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SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2025



Saturday 4	Our Lady of Walsingham		
	9.30am	Said Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
Sunday 5	Trinity 16/27th Sunday/Harvest Thanksgiving		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.30am	Said Mass	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	10am	All-age Communion	St George's, Eastergate
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	11.15am	Sung Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	1pm	Harvest lunch	Barnham Community Hall
	6pm	Evensong	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
Sunday 12	Trinity 17/28th Sunday		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.30am	Said Mass	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.45am	Sunday Seekers	Eastergate School
	10am	Family Communion	St George's, Eastergate
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	11.15am	Sung Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	6pm	Evensong and Benediction	St Mary's, Barnham
Sunday 19	Trinity 18/29th Sunday		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9.30am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.45am	Sunday Seekers	Eastergate School
	10am	Family Communion	St George's, Eastergate
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	11.15am	Sung Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	6pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Barnham
Sunday 26	Dedication Sunday		
	8.30am	Holy Communion	BCP St George's, Eastergate
	9.30am	Mattins	BCP St Mary's, Barnham
	9.45am	Sunday Seekers	Eastergate School
	10am	Family Communion	St George's, Eastergate
	10am	Parish Communion	St Mary's, Aldingbourne
	11.15am	Sung Mass	St Mary's, Barnham
	6pm	Evensong	St Mary's, Barnham

Other regular weekly services:

10am – Holy Communion every Wednesday at St George's, Eastergate
 6pm – Evensong (BCP) every evening at St Mary's, Barnham
 6:30pm – Mass every Tuesday at St Mary's, Barnham



Narnia

Come and join us for a fun, creative afternoon of crafts & activities based on the CS Lewis books



Sunday 19 October 2025, 2.30 - 4.30pm

Eastergate CofE School, Church Lane, PO20 3UT

Everyone of any age is welcome

See www.parishofabe.org.uk for more information



PARISH OF ALDINGBOURNE, BARNHAM
AND EASTERGATE

A Bite to Eat **(A Parish Lunch)** **Every third Thursday,** **(except July & August)** **12.30 - 2pm** **at Eastergate Village Hall**

A simple lunch of homemade soup, rolls and
cheese, tea / coffee and biscuits

All ages welcome

Just turn up!

Raffle

Quiz

Lifts available

For more information please contact the
Parish Office on 01243 553955





CHRISTIAN GIVING

I have just got back from the Diocesan Clergy Conference in Canterbury where we had time amongst other things to 'be', to 'think' and to 'wonder' in God's presence as well as learn, pray, worship, meet and greet many colleagues. Precious, valuable days.

On returning to the parish I was made very aware of the realities of caring for our precious buildings and the financial implications in doing so.

We have just received the news that the Chancel ceiling at St Mary's, Aldingbourne, has to be replaced at an estimated cost of £20,000. Also Chris, our Treasurer, reminded the PCC that we are living 'hand to mouth' with our day to day income and expenses which means that when 'surprises' like this come, we do not have the resources to meet the bills that come our way. We therefore need to think about support of that work, small or large donations being welcomed and also our week by week response. Why would we want to do this?

Of course, Jesus taught a great deal about money and its dangers. Most of his parables concerned money in one form or another. He used the word 'Mammon' to describe a false financial god, saying "You can't serve God and Mammon."

A right attitude to money

Until we are released from the straitjacket of putting money before God, that blocked soul-artery will impede our way to God.

Once liberated from the control money has over us, we can be lavish in our giving – with a sense of exuberance. St Paul puts it like this: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

St Paul spent ten years raising funds for the impoverished Church in Jerusalem where there was a serious famine. The little and very poor Church in Macedonia gave way beyond their comfort zone. The relatively wealthy Church in Corinth gave little by comparison. Paul contrasts them. Miserable Corinthians; joyful Macedonians.

Giving is fun

Christian giving becomes something we share privately with Jesus. In Matthew Jesus taught that, when we give, we should not let even our left hand know what our right hand is doing.

God is generous to us, so when we are generous, we share a secret with him. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich."

