

STAY AT HOME 

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A Letter from The Editors.

"May you live in interesting times" is an English expression which purports to be a translation of a traditional Chinese curse. Its origin is widely attributed to late-19th-century speeches of British politician Joseph Chamberlain.

There is no doubt that we are living in interesting times and the link to China is somewhat ironic too.

So, this is an unusual version of the Mundham Monthly in that there isn't much going on this month in the usual sense. Not really 'business as usual' and may not be for some time. Not many travelogues though we have some simple recipes to try and a quiz and crossword to keep you amused. Louise is pointing you into the garden to repair that lawn patch you can now get around to doing.

We are looking forward though to a time after this confinement eases and Katrina is inspired to mix art with nature later this year— something to look forward to.

We also look back to a time when people didn't move around so much because there weren't any roads to move on – unless you were a Roman. Helena tells us about the turn-pike roads that established the basis for modern wheeled transport back in the 17th/18th century.

Having done your quiz and crossword we hope you are sitting comfortably or maybe you have been following Joe Wicks exercises on YouTube. Not so comfortable but essential to keep active, even if only for 10 minutes a day.

What is clear is that people are determined to find a way to live their lives and to help others who need it. If you need some help or advice or want to be involved in the current situation (if you aren't already), you could look at the Parish Council web page, <https://northmundham.org/coronavirus-covid-19/> where there is a wealth of advice and links. The PC is operating normally, see Tim's report on p 11 and can be contacted via the links on page 2.

It's great to keep in touch with others who can help or just for a chat. There's always the telephone to call a long-lost acquaintance or someone we haven't spoken to for a while. Social distancing doesn't have to mean social isolation and it's great for our well-being and sense of perspective to talk to friends and neighbours- from at least 2 metres of course!

However, you could also study the art of doing nothing and ace practitioner Dorothy will give you a few hints as to how to fill your days and nights with absolutely nothing at all!

On Facebook a group has been set up for West Sussex; 'West Sussex Covid 19 Mutual Aid', you can use this link and join. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2676801359115345/>

It's important to stress that not everyone who offers help is genuine and even with current situation there are some people looking to take advantage of the unwary. Only take up offers of help from people you know, or from organisations that you trust and ask to check any ID. If you are concerned about people knocking on your doors, please remember you do not have to open the door to anyone if you don't want to.

Best Wishes from The Editors:

Louise and Mick

Some Further Links.

If you need help, or if you want to volunteer, West Sussex County Council are also running a 'Community Hub' which you can access through this link: [Community Hub](#) or via a direct link at the top of the WSCC Home Page. If you have no access to the internet and need help you can call the Community Hub on 0330 222 7980.

NB If you know someone able/willing to work in our agricultural community at this time please read the article on p10.

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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 th January 2020
Planning Meeting	4 th February 2020
Planning Meeting & Full Council	3 rd March 2020
Annual Meeting of Electors	5 th March 2020
Planning Meeting & Employment Committee	7 th April 2020
Planning Meeting & Annual General Meeting	5 th May 2020
Planning Meeting	2 nd June 2020
Planning Meeting & Full Council	7 th July 2020
Planning Meeting	4 th August 2020 – NO MEETING
Planning Meeting & Full Council	1 st September 2020
Planning Meeting	6 th October 2020
Planning Meeting & Full Council	3 rd November 2020
Planning Meeting	1 st 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)
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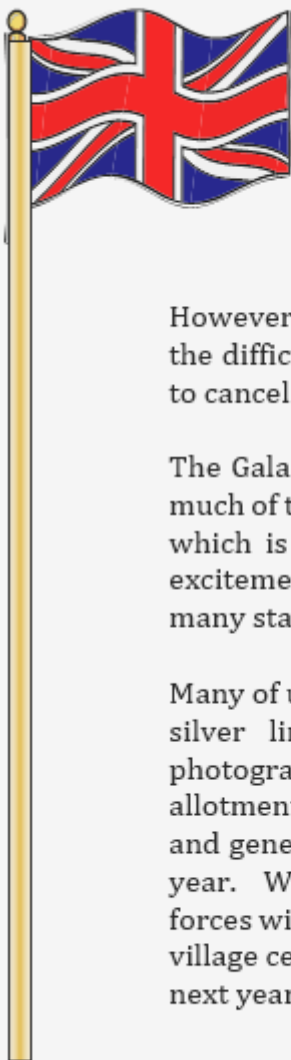
Local Notices.

