

# EXCUSE ME! CAN'T YOU READ?



Pictures courtesy of Nathalie St Martin.



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This magazine has been put together to put people in touch with one another in the village, to encourage the swapping of plants, recipes, books, Exchange & Mart, hints, ideas and things to do.  
'Letters to the Editor' would be very welcome. We seek to encourage people's input to the magazine.  
Help us fill the following issues and make your voice part of our local life.

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# NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL	
Planning Meeting & Full Council	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
Planning Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2020
Planning Meeting & Full Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020
Annual Meeting of Electors	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020
Planning Meeting & Employment Committee	7 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Planning Meeting & Annual General Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Planning Meeting	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2020
Planning Meeting & Full Council	7 <sup>th</sup> July 2020
Planning Meeting	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2020 – NO MEETING
Planning Meeting & Full Council	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2020
Planning Meeting	6 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Planning Meeting & Full Council	3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2020
Planning Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> December 2020
Planning Committee Meetings will commence at 19.00 at North Mundham Village Hall unless advertised to the contrary. Full Council will commence at 19.30 or immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting.	

The Chairman has the right to call a Council (3) or Parish Meeting (4) at any time during the year should any matters come before the Council that they feel this is necessary the Parishioners will be advised.

Local Government Act 1972 sch 9(1)  
 Local Government Act 1972 sch 12 para 8  
 Local Government Act 1972 sch 12 para 9(1) and 25(1)  
 Local Government Act 1972 sch 15(1)(a) and 30(1)9a

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## **Mundham French Exchange 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Introducing the new faces of The Mundham French Exchange Committee - Janet Cartwright (Chairman), Kim Tattersall, Jill Frampton, Chris Monkton, Joanna Armandias, Jean Hilton and Celia O'Shea have already been hard at work and plans are now well under way for this year's visit to La Lucerne d'Outremer .

But before we unveil the details, we would all like to pay tribute to the many years of hard work by the previous committee, without whom there would be no French Exchange and who have provided such a firm foundation on which to carry the organisation forward. Particular thanks must go to Denia Turnbull, Jean Hilton, Maggie Rozier and Tim and Louise Russell who have enabled villagers to enjoy many years of friendship with our twin village in Normandy.

This May a tremendous variety of activities and sights are on offer, plus the opportunity to stay with a French family and experience French village life. Don't worry if your French is rusty or non-existent you will be paired with a family who want to practice their English! We shall arrive in Cherbourg at lunchtime on Thursday 21st, and spend a few hours at the Cité de la Mer, located in the beautiful art deco former transatlantic liner terminal, before continuing on to meet our hosts at La Lucerne. On Friday we shall visit Arromanches, which played a huge part in the liberation of Western Europe and then on to the Pegasus Bridge. We shall spend Saturday in Villedieu-les-Poêles, known as the 'city of copper', founded in the twelfth century; there is so much to do here. On the way back to La Lucerne we shall also have the opportunity to visit a supermarket and stock up on wines, cheeses and so on to bring home! On Saturday evening, our hosts usually organise a 'feast', in the village hall - always great fun. Before returning to Cherbourg for our ferry home on Sunday, we are going to the Maison du Biscuit. Founded in 1903, five generations of the family have created this incredible experience – so much more than just a biscuit shop!

If you haven't already booked – please contact Chris on 01243 789978, Kim on 780670 or Janet on 380820 as soon as possible to secure your place for a deposit of £50 (overall cost just £170).



		
		
<b>East and North Street, 9am - 2pm.</b>		<b>1st &amp; 3rd Friday of every month</b>



# What's Happening Locally This February and Beyond?

**This Month, There is a Free Nordic Walking Taster Session from Chichester Nordic Walking.**

**On Saturday the 1st of February at 12pm at Chichester Festival Theatre Car Park.**

**Other activities and full details of each months walks can be found on their Facebook page or website.**

**Links below.**

[Facebook](#) [Website](#)



**HeartSmart Walks** are organised by Chichester District Council and are free. They organise a range of guided walks to cater for all ages and abilities.

