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John King writes the Ministry Team; Rev Peter's Thought's Page; Melinda's Famous Hymns column covers "For the Beauty of the Earth", plus the regular columns and news from around the parishes.





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From The Ministry Team

September 1st officially signals the start of Autumn. On the 24th September Wartling Church's Harvest Service takes place, on the following Sunday (1st October) it will be Herstmonceux Church's turn; to give thanks for the gathering of the harvest and to all who contribute to make this possible.

I know some people do not read, watch or listen to News programmes because their content is so depressing. It is true that with all the increase in communication we know so much more about the world, let alone our own country. Sadly it seems that the people who produce all these forms of communication seem to assume that we want to know about bad news.

It is very rare for good news to make headlines over a period. In my recollection the last really uplifting story was when 'Captain Tom' raised money for our N.H.S. At the age of 99 he walked 100 lengths of his garden. In the 24 days this took, he became a household name in our country. He received 1.5 million individual donations and 150,000 cards of encouragement and congratulations.

On the morning of his 100th birthday he had raised £30 million pounds, by the end of that day, when the appeal closed, the amount had increased to £32.79 millions and the final total including gift aid reclaims amounted to £39 million.

I think we are very fortunate to live in the United Kingdom, because there are multiple countries in our world where there are crises of different kinds.

For example the extremely high temperatures coupled with strong winds have caused devastating fires. Countries including Italy especially in Sicily, Spain, Portugal, Canada and the United States, as I write this letter, fires in Hawaii have already caused 53 deaths, with more feared.

These fires are devastating, outcomes include homes burnt down, businesses destroyed and people have lost their livelihoods, and tourists have lost their holidays. In our world we have also seen how inter-related countries are. The invasion by Russia has not only caused devastation in Ukraine, but has caused high oil and gas prices in many countries, and Ukraine's wheat harvest has been unable to be exported because of a Russian blockade, which will exacerbate the famine in Africa.

As individuals we can pray for an end to the Russian invasion, and that countries supporting Ukraine in their resistance will continue to do so.

We can also pray for the millions of refugees forced out of their countries by war or persecution, and for women and girls in Afghanistan denied their human rights by the Taliban.

As we give thanks for the gathering of our harvest, we must be ever mindful of the needs of so many people in our world.

John King

Services in Herstmonceux and Wartling Parish Churches This Month

Sunday 3rd Sept.		13th Sunday after Trinity
	8am	Wartling Holy Communion Romans 12:9-end. Matthew 16:21-end.
	11am	Herstmonceux Family Service with baptism Followed by bring and share lunch.
Sunday 10th Sept.		14th Sunday after Trinity
	10am	Wartling Holy Communion Ezekiel 33:7-11. Romans 13:8-end. Matthew 18:15-20
	6pm	Herstmonceux Evensong Psalm 108. Ezekiel 12v21-13v16 Acts 19:1-20
Sunday 17th Sept.		15th Sunday after Trinity.
	10am	Herstmonceux Holy Communion. Genesis 50:15-21. Romans 14:1-12. Matthew 18:21-35.
	6pm	Wartling Rural Service.
Sunday 24th Sept.		Wartling Harvest.
	8am	Herstmonceux Holy Communion Philippians 1:21-end. Matthew 20:1-16.
	10am	Wartling Herstmonceux Service 2 Corinthians 9:6-end. Luke 12:16-30.
Sunday 1st October		Herstmonceux Harvest.
	8am	Wartling Holy Communion Philippians 2:1-13. Matthew 21:23-32.
	11am	Herstmonceux Harvest. Followed by bring and share. 2 Corinthians 9:6-end. Luke 17:11-19.

Please note, during the interregnum there may be changes to the pattern of services.
There will also be visiting ministers to take some Holy Communion Services.

Harvest Services

This year we celebrate Wartling Harvest on the 24th September and Herstmonceux on the 1st October with flower festival. If you know of any person who you feel would like a harvest gift please can you let us know, maybe someone who is suffering from the cost of living or just someone that you feel needs a bit of a boost. Give Pam a ring or talk to anyone on the PCCs.