Dear Readers, unfortunately there is no 'What-on' in this issue due to present government movement restrictions.

Cancellations/Adaptions.

- **The North Mundham Village Quiz, due to take place on the 4th April, is cancelled.**
- **Parish Council Meetings will be held 'online' whilst existing restrictions are in place. At present, the public may not be able to participate in these meetings. However the PC is working to achieve public access in good time. Please contact Louise Chater, the Clerk To The Council (clerk@northmundham.org, 01243 203050) to establish the status of online public access to these meetings.**
- **Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group Volunteering is cancelled whilst present restrictions are in place.**

Mundham & District Gala and Flower Show



This time last month we were looking forward to the beginning of the Spring planting season; Spring onions, shallots, garlic, lettuces, tomatoes and lots more! plus a wonderful variety of plants and seedlings in readiness for this year's Gala on 11th July.

However, this month, sadly, I have to tell you that the Gala Committee has taken the difficult decision, along with many other local and national event organisers, to cancel this year's Gala.

The Gala is one of the traditional highlights of the year in our villages, however, much of the preparation, marketing and organization is based on personal contact, which is currently impossible. So, for this year, we shall have to forego the excitement of competition in the marquee and the buzz on the field around the many stalls.

Many of us will be staying at home for the foreseeable future, but there's always a silver lining. For keen gardeners, cooks, flower arrangers, painters, photographers, young and old, it could mean more time in the garden or at the allotment, or sewing, and so on. We can still enjoy growing, cutting, harvesting and generally nurturing our plants this year in readiness for a bumper Gala next year. When this difficult time is over the Mundham & District Gala hope to join forces with others in the community, putting our resources to good use, to help the village celebrate! In the meantime, stay well, stay safe and please put the date for next year's Gala in your diary: **Saturday 17th July 2021!**

Celia O'Shea
Chairman

Local Notices.

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 7th 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

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Message From Katrina Jarvis.

I've been in touch with the hospice about my event as they too are advertising it. They are as yet not cancelling these open garden events. They have however done so for April and May but not gone into June just yet. We all know this might well change.

However can I just say that **I WILL** host this event at some point in time this year. The hospice are struggling for money and more so now they've closed their charity shops. If it gets into the autumn time my plan is to host the art side of the event in the village hall at North Mundham also in the hope they'll waive the rental fees. I will take photos of my garden from now onwards and perhaps these might be able to shown on a screen for all to see. We can still do sales of art, produce, plants and have refreshments and hope folks will rally round to support it.

HELP SUPPORT OUR SERVICE FAMILIES.

Dear Reader.

I have had the honour of being the Chairman of the North Mundham and District Branch of the Royal British Legion for 12 years and the "Constitution" says that the term of office should be 3 years so feel it's time to hand over the reins. The position centres on two local activities; the Remembrance Day services at our two churches and the Poppy Lunch which follows the services. The Poppy Lunch is well established and is expertly run by David Maclean and the Remembrance Day services follow a tried and tested routine aided by our curate and church wardens.

The Poppy Appeal and the organisation of the local collectors is national and therefore separate from the branch. I took over running the Appeal three years ago and so will continue with that for a while and the Chair need have no input into this.

What DOES the Chairman do then!! Well, we have 2 meetings a year, one in August to confirm the arrangements for the Services and Poppy Lunch and the AGM in November to announce the results of the collections and donations and make any changes to the Committee of five.

If you would like to find out more and potentially take over the Chair, please call me on

01243 778191 or 07985 441 786 or email: andyforsyth67@gmail.com. There is no requirement for the Chair to have served in the armed forces, indeed our new National Chairman is a lady who did not serve in our Regular forces. Nor is there any previous charity experience required. I hope someone out there will volunteer their services and continue to make our villages strong supporters of this most deserving charity.

Thanking you in anticipation, Andy Forsyth.