**You can try a gentle-paced, flat, beginner's 'Taster' walk of 30 minutes from Chichester Canal, Basin Road and these run every Wednesday from 10:30 for 30 minutes.**

**NB Call to confirm walk is going ahead if weather looks poor. Please arrive 10 minutes beforehand.**

All details and a full programme can be found at the CDC website. The link is:-

<https://chichester.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/>

You can contact the Wellbeing Team directly at:- Chichester Wellbeing Team

Tel: 01243 521041

Email: [info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk](mailto:info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk)

The link to their walk programme is:

<https://chichester.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/topics/being-active/healthy-walks>



## **SUFFERING FROM ARTISTS' BLOCK?**

Join the club! It's no good digging yourself into a lonely dark hole where there is no support or inspiration. Make time to come to our new art group where you will be free to draw or paint with like-minded friends. Bring your equipment to St. Wilfrid's Hall in Church Road, **Fridays** at 2.00 - 4.30pm, so you will be home relaxed and ready for the weekend! Refreshments provided.

For more information please contact Angela Benwell email [dwbenwell@gmail.com](mailto:dwbenwell@gmail.com) or phone 01243 603332



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## What's Happening Locally This February and Beyond?



*Art in the garden event*

*I shall be opening my garden this summer to help raise funds for St Wilfrid's hospice.*

*As well as coming to see my garden and observe how it's changed over time, there will be some talented people selling their own artwork. 20% of the sales will support the hospice*

*Refreshments and a plant stall will also be available*

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 11am to 4.30pm Pop this date in your diaries now.*

*If you are interested in selling your own art and would like to support the hospice, please do get in touch.*

*Katrina Jarvis [katrina2.jarvis@btopenworld.com](mailto:katrina2.jarvis@btopenworld.com)*



CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL  
**FESTIVAL of FLOWERS**  
2020

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**AN AFTERNOON CELEBRATING  
ENGLISH GARDENS**

**Speakers:**  
Martin Duncan, Head Gardener at Arundel Castle:  
*'Arundel Castle Gardens & Tulip Festival'*

Margie Hoffnug of The Gardens Trust:  
*'Garden Visiting: A Very British Tradition'*

Oving Jubilee Hall, High Street, Oving, Chichester PO20 2DQ  
at 2pm

Join us for an entertaining afternoon celebrating English Gardens.

For more information contact: [flowerfestival@chichestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:flowerfestival@chichestercathedral.org.uk)  
01243 813591





**NORTH MUNDHAM TENNIS CLUB**

**Quiz Night**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

**TICKETS £5**

7 for 7.30pm start at North Mundham Village Hall.

**All profits to  
The British Heart Foundation**

**RAFFLE**

**Bring your own drink and a plate of food to share**

**All welcome**

**Book your table with teams of 4-6**

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Or Nickie Williams 01243 266264  
[nickiewilliams21@gmail.com](mailto:nickiewilliams21@gmail.com)



## Neighbourhood Development Plan Update. All change!



Since my last report in December new information has come to light which has resulted in a significant change to the timetable set out last month.

As many of you will know Chichester District Council (CDC) are undergoing a review of the current Local Plan. In December the CDC Cabinet meeting agreed a "way forward" proposal for completion of their Local Plan review and the consequent impact on Parishes Neighbourhood Development Plans.

The key effect of this is that our Neighbourhood Plan timetable has been extended and will now not be expected to be ready for formal adoption until mid-2021. Unfortunately our hands are tied on this as the Neighbourhood Plan cannot progress ahead of the Local Plan review. The new timetable for the CDC Local Plan indicates that it will not be completed for adoption until Spring 2021, hence our new target date of mid-2021.

We will still be enthusiastically progressing the Neighbourhood Plan and will be in close contact with CDC throughout 2020 to ensure alignment and if possible, achieve an earlier completion. This is of course frustrating, but on a positive note we will have more time to ensure our Neighbourhood Plan is as comprehensive and robust as possible.

