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From The Rectory

Over the last few weeks in church we've continued to think about the teaching of Jesus from Matthew's Gospel. The set readings from the Church of England Lectionary put two parables in subsequent weeks: The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant (Matthew chapter 18 verses 21-35) and The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). You might like to take a moment to read them. As ever, you can find the sermons on the Warbleton Church website or You Tube channel.

As you'll know, and as I'm often telling the children of Dallington Primary School, a parable is a (made up) story, with a meaning. Or as is sometimes said, 'an earthly story, with a heavenly meaning'. The word 'parable' literally means to throw alongside. It suggests a parallel. Think of this in terms of that.

These two parables has some similarities. Jesus says that both of them are about what "the kingdom of heaven is like". "Kingdom of heaven" probably means the same as "the Kingdom of God". Devout Jews, like Matthew, would have been careful about using God's name so as not to take it in vain (the third of the Ten Commandments – Exodus 20). Saying "heaven" as a way of meaning "God" could be safety precaution. In both parables there is someone in charge, a king or a landowner, who we can surmise stands for God the King. These stories tell us something about how God exercises his reign. And both are to do with money – which features very frequently in the teaching of Jesus – here in the form of debts and then in the form of wages.

We sometimes sing a song in church which neatly captures something of these two parables. The verses go like this:

Mercy is when God **does not** give us [the bad things, the judgement or penalties, we might say] which we deserve.

And:

Grace is when God gives us [the good things] we don't deserve.

So, what do these parables teach?

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant. Mercy! We are all sinners. We all owe God a massive debt we can't repay. Everything we have comes from him. We owe him our very lives. And morally speaking we are all deeply in the red. We fall short our own standards, let alone God's. None of our thoughts or actions is perfect, as they ought to be, so we should give up on any idea of repaying God or earning his love. That's not the game! God is merciful. He forgives those who ask him. He is very kind and generous – amazingly so. And so we ought to be ready to forgive and show mercy to others.

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. Grace! God is generous. He gives us far more than we deserve. We ought to depend on his grace – his undeserved love – not demand our supposed rights. It is a mistake, in a way, to ask God for justice because (see the parable above) we all in fact deserve judgement. We may think we're better than Jones or Smith. But what if our circumstances were different? Only God really knows the heart and can look at the whole. It's not for us to judge one another. God gives his good gifts generously. And we ought to be thankful for that. We depend on that. It's stupid to compare and be resentful. We are sinners who need grace.

Mercy and grace. They are wonderful complimentary truths. Trusting Jesus and his death for us, we can confidently look to God's kindness. And we can pray that he would help us more and more to live out his grace and mercy to others.

The Revd Canon Marc Lloyd

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Warbleton Parish Church Diary

Sanctuary Guild Flower Arrangers and Brass Cleaners

On the 7th and 14th, the flowers will be arranged by Rosemary Wooton- Whitling and Wendy Greaves followed by Tricia Grey and Helen Bown on the 21st and 28th.

The Sanctuary Guild at Harvest

A group of flower arrangers spent a happy morning on the Saturday before Harvest Festival decorating the church for our celebration of harvest Thanksgiving. Four new recruits joined, including young Monty who came with his mum and was an enthusiastic helper. He was joined part of the time by his sister Amelie and a lively puppy called Ginger. We were quite pleased with the result of our efforts, and the congregation seemed to think we had done well too!

Readers may remember garden produce being presented at long ago services, marrows, leeks, pumpkins and so on in abundance. Not so nowadays, but the nostalgic scent of apples and chrysanthemums still pervades the church as one enters; nowadays the congregation brings practical items of food to be taken to the Food Bank, alas still much needed.

Our annual meeting and lunch will take place on Thursday 3rd December, at 11am. in the Church Rooms, when we will discuss plans for next year. We are grateful to our new recruits whose help will make planning the weekly rota much easier.

Helen Bown

Good Book Club

We will meet on Tuesdays the 10th & 24th at White Birch Farm at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. all are welcome.. A welcoming atmosphere will be found as the group continues their study of 2 Peter & Jude. Bible study is the way to become closer to God and understand how we should live our lives.

Little Warblers Toddlers' Group

Little Warblers is a group for adults with preschool children which meet in the Church Rooms on Tuesday mornings during term time from 9.15-10.45. We welcome you to join us and follow the school term dates. . For more information, please go to the Little Warblers Toddler group page on Facebook or email littlewarblers@warbletonchurch.org .

