

# The Chronicle

For West Hoathly, Sharpthorne & Highbrook June 2023/July 2023 . £7 for six issues or £1.50 each.





### From the Editorial Team....

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\* Many thanks to the team for organising such a marvellous celebration for the King's Coronation and to the weather for being quite kind!!! As I (Kathy) couldn't be there, I was especially grateful to Gary for putting his great pictures on Facebook which made me feel as if I had attended!! We hope you all enjoyed this lovely village event.

\* The whole Parish benefited from this wonderful day with good food, drinks, music, games and the opportunity to reconnect with people whom we may not have seen for a while! Whilst the weather wasn't boiling, we did manage to beat the forecasters and avoid the rain that fell in other places! We believe that all local groups will have gained useful funds from the crowds that passed through (see individual reports inside).

\* If you have time for some volunteering, there are various village groups which need help including this magazine and especially the community transport which takes villagers to doctors and dentists in the local area. Remember, we always like to have your poems, pictures, stories or anything else you'd like to share. Please send to both editors.

\* A big thank you to all the vicars who have been filling in for us during the vacancy; prayers are needed for a new vicar who will stay with us.

\* Kathy & Pat

\* p.s. Please remember £7 subscription is due in July; details on page 21.

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### THE CHRONICLE

is published six times a year by St. Margaret's Church, West Hoathly for the benefit of the communities of West Hoathly, Sharpthorne and Highbrook.

The publication is edited and distributed entirely within the parish by a dedicated team of volunteers. We welcome reports of regular and one-off events and meetings, notices of forthcoming activities, reminiscences, poems, line drawings, short stories, individual viewpoints, letters, information and news of other matters. **Items for inclusion should be sent by email to both editors;** typed or short handwritten items can also be delivered to any of the editors.

### WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO EDIT ANY ARTICLES SUBMITTED

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#### ADVERTISING & SMALL ADS

**Sue Billings at 01342 810049** handles boxed business advertisements, which can be included for £30 annually, and also the Small Ads, on back page, which cost £1 per issue for two lines of copy. Inclusion of an advertisement does not imply any form of approval of the quality of the services offered.

#### The Cover

This month's cover picture of the **Chronicle** is by **Monica Moore**  
 We do need your pictures so please keep those creative ideas and artwork coming! Please send cover designs to **Kathy Brown**, new contributors always welcome.

#### Next Issue

The next issue of the Chronicle will cover the months of **August and September 2023**. Latest date for the submission of articles is **Friday 18th July 2023**. Printed copies will be available from **Wednesday 25th July**.



## **Do you know how your village church, ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, WEST HOATHLY, is funded and how much must be raised annually?**

St Margaret's Church here in West Hoathly lies at the centre of the village providing a physical focal point and a hub for weekly Christian worship. Its role is also to support Parishioners at important times of their life; life events – so a place to come for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as the big Christian Festivals of Christmas, Easter, Harvest and Remembrance. 250 people attended the 2022 Christingle Service on Christmas Eve for example.

St Margaret's Church receives *no* outside funding except for a grant of £1200 from the Parish Council to help with the upkeep of the extensive Churchyard.

### **Have a guess at what it costs to run the church per year?**

This figure is made up of 2 parts.

The Parish Share: which pays for our Vicar, their housing, pension, future training, advisors supporting the clergy, building and our village schools. In 2023 this figure for St Margaret's Church is **£59,000**.

Running and maintaining the Church Building: including heating, lighting, electricity, water, servicing, safety checks, maintaining the Churchyard and insurance premiums and all necessary licenses. In 2023 this figure for St Margaret's Church is forecasted to be in the region of at least **£12,000**.

**So, the total cost for 2023 is expected to be around £71,000, which translates to approximately £5,900 per month or approximately £1,400 per week.**

Currently the money comes from generous and loving donations by members of the St Margaret's congregation and other supporters of St Margaret's Church, the modest fees from the conducting of weddings and funerals, (baptisms are free) and an annual Churchyard grant from the Parish Council.

*However...*

**The projected income figure for 2023 is only £47,000 so we are facing a sizeable shortfall of £24,000 which is approximately £460 a week.**

### **Dear Parishioners of West Hoathly, Sharpthorne, Selsfield and Tyes Cross**

We need your help please to cover this shortfall, so that St. Margaret's Church can continue to benefit from the ministry of a full time Vicar, as well as continue to maintain the fabric of the Church and Churchyard both now and for our future generations.