If you have any questions you can email me at:  
[john.ashley@northmundhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk](mailto:john.ashley@northmundhamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk)



Remember the Neighbourhood Plan is the only way we can influence the future development of our Parish over the coming years, so please help us to help all of you by actively getting involved and talking with friends and neighbours and letting us know your thoughts.

**John Ashley.**



## Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group. Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands Spring 2020 Timetable

Do you want to see your local environment thrive? Come and join our work parties across the Manhood Peninsula. During our conservation task days we create new wildlife habitats, survey the local ecology, clear overgrown areas and plant new wetland vegetation, and more. It's fun, sociable, and gets you outdoors!



To join any of these events, please email [hello@mwhg.org](mailto:hello@mwhg.org) or sign up as a volunteer at [www.mwhg.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering](http://www.mwhg.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering) to receive the full details of these events.

First Friday of the month	Birdham ponds	7 Feb	6 March	3 April	1 May
Second Friday of the month	West Wittering	10 Jan	13 March	10 April	8 May
Last Friday of the month	West Itchenor pond	31 Jan	27 March	24 April	29 May
First Saturday of the month	North Mundham canal / South Mundham Camic Pond	1 Feb	7 March	4 April	2 May
Second Saturday of the month	Bracklesham Barn ditches / Hilton Business Park pond	11 Jan	14 March	11 April	9 May
Last Saturday of the month	Hunston sites (Foxbridge, Spire Cottage pond, and others)	25 Jan	28 March	25 April	30 May
First Thursday of the month	Sidlesham sites (Florence Pond, Church Farm pond, Sidlesham Orchard)	4 Feb	5 March	2 April	7 May



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## Bee-friendly In The Garden.

Mick

Spring is coming. Birds in our garden are singing and pairing, plants are sprouting. Over the next few weeks many bees will start emerging from hibernation, looking for food and shelter. So now is a good time to prepare your garden to welcome them. There are an astonishing 267 species of bee in the UK at present. Our gardens can be vital food reserves for bees and other beneficial bugs. As well as serving up a varied menu of plants we can provide them with shelter and nesting places.



### So what can we do?

Five simple tips can make your garden a bee paradise and help other wildlife to survive. You don't have to be an expert and small spaces can be great for bees. Let the bees lead you as you try out bee-friendly ideas.

#### 1. Start now and do a little at a time.

There's no need to wait for the perfect sunny Sunday, just start with something simple to suit your space, your time and your interests. Pots on a patio, herbs in a window box or even a hanging basket can help bees. Now is the time to sow seeds for spring and summer plants. Autumn planted bulbs will burst forth in spring. When the soil warms try growing sunflowers that'll rise through the year feeding bees and birds alike.

Now is also a good time to plant native trees, shrubs and larger plants to provide height and shade.

A hazel, holly, cherry or birch tree can form a backdrop to 'layers' of plants of different height and size closer to the front of a border. Low growing heathers and crocus in the front will provide colour and help feed bees in the barren months.

#### 2. No need to be too tidy.

At this time we consider clearing the garden of dead wood and branches, yet we could leave some wood in a quiet corner to rot and provide food and shelter for bees. In our garden, the insects in the rotting wood of an old apple tree attract Great Spotted Woodpeckers.



#### 3. Bee nosey and choose the right plants.

There may be lots of bees visiting other gardens. Enquire of neighbours which plants are popular with bees. At the garden centre, have a look to see which plants bees are visiting there. If you fancy growing your own fruit and veg, the bees will help pollinate both, try French, runner and broad beans, aubergines, onions, peppers also apples, pears, plums, blackberries, strawberries and raspberries. The greater variety of plant life, the greater the variety of bugs and birds they will support.

#### 4. Gimme shelter!

Give your mower – and back – a rest by letting some of your grass grow a little longer. Mowing less often and a little higher will help give pollinators places to feed and shelter among the grass.

