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THE COMMUNITY LUNCH AT THE SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL FOR ALL AGES

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**TUESDAY 12TH MARCH
12.30 FOR 1.00**

**YOU NEED TO BOOK BY FRIDAY 8TH IN ORDER TO GET A
PLACE. MINIMUM 10 DINERS**



**QUIZ WITH SHARON AND CARRIE
AT THE SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL
FRIDAY 22ND MARCH**



**6.30/6.45 pm for 7 when the quiz
will begin**

Bar will be open from 6.30pm

The tables should be for no more
than 6. You can get together with
others if you want to make up a 6 or

if you prefer, remain in smaller groups.



Please let me know (Wendy editor - details on front cover) if you
would like to book a table (to give an idea of numbers)

It will cost £4 per person, there will be prizes for the winners, also a
raffle with a prize. Come along and have fun.

Open Mic. night

7.00 - Friday 8th March

Villagers' Bar

Sidlesham Memorial Hall

Come along and sing,
play or listen to a variety
of music, dependent
upon who comes to
play.



The bar will be
available plus bar snacks.



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	Thurs.	Tea and cake at Mary's Place. For details Contact Carolyn on 07983 701015 or carolyn@brading.net	Church rooms	From 2.00 -4.00 pm
	Thurs.	Short mat bowls Contact Marilyn Sharp 641 437	School Sports Hall	4.30 - 6.30 pm
	2nd Wed	Women's Institute 641 229 (Ann Holloway)	Church rooms	2.15pm
	Sat Term time	Lizzie's Craft Club. for children aged 4—11 years. Spring Craft Club starting on 24th February for 5 weeks. £5 session per child. Contact lizzie@lizziebaily.com	Applefield	2.30 - 4.00 pm

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**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS
2nd WEDNESDAYS**

**No meeting August and December
Annual Parish Meeting
4th Wednesday in May
in the Church Hall at 7 pm**

Planning included in above meetings. Details of Planning to be discussed can be obtained from Alison Colban, parish clerk, details on this page.

**SELSEY MOBILE REFUSE SITE
EAST BEACH CAR PARK -**

OPEN BETWEEN 8.15 and 3.00
on ALTERNATE THURSDAYS:
29TH FEBRUARY. 14TH AND 28TH MARCH

**THESE SITES ACCEPT
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ITEMS SUCH AS IRONS, TOASTERS, AND HAIR
DRYERS.
NON HAZARDOUS WASTE.
NO TVs OR WHITE GOODS CAN BE ACCEPTED.**

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MARINE DRIVE CAR PARK—
OTHER ALTERNATE THURSDAYS.**

For information about the Parish, the Parish Council, agenda's minutes, notices of events, information from CDC and WSCC, SCA, Neighbourhood plan etc

www.sidlesham.org

**Chichester Farmers' Market Location: Town Centre
Time: 9.00 - 14.00 1st and 3rd Friday of each month**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



THE ANCHOR IS OPEN EVERY DAY

TELEPHONE 641 373 FOR DETAILS OR TO MAKE A BOOKING

PUT FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9TH IN YOUR DIARIES FOR OUR BURNS NIGHT IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL WEBSITE

This website is now up and running and the address is:
www.sidleshammemorialhall.co.uk



WHAT'S ON	AT THE SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL - SHOTFORD	
Monday	The Open Door Choir belindagannon.musicforall@gmail.com	7 - 9 pm
Tuesdays	Pilates with Jackie Warton Contact: precispilates@gmail.com	9.30 am - 10.30
Tuesdays	Lunch Club once a month see each month for week or contact Wendy Devonshire 641 457	12.30 For 1.00 pm
Fridays 2nd Friday	Villagers' bar open Open Mic. Night	7 - 10.30 pm
3rd or 4th Friday	Quiz Night with Sharon and Carrie	7 - 9.30/10.00 pm

TALKS AT 6 - THURSDAYS - BETWEEN 6 AND 7PM

BASSIL SHIPPAM CENTRE - TOZER WAY, PO19 7LG

Book on line:
bookings@talksatsix.co.uk
 Retiring collection for Speaker's choice of charity
 Organised by Marilyn Humphrey

We do hope you can come to all or any of the following at **Bassil Shippam Centre, Tozer Way, PO19 7LG at 6-7pm**

see the full programme on www.talksatsix.co.uk

Thursday 7th March –

THE AFTERMATH OF GRENFELL TOWER FIRE

by Paul McCormick. The talk discusses government responses, impact on construction industry, landlords, lease holders and residents of high-rise flats. The talk explores modern construction industry secrets! Chosen Charity: Chichester Cinema at New Park Ltd