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What's Life Like Under 'Lockdown'? Two Readers Give Their Complementary Perspectives.

The Newly Discovered Me!

One of the things that I have discovered about myself is that I am very good at filling my spare time with nonsense.

An hour just passes sitting in the garden watching all the tiny flies. They move then stop and hover in the same place. And the ants, WOW the ants. They are so busy. A long line at their food source (something sweet on the ground helps) then again two hours have gone by. When it's dark I can easily spend an hour staring at the stars in the sky, it's a new moon right now.

I don't get up before nine o'clock, breakfast takes an hour because there are crosswords to do. Dressing takes a lot of time since it is so difficult to decide what to wear as my family and friends now use WhatsApp and Zoom video calls, so it is impossible to wear the same old thing every day.

With all of that and a daily walk, as authorized by Boris, plus meal times, "The Chase" at five pm, The News at six. Phew, it's time to take a bath and go to bed to read my book! Then we play the keyboards and make lovely music -of course, then there's Sudoku, knitting no time for housework !!!!

If someone needs ideas for fun, just ask, there are many other things I can suggest.

So much time spent reading funny emails from friends.

So come on everyone what is it that you have discovered you like doing?



Dorothy.

Backs Up Against the Wall.

We look at our mobiles and stare at news reports so often right now that I find myself wondering, is this phrase relevant to us today?

The phrase was coined during military battles when weary armies found their 'Backs Up Against the Wall', outnumbered by their enemies with no chance of rescue or escape. In such an extreme situation normal choices disappear: during such dire 'last stand' circumstances your survival and that of your friends and comrades in arms is uppermost.

Whilst we are not at war, nevertheless nationally we are in crisis and internationally the world beyond us is in very serious crisis as well.

Irrespective of age we have our 'Backs up Against the Wall' due to the 'enemy' effects of Covid 19/Coronavirus. It has a stealth element; we can't shoot at something unseen, we can't fight it directly, we don't know how to react- so this phrase, 'Backs up Against the Wall' is apt.

Those in our villages and neighbourhoods still flaunting government requests to stay at home seem to have no interest in defeating our unseen enemy or no understanding of what a greater good could look like. Are they waiting for Superwoman or Superman to fly in and send Covid 19 off forever to an distant galaxy so we can get back to business as usual?

We need to put on our own 'Backs up Against the Wall' mentality and adhere to home isolating and distancing guidelines not just for those we love, our friends, but for people we don't know and may never meet. Let's honour with our determination our vulnerable, hard-pressed NHS staff who are in the direct firing line, dodging Covid-19's bullets as best they can.

Keep your 'Backs up Against the Wall' for them, your NHS really does need you to!

Jackie Lovell



Worthing's Turnpike Road to London.

What did the Romans do for us? Well, after their invasion of 43AD, they introduced rabbits, onions, leeks, underfloor heating, roses, apples, plums, beetroot etc.....and roads, which were the backbone of the Roman Empire. Roman roads fanned out from centres of population and were chiefly used to move troops and supplies to outposts at the edge of empire. With the decline of the Roman Empire and the abandonment of Britain – never a favourite posting – the road system was neglected for centuries.

By the 16th Century, most roads were tracks sometimes based on Roman roads but also following ancient routes dating from prehistoric times. Travel could be seasonal and diminished during the winter. The "trails/roads" were dusty when dry and muddy and often impassable when wet. Tudor laws placed responsibility for maintaining roads on parish councils but this was unsatisfactory for principle highways used by long distance travellers and waggoners. The growth in traffic, especially carts and carriages, led to further deterioration in the state of roads. Thus in the 18th Century, there occurred the development of "semi-private" enterprises of turnpike roads. The proposal to turnpike a section of road was usually a local initiative requiring an individual act of parliament. Unpaid trustees, often local clergy, gentry or merchants, were appointed and their powers lasted around 21 years. However, trusts often requested extensions to raise money to pay off debts and loans incurred in construction, repair and maintenance of roads.

