

Lurgashall News

NOVEMBER 2025



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A mast year for acorns occurs roughly every 3 to 10 years, with the frequency varying by species and other factors. These "boom" years, where oak trees produce a huge number of acorns, are followed by years with much lower yields, as trees use significant energy to produce the bumper crop.

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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 November 2025

2 November <i>All Saints Day</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall	Holy Communion <i>Rev Jack Mulder</i>
9 November <i>3rd Sunday before Advent</i>	<u>10.50 am</u> 9.30 am 10.55 am	Lurgashall Ebernoe Northchapel	Remembrance Service <i>Canon Nigel Nicholson</i> Remembrance Service Remembrance Service
16 November <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>	<u>10.30 am</u>	At Northchapel (no service at Lurgashall)	Holy Communion & Confirmation <i>Bishop Martin</i>
23 November <i>Christ the King</i>	10.00 am 6.00 pm	Lurgashall Ebernoe	Sung Communion <i>Canon Nigel Nicholson</i> Music with Young Folk
30 November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00 am	Lurgashall with Northchapel & Ebernoe	Joint Parishes Communion at Lurgashall <i>Rev Richard Lloyd</i>

Sidesmen

Date	Sidesman	Reading	Colour
2 Nov	Rebecca Lawrence	Ephesians 1:11-end Luke 6:20-31	White
9 Nov – 10.50am	Amanda Worrall	2 Thessalonians 2.1-5. 13- end Luke 20:27-38	Red
16 Nov	Service at Northchapel		
23 Nov	Elaine Parnell	Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43	Red
30 Nov	Rob Holgate	Romans 13:11-end Matthew 24:36-44	Purple



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2025 at 10.50 a.m. taken by Canon Nigel Nicholson



**The Remembrance Sunday Service will be held in
St Laurence Church, starting promptly at 10.50 a.m.**

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*They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

From the Churchwardens

Remembrance Sunday: Looking Back, Living Forward



Each year, on the Sunday closest to 11th November, we pause as a nation to remember. The poppies, the silence, the solemn words of prayers and hymns all remind us of sacrifice—of men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and in conflicts since. We remember them not only with gratitude but also with humility, recognising the weight of their duty and the cost of their courage.

For Christians, remembrance is more than looking back; it is also an act of thanksgiving and learning. At the very heart of our faith stands the cross—Jesus Christ laying down His life for the salvation of the world. His sacrifice was not for His own sake, but for the good of others. “Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” (John 15:13). In that light, the service and sacrifice of so many in wartime reflect something of that same spirit of love, duty, and courage.

The world wars remind us how fragile peace is, and how precious. They also remind us that peace often comes at a great cost. Those who served did not seek out conflict for its own sake; rather, they shouldered the burden of duty to protect home, family, freedom, and future generations. Their example challenges us today: what responsibilities do we carry in our own time, in a world that still wrestles with violence, injustice, and fear?

Remembrance Sunday is not about glorifying war. It is about holding before God both the tragedy of conflict and the hope of a better future. That feels particularly important today. We live in a world where news headlines are filled with wars in Ukraine, in the Middle East, and in many places that rarely reach our screens. We see images of refugees, grieving families, and communities torn apart. Many of us feel powerless in the face of such suffering and division.

But Remembrance Sunday reminds us that our response need not be despair. We may not be able to stop wars by ourselves, but we are not without responsibility or influence. We can pray for peace and for those in positions of power. We can give to charities that support veterans, refugees, or those caught up in conflict. We can show compassion in our own communities, resisting bitterness and hatred with kindness and generosity. And we can seek to live faithfully as followers of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ, who calls us to be peacemakers in our families, workplaces, and neighbourhoods.

As we stand in silence this year, we do so not only in gratitude for the past, but with a renewed resolve for the present. To honour those who sacrificed for us is also to take up the call to live lives marked by service, compassion, and faithfulness today. May our remembering inspire us to hope, to pray, and to act —trusting that God can use even our small efforts for the good of the world He loves.