Thursday 28th March -

A ROMANO-BRITISH TEMPLE ON THE GOODWOOD ESTATE

by Mark Roberts. A large temple has been discovered within the Goodwood Estate. Connecting the site to other roads and trackways is a purpose-built processional way and an enigmatic monument at Carne's Seat. Chosen Charity: Royal Society for Blind Children

Thursday 4th April –

SAILING TO AUSTRALIA FROM CHICHESTER HARBOUR

by Bernard Clarke. On his own yacht with friends to crew, this is his story of adventure, of people and places, illustrating the beautiful San Blas Island, Panama Canal The Galapagos The Marqueses and Polynesian Islands of the South Pacific Ocean. Chosen Charity: Chichester Harbour Trust

COMING IN APRIL: MURDER MYSTERY EVENING WITH ENTERTAINMENT

**SATURDAY 27TH APRIL AT 7.00PM
 AT THE SIDLESHAM MEMORIAL HALL**

TICKETS £23 PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES A 3 COURSE

**SUPPER - BAR OPEN
 TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:**

**DAVID BLACKFORD 07714 205377
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 CORINA HALL 641533**



If you would like to help with ideas and/or organising events at the Sidlesham Memorial Hall and Grounds you would be very welcome, the more the merrier.

FLOWER FANCIES

Over the last week or two, I've heard rumours that the Flower Man had quit, which was news to me! Certainly 2023 was a challenging year, and a number of factors meant almost no flowers over the Winter. In the background though the work was being done and the fruits of Winter's labour may finally be ready to harvest. It's been another wet Winter which brings challenges for growing, far more so than the colder drier Winters I remember from my youth. Most of the plants can tolerate a fair amount of frost, especially if followed by a sunny day, but week after week of grey skies and high humidity leads to a plethora of diseases. So the advent of Spring is very welcome, even if it does also herald the busiest time of year, with around two thirds of the year's production coming in the next four months.

Spring is also the first of the two main flower planting seasons in the greenhouses. I'm in the process of putting in Gladioli, Stock, Snapdragons and a little Statice. Those of you who've been in to visit these last few weeks are likely to have seen me beavering away with a wet toothpick individually sowing close to 70k seeds. 50k of those are the stock, also known as Mathiola, which should give me 20k seedlings which get planted out over three weeks from early March. Stock are unique in that half the seedlings are good, the other half would produce single flowers which have no scent and no vase life. At about 10days old the seedlings are taken out of the hot bed, and after about a week in the cold the good seedlings will be light green, the bad dark green which are pulled out and dumped. Not something you want to get the wrong way round! Flowering times for some crops are highly variable, depending on the weather, but stock flower reliably from mid-May till early June. The scent of a cold store full of stock is something to behold, they totally overpower the scent from the snaps, which is a shame as snaps have a lovely perfume. This year that won't be a problem as I've not planted Snaps in the Autumn as I used to, and that means the stocks will be long gone before the Snaps start. Although overwintered snaps give

a bigger flower stem, and the possibility of the side shoots making good flower stems too, the wetter winters make it too risky as they're prone to diseases. So, snaps are now planted in the Spring when they're harvested by pulling the whole plant up as a single stem.

While it's true I now work on my own, I'm never truly alone as the greenhouses are a haven for wildlife. When I weed I have the constant companionship of a Robin, quietly chattering away. The Robin is, I think, the only of my feathered friends that live permanently inside. Wrens, Wagtails and Great Tits all come in to nest, but when the brood, or broods for the wagtails, fledge, then they're off out into the wider World. Red legged Partridge and Pheasants on the other hand have their nests outside, but come inside with their considerable broods. The first year we thought they were trapped and spent an hour gently herding them outside. Next morning they were back in! Other than the Great tit which uses the provided boxes, the rest seem to revel in finding the most inconvenient awkward places to raise their young. Top of the awkward squad is the Robin that made its nest under the engine cowling of the tractor. The first year that meant the tractor was out of commission for a few months, Dad being such a softie. The next year even he had to admit we had to use it, so every day the tractor with nest went out for a trip and some weeks later a healthy batch of nestlings emerged. An avian mobile home.

Over the past weeks I've had the chance to talk to a lot of customers and I've been really touched by all the kind comments about Dad. Chatting to the customers was the reason he continued working almost 20years after he officially 'retired'. A big Thank You to all of you from the not yet retired Younger Flower Man!