WarbleArt

We continue to meet on Wednesdays in the Warbleton Church Rooms from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Please contact Gail Welford on 01435 812514 or gwelford51@gmail.com

Warbleton Weeders

We generally meet (weather permitting) once a month on a Wednesday morning at 9.30am for a couple of hours. Help would be very much appreciated with pruning, sweeping and other light jobs as you feel able. For more information, please contact Judith on judithmhemsley@btinternet.com. or look in the weekly news bulletin.

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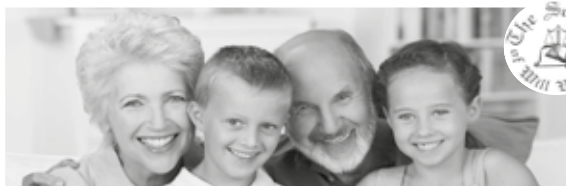
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People in prison often feel extremely lonely and isolated, and many have lost touch with their family and friends on the outside. A letter might be the only communication someone in prison receives and can provide huge encouragement and a link to the outside world. Our letter writing programme enables people in prison to feel valued and supported while in custody.

Prayer Line is a service that allows anyone in prison to call a free number and leave a confidential message with their personal prayer request. Prison Fellowship's team of volunteers are committed to pray for each person that calls on that day and across the following month. It is as simple as that, and there are no catches!

Their letter included the following:

You are all are invited — there is a place for you.'

That' was this year's *Prisons Week* theme, drawn from Jesus' parable of the wedding banquet in Matthew 22. The king's servants don't check credentials. They go out to the main roads and gather 'the bad as well as the good' (v10) — filling the hall with people who never earned their place at the table. Invited. Not *might be invited*. Not *invited if they prove themselves first*. Invited.

I wonder how often I do what the king's first guest list assumed: that some people are simply better suited to a place at the table. It's easy to make that judgement about someone in prison before I've ever met them. But you don't need to earn an invitation to the Kingdom of God — the king fills the hall with exactly the people that list would have left outside.

Then comes the moment that unsettles us. A man is already inside, already seated at the feast — and yet he's found without wedding clothes. When the king asks why, as though he's treated the invitation lightly, 'The man was speechless' (v12). It's tempting to read this as grace being withdrawn. But grace was never meant to leave us as it found us. The invitation costs nothing to receive — but it isn't meant to leave us unchanged. Being welcomed in isn't the end of the story — it's the beginning of being changed by who we're sitting with.

This is the tension Prison Fellowship holds every day. We never doubt that hope is real, and that no one in prison is beyond it. But we also never look away from the harm that crime causes, or pretend transformation is easy or automatic. Grace opens the door. It doesn't leave us as we were when we walked through it.

Please pray for each person PF works with — not only that they would hear the invitation, but that, in the community that welcomes them, they would also find the courage to be changed by it. Who might I see differently today, if I believed there really is a place for them?

Tony Welford

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Warbleton & District History Group

We had a few more attending than normal for Steve Ziegler's talk on the Ghosts of Warbleton last month. He described the stories associated with various houses in the parish, Stone House, Iwood and other properties and various characters who promoted the stories, including the infamous Charles Dawson of Piltdown Man fame. The main thrust were the stories surrounding Warbleton Priory farmhouse and the screaming skulls. Tales of feuding monks and illicit girl friends all of which added to the story of the place. The skulls when discovered then travelled about a bit including Brighton antique shops. Various attempts at burying them seemed to trouble to those who wielded the spade. They are now back in the care of the Stone House Estate.

Our speaker booked for this month has unfortunately become ill and we wish him well. Paul Endersby has kindly stepped into the breach and will tell the story of Hellingly Hospital 1903-1994. This vast complex served as the local mental hospital during that time, originally known in the language of the time as an asylum. A while back I told the story of the railway used in its construction and brought mostly coal in until 1959, so it will be interesting to hear the story of the institution it served.

We meet from 7.30pm for an 8pm start on Monday 9th November at the Dunn Village Hall. Visitors and new members are always welcome. No need to book, just turn up!

Jonathan Austin

Message from Nus Ghani MP

November is the month of Remembrance, a moment when the nation pauses in silence on Armistice Day. I know many of you will watch the national service on the television, however, we are also fortunate to have many active Royal British Legion branches holding events at local cenotaphs in towns and villages across the constituency. Head to the Royal British Legion website or contact your parish council for details of local services.

South East Water's boss recently attended a public meeting I hosted in Heathfield. I invited 17 parish councils from across the constituency, Chambers of Commerce from Crowborough, Hailsham and Heathfield, as well as local residents, businesses and groups to put their questions to the person in charge of our water infrastructure. Head to my website for more details and to let me know if you are still having issues with your supplies.

