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May 2021



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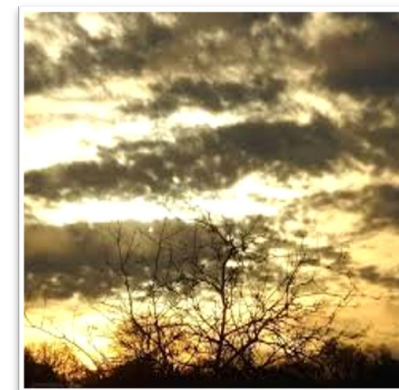
We are all looking forward to a return to normal life though this may be a little different from before lockdown as some of the changes and adjustments we have made in our lives may become permanent. As for the church, we are looking forward to worship without masks and social distancing, being able to sing freely once again, and to socialise afterwards.

The opening of non-essential shops and pubs and restaurants serving outside has given us a taste of normal life. I confess that I went next door to the Horse and Cart for a pint of beer the day after the new regulations came in. I sat outside at the front on my own and really enjoyed my drink! The next thing is a hair cut! Such small things - such great delight.

*A brighter dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou, O King most highest,
The power of death defiest*

*And thou hast come victorious,
With risen Body glorious,
Who now for ever livest,
And life abundant givest.*

Yours in Christ
Fr. Jim



A SAINT FOR MAY

St Helena - 21st May



Born about 248 AD, the daughter of an innkeeper, St. Helena married the Roman general Constantius. When he became emperor he divorced her, but her son, later the Emperor Constantine, greatly honoured and respected her. Constantine was the first Christian emperor and under his influence she became a Christian too. Although over sixty at the time of her conversion, she was so devout that her contemporaries imagined she had been a Christian since childhood. She dressed quietly, gave generously to the poor and to churches and used her powerful position to secure the release of prisoners and the return of exiles. Helena is said to have built churches on the sites of the Passion, the Resurrection and the Ascension of Christ. At a very advanced age, Helena made pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to Rome, where she died in 330 AD.

Helena is chiefly famous for having discovered the wood of the cross. In fact all three crosses were found and there was no way of telling which was the one on which Christ had died. At Helena's suggestion, a piece of wood from each cross was brought to the bedside of a sick woman. Two had no effect on her at all but in the presence of wood from the third cross, the woman recovered completely, and it was thus established which was the true cross. Symbols associated with Helena are a cross, three nails and a hammer. Her feast is variously celebrated in May or in August.



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May 2021

9.30 am St. George's Brede - 11.15 am St. Mary's Udimore

Date	First reading	Second reading	Gospel reading
2 nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8: 26-end	1 John 4: 7-end	John 15: 1-8
9 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10: 44-end	1 John 5: 1-6	John 15: 9-17
16 th May Sunday after Ascension	Acts 1: 15-17, 21-end	1 John 5: 9-13	John 17: 6-19
23 rd May Day of Pentecost	Acts 2: 1-21	Romans 8: 22-27	John 15: 26-7, 16: 4-15
30 th May Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6: 1-8	Romans 8: 12-17	John 3: 1-17



We give thanks for all our Key Workers at this most difficult of times.



Gracious God, give skill, sympathy & resilience to all who are
caring for the sick, & your wisdom to those searching for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many
will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Parish Services for May

St George's Brede

Sunday 2nd May 9.30am Prayer & Praise led by members of the congregation

Sunday 9th May 9.30am Parish Eucharist with Rev. David Page

Sunday 16th May TBC

Sunday 23rd May TBC

Sunday 30th May 9:30am Family Eucharist at St George's

St Mary's Udimore

Sunday 2nd May 9:30am Family Eucharist
led by Revd Paul Messenger

Sunday 9th May 11:15 Family Eucharist
led by Revd David Page

Sunday 16th May 11:15 Family Service for All
led by the congregation

Sunday 23rd May 11:15 Family Service for all
led by the congregation

Sunday 30th May 9:30am Family Eucharist at St George's



From the Registers

Recent deaths

Parish of Udimore - Gillie Harvey 31st March

*Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them.
Amen*



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A Warm Welcome to The Rev'd Dr Owen Edwards!
*from the members of the parishes of Brede with Udimore
who are looking forward to welcoming him this month*



The Rev'd Dr Owen Edwards

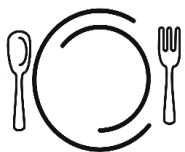
Rev'd Edwards (34) is a Priest in the Church of God ministering in the Diocese of Manchester. Originally from the West Midlands, Owen spent most of his formative years in his mother's native land of Wales. He holds qualifications in History and Theology from the University of Wales. He prepared for ordination at St. Michael's College, Llandaff and the

St. Seiriol's Centre for Theology for Discipleship and Ministry, during which Owen spent time on placement in Canada.

