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NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Working for the whole community

North Mundham Parish Council Report

After a rather wet and depressing March, it is nice to be able to report the success of some of the parish council's recent initiatives.

Firstly, thanks go to all of you, both individuals and businesses, who responded to the survey in support of a "40" speed limit on the Pagham Road down to the Runcton Farm Shop and Manor Nurseries. With the support of neighbouring parishes, the project was extended further east to cover the bends in the road just beyond our parish boundary, and you should now see - at least I hope you will see – that the new speed limit is now in place.

On the same theme of speed limits, it was good to see that we had enough response from volunteers to form the basis of a Speedwatch group in the parish. Some of them have already completed the online element of their training. Unfortunately, the police officer responsible for administering the scheme has just left the force, so we are waiting for his replacement to be appointed.

For some time, we have been exploring options to deal with the telephone box outside The Walnut Tree, because we could not find a use for it. I am pleased to say that we have found a new home for it at the Tangmere Military Aviation Museum, where it will form part of a display recording life when Tangmere and surrounding airfield sites were in active use. The museum team will remove it and make good the site.

Staying with the telephone box theme, you may have noticed that we have had to restrict the use of the 'Swap Shop' in the telephone box in North Mundham, because the very wet weather was making it too damp inside. We have plans to replace some of the defective glazing, and we hope it will be back in use very soon.

Finally, can I remind you that you will need to have photographic proof of identity with you when you vote on 4 May.

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This months Parish Council Newsletter with details of Easter activities, forthcoming elections, local news and road/path closures can be found by clicking here. PC Newsletters.

Councillors.

A list of your Parish Councillors can be found here:

Parish Councillors | North Mundham Parish Council

The Parish Council meetings schedule is here:

Schedule of Meetings | North Mundham Parish Council.

Links to local walks in the parish can be found on:

Footpaths and Bridleways in and around the Parish | North Mundham Parish Council

Some useful emergency contact details are :-

- For planning issues, the Planning Authority is Chichester District Council.
 Their general contact number is 01243 785166. For contact out of hours call 01243 785339.
- For planning use 01243 534734.
- For reporting all sorts of footpath or road defects, you can also use Love West Sussex at:
 Love West Sussex Love Where You Live
- But for street lights of any kind, including traffic lights and illuminated bollards, click on:

 West Sussex Street Lighting Services | Report a fault with an item (lightsoninwestsussex.co.uk)

What's Happening: Local?

MANHOOD WILDLIFE AND HERITAGE GROUP.

Wildlife Conservation volunteer opportunities in April 2023

We have some lovely activities planned for this month and no experience is needed for you to join in and have fun.

Each week we will post more details of where we are working, what we will be doing, where to park, what to bring etc. You can sign up then.

This is what we have planned for April so please do pop these dates into your diary:

TO VOLUNTEER FOR ANY OF THE BELOW ACTIVITIES PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE <u>MHWG WEBSITE</u> SO YOU CAN RECEIVE THE LATEST UPDATES.

Each week we will post more details of where we are working, what we will be doing, where to park, what to bring etc. You can sign up then.

Friday, 14th April 2023- Dead hedge creation at Birdham Primary School

Thursday, 20th April 2023 - Wildflower seeding at West Itchenor pond

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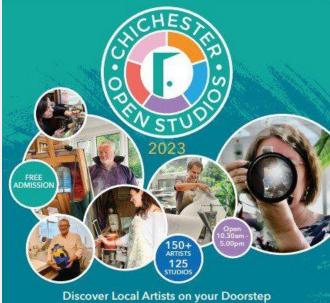
Any time you can give, even an hour, is really helpful to us in this important work.

Occasionally we will have to postpone or change the venue but we will always send out an email the night before if the weather is going to result in dangerous conditions.



Chichester Open Studios 2023 Formerly Chichester Art Trail









Discover Local Artists on your Doorstep

2 WEEKENDS IN APRIL

Sat 22 April - Sun 23 April

Sat 29 & Sun 30 April

Monday 1st May

chichesteropenstudios.org







What's Happening: Local?

HeartSmart Walks.