I am also pleased to say that I launched my 2026 Christmas card competition, where children from participating primary schools will have the chance to feature as the winning design, with the theme Design a Christmas Jumper. I am reviewing the entries and will announce the winning design over the coming weeks.

Christmas is fast approaching, and you still have time to buy gifts for friends and family. Small Business Saturday takes place on 5 December this year and is a great initiative to support local traders. My constituency covers a vast area, but I'd encourage you to explore everything the area has to offer. Whether it is the bustling high streets of Crowborough, Hailsham and Heathfield, the village traders in East Hoathly, Rotherfield and Wadhurst, or independent farms and businesses in places like Eridge and Waldron, we have an array of excellent local traders and businesses who rely so much on you supporting them.

If I can assist in any way, you wish to attend a surgery, or if there is a local organisation you would like me to meet, please do get in touch. I am also arranging tours of Parliament, it is a wonderful place to visit and you'll get to wander the corridors of this historic building. Visit my website nusghani.org.uk or email Nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk



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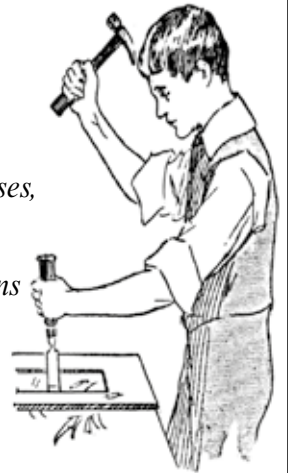
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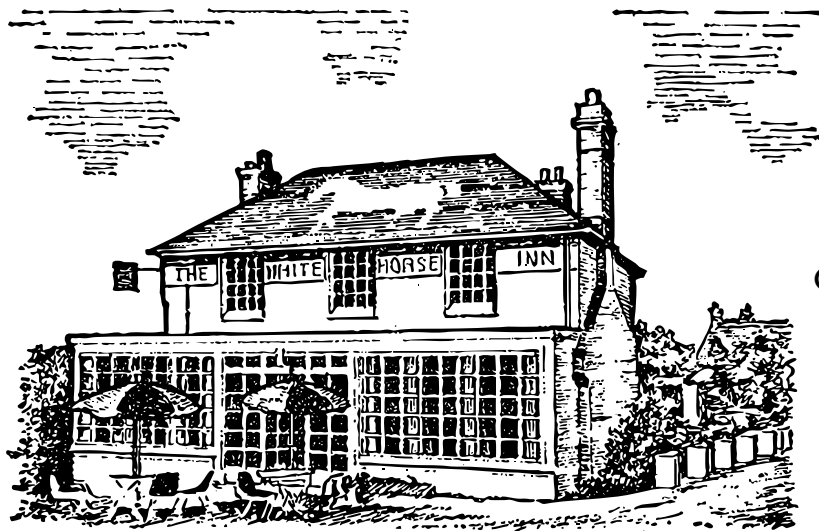
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Warbleton Church – Safeguarding Sunday.

On Sunday 22nd November, Warbleton Church will be joining other Churches across the UK in hosting Safeguarding Sunday. This initiative began with a small pilot project in 2018 involving just a handful of churches. The aim was to determine whether giving space in a Sunday service to focus on safeguarding would help Churches make their communities and places of worship safer. The result then, and what continues to be the case now, with the thousands of Churches that now take part each year, is that it does. And the impact is greater than ever could have been imagined.

Safeguarding Sunday is about our church, our congregation, and our community. Supported by a national campaign, it provides an opportunity to talk openly about the safeguarding culture we are creating at Warbleton, the practical steps we have in place, and the people we have who can be trusted if something isn't right.

Safeguarding Sunday is now a national movement that invites churches across the UK to stand together and show that the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and adults is not an optional extra to faith, but central to our life and witness as followers of Christ. Each year, thousands of Churches and Christian organisations of every tradition, denomination and size come together to take part. As Christians, we believe each person is made in the image of God and therefore worthy of dignity, care, and protection. Scripture calls us to speak up for those who are vulnerable and strive to create communities where people can belong without fear (Proverbs 31:8).

Safeguarding Sunday offers Churches a way to show that these are not just values to be talked about, but practices that shape how we live, worship and care for one another. But when we reflect on some people's experience of church, it's clear we haven't always got things right. Our Churches and Christian communities have not always been the safe places they should have been. The voices of victims, survivors, and those with lived experience of abuse, from across the spectrum of Christian faith, challenge us to humility, repentance, and a renewed commitment to do better.

