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Anon

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CHURCHWARDENS

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No words can express my gratitude to all those wonderful people in the village who sent me flowers and cards; telephoned and gave of their time in their busy lives to support me following my accident.

My recovery has been rapid which, I feel sure is due, in no small part, to being blessed by living amongst the residents of the special village of Lurgashall.

Judy Flint

Church Services for March 2024

3 March Lent 3	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Holy Communion Rev Michael Jackson
	10.30 am	Northchapel	Holy Communion
10 March <i>Mothering</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Family Mothering Sunday Service Canon Nigel Nicholson
Sunday	10.30 am	Ebernoe	Mothering Sunday Service
17 March Lent 5	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Holy Communion Rev. Jack Mulder
	10.30 am	Northchapel	Holy Communion
24 March Palm Sunday	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Holy Communion Rev. Jack Mulder
	10.30 am	Ebernoe	Holy Communion
29 March Good Friday	11.00 am	Lurgashall	Service of the Word Canon Nigel Nicholson
31 March Easter Day	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Family Communion with Easter Egg Hunt Canon Nigel Nicholson

Sidesmen

Date	Sidesman	Reading	Colour
3 March	Elaine Parnell	1 Corinthians 1: 18-25 John 2: 13-22	Purple
10 March	Sally Stainton and Andy Kinnear	TBC	Purple
17 March	Anthea Martin- Jenkins	Hebrews 5: 5-10 John 12: 20-33	Purple
24 March	Jane Pierce and Rob Holgate	Philippians 2: 5-11 Mark 11: 1-11	Red
29 March	Judy Pavia	TBC	Hangings Removed
31 March	John and Elizabeth Clark and Amanda Worrall	Acts 10: 34-43 Mark: 16: 1-8	White

Mother's Day Service on Sunday 10th March at 10am

Please join us for our Mothering Sunday Service at St Laurence Church, as we celebrate the nurturing and extraordinary love of mothers everywhere!

Canon Nigel Nicolson will lead the Service, promising a joyous occasion. Additionally, you will be able to craft a beautiful flower bouquet for your cherished mothers.

We warmly welcome all children to join us for this special event!



Easter Services

at St Laurence's Church Good Friday

Friday 29th March at 11.00 am Special Good Friday Service Taken by Canon Nigel Nicholson

Easter Sunday

Sunday 31st March at 10.00 am Easter Family Communion Taken by Canon Nigel Nicholson

Children are very welcome. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard during part of the service following a visit to see newborn lambs - courtesy of the Kinnear family





From the Churchwardens

This month we would like to introduce you to a new initiative at St. Laurence's which you will be hearing a lot more about soon.



A new charity has been set up to support the church — and specifically only our church in Lurgashall. It is called 'The Friends of St. Laurence, Lurgashall' and has as its objective solely the maintenance and preservation of the ancient building and the surrounding churchyard.

The responsibility for this work lies with the Parochial Church Council. The building is old and needs continual upkeep, which is expensive — but the limited funds of the PCC are required for other purposes as well, most notably paying what is known as 'the Parish Share' to the Diocese of Chichester. This costs a lot more than the total amount expended each year on the church building and churchyard and the sum required by the Diocese is rising each year. This gives rise to concerns that one day there will not be enough to look after our own church, which would be a disaster.

There has been a church on the site of St. Laurence's for over 1,200 years and it has always been a focal point of the community. It is kept open 365 days a year for anyone to come and seek peace and tranquility and this is very much sought after by many – as can be judged by the appreciative comments in the visitors' book. It is the spiritual hub of the village and is there for everyone – of whatever religion or of none. We regard it as our job to keep St. Laurence's available to continue serving the whole community in this way.

For that reason and to ensure that funds are totally ring-fenced and can only be used for the upkeep and maintenance of the church and churchyard, the Friends has been set up and registered as a charity. It will raise money for this purpose and the PCC will be able to apply to the trustees for grants when funds are needed for any works. There are four trustees of whom two are, currently, the Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the PCC and two are independent.

Fundraising for the Friends has already begun and the initial response has been most enthusiastic and encouraging. The trustees are aiming to build a capital fund or endowment from major donations (target £100k) and also to secure promises of smaller regular payments by standing order (target £7,500 pa). In this way with the income from the endowment fund and the regular standing orders

it is hoped to produce enough to ensure that all the maintenance needs of St. Laurence's can be met. If you have not already been approached by the trustees, you may expect that you will be soon!

One kind donor who has already contributed commented particularly on the ring-fenced nature of the Friends, saying how important it is that 'charity begins at home'. We hope that you will feel the same! You can help by making a single gift donation to the capital endowment fund, by setting up a regular standing order or by making a gift in your will. If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact one of the trustees, John Clark, at gf@caplins.net who will be very happy to help.