If you are able to support these aims, please contact the St Margaret's Churchwardens ([churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com](mailto:churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com)) who will provide you with the relevant information on the various ways you can financially support St Margaret's Church, including how your donation can go further through Gift Aid.

With your help, and us all working together, we feel it should be possible to raise the necessary funds to reach the budget figures and secure a healthy and sustainable future for St Margaret's Church.

Thank you for taking the trouble to read this and we look forward to your support.

With our grateful thanks and God's Blessing,

*Derek Shurvell, Jeremy Field, Simon Witheridge & Adam Hackett*





**CHURCH NEWS**  
**ST. MARGARET'S, WEST HOATHLY &**  
**ALL SAINTS', Highbrook**



A list of general church services for June and July 2023 can be found on page 26

**'Sussex Occasional Singers'**

with George Clifford's Strings,  
return to All Saints, Highbrook,  
for a Summer Colours concert on  
Saturday, June 3rd, at 7:30pm

With the recent Coronation music still resounding in our ears, SOS will perform Handel's Coronation Anthem 'The King shall rejoice', Parry's 'I was glad' and a chance for the audience to join in with other ceremonial music. 'Dawn Chorus' and 'Two Love Songs' by Simon Austin; beautiful solos by Mozart featuring Helen Underwood-Lewis and Mark Beesley; the flautist, Ivor Humphreys and George Clifford's Summer Strings all contribute to a feast of music for a Summer Evening.

Tickets from Tony Osborn, choir members, Bullfrog Music and at the door. £15 but paired with September's Autumn Colours, only £20.

Simon Austin

**Coronation Street Fair**  
**in West Hoathly**  
(Organised by St Margaret's Church)  
**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**  
**Sponsors List**

A very Big Thank You to the Businesses, Households and Organisations who have generously supported this Event. They include:

- West Hoathly Garage
- Comber & Sons Builders
- Ashley Pinney Carpenter & Cabinet Maker
- Sylvia Limerick
- Paul & Kathy Brown
- Rick & Joy Hawkes
- Several Anonymous Donors
- Mid Sussex District Council



## Coronation Weekend

I would like to say a very **Big Thank** you to all those who helped in the planning, took a stall, helped out with setting up, putting down, carrying chairs, stewarding road closure barriers, making coffee, ringing bells, delivering programmes, paying for the commemorative coins for the Children (from monies left over from the Queen's Jubilee) and all the sponsors for the Coronation Street fair, please see separate sponsors list on page 4.

We were very blessed by our Heavenly Father, answering our prayers for dry weather when it mattered for the Party @ The Fox, thank you Tim, the Beacon Lighting & fireworks, thank you British Legion & Aaron Dart.

From the **Street Fair** on the Monday, so many highlights: Bells ringing out, Warbleton Brass Band, Andy Hiccup & Skinny Legs performing, impromptu opera, table football, candy floss, Coronation balloon arch, courtesy of Fiona Eagle, W.I. teas, sold out Hog Roast, Pizzas galore, 5 deep at the bar, School children singing their hearts out with Niki Mak in the Square. We are not yet sure of the exact totals for fund raising for the Church, please see Church website in due course, and much, much more.....!!

Derek Shurvell



## Churchyard working parties

are on the first Monday of each month from 2.00 - 4.00 pm, the next ones being **5th June & 3rd July**.

Jobs will include weeding, raking, pruning, sweeping, tidying, cleaning & brushing.

If you would like to get involved, please just come along or contact Derek for more details:  
**derekshurvell@gmail.com or 01342 810780**

Together we can keep the Churchyard tidy, make a difference and develop new ideas & projects. Currently 5 - 10 people attend. It would be lovely to double that number. We also find time to stop for tea & have a chat!

**Emmaus Youth Club:** for youngsters aged Year 6 - Year 9 inclusive, weekly on Friday evenings **7.00 - 8.30 pm** (new times for Summer). Subs **£2 fee per week** to cover refreshments, hall hire costs and other activity "ingredients"!

The Club meets in WH Village Hall, Sharpthorne Hall and outside depending on the activity. Evenings consist of games, activities and hanging out together.

