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Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves, We have had our summer evenings, now for October eves! Humbert Wolfe

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#### **CHURCHWARDENS**

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#### St. Laurence Church Cleaning

Enjoy lively conversation and a great work out in a beautiful village location .

Church cleaning 1 morning a month for an hour.

Contact: Judy Pavia 01428707265

#### **Church Services for October 2025**

<b>5 October</b> 16th Sunday after Trinity	<u>6.00 pm</u>	Lurgashall	Harvest Festival Canon Nigel Nicholson
	9.30 am	Northchapel	Harvest Festival
<b>12 October</b> 17th Sunday after Trinity	<b>10.00 am</b> 6.00 pm	<b>Lurgashall</b> Ebernoe	Sung Communion Rev Richard Lloyd  Harvest Festival
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<b>19 October</b> 18th Sunday after Trinity	<u>11.00 am</u>	Lurgashall	Sung Communion & Baptism Canon Nigel Nicholson
, ,	10.30 am	Northchapel	Holy Communion
<b>26 October</b> Last Sunday after Trinity -	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Sung Communion Rev Jack Mulder
Bible Sunday	6.00 pm	Ebernoe	Evensong

#### Sidesmen

Date	Sidesman	Reading	Colour
5 Oct - 6pm	Rob Holgate	2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10	Green
12 Oct	Jane Pierce	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19	Green
19 Oct – 11am	Amanda Worrall	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	Green
26 Oct	Elizabeth Clark	Romans 15:1-6 Luke 4:16-24	Green

#### From the churchwardens

#### Harvest: A Reflection on Effort, Grace, and Community



Harvest Festival remains one of the UK's most enduring traditions - a moment to pause and give thanks for the land's abundance and the labour that brings it forth. It marks the end of the growing season, and across churches, schools, and village halls, people gather to celebrate. Ancient customs mingle with Christian thanksgiving, and while the forms evolve, the spirit endures: gratitude, generosity, and reflection.

Here in Lurgashall, we'll gather on 5th October - first in church for a thanksgiving service, then for supper in the village hall. But harvest is more than a calendar event. It asks us to consider our relationship with nature, consumption, and sustainability. In an age of climate anxiety and food insecurity, this old tradition feels newly relevant.

This year's harvest has been uneven. Vineyards rejoice in a vintage season, while arable farms reckon with drought and low yields. Some fields flourished; others barely produced. Life, as we know, rarely fits into neat categories of winners and losers.

In rural communities, this unevenness extends beyond the fields. Villages like ours once held a kind of wholeness—school, church, shop, pub, post office, village hall - all within walking distance. Now much of that has thinned. There's no school, the pub struggles midweek, the shop runs at a loss, and the post office survives only through sheer determination. What was once a self-contained rhythm is now a patchwork held together by goodwill and grit.

These aren't just businesses - they're lifelines. The shop and post office are sustained not by profit but by perseverance and community generosity. As Country Life recently noted, village post offices are often the heartbeat of rural life: places where people meet, exchange news, and quietly look out for one another. When they disappear, so too does something less tangible - a sense of connection and of being seen.

Behind these services - the shop, post office, hall, church, cricket club, and village fete - stand people. They step forward not because it's easy, profitable,

or glamorous, but because they care. They take on responsibility, absorb the stress, and keep things going when others quietly step back. Their work is often unseen, their names rarely thanked, but without them village life would falter.

Meanwhile, the Church of England has announced a £25 million grant to the Diocese of Blackburn - part of £64 million across Blackburn, London, and Southwark for parish renewal, diversity, and outreach. It's a bold investment that will make a difference in urban and suburban contexts. But for rural parishes like ours, it feels like watching from the sidelines.

We understand the logic: growth potential, demographic reach, strategic impact. Yet it raises a question: where does that leave the rest of us - the places without footfall, without funding, without metrics to justify investment?

#### Which brings us back to the harvest.

In farming, as in life, effort doesn't always equal outcome. And yet there is dignity in the trying. Even fields that failed this year still taught resilience and prepared the soil for what comes next. That is a kind of harvest too.

We live in a culture obsessed with winning - career, status, influence. But the Church offers another lens. In Matthew's words, those hired late in the day receive the same wage as those who laboured from dawn. It is not about fairness, but grace.