Amanda and Rob

VILLAGE HALL

SAVE the DATE:

Sat, 13th December

CHRISTMAS





LURGASHALL CRICKET CLUB

Founded 1840



From Judith Ward, The Old School, Lurgashall Green

"Of times husband is to be found in his study computer programming or practising his oboe. However, on this particular day, the last Friday of September, he heard unusual sounds. Was it a mooing, outside on the green? Curious, he looked out to see a herd of cream coloured cows. Abandoning his project, he took a picture from the front door. The pretty cloven footed ruminants perhaps being herded on their way from one pasture to another, we supposed.



But then they turned and headed straight for the wicket.....
Consternation in the Cricket Club! The last match of the season due on Sunday and, aside from unusual dents and divots, bovine deposits on the green to be cleared away before any unfortunate contact with clean cricket whites. Saturday morning, men appeared with buckets and shovels. All pats cleared in time. Howzat!
And another happy match with children and men alike having a great time, a special spectacle for spectators, too. Contented cows safely back in field. No real harm done, just another day in lovely Lurgashall..."



THE VILLAGE HALL 50:50 CLUB

Congratulations to October's Winners:

1st prize: Cathy Nicholes

2nd prize: Maggie Wilding



Please join and help your Village Hall. Just call Steve on 077783357272 or email to catherine.nicholes@hotmail.co.uk

Lurgashall Oil Buying Group

Our October order for approximately 18,000 litres was placed with Southern Energy (formerly Local Fuels) at a price of 48.99 ppl +VAT.

As Autumn's here we're now back to monthly orders so our next order will be placed at the beginning of November.

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 10th November. 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 26th November.

VILLAGE HALL

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 www.lurgashallvillagehall.org or contact the Booking Secretary on lvhmc.bookings@gmail.com



Join us for a Christmas Wreath-Making Course!

Learn the art of festive wreaths from our very own fabulous florist, **Diggy Rodber**.

When: Thursday 11th December 10:00am – 12:00pm

Where: Lurgashall Village Hall

Includes: Teas, coffees, and delicious brownies

Tickets: £40 each

All proceeds will benefit **The Friends of St. Laurence**.

Tickets are available at the **Village Shop**, but hurry
— we can only accommodate **20 people!**

Please bring an apron and some secateurs.



Thank you

**To everyone who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning
at Lurgashall Village Hall in September. Together we
raised a staggering**

£800

LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE
HELD ON THURSDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2025
AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

All members of the public are welcome to attend and as usual there will be time set aside for anyone to raise any concerns they may have in the parish.

REPORTING ISSUES

Please contact OPERATION CRACKDOWN for anti-social driving (i.e., speeding, careless and aggressive driving and driving whilst on a mobile phone). Either via the website www.operationcrackdown.org or 01243 642222. Abandoned vehicles should now be reported to Chichester District Council.

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? www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

To report a problem with a right of way directly then either report online <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/> or email prow@westsussex.gov.uk or phone 01243 777620 or inform the Parish Council

BONFIRES

Please be mindful of others when having bonfires now the weather is improving. 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

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LURGASHALL PARISH COUNCIL 2025/2026

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Lurgashall Archive

*Our heritage
matters*

The Archive is open at the Village Hall
on Wed 12th & 26th November

2.30-4.30pm archive@lurgashallvillagehall.org



James ('Jim') Bradley (1911 – 2003)
"The picture that gave me the will to survive"



Some of you may know Roger and Gay Bradley who used to live at Beards Cottage (now Aldworth Farm) on Jobson's Lane and now live in Haslemere. Roger's parents, Jim and Lindsay, lived in Balls Cross, running the fruit orchards there. Jim couldn't be trapped in an office after what he had endured in life; he needed fresh air and freedom.

Jim's story of suffering, endurance and ultimate survival in Japanese prisoner-of-war camps during World War II is testament to all those who fought and survived a brutal war in the name of peace.

A Cambridge engineering graduate, Jim was a lieutenant in the Sappers when he arrived in Singapore in 1942. After 30 days of action the island fell to the Japanese, and Jim, along with hundreds of other Allied troops, was marched off to the infamous Changi jail.

After 14 months, and already weakened, ill and emaciated, Jim was sent with 7,000 British and Australian POWs to work on the construction of the Burma/Thailand railway – now known as the Death Railway.

