mandymackenzie1968@gmail.com))

All entries will be displayed on Fete Day (7<sup>th</sup> July) and can be collected from there after 7pm that day

Entries will be judged and certificates awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each class, with a voucher prize for first place.

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The Flashett, Winterslow

May 2018	Clarendon			
	6 <sup>th</sup> May		13 <sup>th</sup> May	
<b>St Johns, Winterslow</b>	08:00	Service at West Dean	08:00	Early Eucharist
<b>All Saints, Winterslow</b>	09:30	Parish Eucharist	09:30	Praise Service
<b>Farley</b>	11:00	Parish Eucharist	11:00	Morning Worship
<b>Pitton</b>	11:00	Morning Praise + Pathfinders	11:00	Parish Eucharist
<b>Alderbury</b>			09:30	Eucharist + Sunday Squad
<b>West Grimstead</b>	09:30 16:00	Pet Service Café Church West Grimstead Village Hall	11:00	Parish Eucharist
<b>West Dean</b>	08:00	BCP Eucharist	11:00	Morning Worship
<b>East Grimstead</b>	08:00	Service at West Dean	11:00	Service at West Dean
<b>Whiteparish</b>	08:00 09:30	BCP Eucharist Morning Worship	09:30 18:00	All Age Eucharist Evensong or Compline
Mid-Week				
<b>West Dean</b>			19:30 Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension	
<b>Whaddon</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 10:00		9 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00	

## Team Church Calendar

### Sunday Services

20 <sup>th</sup> May	27 <sup>th</sup> May		3 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Service at East Grimstead	08:00	Early Eucharist	08:00	Service at West Dean
Parish Eucharist	09:30	Healing Eucharist	09:30	Parish Eucharist
Parish Eucharist	18:00	Team Evensong	11:00	Parish Eucharist
Methodist Service	11:00	Parish Eucharist	11:00	Morning Praise + Pathfinders
Rogation Service at Witherington Farm	09:30 18:00	Healing Eucharist + Sunday Squad Whaddon Holy Family Chapel Evening Prayer	16:00	Café Church Alderbury Village Hall
Evensong	08:00	BCP Eucharist	09:30	Morning Worship
Parish Eucharist Baptism	11:00	Service at East Grimstead	08:00	BCP Eucharist
BCP Eucharist	11:00	Parish Eucharist	08:00	Service at West Dean
BCP Eucharist	09:30	Parish Eucharist	08:00	BCP Eucharist
Family Service			11:00	Morning Worship

### Other Eucharists (Wednesday)

Visitation Day Service	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	30 <sup>th</sup> May
16 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 10:00	30 <sup>th</sup> May 10:00

## Israel celebrates 70 years

Tim Lenton

Israel became an independent state 70 years ago this month, on 14th May 1948, as the British mandate in Palestine finally came to an end.

The very next day Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and Syria invaded Palestine, and a 13-month war began. The Arabs and Jews had been in tension with each other and the British ever since the 1917 Balfour Declaration and the 1920 creation of the British Mandate of Palestine.

The war had consequences that the Arabs had not foreseen, for Israel defeated both the Arab armies and the Palestinian militias, and in the process created 700,000 Palestinian refugees.

The UN partition, which the Palestinians had rejected, had promised 56% of British Palestine to the Jewish state. By the end of the war, Israel possessed 77%. She had everything but the West Bank and eastern quarter of Jerusalem (controlled by Jordan), and the Gaza Strip (controlled by Egypt).

It all meant that Israel now had a state, but not the Palestinians. The problem is still a bone of contention. Today, the West Bank is nominally controlled by the Palestinian Authority and is under Israeli occupation. Gaza is controlled by Hamas, an Islamist fundamentalist party, and is under Israeli blockade, but not occupied by ground troops.



*...I wonder if I could have a quick word with the flower arrangers at the end of this service...?*

### WEST DEAN ANNUAL VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Saturday 12 May 2018

Lots of help needed. Plenty of choice of jobs! Please meet on the village green at 10am. Feel free to bring with you items you may find useful such as protective gloves, spades, shovels, trowels and pruners. High-vis waistcoats, litter pickers, black sacks and cleaning materials will be provided. Bacon butties and coffee available at the village hall at noon.

# WEST DEAN FESTIVAL

## VILLAGE FETE

SATURDAY 2ND JUNE 2018

1.00 TO 5.00PM



### TRADITIONAL ZONE

20 CRAFT STALLS

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TEAS & CAKES

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### MUSIC ZONE

LIVE MUSIC

LOCAL ARTISTS

FOOD CIDER BAR



### ANIMAL ZONE

DOG AGILITY PONY RIDES

BABY LAMBS DOG SHOW



### FOOD ZONE

LOCAL PRODUCE STALLS

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## Get to the church on time

Diane Ritter

Should we 'charge' brides who are late to weddings at our church? What do you think?