The turnpike system, although unpopular with many, was a comparatively equitable way of collecting revenue towards the upkeep of the road since each user paid according to the use made. Tolls were paid to toll keepers at toll gates situated at roughly every 4 miles distance. Unfortunately, this could be open to abuse due to the difficulty of adequately supervising the toll keepers, who were inclined to independently interpret the local turnpike act. Frequent complaints were made of excessive demands which had no legal foundation, and trustees did not improve matters by tending to leave certain points regarding tolls vague. Roads across West Sussex were notoriously bad because of vast swathes of woodland and the Downs, which made travel impossible in winter and in bad weather. Up to the end of the 18th Century, the route from London to Worthing passed through Dorking to Horsham and on to Knepp Castle via a turnpike road set up in 1755. A second act in 1764 extended the road to Steyning. This road was considered a fine stretch of turnpike road. However, this left the route over the Downs to the coast either via Arundel or Sompting, as a series of ancient tracks characterised by a number of unconnected country lanes and left travellers to endure uncomfortable journeys.

In the mid 18th Century sea bathing and stays on the coast developed especially for health reasons, although only for those who could afford it. Up to then Worthing was a small collection of cottages near the sea overshadowed by Broadwater and Tarring. In 1759 there is the first recorded holiday visitor to Worthing when a Londoner sent his son to stay with a local family. The later visit of Princess Amelia, youngest daughter of King George the Third, helped popularised and develop Worthing into a seaside resort.

Thus, at the beginning of the 19th Century, a better direct route to the town was required. Worthing had by now separated from the parish of Broadwater and, on 24th May 1802, an Act of Parliament was obtained to plan and build a road from Worthing to Findon and then via Washington, Ashington and Dial Post to join the Steyning turnpike at West Grinstead. The trustees held their first meeting at the Chequers Inn, Steyning, and agreed to erect three toll gates – one at Teville pond (now the Teville Gate area) at the entrance to Worthing adjoining the north end of Chapel Road; a second at Ashington and a third at Dial Post. The road was constructed by Mr Heath of Horsham and opened in 1804; it closely followed the route of the now A24.

On the opening of the turnpike, coaches were routed to use it and, thus, provided a much improved journey to Worthing. Instead of one coach every other day during the summer and a weekly wagon from London, there was now a daily service throughout the year. The daily coach to London left at 7am and its journey took 7 hours. The fares started at 11/- for an outside uncovered seat (about £50 in 2018). Coaches also ran to Arundel and east to Brighton via a coastal turnpike route. By 1832, there were 24 daily departures and arrivals serving destinations all over Southern England. thus further enhancing Worthing's accessibility and development. The tolls set for the 3 toll gates varied according to which gate, type of vehicle, and type of traveller.

	Dial Post/Ashington	Worthing
Any wagon with breadth under 6'	6d	2d
Horses, mules, ass, bullock & other beasts drawing a carriage	4.5d	1.5d
For unladen of the above	2d	1d
For every drove of oxen, cows, cattle	10d per score	5d per score
For every drove of calves, pigs, sheep, lambs	5d per score	2.5d per score

Exceptions to charges were made for

Beasts carrying materials to repair roads, manure, lime, dung or implements for husbandry
Persons attending church services or residing in the parish.
Horses carrying the mail.
Military horses.
Carriages conveying vagrants and carriages conveying electors.

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Worthing's Turnpike Road to London, Continued.

Toll responsibilities at the three gates were auctioned annually in accordance with the terms of the Act. The receipts from the three together rose from £530 in 1804 to £940 in 1822. However, this was not enough to maintain the road and pay off loans so as the time for renewal of the Act drew nearer, the trustees applied to decrease the length of the road and increase the tolls; a move which was not popular with the citizens of Worthing.

By the 1820s turnpike legislation was becoming chaotic. Therefore, in 1822 the General Turnpike Act was passed to consolidate and cancel the 16 previous Acts; these were embodied into a new Worthing Turnpike Act of 1823. Having a turnpike in Worthing had become increasingly unpopular. Thus the new legislation gave the local population an opportunity at a meeting held at Broadwater on the 16th March 1823, to request the removal of the Teville Pond gate. A sum of £50 was raised to cover expenses and a further £50 to purchase land held by the trustees around it. This was unsuccessful so an approach was made to Mr Carter, the farmer in charge of the gate, "to remove the toll bar at the entrance to Worthing"; he too ignored this request.