#### So what does this mean for us?

It means our worth is not measured by yield. It means we don't judge others by apparent success. It means we look for the quiet victories - the kindness offered, the burden shared, the hope held when plans fail.

This harvest, whether you feel you're thriving or just surviving, know this: you are part of the story. You are not forgotten. In the eyes of God - or in the eyes of those who care - there are no losers. Only people doing their best, often quietly, and often with more impact than they realise.

With every blessing,

Rob and Amanda

#### St LAURENCE CHURCH LURGASHALL

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday, 5th October, 2025 at 6pm

An

**Evening Service** 

taken by

**Canon Nigel Nicholson** 



followed by

## HARVEST SUPPER

in the

VILLAGE HALL

7.30 pm

Supper Tickets (including a glass of wine) £10 available from the Village Shop



## Autumn Lecture

## at 7.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at St. Peter Ad Vincula Church Wisborough Green



## James Courtis-Pond

of Anydata Solutions
will speak on...
'Beyond a

Reasonable Doubt'

James was an atheist whose life revolved around competitiveness. His life changed when he met Jesus! As a lawyer, he scrutinised the Bible as though it was a legal document and concluded it's true.

Free Entry. Wine and Canapés.

Parking in the Village Hall car park, School Road,
Wisborough Green, West Sussex, RH14 0DX.

www.petworthareachurchestogether.com

#### THE VILLAGE HALL 50:50 CLUB



#### **Congratulations to September's winners:**

1<sup>st</sup> prize: Jax Lawson 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: David Godfray

It is simple to join. Just call Steve on 07778 357272 or email

Catherine.Nicholes@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Lurgashall Oil Buying Group**

Our next order will be placed at the beginning of October when we shall be recommencing our monthly orders.

Please let me know if you are interested in joining the Group.

Colin Robertson

lurgashall.oil@gmail.com



#### VILLAGE LUNCH

The next lunch will be on 13th october. Just put your name on the list in the Shop. This closes on the Thursday before the lunch. Please contact Sally Stainton on 07810634063, if you have any dietary requirements.

#### VILLAGE TEA.

The next tea will be on the 29th October

## VILLAGE HELL

#### Here for our community

Lurgashall Village Hall and its equipment are available for hire, with special discounted rates for residents of the parish.

The hall is great for children's parties, exercise and dance classes, family gatherings, meetings, film shows – in fact, almost anything you can think of!

Equipment for hire includes tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, glassware and the ever-popular large urn!

Our rates are very reasonable indeed. To find out more, please go to <a href="https://www.lurgashallvillagehall.org">www.lurgashallvillagehall.org</a> or contact the Booking Secretary on <a href="https://www.lurgashallvillagehall.com">lvhmc.bookings@gmail.com</a>

# Whose Wine is it, anyway?

A light-hearted Wine-tasting-cum-Quiz evening with a panel of 'Experts' only one of whom is telling the truth..!



Saturday, 25th October 7.30 for 8pm

 ${f \pounds 12}$  from The Village Shop

#### **LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

Lurgashall Parish Council held a meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September. DRAFT minutes from this will be available to view on the Village Green noticeboard and the website. The next meeting is on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** at the Village Hall.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICKING: Meet at the Village Hall on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 10am. Please join in and help keep our village tidy. Equipment provided.

<u>HEDGE CUTTING</u>: Please may residents be reminded that hedgerows and trees bordering our parish roads are the responsibility of the adjacent landowners, not West Sussex County Council Highways. This is especially important on our rural roads where sight-lines and widths are already limited. Please be considerate and check and cut if required as there has been a significant amount of growth over the past few months.

Likewise with ditches and any watercourse on your land – riparian owners have the responsibility to maintain. Please get these checked before the winter is upon us once again.