Aart Dubbeldam

COMMENTS MADE AFTER OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL BURNS NIGHT

'Brilliant everyone, well done for bringing the place alive.'
'What a fantastic evening that was. Best Burns night I've ever been to, delighted it was so well attended and that so many people wore tartan.'
'Amazing party, many thanks for all the effort, great evening.'
'Last night was a really triumph, well done everyone for organising it.'
'Thank you for giving us all such a fun evening last Friday. Everything was great. All the food was outstanding and the dancing great fun. Please thank your committee as they all worked really hard'.

There were many more verbal comments from people who want a repeat performance next year. We love the praise and

could really do with more volunteers to share the work and the praise with.



MUTTERINGS OF THE MOTORTRADE

& whatever else takes my fancy.

Well, proper first Day of spring today Feb 18th. As I write my blog, the sun is out and all is well in the world. Well, not quite, as there is the war in Ukraine. The Israeli Palestinian conflict and now Yemen bombing ships in the Red Sea, but you know what I mean. A lovely feel good moment. Enjoy your cuppa this week as it may be your last for a few more weeks with a tea shortage the result of ships taking the scenic route because of Yemen activities. Our Valentine's evening with 'er in doors' consisted of two courses at the Ivy and a late trip to Tesco's to bulk buy tea bags and looked like the last of them as shelves were nearly empty.

First part of my day was spent stripping one of the Lola V8 cylinder heads, but from 12 noon onwards I was adjusting the tyre racks and other tasks on my new Race Car Trailer, very posh. Getting things ready for the coming season, which by the time I write my next blog will have already commenced, with a trip to Cadwell Park and Malory the following day, if the event is indeed confirmed.

In the workshop this month a new mot ramp jacking beam was installed and also a new diagnostic device to assist in the diagnosis of engine and other system faults. We continue to invest in equipment to help keep pace with the ever changing motor vehicle industry. The new beam has adaptors that are used for lifting Electric vehicles and in particular Teslas. The new diagnostic machine is 'pass thru' technology capable of recoding various modules that may be required in the course of repair.

I have just completed my annual MOT assessment and passed. Just John and Steve to do theirs now.

We continue to be busy and booked up in advance so please

book early for your MOT and or servicing requirements. Call one of the team on 01243 641391 and we will try to give you the time and day that suits you.

With age comes wisdom and doctors' appointments :-). Had an MRI on my knee last week awaiting outcome of that. Had a tooth break, new crown required ouch! No it didn't hurt, it just cost a small fortune.

My old 1966 Mallock clubmans car, last used in competition around 1998, has been stored in various places and now needs to be moved from its current location. I kept this car as it is so easy to drive and lots of fun and something I could go back to when these big single seaters scared the life out of me, it hasn't happened yet but still keep it for that reason. If anyone has a dry storage area that is underused I would be grateful for the facilities.

The Carbon Fibre aero upgrade to my current Race Car the MYGALE 1.6 turbo did not materialise. If anyone local can make carbon fibre parts I would be interested to talk with them. High electricity and other utility bills are becoming an issue this year. Now that most old deals have come to an end and British Gas/Centrica made a cool £700 million this year. So it looks like the raw material doesn't cost more after all, we have just all been ripped off!! Oil company profits in the billions so that's not cost more either. What's going on? Why aren't we marching on the headquarters of these organisations and asking for our money back?

Stay on the Blackstuff peeps

Graham Porrett
Sidlesham Garage Ltd.



Would you like to meet and make new friends?

Are you fed up with being at home?

Are you missing seeing people?

Do you feel down and wonder where you'll get the energy to change things?

Start turning your life around by ringing Louise 01243 513253, Bruce 01243 514129, Lynne 01243 512606 or Victoria 07376046229 TODAY, and book to come to OTB next Wednesday

Outside the Box

We are a friendly, local, all age social group who meet every Wednesday and offer company, conversation, fun activities, trips to the beach, a tasty homecooked lunch and, most importantly, friendship.

Wednesdays 11am - 2pm

Come along and see us in The St James Centre, Birdham and once a month in The Church Room, West Wittering.

Places are free but booking is required just to ensure we have enough lunch to go around!

If transport is a problem please give us a call.