It was there that he met his wife, Anna, a singer and teacher of music. They have one child, Henry, aged 14 months. Following relocation to Manchester, Owen served his title in the parish of St. Mary the Virgin, Prestwich, before moving to complete his curacy in the nearby parish of St. Paul, Kersal Moor.

In his spare time, Owen loves to read and spend time with his family and their German Shepherd cross, Loki. Owen is a self-confessed chocaholic, who also enjoys music, film, long walks in the countryside, and very occasionally playing (badly) for the Diocesan cricket team. An individual of generously international outlook, Owen is a fluent Welsh speaker, and maintains his Canada connection as Trustee of the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf. A Christian of Catholic conviction, Owen is a Priest Associate of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

Owen and Anna are incredibly excited about embarking upon this next stage of their journey, and look forward to meeting and getting to know the people of Brede, Udimore, Beckley and Peasmarsh better in the coming months and years.



BREDE & UDIMORE LUNCHEON CLUB

Greetings to all our members from the Committee of the Brede and Udimore Luncheon Club!

Now that Spring is here, the lighter & longer days are such a tonic and we're certainly being rewarded with lots of new and colourful growth in our gardens & surroundings.

The easing of some of the Lockdown restrictions is heartening & hopefully we can look forward more optimistically that change is on the way for our Club's future. Until the 'good news', enjoy the sunny Spring days & keep well & safe everybody. For more information please contact

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St George's Brede website - <https://www.stgeorgesbrede.org.uk> links to all sorts of useful information, lists of services & a Community Board with information about local events & items of interest to everyone. Steven Edwards uploads information continually & he will be happy to 'post' any other events or information that might interest the community of Brede & Udimore. If you have anything please contact:

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St Mary's Udimore website: <https://www.stmarysudimore.org> features the village life, & the church in Udimore. The Parish magazine, information on the PCC & St Mary's Community Hall. It also links to The Friends of St Mary's, St Mary's Church flowers, The 4 Charities group, Mother's Union, Messy Church, the Parish Council website & Udimore Village Facebook page.

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Brede WI - With the easing of some Lockdown restrictions, it's hoped that Brede WI will be able to make cautious plans for some group outdoor activities. It may be possible for Mary Jo Griffith's Games Group to meet in groups of six, at any one time, for some fun games depending on the weather of course!

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Thanks to Joolz Hunt & Carolyn Brown, the Walking Netball Team has already had its first session of training at Helenswood School!

The Book Club, under Drina Hampson's watchful eye continues to meet regularly on Zoom. Recent 'reads' are discussed in this month's Newsletter, Drina has given resumes of some of the books for the interest of other members. Our other clubs remain in abeyance for the time being. Brede WI Zoom Group & the What's App Group continue to be popular & well supported each week.

The ES Federation Annual Zoom Webinar Meeting was held in late March & several members from Brede registered to attend. This was the first ever Webinar Meeting & the organisers are to be congratulated on its success. The session entitled, **'Looking back, looking forward'**, was particularly interesting, where a series of photos showed the many varied & fun activities of WIs across the County. We were delighted when we spotted Brede's Walking Netball Team on the screen! The main speaker, the Rev. Richard Coles, proved to be the highlight of the meeting. In the words of Steph Gaunt, ESFWI News editor. "He was a brilliant speaker, so natural, so honest and so interesting". I'm sure that all the members attending echoed these comments. The Federation Challenge for April organised by ACWW Coordinator, Dorothy Proietti, is to design a birthday Cake with an ACWW theme. (*Associated Country Women of the World.*)

The National Webinar Annual Meeting scheduled for 8th June will debate the Resolution, **'A call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of ovarian cancer'**. Voting will not take place at the meeting, but later in the summer, to enable WI's time to discuss the Resolution before casting their vote.