However, the 1823 Worthing Turnpike Act did lead to the road between the Teville Pond and Offington Corner being discontinued as a turnpike road including the Worthing toll gate, and the road was taken over by the parish. Instead a new toll gate was erected on the Findon road at the bottom of the Bost Hill with a second gate at Findon village (demolished in 1873/4). The tolls were revised to be similar at all gates.

The re-organisation of the turnpike road also gave impetus to an extension westwards from Findon across Long Furlong. This crossed the Michelgrove estate originally owned by the Shelley family, who sold it to the Walker family from Liverpool. Michael Walker then developed his own private turnpike road across Long Furlong as an investment but he became bankrupt. This enabled the Worthing turnpike trustees to develop the western extension of the turnpike to reach Littlehampton via Angmering and Rustington (now the A280). The Michelgrove estate was purchased by the Duke of Norfolk, who demolished the dilapidated Michelgrove House in 1845.

However, the finances of turnpike companies were of continual concern as shown in records held at WSRO. The AGM for the Worthing Turnpike Company held on 2nd March 1841 at the Franklin Arms, Washington under the chairmanship of Hugh Ingram, hints at underlying difficulties in the accounts presented. The income from tolls at the 4 toll gates (including Long Furlong) was given as £1688-15-7d. Expenditure was £56 to the clerk and surveyor. Maintenance of the road (covering materials and labour) was £321-12-7d. Some payments were made for interest, law charges, stamp duty and sinking fund. However, debts were listed as £3445-6-3d of which £3281-5-0d was a bonded or mortgage debt at 5% interest.

The maintenance of the road was also a continual problem. Huge wagons were of concern because of damage caused by narrow wheels. Efforts were made to encourage wagons to be fitted with broader wheels to "roll the road" and improve it rather than cause deep ruts. One solution was to charge wagons according to the width of their wheels.

Turnpikes were not always popular with their customers or the public in general. Turnpike keepers were a variety of characters but usually of a surly disposition. However, they did often have to deal with difficult customers and had to be alert for evasion of duties known as "bilking the pike". Some turnpike keepers were prone to drink. One Ashington keeper, William Chambers, also known as Billy Donger, spent most of his time at the local inn and expected to receive his tolls there as well. He was sacked when the trustees discovered the amount of tolls collected was greatly reduced as a result.

Unfortunately using turnpikes did not encourage temperance. Coachmen and passengers were especially prone to drinking. This was not helped by the frequent change of horses at coaching inns along the road and travelling in winter could be very cold so strong, warm liquid refreshment provided by the inns, was a necessity.

By the mid Victorian period, turnpikes and tolls were seen as an impediment to free trade and the multitude of trusts as inefficient. The arrival of the railways meant faster travel which became more and more available to all, especially those wishing to travel to the south coast. However, in some areas, railway companies were obliged to pay tithes and make periodic contributions to the turnpike trusts. Finally the 1888 Local Government Act gave responsibility for maintaining roads to county councils and county boroughs signalling the end of turnpike trusts.

Thus toll gates were opened, toll keepers made redundant and toll cottages were either demolished or became private homes as seen at Long Furlong. The turnpike trusts did set up a network of roads across Britain including the Worthing turnpike, which is their legacy. Many turnpike roads are still part of today's road system including the A24 and A280 and, where the original road can be identified, it is still possible to find evidence of milestones and old coaching inns – a remnant of a mode of travel from a bygone age.

Helena Millen

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Gardening: Sowing A New Lawn.

Louise.

This is the time of year to sow grass and if you are looking to grass down a few areas to reorganise your garden, here are some helpful tips from an expert.

If the soil has only been raked flat it will probably need to be consolidated either with a garden roller or your feet! I would walk over it treading down the soft bits until it all feels firm, probably won't look flat after that! Level it off with more topsoil and compact by laying a plank of wood on it and walking up and down. It should be slightly lower than the existing lawn (6mm). I would use a dwarf rye grass mixture seed rather than a fine lawn seed it is more tolerant of conditions and harder wearing.