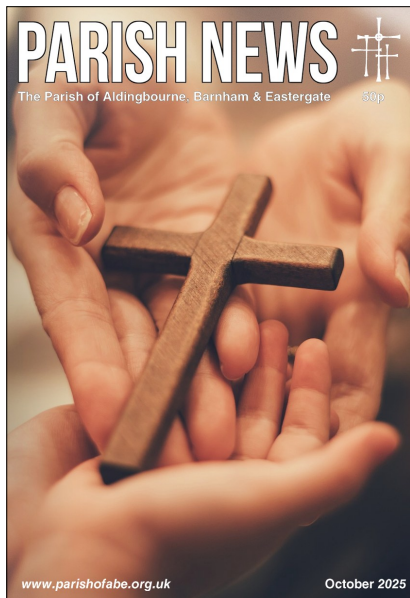
Giving to God is giving back what he has already given to us. It's not the quantity, it's the percentage of what we have.

A right attitude to money is vital for Christians.

What is our response to be? To God? To ABE?

Fr Paul

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from the Parish of ABE*



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FROM THE REGISTERS

JULY/AUGUST 2025

Funerals

- 3 July Jean Slater [93] (E)
 28 July Raymond Parsons [73] *
 7 Aug Janet Wingrove [80] *
 18 Aug John Hayes [64] *
 27 Aug Jane Simkins [84] (E)
 28 Aug Alan Fisk [85] *

* Cremation

Weddings

- 21 Jun Jacob Lovick &
 Emma Halstead (B)
 29 Aug Matthew Brooker &
 Holly Scrivens (B)

Baptisms

- 3 Aug Percy Finn (A)
 10 Aug Albie & Oliver Henry (E)
 17 Aug Flora Godsmark (E)
 Amelia Godsmark (E)

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Events coming up in the Parish include:

- **16 October – A Bite to Eat (Parish Lunch) at Eastergate Village Hall from 12:30-2pm (page 4)**
- **5 October – Harvest Lunch at Barnham Community Hall at 1pm**
- **17 October – ABE Quiz Evening at Barnham Community Hall starting at 7pm (page 7)**
- **6 December – ABE Christmas Fair at Eastergate Village Hall from 11am-2pm (page 7)**
- **13 June 2026 – ABE Summer Fair**

ABE FUN QUIZ NIGHT

Our Parish quiz night is at Barnham Community Hall on Friday 17 October starting at 7pm. £5 per person (towards church funds) and bring your own drinks and nibbles. Teams of 6 – bring your own team or we will make them up on the night. Maybe a group of friends, a church group and so on? We look forward to a great evening, together, so come along! To assist with planning please could you sign the sheet in church or e-mail the Parish Office so we know how many are coming.

PARISH LUNCH

A Bite to Eat (Parish Lunch) is on Thursday 16 October in Eastergate Hall. Please do come if you can to share in a simple lunch of homemade soup, bread, cheese, tea, coffee and biscuits with one another. We also enjoy the challenge of a light hearted quiz. All are welcome!

ABE CHRISTMAS FAIR

It is just 15 weeks to Christmas and 12 to ABE's Christmas Fair!

This will be held at Eastergate Village Hall on 6 December from 11am-2pm. We hope to see you all there to enjoy the chance to win a bottle or two for Christmas lunch at our tombola, buy some presents at our craft tables, or toys for you children or grandchildren. Also for sale will be books, puzzles and games to enjoy as the nights draw in.

Come in out of the cold to relax and enjoy a tasty sausage roll while meeting friends over a coffee.

Watch out for further announcements about this important event in our community's life. Please contact Colin Mouque on cvmact1@outlook.com to make a donation or if you can help with the Fair.

SUPPORT FUND

The Walberton, Binsted And West Barnham Support Fund has funds available to make grants to support those in financial hardship and live in those areas. If you or you know someone who might possibly be eligible then speak in confidence to Fr Paul or Rev Sheila, who are trustees of the fund.

THE JAR OF COMPASSION

This year, we have been supporting My Sister's House through the donations in the jars at each church. This is therefore a gentle reminder for us to finish the year with a final push to support this year's charity.

We now need to think about which local charity we might want to support in 2026? Please could you send your suggestions to the Parish Office by the end of November and then the PCC standing committee can make a decision at its December meeting. Who should we support next year?