Songkurai, a place just eight miles south of the Burma/Thailand border, contained three POW camps. The Japanese showed no mercy to their captives. Jim recalled, “We had to work 15 hours a day in the pouring rain, up to our waists in water to build a bridge.” Cholera was killing 20 or more people a day, and Jim, being one of few cholera-carrying officers, was made to cut wood for the funeral pyres of the dead every day.

Incredibly, Jim and nine other men planned an escape from the camp, heading perilously through jungle towards the coast. After a nightmare journey lasting more than eight weeks, the five who survived were seized by Burmese hunters and handed back to the Japanese. The escapees were locked in a 6ft-by-6ft bamboo cage and put on display at POW camps all along the railway as a warning.

Weighing less than six stone and desperately ill, Jim was taken to the place he described as “the worst of all” – Outram Road Jail in Singapore. After eight weeks of torture, he was taken back to Changi where he remained for the rest of the war until his release in August 1945.

Through all this, Jim had miraculously kept safe the photograph of his young son Roger, his first wife Lindsay and her mother – “the picture that gave me the will to survive”.

Back in England, Jim had his fruit farm, and he rented the orchards at Parkhurst in Lurgashall for many years and then bought the land and Orchard Cottage at Parkhurst for Pip and Margy Holden. Pip managed the Parkhurst orchards. Roger and Gay lived at Beards Cottage just up the road.

It took 35 years for Jim’s nightmares to subside, finally exorcised when he wrote about his war experiences in a memoir.

In 1995, the 50th anniversary of VJ Day, Jim agreed to meet and shake the hand of the Japanese camp commander who terrorised POWs at Songkurai. He wanted the Japanese to acknowledge the atrocities and, if they could do so, to apologise. Jim said, “I never want anyone else to go through what I had, and the way to stop it is to have peace.”

Jim died in 2003, aged 91.

November 2025

Lurgashall Parish



THE BUSINESS INTERESTS AND PROPERTIES OF THE PEARSON FAMILY OF COWDRAY

The origins of the Pearson family fortune come from S. Pearson and Son Ltd, a business founded in 1844 by Samuel Pearson (1818-1884) as builders and public works contractors at Bradford in Yorkshire, where they were heavily involved in the manufacture of bricks, tiles and piping. On the retirement of Samuel Pearson in 1879 he passed his share of the firm to his grandson, Weetman Dickinson Pearson (1856-1927) who now became the sole partner of Weetman's father, George (1834-1899). Weetman expanded the business out of the north of England especially into London, where he moved the headquarters in 1884 and from where he effectively ran the business. In 1894, he became the sole proprietor and under his management, the Company became one of Britain's leading civil engineering contractors with construction work in Europe, China and Latin America. During the 1880s,



*Weetman Dickinson Pearson,
1st Viscount Cowdray*

building contracts included the docks at Milford Haven, the Empress Dock at Southampton and in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 1889, he won contracts to build the Hudson River tunnel connecting Manhattan to Jersey City and to build the Grand Canal to drain the swamps of Mexico City. From 1891 to 1897, he constructed the Blackwall Tunnel under the Thames and built the four East River tunnels linking Manhattan to Long Island for the Pennsylvania, New York and Long Island Railroad Company and many other projects in Mexico. Other major works included the Sheffield main sewer, the Tehuantepec Railway and the Sennar Dam on the Blue Nile to provide irrigation in Sudan. Through his engineering interests in Mexico, he established control of the Mexican oil industry, which was sold to Shell in 1919 in the face of Mexico's deteriorating political situation. His continued interest in oil exploration led to him participating in the formation of the Amerada Petroleum Corporation. In the meantime, the UK

engineering contracting business continued to be managed by his brother, Sir Edward Ernest Pearson (1874-1925).