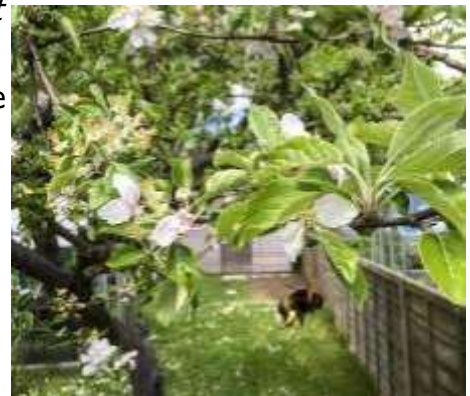
There's no need to pull out every plant in your lawn that *'shouldn't be there'*. Many will flower over the spring and summer providing nectar and pollen for bees.

You could even sow a small section with wildflower seed and leave it uncut till the autumn. Just watch the bees and butterflies arrive.

#### 5. Put the spray away

When clearing aphids don't bother with chemical sprays. They're costly, difficult to store and dispose of. The good old manual methods work just as well and don't risk harming beneficial insects.

I find that ten minutes squishing aphids on my plum tree is very therapeutic. Wear gloves if the sticky, sugary feel 'bugs' you. You can be an aphid 'terminator' and let them know **'I'll bee back'!**



### Links to Friends of the Earth help for bees.

Bee saver kit. <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/bees/donate-save-britains-bees-get-your-bee-saver-kit-today>

10 easy tips to help bees in your garden. <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/bees/10-easy-ways-help-bees-your-garden>



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## SHORT STORY: NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The clock on the mantle piece strikes 9 pm; time to get a move on. I snatch some of my supper and prepare to leave after a quick wash and brush up. I exit via the back door and the garden gate into the alley. It is dark and there is nobody about. There is a "nip" in the air and it could soon rain. The moon has hidden itself behind a cloud.

I walk along the alley and into the road. I soon meet up with Todd, who lives in an adjoining street. He is older than me and getting a little slow, but he knows the area well and we make a good pair. We greet each other warmly.

There is a dog barking repeatedly in a garden. However, he is called indoors and the barking ceases. All is then quiet.

Todd and I walk along the pavement glancing to the right and left to see if there is anything that should be looked into. We detect some rubbish under a bush, but this is not something we can deal with. An owl screeches in the darkness as it flies home and we begin wondering if we will also soon get to our beds. Suddenly I hear a rustling in nearby bushes and decide to investigate. It turns out to be a fox. Several have been spotted in the area and they could be a nuisance if they multiply. This one looks at us in horror and quickly leaps onto a line of dustbins before disappearing over a wall.

"It could be a quiet night" whispers Todd.

Then we see Lily coming along the pavement. She is something of a "good time girl" and gaining quite a reputation locally. We remind her about being out on her own at such a young age and advise her to get home as quickly as possible. She walks on. Whether she takes any notice of our advice is yet to be seen.

I feel a drop of rain on my head which rapidly becomes larger and more widespread.

"I think we'll have to call it a day" I advise Todd.

"OK with me" he replies.  
"Perhaps another night?"

With the rain turning into a downpour, I rush home entering via the garden gate and back door in reverse. I rapidly consume what is left of my supper and go straight upstairs to bed. I hope to sleep soundly until tomorrow morning.

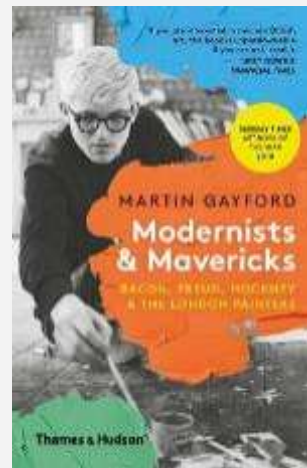
But then I am ..... a cat.

