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Cushing's Column

Dear Friends.

I came across a poem this last week, which chimed with what I'd been reading in Exodus and I Corinthians. It is titled "Not everything is cancelled":

Not everything is cancelled...
Sun is not cancelled
Spring is not cancelled
Relationships are not cancelled
Love is not cancelled
Reading is not cancelled
Devotion is not cancelled
Music is not cancelled
Imagination is not cancelled
Kindness is not cancelled
Conversations are not cancelled
Hope is not cancelled
And God's love for HIS people is never cancelled.

The seeming longevity of Covid really does play with our minds doesn't it? But there are some things, like those mentioned above, that we simply cannot forget.

At Church, our longing is that we continue to act as a megaphone in our wider community of God's never-failing love. Yes, we are constantly having to reshape services to keep within restrictions, but we are trying our best to be forward planning.

Throughout November we'll have our All Souls Memorial Service on Sunday Ist November at 4pm in Alfold, providing a chance to light a candle and have a loved one's name read out in a special act of remembrance and thanks to God for their life. Then we'll have two shortened outdoor services of remembrance beginning at 10.45am on Remembrance Sunday in both Alfold and Loxwood Churchyards. We will not let Covid restrict us from remembering heroic self-sacrifice! Then at the end of November on Sunday 29th 'Advent Sunday' we'll have Christingle Services at both our regular morning services. Please do come along, even if you've never been before, God is not cancelled!

That also means that Christmas is not cancelled. We are still in the process of planning, and it may well be that certain services will look somewhat different due to size restrictions, but we hope that during this Christmas, even more than usual – we, the Church, will be a blessing to you.

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The two groups run at 8.00 pm on a Tuesday and 10.00 am on a Wednesday.

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Alfold Evening WI

Alfold evening WI is always welcoming new members, our group offers women the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills and campaign on wide-ranging issues.



We are continuing with our zoom meetings until we hear from Surrey headquarters about getting back to the 'new normal' Our next zoom will be on Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm. This will be our Annual Meeting with re-election of the officers and Committee.

The news from NFWI is we have a new partnership with IAM RoadSmart. They are a UK road safety charity and encourage people to take part in lots of popular courses from advanced driving to building up confidence while driving on our busy roads.

Contact:- Linda Brecke 07786360129 E.mail :- alfoldeveningwi@yahoo.com

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Points Off Pat

A Strange Month

November always seems to me to be a month unsure of itself. The lady in waiting not the Queen. The donkey not the race horse

It has some strong points—Armistice Day, Bonfire night, and of course my birthday!

Mostly though it seems to hold its breath, awaiting the coming of the Lord next month, at Christmas

Pat Davidson

Loxwood Parish Council

COUNCILLOR VACANCIES. The Parish Council has vacancies for three Councillors. If you would like to get involved to work for the Community and have time to prepare for and attend monthly meetings please contact any of the Councillors or the Clerk. Contact details are available on the website www.loxwood-pc.gov.uk and the clerk can be contacted on 01403 791323



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https://chichester.gov.uk/viewplanningapplications

REGULATION 14 REVISED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

CONSULTATION Thank you to all those that have commented on our revised Neighbourhood Plan. The Consultation was opened on 28th September and closes on 9th November. The comments form is on the website together with a copy of the Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents. Hard copies of both are available in the shops in Loxwood. Your comments will be reviewed and the response will be published via our Consultation Statement in due course.

PALLINGSHURST WOODS CLAY PITS PROPOSAL The Parish Council is looking into obtaining professional advice on this application to better understand what the proposals will mean for residents.

Parish Council Virtual Meeting dates: 2nd November; 7th December. All Meetings of the Parish Council Commence at 8pm ahead of these are Planning Meetings. Please check the website for the time of commencement for Planning Meetings. Zoom links to these virtual meetings are available on the day of the meeting on the website with the agendas

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Alfold Parish Council

Alfold Parish Councillors convened via Zoom on 8th October to discuss planning matters at their bi-monthly planning meeting. Progress at Dunsfold Park was discussed and Councillors were pleased to note that Waverley Borough Council had, after discussions with the Parish Council and our Borough Councillor, included us in the formal Governance structure and regular meetings where we can liaise with both Waverley and Rutland on planning and design matters.