Updates of mandates passed at previous National Annual Meetings are printed regularly in 'WI Life' & this month the campaign featured concerned Bus Services. Maggie Sandra's comprehensive survey & report concerning the decline in bus services, particularly in rural areas, was submitted to various important parties. This action has kept this ongoing issue high profile. We are all very grateful to Maggie for her hard work & commitment in compiling the findings and await further development on this campaign. The 'WI Life', the ESFWI News and our own in house Newsletter, keep us updated on news & events. and also have plenty of stimulating features & activities in them to keep us VERY busy; it's just a matter of finding the time!

Very best wishes to all our members and continue to keep safe & well.
Frances Parnham



Brede Village News

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STN71 BROAD OAK TURNOUTS

16/03/21---15/04/21

The first part of my report is dedicated to one of our Firefighters who has retired after 40 years of service.

Crew Commander Chris Allum followed his Father, Leading Fireman (old money) Pete Allum into what was then the East Sussex Fire Brigade. Chris has attended many incidents over the years from Fires, Road Traffic Accidents (old money), Animal Rescues and an unusual one where the Manaav Star run aground at Jury's Gap, Our job and Chris's job in particular was to supply water from the sea and us to basically fill the bottom of the ship with water to act as ballast. The clever minds above us thought they could then re-float the ship and it would sail off happily into the sunset. Unfortunately, nature laughed at us as the next tide picked up the ship and dumped it on the high- water line!

Anyway, from myself and the crew at Broad Oak we wish Chris a happy retirement and thank him for everything he has done. In the service.

Now on to the calls, starting as usual with the Standby's

2 @ Stn70 (Rye), 2 @ Stn72 (Battle), 9 @ Stn76 (Bohemia Road) and 13 @ (The Ridge)

A pile of 'brashings' that had waited to be burnt up by somebody responsible was in fact set alight by somebody irresponsible in the Broad Oak/Udimore area. We used a Hosereel Jet to 'quieten it down' as it was also licking it's way up an Oak tree. Drag Rakes were then used to turn the ground over and finally checked with a T.I.C (Thermal Image Camera)

Some of the readers of my articles (and I found out that there is more than one reader, so thank you for your dedication!) may have lost their telephone/internet access in the Udimore area recently. This was due to a car taking out a BT pole, the driver was slightly shaken but okay. The road remained closed for a while due to the cables hanging down across the highway.

On Good Friday I was cleaning carpets when the pager went off, this was to a car fire at Great Dixter. As FF Gareth Oliver drove us through Northiam we were looking in the direction of Dixter hoping not to see signs of fire. Thankfully we didn't as the 'fire' turned out to be brakes that had seized on whilst the driver was heading to the heritage house

Keep Safe

Watch Commander Chris Sands

Stn71 Broad Oak





The first day of summer is officially 21 June, yet we celebrate the start of the season on 1st May with bunting, Morris dancing and maypoles. Starting the summer early doesn't seem totally alien when you consider that we put the Christmas lights up in September and Easter eggs hit the shops on New Year's Day. Why should summer be any different? However, it is sometimes worth remembering that it's not really summer just yet– you might need that cardigan for another month.

May is a dream when it comes to seasonal produce. Sandwiched between spring and summer, expect plenty of fresh greens and much more. Spring produce is also still absolutely at its best right now and, cardigan or not, you might even get the chance to have your first meal in the garden.

Ingredients in season in May:

Asparagus, Broad beans, Carrots, Cauliflower, Cucumber, Elderflower, Lambs Lettuce, Pak Choi, Peas, Radishes, Rhubarb, Rocket, Spring onions, Watercress, Wild garlic

Foodie Events to Note:

19-26 May – British Sandwich Week

Indulge in an epic sandwich stack worth celebrating.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/sandwich-recipes>

27 May-2 June – National BBQ week

Find the perfect recipe for you

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/category/all-barbecue>

18 May – Eurovision Song Contest

Catch the grand final on BBC One (8pm) and find Eurovision recipe ideas if you're hosting a party.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/eurovision-party-recipes>

Cooking through spring and early summer is a pleasure, particularly if you've gone out and picked a little wild garlic beforehand, and this simple breakfast or lunch dish is no exception. Big flavours and easy to find ingredients make it a pretty, reliable, no-hassle fallback. Late spring is the perfect times to go foraging for this versatile and pungent plant, which can be whipped up into a delicious soup or pesto.

Wild garlic starts appearing in veg boxes, at farmers' markets & on the forest floor, from now until the start of June – not so much a season as a brief window of opportunity.

