



# *HERSTMONCEUX AND WARTLING PARISH NEWS*

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## **From the Rectory**

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Dear Parishioners,

This letter has been inspired and contains some content from an Article by Kimberly Winston from the National Catholic Reporter.

I guess the biggest event this month that no one can totally ignore is the Olympic games. Did you know that The Olympics - both the ancient version and the modern version have religious and spiritual roots and athletics of Greece were also used by St Paul in his teaching.

The Olympics began in the fifth century BC, and like many things the ancient Greeks did, they were connected to their worship of the gods. Athletes paraded into the stadium past a line of religious officials and often dedicated their performances to a patron god. Even the prizes were religious, with crowns of olive leaves made from trees in a sacred grove dedicated to Zeus. And the winners, were apparently revered in a religious way. When they were crowned, a procession headed to the temple of Zeus. The ancient Olympics carried on until the fourth century AD, and even its disappearance had a religious reason. In 393AD, the Emperor Theodosius I, a Christian, cancelled the games when he banned all pagan religious rituals.

For 1,500 years, there were no Olympic Games, until another Christian reintroduced them. Pierre de Coubertin, a French aristocrat educated by Jesuits, he was raised in war torn 19th-century France. He admired the ancient Greeks for the way they held a peace every four years to stage the Olympiad. In 1889, as a means of promoting peace between nations and remaking French athleticism, de Coubertin got the idea to revive the games. On a trip to England, he encountered the work of Thomas Arnold, a Church of England deacon and a promoter of "muscular Christianity" -- the idea that the pairing of physical strength with true religion creates well-rounded, moral and ethical men.

That belief under girds the International Olympic Committee, which de Coubertin founded in 1894. The first modern international games were held two years later, in Athens, and included many of the religious trappings of the ancient games, including olive-leaf crowns and sacred fire in the form of the Olympic flame.

Today the games are still religious in nature, though it is a different kind of religion. Civic religion is primarily on display in the opening ceremonies and their rituals we have all come to expect - the ceremonial raising of the flag, the playing of the Olympic anthem (originally titled "The Olympic Hymn") and the reverential lighting of the Olympic torch. There is also an Olympic oath which the athletes and coaches make during the opening ceremonies – an oath to respect and abide by the rules, to play fair and not cheat.

When the Olympics are over, the site on which they were held, the stadiums the arenas and pools, become something of a sacred site, with people making visits like pilgrimages to see where this wonderful event happened.

St Paul wrote in the Bible using imagery from these ancient Greek races: “Don’t you realise that the runners in the Stadium, all of them run, but only one gets the medal? You are to run in such a way as to win”. As with St Paul, whatever our nationality in the race that we are all participants in, we can all be winners of a glorious prize much more glorious than the Olympic games can offer either in gold or prestige and a prize that does not ‘fade away’. All this will be ours if our coach is the Lord Jesus Christ.

“I have come that you might have life in all its fullness” Jesus in St John’s Gospel chapter 10v10.

Richard Steven



(A blessing ceremony at the Olympic games in Brazil with Christ the Redeemer statue behind.)

## **Prayer for July**

**A prayer: Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**

This is the prayer of St Richard, Bishop of Chichester in the mid-13th century. He too was well acquainted with both hard work and suffering. Though a gifted Scholar and lawyer as Bishop he found himself a homeless outcast in his own diocese, until King Henry III finally accepted his appointment by the Pope. His prayer reflects the commitment and 'stickability' needed by anyone who seeks to be a true follower of Jesus.

## **Knit and Stitch**

Just to let you know that Knit and Stitch will be meeting in July, date and time to be advised. We will be keeping to a small group in line with Government guidelines.

See you soon. Pam.

## **Herstmonceux Bowls Club**

Fancy a game of green bowls, come to our open day for free lessons and advice at Herstmonceux Recreation Ground on 18th July 21, 1pm to 6pm associate and full memberships available.

## **Herstmonceux Lunch Club**

Herstmonceux Lunch Club is planning to welcome back both diners and volunteers in September, Covid restrictions permitting!!!

Sadly, we have lost a few treasured guests and valued volunteers and are looking for **Cooks, Helpers and Diners**. The Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month and enjoy a homemade meal and catch up with other friendly Village folk. This is a great way to get to know people especially if you are new to the village. The Club also enjoys an annual summer trip, and Christmas Lunch with entertainment.