Spring is in the air; why not put a spring in your step with one of these free walks.

The HeartSmart walks are organised by Chichester Wellbeing and provide volunteer-led guided walks at locations around the Chichester District with two to three walks per week throughout the year. These walks are designed to cater for all ages and abilities, offering an opportunity to exercise and meet new people in a safe and friendly environment.

See the **HeartSmart Walk Programme for February - April 2023 (634kb)**

To book a place, please visit the **CDC Web page**.

Full details of Chichester Wellbeing's programme is found at:-

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

You can also contact the Wellbeing Team directly at:-

Chichester Wellbeing Team

Tel: 01243 521041

Email: info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk





This Months Take Away?

What's Happening: Local?







A Special Performance of The Secret Garden.

A beautiful musical tale of forgiveness and renewal for all ages. Performed by the Musical Theatre students of the University of Chichester and set in the stunning award winning Gridshell Building.

> Friday, 14 April 2023 matinee/evening. Saturday, 15 April 2023 matinee/evening. Sunday, 16 April 2023 2pm matinee only.

> > Tickets still available.

Bringing in the May

Discover the history behind the May Day celebrations. Learn about the traditions behind the gathering of flowers on May eve, and join us as we decorate the site with the flowers and greenery over the weekend.

We will also be looking at the traditions of a May Day basket, and the folklore behind the Hawthorne tree. Plenty of activities for all ages to enjoy.

Pre-booking is recommended.



Hop aboard our Easter Boat trip to search for Easter Bunnies.

Our Easter Team will make you feel welcome on board with Spring activities and Treats.

Refreshments will be given to all.

Running between Saturday 1st April and Monday 10th April – Our trips run 3 times daily at 10:30, 12:45 and 15:30





Easter Bike Ride: Chichester to Bosham Circular.

Mick

This is an 18 mile ride which should take about 2 –2.5 hours of gentle cycling plus any time for refreshment stops and is at its best on a low tide to enjoy the sea views and tranquillity of the shoreline at Bosham harbour.

Starting at the Chichester Canal Basin Café, (Green Marker) take mostly quiet cycle paths through Chichester onto Centurion Way towards East Lavant till reaching Hunters Race road.

Here, take a left off Centurion Way onto the tarmac and start following signs towards West Stoke where, at Lye Lane, the road turns south towards Bosham.

Tide permitting enjoy the ride along the Bosham shore and perhaps try the Berkeley Inn for a lunch stop. (Red Marker)

Kingley Vale Mid Lavant West Stoke Funtington East Lavant East Ashlin Goodwood West Ashling OAKWOOD WEST BROYLE Concierge Camping 🔷 CUTMILL St Richard's Hosp Fishbourne Roman Palace Chichester Fishbou. Bos. STOCKBRIDGE APULDRAM Dell Quay Donnington Hunston

Alternative delightful refreshment choices are plentiful in Bosham.

Return on the A259 and after Fishbourne pass on the cycle way under the A27 and over the railway bridge, back onto Centurion Way, following the outward track, to return to the Canal Basin.

Author's recommendations.

There are several good cafés and pubs in Bosham and the Chichester Canal Basin Café is also excellent for a quiet coffee and snacks.

The Berkeley Inn is great for an relaxed lunch at a reasonable price and with friendly staff. Check for serving times for food.

Safety information

Take care for other road/path users and particularly for dog walkers on the Centurion Way.

It is essential to check low-tide time before passing along the shore to Bosham.

When returning, use cycle lanes on A259 where provided.

Maps OS Explorer OL8; Landranger 197

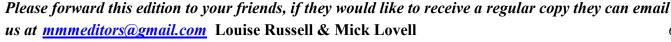
For gpx track on Outdooractive app click on:

Chichester Canal Basin- Bosham Circular.









How to Look After Your Garden This April.

Now April has arrived we can expect to see more sunny days to enjoy in our garden.

There are plenty of jobs to be doing the garden now the clocks have sprung forward. For example, April can be a very busy time for planting in your garden. This is because we will get longer, lighter, and warmer days. This means that you can begin to plant a variety of different flowers inside and out doors. Therefore, once you have prepared your soil, you can plant flowers, such as: Clarkia, Cosmos, Lilies, Lobélias, Oxális, Sweet Peas, Poppies, and many more.