SCHOOL ADMISSION FORMS

School admission forms are due to be completed this month. If you require the church (Fr Paul) to complete the relevant section for either Bishop Luffa or St Philip Howard Schools then contact him to arrange this and this has to be done by Saturday 18 October.

LAMPPOST POPPIES

We are looking for volunteers to put poppies on lampposts around the villages to celebrate Remembrance Day. We are doing this on Saturday 25 October at 1pm from Eastergate Village Hall - bacon rolls and hot drinks will be provided.

Contact Nina-Maria McMaster at nina@eastergatevillagehall.org.uk or Julie Allington at jaallington@gmail.com if you are able to help.

BE STILL

The Chichester Contemplative Prayer Group, Be Still, is hosting a talk on the life and works of Charles de Foucauld, led by the Revd Dr Earl Collins, the new Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral.

The event will be held on Saturday 25 October 2025 in the Vicars' Hall 10.30am-12.30pm (teas/coffees provided from 10am). Tickets £10.00 payable at the door. For further information visit our website at www.bestillchichester.com.

To reserve a place, please contact David Browning at bestillchichester@btinternet.com or on 01243 839922.

MOTHERS' UNION

You are warmly invited to join us for one or both of our seasonal celebrations held at St. George's Church, Eastergate.

- A Candlelit Advent Service on Wednesday 3 December 2025 at 7:30pm. This service will include hymns prayers and readings.
- A carol service on Wednesday 17 December at 2:30pm. This service will be followed by seasonal refreshments.

We hope you can join us.

Sharon Priest

E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS

Please could residents report any addresses that they believe may be linked to e-bikes and e-scooters. We are aware there are some that frequent the area and have regular reports about them travelling along the roads in the district, but the information we would really like is where they may be stored or the users may live. Please report any addresses or frequent locations where they stop, to us via 101 or via www.sussex.police.uk

PCSO Caroline Wilson

FAMILY TREE RESEARCH

Gill Shaw has offered to research family trees for parishioners. She says: "I am willing to research ONE name and only one name, per donation. Any certificates that are required to progress the research would be payable to me, prior to my purchase of the certificate.

"I will bind the research and include the relevant information with an easy to follow 'tree' I would suggest a minimum of at least £20. I will leave some 'starter forms' in the Parish Office."



EASTERGATE & BARNHAM

It was back to the Hall for us in September, after having had a wonderful picnic meeting in August, hard to believe that it was a beautiful sunny evening. Our members all contributed food to the picnic, and entry to the raffle was with a toothpaste or toothbrush to support a project we are working on for the local foodbank.

September's meeting was a talk by Hilary Sloane (The History Guide) on the history of West Dean, an absolutely fascinating talk, so rich in local history, linked in so well with our garden group having been on a visit to West Dean gardens during August. A very wet but very enjoyable trip on Chichester Canal with a Chinese dinner was enjoyed by members last week, this week's group are going for the fish & chip option, would thoroughly recommend.

Georgette Budhram

It has been busy for Eastergate Friends WI.

A group of our ladies went for a Fish & Chip lunch on the Chichester Canal in August and our whole group met again in August on a glorious day for our Annual Summer Picnic held in one of our member's lovely garden.

Our July meeting saw Neil Giles from Stop the Traffic, Modern Day Slavery, visit our group to inform us and increase our awareness in respect of the enormous issue of people trafficking around the world. The numbers of people involved in this are huge and it generates half a billion dollars each year. It is a wide reaching industry involving many different areas. Neil emphasised the need for us all to be aware of what may be going on around us and how big businesses need to be more astute in respect of monies going through their systems and as to where it comes from.

Our September meeting involved making paper beading. Led by one of our member's, we had an enjoyable time rolling measured and cut paper triangles around cocktail sticks which were then glued and varnished to make paper beads. These were then threaded through shirring elastic to make necklaces. A fun way to create a useful accessory from an old magazine!!

We meet next for a Coffee Morning at Manor Nursery on 22 September at 11am and our next monthly meeting is on Monday 13 October in Eastergate Village Hall at 10am where we will have a talk about 'Life in the Magistrate's Court'

Please feel free to join us. New members are very welcome.