BRIDGE AND TEA

Wednesday 6th March 2024

2pm-5pm

West Wittering Memorial Hall

Payment in Advance only. Table Cost £60 (£15 per head)

Online to: RNLI Fundraising Branches Direct Credits (Business A/c)

A/c No: 93032671 Sort Code: 20 68 95

REFERENCE: 626564 (AND YOUR SURNAME)

OR: Cheques Payable to: RNLI Manhood Branch.

Contact: Mrs Claire Wright

email: maryclairewright@sky.com Tel: 01243 514453



I am collecting donations from people's larders, wine, home made preserves, biscuits, chocolates etc or unwanted gifts, suitable to go into the RNLI Hampers for the raffle at the Bridge Tea on 6th March.

Please email me if you have any items;
Marylou@tim-r.uk

Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital



March is a time when many of our over-wintered hedgehogs are now healthy and strong enough to be released. It's also a busy time for us at Brent Lodge, as Spring approaching means one thing... lots of baby animals! Fox cubs can be born as early as March, and many birds are currently busy nesting. If you find (a) baby wild animal(s) and are unsure whether to intervene or not, please give us a call for advice and we will talk you through what to do. Sometimes, babies are okay to be left as the parents may just be out looking for food or they are old enough to be self-sufficient. Sadly, we see a lot of baby animals brought to us who may have not needed to come in, so checking first before moving babies is incredibly important!

PATIENT STORY

A few weeks ago, we admitted this little hedgehog who had been picked up by a dog and had sustained a nasty open wound to his head. However, he is now doing remarkably well and the team could not be happier with his progress!



His wounds have healed nicely and he is even beginning to grow back some spines in the affected area. Once this handsome chap is well enough, we look forward to releasing him back into the wild.

HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

We are desperately in need of **wet kitten food, puppy pads and newspaper** to care for the many baby animals we are receiving and anticipating this Spring. We would be so grateful

for anybody who is able to help. Donations can be brought to our hospital in Sidlesham or, if you call them first, at one of our charity shops (Hayling Island, Selsey, Bognor Regis, Worthing). Very excitingly, we also have a new "Donation Station" pop-up at the recently opened 'Creative Spaces' Aldingbourne Trust hub in Aldwick, which is kindly accepting donations for the hospital too.

It is World Wildlife Day on 3rd March 2024 so let's celebrate by supporting our beautiful wildlife this Spring! Making your outside spaces wildlife and insect-friendly and taking time to sit and listen to the birds singing is a great way to start. If you'd like to donate through our website to support the vital work we do to care for these precious animals in need, we would be very grateful!

Please always feel free to call us if you need any advice/ assistance with wildlife enquiries or how to support us.

By Alex Foster, Education Outreach Coordinator

For more information and tips, please visit our website or contact us on the details below.

Web: www.brentlodge.org **Tel:** 01243 641672 **Email:** enquiries@brentlodge.org

Address: Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, Cow Lane, Sidlesham, PO20 7LN.

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NESTING



March is the month when many of our birds start building their nests. You might notice more bird song around this time, a sign that they are marking out their territory ready to mate. You might also see more activity among our earlier nesters as they gather materials – twigs, grasses, moss, lichen, feathers, and we are seeing more and more manmade materials used.

One of the fascinating things about birds' nests is the individuality between species. From the intricately woven cup nests of song birds, to the simple scrapes of some coastal residents; the coned mud constructions of House Martins to the use of tree hollows and reed beds. The diversity in nests reminds us of the complexity of our fascinating bird world. Perhaps one of the most intriguing aspects of this is that many birds build new nests without any instruction on how to do so.

As the evenings get lighter and the weather warms, which birds are you likely to see nesting? One of the most elaborate and sophisticated nests of our song birds is that of the Long Tailed Tit, which by March will have already begun nest building activities. These are intricate domed constructions, built from lichen, cobwebs and moss, and lined with feathers. Grey Herons, which nest in tree top colonies called heronries, return each year around February to begin nest renovations ready to lay their eggs in March. Blackbirds meticulously create a

woven cup of straw, twigs and plants which is then lined with mud and grass. It can take up to two weeks to build the nest so they start early. A less sophisticated nest structure is that of the Wood Pigeon which may start building as early as January. You may see these simple stick nests in bushes, trees or ledges. We can help by ensuring we stay well away from nests – disturbing them is a criminal offence. Birds such as Chiffchaffs, Skylarks and Yellowhammers all nest in grass and under hedges; some coastal birds are also very difficult to spot, blending in well with their surroundings. It is therefore essential that where possible, we stick to the paths and ensure dogs are kept on leads.