Pam 833079 or 07801374831.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- English Country Dancing – 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th September
- Knit & Stitch – 11th September
- Hearing Resources Sessions – 15th & 22nd September
- St Mary Magdalene Music Concerts – 15th & 16th September
- Vitality Villages Coffee Morning – 20th September
- WI Meeting – 20th September
- Wartling Harvest Flower Festival – 24th September
- Cowbeech Autumn Walk – 24th September
- Community Coffee Stop – 25th September
- Harvest Supper – 28th September
- Herstmonceux Harvest Flower Festival – 29th Sept to 1st Oct
- Vinehall English Chamber Orchestra – 30th September
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- Berwick Art Group Art Exhibition – 15th October

Famous Hymns

For the Beauty of the Earth, Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) *with thanks to celebratingholidays.com and Wikipedia.*

Folliot Pierpoint came from Bath. He graduated from Queen's College, Cambridge in 1857 and became a professor of classics at Somerset College. Afterwards, he spent time in Devonshire, and he willingly taught whenever he was given the opportunity. He also published several volumes of poetry and a number of hymns. This hymn was first published in *Lyra Eucharistica* in 1864 – a book of hymns specifically suitable for singing at Holy Communion.

Apparently, in 1863 Pierpoint was wandering through the countryside around the winding River Avon. As he looked on the peaceful beauty surrounding him, he was inspired to reflect on God's gifts to his people in creation and in the church. Above all, he thought of Christ's great sacrifice of his life in return for ours. He originally wrote eight verses as a hymn for the Lord's Supper. The original chorus was "Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise." The hymn was meant not only as a song of thanksgiving, but as the only thing we could give Christ in return for his mercy and love: a hymn of praise laid upon the altar as a sacrifice. Editors have since altered the refrain in various ways – in our churches' current hymnbook Hymns Old and New, 'Christ our God' is replaced by 'Lord of All', apparently because some liberal theologians struggling with such close identification of Christ and God! Some verses (e.g. one about the Virgin Mary, and another about Christian martyrs) have since been omitted –five verses remain in our hymnbook. It seems Pierpoint's original intention was for the hymn to take on a deeper meaning as something we not only sing, but offer up to God. Indeed, the original chorus for the last verse (now omitted) was "Offer we at Thine own shrine / Thyself, sweet Sacrament Divine."

There are several tunes commonly associated with these words. One by Conrad Kocher, (born in Wurttemberg, 1786-1872), was published in 1838 and will be familiar to you as the usual tune for "As with Gladness, Men of Old" – this tune became known as Dix, as a tribute to William Dix, the man who wrote that carol. The one I know best is called England's Lane, first printed in the Public School Hymn Book (1919), where it was set to Pierpoint's text and originally named Goodfellow. This tune was adapted from an unspecified English melody by Geoffrey Shaw (1879–1943) - Shaw was an enthusiast for folk music (and of Henry Purcell), one of whose aims was to restore the dignity of Christian music. The tune was renamed England's Lane in Songs of Praise (1925). Shaw (a teacher, schools inspector, church organist and composer) was part of a very musical family, but he may possibly be more widely known now as the father of Sebastian Shaw, a Shakespearean actor who had the role in Star Wars of Anakin Skywalker.

Melinda Stone

Weather in July and early August – Dismal Summer Weather

The unsettled and windy weather which had prevailed for the first half of July continued in rather more acute form for the rest of the month. Hot weather was confined to southern Europe with the Mediterranean experiencing intense heat for a time in mid-July accompanied by the inevitable wildfires in places like Rhodes and Corfu. Winds here blew more or less exclusively from between south and west and were often quite strong taking the edge off the temperatures. The temperature actually declined during the second half of the month when, ordinarily, it would have been moving towards its summer peak. There were no settled spells just isolated days when the weather was less bad. The worst of the weather seemed to be reserved for weekends, a trend which continued into August such that there were five successive weekends when the weather was blighted either by rain or by strong winds and, quite often, by both. On the 25th Herstmonceux was the wettest place in the UK with an inch of rain which, I understand, fell in a very short space of time. Here in Cowbeech we had only a quarter of that amount.

The average maximum temperature for Herstmonceux was just over 20°C almost 4°C below the comparable figure for 2022 and also below what we enjoyed in 2020 and 2021. Furthermore, it was well over 1°C below the 30 year average from 1991 to 2020. The average minimum was just a little lower than recent years but slightly above that 30 year average. The warmest day was the 7th when the temperature hit 29.6°C and the coldest the 27th (just 17.4°C). The warmest night was the 8th (18.6°C) and the coldest the 26th (8.9°C). July was wet with 3.63 inches of rain an inch of which fell on the night of the 27th/28th. Barometric pressure was, not surprisingly, much lower than normal.