Debbie Mead

Unfortunately our speaker had to cancel for personal reasons and as it was too late to find a replacement so we "did our own thing".

We started by talking about growing older. This wasn't as depressing as it sounds and we shared some good laughs. Laughter is the best medicine they say and it worked for us. Our president Jill read some humorous stories to us.

During tea, with cake of course we completed a fairly easy quiz. It's more fun when you can answer most of the questions. We also took the chance to talk about our up and coming outings of which there are several. We have plans for lunch at The Spur, to see The Anniversary Light Show at Chichester Cathedral and a visit to Petworth House.

In August we don't have an official meeting. Instead we organised a ploughman's lunch at the Westergate Methodist Hall; our normal meeting place. We enjoyed ham, cheese and salads followed by a selection of puddings made by our "demon pudding maker" Ann.

Our next meeting is 14 October at 2pm at the Methodist Church Hall. We plan to have a visit from the Fire and Rescue Team.

Catherine White-Aldworth



MAGGIE'S FUND SEES AV COME TO ST GEORGE'S

The afternoon of Sunday 14 September saw an event celebrating the culmination of fundraising for a project inspired by the late Maggie Courtnadge. 'Maggie's Fund' had been set up in 2023 to fund the installation of an audio-visual (AV) system in St George's church. The project, recently completed, was celebrated at an inaugural service of dedication and thanksgiving, led by Fr Paul to a packed congregation.

The new AV system comprises a projector, drop-down screen, loudspeakers and computer, and is well-integrated into the fabric of the church. During the entire



Gary Courtnadge uses the new AV system

service, the screen was used with, for the first time, no necessity for hymn books or other written material. The joyous service included a recollection of the reasons why AV would be so beneficial to the life of the church and the St George's community. We were reminded of the fundraising journey that had been undertaken to achieve it and were told how the system might be used, with examples demonstrated on the screen.

The service included traditional hymns and several contemporary worship songs, with all words and music displayed on the screen. Readings were given by Maggie's son, Andy, and her daughter, Zoe. Revd Sheila gave an address based on one of the readings.

Copious amounts of tea and cake followed the service!

The Rector and churchwardens wish to thank all those who contributed so generously to Maggie's Fund and who supported the AV project from its inception. Thanks also to those who helped make this inaugural event such an enjoyable and uplifting service.

ST MARY'S CHURCH ALDINGBOURNE – AN APPEAL

Over past weeks there have been a couple of falls of plaster from the chancel ceiling in St Mary's, and regular falls of plaster dust and particles over the altar and the choir stalls.

The church architect has visited, and is of the opinion that the nineteenth century plaster has lost its key to the supporting laths, and the wide area of falling particles indicates this is universal, such that the whole ceiling needs to be replastered. As there is a risk of injury from falling debris, the chancel has now been roped off and the altar moved down to the front of the nave.

Initial quotes for repair work indicate a cost in the region of £20,000 to erect a scaffolding cage in the chancel, and replace the 36 panels of lath and plaster using traditional methods.



The chancel at St Mary's

St Mary's is a grade one listed building, with parts dating back to Norman times; its upkeep and preservation are up to us. Can you help please? Donations will be gratefully received.

SHARE A LITTLE LIGHT THIS HALLOWEEN

Some parents aren't sure quite what to feel about Hallowe'en – is it just harmless fun, or are there aspects of it that don't fit in with how we want to see the world?

A child's christening service is very honest about the reality of good and evil, and Hallowe'en can be a good time to talk about those things and how the love of Jesus can be a 'Light in the darkness' for everyone.

The word "hallowe'en" actually means "the eve of all hallows' day" – in other words, the night before the church's festival celebrating All Saints.

The famous saints are all amazing examples of what it's like to live God's way. But in the Bible, St Paul calls all Christians saints – a saint is simply a friend of God, who seeks to live their life according to God's purposes. When someone is christened, they truly become a Saint, so All Saints' Day is a celebration of the whole family of God.

If you'd like to mark Hallowe'en, here are some ideas that will bless others as well as being fun.