Chalcraft Nursery in Bognor sold seed by the kilo in fine, medium or hard wearing grades, may be worth phoning around to see if they or any local ones still do. Scatter the seed over the prepared soil (100g/sqm) and about a foot either side so it can blend into the existing grass. Top dress the seeded area with more topsoil, walk the plank to tamp it down leaving it slightly above the existing lawn soil level. Seeding should be done in the next few weeks to get it established before summer. It will be a lawn next year!

Turfing is more expensive but quicker to establish, you still need to consolidate and level as above but level to about 10-15mm below existing lawn soil level, lay your turf and board walk it down, water, water and water. Tread the turf edges down firmly. Top dress and seed any gaps if necessary, no feeding, it needs to root first which will be 6 weeks or so.

Disturbed soil will sink as the roots and weather do their thing hence the consolidation and leaving a slight mound. Any slight sinkage can be top dressed in autumn.

It is easier than it sounds but you are likely to be needing some topsoil, you will know once you have trodden it down.

If you seed I would buy a roll of fleece to cover it or you will feed the birds at the expense of your grass. It germinates quicker under fleece or polythene.



This Years Lawn: Four Days Growth



Last Years Sown Lawn

Recipe. Spaghetti with Green Pesto Supper Dish

Serves 4

Ingredients :-

- 350g spaghetti
- 1 medium onion – thinly chopped
- 4 heaped tablespoons frozen peas
- 100g mushrooms – chopped
- 150g jar green pesto

Method

- 4 tablespoons parmesan cheese
- Cook spaghetti in salted water until tender. Put vegetables in pan of boiling water and cook until soft. Drain spaghetti and return to pan.
- Drain vegetables and add to spaghetti with green pesto. Mix well together over warm hob.
- Divide into 4 pasta bowls. Scatter parmesan cheese over and serve.

Helena Millen

Home Made Pesto

Pesto is a generic Italian name for any sauce made by pounding ingredients together.

Ingredients

- 125g/4½oz pine nuts
- 125g/4½oz Parmesan (or a similar vegetarian hard cheese), grated.

- 1 large bunch fresh basil leaves
- 1 clove garlic, crushed.
- 200ml/7fl oz extra virgin olive oil
- Salt, freshly ground black pepper
- Squeeze lemon juice.

Method

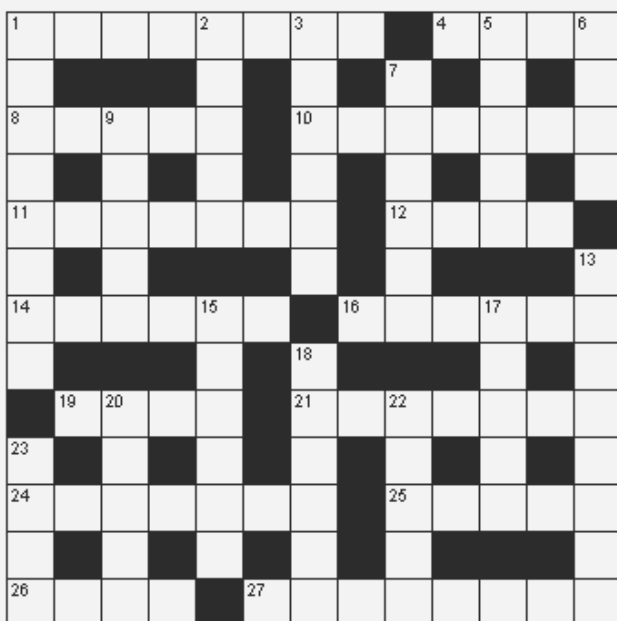
- Heat a dry frying pan over medium heat. Lightly toast pine nuts till browned and fragrant.
- Place the parmesan chunks in blender and add the basil leaves, garlic, toasted pine nuts and olive oil. Season to taste with salt and freshly ground black pepper.
- Blend for a few seconds until it begins to come together and is smooth.
- Taste the pesto for seasoning, and add a squeeze of lemon juice if you like.
- If not using straight away, you can store the pesto in a jar and will keep for a week in the fridge. Or you can put it into ice-cube trays and freeze.

For a Change.