UK wide, the hottest place in July was Chertsey on the 7th (30.2°C); the coldest day occurred on Fair Isle, between the Orkneys and Shetland, on the 19th (11.0°C). The coldest night was at Loch Glascarnoch in northern Scotland on the 26th (just 1.2°C). The sun shone for longest at Lerwick in the Shetlands on the 8th (16.1 hrs) whilst the wettest place was Preston Moor Park on Sunday the 23rd when a staggering 98.8mm (almost 4 inches) of rain fell. No wonder then that the final day of the fourth Ashes test at Old Trafford was washed out and the final day of the Open Golf Championship at Hoylake on the Wirral took place in the rain.

Moving swiftly on to the first half of August, there was no real change. An unusually deep depression for early August visited us on the 2nd named Storm Patricia by the French Meteorological Service. We perhaps escaped its worst effects but it was cool and windy with rain at times. There were showers around on the 3rd and 4th but we escaped them only for Storm Antoni, the first storm of the new season named by the Met Office, to arrive for the weekend of the 5th/6th. The 5th proved to be a wet and unpleasant day. Another similar day's weather occurred on the 8th since when it has been mostly dry, often breezy without a great deal of sunshine and mostly rather cool.

Looking ahead, there is no sign of great warmth but it may be slightly more settled and a little less cool. Meteorological summer ends at the conclusion of August and after such early promise it will be a surprise if summer this year does not prove to be one of the least memorable in recent years.

Tim Roberts

Ray and Sheldon club for the young at heart over 60's

Are you looking for new things to do in Herstmonceux and surrounding villages?

The Ray and Sheldon club is for everyone over 60, we meet twice a month on a Friday afternoon in Herstmonceux village hall from 2pm to 4pm. It's only £4 each visit and it includes a cup of tea/coffee, biscuit and a good chat after the activity for the week.

We have a varied and interesting programme planned for 2023 which include a talk on the city of Florence, a quiz, an outing, Parkinson choir, Ukulele group, Bell ringers and a talk from the fire brigade to name but a few.

Why not come to a meeting and see for yourself what a friendly group we are!

Contact Liz 833733 or Carol 831985 to find out more.

Coffee Morning

Come along to Herstmonceux Church on the 16th September where there will be an selection of cakes and refreshments from 10-12 to enjoy.

All proceeds from this morning will go towards the Flower festival details in this issue of the Parish News. Come along and support, good company and good refreshments guaranteed.

If you would like to donate a cake or biscuits please free feel to do so.
Pam

English Country Dancing

Why not try something new:

Bodle Street Hall, Wednesday evenings 8:00pm to 10:00pm. The club welcome new members. No need to bring a partner. Friendly, where help is given to any inexperienced dancers.

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Victoria's Green Page

Plastic is everywhere and has become such a part of our lives we tend to not even think about the waste it causes. From shampoo bottles to drinks, straws and food containers, UK households throw away an estimated 100 billion pieces of plastic packaging a year, averaging 66 items per household per week. These are mainly food packaging items, such as snack bags and fruit and veg trays. In 2021, 2.5 million metric tons of plastic packaging waste were generated in the UK.

The national geographic has interesting information about plastic pollution here: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/plastic-pollution>

We have become dependent on plastics in recent decades due to their relatively cheap production costs, durability, and incredible versatility. Annual global plastics production is now roughly 370 million metric tons per year – an increase of 80 percent since the turn of the century. However, huge amounts of this become waste, with many plastic products thrown out after just one use. These often end up polluting rivers and oceans, causing devastating damage to marine life.

There is a call to action across the globe to change our lifestyles. Plastic Free July encourages people to not use plastic for a month- by making small changes like buying reusable. <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>

Thankfully, consumer demand has prompted some supermarkets to start making some positive steps – Morrison's now feature plastic-free fruit and veg aisles across 60 of its stores.

This website is great for ideas on how to reduce plastic in the home: <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/plastics/living-without-plastic>

And this website helps to locate plastic free shops: <https://zerowastelocator.reco.shop/>

All we can do are small things and even a greater awareness of plastic pollution helps to save our wonderful planet. We should all be part of the change.