What's happening in church? Some churches hold special events around this time of year. There might be a 'Light Party' with fun activities for children and young people – these events are a lovely way to focus on all that's life-giving and positive around All Hallows. Some churches also have a special service for All Souls Day – a time when we remember our loved ones who have died.

Carve a pumpkin. Did you know that gargoyles were originally made in medieval times to scare away evil spirits? The pumpkins with scary faces carved into them at Hallowe'en are a bit like that. But Christians believe that you can't fight evil with evil – you can only fight evil with good, and that good

will always win in the end. So why not see if you can carve a friendly looking pumpkin this year, as a sign that you and your family are going to be a force for good this Hallowe'en/ You can do the same with Hallowe'en costumes. Superheroes make a great, positive alternative to scary witches and ghosts.

Give a treat. Not everyone is comfortable with the idea of children going round to neighbours' and just asking for treats. But if you don't want them to miss out on something their friends are doing, why not have a family baking session, and take a tray of cookies with you if you go out with them? That way, you have something lovely to give away to your neighbours, too!

Say a goodnight prayer. Even if you've steered clear of scary costumes, and even if your child has loved the evening, it can be reassuring to have a goodnight prayer that reminds them that love, and light, and good, are always stronger than fear and evil.

The service of Compline (Night Prayer) has been used in this way for centuries, and many of its prayers are still used today: "Visit this place, O Lord, we pray and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let Your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let Your blessing be upon us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Or, in a simpler children's version: "Be with us, Lord, and take away all fear, may your angels protect us and give us peace. And bless us always. Amen."

You can use these lovely prayers any time when you need a reminder that God is with you – especially at the end of a difficult day, or when something sad has happened, or when your family is worried about something.

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HIGH DAYS & HOLY DAYS

1 October – Theresa of Lisieux

Theresa of Lisieux (1873-97) should be the patron saint of teenage girls and young women who want to make the most of their lives, despite being constrained by family and school or work.

Theresa grew up in a strict, devout Roman Catholic middle-class family in France, one of four sisters. Her father was a watch-maker. Like her sisters, she entered a Carmelite convent at 15, and stayed there. She was never able to go anywhere, do anything extraordinary, or hold any responsibility. She died at the age of 24 of tuberculosis. Yet this quiet young Carmelite nun became so nationally popular that she was declared patroness of France 50 years after her death. Not bad for someone who didn't get out much!

So how did Theresa do it? By not intending to do it at all. Theresa never set out to become famous: instead, she quietly determined in her spirit to seek God, and, having found Him, to

honour Him in her life, to live as closely as she could to the teaching in the gospels.

The result was a life so spiritually radiant that her convent asked her to write a short spiritual autobiography of her pilgrimage. Theresa obliged with '*L'Histoire d'une Ame*', which soon became so popular that it was translated into most European languages and several Asiatic ones. Theresa also prayed for people who were ill, and there are many reports of miraculous healings that took place in answer.

After Theresa died in 1897, her book just went on selling. People found the artless sweet simplicity of her observations on her pilgrimage as a Christian compelling. Theresa reminded people of what Christianity was really all about: simple but utter devotion to Christ, not endless outward observance of religion. Theresa helped many in the Roman Catholic Church in France to remember the first principles of their faith.

9 October – Denys of Paris

Have you ever held your head in your hands and felt that events were against you?

Then Denys is the saint for you. This Christian martyr knew all about holding his head in his hands when times got rough.

According to Gregory of Tours, Denys was an Italian bishop who became the first bishop of Paris. Along with five other bishops, he had been sent by the Pope to convert all of Gaul. Denys reached Paris, where the common people welcomed him, and his preaching was met with great popular success. In time he even went on to establish a Christian centre on an island in the Seine. That was the beginning of Christianity in Paris.

However, Gaul was still under Roman rule, and trouble began for Denys when in the year 250 the Emperor Decius issued an unusual Roman imperial edict. All the citizens of >>



Image: Les archives du Carmel de Lisieux via Wikimedia

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, 15 April 1895

<< the empire were required to sacrifice to the Emperor in order to prove their loyalty to the old ways. Once they had sacrificed, they could obtain a libellous (certificate) to prove they had complied. This sacrifice was of course out of the question for any Christian, and Denys and several leading Christians in Paris refused. Soon Denys, along with a priest called Rusticus and a deacon called Eleutherius, were imprisoned and beheaded.