Wild garlic – AKA ramsons, or ramps, or bear's garlic – is expensive to buy but free to forage, if you know where to look. But you also want to make sure you're picking the right thing: the leaves of wild garlic are easily mistaken for lily of the valley, which is more poisonous than it sounds & also dog's mercury, which is about as poisonous. Neither of these smell or taste like garlic so it should be easy to distinguish, but they tend to grow in the same shady spots. If you're not careful, you may gather up a few stray leaves of the wrong sort.

st michael's hospice

5k May with Run for Heroes

Saturday, 01 May, 2021 - Monday, 31 May, 2021

Run, walk, cycle, or even swim 5k for your local Hospice heroes in May. This national fundraising event is about getting outside and feeling good. You can do your 5k anywhere, anytime, with anyone (within government guidelines). All you need to do is sign up to participate, donate £5 to the Hospice and then nominate five friends to take part on social media.

Open Gardens 2021

We are delighted to announce the launch of our Open Gardens 2021.

May

Benenden, Peasmarsh & Sedlescombe

<https://www.stmichaelshospice.com/index.php?p=support-us/open-gardens-2021>

We are all looking for different ways to communicate with our friends and family during lockdown, and for many that has meant the art of letter writing has returned. If like many around the world you have enjoyed writing to your loved ones, We are offering our stunning Open Garden greeting cards by mail order. For just £6 (including UK P&P) you will receive 6 randomly selected, beautiful cards.

To order these please click on

<https://www.stmichaelshospice.com/index.php?p=support-us/open-garden-greeting-cards-by-mail-order>

Virtual Forget-Me-Not Garden

At St Michael's Hospice we appreciate and value our volunteers, donors and supporters, and with so many of our events cancelled this year due to COVID-19 we are missing the opportunities to meet with you and share the memories of your loved ones. To help bring us together at this difficult time we have launched a Virtual Forget-Me-Not Garden, to help us remember loved ones and to raise much needed funds for the Hospice.

We would love for you to leave a personal dedication to fill our virtual garden with flowers and treasured memories, and if you are able to, make a donation to St Michael's Hospice.

For more information please contact the Fundraising team on **01424 445177** or email us on <https://www.stmichaelshospice.com/>



We are now, thankfully, gradually coming out of the Covid lockdown & are planning further events to offer our membership & anyone else who would like to join us. More details next month.

On **Tuesday 11th May** our Walking Group, now led by Keith Sellens, will do a circuit around Brede & Broad Oak area. Unfortunately due to ongoing Covid restrictions we will still be unable to adjourn to a pub afterwards for our well earned pie & pint. Instead we'll finish the day off at the newly refurbished bakery & sausage shop in Broad Oak where we can collect our pre-ordered goodies before crossing to the recreation ground for a socially distanced picnic.

If you would like to be part of the walking group but are not currently on the list please email [<keithsellens93@gmail.com>](mailto:keithsellens93@gmail.com) or call & leave a message on T: 07940777250 & your name will go on the list!

Our monthly (Zoom) Talk is on **Thursday 20th May at 2.00 pm** when we are pleased to welcome John Vigar who will present **Britain with Betjeman**. This is the last of our Talks this season (2020/2021). John returns to give his illustrated talk on the architectural writings & opinions of much loved Poet Laureate John Betjeman.

Betjeman was a controversial figure as a pioneer on the impact of buildings on society. He was central to the saving of many of our country's buildings including St Pancras Station.

Connection details for Zoom events will be emailed to members a few days before the event.

If you wish to join our association and enjoy our events, please email our Membership Secretary, Dee Williams at membershipryenationaltrust@gmail.com

**Many thanks.
Philip Romani**

Wild Garlic, Courgette & Mint soup

Serves 4, as a starter

A deliciously fresh soup, bursting with seasonal flavour that shouts of spring. Cook it quickly to retain the vibrant colour & finish with cheese croutons.

2 tbsp olive oil

1 small onion sliced

6 courgettes sliced

1 garlic clove, crushed

1 bunch wild garlic

1 tbsp fresh mint, chopped

Put two tablespoons of olive oil into a large pan. Add the onion & sauté for a couple of minutes. Before the onion loses any colour, add the courgette & crushed garlic clove. Season & sauté for another minute or two, cover with water & bring to a simmer to soften.

When the vegetables are cooked through (*10 minutes maximum*), remove the pan from the heat. Add the chopped wild garlic & mint – the residual heat from the soup will cook the wild garlic. If it's too thick, add a little water to thin it out.