Volunteers will be on a rota to fit in with other commitments usually only once a month or less depending on how many volunteers are available.

The Paying Guests will be invited to come to lunch once a month.

For joining the Club and more information please ring **Sandi 01323 670172**, if you would like to be a Helper ring **Anthea 01323 832204**, or if you would like to help with Cooking ring **Helen 01323 832266**.

## **Church Walks**

There will be two church walks during July. Both will start at All Saints, Herstmonceux. They will be circular walks of about 3 to 4 miles taking about 2 hours. We will be following local footpaths so appropriate footwear will be needed.

We hope to offer some refreshments on our return to All Saints Church (depending on circumstances due to COVID restrictions).

If the weather is very hot or very wet, we may postpone the walks. The dates of the walks are Saturday 3rd July and Saturday 31st July at 2pm. Meet at the church. All welcome.

Any further information ring Bernice 01323 833473

## **July Services in Herstmonceux and Wartling Parish Churches**

Please be aware that these are the services as they are planned to be but, due to the current circumstances they may have to change. Please check with Richard Steven or another member of the church team if you are intending to come and are uncertain as to where the service is. Thank you.

### **4th July      5th Sunday after Trinity.**

- 8am Wartling Holy Communion (BCP)  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10. Mark 6:1-13.
- 10am Herstmonceux Family Service
- 6pm Zoom Service.

### **7th July**

- 7pm Wartling Midsummer Service for farmers and growers.

### **11th July      6th Sunday after Trinity**

- 8am Herstmonceux Holy Communion (BCP)  
Ephesians 1:3-14. Mark 6:14-29.
- 10am Wartling Holy Communion (CW)  
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19. Ephesians 1:3-14. Mark 6:14-29
- 6pm Herstmonceux Evensong (BCP)  
Psalm 66:1-8. Romans 15:14-29. Luke 10:25-37.

### **18th July      7th Sunday after Trinity**

- 8am Wartling Holy Communion (BCP)  
Ephesians 2:11-end. Mark 6:30-34, 53-end.
- 10am Herstmonceux Holy Communion (CW)  
2 Samuel 7:1-14a. Ephesians 2:11-end. Mark 6:30-34, 53-end.
- 6pm Zoom service.

### **25th July      8th Sunday after Trinity.**

- 8am Herstmonceux Holy Communion (BCP)  
Ephesians 3:14-end. John 6:1-21.
- 10am Wartling Morning Prayer (CW)  
Psalm 75. Song of Songs CH 2. 1 Peter 4:7-14.
- 6pm Herstmonceux Celtic Service  
Luke 11:1-13.

### **1st August      9th Sunday after Trinity.**

- 8am Wartling Holy Communion (BCP)  
Ephesians 4:1-16. John 6:24-35.
- 10am Herstmonceux Family Service
- 6pm Zoom Service.

### Greenwash – What is it?

Greenwash (Noun) “Disinformation disseminated by an organization so as to present an environmentally responsible public image,” and we are often surrounded by it.

The obvious examples are the supermarkets ‘fake farms.’ Tesco’s Redmere Farms’ have a green label that show a historic type of tractor on bumpy land with the words ‘Fresh’ and ‘Quality’ alongside, and in marketing, this is called a Virtual Nature Experience. But closer inspection shows that Redmere Farm Sweet Potatoes can be the Produce of Egypt, USA, Brazil, South Africa, and Honduras, and Garlic can be from Spain or China, and so it goes on. M&S market their Salmon under the Scottish sounding name ‘Lochmuir.’ Lochmuir doesn’t exist, the name was invented by marketing experts at M&S, as was their ‘Oakham Chicken.’ The town of Oakham (Rutland) exists, but the birds are farmed in Norfolk and Suffolk.

How about “100% recyclable plastic bottles?” Technically true but not eco-friendly. Virtually all plastic bottles are made of PET, (Polyethylene terephthalate) which is recyclable, but most won’t be recycled into new plastic bottles because there’s not enough demand for recycled plastic. For the recycling loop to work we need 100% recycled plastic bottles, not recyclable, but even then, plastic bottles can only be recycled 2-3 times as the properties of the plastic degrade each time.