By this time Weetman had acquired two huge estates, Cowdray with 16,500 acres and numerous cottages at Midhurst and Dunecht with 53,000 acres in Aberdeenshire and was created a Viscount in 1917. These estates were inherited in 1933 by his grandson, Weetman John Churchill Pearson (1910-1995), 3rd Viscount



Cowdray Park

Cowdray, together with a controlling interest in S. Pearson and Son. Since 1924, the business had been managed by his uncle, Bernard Clive Pearson (1887-1965) (the purchaser of Parham) who became Chairman in 1935 until his retirement in 1954. During this period the contracting activities were discontinued, and the business faced some difficulties. In 1941, its holding in Amerada was compulsorily acquired by the British Government. During the 1940s its main aviation interests were nationalised as were its coal mining interests and electric utilities in the west of England. In 1954, when Bernard was succeeded as Chairman by the 3rd Viscount, it had a controlling interest in the merchant bank, Lazards and a variety of other financial and industrial



*The 3rd Viscount
Cowdray*

investments including Westminster Press and a chain of provincial newspapers. Cowdray's achievement over the succeeding twenty-three years was to transform the Company by acquisition into a broadly based and highly profitable industrial group. In 1957, he bought the Financial Times and a 50% stake in the Economist. In 1959, he sold Saunders Roe the remaining aviation business. In 1963, he bought a large interest in Château Latour. Other acquisitions included Royal Crown Derby, Royal Doulton and Madame Tussauds. In 1967, he

bought the Publisher, Longman.

In 1969, S. Pearson became a public company, known as Pearson Plc. It acquired Penguin Books in 1970 and Ladybird Books in 1972. It was now a highly profitable broadly based industrial group. On Cowdray's retirement as Chairman in 1977 he was succeeded by his eldest son Michael (but became

President in 1983 until his death in 1995). During the 1990s, the business progressively divested of most of its non-media assets. On Cowdray's death, Michael succeeded as 4th Viscount and continued as Chairman until 1997. In 2000, Pearson Plc sold its stake in Lazards. It now concentrates on educational publishing with the acquisition of Simon and Schuster and media including Pearson Television (now Fremantle) which presents *Britain's Got Talent* and *the X Factor* among a range of other productions.

In addition to their continuing financial acumen, the family have taken a great interest in their properties and estates, often acquired when in great need of restoration. In 1793, Cowdray House the long-standing home of the Viscounts Montagu had been made ruinous by fire and in 1840 the estate was sold to George Perceval, 6th Earl of Egmont, whose son Charles, the 7th Earl, built Cowdray Park in the 1870s as his home. He, in turn, sold the estate in 1910 to Weetman Dickinson Pearson, who restored and extended Cowdray Park. Further alterations were made in 1927 by the 2nd Viscount, the liberal MP for Eye from 1906-1918, who had married Agnes Beryl Spencer-Churchill, a granddaughter of the 6th Duke of Marlborough. He was a keen polo player laying out the lawns which make Cowdray so well-known today. Cowdray Park remained the home of their son the 3rd Viscount and the estate is still owned by his eldest son Michael.

Dunecht with its 53,000 acres was left to the 3rd Viscount's second son, Charles Pearson. In 2010 Charles took the decision to sell Dunecht Castle with its surrounding land but to retain the 53,000-acre estate. In 1997 he and



Dunecht Castle



Pitshill

he wife Benedicte had acquired Pitshill, the former home of the Mitford family at Tillington, which was now in a dilapidated state. They employed the architect, Christopher Smallwood to create an immaculately elegant family home with interiors designed by Edward Bulmer and a domed ceiling over the hallway by Giles

Quarme. They also created an exquisite formal garden in keeping with the house.

Bernard Pearson who had managed the business from 1924 to 1954 was also determined to leave his mark on the landscape and in 1922 with his wife, Alicia Mary Dorothea Knatchbull-Hugessen they purchased Parham, an Elizabethan manor house with 3,733 acres at Storrington. This had been the home of the Bishopp family for many generations but had passed through a succession of daughters to Mary Cecil Curzon 17th Baroness Zouche who took the difficult decision that she had to sell it. Bernard and his wife restored Parham with great sensitivity filling it with beautiful possessions.