It is managed, overseen & safeguarded by members of St. Margaret's Church. All youngsters of the right age are most welcome.

**Summer Term Programme 2023** will be confirmed in due course, but will consist of some of the following: Capture the Flag, Stream Walking, Shelter building, Camp fires, Swimming & games in the woods. Please contact **derekshurvell@gmail.com** for more information.

## Church & Churchyard Market, Saturday 23rd September 2023, 10 - 12 noon. St. Margaret's Church.

Please put this date down in your diary. There will be Teas & Coffees, cakes & jams, games, bric - a - brac and stalls.





**CHURCH SERVICES**  
**ST MARGARET of ANTIOCH, WEST HOATHLY**  
**and The BENEFICE of ALL SAINTS, Highbrook**  
**JUNE & JULY 2023**



## Every week at St Margaret's

Fridays at 5.30pm - Evening Prayer (BCP)

## Sundays

### 1st Sunday of the month

<del>9.00am</del>	<del>St Margaret's</del>	<del>Mattins (BCP)</del>
10.30am	St Margaret's	All Age Eucharist
4.00pm ( <i>winter</i> ) / 6pm ( <i>summer</i> )	All Saints	Evensong (BCP)

### 2nd Sunday of the month

9.00am	All Saints	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist
<del>4.00pm (<i>winter</i>) / 6pm (<i>summer</i>)</del>	<del>St Margaret's</del>	<del>Evening Prayer (BCP)</del>

### 3rd Sunday of the month

9.00am	All Saints	Mattins (BCP)
10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist

### 4th Sunday of the month

9.00am	All Saints	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist

### 5th Sunday of the month (*where appropriate*)

9.00am	All Saints	Mattins (BCP)
10.30am	St Margaret's	Eucharist

*Services at All Saints use the Book of Common Prayer (1662).*

*Where a priest cannot be found to provide cover for Holy Communion, a service of Morning Prayer of Mattins will take place instead.*

*For additional services please visit the website or social media, addresses and telephone numbers can be found on page 28.*



# The Back Page Directory

## Clubs and Organisations in the Villages

Allotments .....	Leanne Andrews .....	811301
Beavers .....	Frank Willard .....	07778 260586
Bellringers .....	Rachel Edwards .....	810210
Book Club .....	Rita des Forges .....	810224
Bowls Club .....	Glyn Lyford .....	810539
British Legion .....	Laurie Gausden .....	810751
Brownies .....	Catherine Goodridge .....	810937
	Deidre Smith .....	811258
Costcutter .....	Carol Johnson .....	810234
Cricket Club - West Hoathly ..	David Scott .....	811845
	Richard Ward .....	810394
Cub Leader .....	Michelle Hasan .....	810047
	email: michellehasan@sky.com	
Family Support Work (FSW) ..	Ingrid Sethi .....	810085
Football Club .....	Kirk Howick .....	07834 910110
Friends of the Priest House .....	Tricia Hughes .....	810158
Friends of WH Churchyard .....	Paul Brown .....	811866
Good Companions .....	Helen Scott .....	811845 or 07887 928442
Gravetye Manor .....	Andrew Thomason .....	810567
Holiday Club .....	Cat Bellamy .....	07809 211212
HUSG (Ukraine Support Group) ..	Gren Tipper .....	01444 892434
	Jane Lock .....	01444 892588
Karate Group .....	Dorian Fretwell .....	811044
Local History Group .....	Tony Hunt .....	810534
Local History Archives .....	John Ralph .....	810458
Parish Council Clerk .....	Leanne Andrews .....	811301
Parish Council Chairman .....	Douglas Denham St Pinnock .....	07785 288554
Pericles .....	Paulamaria Blaxland-de-Lange .....	810133
Pre-school (Village Hall) .....	Sophie Abbott .....	07854 128616
Priest House Curator .....	Anthony Smith .....	810479
Pubs - The Cat Inn .....	Andrew Russell .....	810369
	The Fox .....	810644
School .....	Tina Allen .....	810302
1st WH Scout Group Contact .....	Desmond Henderson .....	07500800488
	Email: <a href="mailto:desmond.henderson@egscouts.org.uk">desmond.henderson@egscouts.org.uk</a>	
1st WH Scout Leader .....	Jaime Reed .....	07906 334630
	Email: <a href="mailto:Jaime.reed@egscouts.org.uk">Jaime.reed@egscouts.org.uk</a>	
Soundshack .....	Rachel Whitlam .....	07508 723328
Table Tennis Club .....	Colin Gibbs .....	07941 921326
Tennis Club .....	Nikki Evans .....	811738
Tai Chi .....	Patricia Smith .....	01444 457488
Tootsie Time .....	Naomi Decap .....	07799895249
Village Hall Bookings:-		
- West Hoathly .....	Leanne Andrews .....	811301
- Sharpthorne .....	Lindsay Shurvell .....	810780
- Highbrook .....	Maureen Muddel .....	01444 892791
W.I. - Sharpthorne .....	Caroline Rogers .....	810470
WH Rainbows Guides .....	Brenda Farley .....	811020
Youth Groups - Emmaus .....	Lindsay Shurvell .....	810780