Zero-waste-to-landfill sounds great but can be just greenwashing. McDonald’s UK pledged to achieve zero-waste-to-landfill, but their recycling target is only 50% of total waste, the other 50% is sent to an incineration “waste-to-energy” plant. Incineration plants are not zero waste or eco-friendly. Just like burning fossil fuels, burning rubbish emits greenhouse gases. It also leaves toxic “bottom ash” amounting to around 17% of the incinerated material, which can end in landfill. The latest Greenwash buzzword regarding packaging is ‘Omnidegradable.’ But checking up revealed that Omnidegradable packaging is *‘compostable in an Industrial Compost Facility using windrows and with no time constraints’*.

So, yes Omnidegradable packaging is eventually compostable but only in industrial facilities and is not suitable for home composting. Biodegradable doesn’t mean compostable. Biodegradable means the material will break down and decompose in the environment, a flimsy, and unaccountable term as almost everything will biodegrade eventually.

Words that can be true, but also can be meaningless are words such as Eco Friendly, Bio, Sustainable, Earth friendly, etc. Any genuine producer making such claims will be backing them up on the product. If concerned about the future, then we all need to be careful when we buy and consume.

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## Walking Between Parishes

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A group from Herstmonceux Parish church walked to our sister church at Wartling one sunny Saturday afternoon. We set off through woodland and emerged at the castle grounds, following the footpath down the hill and across the fields behind the car park. The front of the castle looked magnificent in the bright sunshine.

Passing a small herd of cows, who were sensibly resting in a buttercup-laden field, we walked along by a wide stretch of still water before we began to climb the hill to Wartling. It wasn't long before we spotted the newly shingled spire of the church and arrived at the churchyard ready for a rest and a drink before our return journey.



Setting off from Herstmonceux Parish Church.



Relaxing under the shade of the trees in the quiet and calm of Wartling churchyard.

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## **Famous Hymns**

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**Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus** – George Duffield, Jr (1818 – 1888) *with thanks to Tim Challies and [fortduffield.com](http://fortduffield.com)*

George was an American Presbyterian Minister and Hymnodist. His father and grandfather (both George Duffield) were also Presbyterian ministers, so the hymnodist George was known as George Duffield Junior.

In spring 1858, a major revival was taking place in Philadelphia. It grew out of midday prayer meetings coordinated by the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA). Rev. Dudley A. Tyng, a young Episcopalian minister, soon came to be recognized as its leader. Though there was some controversy over his anti-slavery preaching, Tyng was known and loved for his zeal for the work of God. Among the interdenominational leaders who gathered around him was George Duffield, Jr.

On 30 March, 1858, over 5,000 men gathered to hear young Tyng preach from Exodus 10:11 - "Go now ye that are men and serve the Lord." Over 1,000 men responded by committing their hearts and lives to Christ; the sermon was one of the most successful of the times. During the sermon the Tyng remarked, "I must tell my Master's errand, and I would rather that this right arm were amputated at the trunk than that I should come short of my duty to you in delivering God's message." The next week, while visiting in the country and watching a corn thresher in a barn, he accidentally caught his loose sleeve between the cogs; his arm was very severely injured. Four days later infection developed. Dudley Tyng died as a result, on 19 April, 1858.

Before he died, however, he was asked by friends if there were any messages he would have them give to those who had participated with him in the revival work. Tyng responded briefly, beginning "Tell them, 'Let us all stand up for Jesus.'"

In the next few days, these final words were frequently invoked and became a resounding exhortation to all who had been affected by his ministry. When George Duffield, Jr. preached to his own congregation the next week, in tribute to Dudley Tyng, he focused on Ephesians 6:14 ("Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth..."). He ended by reading six stanzas of a poem he had just written, inspired by his friend's dying words. Duffield's Sunday School superintendent was so impressed that he had the verses printed for distribution throughout the Sunday School. The editor of a Baptist periodical happened to receive one of these pamphlets and promptly gave it wider circulation. The hymn quickly became an established work, set to music by George J. Webb.

Similar to "Onward Christian Soldiers", it became popular among soldiers of the Civil War, most likely because of its militaristic imagery and language. But the connection to worldly battles was not the author's intent; Christians have often sung soldier songs, because, as God tells us in Ephesians 6 and elsewhere, our lives in Christ are a fight for faith in the midst of spiritual enemies. Melinda Stone

## **Life Resuming in Cowbeech**

After a year in which the Bonfire Society had to cancel all its events due to the pandemic and was further shaken by the incapacity of our Chairman, Mick Goodsell due to a stroke we are coming out of hibernation holding virtual committee meetings in April a virtual Committee meeting at the beginning of April where we determined to begin our activities as soon as was practicable to further our twin ambitions of getting the community together and raising some money for local good causes.