Thank you for reading this far, and we hope that you may be interested in helping The Friends of St. Laurence towards its targets.

Elizabeth and Amanda

Please join Sally Stainton and Vix St. Johnston for an exciting Cookery Demonstration.

Discover new ideas for hosting memorable dinner parties, featuring a range of Spring and Summer starters, main courses and puddings – from Sweetcorn Fritters with Roast Tomato and Bacon to Summer Berry Fruit Tarts.

Thursday 11th April

At Becketts Farm, Roundhurst. GU27 3BN (First house on the left as you go up Roundhurst Lane)

10.30-12.30pm

Enjoy recipes, hot drinks and tastings throughout the morning. Tickets are priced at £45; all profits will go to benefit The Friends of St Laurence. Secure your spot by purchasing tickets at the Village Shop, but hurry as we can only fit a maximum of 20 people!







GARDENERS' QUESTION TIME

Lurgashall Village Hall Thursday, 18th April, 2024 6.30 for 7pm

Introducing our Panel of Experts who will be here to answer your questions:

TESS MILLS The Garden Studio

Tess has been a professional horticulturalist for the past 20 years, working in private and public gardens including The Royal Botanic Garden, Kew. As a recent graduate of the London school of Garden Design, her quest is to create beautiful gardens for her clients.

Areas of expertise - general gardening & garden design.

PHILIP AUSTIN Head gardener at Selham House

Philip has over 40 years' experience in the Horticultural industry. He studied at Oaklands college of Horticulture and has 30 years' experience as a Head Gardener, most recently at Selham House which is currently undergoing a huge house and garden renovation and re-design.

Areas of expertise - general gardening and Beekeeping.

TIM HORNER Waratah Design and Construction

Tim is a professionally qualified garden designer with over 20 years' experience in the landscaping industry. His company Waratah Garden Limited designs and builds award winning gardens for private clients throughout SE England. Having worked on projects from large country house gardens to slick London roof terraces, he has an extensive knowledge of landscaping build practices.

Areas of expertise - Hard and soft Landscaping

LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL 2024

The next Lurgashall Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 14th March at the Village Hall.

Full *DRAFT* minutes from the last meeting are available to view on the website or on the village green notice board.

There is still one vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would be interested in becoming a Councillor, please contact any member or the Clerk.

WSCC RECYCLING CENTRES

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Lurgashall Parish Council 2024

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY COMMUNITY LITTER COLLECTION DAY SATURDAY 9TH MARCH

Meet at the Village Hall Car Park at 10am for equipment.

Look how much was collected by Councillors just in the village in

October!



Residents are encouraged to join in and keep Lurgashall looking its best.

Mrs Helen Cruikshank Clerk to Lurgashall Parish Council

Email: helencrk@gmail.com

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P A C T NEWS Petworth Area Churches Together working together in harmony

News for March

On Sunday March 24th, the weekend before Easter, our annual Palm Sunday Procession takes place in Petworth, starting at the Sacred Heart Church in Angel Street at 3pm.

This is a great occasion with, hopefully two donkeys, the Petworth Town Band marching and playing. We walk to Middle Street, High Street, and then stop outside the URC for a short telling of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

On to Market Square, - the traffic stops for us - and ending at St. Mary's Church for a cup of tea.

Last year about 100 people walked with us – do join us this year, either at the start or along the route.

Palm Sunday is a day when Christians remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey and being greeted with palm branches by the crowds. This momentous event foreshadowed his ultimate sacrifice for humanity, as he would be crucified and resurrected a week later. .

Geraldgreshamcooke@gmail.com

https://petworthareachurchestogether.com



Lurgashall Snowdrops - 17th February 2024

Lurgashall Link Facebook Group

A private group that operates like a notice board and is purely for residents of our Parish.

A space where our village community can interact and support each other; and share

up to date news, events, questions and neighbourly requests.

Let's all become better connected.

If you are not on Facebook and would like to get involved but don't know how, please get in touch via email or phone and we'd be happy to help set you up.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/lurgashalllink:

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THE VILLAGE HALL 50:50 CLUB



Congratulations to February's Winners:

1st prize: Maggie Wilding

2nd prize: Caroline Ayrton Grime

The 50:50 Club is one of the main sources of income for our Village Hall, and its contribution is vital to maintaining this important village asset. 50% of its income goes to the Village Hall, and the other 50% is returned to members through its prizes. Please note the change of contact details.

It is simple to join. Just call Steve Corr on 07778 357272 or email catherine.nicholes@hotmail.co.uk

VILLAGE LUNCH

The next lunch will be on Monday the 11th March. The list is in the Shop and closes on the Thursday before the lunch. Please contact Erica, 01428 707162, if you have any dietary requirements.



