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From Canon Mark Gilbert

Dear All

It hardly seems possible February is upon us already but it is and its coming heralds change, change in focus both in the seasons of the calendar and of the church.

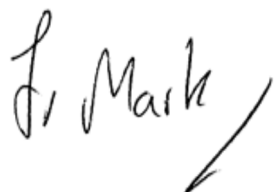
By February we can see a marked difference in the amount of daylight there is, the darkness of night is becoming shorter, the days are lighter, brighter and often warmer, the earth is slowly but surely coming to rebirth again, snowdrops and crocus break the deadness of the earth, early signs of green leaves, shoots and buds become more and more prevalent.

The seasons are changing and many are glad of it, because with it comes hope and promise and the gift of life with all it has to offer, and that feeds and sustains us.

February sees our last look back at those events of Christmas with the feast of Candlemas on 3rd February. Forty days after Jesus was born he was presented in the temple back to his father and Simeon prophesied that he would be a light to enlighten the whole world. That is why traditionally candles are lit on this day.

Both St Mary's and St Bartholomew's have lovely stained glass windows illustrating this wonderful event as you see by the front cover. In the words of Old Simeon 'A light to lighten the whole world'.

Let us shine with the life and light of Christ.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Mark" with a long, sweeping underline stroke.

### **LENT LUNCHESES AT ST MARY'S**

Three lunches will be held on Wednesday 13th, Wednesday 20th and Wednesday 27th March at 12.30 pm.

The fourth one will be on Tuesday 2nd April when Bishop Martin will be joining us for lunch during his Deanery Visitation. This will be at the earlier time of 12 noon.

## NEPAL UPDATE

News from Nepali Family Project, kindly supported by many of you during Lent 2018, is very heartening.

It's been a good year for needy children and teenagers whose schooling is funded by Nepali Family. Academic results have been encouraging, and more students are progressing to tertiary level and vocational training. Throughout NF's 17 years, no legitimate call for help has been declined. Currently, over 200 children and young people are supported.

NF prefers to assist young people at home with parents or guardians (as at the Chhahara flats). But often this is not possible. Hence their well established Silom hostel, and their impressive 2017 hostel for 40 students Dristicon Newas (Blind Home). In October last year a new wing (already!) named Srijanasil House was opened, allowing 30 more students to be accommodated. The Revd Dr Digby and Mrs Anne Hoyal, NF's founders, were able to attend the ceremony.



Anne and friend



There is great need to equip the less academic with work skills, both young men and unsupported or deserted young women, some with children. A generous donation has enabled NF to buy a good site on which to purpose-build a skills training centre (with further accommodation for young people including those with disabilities). Raising funds for building the centre is now the challenge!

New skills centre site

*Further information on NF's website [www.nepalifamily.org.au](http://www.nepalifamily.org.au) - click What We Do, and then Newsletters.*

*Richard Hoyal 16.1.19*

**COPY DATE FOR THE MARCH MAGAZINE  
IS  
MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY**

**THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD  
SUNDAY 6TH JANUARY  
ST MARY'S NATIVITY**



**PREPARATION OF NEW ELECTORAL ROLL**

Every six years each parish has to produce a completely new Electoral Roll and this falls due in 2019.

As a result it will be necessary for everyone on the existing Roll to re-apply to have their names included on the new one.

Application forms will be available in due course, together with a covering letter.

Please do complete the form and anyone not on the Roll is more than welcome to apply.

Further details are available from *Jackie Smith or John Townsend*.

# ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, EGDEAN

Web site: [www.egdeanparish.com](http://www.egdeanparish.com)

## Annual Parish Meeting - Thursday 11th April at 7.30 pm

### Electoral Roll Renewal 2019

Every 6 years the Electoral Roll has to be completely renewed, so everyone who wants to continue to be on the Electoral Roll for Egdean must complete a new form this year. I will be circulating the application forms soon so that the Electoral Roll can be completed prior to our Annual Parish Meeting.