In its simplest terms, Safeguarding is the protection of those in our care. In 1 Corinthians 13, we're told that love protects. Safeguarding isn't an external pressure or 'thing to do', it's an act of love. And love is central to our faith. When you love someone, protecting them isn't a duty — it's instinctive. Think about a loving parent with their child, or how you'd naturally shield a friend or relative from harm. You don't need a policy to tell you to keep them safe. You just do it because that's what love does. Paul knew this when he wrote those famous words in 1 Corinthians 13. Right in the middle of his description of love, alongside patience and kindness, he says, 'love protects'. Always. Not sometimes. Not when it's convenient. Always.

Always remember that Safeguarding Sunday is designed as a catalyst to help our church talk about safeguarding, raise awareness, and renew commitment. But it shouldn't stop there. Safeguarding is important all year round, not just on one special Sunday a year.

Hosting this occasion and being open about safeguarding isn't a sign we have a problem, quite the opposite. It's something for us to be clear and confident about, so that everyone who connects with Warbleton Church knows they will be kept safe.

My prayer is simple in that I ask that God uses this campaign to make his Church a safer place for everyone.

Steve Clark
Parish Safeguarding Officer



SERVICES in November 2026

Warbleton Parish Church

Sunday 1st	11.00 am	All Age Family Service at which our shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child are collected
Sunday 8th	10.50 am	Remembrance Service
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 22nd	11.00 am	Holy Communion – Safeguarding Sunday
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Morning Worship for Advent Sunday
December Sunday 1st	11.00 am.	All age Christingle Service

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Sunday 1st	9.30 am.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	10.50 am.	All-Age Family Service for Remembrance Sunday, the service will start in the church before continuing outside at the war memorial and at our two war graves. The service will be taken by Revd. Malcolm Elwis.
Sunday 15th	9.30 am.	Morning Worship with Holy Communion.
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am.	Morning Prayer
Sunday 29th	9.30 am	Book of Common Prayer Choral Matins. Service taken by Revd. Malcolm Elwis

St Giles Dallington

Sunday 1st	11.00 am	Service of the Word
Sunday 8th	10.50 am	Remembrance Service starting in the church then continuing at the war memorial at 11.00am
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am.	Holy Communion.
Sunday 29 th	11.00 am	Service of the Word

Three Villages Calendar for November 2026

Wednesday 4th	Prayer first at the Rectory	7.45pm for 8.00pm to 9.00pm
Thursday 5th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Monday 9th	Warbleton & District History Group	7.00pm to 8.00pm
Thursday 12th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Monday 16 th	Villages Luncheon Club at Bodle Street Green Village Hall	11.30am to 2.30pm
Thursday 19th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Thursday 26th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon

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St. Giles Church, Dallington

Sunday 1st	11.00 am	Service of the Word
Sunday 8th	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 15th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	9.30 am.	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	11.00 am	Service of the Word



The former Bishop of Lewes from 2014 to 2020, Richard Jackson, wrote:

REMEMBRANCE – dying – that others may live in Freedom

One of my churchwardens in my last parish, that of Rudgewick, produced an exhibition, borne of many hours of research, on the lives of the men on the Roll of Honour. His graphic design skills brought them vividly to life. There were photos; maps showing where they had lived; entries in the baptismal register and records from the school discipline book – they weren't all angels! Alongside were records of the actions where they lost their lives and poignant photos.

Photos of proud men off to serve their country, often snapped shortly before they died. Articles from the parish magazine of the 20's recorded the 'gentle weeping' as the names were read out at the annual Remembrance Day service.

At that point they were more than names. They were sons, daughters, husbands and fathers. No family was unaffected. There are 33 names on the WWI Roll of Honour at a time when the population of the village was about 600. The same surnames are repeated, perhaps more tragically when they appear again in the next war just over 20 years later.

We continue quite rightly to keep their names alive, for as someone once said, "Those who do not learn the lessons of history are condemned to repeat its mistakes." However, these men and women are much more than names on a board.

Even though all the WWI veterans are gone and the brave band from WW2 diminishes year by year; even though for young people these events fade into history rather than experience, they bring into focus a great truth of the Christian faith.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Even the hairs on your head are numbered." He invites us to call God, Father. Those whose remains are unidentified have graves marked: A soldier known unto God. We, like them are known unto God. Known personally and valued infinitely. They died for their country and an ideal, fighting against tyranny. Jesus died for us, that the knowledge God has of us can become a lived experience of restored relationship, sins forgiven and new life.