AFTERNOON TEA

The next afternoon tea will be on 27th March. 3 - 5 pm. Come and join us for home made cakes, tea and coffee.

Lurgashall Oil Buying Group

Our order in February was for c 24,000 litres, placed with Watson Fuels at 67.00ppl + VAT. I shall be placing the next order during the first week of March.



If you are interested in joining the Group, please contact me. Colin Robertson lurgashall.oil@gmail.com







LRA QUIZ NIGHT

Lurgashall Village Hall Thursday, March 7th 2024

7pm with 7.30pm quiz start Tickets - £16

Participants pay £16 a ticket except for the team leader, who organises their team's dinner. LRA supplies new potatoes and salad to accompany your meal and dessert. Book your team or join a team - by calling or texting Joanne Vaughan on 07802 946220







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BOOGS

Super prizes to be won -An evening of enormous fun!

Saturday, 23rd March Doors & Bar open 7.pm "Eyes Down" 7.30



LURGASHALL CRICKET CLUB





MICHAEL JAYSTON

Those of you who are regular readers of the obituary columns will have been saddened to read of the recent death of the highly experienced and versatile actor, Michael Jayston, aged 88.

Michael was passionate about Cricket, and was President of his beloved local Rottingdean CC.

In the early 1980s, Lurgashall was drawn to play Rottingdean away in the Haig Cup, a national Competition for which the early rounds were



arranged on a local county basis. There, we endured a heavy sea fret which covered their ground. We invited them to return to Lurgashall the following year – when the sun shone!

For the third season, we were invited back to Rottingdean. But the sea fret on our previous visit had been so severe that our then Chairman, Roger Lawson declined. However, they really wanted to play us, and so asked to play here instead. This idea was happily accepted.

Thus began what became an annual home fixture, usually in the company of Michael, who enjoyed both the cricket and his pint in the Noah's Ark! And, to mark the fixture, Rottingdean presented us with an ornamental 'chamber pot' which still resides in the pub.

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A warm welcome to Jo Hamlyn who joins the team at Lurgashall Village Shop to take on the management of the Post Office as well as serving customers in the shop. Jo is currently in training, and we will advise, in due course, of new Post Office hours. In stand-in meantime, Paul our Postmaster will continue to open the post office at least once per week to serve the community. Please do pop in to say hello to Jo!



Please support your shop. This month we celebrate Mother's Day, and we have a selection of lovely cards, gifts and chocolates for your special mum!

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On Tuesday March 5th, Chris Aslan will talk about

The Golden Road to Samarkand: the Architecture, Art and Textiles of Uzbekistan

Uzbekistan boasts glittering mosques, madrassahs and minarets in the cities on the Silk Road.



On Tuesday 2nd April Prasannajit de Silva will talk on

The Art of Captain Cook's Voyage

Cook's expeditions were the first to include professional artists amongst the crew. They recorded the places, people, flora and fauna they saw but how did they react to these novel surroundings?

Talks held at 2pm in Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB
Doors open 1.15. Coffee & tea afterwards
Non-members welcome for £8
Contact Jackie Buckler on 01903411086
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Reminder - AGM - Tuesday 19th March at 7:00 pm

Summer may feel a long way off, but we need you to put **Saturday 1**st **June** in your diaries – the date for this year's Lurgashall Fete. Plans are underway for all of your usual favourites, plus some new attractions, and we are going to need your support as usual to help make it happen. So please Save the Date.

In the meanwhile, as announced last month, the Fete Annual General Meeting will be at Lurgashall Village Hall on **Tuesday 19th March at 7.00pm**. Anyone who has helped with the Fete in the past is welcome to attend, and if you would like to get involved for the first time, you're especially welcome. We do hope you can join us – the usual refreshments will be provided.

If you plan to make an application for funds for a 'special project', we will be deciding on how we allocate the remaining funds from last year's Fete at the AGM, so please make sure you have sent full details to lurgashallfete@gmail.com by Tuesday 12th March.

Finally, if you are interested in getting involved with the Fete this year, please contact either:

Neil Harding – Tel: 07831 631457 email <u>lurgashallfete@gmail.com</u> Andy Kinnear – Tel 01428 707381 email <u>agent@barlavington.com</u>



Barbara's Cheesy Puffs

"These delicious little Cheesy Puffs have gained a notoriety all their own! So, by popular demand, here is the Recipe. Hopefully, this will be the first of more 'FAMILY FAVOURITES to be sent in by the many talented cooks in Lurgashall..."