Victoria Bower

Shoeboxes

It is great that Mustard Seed are again sending contributions of shoeboxes to children who have very little at Christmas. Can you help? We need people who are willing to fill a shoebox with gifts for children, each box allocated for an age group, or people who are willing to donate a sum of money to transport these. There are leaflets in church and possibly in the information centre detailing what can be put into a box, these can be collected and passed to Mustard Seed. Just think of a child's face as they open this at Christmas. These need to be completed for collection by the middle of November. If you would like to know more talk to me and I will help. Pam 07801374831.

Harvest Supper

Harvest Supper. Thursday 28th September 7pm Reid Hall. £10 per person. Proceeds to charity. If you would like to come please fill in sheet in either church Herstmonceux or Wartling or ring Pam 833079. Thanks

Flower Festival

'Celebrating Rural Life Past and Present' will be the theme of the Flower Festival at All Saints Church Herstmonceux to be held over the Harvest Thanksgiving weekend on Friday 29th, Saturday 30th September and Sunday 1st October.

The Church will be open from 10.30am until 4.30pm on Friday and Saturday and 2pm until 5pm on Sunday when a Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held at 11am - do join us to celebrate this special event.

Village Information Centre

The opening hours of the Centre are Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 12 noon. Do come and see us. Always a warm welcome

The VIC is selling notelets which depict the scenes from the Village Hall tapestry at a cost of £2.50 for 6 notelets. Always handy to have when you need to write a short note to someone.

Hearing Resources Sessions

Sessions will be held on a Friday twice a month (September dates 15th and 22nd between 10.00 am and 11.45 am for 12 finish) when we are able to offer maintenance of most types of hearing aids and replacement batteries. Please remember to bring your brown NHS book. As maintenance can involve very close contact you are requested to wear a face covering and I will be using PPE for the foreseeable future. Many thanks for your co-operation,

Celia Farrant (local volunteer for Eastbourne Hearing)

Community Coffee Stop

Herstmonceux Village Hall on the last Monday of every month 10am to 12am
Next meeting is Monday SEPTEMBER 25th 2023 10 am to 12 noon

Come on down, sit outside on the patio if it's sunny, bring your friends and enjoy the company of new acquaintances. Please pop in, everyone is welcome coffee or tea and a biscuit is only £1.00 and there is cake.

Hope to see you there

Knit & Stitch

Meets on the 11th September in the Village Information Centre Herstmonceux 2.30-4pm. Bring your craft project or just come for a natter, all welcome. Refreshments supplied. See you there Pam

Herstmonceux WI

Our next meeting will be Wednesday September 20th at 7-30pm in the Herstmonceux Village Hall.

Our speaker for this month is Richard Ratcliffe he will be taking us on a journey from Hollywood to Cricklewood . Sounds intriguing! come along and find out.

There will be tea cake and socialising after the talk.

If you are not a member but would like to come along as a visitor you are very welcome it will cost you £3 for the evening. Hope to see all members and visitors on 21st. Keep safe in the heat (never thought I would ever say we need rain again ,but we do!!).

Vitality Villages

The next coffee morning will be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023 in the Friends Meeting House, West End, Herstmonceux from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon. Our talk this month will be given by Caroline Horlock who will be talking on the subject of Nutrition. We welcome everyone to join us for a cup of tea/coffee with homemade cakes or biscuits with a fun quiz and a chance to meet friends old and new for a chat. Please come along and join us and bring a friend!

You are a miracle

Just think, in order to be born and read this you needed: 2 parents, 4 grandparents 8 great-grandparents 16 second great-grandparents 32 third great-grandparents 64 fourth great-grandparents 128 fifth great-grandparents 256 sixth great-grandparents 512 seventh great-grandparents 1024 eighth great-grandparents 2048 ninth great-grandparents.

So, for you to be here today from 12 previous generations you needed a total of 4094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

Think for a moment, how many struggles and how many battles? How many difficulties and how much sadness? How much happiness and how many love stories and expressions of hope for the future, did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment?

Rev Peter.

DIG FOR VICTORY at Cowbeech on Sunday 6th August 2023

What a strange year we have had in terms of weather!

We had planned to put up the marquees for Dig for Victory on the preceding Tuesday evening (Cowbeech having no village hall or indeed any public building other than the former telephone kiosk) but wind and rain defeated us as it continued to do on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Eventually a major work force was recruited for 3pm on Saturday afternoon when enough tents were put up so that tables could be prepared for the Flower Show exhibits due to arrive from 8.30am on Sunday 6th.