As well as this, this month you can plant a wide range of vegetables. For example, Carrots, Lettuce, Peas, Spinach, and Turnip are all great vegetables grow to help enjoy a tasty healthy meal once ready to eat. To add to this, you should make sure to keep your crops under good pest control, to protect what you are growing in your garden.

Another important job to do in the garden this April is, to maintain your lawn. Now your garden is getting Greener, you can give it a mow when it is needed, this is likely to be at least once a week, and on a lower cut when coming towards the end of the month. After this, you can empty your lawn trimmings in your compost bin. As well as this, you can also apply a nitrogen-based fertiliser to your lawn to help provide an increase in growth as well as preventing weeds, to ensure you lawn with a healthy look. Although you can let your grass grow longer in certain patched areas of your garden, which will benefit the wildlife, such as frogs and insects by providing them with shelter.

On the topic of the wildlife, this month you can also help the birds by continuing to top up their bird feeders, with a range of food sources such as, fruit, peanuts, sunflower seeds, suet, and leftovers such as breadcrumbs, crusts, and cooked rice. As well as helping feed the birds, you can also attract a range of different birds to your garden to enjoy watching. In addition to this, by having birds in your garden, they can act as a good pest control protecting your plants from caterpillars, slugs, and other garden pests.

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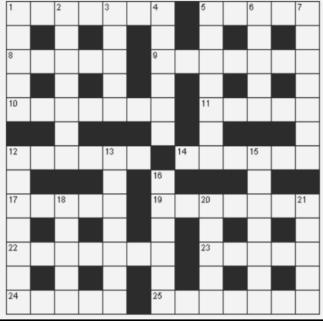
CROSSWORD.

© Puzzle Choice

- 1. Gallantry (7)
- 5. Subsequently (5)
- 8. Extreme happiness (5)
- 9. Considered unlikely (7)
- 10. Pills (7)
- 11. Paragon (5)
- 12. Gaped (6)
- 14. Concurs (6) 17. Proverb (5)
- 19. Recite (7)
- 22. Feed (7)
- 23. Water lily (5)
- 24. Frock (5)
- 25. Use again after processing (7)

- 1. Established custom (5)
- 2. Arc of refracted light (7)
- 3. Publish (5)
- 4. Humble (6)
- 5. Risible (7)
- 6. Heading (5)
- 7. Conundrums (7) 12. Hankered (7)
- 13. Foes (7)
- 15. Flexible (7)
- 16. Fix firmly (6)
- 18. Angle less than 90 degrees (5) 20. Something that has survived
- the past (5) 21. Follow (5)

Standard Crossword- ukp044



SHORT STORY

MY BATTLE WITH THE MOLES.

Not so long ago, my wife and I bought a nice house with a large garden - mostly lawn. We liked the large lawn a lot, not realising what awaited us.

In the late afternoon it was our habit to get out the deck-chairs, place them on the patio and look at and enjoy our elegant lawn, which I would have mown with the greatest of care. It was at such a moment that this tragic tale begins.

It was a sunny afternoon and I was dozing a bit when my wife suddenly said,

"Oh! Look!"

"Look at what?"

"Look at that bump in the lawn!"

I leapt up and to my horror saw a large bump in the middle of the lawn. I strode purposefully down to the bump, inspected it, and stamped it flat.

bump, inspected it, and stamped it flat. "There," I said to my wife. "Probably some little animal."

And then day by day, more bumps in our lawn appeared. It was awful!

Then I read in the newspaper that there was an epi-



demic of moles. Apparently anti-mole products were selling very well. In fact, sales were phenomenal. And each day more mole-hills appeared on our beautiful lawn. Clearly drastic action was needed.

Today, after much battling with our moles, I can confirm that our moles are indestructible.

For example, I discovered there was a new anti-mole paste available from Canada.

Guaranteed to work. I bought some of this product, raced home and told my wife our mole problem was over, guaranteed finished. I carefully distributed the product in various key places alongside the bumps and awaited the result with impatience. Soon, tunnels appeared - tunnels! Spreading out from where I had put the paste! Apparently our moles had stronger stomachs than Canadian moles.