So loved had Denys been by the people that stories soon sprang up about how he had then picked up his head and carried it for ten kilometres, preaching a sermon as he walked. Today you can see a statue commemorating this unusual (!) event in the crypt of the Roman Catholic Basilica of Denys in Paris.



Late Gothic statue of Saint Denis

PRAYER DIARY FOR OCTOBER

For our three church communities: We give thanks for Maggie's legacy of the new AV system in St Georges and pray that its use will enhance our worship.

We pray that each of our churches will reach out to the new housing communities and that newcomers to our parish will experience a warm welcome in all our churches.

And We give thanks for the beauty of our rural setting and especially in our Harvest Festivals.

For the wider community of ABE: We give thanks for our three community halls and all that they contribute to those who live in the area. We also give thanks for the energy and imagination that is put into the many activities that take place in them.

We continue to remember the schools in our parish and especially our church school in Eastergate as its new leadership begins.

And we give thanks for the new Health Centre in Eastergate and pray for those responsible

for its management and that it will be able to effectively support the health of the area.

We also give thanks for and support with our prayers the work of My Sister's House in Bognor as we pray for all those who find themselves threatened by family circumstances.

For our nation and the world: We continue to pray for our government - that they will govern with wisdom, compassion and justice so that our country will demonstrate values that enhance human wellbeing throughout our land.

We also pray that the leadership of the churches in our land will be guided by deep spiritual values.

We continue to pray for worldwide peace especially between Ukraine and Russia and Israel and Gaza.

And we pray for Christians who have influence in government, medicine, business, sport and entertainment; may they live out their faith and advocate for those who are vulnerable.

BARNHAM AND EASTERGATE COMMUNITY TRUST

September is here and the days are starting to become shorter and the air is chilly in the evenings. We look forward to welcoming you to our community halls - Eastergate Village Hall and Barnham Community Hall no matter what time of year. Both our buildings have many friendly events to offer you including the following:

- **Pop Up Shop Opportunities at Eastergate Village Hall on Tuesdays** during the busy coffee morning. £10 a table. Please contact Nina for more information.

- **Weekly Coffee Mornings:** Nina's Friendly Coffee Morning on Tuesdays at Eastergate Village Hall, 10.30am – midday (quiet space also available). Wednesdays at Barnham Community Hall, 10am – midday. Just pop along, you will be made very welcome. Please note that on the 1st Wednesday of the month, Barnham Community Hall's Cutten Café (*see: page 20*) will be open from 9am–3pm. As well as the usual delicious cakes and savouries, a light lunch will be on offer.

- **Community Sunday Roast Lunch:** Sunday 5 October at Eastergate Village Hall from 1pm-3:30pm. Two delicious courses, just £12pp. Sponsored by Barchester Care Home (Westergate). Please book in advance only – contact Nina for more info.

- **Friendly Foodie Fridays:** The new time of 11:30am-1pm. Friday 10 and Friday 24 October at Eastergate Village Hall (the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month in the Community Hub at the back of Eastergate Village Hall). We will have rescued/surplus food on offer to our community from our partners UK Harvest.

This amazing initiative is available to everyone. We accept cash donations but they

are not compulsory. Please bring a bag. We look forward to welcoming you.

This project is now sponsored by Nyton House Residential Care Home.

In the main hall we will now have a **regular clothing and furniture swap** working with our partners West Sussex Recycles.

Please contact Nina for more information or should you be interested in helping with these projects (details below).

- **Textile Workshops:** Wednesday 8 and Wednesday 22 October at Barnham Community Hall (*see: page 19*).

- **Motown and Northern Soul Evening:** Saturday 11 October at Eastergate Village Hall. 7:30pm-11:30pm (*see: page 22*).

- **Autumn Wedding Fair:** Sunday 12 October at Barnham Community Hall from 10am-2pm (*see: page 20*).

- **Halloween Fun Quiz:** Friday 24 October at Barnham Community Hall. Doors 7pm. Please book in advance. £5 per person. Please contact Sall-ann for more info.