Try Pecorino cheese instead of Parmesan, it has a lovely salty flavour which works well in the pesto. Replace pine nuts with crunchy peanut butter and stir through after blending for some crunch. You can replace basil with other green leaf vegetables, e.g. rocket, spinach and many more. **Mick**

Crossword.

Standard Crossword- ukp017



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Across

1. Consigns (8)
4. Upkeep (4)
8. Majestic (5)
10. Young swans (7)
11. Svelte (7)
12. Short letter (4)
14. Musical interval of eight tones (6)
16. Plant fibre (6)
19. Long narrative poem (4)
21. Kind of nonfictional prose (7)
24. Nonattendance (7)
25. Sound (5)
26. Large woody plant (4)
27. Mental state induced by suggestion (8)

Down

1. Ridicule (8)
2. Still legally acceptable (5)
3. An extreme attainment (6)
5. Alarm (5)
6. Facilitate (4)
7. Order of business (6)
9. Outstanding (5)
13. Famished (8)
15. Empty (6)
17. Confronted (5)
18. Seldom (6)
20. Ski run (5)
22. Public transport (5)
23. Immense (4)



Quiz.

1. Who wrote the 2017 book What Happened?
2. Which country declared itself independent from Russia following the 1917 Russian Revolution?
3. Actor Glynn Edwards, who is best known for his role as Dave 'the barman' in the ITV drama Minder, was married to which well-known British actress?
4. Which planet in the Solar System has the most moons?
5. Which large town is home to the Halliwell Jones Stadium and the first IKEA store ever built in the UK?
6. Canadian-born American businesswoman Florence Nightingale Graham (1878-1966) went by which business name?
7. Which five letter name repeated, gives you the name of the largest inland city in New South Wales, Australia?
8. The song Dueling Banjos was made famous by which 1972 film?
9. Which area of Edinburgh, at the end of the Royal Mile, is the location of the Scottish Parliament?
10. Name the smallest British rodent?
11. 'Brains' is the name of a regional brewery founded in 1882 in which British city?
12. Who served as Prime Minister of Poland from 2007 to 2014?
13. Zsa Zsa Gabor was born in which European capital city?
14. Which 1980 novel by British Indian author Salman Rushdie deals with India's transition from British colonialism to independence?
15. Which part of the body contains bones known as the ossicles?
16. What weapon was used to assassinate Leon Trotsky?
17. Which association is most widely known for placing bibles in hotel rooms?
18. In which country did James Bond novelist Ian Fleming have an estate called Goldeneye?
19. Enver Halil Hoxha was head of state of which country from 1944 until his death in 1985?
20. Name the first singer to have been invited twice to perform the theme song at the Olympic Games?
21. Which confectionary brand founded in 1907 by Sydney Herbert Marks, in Essex, is a boy's name spelled backwards?
22. Who was elected Deputy Leader of the Labour Party in 2015?
23. The Turner Contemporary art gallery is in which English seaside town?
24. Which member of the Beatles was the oldest?

PICK for BRITAIN

Some of you may have heard on the news that Britain may not be able to bring in its usual field workers from abroad while overseas travel is restricted. Food producers are identified as key workers so can work during the lockdown following government health and safety guidelines for the virus.

Local producers will be looking for suitable people to help bring in the harvest now ripening in our fields. If you know someone who would like to do this and is looking for work please pass this information on to them.

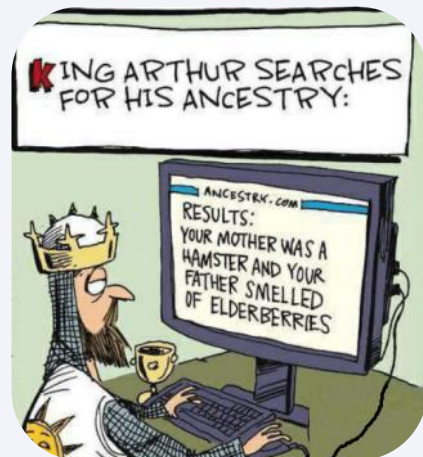
NB Should you wish to, you can pass your contact details to us and we can forward these to reliable local farming contacts in due course.



Louise and Mick



Lord Of The Rings OR
Master Of The Rolls?