Mole-traps were no more successful. I put down dozens over the course of a year. But our moles were not stupid. They avoided the tunnels where I had put the traps and worse, they amused themselves setting off the traps without getting their noses caught in them.

A gardening friend who had been very successful setting traps for his moles, set up some for ours. Nothing. Two lads on school hols tried to catch them. (One should always give youth its chance...) No luck.

We tried other modes of attack. Could we drown them out? That seemed a really good idea. So I put the gardening hose into one of the longer tunnels and turned the tap full on. What was the result? A very wet lawn and new tunnels avoiding the large muddy patches.

Somebody recommended putting rose thorns in the tunnels. So we collected a bucket of rose thorns – a painful process – and distributed them accordingly. We also broke up some glass and put the bits at the entrance to the tunnels. A two-fronted attack! But the mole radar worked as usual. To tell the truth, I wasn't very happy about this method of attacking my moles.

A neighbour said moles were allergic to the smell of certain plants, so I rushed out to the garden centre and bought some. I planted them carefully in six different places.

Eventually I noticed that the bulbs of the plants had been eaten. And there were more tunnels.

I then hired a mole-catcher. A gentleman with long experience of disposing of moles.

Early every morning, for the best part of a week, he walked about the garden with a large hoe. Whenever he did this there were no moles to be seen. Then he didn't come any more. I thought I'd try that idea myself. So I got up early (unusually so) got my spade, and tip-toed round the garden. No moles. Nothing. The neighbour's cat and the other neighbour's dog watched me with interest. But the moles? Not a sign of them.

Somebody told me that moles have very sensitive hearing. So, as it was near Guy Fawkes' Night, I went out and bought 24 bangers. I put them in the tunnel entrances and ran around lighting them. A terrific noise! The neighbour's cat ran for cover, the other neighbour's dog ran up and down howling. Of the moles, no sign. Aha, I thought. Got them! But the next morning, more tunnels.

Somebody else told me that moles have sensitive noses. So I bought two litres of liquid bleach, which I distributed in the tunnels with care. Did this work? No. And the lawn was now covered in patches of dead grass

grass.
Finally, I decided to go all out. The end of the mole saga! With my new 'Shock and Awe' attack! I got in my old Volvo estate car and drove slowly up and down the lawn.

making sure I was flattening the tunnels. I covered the whole lawn. All tunnels flattened!

What was the result? Well, our moles are not like other moles.....



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Here is a test of your literary knowledge. I remember one or two of these on the shelf of our school library. Some photographic clues may assist.
1 The Heart of Midlothian
2 Orlando
3 Murder before Evensong
4 The Pumpkin Eaters
5 Our Man in Havana
6 Death in the Afternoon
7 Giant
8 North and South
9 The Fourth Protocol.
10 The Horse Whisperer
11 The Da Vinci Code
12 The Three Musketeers
13 Labyrinth
14 Heartbreak Hotel
15 War and Peace
16 Death in Venice
17 You Only Live Twice
18 The Looking Glass War
19 The Godfather
20 His Dark Materials

QUIZ: WHO WROTE THE FOLOWING NOVELS?

Helena Millen

Marc Chagall; The Fiddler.

After my rather gloomy offering last month and not to mention the very depressing weather I thought we probably needed cheering up – and spring is at last on its way, as I write this the sun is shining, the daffodils have been superb and I know of a number of weddings and other celebrations which are in the air. Aren't we lucky to be in England, we may have our troubles but we are not in Ukraine or Afghanistan or any of the trouble-spots around the world.

Marc Chagall was born in 1887 in Vitebsk, in Belarus. He endured war and revolution in St Petersburg and Moscow, exile in Paris, Berlin and New York, and Nazi terror in Marseilles, yet survived to enjoy a long, productive old age on the Côte d'Azur. He never left behind his Jewish/Russian roots and all his life he painted the domes of his birthplace, Vitebsk, in Belarus.