Many will remember the story about the rector in Kent that made the headlines a few months ago: he charges brides £100 if they arrive at the church more than 10 minutes late, without good reason.

Here is how he does it: he does not 'fine' them, but instead offers a 'two-tier' rate for getting married in his church. And so, a £100 deposit is charged in advance, and given back to the couple if they are on time. If the couple are late, the £100 does not go to the clergy or parish but is divided among all those who help out in the service, such as the organist, verger, choir and bell-ringers, and who also must wait for the bride. (It is known that bell-ringers around the country 'grumble a good deal' about late brides.)

The £100 is neither a fee nor a bonus, nor a fine. It is simply an extra charge for making everyone else involved in the wedding wait for the bride. The rector in Kent says that the scheme had run well in his church for the past nine years.

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6	9	5	1	2	7	3	8	4
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8	4	1	5	3	6	7	9	2

## Thirty Years' War

Tim Lenton

The Thirty Years' War began 400 years ago, on 23 May 1618, and ended almost exactly 30 years later, on 15 May 1648. It was one of the longest and most destructive conflicts in European history. Probably eight million people were killed, mainly in what is now Germany.

It was the deadliest European religious war, fuelled mainly by the attempts of the incoming Holy Roman Emperor, Ferdinand II, a devout Roman Catholic, to clamp down on Protestant states. His predecessors, Rudolf II and Matthias, had been markedly more tolerant.



The war developed into a more widespread conflict, with the Swedes intervening after it seemed the Protestants would be routed, and Catholic France eventually intervening on the Protestant side through fear of an alliance between the Hapsburgs and the Spanish.

The war demonstrated that religious conflicts, once started, are very hard to stop because of the passions they arouse, and for that reason helped to end the age of religious wars in Europe.

After the Treaty of Westphalia, the exhausted powers eventually agreed not to try to impose their faith on other states, and the power of the Holy Roman Empire was broken – although it lasted until 1806. But it was in 1648 that the modern system of nation-states was established.



## WEST DEAN FETE – SATURDAY

2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE  
MUSIC COMPETITION

We do hope that you have already started to plan how you will decorate your garden in West Dean to represent the words of a well known song.

Time is marching on

Prizes for the best gardens!!

Further details and entry forms will be delivered by hand to the homes in West Dean by the 15<sup>th</sup> May



(Entry only available for homes in West Dean)

## National Doughnut Week

Diana Ginn

Eat some doughnuts – and help raise money to help desperately ill children through the Children's Trust.

That is the aim of National Doughnut Week (12th to 19th May), and this year you will find about 600 participating bakeries, cafes and shops, all over the country. There you can choose from all sorts of doughnuts with various toppings and fillings.

Through the support of these bakeries, cafes and shops, National Doughnut Week has raised more than £755,000 in the past 23 years for children's charities. And it is hoped that at least £30,000 will be raised to make this the best year ever.

The Children's Trust is a national charity working with children who have multiple disabilities and complex health needs.

## How many snacks?

David Pearson

When your children get hungry between meals, what do you do? Public Health England (PHE) advises just two snacks a day, each of 100 calories or less.

PHE points out that the erosion of meal times has meant that children are snacking throughout the day. Each year, a child on average gets through 400 biscuits, 120 cakes and buns and pastries, around 100 portions of sweets and nearly 70 chocolate bars and ice creams, washed down with 150 drinks, including fizzy pop. A child can easily consume 660 calories in snacks alone – a third of their daily requirement.

PHE is urging parents to provide meals at set times and stop the 'grazing culture'. The average child eats three snacks a day, each of which may have hundreds of calories in it.

## COFFEE MORNING

**Wednesday 16 May 2018**

with a raffle and bring & buy

**Whitehill Lodge, Pitton**

from 10.30

**In aid of Christian Aid**

For more than 70 years Christian Aid has been helping change the lives of people, of all faiths and none, living in poverty around the world.

## Use it or lose it!

Michael Travis

If you are retired, or about to retire, beware: brain function declines rapidly as soon as people stop work and decide to put their feet up.

Recent research that tracked 3,400 retired civil servants found that short-term memory declined nearly 40 per cent faster once employees become pensioners. It seems that when you stop being regularly stimulated to think, your cognitive function slows down, and your memory loss and risk of dementia speed up.

And so, experts at University College London and King's College London advise older people to keep physically and mentally active, and to make sure they also interact with people on a regular basis.