### **PLANT SALE - Sunday 25th April 2021**

Was held on the forecourt and frontage of the Merrie Harriers (the original plan to hold it in the Car Park was superseded when the Bonfire Society's marquee roofs were erected in the car park to enable customers to drink and eat there). Everyone was delighted to be able to meet up after such a long time and the plants available (late frosts had reduced the number) raised £340 for the Good Causes fund.

### **WILDERNESS WALK – Sunday 8th June**

Over forty walkers met at the Merrie Harriers at 10am in the morning to be given route maps for a new and interesting walk that proceeded by footpaths and quiet roads and called on Mick Goodsell (just installed that day in an electric wheelchair) concluding at the Merrie Harriers. Walkers set off in small bubbles including some dogs and two very small babies and the Herstmonceux walking group. A lovely sunny day and the pleasure of seeing so many old friends over a newly plotted walk ended at the Merrie Harriers for more socialising and refreshments. It was voted a top way to spend a Sunday. The event raised (by donations) a further £390 for our Good Causes Fund.

Our next big event will be Dig for Victory our annual Flower Show and Fete at 1.30pm on Sunday 1st August 2021, schedules for which will shortly be available at the Merrie Harriers and the Village Information Centre. We hope to see you there.  
Mary Ann Gordon, CBS Secretary

## **Herstmonceux Parish Council. Volunteers and local groups**

We are very sorry to announce that the Village Tea Party scheduled for Friday 2 July 2021 has been postponed until Friday 3 September 2021. The event will take place from 2pm – 4pm in Herstmonceux Village Hall.

It will be an opportunity to come and meet up with friends and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake!

We will also have the latest information on the meeting dates and programmes for local groups and clubs.

## Recollections of Living in Wartling

So much has changed in Wartling since the 1930's and yet in many ways it seems the same. Most people will know Wartling Hill with its church, pub, farm and a few houses but there is also Boreham Street and parts of Windmill Hill in the parish.

The church seems unaltered but, in the churchyard as you walk up the path, it was once lined with red roses instead of the more formal plants of today. The Garden of Remembrance nearby dates from about 1973. Sadly, the Cedar of Lebanon at the west end fell in the 1987 storm and attempts to take cuttings were unsuccessful. However, the yew planted for the new millennium in 2000 seems to flourish. Inside, the Heron Lectern is a memorial to Revd Harry Osbon, and the Shillito window is in memory of a local doctor. The south porch has had several changes from choir vestry to boiler room, and now a toilet. The church choir once wore black robes and a mortar-board cap before red robes were introduced. The organist was hidden from view behind a curtain, and the organ-blower sat in the front pew. There were some pews in the chapel. The old choir stalls were replaced with modern ones, though one old one is the seat below the west window.

Next door to the church is the Lamb Inn which has had several owners. Opposite the church is the former vicarage and a private school. The later vicarage was a modern house on the A271 near Wartling road junction, but that changed when Wartling and Herstmonceux were in the care of one priest. In past years Wartling has been linked to Hooe and Bodle Street.

Wartling School between Boreham Lane and the Horsewalk was built in about 1850 but all traces of it have gone (except for the school bell which hangs in the Reid Hall) and a modern house is on the site. It was quite small with a schoolhouse and had a schoolroom and a small playground where the children could play rounders. Stoolball was played at Herstmonceux where the children transferred at 11 years. The numbers dwindled to 11 (there had been 55 when it opened) and all were moved to Herstmonceux School in about 1942. The last teacher was Mrs Duke. A taxi was provided to take the children to Boreham Street where they could catch a bus to Herstmonceux. The taxi was provided by the County Education Dept.

Nearer the Castle there were several cottages: Hoads Hill Cottage was part of the castle estate, and there was a thatched cottage by the entrance where the gatekeeper lived, and a small cottage opposite. Coopers Cottage was built in 1939.

The water supply to the village came from wells or was sometimes pumped from springs. There was no sewer system but cottages had cesspools in the garden. From 1938 there was electric lighting but before that it was oil-lamps and candles. All very dark outside at night! Gas has never got to the village. Telephones came later, though these were only afforded for those needing them for work. The local policeman lived in Police House at Windmill Hill.