In 1954, *The Antique Collector* recorded: '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.' The estate was inherited by their elder daughter Veronica Tritton who lived there until her death in 1993, when it was left to Bernard's great-granddaughter, her great niece, Emma Lavinia Guinness, the daughter of the 3rd Earl of Iveagh. Emma continues to live there with her husband James Barnard who she married in 1994, maintaining the ethos that Bernard had begun, although the house is now held by a charitable trust.



*Bernard and Alicia Pearson
at Parham*

Sources

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Grace's Guide – S. Pearson & Son

ancestry.com

Wikipedia – Cowdray Park, West Sussex; Dunecht; Parham; Pitshill.

Parham House brochures

Robert Stedall ©



Leadership Transition and Call for Volunteers

As you may be aware all the preceding LVS board resigned on 10th October. A new interim board of 4 directors Cathy Nicholes, Sarah Thompson, Sophie Jowett and Sally Ohlson are now overseeing the business.

5 or more people are needed immediately to join a **Volunteer Steering Team** to provide essential operational support. If you can offer **a few hours per week** to help with general administration and organisational tasks we would love to hear from you. To find out more, please speak to one of the directors or email manager@lvshop.org.uk There is an urgency to recruiting a Volunteer Steering Team, without this essential help to support the board the **shop may close before the end of the year**.

Operational and Staffing Changes

After the members CBS meeting on 3rd Sept, the new board worked hard to secure a deal with an independent retailer to take over the business. At the time, this was considered the only viable option to avoid closing the shop. Regrettably this sale did not proceed. Since then, a thorough review of overheads determined that with staff salaries accounting for the majority of the costs and overheads, immediate restructuring was necessary. The decision was made to serve notice on all members of staff. However, Jo Hamlyn was asked to remain in her dual role of Shop and Post Office Assistant for the time being. The Post Office is currently a viable part of the business; it produces a small income and has a contribution toward salary. Fergus Nugent will also continue to provide weekend cover. Shop Manager, Lisa Tremeer left the business on 15th October and we wish her success in her future career.

Please continue to visit and shop regularly
without your support, the future of the shop is at risk

please support your community shop



Another busy month in the shop.

We continue to add to our product offering with lots of lovely new sweet treats for you to enjoy. Delicious Rocky Road, Millionaire Shortbread and Flapjack slices are available on the counter at only £1.50 each.

In addition, we can source fantastic products for dinner parties and special occasions. Tessa regularly has special orders from us and is a huge fan of the range of local products from Jonhson's Fish, Young's Butchers, fresh vegetables from Bryant Brothers and delicious sandwiches and granola pots from Café Du Van.

Please send an email to manager@lvshop.org.uk if there is a special order that you would like.



VILLAGE SHOP



	OPEN	CLOSE
MONDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM
TUESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM
THURSDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM
FRIDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM
SATURDAY	9.00 AM	5.00 PM
SUNDAY	10.00 AM	1.00 PM

POST OFFICE



OPEN	CLOSE
9.30 AM	12.30 PM
9.30 AM	12.30 PM
9.30 AM	12.30 PM
9.30 AM	12.30 PM
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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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Haslemere Library November Events 2025



Lino Printing

Adult Craft Workshop

Make your own personal Christmas card.

**No drawing skills required
(we have templates!)**

**TUESDAY 11
NOVEMBER**



1pm-3.30pm
£8.50

Book Now: haslemere.library@surreycc.gov.uk

CROSS- STITCH CHRISTMAS CARD

Learn to do cross- stitch in a relaxing, friendly atmosphere whilst making your unique Christmas card.

**Saturday 19th
November**

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Booking recommended

Cost 8.50 per person



CROCHET FOR BEGINNERS

Learn how to crochet a pair of fingerless gloves from upcycled granny squares. Join us on

Saturday 1st November

2.00 - 4.00 pm

Cost £8.50 per person

Booking recommended



Coding with Scratch

1st November

2.00pm - 3.00pm

Ages 7yrs - 10 yrs

£4.00

Booking essential

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE DECORATION



Make some paper angels to give your Christmas tree the WOW factor!

Saturday 29th November

Drop in 10.00 - 4.00

Cost £1.00 per person

THE AULD FOOL ON TOADS AND DILEMMAS AND WILDFLOWER MEADOWS.....