#### REPORTING ISSUES

Please contact OPERATION CRACKDOWN for anti-social driving (i.e., speeding, careless and aggressive driving and driving whilst on a mobile phone) and abandoned vehicles. Either via the website <a href="https://www.operationcrackdown.org">www.operationcrackdown.org</a> or 01243 642222

To report all non-emergency POLICE matters, call 101 or visit www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/

Want to report a pothole or road issue? <a href="www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/">www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/</a>

To report a problem with a right of way directly then either report online <a href="https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/">https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/</a> or email <a href="mailto:prow@westsussex.gov.uk">prow@westsussex.gov.uk</a> or phone 01243 777620 or inform the Parish Council

#### **BONFIRES**

Please be mindful of others when having bonfires. Guidelines and how to report them if they are a nuisance, can be found on Chichester District Council's website

www.chichester.gov.uk/reportbonfireproblem

Keep up to date with local road closures: www.one.network/uk/westsussex

#### LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL 2025/2026

**CHAIRMAN** 

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#### THE OWNERSHIP OF PARHAM PARK

#### **The Palmers**

As with so many of the larger local houses, Parham Park (pronounced as in the 'par-' of 'parrot') was a monastic foundation in the form of a 'grange' (outlying



Parham House

farm with tithe barns) of Westminster Abbey although the name probably derives from 'perham' meaning 'pear enclosure'. Following the dissolution of the monasteries, the park was granted in 1544 by Henry VIII to Robert Palmer of Henfield (c.1465-1544). The Palmers were a well-established family from Angmering and Robert had become a

Gentleman Usher tasked with providing



Sir Thomas Palmer

the Crown with military support. In 1577 his grandson, William (1544-1586) began the building of a south facing E-shaped Elizabethan country house for which his 2-year-old son Thomas (1575-1605) laid the foundation stone.

#### The Bishopps

In 1601 the younger Thomas sold the estate for £4,500 to Thomas Bishopp (1550-1626) whose father Thomas (c.1504-1560) was a JP and attorney to the Bishop of Chichester. The elder Thomas had married Elizabeth Belknap (1524-1569) for whom he had acted as feofee and through whom he gained a considerable estate in Sussex including Henfield, a park of 150 acres leased from the Bishop of Chichester, in addition to the manors of Beeding, Drayton, Hunston, Stubcroft and farms containing 1,000 sheep. The younger Thomas inherited these at the age of ten and sat as a JP from 1578, becoming Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex in 1584 and again in 1601. He became an MP and was knighted by James I in 1603. In 1603, he purchased the baronetcy of Parham.



Sir Thomas Bishopp

By his second wife, Jane Weston, Sir Thomas Bishopp had numerous children. Their eldest son Sir Edward inherited Parham and in 1626 married Mary Tufton daughter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Thanet and a great-granddaughter of William Cecil, Lord Burghley resulting in the given name of Cecil being adopted by many future generations of the family. It may have been these connections that protected him in 1627 after he murdered Henry Shirley a dramatist and

member of the Shirley family of Wiston. Shirley had arrived unarmed at Bishopp's London house to collect a £40 annuity which Bishopp was due to provide to him, but in a drunken state Bishopp ran him through with his sword. Although he escaped, he was apprehended and sentenced to be burnt on the hand but was later pardoned, serving as Sheriff of Surrey and Sussex, MP for Bramber and becoming a Royalist Colonel of Horse.

Parham passed down succeeding generations of the family to Sir Cecil Bishopp, 7th Baronet (1728-1779) who relocated the village clustered round St Peter's Church two hundred yards from the house to Rackham half a mile away and planned the building of the stables, courtyards and laundry building with its clocktower. In 1750, he married Susan Hedges the heiress to the Zouche barony so that in 1816 their son Cecil (1753-1828) the 8<sup>th</sup> Baronet also became 12<sup>th</sup> Lord Zouche of Haryngworth. He laid out the pleasure gardens at Parham and undertook extensive remodelling of the house, resulting in him dying heavily in debt. When his son predeceased him, his eldest daughter, Harriet Anne Bishopp (1787-1870) became the 13<sup>th</sup> Baroness Zouche and inherited Parham.

#### The Curzons

Harriet had married Robert Curzon (1774-1863), the youngest son of Assheton Curzon, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Curzon of Penn and Dorothy Grosvenor of Eaton. Robert left his mark on Parham by adding the gothic screen wall on its north front. Their son, Robert Curzon (1810-1873) became 14<sup>th</sup> Lord Zouche and married Emily Julia Horton, whose son and daughter succeeded as 15<sup>th</sup> Lord and 16<sup>th</sup> Baroness



Robert Curzon, 14th Lord Zouche

Zouche. When both died without issue, Parham passed to Robert's great-niece, Mary Cecil Curzon, 17<sup>th</sup> Baroness Zouche (1875-1965). She married Frederick William Francis George Frankland and, although they had issue, they sold Parham in 1922 with 3,733 acres for £200,000 to Bernard Clive Pearson (1887-1965) the second son of the 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Cowdray.