## Pencils are difficult

David Winter

Here is an unexpected problem: children are struggling to use pencils these days, because the excessive use of touchscreen phones is damaging their dexterity.

Now paediatric doctors, handwriting experts and orthopaedic therapists are warning that although kids may swipe a screen, they no longer have the hand strength and agility to learn to write correctly when they start school.

It seems that the traditional skills of writing, drawing, painting, and cutting-out boost fine motor skills and co-ordination. But now 'children coming into school are being given a pencil but are increasingly not able to hold it, because they do not have the movement skills,' says a paediatrician from the NHS. 'They need to manipulate playdough, hold scissors, scribble with pencils, and so develop muscles in their shoulder, elbow and wrists.'

## WINTERSLOW OPEN GARDENS

JUNE 9th and 10th

2.00pm – 5.30pm



Tickets £8.00 from Central Stores or £9.00 on the day from the Village Hall where there will be cream teas, (included in the ticket price), plant and book stalls.



**WEDDING OF PRINCE HARRY  
AND MS MEGHAN MARKLE**



**ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION AFTERNOON TEA**

We would like to invite you to be our guests at a celebration tea on Sunday 20 May 2018 at West Grimstead Village Hall from 2.30pm to 4.30pm with tea, coffee and soft drinks, cakes, cream teas and ice creams. There will be a tombola, pin the tail on the corgi, human fruit machine, a Royal photographs quiz and a quiz about the Royal family. Every child of 12 and under who comes in fancy dress – it does not have to be Royal, it can be anything – will get a present. This is just for fun - not a fancy dress competition.

It would add to the occasion if everyone could come dressed in red, white and blue.

We look forward to seeing you.

Contacts: Barbara Lowe – 711436  
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# GUESS WHO'S BACK?

SATURDAY 30TH JUNE 2-4PM

*The  
Farley  
Fête*



*All Creatures Great and Small*

# A Service for the Animals



Our annual  
Service for the Animals will take  
place at St John's Church, West  
Grimstead, on Sunday 6 May 2018 at  
9.30am  
followed by refreshments in the Village  
Hall

*(There is no charge for the refreshments, but a donation towards the  
Village Hall Maintenance Fund would be much appreciated.)*

**Everyone welcome**

**Note: Owners must ensure that their pets  
are under control during the service**



Arrangements have been made to accommodate larger animals in the Church porch.  
Please contact Malcolm Read on 01722 710302 for further details.



**The Pitton Youth Group  
will meet on  
Sunday 13th May at 4.00pm - 5.30pm  
at Stockbottom House  
for a fun session of Drama and Stage  
craft with Lorna Taylor!**



If you are interested, then please contact Sara Bossom  
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

1st	10:00	Winterslow	Tuesday Club	Methodist Hall
2nd	10:30	Farley	Coffee Shop	Village Hall
2nd	19:00	Farley	Parish Council	Village Hall
2nd	19:30	West Dean	Bible Study	Rectory Hill
6th	09:30	West Grimstead	A Service for the Animals	St John's Church
7th	19:30	East Grimstead	Parish Council	Reading Room
8th	10:00	Winterslow	Tuesday Club	Methodist Hall
8th	12:15	East Grimstead	Grim Soup	Reading Room
12th	10:00	West Dean	Spring Clean	Village Green
14th	19:00	Pitton	Royal Wedding Street Party	Village Hall

### 15th                  Deadline for copy submission for June

16th	10:30	Pitton	Christian Aid Coffee Morning	Whitehill Lodge
16th	14:00	Farley	Garden Club Houghton Lodge Visit	Village Hall
16th	19:30	West Dean	Bible Study	Rectory Hill
16th	19:30	Pitton	Whist Drive	Village Hall
20th	14:30	West Grimstead	Royal Wedding Afternoon Tea	Village Hall
30th	19:30	West Dean	Bible Study	Rectory Hill

### JUNE

2nd	13:00	West Dean	Village Fete	Recreation Ground
9th	14:00	Winterslow	Open Gardens	Village Hall
10th	14:00	Winterslow	Open Gardens	Village Hall
15th			<b>Deadline for copy submission for July</b>	
19th	19:00	Farley	Harriet Mackenzie Philippa Mo (violins)	All Saints'
20th	19:00	Farley	Ariel Lanyi (piano)	All Saints'
21st	19:00	Farley	Julia Hamos (piano)	All Saints'
22nd	19:00	Farley	Isabelle Oehmichen (piano)	All Saints'
23rd	19:00	Farley	Saporì Vocali presents A Night at the Opera	All Saints' All Saints'
24th	18:00	Farley	Farley Music Festival Evensong	All Saints'
30th	14:00	Farley	Farley Fete	Village Green

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