Time for the cut to remove the annual growth from the wildflower meadow that is Whites Green – and the Auld Fool finds himself on the horns of a dilemma – not a good place for an octogenarian.....

You see it is like this – the toads and frogs are on their migratory march from the waters at Jackson's Lake where much breeding goes on.....the march takes them in every direction but in this case hundreds are crossing Whites Green. The cutter/collector which the Auld Fool tows behind his ancient Massey Ferguson uses a flail cutter which throws the cut material into a hopper – the flail consists of 200 sharp whirling blades a couple of inches from the ground – the hoppy/crawly ones are up to two inches tall.....is the problem clearer now ?

The Auld Fool gardens with The Badger (AKA Mrs C) at their home on the edge of the Green and toads and frogs are close mates – often being moved at night to areas where slugs and snails proliferate. They are not to be harmed.....

Instead of the nearly bowling green texture of The Green after its late Autumn cut you may now observe, as you race past in your cars, a touch of 'Avant Garde' to the texture and this is because, in solving his dilemma the Auld Fool resorted to his box of spanners and adjusted the height of the slashing flails to five inches – at which height the frogs and toads can crouch down while the blades whirl like demented helicopters safely above them. This height was determined by a short test run which showed that toads and frogs were unharmed –

'Tousled' was how The Badger described it when viewing the cut Green - but there you are dilemmas can often be sorted by compromise.....



On the subject of fungi -- which the Auld Fool wrote about last month...

Being a "mast" year has caused me a few problems with my labrador puppy. Both dogs seem to like acorns and I have removed about 10 large buckets full of acorns from the terrace. They also love figs and plums but the problem has been mushrooms/toadstools. Both of them have been really ill once and the puppy has been sick several times. The answer is a baskerville muzzle. She is not super impressed with it but it has possibly saved her several vet visits!

Liz



This magnificent coach and four set off from the Noah's Ark at lunch time on Friday 18th October. I have done a little research to find out more but information is a bit difficult to come by:



COACH horns and the jingle of harness signalled the start of a fundraiser trotting out of Lurgashall.

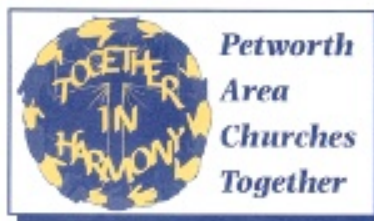
There are two of these replica coaches. Both are privately owned. The "Nimrod" is drawn by four, powerful, bay Gelderlander horses and the "Monarch" by a team of home-bred British Hackneys from a stud in Staffordshire.

In previous years the two coaches have travelled from Windsor Castle to Warwick Castle, London to Portsmouth, and through the Snowdonia National Park on similar fund-raising ventures.



Struggling to afford food and essentials? We're here to help

Petworth Foodbank works with partners such as Chichester District Council:



You can register with them to receive three days of emergency food for each family member from our food bank. We can also provide hygiene items, laundry products, nappies, and pet food.

Our friendly team can signpost you to support services to help with issues such as debt, health, caring, housing, employment and more.

You don't need to be claiming any benefits to get a voucher or support.

petworthfoodbank@gmail.com or 07501 921 617.

As September arrived, we began to see an increase in demand as families faced the extra costs of children returning to school.

We need :-

1. Nappies.
2. Pet food.
3. Sanitary products.
4. Shaving products.

Donation points are:-

Coop, Market Square, Petworth

Fittleworth Stores

Southdown Chiropractice, The Old Bakery Petworth

Most local Churches including Sacred Heart Church, Petworth.

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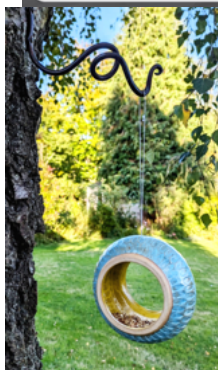
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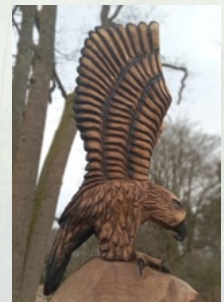
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