Find out more about the nesting and breeding habits of our local birds by joining one of our guided walks or other events this month. Visit our website <https://events.rspb.org.uk/paghamharbour> or call 01243 641508 for more information and to book.

Alice McDougall

Grey Heron on nest - Ben Andrew edited (rspb-images.com)



POLLUTION

On receiving a link - <https://addresspollution.org/> that will tell you the level of air pollution where you are living, using air quality data supplied by Imperial College, I clicked on. Expecting to be reassured by living in a property surrounded by trees, set in a leafy lane, it was a shock to find that this location was in the centre of a five point scale of pollution levels and registered a level of pollution above that recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Circulating this information among family and friends, it was concerning to receive the following comment from an academic member of staff at Edinburgh University:

“..interesting but still likely to be an under-estimate.....this data is supplied by Councils. And the case I took to the UN showed that by careful location and misapplication of diffusion coefficients, Edinburgh Council were able to record traffic pollution at ‘lower than background’ levels - really poor science! Fortunately DEFRA (who lost at the UN) have accepted my approach to correcting for diffusion and included it in their current advice, but I am still trying to get a citizen science project up that will check this is actually being done across the UK.

This also applies world-wide - the UN has standards for monitoring traffic pollution that are uniform across the world but the abuse of the science is rarely caught - one enterprising council in Spain actually moved their street pollution detectors into an adjacent park and hoped that nobody would notice!

The other thing about traffic pollution is noise - in a study in

the Netherlands incidence of ischaemic heart disease was elevated for people who left their windows open (fresh air) at night - this is why in many civilised countries (Austria, Germany) HGVs are not allowed in residential areas at night and sometimes not even at weekends. There is no such requirement in the UK, and believe it or not, some of the traffic pollution measures are more stringent in the US than they are in the UK.

There is still lots to unpack here but bad science is alive and well in the corridors of power”

The readings for our property registered an annual percentage of Pollutants PML5 which is 10.17mcg/M3. The WHO recommended limit is 5mcg/M3.

This study shows that 19.9% of strokes were attributed to exposure (for a year or more) of PM2.5 concentrations exceeding 10mcg/M3. PM2.5 can also cause asthma, jeopardise lung functions and promote cancer.

The case for a Northern Bypass grows ever stronger.

Anne Lloyd



TAILS ARTICLE MARCH 2024

Hello, it's me Tails, the out and about reporter for The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre.

In my article this month I wanted to tell you the story of Alma a lovely 14 year old cat. Alma arrived at CRRC in November 2023, she was found left in her carrier outside of our reception one morning. Unfortunately, my staff did not see who left her and this meant we had no information about her and if she had any previous medical conditions. We knew she was an older lady and our vet estimated that she was around 14 years old. Sadly, soon after she arrived my staff noticed that she was suffering from sores on her skin. Our vet did lots of checks and tests on her to see if there was a reason that these sores were appearing, but they did not find anything. She was diagnosed with overgrooming and causing these sores to herself, sadly it is not uncommon for some cats to become stressed in a rescue environment. My staff do everything they can to keep the cats at the rescue happy and entertained but some cats do struggle.

Nothing seemed to work for Alma and she continued to overgroom, my staff knew they needed to find her a home but as an older cat she didn't get much interest. She was a very sweet girl who was desperate for human company and

to be in a relaxed home environment. The decision was made to let Alma come and stay in the offices, so she had the company of the staff and more space to explore. She loved it in the office and she began to relax and her overgrooming improved. I am so pleased to say that after only a few weeks in the office Alma finally found her forever home and has now been adopted. After being left at The Centre and struggling with life she really deserved to find a loving home and I am so pleased for her.

See you next time.

Love

Tails x

P.S Please keep an eye on our website www.crrc.co.uk and our Facebook page for all the latest news and info regarding Rehoming and Centre Life.



Moonlight Walk 2024

St Wilfrid's Moonlight Walk returns this June 15th, inviting the local community to take on a 5 or 10-mile walk around Chichester. This event sets off from Chichester College, under the moonlight while raising funds to support the vital end-of-life care provided to local lives by St Wilfrid's. You will also receive a T-shirt and medal for taking part.

Get your tickets here:

www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight



Shop for Spring

Spring is just around the corner, and to help you prepare, St Wilfrid's Charity Shops are launching their Spring and Summer collection in the second week of March.