Please keep an eye out on the local noticeboards, our Facebook pages and our website for more information barnhamandeastergatecommunitytrust.com.

Our motto is 'Together We Are Stronger' and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Take care.

All the staff and volunteers at Barnham and Eastergate Community Trust

For enquiries and more information please contact Nina-Maria McMaster on 07849 356097 or email nina@eastergatehall.org.uk (based at Eastergate Village Hall) or Ali Tarbard/Sally-Ann Barker on 07714 456482 or email events@barnhamcommunityhall.org (based at Barnham Community Hall).

CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF THE PUBLIC RAILROADS

Two hundred years ago, on 27 September 1825, the world's first public railway opened. It was the Stockton and Darlington Railway in north-east England.

Inspired and supported by a prominent Quaker, Edward Pease, and backed financially by many Quakers nationally, it has been described as "the great theatre of railway operations", sparking the explosion of railways across the world and boosting the industrial revolution. About 20 miles of the original 25 mile stretch still exist, now as part of the Northern Rail line.

The technical expertise behind it all came from George Stephenson, an extraordinary self-taught engineer whose expertise, which originated in the mines, stretched beyond railways. His Locomotion No 1, built for the Stockton and Darlington line, was the first steam locomotive to carry passengers on a public rail line. He worked with his 18-year-old son Robert, who is known for creating the more famous Rocket four years later.

The first Stockton and Darlington train – which in fact ran from Old Etherley Colliery, some distance north of Darlington – was led by a man on horseback with a flag. The motto of the organising committee was "At private risk for public service".

With brakemen stationed between the wagons, the train reached 12 to 15mph and was greeted by an estimated 10,000 people at the Darlington junction, where some passengers left and more boarded. The average speed was calculated at about 8mph. Six wagons of coal were given to the poor by way of celebration.

A nine-month festival in County Durham and the Tees Valley – with artwork, spectacles and community events – is marking the bicentenary of the opening of the railway.

As a tribute to his life and achievements, a bronze statue of George Stephenson was unveiled at Chesterfield railway station in 2005. An earlier statue stands in Neville Street, Newcastle.

More info at: <https://railway200.co.uk> and <https://www.railwaymuseum.org.uk>

SMILE LINES

Wear out

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

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A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him 'maybe one day, but we can't afford one yet.' Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the noticeboard at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church and announced: 'Children: free'.

Golf

A golf player is a person who can drive 70 miles an hour in traffic with perfect ease, but who goes to pieces on a two-foot putt if somebody coughs.

ALL IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

It was... 125 years ago, on 20 October 1900 that the American aviation pioneers the Wright Brothers made their first untethered glider flight at Kill Devil Hills, in North Carolina.

100 years ago, on 13 October 1925 that Margaret Thatcher, Baroness Thatcher, was born. She was the first woman Prime Minister of Britain (1979-90). She died in 2013.

65 years ago, on 30 October 1965 that Diego Maradona was born. The Argentine football player, manager and coach is regarded as one of the greatest football players in history. He died 2020.

60 years ago, on 8 October 1965 that the Post Office Tower (now the BT Tower) in London was officially opened. It was the tallest building in the UK until 1980.

50 years ago, on 9 October 1975 that the IRA detonated a bomb near the Ritz Hotel in Piccadilly. One person was killed and at least 20 injured.

40 years ago, on 1 October 1985 that riots broke out in Toxteth in Liverpool and Peckham in London. Five days later (6 October) Met Police Constable Keith Blacklock was killed in the Broadwater Farm housing estate riot in Tottenham. He was the first British constable to be killed in a riot since 1833.

20 years ago, on 3 October 2005 that Ronnie Barker, TV comedian, actor and writer, died. Known for *The Frost Report*, *The Two Ronnies*, *Porridge*, *Going Straight* and *Open All Hours*.

15 years ago, on 13 October 2010 that 33 Chilean miners who had been trapped underground for 69 days following the collapse of the San Jose copper-gold mine were rescued. Around one billion TV viewers around the world watched them being pulled to the surface one-by-one, in a specially designed capsule.