There were quite a lot of tradespeople called: milkman, fishmonger, butcher, grocer, baker, and greengrocer. Other shops were at Herstmonceux where there was a baker

and bread could also be got from the windmill. The post lady cycled from Pevensey to do her round in the area. There was a Post Office at Wartling on the corner of Boreham Lane but just the phone box remains. They also sold a few small things. If you needed clothing, there was a Menswear shop in Herstmonceux and a Drapery at Windmill Stores.

So how did you get to these other places? It was either walk or cycle, at least until you reached the main road where there was a bus. Harris's Garage did have a coach for hire. However, in WW2 to reach the main road meant cycling between Wartling Wood and Plantation Wood in both of which RAF Wartling was based. They used the road for marching and exercises which made it rather hazardous when you had to get by them. The war made quite a difference to life in the village with the radar system of RAF Pevensey on the marshes and the encampment of RAF Wartling at the foot of Wartling Hill. Both were open to attack and the only shelter on that open road to Pevensey was to crouch behind the banks of the dykes. At least the roads were better maintained for military vehicles. For a time, the church had an organist from the RAF.

So, on to the rest of Wartling; Boreham Street. This is where the local doctor lived at The Limes. He also made up prescriptions: there was no chemist. The present Reid Hall replaced the tin church (corrugated iron) which blew down in the road and had no car park. Some church services had been held in the old hall especially in WW2, and there were often two morning Holy Communion services: at 7.00 am at the hall and 8.00 am at the church.

Whitefriars had changed much in appearance. It had formerly become a hotel and restaurant where the church's Annual Gathering usually took place. A clockmaker had his workshop there too, but it has now been much added to and become a residential complex. The Bull's Head is a bit further on, and then the site of Harris's Garage follows. Petrol could be got here and it was one of the last places where an attendant filled the petrol tank for you. They also had a coach for hire as well as a cattle truck business. The Smuggler's Hotel, a former farmhouse, was a popular restaurant. Further along was Ticehurst the butchers which once had its own abattoir. Later it became a fancy goods shop. At the end of the road was Dragonfield where there may have been an inn formerly.

On the opposite side of was the doctor's surgery, and further along a blacksmiths and a joinery (Lewes Building Works) and The Chestnuts (a small cafe). Then the building which became Scolfe's restaurant but was once the Post Office and General Store. Boreham Mill Nursery next, where, although the windmill has gone, you can still see where it stood. Mill Barn Lodge nearby.

At Windmill Hill there was the Old Horseshoe Inn which had a small hall where dances and parties were held, and also the annual Flower Show. On the corner of Joes Lane was Eddie Simmon's Garage. Further along was the Monkey Puzzle, a local attraction on the corner of Victoria Road and next to it a Grocers, still there in 1980. This had a meeting Hall with weekly dances, a swimming pool and a cafe. They sold petrol too. There were several clubs: Wartling WI, Young Wives Group, The Dance Club and an Art Club. So there was plenty going on even if you had to make an effort to do it.



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I wonder if your life has been the one that you envisaged for yourself when you were younger or if like me your life hasn't turned out quite the way you expected. I am sure that we could all share stories about how we thought our lives might be. I imagined myself leading a comfortable way of life, with few worries. I would have a successful career and well as being a wife and Mother to a large brood of children.

I was a very shy and introverted child, and I grew up in the early 1960s. I was the eldest child of 2. My brother was born with Spina Bifida at a time when attitudes about disability were not quite so tolerant. My parents struggled to access the right sort of help for him, and they came under considerable pressure not to raise him in our family home. I experienced the impact that this had upon my family and therefore disability was certainly not part of the life I envisaged for myself. How wrong could I be!

I was in my thirties when I was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis but 10 further years before I became reliant upon a wheelchair. I experienced some difficult years as I came to terms with the limitations of my health and sometimes my faith in God waivered. One day, when I was feeling particularly low and thinking "Why me" I picked up my bible and it fell open at the Gospel of St Matthew, Chapter 28. I read the chapter but the words to which my eyes were drawn was the last phrase of Matthews Gospel: "And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age".