Find your nearest shop here: www.stwh.co.uk/shops



Sign Up to our Newsletter

"My dad spent his last 2 weeks at St Wilfrid's and the care, support and understanding provided was so much appreciated. Nothing was too much for the staff. I am indebted

to them forever." At St Wilfrid's Hospice, we are proud to provide expert personalised care to patients and their loved ones all year round. You can keep up-to-date with all the Hospice news and stories by signing up to our Newsletter. www.stwh.co.uk/newsletter



Great South Run

Looking for a challenge this year? The iconic Great South Run is back this October 20th and St Wilfrid's are excited to be able to offer a limited number of spaces for a discounted price.

The 10-mile run around Portsmouth is a great way to challenge yourself and you can do

so while raising vital funds for the Hospice and making a difference to local lives.

Book your place here:

www.stwh.co.uk/greatsouthrun



HOUSES WITH A STORY TO TELL (15)



You may recall that an LSA House was dismantled in 2017 and is currently in storage at the Weald and Downland Living Museum.

I met with Simon Wardell, the Museum's Director, at the beginning of December and here is the news we have all

been waiting for:

The rebuild of the LSA House is now part of the museum's capital programme and a possible site has already been identified. All subject to funding of course, but this is very encouraging news - watch this space.

Once rebuilt the house will be a permanent home for the LSA story – not just Sidlesham, but all 20 LSAs which operated all over across the country.

Other LSA related news

The stories keep coming via the **website**. Most recently Roger Swabey, lorry driver, Richard Littler (son of Bernard No 43 and grandson of Bill No 32) and Tony Collyer, son of Tractor Driver Reg at No 77,

In July 2023 Roger Hart visited from New York. I was able to take him to Batchmere House where he had been born in 1947 when his father Andrew was a general manager on the LSA, having previously worked on Yeldham LSA in Suffolk.

Charlie Roe was a former LSA tenant and a member of Chichester Camera Club with a keen interest in local history. A selection of his photographs are on display in the memorial hall in Sidlesham. Another way of promoting the LSA story.

Sidlesham Heritage Centre has been displayed in the windows of an LSA glasshouse on Lockgate Road. These displays will shortly be moving to memorial hall alongside the **Charlie Roe Gallery**.

Prior to the pandemic there were 40 LSA presentations to local history, WI and gardening groups. They have now resumed with Chichester History Society (September 2023) & Donnington Garden Club (March 2024).

Bill Martin

Has your House got a story to tell?

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Six years ago, our friends in Mundham asked us for our assistance in initiating their own magazine based on the Sidlesham Spread design. This was very successful but has now been terminated due to lack of technical support. Some of their contributors are willing to send their articles to us, for inclusion in the Spread, for which we are very grateful. We will also be advertising their events in the Spread for your interest.

EPIPHANY

Before Christmas completely fades from our memories let's look at the story of the Three Kings. Were they kings and were there really three?

Sixth century fresco in Ravenna, commissioned by Emperor Justinian

The Star of Bethlehem was probably an actual astronomical event and was actually Jupiter, appearing as a morning star. By the second century the magi had started to be referred to as kings, probably to separate them from the (then) heretical study of stars. By the fourth century they had migrated to separate kingdoms (Persia, Saba and Sheba).

Matthew's gospel states that "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem....magi from the east came and asked 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews?'" This is the Herod who ordered all infant boys born around Bethlehem to be killed. But who were these ancient magi? They were men of wisdom and priestly status, probably of the Zoroastrian faith and therefore skilled in the art of dream interpretation. Or they may have arrived from Yemen where there were gold mines and Bosellia and Comiphora trees (used to produce frankincense and myrrh! In the Ravenna fresco they are on the move – imagine you're in this sixth century basilica, lit only by candles; the splendid colours would shimmer and bring the scene to life!

Debates about these men had existed for centuries; in fact the gospel never actually mentions the number of the magi and the assumption that there were three is based on the three gifts mentioned. Hieronymus Bosch's version of the event, typically 16th century Northern, is far less splendid and far more quirky. Mary and Christ have become monumental and become an altar at which the visitors worship. The stable, ancient symbol for the synagogue, is tumbledown. Caspar, splendidly attired in the white robe holds an orb with a griffin on the top (inferring idolatry). There is so much to unpack in this painting we can only look at a few things but the most

startling image is the near naked figure who is chained to the stable door, peeping round the pillar, is presumed to be Herod spying on the scene.

The feast of epiphany is the official end of Christmas – Here's to next Christmas!



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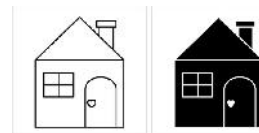
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