### Children's Society

Thank you to all who supported the Children's Society, we gave through the Christingle Collection £150 and the annual emptying of the boxes held in your homes £58.68 so over £200 donated this year.

### Carol Service

The annual Carol Service was much enjoyed by over 100 people which included 21 children, thanks to Brian Dallyn's transport from Byworth to Egdean. Sarah Barstow played the organ accompanied by Jane Page on her cello. After 6 readings and carols which included the children delightfully singing the first verse of 'Away in a Manger' mince pies and mulled wine were served.



*Christine Dallyn  
Hon Secretary to Egdean PCC*

**St Mary's Church, Petworth**



**Coffee  
Morning**

**Saturday 9th February  
10.00 am - 12 noon**

**Bring and Buy, Raffle  
and Refreshments**

**In aid of Church Funds**



## **A FEW WORDS OF THANKS**

A few words of thanks ~  
To those who helped by making tea  
And by being there amongst the dust  
Or that simply felt they should or must.

A few words of thanks ~  
To those who listened without judging  
To woes and outbursts of awful wrath  
Or shared the need to have a jolly good laugh.

A few words of thanks ~  
To those who tried so hard to find  
And helped to see that very dim light  
At tunnel end growing slowly bright.

A few words of thanks ~  
To those who work in homes that care  
Looking after ones passing through dusk of years  
While saving relative sanity and many tears.

A few words of thanks ~  
To those who now give time to visit  
Ones whose memory boxes play cruel games ~  
Thus bring moments of cheer to Jean and other names.

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(Jean Whitcomb's niece)*

### **ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING**

The Coffee Morning held on Saturday 12th January raised £195.55 towards the cost of processional candles. Many thanks to all who supported it.

The next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 9th February from 10.00 am to 12 noon when money will be raised for Church Funds. There will be the usual sales table and raffle.

*Jean Huggett and Gill Ticehurst*

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## Otter

by Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

### The return of the celluloid heroes

Sleek muscular physique. Dynamic aquatic killer. Mysterious enigmatic loner. You can see why otters shared the cinema box office with James Bond in the Sixties and Seventies. Otters are natural film stars, the Sean Connery of British mammals (with a slightly hairier chest).



I remember two otter-based films from my childhood. I caught 'Tarka the Otter' at the local Odeon and the superior 'Ring of Bright Water' always won over 'Goldfinger' on the TV at Christmas. From the opening man-meets-otter sequence (both the greatest and silliest scene ever committed to celluloid) through to Val Doonican's closing credits crooning - it's a classic!

But behind the otter's silver-screen celebrity status lies a darker, sadder tale. Wild otters in Britain were in trouble. Throughout most of the last century our rivers and wetland habitats were in a shocking state – polluted, drained and destroyed. Otters were forced into exile in the far flung corners of Britain. The last Sussex otters struggled on until the 1960s.



And with our heroes out of the picture the bad guys muscled in. American mink, which escaped or were 'liberated' from fur farms, rose to the top of the food chain and terrorised our waterways. These voracious predators attacked our native wetland wildlife, wiping out entire populations of water voles across Sussex.

But this screenplay has a happy ending. Over the past decades we've cleaned up our act and a lot of work has been undertaken to improve rivers and wetlands in Sussex.

Otters are wandering, territorial animals – each otter needs 40 km of river to make its home - but projects undertaken by conservation groups such as Sussex Wildlife Trust working with local landowners have provided these connected, wetland habitats. And what is good for the otter is good for us too. By undertaking wetland habitat improvements for wildlife - such as planting floodplain woodland or creating water meadows - our countryside regains its powers as water purifier, erosion controller and flood regulator.



Over the past years footprints, droppings and fleeting glimpses have given tantalising evidence that these mammalian movie stars are attempting a comeback in Sussex after half a century. Recently, night vision trail cameras were rolling and filmed a female otter as she made her Sussex small screen debut - possibly the first time a wild otter has ever been filmed in our county. But the real showstopper came when these cameras later captured footage of one - or possibly two - otter cubs; evidence that otters are breeding again in Sussex. With this dramatic plot twist there is plenty of potential for a sequel. The dream that one day we could see these incredible animals swimming in all the restored and vibrant rivers of Sussex is a step closer to becoming a reality.