Barbara Kinnear

(with acknowledgement to Mary Berry)

INGREDIENTS

to make around 100 Puffs:

75g full-fat cream cheese

150g butter

150g mature cheddar grated

2 large egg whites

salt and freshly ground black pepper

METHOD

Preheat the oven to 220C/fan 200C/gas 7. Line two or three baking sheets with nonstick baking paper or grease lightly.

- **1.** Melt the cream cheese, butter and cheddar in a pan over a low heat until completely melted (don't worry the mixture looks very curdled at this stage). Whisk the egg whites until stiff, and carefully fold into the cheese mixture. Season lightly with salt and pepper.
- **2.** Cut each slice of bread into four down, five across to give 20 x 2.5cm cubes for each slice. Dip each cube in the cheesy mixture until completely coated, shake off the excess, and transfer to the prepared baking sheets.
- **3.** Bake in the preheated oven for about 10 minutes until golden brown and puffed up. Turn over once and check after 6 minutes. Serve at once.
- **N.B.** You can **freeze** the **uncooked** cheesy puffs: Just put them on the prepared baking tray, and they will freeze for at least a month. Take them out of the freezer when you want them, and cook for a little longer than the 10 mins in the recipe. Serve immediately.



If YOU have a Family Favourite recipe you would like to share with our readers, we would love to hear from you.

Send by e.mail (with a photograph if possible) to:

Liz: <u>liz@stedall.com</u> or Jacquie: <u>jax@lurgashall.com</u>

THE AULD FOOL HAS A LITTLE GLOAT.....AND AN ENERGY RELATED MOAN!

Just on fifty years ago the Auld Fool and the Badger (AKA Mrs C) were fortunate enough to be able to buy their home at Whites Green - in spite of the interest rate hovering at 15%!

About thirty years ago the wooden framed windows were replaced by the then market leader – Everest (est. 1964)– gleaming white and largish double-glazed windows were installed – we could see out all year round without wiping away quantities of condensation – and even better - no more replacing rotten rattling wooden frames (a bathroom window wooden job had previously needed doing twice within three years).

Lots of mutterings about changing the character of the house from employees of the previous owner......

Yes - we changed the character of the house - from a condensation and mould-infested home to one, that after all of these years is comfortable, dry and retains its heat – the double glazing lives up to its reputation of being warm in winter and cool in summer – and we can enjoy the views.

In the late nineties we heard about Solar water heating and put a small array of vacuum tubes on our south facing roof – we still enjoy free piping hot water from April to October and even on sunny winter days!

Forward to 2010ish and it was all about Solar Panels for Photovoltaic electricity generation.





The then government - in a bit of rare forward thinking introduced the FIT (feed-in tariff) scheme whereby you could receive payment for the surplus electricity generated by your panels and 'exported' to the grid. This initially was a generous amount and long contracts were available - to encourage uptake. We spent our holiday money on an array of shiny black panels.

However our contract runs to 2036 (by when the Auld Fool should be approaching his century - and will probably need more than a bit of warming -up!!) and the most recent FIT payment for a three month period was just short of £1K.......

So we were lucky.

Or perhaps just looked ahead, and we got into the FIT plan before later governments short-sightedly thought that energy shortages were unlikely and gradually they devalued the scheme – heads should roll for that!

It ain't all roses here though - we are off-grid anyway for both Gas and sewerage – copper phone lines through the woods have long been abandoned and electric outages are frequent – the road is cut off frequently by ice or flooding, or fallen trees and we have ridiculously high rates bills (just over £3K) to get little more than our bins emptied.

Now every level of government including our County and District versions are anxious to be seen to encourage energy efficiency with almost weekly messages on Social Media from their 'Communications Teams' -

Why did they not consult the Auld Fool - I hear you ask?

His answer initially would be for the Local Councils to offer a rate rebate for each level of energy efficiency that a householder has installed instead of the weird initiatives that appear on a monthly basis only to be denounced in a few months time — cavity wall insulation which bridged the air gap and spray on stuff which mortgage companies do not like because it is said to damage the roof structure - to name a couple.

Roofs of outstanding natural beauty could be given exemptions i.e. those carrying colonies of rare mosses in the guttering and nesting places for pigeons and the like - to placate the eco warriors .

The Auld Fool knows that the panels are not the prettiest things but he has never understood why Solar panels did not grace the roofs of almost every south facing house as soon as the technology became mainstream — might have helped the upcoming energy problems don't you think......

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New beginnings...

On a very wet Valentine's Day morning, a man was spotted digging a hole near the stump of the old horse chestnut tree at the top of the village green. Without ceremony, he planted a new sapling — an oak, we believe — and carefully staked and encased it to give it the best chance of surviving winds and hungry deer!

So, new beginnings... and one day, we will once again have a glorious tree to stand proudly at the top of our beautiful green.







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There is no difference in price for colour advertisements.

March 2024

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