Planning matters were discussed, including a recent application for a further 7 houses at Chapel Fields, which Councillors were minded to object to for a number of reasons, and where Councillors also noted the pre-application nature of the Loxwood Claypits application with Chichester District Council.

The next parish meeting is scheduled for 10th November 2020, where an update on the cemetery extension will be given by the Clerk, in addition to budgets being looked at in advance of the precept application for 2021/22, and the Loxley Oil Well application, amongst other things.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please can you email the Clerk at clerk@alfoldparishcouncil.co.uk who will send you the log in details and agenda.

Alfold Parish Council

Loxwood Luncheon Club

We hope you are all keeping well and safe in these challenging times. Unfortunately for the foreseeable future, we cannot see how we can restart the Lunch Club. Hopefully North Hall will be in a position to reopen following very strict Covid 19 guidelines in the near future, however, due to the nature of the number of people attending and their slightly senior age group, we do not think we could even consider starting up yet.

We will review the situation on a regular basis as we do realise that Lunch Club is an important part of the village social life. As soon as we think it will be safe to run our lunches again we will be in contact with everyone. Best Wishes to all of you and hope to see you all soon.

Gina Moore

Wey and Arun Canal Trust News



Wey & Arun Canal Trust adds a fully accessible trip boat to its fleet

The Wey & Arun Canal Trust has added a Mk III Wheelyboat to its fleet, a boat specially built to

take disabled passengers and carers on canal cruises.

The purchase of the secondhand boat has been made thanks to a generous donation from supporter Peter Grove in memory of his great grandfather Walter Grove, who was master carpenter on the Wey Navigation from 1885-1930.

Flexible seating means that up to five wheelchairs can be accommodated in comfort, making the pleasure of cruising the canal accessible to a greater number of adults and children.

The boat was supplied and refurbished by The Wheelyboat Trust, a charity set up in 1984 to remove barriers to water-based activities and allow mobility, learning and sensory impaired people of all ages independent access to activities such as powerboating, nature watching, pleasure boating and angling.

The Wheelyboat Trust director Andy Beadsley said the benefits of getting disabled people out on the waterways were huge. "There are lots of health and wellbeing advantages to being out in the open air and on the water. We've worked with many disability groups, SEN schools and charities, and we're delighted to be able to work with the Wey & Arun Canal Trust on this project now too."

The aluminium Mark III craft was originally built in 2007 and has been refurbished to give it many more years of service. An outboard motor, seating and a bimini canopy (generously provided by the Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust) will be fitted over the winter months and it is hoped the boat will be in service next spring.

Wey & Arun Canal Trust director John Reynolds added: "We're sure trips onboard the Wheelyboat will bring immense pleasure to many people and we look forward to being able to offer cruises along the Wey & Arun Canal on the Wheelyboat in 2021."



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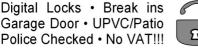
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Local chimney sweep/historian/author David James Parker is looking for relatives of the soldiers mentioned on the Alfold War Memorial. He would particularly like to obtain photographs of some of them for a project he is aiming to publish for the village of Alfold and also for a chapter in a book his publishers are compiling.

David is keen to find relatives of
Charles George Barnett, William Thomas Bennett,
George William Covey, James Henley, Archibald Herrington,
Harmon Victor Lucas, C Moore, Jack Moore,
George Valentine Standen, Ernest Ackerson, James Samuel Strudwick,
William Henry Thayre, Arthur and William Henry Wells,
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All of the above being casualties of the First World War
The Second World War
H Harman, B Heather, Frederic John Pope, R Thompson and E Willson.

David has been able to locate records of some of them but cannot definitely determine details of those with initials only.

David James Parker 01403 820356 yeoldesweep@gmail.com

David acknowledges that anything submitted is done so on the grounds that it may be published and will be credited to the owners.

Alfold Luncheon Club

Due to the current situation, there will not be any Alfold Lunch Club until further notice, but we will let you know as soon as we plan to restart.