## **THE ARTS SOCIETY - SOUTH DOWNS**

**Wednesday 6th February  
Leslie Primo will give a talk on  
Leonardo's Portraits and Madonnas**

**Wednesday 6th March  
Colin Davies will give a talk on  
Zaha Hadid Architectural Superstar**

**Meetings at Fittleworth Village Hall  
Coffee from 9.50 am Lecture 10.30 am**

**New Members, Visitors (£5) warmly welcomed  
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## CHRISTMAS NATIVITY DISPLAY

This was the eighth year St Mary's held the Nativity exhibition. The previous seven years proved so successful that it was felt that it had to be continued as it involves many members of the community. We had once again a really good response. Petworth Primary School brought along eight Crib scenes, and Kaleidoscope Nursery with their lovely little clay figures.

In addition the Beaver Scouts created a very colourful set of figures made from wood dressed in felt. The Petworth Society represented by Rosemary Thompson produced a beautifully simple floral display with Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We displayed the late Val Fowler's knitted Nativity as it had been her wish that we should keep it. Val had been part of the Exhibition from the beginning. Brian and Di Parr, together with their family, displayed three nativities, and Pat Turland (Friendship Centre) brought her mice, always popular with the children.

Thank you to Midhurst and Petworth Observer who published some super pictures of the Exhibition with the children from our Parent and Toddler Group. These were taken by Elizabeth who has James at the Group.

Our thanks to everyone who took part this year, it gave so much pleasure to all who saw the display. We hope to do it all again next year, so if anyone reading this would like to take part, or perhaps you may know someone who would like to, please get in touch.

*Jackie Smith*

### **PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60s DAY CENTRE** **The Friendship Centre**

#### Dates for your Diary February 2019

Wednesday 6th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Quiz
Wednesday 13th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo
Wednesday 27th	2.00 – 4.00 pm	Bingo

The Centre is run by and for the Over 60s members. Each session needs a member to open up, make refreshments, take payment and close up. If no member is free the Centre can't open. If you would like to help please call in to the Centre in Trump Alley, rear of Austens, or phone me, on 342942.

*Caroline Stoneman*

*House Committee Chairman*

## **THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX**

**On Tuesday 5th February, Douglas Skeggs will talk on  
David Hockney - The Old Master of Modern Art**

Hockney's paintings show a charm and humour that sets them apart from others of his generation. The talk will follow a career full of wit and imagination.

**On Tuesday 5th March there will be a Spring Lunch at 12.30 pm  
followed by a talk at 2.00 pm given by Sian Walters on  
Leonardo and the Festa Del Paradiso**

2019 marks the 500th anniversary of Leonardo de Vinci's death.

The talk will explore art and dance in Milan  
and Leonardo at the Sforza Court.

**Meetings held in Fittleworth Village Hall at 2.00 pm**

**Doors open 1.40. Tea and coffee after the lecture**

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**Visitors most welcome - £5**

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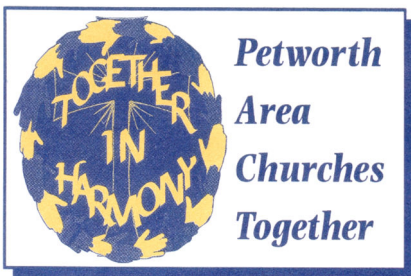
## **FAMILY SUPPORT WORK**

Thank you to everyone who donated items to the red box for FSW before Christmas. These were greatly welcomed by our families.

We will continue to collect any food and household items such as cleaning materials, toilet paper, in fact things that we all use including toiletries. We are very grateful to our friends at the URC who hold their regular tombola for both FSW and the Food Bank.

FSW have a charity shop and will be very pleased to receive any donated items of clothing, household, unwanted gifts, in fact anything that you would find in the local charity shops. On the last Wednesday of the month the van which collects from the local area will come to St Mary's to collect anything that we may have.