Blend, check seasoning, finish with a little olive oil & serve. Cool quickly over iced water if you don't plan to eat it straight away – this keeps the lovely green colour.

From Angela Hartnett, chef patron at Murano restaurant



Wild garlic, Potato & Chorizo Tortilla.

Serves 2

a good handful of wild garlic, rinse the leaves

100g chorizo sausage, a good quality one, sliced

200g potatoes, cooked & cut into cubes

4 large eggs

1 white onion peeled & thinly sliced

2tbs flatleaf parsley, chopped

small handful fennel tops, optional

50g butter

a dash of olive oil

salt & freshly ground black pepper



Heat a heavy-based non-stick frying pan over a medium heat. Add a dash of olive oil & the butter. When the butter is foaming, add the onions & chorizo. Cook while tossing regularly for six to eight minutes or until the onions are soft & the chorizo has given up some of its well-flavoured fat. Add the potatoes & toss them about the pan. Cook for further four or five minutes. Now slice the garlic leaves thinly & scatter into the pan. Turn everything together. Beat the eggs in a bowl & season. Pour the eggs over the chorizo & potatoes; give the pan a little shake. At this point, either gently cook the frittata on the hob, or place in a medium-hot oven until the eggs are just set. It should take only a few minutes to cook through. Scatter with parsley & fennel leaves & serve warm with a simply dressed green salad.

GOOD NEWS!

Libraries open again after lockdown .

ESCC libraries have reopened and residents can once again borrow, return and reserve items. Computers are available to pre-book, and study space and Job Pods for online job interviews are available at selected libraries. Customers can reserve up to 10 items with existing and new library loans extended until June 30.

The libraries are Covid-secure with new layouts to encourage social distancing, limited visitor numbers, and increased cleaning. Books will be quarantined for 72 hours upon return and for the time being newspapers will only be available online. Library events have not yet resumed but will be returning over the coming months.

Symptom-free Covid-19 test kits can be collected free of charge from Bexhill, Newhaven, Rye, Crowborough and Battle libraries.



Brede High Woods - a wild story

A new book celebrating a very special part of the High Weald, Brede High Woods, has been written by professional ecologist Patrick Roper and published by the Woodland Trust. Drawing on a 60-year relationship with this 262 hectare area, which lies 10 kilometres north of Hastings, with infectious enthusiasm Patrick explains the complex history of the Wealden landscape and how to explore it.

The woodland is open all year round and has a different aspect in every season: the fresh, cold days of winter; the bluebells and nightingales of spring; the heather and gorse in summer; and the vibrant autumn colours of a range of trees.

Brede High Woods is available from The Sussex School of Archaeology.

£9.99 plus £2 p&p

Send a cheque for £11.99 to:

Brede Book, Sussex School of Archaeology Limited, Unit 12, Mays Farm, Selmeaton, Polegate, East Sussex BN26 6TS.

To make an online transfer call 01323 811785 or

email info@sussexarchaeology.co.uk

Vinehall International Classical Concerts - 32nd season 2021



RODERICK WILLIAMS (Baritone) and Friends
Saturday 29th May 2021 at 3.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.



Roderick Williams (baritone)
Themba Mvula (baritone)
Ella Taylor (Soprano)
Ana Manastireanu (piano)
Ian Tindale (piano)

Programme

Schubert Schwanengesang and other songs.

Please email/phone if you wish to reserve tickets £22 each

DANIEL LEBHARDT (piano)
Saturday 5th June 2021

Programme

Haydn	Sonata in E-flat Hob.XVI:52
Schubert	Four Impromptus, D899, Op. 90
Liszt	Transcendental Etudes No.11 - D flat (Harmonies du Soir)
Chopin	Fantasie in F minor Op. 49
iszt	Rhapsodie Espagnole

In 2014 Daniel Lehardt won 1st Prize at the Young Concert Artists International auditions in Paris & New York. A year later he was invited to record music by Bartók for Decca & in 2016 won the Most Promising Pianist Prize at the Sydney International Competition.