We were there early the following morning to receive the exhibits and put up more tents and gazebos mercifully without rain and only a slight breeze that served to start to dry the ground although not completely and heavy vehicles were not allowed down into the pub garden so some things were transported by a bespoke and friendly wheelbarrow service! The Show opened earlier than usual and the Hog Roast and BBQ offered lunch time service while tea was available in the Tea Tent with a delicious selection of homemade cakes.

The usual Cowbeech speciality Maggot racing was on offer as were a Raffle, Darts, Crockery Smashing, Books, Bric a Brac and Guess the Weight of the Cake. New this year was a Mask Workshop by Graham Lee. Despite the recent bad weather some commercial stalls also came.

The Warbleton Band played two sessions bookended by the very talented singer Rosie Page.

The event culminated in the presentation of trophies by Pippa Cross and an Auction by Jeremy Harrison of anything that had not been sold or removed by exhibitors..

The dry weather also lasted throughout the Monday 8th so that all the marquees, bunting and equipment were taken down and stored safely and drily for our next event.

Despite what to most of us seemed a slightly lower footfall that in previous years we still managed to raise over £3,000 which will be added to our local Good Causes fund for distribution later in the year.

Grateful thanks are expresses to everyone in the local community who helped in so many ways y way and the wider community who supported us by attending and spending!

We hope to see you at our Autumn Walk on the morning of Sunday 24th September. Starting at 10am from the Merrie Harriers.

Mary Ann Gordon, Committee Member

Children's Page

By the time you read this you will probably be back at school.

Some to new schools, some to new classes and with new teachers, what an exciting time. Hopefully you have had a good holiday and ready to start learning new things.

I want to tell you about someone in the bible who started a new life when he met Jesus. His name was Saul but when he met Jesus it changed to Paul.

Paul hated Christians and caused many of them to be put to death, he was not a nice man, but he met Jesus on the Damascus Road and realised that he was very wrong and cruel. He changed and became a follower of Jesus.

Paul travelled around telling people all about Jesus and wrote many letters which became books of the Bible.

Paul spent a lot of his time in trouble because he spoke everywhere he went about Jesus and some people didn't like this.

One time, he was due to be taken to Jerusalem for trial but Paul protested and as he was a roman citizen he was entitled to put his case to the Emperor but to do this he had to travel across the sea.



The sea was rough and they had to throw the cargo overboard to keep the ship afloat. Paul prayed to God and his answer was that God would save them all. Some of the passengers swam and the others clung onto pieces of wood, all were saved. The land they landed on was Malta and stayed there for about two years.

Paul had many adventures and Jesus was always with him.

So when you maybe feeling a little nervous or even scared as to what may happen, think of Paul, he prayed and Jesus helped him.

Jesus will always help, sometimes he uses people, perhaps your parents to do this, perhaps your teachers. Sometimes the help may not be what you have asked for but Jesus always helps the best way for you.

So enjoy your new start at school there are lots of nice times to come.

Pam

Learning to Say Thank You

Harvest Festival is a big thank you time: a time of year when for years, those who relied on local farming were thankful for the food that the earth provided, and to God for taking care of them.

Today, for most of us, food comes already picked and packed from a supermarket or the delivery van, not our own fields – so perhaps it's even more important now to remember that our food comes from God's creation, and to thank God and everyone who harvests and prepares it for us.

A way to pray for farmers

Lots of fruit and veg at the supermarket now has the name of the farmer printed on the container. You can put a sheet of paper up in your home, with "Thank you, God, for our food" at the top, and then your child can cut and stick the names of all the farmers onto the rest of the sheet every time you go shopping. When you eat, you can say, "thank you, God, and (all the names) for our food!" (And then finish by thanking those who cooked and will clean up the meal.)

Thank You For ...

Thanking God and those who make our food can help us remember to be grateful for the other good things in life. Maybe at bedtime you and your child can take turns thinking of things to be grateful to God for – from the profound to the very silly!

Or maybe you can finish each day by thinking about all the people you met that day and thanking God for how they help you: the bin man who clears up your rubbish, the lady at the shop who helps you find what you need, the toddler group leaders who sing and cut up bananas, the man on the bus who helped with your pushchair, the doctors looking after Granddad.

There's a lot to be thankful for every day.

Something to make you smile

Many churches are now serving coffee after the sermon. Presumably this is to get people thoroughly awake before they drive home.