***Jackie Smith***



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**FEBRUARY NEWS**

Spring Lecture – Friday 5th April 6.00 pm at St Mary’s Petworth .

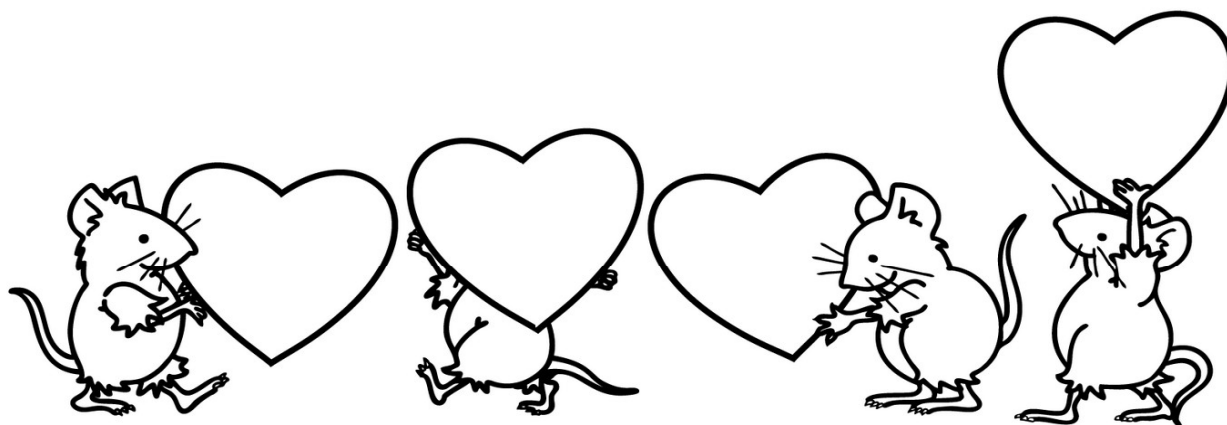
**Damian Hinds MP**, Secretary of State for Education, to speak with reference to Faith Schools. Please note the earlier start time of **6.00 pm**. **All welcome, especially anybody connected with local Schools.**

Palm Sunday Procession – the annual procession will be held on **Sunday 14th April at 3.00 pm from the Sacred Heart Church, Petworth.**

As Jesus entered Jerusalem, the people went wild with excitement – the entire city was thrown into an uproar! Some asked ‘Who is this man?’ And the crowds shouted back ‘This is Jesus! He’s the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee!’ Matthew’s Gospel Chap. 21 Verses 10 and 11.

This wonderful procession through Petworth depicts Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem with the story being told along the journey and songs as we process through the streets. We’ll have the Petworth Town Band, a donkey and a Palm Sunday script read by a variety of church goers in the town. The event finishes at St Mary’s where participants are made welcome with tea and cake

***Kate & Karl Ayling***





The church heating fund could only stretch to buying a copy of 'Boiler Repairs For Dummies'



## PETWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Making education purposeful, individual and real is paramount within our school and has recently been exemplified by the latest Year Six project. Our children were set the objective of researching and then designing an app, which could have a benefit in the community. The apps designed by the children included 'School News', 'Litter' (a mapping app which will help scientists identify the areas which accumulate the most litter) and 'Sign Language' (making communication easier). To make the process as real as possible, the children wrote to Brightec Ltd as part of their literacy lessons. Brightec answered the questions posed and then proceeded to give the children advice ranging from publishing apps to advertising to using other application in their apps. This has been a really positive collaboration with a busy company, who have valued and recognised the hard work of our children, and taken the time to engage.

Also engaging with the community through their learning are a group of our year four children. They will be visiting Rotherlea Care Home each week to work with the residents. During the visits the children will learn about the residents' childhood as well as organise activities such as playing board games and art projects. Hopefully this will become an embedded part of the curriculum we offer as this interaction benefits our children just as much as the residents.