<https://www.askonasholt.com/artists/daniel-lehardt/>

For full details/free mailing/tickets contact T: 01580 883092 - OR write to A.G. Whitehead, Vinehall School, Robertsbridge. E. Sussex TN32 5JL

OR e-mail geoffreywhitehead@vinehallschool.com

Hastings International Piano, the charity responsible for the Hastings International Piano Concerto Competition and the Hastings International Piano Festival, has announced the first of its live fundraising concerts, which will take place throughout the summer & autumn now that restrictions are being eased. The evening launches Hastings International Piano's exciting programme of concerts, and live events at venues that are able to open with socially distanced safety measures in place, ensuring a comfortable experience for audiences.

Ian Roberts, Managing Director of Hastings International Piano says: "We are so pleased to be able to bring you the first of our live concert experiences starting in May with Claire and Nikki, who are two of the most talented British jazz artists on the scene."

"I am thrilled that the concert will be taking place in the exciting new performance space at the newly refurbished Rye Creative Centre, which is a home for the creative arts in Rye. Within walking distance from Rye station & with parking for up to 100 cars, this great venue is the perfect choice for us to kick start our live audience experiences, with events & concerts in a safe & socially distanced environment. There will be pre-ordered refreshments & spaced out seating making it a relaxed, yet safety conscious experience."

Claire Martin OBE says "It's great to be returning to perform to Hastings International Piano audiences who have been so warm and welcoming during past concert visits. Both Nikki and I look forward to performing these wonderful songs that the legendary Tony Bennett and iconic jazz pianist Bill Evans have performed over many years."

"Artists like us have missed performing to live audiences and I can't tell you how happy we are to be returning to Rye and performing for the first time in such a great new concert space."

Hastings International Piano will present a new programme of concerts and educational events throughout 2021 and the next edition of the Hastings International Piano Concerto Competition will take place in 2022. Hastings International Piano Festival will return in 2023. A spring celebration of jazz takes place on Friday 28th May at the newly refurbished concert hall at Rye Creative Centre with multi-award winning jazz artists vocalist Claire Martin OBE & pianist Nikki Iles.



SPRING JAZZ AT CREATIVE CENTRE with Claire Martin OBE & Nikki Iles Friday May 28 - 7.30pm

Doors Open: 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets £40. Seating in pairs or individual distanced seating. Temperature checks on arrival. No Interval. Pre-Ordered bar refreshments available to order with ticket purchases.

Claire Martin & Nikki Iles, two of our most revered British jazz artists, will revisit some of the classic repertoire including fresh arrangements by Nikki of 'My Foolish Heart', 'You Must Believe in Spring', 'Some Other Time' & 'When in Rome'. They will include songs recorded by the legendary Tony Bennett taken from albums he recorded with the great jazz pianist Bill Evans, guaranteeing an exceptional evening concert experience.

In the Garden with David Oliver

As I write in the middle of April, (*I thought I ought to write something for the magazine as I am suffering with a swollen knee which is making life a bit difficult at present*) we are enduring a prolonged chilly spell of weather which was a bit of a shock as it followed a couple of very warm days at the end of March. As it was so hot, I decided to remove the insulation & heating from my greenhouses, I wish I hadn't been quite so hasty! The camellias & magnolias have suffered with frost burn, which is a great shame but that is the joy of gardening – there is usually something to upset your satisfaction! The magnolia is my pride & joy. It was my first Father's Day present; a little twig from Woolworths bought for under a pound over forty years ago, it now stands about 20 feet high. The other evening before the frosts it was bathed in orange light from a beautiful sunset, now it is covered in burnt petals.



My wild area under my fruit trees has been pleasing this year with first the snowdrops & crocuses then a pink corydalis flowered with quite a show of flowers only to vanish a few days later – my camera showed two rabbits nibbling away. At present the area is covered in celandines both the common variety & the *Brazen Hussy* which has the copper-coloured leaves & also several varieties of daffodil. There is also scilla, helleborus *vidris*, moschatel & erythronium out with early purple orchid, camassia & ox-eye daisy to flower. I have pricked out some fritillaria seedlings which were sown in 2019 from my own seed & I will also plant them out in the orchard when ready.

I am pleased to have two robins nesting in my garden, one has made a nest on top of some of my flower pots stored under the plant rack & another has nested in a box fixed to a shed & sheltered by a choisya shrub. Surprising as the nest are only about thirty yards apart.