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NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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North Mundham Parish Council Report

It was nice to see a good turn-out for the Meeting of Electors on 5 March, despite the poor weather, and councillors welcomed the chance to talk to those who were able to stay after the meeting. For those who missed it, and in advance of the formal minutes, here is a brief summary of the key points

The Meeting of Electors is the annual event where the Parish Council reports on what it has been doing over the past year, and where the electors have an opportunity to ask questions. This is in contrast to the routine Full Council meetings every other month, and the monthly Planning Committee meetings. These routine meetings are all advertised in advance, and they are all public meetings which anyone can attend, but the opportunity for members of the public to speak is limited to a specific item at the start of each meeting.

It is worth reminding you all once again that we are currently short of one councillor and we need to co-opt an additional member. The Clerk or I would be happy to discuss what this entails with anyone thinking of joining, but you will need to complete a form available from the Clerk before 23 April. You can contact the Clerk at clerk@northmundham.org or by telephone 01243 203050.

We noted that the financial pressures on the Council's budget have led us to increase the precept for the coming financial year, though any increase attributable to the Parish Council is just eight pence a week for a Band D property.

The Parish Council is still very keen to progress the project to provide a shared-use cycleway and footpath from Brookside to the farm shop. However, at the moment it is proving difficult to plan the project. Some of the funding opportunities that we hope to exploit have a limited life, and we need to liaise further with WSCC to get the project under way while the funds are still available.

You will be aware from earlier reports that we are looking closely at how we manage the Village Hall. At the moment the position is complicated by the fact that the hall is owned and managed by the Parish Council, although built on land that belongs to the Playing Fields Trust. The Trust and the Council have different financial rules, different funding opportunities, and different tax regimes. One solution that has been proposed is for the Council to transfer the ownership and the responsibility for managing the village hall to the Playing Fields Trust, which would need to alter its charitable objectives to reflect this additional responsibility. However, we are very conscious of the inscription in the entrance that records the hall was built 'by the village, for the village' and we will need to be confident that its future is secure.

David Maclean spoke about our relationship with the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group (MWHG). In the past year they have made a significant contribution in two areas, leading the work to improve the old canal and Camic Pond as a habitat for wildlife, and surveying the ditches in the parish as part of their FLOW Project (Fixing and Linking Our Wetlands) to improve our understanding of the state of the drainage system. We need to ensure that we continue the good work in future years, and David has volunteered to act as the key contact for this work.

Finally, John Ashley, who is chairing the Steering Group, updated us on progress with the Neighbourhood Development Plan. A number of people expressed their concern that the district will be covered with large developments of new houses. John made the point that the best way to counter this is to develop a robust plan with strong evidence in support, which can then be adopted as part of the local planning policy. We are working towards that aim.

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Crossword p9

Solution - ukp017



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Quiz Answers from p9.

1. Hillary Clinton
2. Finland
3. Yootha Joyce
4. Jupiter
5. Warrington
6. Elizabeth Arden
7. Wagga Wagga
8. Deliverance
9. Holyrood
10. Harvest mouse
11. Cardiff
12. Donald Tusk
13. Budapest
14. Midnight's Children
15. The ear
16. An ice pick
17. The Gideons
18. Jamaica
19. Albania
20. Sarah Brightman
21. Trebor
22. Tom Watson
23. Margate, Kent
24. Ringo Starr

The Darkling Thrush

I leant upon a coppice gate
When Frost was spectre-grey,
And Winter's dregs made desolate
The weakening eye of day.

The tangled bine-stems scored the sky
Like strings of broken lyres,
And all mankind that haunted nigh
Had sought their household fires.

The land's sharp features seemed to be
The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind his death-lament.

The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry,
And every spirit upon earth
Seemed fervourless as I.

At once a voice arose among
The bleak twigs overhead
In a full-hearted evensong
Of joy illimited;

An aged thrush, frail, gaunt and small,
In blast-beruffled plumage,
Had chosen thus to fling his soul
Upon the growing gloom.

So little cause for carolings
Of such ecstatic sound
Was written on terrestrial things
Afar or nigh around,

That I could think there trembled through
His happy good-night air
Some blessed Hope, whereof he knew
And I was unaware.



Thomas Hardy

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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