**Helena Millen**



## BOOK REVIEW: Arts Dream Selsey

I would like to share with you an interesting quote from a book I am reading - "**Modernists & Mavericks**" by **Martin Gayford** - about a group of artists in the 1960s - 1980s, which may have included Ivon Hitchens who is mentioned :



*'They all shared a belief that with paint they could accomplish works that in other media - photography, for example - they could not. However the common factor binding them together was: **'the confidence that this ancient medium could do fresh and marvellous things.'***

Ivon Hitchens spent a good part of his later life painting at his cottage in Selsey and his work merited a recent exhibition at The Pallant House Gallery. His art continues to inspire artists at Arts Dream Selsey. **See p4.**



## SEASON OF GOODWILL?

We live in a peaceful and beautiful part of the country. Even in these tumultuous times. Most of us have had a welcome restful Christmas break. Yet the letter below, received from a reader, shows us that regardless of time or season we would do well to reflect on our home security.

Please consider taking precautions to protect your home and valuables, easy to follow advice is available on the Police website.

**Mick**

<https://www.police.uk/crime-prevention-advice/burglary/>

## Letter To The Editor.

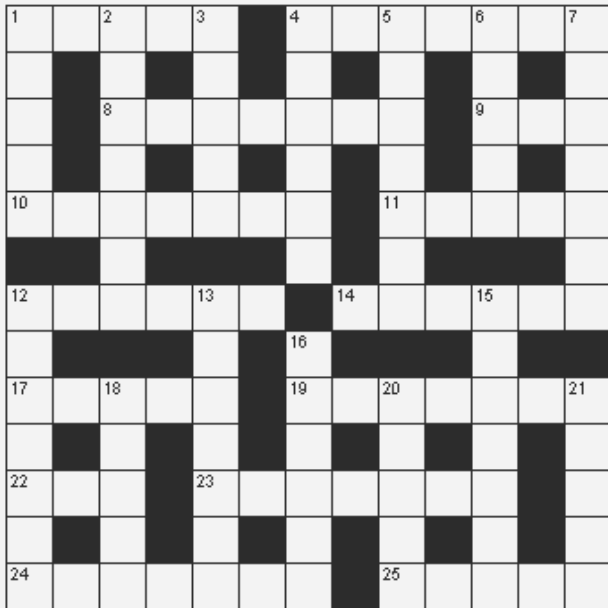
**On the night before Xmas Eve 2019 Runcton Farm Shop was broken into. All that was taken were the Tip boxes for Butcher and Deli where customers drop something in as a 'thank you'. Only these boxes were missing. So for the staff at Runcton Farm Shop it was not altogether a Merry Christmas.**

**A Reader**



# Crossword And Quiz

Standard Crossword- ukp015



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## Across

1. Gem (5)
4. Shade of yellow tinged with orange (7)
8. Symetrically arranged (7)
9. Pouch (3)
10. Two-wheeled vehicle (7)
11. Publish (5)
12. Patisserie (6)
14. Syntactic category (6)
17. Wanderer (5)
19. Stone pillar (7)
22. Mesh (3)
23. Floorshow (7)
24. Stayed clear from (7)
25. Groups of cattle (5)

## Down

1. Jests (5)
2. Male witch or demon (7)
3. Source of illumination (5)
4. Remuneration (6)
5. Surreptitious (7)
6. Hazards (5)
7. Type of power (7)
12. Very rich vein of precious ore (7)
13. Made smaller (7)
15. Vagrant (7)
16. Prohibit (6)
18. Slogan (5)
20. Planet (5)
21. Praise (5)



## 22 Quiz Questions

1. What term is used to describe Indigenous peoples in Canada south of the Arctic?
2. Who was the first UK million pound winner of the television game show Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?
3. What is the maiden name of Prime Minister Theresa May?
4. Tracy Rose Chevalier is best known for which novel?
5. Which Swiss psychiatrist and psychoanalyst founded analytical psychology?
6. From September 2017 onwards, in the UK the sale of any vacuum cleaner higher than what wattage is banned?
7. Which 20-year-old, unemployed comedian, was convicted of stealing from comedian Terry-Thomas and given two-years probation in 1960?
8. Spain owns an enclave called Ceuta in which African country?
9. Which of Shakespeare's plays tells the story of two sets of identical twins that were accidentally separated at birth?
10. What name is given to the line behind which the throwing player must stand in a game of darts?
11. If you have dysphagia, what do you have difficulty doing?
12. What is the lowest layer of Earth's atmosphere called?
13. Where would you most often find the phrase, 'I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading'?
14. By what name is the address 30 St Mary Axe more informally known?
15. What word found in Urdu, Hindi, and Bengali, meaning 'bucket', can also mean a steal pot which gives its name to a type of curry?
16. In which century was the American science-fiction adventure television series Buck Rogers set in?
17. The Three Gorges Dam can be found in which country?
18. It's sometimes called a cenote, but by what name do we better know the holes in the ground that can suddenly appear as a collapse of the surface layer?
19. Almaty is the largest city in which country?
20. How do we better know Argentinian Jorge Mario Bergoglio?
21. Which London store is nicknamed 'the Queen's grocer'?
22. Which king wrote a famous public condemnation of smoking called A Counterblaste to Tobacco?