"For Christmas," a woman remarked to a friend, "I was visited by a jolly, bearded fellow with a big bag over his shoulder. It was my son coming home from college with his laundry."

Climate Change Can Be Beaten

The issues of climate change are now unavoidable. There have been heatwaves, forest fires and extreme rainfall causing flooding and landslides, but there have been times in the past when the world came together to fix an environmental issue. It was in the 1980s that the trees in Scandinavia were stripped bare of leaves and in North America lakes became devoid of any life. The issues also affected Europe, and the culprit turned out to be clouds of sulphur dioxide from coal-burning power plants. These clouds travelled long distances and after mixing with the rain clouds fell back to earth as acid rain. Much like climate change, there were many warnings about this threat, but just like climate change, there was denial, deliberate misinformation and government standoffs, but eventually, the science could not be ignored. The only way to fight acid rain was by curbing the release of the pollutants that cause it, and this meant cutting down the number of coal-burning power plants, burning fewer fossil fuels and setting air quality standards. This realisation led to international agreements that achieved just that, and so curbed the problem of acid rain.

Next, in the mid-1980s, scientists from the British Antarctic survey pointed out that there was a large and expanding hole in the ozone layer above the Antarctic. The ozone layer prevents harmful wavelengths of ultraviolet (UVB) light from passing through the Earth's atmosphere. These wavelengths cause skin cancer, sunburn, permanent blindness, and cataracts, all of which were projected to increase dramatically as a result of thinning ozone. The Ozone Layer damage was caused by chlorofluorocarbons, a gas better known as CFCs, which were then used in aerosols and refrigerants. The projections showing that the destruction of the ozone layer would adversely impact the health of humans and ecosystems, sparked public fear, mobilised scientific investigation and galvanised the world's governments to collaborate in an unprecedented way, and ozone-depleting chemicals were phased out.

The next environmental success was the phasing out of leaded petrol. Lead additives in petrol released lead particles through the exhaust systems and into the air, these caused health problems including heart attacks and mental development issues for children. Most countries banned lead petrol from the 1980s onwards, and this is estimated that this will prevent more than one million premature deaths each year from heart disease, strokes, and cancer, and will protect children whose IQs are damaged by exposure to lead.

The climate change issue is far more complicated to resolve than the issues above, but that can be no reason for not doing something, because industry and governments have worked together in the past and have solved a globally threatening environmental problem. They need to do the same again.

Rev Peter

St Mary Magdalene Wartling Music Concerts – 15th & 16th September

Tickets are £12 at the door, or at musicboxwealden.co.uk

19:30 15th September: An Evening at the Opera

It's just possible that some of you will be old enough to remember when the Flower Duet from the opera *Lakme* by Leo Delibes was the theme tune for British Airways – and that's just one example of the many ways in which the drama and excitement of opera has entered popular culture. This programme of arias and duets includes a colourful cast of characters who will take us from the perfumed riverbanks of British India to the American naval presence in early twentieth-century Japan.

Along the way, we'll have time to spare a passing glance at the changing social status of female opera singers, from a time when they were considered little better than courtesans to the rise of the diva in the 19th century and the phenomenon of the trouser role and its relationship to the gradual decline of the castrato tradition. Opera inspired the great piano composers too, so you'll have the chance to hear one of Liszt's virtuoso takes on the operatic masters.

19:30 16th September: The Virtuoso Flute

Music Box Wealden could hardly have a better torchbearer than local flautist Daisy Noton. Currently studying at the Royal Academy of Music in London she has already had competition success at local, national and international levels, not least as a Woodwind Finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year Competition in 2020. At the same time, she has maintained a high profile in her native East Sussex and, in her outreach work, has shown herself to be a passionate advocate for classical music in the community.

Daisy is joined by pianist Andra Băcilă in a programme which includes the *Undine Sonata* by the nineteenth-century Danish/German composer Carl Reinecke, one of the few great Romantic works for the instrument. The *Carmen Fantasy* by François Borne is a virtuoso showpiece based on themes from Bizet's *Carmen* – and Dvořák's *Song to the Moon* continues the operatic theme. Also included is Martinů's *Flute Sonata*, written in the United States in 1945 after his escape from occupied France.



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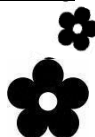
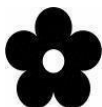
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