## CHICHESTER DIOCESE 'YEAR OF VOCATION'

**'VOCATION (or calling)** applies to us all. It takes time and practice to realise that God is in charge, and that He has a plan for each of us. It is trying to go our own way against God that we go wrong. Pause and think: am I putting myself in God's hands by faith and listening to the still small voice? Time to change.

*Rosemary Harris*

## PETWORTH LUNCH CLUB

Petworth Lunch Club will meet on Tuesday 12th February in the URC Hall for Fish & Chips, followed by trifle and tea or coffee. Booking essential through Caroline Stoneman on 342942.





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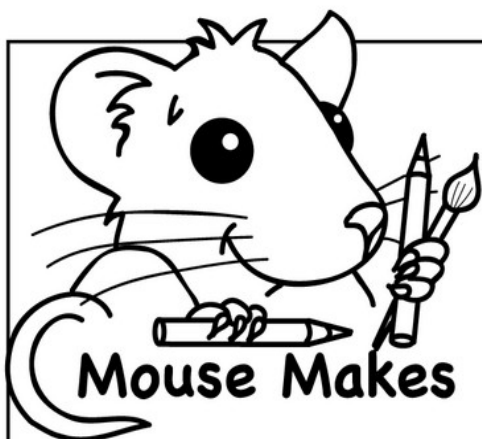


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### WHAT IS LOVE?

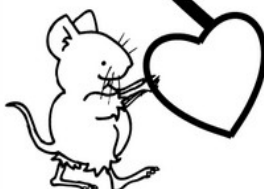
Cross out every other letter to find the Bible verse, then look it up.

OHNKEWJLOSHCNP  
CGHUADPBTFEKRA  
FJOMUORD  
VWEURDSKEV  
TOEGNP

### God's love is...

Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet.

"Hpe mpwfe uif xpsme tp nvdi  
uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp  
uibu fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft  
jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu  
ibwf fufsobm mjgf."  
Kpio 3:16



### How does God show he loves us?

Look at this in a mirror!

God showed His love for us  
by sending his only Son into  
the world, so that we  
might have life  
through him  
John 4:9


### HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?

Cross out all the xxx to find out!


xxGxixvxexxtxhxaxnxkxsxxtxoxtxhx  
exxLxoxrxdx,xfxoxrxxHxexxiixsxg  
xoxxodx,xxHxixsxsxxtxeaxxdx  
fxaxsxtxxlxoxvxeexnxdxu  
rxxexsxfxoxrxxexvxxexr.  
xpxsxaxxlmxx  
1x3x6:1


"The steadfast love of  
the Lord never ceases"  
Lamentations 3:22



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**2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays 2.00 pm,  
and also 6.00 - 7.00 pm every Wednesday (except Jul. Aug. and Dec.)  
followed by separate prayer group all year round. Tel 343842.**

All are warmly invited to these two study groups which treat the subject being studied in depth, bringing alive and explaining the background to the scriptures we hear read in church each Sunday. What a difference that makes! In our groups we often exclaim at the revelation made from learning the context and meaning of well known passages. The discovery of others completing the setting of what is being read is valuable too.

By the time you read this, progress will have been made towards the goal of the Bible's final book, 'The Revelation of St John'. By then, the weekly 6.00 pm Wednesday group will be catching up the fortnightly 2.00 pm Tuesday one.

If the daytime is free for you, this larger Tuesday group enjoys a social time over tea after the hour of study and is therefore more affable. The 6.00 pm Wednesday group, however, is more serious, lasts only one hour (sometimes less), and the small number coming are very regular.

There is room for a few more in each group, where you will find a warm welcome and considerable enlightenment. Not to be missed.