Stay safe all.

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Church Services

Sunday 1st All Saints Day

9.30 am Informal Service at Loxwood

11.00 am Traditional Holy Communion at Alfold

4.00 pm All Souls Service at Alfold

Sunday 8th Remembrance Day

10.45 am Remembrance Service at Loxwood

Followed by a short Holy Communion Service

10.45 am Remembrance Service at Alfold

Sunday 15th The 2nd Sunday before Advent

9.30 am Informal Service at Loxwood

11.00 am Traditional Holy Communion at Alfold

Sunday 22nd The Sunday next before Advent

9.30 am Informal Holy Communion at Loxwood I I.00 am Traditional Morning Prayer at Alfold

Sunday 29th The First Sunday of Advent

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11.00 am Traditional Holy Communion at Alfold

All Services are subject to any changes in the Covid 19 situation

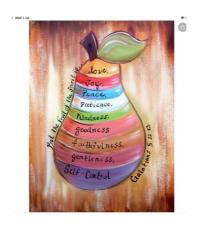


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The payment is £200, or £100 each for a couple, and increased to £300 for those born on or before 20th September 1940.

If you are eligible you will usually get the payment automatically. Most payments are made in November and December. You may need to claim it if you have not had it before or if certain conditions apply – details at www.gov.uk. You have until 31st March 2021 to claim for winter 2020-2021.

Cranleigh Lions are asking that if you do not need this money you donate your Winter Fuel Payment, or some of it, to the Cranleigh Lions' Wenceslas Project.

Working in conjunction with the Citizens Advice Bureau, Barnados (taking over from SureStart), local churches and other organisations funds, will be used to help local people who have problems with their fuel bills. Some even have to choose between heating or eating.

Money is not given to individuals – we make payment direct to energy companies or we top pre-payment cards up with cash.

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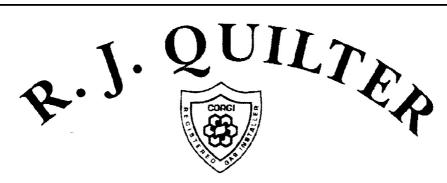
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My dear Nephew Darren

Your suggestion that we should hold a sponsored hymn-singing bicycle ride through the village as a way of raising money was well-meant, but I am not wholly convinced it would suit our clientele here at St James the Least of All.

You may have musical bike rides, but we have Bridge drives, although socially distanced at the moment, of course. But even at two metres apart, our Bridge games are generally as amiable and peaceful as bear baiting. Half of those attending will see the afternoon as an opportunity to catch up on local gossip and to exchange knitting patterns, the game of cards being a minor hindrance to these other activities. The other half arrive primed for a battle to the death, reluctantly conceding that eye-gouging is not allowed. They will demand total silence — which is wholly ignored by those at the tables discovering what Mrs Trumpington confided to Lady Driver halfway through 'Onward Christian Soldiers' at last Sunday's Mattins. The congregation is eternally grateful to Mrs Mitchell, who as a former mill worker is able to lip read.

Refreshments have been hit hard by Covid-19 of course, and the fact that everyone has to bring their own sandwich and drink has rather spoilt the fun. Usually half our players regard lunchtime as an opportunity to put jam on the cards, spill tea on the score cards and make sure that the other tables get the egg and cress sandwiches while they corner the boiled ham; the others usually see it as an unwelcome interruption to the serious business of slaughtering their opponents. It is so sad that Covid-19 has halted this merry comradery.

As for drawing the raffle, it is the adult equivalent of ringing the school bell at going-home time. Half the players will immediately dash off to relay newly mined seams of gossip throughout the village, leaving the others holding reproachful post-mortems with their partners over their bidding mistakes.

Reproaches are never too violent, however, since the chances are that they will all be meeting again the following afternoon round a socially distanced card table at another location, for yet another re-enactment of the slaughter at Agincourt. The only difference will be that the French and English were not entertained with tea and sandwiches at half time.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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November 2020

Please be advised that the Church cleaning and flower arrangements will not be required until both Churches are permitted to fully re-open.

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Please note the copy dates for the next two issues of Parish News.

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