#### The Pearsons and Guinnesses

Yet again the Pearson family had stepped in to preserve an ancient property badly in need of attention. Bernard and his wife, Alicia Mary Dorothea Knatchbull-Hugessen (1893-1974) restored Parham as their home 'with great sensitivity and care, filling it with interesting and beautiful things'. As Simon Jenkins has said: 'Nothing at Parham is superfluous, nothing unloved. It is a house of magic.' In 1954 *The Antique Collector* was able to say: 'This is a noble English home whose owners, in a single generation, have recreated by loving and knowledgeable care what usually takes some centuries of continuous

family occupation to acquire. Parham with a thousand-year-old history has rediscovered its roots.'

Clive Pearson died in 1965, and Parham was inherited by their elder daughter Veronica Mary Pearson (1916-1993) who married Patrick Arthur Tritton. Her sister Lavinia (1919-1991) had married



Parham today

Charles Michael Smiley (1910-1991) and their daughter Miranda Daphne Jane Smiley (1940-2010) married Arther Francis Benjamin Guinness, 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Iveagh (1937-1992). It was their daughter Emma Lavinia Guinness (b. 1963) who was chosen in 1993 by her great aunt to take over the mantle of Parham, which is now owned by a charitable trust, and she lives there with her husband James Barnard who she married in 1995 and their family, maintaining the ethos begun by her Pearson great-grandparents.

#### Sources

Parham brochures; <u>www.ancestry.co.uk</u>; <u>www.geni.com</u>; <u>www.stirnet.com</u> Robert Stedall ©

## THE NOAH'S ARK COUNTRY PUB



We look forward to welcoming you to the Noah's Ark. Join us for a drink at the bar, or for lunch or supper in our restaurant, bar and spacious Ark room.

To book your table, see our current menu, or for opening hours, what's on, and more information, please visit our website.

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#### THE AULD FOOL ON THE MATTER OF MUSHROOMS

The Badger and the Auld Fool – plus the security patrol of Tess and Molly (the Labs) make an early morning inspection of the paddock which lays behind the house at Whites Green and today (12th September) is a day which is marked each year – MUSHROOMS!

Enough for a jolly good breakfast with streaky bacon, toast and our own tomatoes (that is Auld Fool fodder – the Badger likes porridge with fruits and yogurt).......

The Auld Fool is canny enough to know just a few select varieties of Fungi for eating and to know his limitations – the surrounding woods host rich varieties of fungal temptation but thus far he has resisted the lure of these pungent creatures.

#### As Donal Henahan said:

"On the subject of wild mushrooms, it is easy to tell who is an expert and who is not: The expert is the one who is still alive."

.....and these jolly field mushrooms are FREE.......

In the pictures the field mushrooms are on the left and I'm pretty sure the ones on the right are not suitable.....





#### Free CPR & Defibrillator Training

## Lurgashall Village Hall Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10.30-12.30

Rescue Ready is funded by the Sussex Heart Charity and delivered by Pulse South Coast. It supplies free CPR & Defibrillator sessions to community groups across Sussex with the aim of training people with essential lifesaving skills, so that they have the confidence to be ready to assist in the event of a cardiac emergency.

To reserve your place, please email Nicol Tomlinson:

#### LVHMC.Secretary@gmail.com

(Maximum 14 places available, aged 16 and over)

## The Lurgashall Village Shop: A Positive New Chapter



As the current Board of Directors prepares to step down in October, we are delighted to share some exciting news regarding the future of our beloved village shop.

To ensure a smooth transition and a bright, sustainable future for this valued community asset, we have co-opted Catherine Nicholes and Sarah Thompson to the board. With the assistance of a legal team, they will oversee the process of transitioning the shop to a new management company. This collaborative effort will ensure the continued security of the Community Benefit Society and all members' funds.

Cathy and Sarah bring a wealth of experience in legal, governance, hospitality, tourism, and public relations Their expertise will be invaluable during this transitional phase. Once completed, the incoming Board of Directors will also bring a fresh perspective, with a wealth of experience in retail and community engagement.