I sowed broad beans earlier this year as I was unable to obtain any autumn sown variety. They have come up with partial success but I have been able to fill the gaps with plants sown in pots by the grand children (as part of their home schooling). Tomatoes were sown in January & have done quite well. I have grown Ailsa Craig, (which although an old established variety still has the best flavour to my mind), & a different variety called San Marzano which is recommended as a tomato to be used in cooking. Radish, spring onion, beetroot, carrots & parsnip have been sowed & they are under cloches at present. Although my early potatoes have been planted I have still to plant my main crop.



May should produce some warmer weather & plants should really start growing. If not already sown, runner & French beans can be sown in pots or direct in the soil as well as sweetcorn, courgettes & successional salad crops.



Almost everyone has heard of autism. But far too few people know what it's actually like to be autistic - both the strengths and how hard life can be at times. The National Autistic Society, understand how autistic people routinely feel misunderstood, and how much they struggle without the right support.

The past year has brought particular challenges for autistic people and their families. Many things need to change to create a society that works for autistic people. We all have a role to play too, by finding out more about what it's like to be autistic and the small things we can all do to make the world a little more autism friendly. Better understanding of autism across society, from schools to workplaces and decision makers in local and national government, would transform hundreds of thousands of lives.

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**March 29- April 4 marked Autism Awareness Week** - with charities seeking to raise awareness of the condition which is estimated to affect 1:100 people in the U.K. The diagnosis spans a wide range of people, from those with an average intelligence, but who struggle in social situations, to people with autism & severe learning difficulties. Many of the latter attend special schools & in adulthood, need residential care or sheltered living.

It can take quite some considerable time to get a diagnosis, with many parents complaining of little signposting to what interventions may help their child. Cash strapped local authorities often contest, in special tribunals, what parents believe their child may need. Parents say that one of the hardest things in negotiating with the statutory authorities is they have to concentrate on informing them what the autistic person can't do. Parental instinct, I have observed, is to celebrate what their autistic children can do, be it brush their own teeth or dress themselves. As parents we celebrate their achievements.

One of the difficulties parents often face is people staring at their autistic child or making derogatory comments like 'can't you control your child.' Many autistic people may flap their hands, make high pitched noises or behave in a manner commensurate with a younger person.

One parent reported she was sitting on the train with her young son repeatedly humming a Thomas the Tank Engine song. The elderly well-dressed lady sitting in the same seating area started to make critical clicks with her tongue. The parent said she was sorry if he disturbed her but he was autistic. 'I don't care whatever he is' she yelled & jabbed her elbow into the child's father who was sitting next to her. He hastily got up & she stomped off.

Another parent tells of going to a local tea shop with her family who enjoyed the snack. Her son, who had moderate learning difficulties wasn't excessively noisy but his behaviour at 10 was more like that of a happy three year-old & aroused stares from the waitress. The next week the family visited again with the waitress, on their entry, suggesting they might be more comfortable in the (empty) back room. My friend demurred & the waitress repeated the suggestion. The family ignored her & sat down in the main room. They considered making a complaint, but the tea room closed the following week.

Young employees in a public place probably would not behave like that now. For a start, social media might kick in, with footage going viral with the potential to damage the individual and the business. More generally there is a greater awareness of autism probably because more able autistic people like Chris Packham, the TV presenter, talk openly about their autism. But autism is a spectrum & there is less awareness of the particular difficulties autistic people with learning difficulties face. Covid-19 has been particularly stressful for autistic people for whom predictability & routine can be very important. One could have set one's watch by our son's daily timetable. Robert, aged 22 who had moderate to severe autism with learning difficulties, felt safe with his routine of learning & activities. Lockdown meant an end to time with his teachers, no more cinema, no more visits to the Hastings Oxfam shop where he bought 2 videos a week, no more swimming & trampolining. While most of us struggled with the change it was more complicated for autistic people with learning difficulties like Robert who cannot understand why their world had turned upside down.

What I do notice however are more little acts of kindness, which suggests greater understanding. The volunteers at the Oxfam shop in Hastings who keep a stash of children's videos for my son in the back room rather than disposing of them. The couple who bought me a parking ticket at Camber Sands when my parking app wouldn't work & Robert was getting agitated.

That's what makes a difference!

**Lisa Wood**

### **An Autistic Dance** by Sophie

*An autistic dance  
Is a tap, rap, hum  
Of a finger drum  
And a clicking tongue*

*An autistic dance  
Is a jump, skip, hop  
And a spinning top  
Never seems to stop*

*An autistic dance  
Is a song of "eeeeee"  
And a swinging glee,  
And a joy to see!*