10 years ago, on 26 October 2015 that the Hindu Kush earthquake hit Afghanistan, India and Pakistan. At least 399 people were killed, and 2,536 more injured.



The Broadwater Farm riot occurred on the Broadwater council estate in Tottenham, North London, on 6 October 1985.

THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN IN THEIR FLYING MACHINE...

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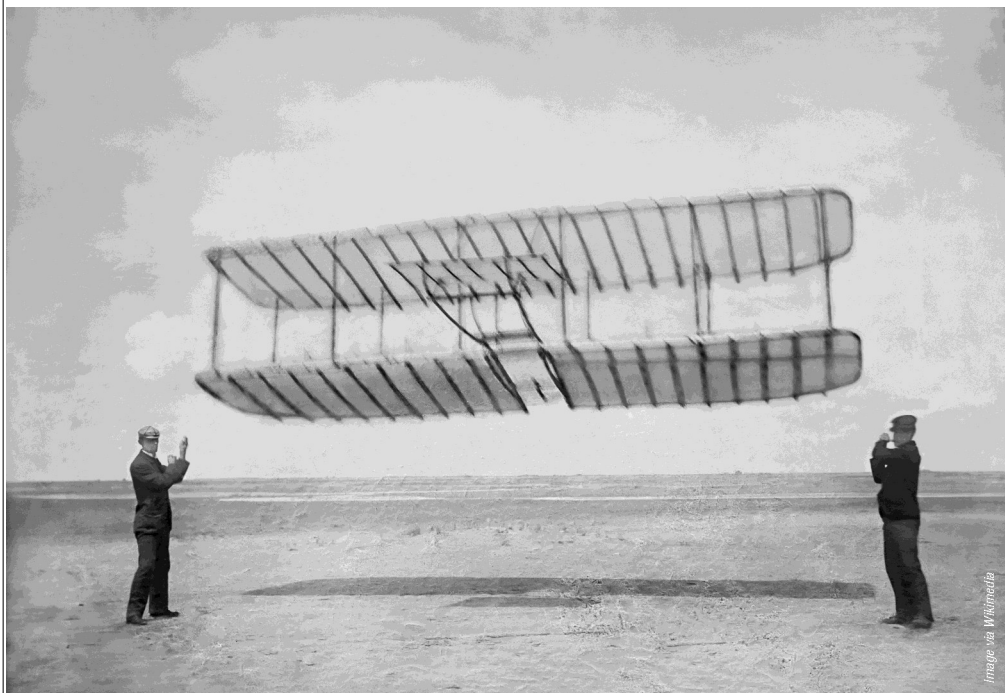
This was a key moment in the history of aviation, although their first powered flight of a heavier-than-air aircraft came three years later, on 17th December 1903, also at Kill Devil Hills, which is near Kitty Hawk.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, who lived in Dayton, Ohio – more than 600 miles from Kitty Hawk – were the sons of a bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, and were both named after clergymen. However, they became inventive mechanics and owned a bicycle shop at a time when cycling was becoming safer and popular. They chose the Kitty Hawk area for flight attempts, based on

advice from the US Weather Bureau.

There had been many unpowered glider flights in Europe before, and the Wrights, who were in their thirties, were particularly impressed by the successful German pioneer Otto Lilienthal, who had been killed in 1896. The Wrights' big leap forward, however, was a system of three-axis controls that made fixed-wing powered flight possible. It enabled the pilot to steer the aircraft and maintain its equilibrium. It remains standard on aircraft today.

Flying changed the world for us all. It had long been a dream, dating back at least as far as the Greek legend of Icarus and Daedalus, and including kite-flying in China and ballooning in 18th-century France, with the Montgolfier brothers. A small piece of the Wright Flyer is now on Mars – a piece of cloth attached to a small but active reconnaissance helicopter called Ingenuity.



Wilbur and Orville Wright flying their improved 1901 glider as a kite a year after their first flight

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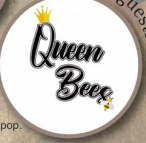
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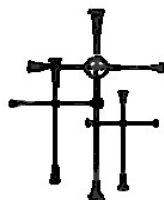
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