*Rosemary Harris*

# CALENDAR AND SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY AND EARLY MARCH

## February

### 3rd **CANDLEMASS**

*Malachi 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Family Praise at Egdean - Shine on Me	9.15 am
Jubilate Family Mass & Procession	10.30 am

### 10th **The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

*Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13], 1 Corinthians 15.1-11, Luke 5.1-11*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

### 17th **SEPTUAGESIMA - 3rd Sunday before Lent**

*Jeremiah 17.5-10, 1 Corinthians 15.12-20, Luke 6.17-26*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist (Egdean) (BCP)	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

### 24th **SEXAGESIMA - 2nd Sunday before Lent**

*Genesis 2.4b-9,15-25 Revelation 4 Luke 8.22-25*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
Parish Eucharist at Egdean	9.00 am
Parish Eucharist	10.30 am

## March

### 3rd **QUINQUAGESIMA - The Sunday next before Lent**

*Exodus 34.29-35, 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2, Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]*

Holy Eucharist	8.00 am
FAMILY SERVICE at Egdean - Pancakes	9.15 am
Jubilate Family Mass	10.30 am

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8.30 am</b>

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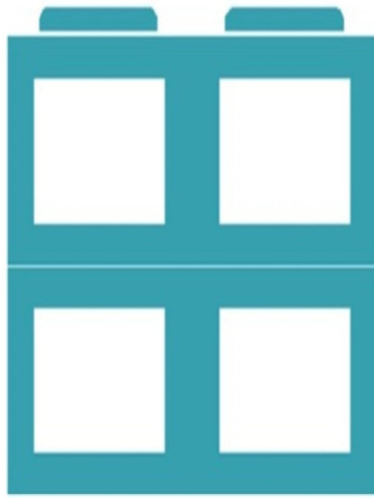
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**North Korea:** This country is trying to improve its image internationally, but it remains the same country which demands worship of its leader, and where it is illegal to be a Christian. 30,000 Christians are amongst the slaves in the many Labour Camps, keeping the economy high for its leaders, but at starvation level for its workers. Even outside the camps, those who do not profess all out allegiance to Kim Jong-Un are discriminated against and are in danger of starvation, which happens amongst the old and the very young.

It is astonishing, therefore, that their prayers are not for the deposition of Kim, but for his conversion, which they confidently anticipate. It seems to take suffering like theirs to create deep shining faith of a kind that inspires us with awe and wonder.

They are deeply aware of the prayers from outside on their behalf. Will you not join that number?

*Rosemary Harris*



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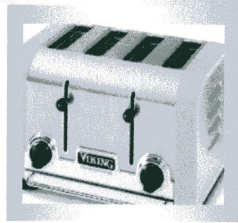
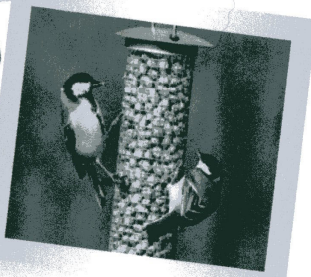
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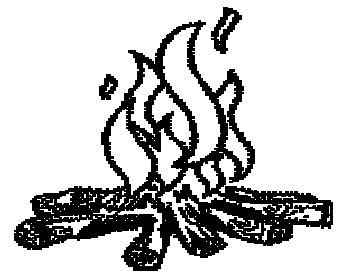
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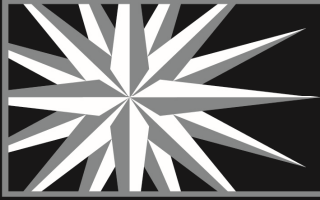
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For a number of years she was employed as the warden at Somerset Hospital, after retiring from that post she moved to a cottage in Grove Street. In later times she became a familiar figure driving around the town in her red mobility scooter. Angie had a strong christian faith, having been a member of the Community church for many years.

A Thanksgiving service was held at St Mary's Church, Fittleworth on 9th January and followed an earlier burial in the churchyard.

#### **JUNE ROSEMARY AITCHISON (JUNE WHITFIELD)**

So much has been said and written about June's life in show business, from the early days of radio's Take It From Here through to the Absolutely Fabulous series on tv, but it was to West Sussex that she and her husband Tim came to enjoy relaxation.

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Her funeral service at All Hallows church, Tillington on 18th January was attended by a number of her close friends from the entertainment world, including Joanna Lumley and Jennifer Saunders, others present were Giles Brandreth, Nerys Hughes and comedian Roy Hudd who gave the eulogy.

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