This is a positive next chapter for our shop, focusing on growth and long-term sustainability. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the existing board for their continued support throughout this process. We are confident that with this new structure, the shop will continue to thrive for many years to come.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy and Sarah – <a href="mailto:lurgashallvs@gmail.com">lurgashallvs@gmail.com</a>

## please support your community shop



#### Lots of lovely local products.

We have an array of lovely local products in store. Some gorgeous apples and giant courgettes that have been kindly donated by some Lurgashall residents.

We also have biscuits, honey, bread, sausage rolls and pasties, quiches, sandwiches, ready meals, ice cream, milk, cream, cheese, fruit, veg, cakes, brownies, cordial and apple juice all from small local suppliers.

If you want to support local business and support the shop at the same time, pop into our lovely stop and purchase some of the delicious local items available.





	VILLAGE SHOP	VIELAGE	POST OFFICE	POST
	OPEN	CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE
MONDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
TUESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.30 AM	12.30 PM
FRIDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	CLOSED	
SATURDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	CLOSED	
SUNDAY	10.00 AM	1.00 PM	CLOSED	

TEL 01428 707277

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### Lurgashall Archive

The Archive is open at the Village Hall on Wed 15<sup>th</sup>&29<sup>th</sup> October 2.30-4.30pm archive@lurgashallvillagehall.org

Our heritage matters

The Trespass Letter – April 1816 Written in the front of the Lurgashall Burials Register 1813-1880

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#### A Transcript of the Trespass Letter - April 1816

Lurgasale April 9. 1816

WE the undersigned acknowledge that we have committed a Trespass, in taking the Corpse of Maria Bridger, on the Twentieth of February last past, into, and through the grounds, in the occupation of Thomas Fitzherbert Esq, by entering the New Gate, out of the Highway leading from Ramsfold to Rundhurst Common into Absters: then, through a new road grubbed out of the wood, also called Absters: through two fields, and the Gate, in front of the dwelling House: to that part of Blackdown near the Telegraph and from thence, entering his premises again, by a new gate, into a certain field called the Furze field, through part of Marl field, and Down Steers Grove, and the Ewehurst, to Winfold Wood Common---------- All which roads, have been grubbed & new made by the said Thomas Fitzherbert Esq and were never prior thereto, used as a Path or Road, & consequently could never have been an high road.

In consideration of acknowledging our Error, by signing this in the Church Burial Register Book of Lurgasale, the said Thomas Fitzherbert Esq has withdrawn his action for the trespass committed by us.

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x Chas Enticknap
Tho Boxall
John Caplen
? Kingshott
Wm Enticknap
x the Mark of Wm Genner
x the Mark of Tho Genner
x the Mark of John Genner

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x Jane Capling

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#### The Trespass Letter

This fascinating glimpse of Lurgashall history was brought to our attention by Steve Capling of New York while he was researching his own Caplin ancestry. Steve visited Lurgashall in June (see August issue of News). We are indebted to him.

Maria Bridger of Green Hill (Farm), Roundhurst was the (purported) wife of William Bridger. She died in early 1816, aged only 27.

Maria's funeral cortège carried her corpse from the top of Roundhurst all the way to Lurgashall Church, on the way crossing private land belonging to a Thomas Fitzherbert Esq who was living at Blackdown Cottage.



Blackdown Cottage c.1920 – before that known as Barfold-under-Beacon, now known as Blackdown Beacon on the corner of Quell & Fernden Lanes

Many of the place names mentioned in the letter are recognisable to us today, and it's quite possible to trace the path the cortège must have taken down to Windfallwood and on to the church.

Several of the names of mourners are also recognisable today as long-held village family names. Interestingly, several men and almost all the women, could not sign their own names but marked against them with a cross. It took us a while to work out that the word 'Wimmon' was meant to indicate the list of 'women' in the cortège.

The cortège must have been discovered and threatened with trespass, but by their confessing the error of their way (quite literally) in this letter, Fitzherbert agreed to take no further proceedings against them. Thomas Fitzherbert Esq was born in Portsea, Hants in c.1746. As a young man, he gained the patronage of Lord Sandwich, First Lord of the Admiralty. Between 1775 and 1782 he obtained contracts for supplying waggons for the army in America and ironwork for gun-carriages.