Please notify any changes to Pat Dunn

### Post Office Opening Times

Monday	7 am to 5.30 pm
Tuesday	7 am to 5.00 pm
Wednesday to Saturday	7.30 am to 5.30 pm
Sunday	8.00 am to 3.00 pm

The above times are dependent upon staff availability. The last post Monday to Friday is 4.45 pm and Saturdays at 9.30 am

### Costcutter's Opening Times

Monday—Saturday	7 am - 7 pm
Sunday	8 am—4 pm

Telephone: 01342 810234

### SMALL ADS

Anything to sell? Why not put it in the Small Ads column. Cost £1 per issue for 2 lines.

Contact Sue Billings on 01342 810049.  
[susanbillings70@gmail.com](mailto:susanbillings70@gmail.com)

## The Churches and Services

St. Margaret's, West Hoathly, and  
All Saints, Highbrook

[www.westhoathly.org.uk](http://www.westhoathly.org.uk) / [www.highbrook.info](http://www.highbrook.info)

Priest In Charge:  
VACANCY

Please contact the Churchwardens for help and information

### Church Officers at St Margaret's

Churchwardens:	Ann Hutchings	Tel: 01342 810742
	Tim Baker	<a href="mailto:churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com">churchwardenstmargarets@outlook.com</a>
Treasurer:	Tina Allen	Tel. 01342 810302
Child Protection:	Lindsay Shurvell	Tel: 01342 810780

### Church Officers at All Saints

Churchwardens:	Tony Osborn, Tel: 01444 892191
	Adam Hackett Tel: 01342 811920
Treasurer:	Simon Witheridge Tel: 01342 811604
Child Protection:	Despina Edge Tel: 01444 891307

Information on Church services at both of these churches is listed on Pages 31

## Roman Catholic Chapel of St. Dunstan's

[www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk](http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk)

Parish Priest: Father Paul Fleetwood Tel: 01342 710313

Follow us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/Worth-Abbey-Parish](http://www.facebook.com/Worth-Abbey-Parish)  
to see our Live Streaming of services

### Community Transport

If you would like a lift to a local hospital or doctor/dentist, for a contribution towards fuel costs, please contact:-

Any Day:	Christine Graystone	810603
	Wayne Morley	07825 429722
	Emma Barker	07863 256598
	Pat Dunn	810406
	Kim Bridges	810635/07870325569
Emergency:	Simon Hasan	07917 733230

More volunteers would be greatly appreciated

### Police Community Support Officer

Our PCSO is Paul Umney who covers Lindfield, Scaynes Hill, Horsted Keynes, Ardingly, West Hoathly, Sharpthorne and Highbrook. Contact 01273 404937 or email [midsussex@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:midsussex@sussex.pnn.police.uk).

### Local Taxi Numbers:

Forest Cars 01342 822228; Southdown Taxis 01342 317400; Acorn 01342 410518; Jill King 07808798371; A&B cars 01342 317887

### East Grinstead Recycling Centre Opening Hours

The East Grinstead Refuse Tip is now open, please go to <http://www.recycleforwestsussex.org/recycling-sites/> for hours of opening.

Proof of residency in West Sussex required

### SCHOOL PLAYGROUND HIRE FOR PARKING (Subject to Availability)

Contact WH School on 01342 810302