In The Fiddler, painted in 1912/13 he brings to life typical characters that he remembered from childhood days. The fiddler was the central figure in festivities of the Jewish community and accompanied the



principal events of life - birth, marriage, funerals. Almost a legendary figure, he was the attendant of human destiny, and like the artist himself, a solitary individual isolated by the strangeness and mystery of his art. Here the lonely Jew with his fiddle looms up as an enormous figure in front of a snowy twilight landscape (Vitebsk). He thumps out a rhythm with his boot on the roof of a tiny wooden hut. The landscape surrounds him like the circle of the earth, his face is green, the colour of trance and the fiddler is shown against a blossoming fairy-tale tree, filled with birds. Human footprints in a circle sweep from right to left and mark out the road of destiny in an empty field. Above, the Golden Child of Russian folklore floats by, lured by the fiddler's tune; the halo follows the trail of destiny.

Painted around the same time and living in Paris, Self Portrait with Seven Fingers was painted during one of most important periods in Chagall's work; he had arrived in Paris in 1910 and from then the background of his paintings changed radically. Again shows his birth-town of Vitebsk. The painter is seated before his easel with his back to Paris; a large fan-shaped hand caresses a votive painting of his homeland - the number seven is heavy with mystical overtones in Jewish folklore, and is strongly linked with the concept of creation - God created the world in seven days; the Kabbalah states that God created seven parallel universes to our physical one; The three fathers and the four mothers in the Bible gave birth to the Jewish nation. Above, Vitebsk floats like a heavenly vision. On the wall, in Hebrew,



Paris to the left, Russia to the right. He has his back to Paris – his heart is still in Vitebsk (and always will be). No matter where Chagall lived, Vitebsk and his Jewishness stayed with him.

Celia O'Shea April 2023

Chicken Fricassee with Caramelised Apples

Ingredients (4 servings)

- 4 chicken legs cut in two at the joint (or use just thighs).
- 4 Large Mushrooms
- 2 Apples (Golden Delicious or Pink Lady)200 ml Chicken Stock
- 3 tbs Double Cream

300 ml Dry Cider

A slug of Calvados or whisky (optional)

Method

Melt the butter in a sauté pan and lightly brown the pieces of Chicken all over and season

Cut the mushrooms into 4 pieces each

When the chicken pieces are golden pour off the excess fat then pour over the cider

Bring to the boil and add the stock and the mushrooms

Cover and leave to cook over a low heat for 30 minutes then remove the chicken and keep warm

Bring to the boil and reduce le liquid by half

Whisk in the cream and adjust the seasoning Put the chicken back into the sauce.

While the chicken is cooking peel and core the apples and cut into quarters

Melt the sugar in a little water in a saucepan and boil to obtain a light caramel

Turn off the heat and add the apples and turn to soften and coat in the caramel.

Add the Calvados if using and stir into the caramel.

Serve the fricassee with the apples on top.



Alsatian Onion Tarte

Ingredients

1 Pkt. Ready Rolled Pizza Dough

3 Large Onions

100 g Smoked Bacon Lardons

20 g Butter

2 tbs Crème Fraiche (or thick double cream)

Salt and Pepper

Method

1 Slice the onions thinly and soften in butter

Add the lardons and cook slowly for 10 mins

Mix with the cream salt and pepper

Unroll the Pizza dough

Either put it on a baking tray and pinch the edges to form a shallow container **or** put the dough into a shallow dish

Spoon in the filling

Cook at 220°C for 15 to 20 minutes



Janet.

Crossword Solution from p7.

Solution - ukp044







Quiz Answers from p9.

1 Sir Walter Scott 2 Virginia Woolf 3 Richard Coles 4 Penelope Mortimer 5 Graham Greene 6 Ernest Hemingway 7 Edna Ferber 8 Elizabeth Gaskell 9 Frederick Forsyth 10 Nicholas Evans 11 Dan Brown 12 Alexander Dumas 13 Kate Mosse 14 Deborah Moggach 15 Leo Tolstoy 16 Thomas Mann 17 Ian Fleming 18 John le Carré 19 Mario Puzo 20 Philip Pullman

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Help us fill the following issues and make your voice part of our local life.

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