In 1780 he paid his way to be elected as MP for the (then) corrupt borough of Arundel which he represented for 10 years.



Fitzherbert c.1781 by Mather Brown

In 1789 Fitzherbert married Anne Pye, who died childless in 1802. Although Fitzherbert owned substantial properties in Portsea and Chichester, he seems to have spent the later years of his life living at Blackdown Cottage where he was close friends with members of the Yaldwyn family of Blackdown House. He died in 1822.

#### A Postscript

In the bottom right-hand corner of the original Trespass Letter is a small and poignant postscript:

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The corpse of Edward Courtnay Ewens was brought thro' the grounds of Mrs Yaldwyn, by her permission. The gates were <u>unlocked</u> by her servant to allow the procession to pass thro'.

Dec 1840

Will'm Hunter Curate

In December 1840 Lurgashall Curate William Hunter noted another cortège passing through Yaldwyn Blackdown land, but this time with the permission of Mrs Yaldwyn and with the gates unlocked to allow the procession through.

The procession carried the tiny corpse of 10-week-old Edward Courtnay Ewen of Valewood House. Edward's parents, John Leman and Alethea Ewen, moved to Valewood from Suffolk in c.1839-40, just after the mansion had been built.

Despite wealth and comfort, theirs cannot have been a happy life: of their nine children, six died in infancy, one daughter at just one day old. The family eventually moved back to Suffolk in c.1859, having handed Valewood House on to James Mangles (see Lurgashall News Sept 2024).

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### Haslemere Library October Events 2025



Haslemere Library is the place to go.



#### **Adult Sketch Club**

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month 200 - 3.00pm A fun sketch club that doesn't require drawing skills! Our volunteer will guide you every step of the way with prompts and encouragement, so allow yourself some 'Me' time and join our friendly group.

**FREE** 

#### **CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS**

Learn how to crochet a pair of fingerless gloves from upcycled granny squares? Join us on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Cost £8.50 per person

#### **Jane Austen Talk**

A Talk by the Jane Austen Society. **Bookable through Eventbrite** Friday 24th October 2.00 - 3.00pm

HASLEMERE LIBRAR Lino Printing Adult Craft Workshop Make a card and learn a new skill!

Book Now:

haslemere.libraryesurreycc.gov,

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## Films in Petworth at the Leconfield Hall leconfieldhall.org.uk

The Grade II\* listed Leconfield Hall in the centre of Petworth, a Registered Charity, was built in 1793 and periodically has to be updated to meet the needs of the people around Petworth and district. During the Covid lockdowns, the upstairs auditorium was transformed into a state-of-the-art cinema with a large screen, comfortable raked seating, a Dolby surround sound system, and a superb modern digital projector. The Hall has a regular programme of current films and a well-stocked bar with soft drinks, snacks, ice cream and a good selection of wines and beers.

Films are shown for children at family-friendly times during school holidays and for adults all year round. At children's films, adult tickets are the same low price as the children's. The films help to fund this beautiful building. As a village hall and the main community centre for Petworth, it is almost impossible to cover the running costs from hiring income alone. The magnificent auditorium can also host other events, but is now mostly used for films and concerts. The Petworth Festival has many events in the Hall during the summer festival and during the autumn Literary week. Petworth Sessions stage live music all year round.

The technology allows the Hall to show films as soon as they are on general release. The new Downton Abbey film was shown in Petworth at the same time as in London and the rest of the country. Why travel to Chichester or Guildford or Horsham when there is such a fine resource on our own doorsteps? Forthcoming films include *The Roses* with Olivia Colman and Benedict Cumberbatch, *A Big Bold Beautiful Journey*, an American romantic fantasy, *One Battle After Another* with Leonardo di Caprio and Sean Penn and *On Swift Horses*, a romantic drama set in the 1950s after the Korean war.

The Hall also shows very popular regular live streams from the Royal Opera House. <u>Tosca</u> is the first of the new season on 1 October. Please check our website for upcoming films and live streams:

<u>The Roses</u>: 29 September—3 October <u>Tosca</u> ROH Live Stream – 1 October

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey: 7 & 10 October

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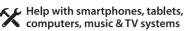
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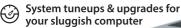
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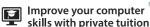
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