It reminded me that Jesus never promised us that life would be easy but that he would always be with us whatever difficulties we might be facing and however hard the road ahead might feel he won't ever leave us. He feels our pain because it is his own pain. He knows when we are suffering because he suffers too. We have a loving God who cares for each one of us. He is alongside us through every difficulty we face and whatever challenge the world might throw at us. He is always there. He is always with us even when we are doubting him. God has shown me through his word that my life needn't be worse because I am a wheelchair user it is just very different than the life, I envisaged for myself. This is the life that has been given to me by God and it is good.

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## Children's Page

Friends.

You make friends all through your life, at the moment most of your friends are probably at school or pre-school.

Jesus had many friends, the ones we really know about are the 12 we call the disciples, there were many others including Mary Magdalene. Jesus chose his disciples so that they would go out into the world and tell everyone about him, after he died, he loved them and cared for them. They left their families and their jobs so that they could be with Jesus, that is friendship indeed.

There is a story in the Bible about a special friend, it's called "The Good Samaritan".

One day, a Jewish man was travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, the road was not a very safe place to be on, there were lots of robbers continually attacking people on this road.

Sure enough, the man was attacked, the robbers beat him up, took all his possessions and left him half dead on the road.

A priest came along but he went over to the other side of the road and passed the poor man lying there.

Next a temple worker came, he did look but kept on going.

Then a Samaritan came by. Most Jewish people hated Samaritans but this man stopped, he felt sorry for the beaten man, he took care of him, tended his wounds and stayed with him until he could move. Then he took him to a nearby inn and paid for him to be looked after until he could continue his journey. This Samaritan took care of the man, while the others, they may have had good reasons, but they ignored him and went on their way. The Samaritan didn't know the injured man but he acted like a friend.

Good Friends do good things for others, but sometimes they don't do what you think they should do, the hardest thing is to carry on being a friend even though you may not like what is going on. Don't lose a friend just because you don't like what your friend is doing, try to understand why.

Friends are very important and our biggest and best friend is Jesus, you can talk to him anytime, he will listen and will help, again like all friends, he may help in a way that you didn't expect, but it is always for the best.

Look after him, learn more about him – he is your best friend.





## **Village Information Centre**

Opening times - Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Small Grant Scheme - applications invited. The Rural Community Support Society operates a small grant scheme and is able to offer funding to local clubs, societies and organisations that benefit the people of Herstmonceux and the surrounding area. If you need financial support towards a project or simply to get your organisation re-started then please ask for a form or download one from our website - [herstmonceuxvic.co.uk](http://herstmonceuxvic.co.uk)

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It's good to see England beat Croatia in the UEFA Euro 2020 football tournament. Skillful may be as a team, to keep possession of the ball, but is all this back passing good entertainment? But how frustrating to see a team playing for one and half hours and having 5 shots at goal, while Wales v Turkey had 34 & 38 shots.

I Recall Ashburnham V Mayfield when Mayfield had 19 shots that scored, so they may have had 38 shots in all, how exciting for the home crowd. They both must have enjoyed it.

Locally Herstmonceux v Ashburnham when Barry Standens dad was linesman, John Harmer playing for Ashburnham, advised Mr Standen where to put his flag.

But on a more serious issue, we are seeing young people in mainly built up areas, going around in gangs. They only have awful estates to live in, with no place for sporting competitions. I am told Heathfield have not even got a football team today. While they had at least three in the 60s 70s. Almost every village then had a football, cricket and Stoolball team, and some a tug o war team.

One would have thought Local Councils when considering planning applications would have the wit to see why there are so many issues with young people. Not saying all young people are bad, but they need entertainment, to spend their energy, and someone to organise the events. It would be cheaper to employ some full time person to do this, than see the problem we have with street crime & vandalism.



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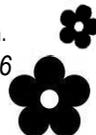
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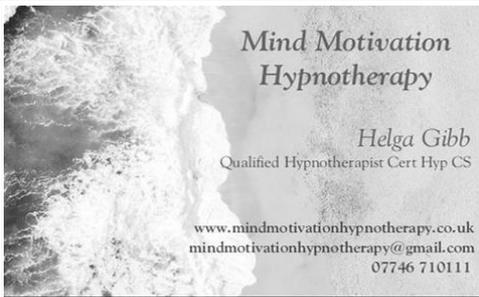
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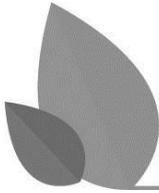
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