## A fire report from Down Under from one of our writers for the MMM.

Dear all,

We are a bare ten days into our current stint Down Under, but the persisting bush fire crisis impels me to report earlier than scheduled thus, hopefully, allaying any concerns you may have over our welfare. We are fine. The air quality that



greeted us on the morning of 8 January did not seem too bad, but the localism of that impression was immediately underlined by a piece in the New York Times, reporting that a book store in the fire-ravaged village of Cobargo, New South Wales, had a new sign outside: "Post-Apocalyptic Fiction has been moved to

Current Affairs." Since our return, (equipped with plenty of P3 respiration masks, which we have not yet had any cause to wear), the air quality in Melbourne has fluctuated with the wind direction and the recent bouts of rain, hail and thunderstorms. With more rain and storms forecast for Melbourne over the next few days the level of atmospheric pollution may fall further, but that relief may only pertain to this small corner of Victoria. Elsewhere fires continue to burn, while the turbulent air creates dust storms and cloud-bursts threaten extensive soil erosion.

Relief aid pours in, donated by generous people and sympathetic governments and institutions worldwide. To cite one small for instance, I was pleased to learn that Brighton and Hove Albion, in tandem with their two Australian international players, has raised over £30,000 for wildlife. But what is not clear is just how effectively the cash is being used. There appears to be an urgent need for a single lead body mandated to issue clear, rational direction to minimise waste and avoid duplicated administrative costs. Such does not seem to exist or even be in the offing. Maybe that is, to some extent, a reflection on the unwieldy and sometimes unworkable nature of Australian governance, where the Federal in Canberra tends to war with each separate State and Territory government. What a somewhat jaundiced observer might conclude from the evidence so far is that, while we as a species might be smart enough to send a few of our kind to the moon, and individually act nobly, compassionately and intelligently, generally speaking we, as a collective, are not capable of organising the proverbial in a brewery. And that is a truly sad reflection.

Love and hugs all round from, what is today, a clear and sunny Melbourne.



### Lou's Brownie recipe.

**I'm sure we all have a Brownie recipe tucked away somewhere but this is a particularly good one from Australia handed down from a very good chef so we wanted to share it with you all.**

### Chewy Chocolate Brownies

#### Ingredients:

- 125g unsalted butter, chopped
- 125g dark chocolate, chopped
- 3 eggs, lightly whisked
- 335g (1 1/2 cups) white sugar
- 115g (3/4 cup) plain flour
- 30g (1/4 cup) Dutch cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt

#### Method:

1. Preheat oven to 180C/160C fan forced. Grease a 20cm (base measurement) square cake pan and line with baking paper.
2. Place butter and chocolate in a heatproof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (don't let the bowl touch the water). Stir with a metal spoon until melted.
3. Remove from heat, cool for 5 minutes.
4. Quickly stir in egg, sugar, flour, cocoa powder, vanilla and salt until just combined.
5. Pour into prepared pan. For best results keep the mixture to about 1 inch deep in the pan when cooking.
6. Bake for 30 minutes or until a skewer inserted in the centre comes out with moist crumbs clinging.
7. Set aside to cool completely. Store in refrigerator.







# NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Working for the whole community

## North Mundham Parish Council Report

One of the important things the parish council has to tackle each year is setting the precept – the money you pay as part of your Council Tax bill which goes to the parish council. Each January we set the rate for the coming financial year – in this case April 2020 to March 2021. The precept accounts for our major source of funds, and without it we would not be able to exist as a body to represent you. We always try to keep any increase to a minimum. For this year we have had to ask for a modest rise in anticipation of the costs associated with producing the Neighbourhood Development Plan. This will amount to eight pence a week for a Band D property.

Looking ahead, a date of your diary is the Meeting of Electors which this year takes place on Thursday 5 March, in the Village Hall at 7 pm. This is the event where the parish council reports to you about what we have been doing in the

past year, and where you have an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting, and to talk to us informally afterwards. We will also use that meeting to bring you up to date with the progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan, and our thoughts on how we can re-structure the way we manage the Village Hall to work more efficiently with the Playing Fields Trust.

**Finally, I should mention that, at the time I am writing, we have a vacancy on the parish council. If there is anyone interested in this role, or would like to know more about what it involves, please contact me or the Clerk, Mrs Louise Chater, at: [clerk@northmundham.org](mailto:clerk@northmundham.org)**

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## Letters To The Editor.

### **NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH SENIORS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH 7th December 2019 – NORTH MUNDHAM VILLAGE HALL**

It was good to see so many happy faces being greeted at the door once again and each and every one of them made to feel so welcome. The hall was decorated in Christmas splendour. The tables looked very festive with beautiful flowers and brightly coloured Christmas crackers.

The Christmas lunch prepared by our splendid cook Ann Watts, for the second year running, was delicious and thoroughly enjoyed by all. This could not have been accomplished without an army of willing volunteers, some of whom have been involved with this event for many years. The help, enthusiasm and cooperation from all concerned was wonderful. Everyone pulled together to make this Christmas Lunch a very well run and happy experience for all the guests. When coffee was served the raffle began followed by some Christmas Carols to add to the festive spirit.

It was good to stand on the side lines and hear the animated chatter, laughter and friendly banter between friends old and new which brought home the very essence of why we have such a Christmas Lunch for our three villages. As has been said before "the people are the villages" and to be involved in such a happy and heart warming day gave everyone concerned a very good feeling. This starts the Christmas Season here in our own lovely home villages and long may it continue.

Many thanks to all concerned.

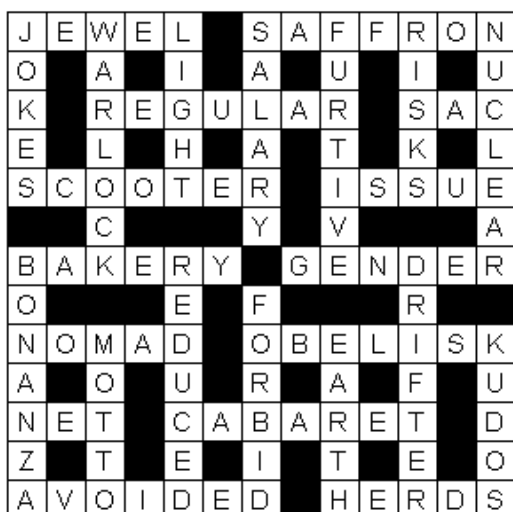
**Jeannie Down**



## Crossword p9

## Quiz Answers p9.

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1. First Nations (those in the Arctic area are distinct and known as Inuit)	1. Troposphere
2. Judith Keppel	2. On a British ten pound note
3. Brasier (also, her middle name is Mary)	3. The Gherkin
4. Girl with a Pearl Earring	4. Balti
5. Carl Jung	5. 25th Century
6. 900 watts	6. China (it's also the world's largest power producing facility of any kind)
7. Jimmy Tarbuck	7. Sinkhole
8. Morocco	8. Kazakhstan
9. The Comedy of Errors (which happens to be Shakespeare's shortest play)	9. Pope Francis
10. Ochre	10. Fortnum & Mason
11. Swallowing	11. James I

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