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The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew on thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely, I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me, I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour!;
One far fierce hour and sweet,
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Visiting the Peninsula

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There were thirty-three of us with two coach drivers and one very knowledgeable Battlefield Guide. In order to join the coach at Exeter, to sail overnight from Plymouth to Santander, Margaret and I had to be picked up by a minibus from opposite Eastbourne Pier at three o'clock in the morning. And someone had to drive us to Eastbourne Pier at three o'clock in the morning – thank you, our dutiful son, Michael. The return journey was Calais-Dover, which meant driving the length of France. We spent a lot of time on that coach.

Many of us are familiar with the memorials and cemeteries in France and Belgium for victims of the First and Second World Wars. Rows of headstones neatly carved and beautifully maintained by the War Graves Commission, every soldier named and recorded. We have war graves in England in our own churchyards. For the Peninsular War in Spain there are some memorials, but very few graves or cemeteries. Thousands of men were killed in battle and thousands more died from disease, yet only a handful have marked graves.

The one cemetery we did visit – and it is possible it is the only one you can visit – is at Elvas in Portugal, and it only contains five marked graves. It is called The English Cemetery on the gate, now known as the British Cemetery, and maintained by Friends of the British Cemetery at Elvas. General Hoghton was the first burial. He was killed at the Battle of Albuera fought nearby on 16th May 1811. Permission for the burial was given by the Portuguese governor of Elvas, a fortified town and supply centre for the allied army. Protestant Englishmen could not be buried in Catholic graveyards, so the spot chosen was at a demi-bastion or corner of the town fortifications, now a quiet and peaceful place. Elvas was never attacked by the French armies, so perhaps it was always a quiet place.

At the entrance to the English Cemetery is a small chapel, San Joao de Corojeira, St John of Corojeira or St John of the Owls. The Chapel was there long before the Cemetery. It was founded in 1228 by the Knights Hospitallers of St John of Jerusalem and was to commemorate a siege in 1166 when Elvas was recaptured from the Moors. The Knights were the first to break in, and the Chapel was built where this happened.

When the Friends of the British Cemetery became involved, the Chapel was in ruins. Permission was sought from the Archdiocese of Evora to restore the Chapel and an agreement was reached. Permission to restore was given. In return the chapel was allowed to be ecumenical with Catholics and Protestants worshipping together. The Chapel was formally reconsecrated on 24th June 2010, the feast day of St John the Baptist, and there is an annual ceremony on 14th May to commemorate the Battle of Albuera, as well as a service on Remembrance Sunday.

On Remembrance Sunday we bring to mind those who have fought and died on our behalf and for their country, in the past, in the present, and those who will have to fight in the future.

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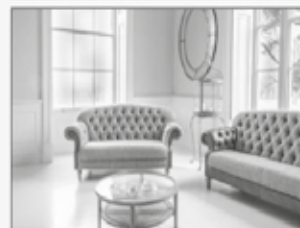


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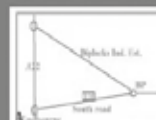
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It has been 80 years since VE day and VJ day and we owe a great deal to those who gave their lives in all parts of the world for liberty from tyranny and terror. In some place it seems to have been in vain, but we must not forget and I hope people can find something to put in the collections to support those who suffered from terrible wounds and memories and those who help them who, with RBL's support provided by generous givers, in these straitened times

Contact details for Paul will be on the Poppy trays and tins

Margaret Harding

Bodle Street Green Gardening Club Programme for 2026

Tuesday 17th November at 6.30pm

Annual General Meeting with cheese & wine

More churches can start repairs in latest round of grants

Sussex Historic Churches Trust (SHCT) was delighted to award £57,000 to our church buildings, including £15,000 to the 12th-century St Mary the Virgin in Clapham, near Worthing. Along with a late grant decision of £5,500 to St Matthias in Brighton, this brings the Trust's total grants for the year to well over £100,000.

Grants from SHCT play an invaluable role across Sussex in helping our churches carry out essential care and conservation of their historic buildings. They are often the 'make or break' factor in enabling repairs to go ahead.

The latest round of awards will play a vital role in maintaining precious places of worship and heritage across the county. We hear from eight of the churches in this latest round:

St John the Evangelist, Bodle Street Green

St John the Evangelist, Bodle Street Green, received £4,000. The small, unlisted village church is just over 100 years old in its present form, having been rebuilt after a fire following a harvest festival.

The Revd Canon Marc Lloyd said: "We were delighted that the Sussex Historic Churches Trust were able to support our small unlisted village church. Alongside generous donations from members of the congregation, the grant funding we've received will help us to continue to serve the village and witness to the gospel. "It was great that we could get these essential repairs carried out before winter sets in."

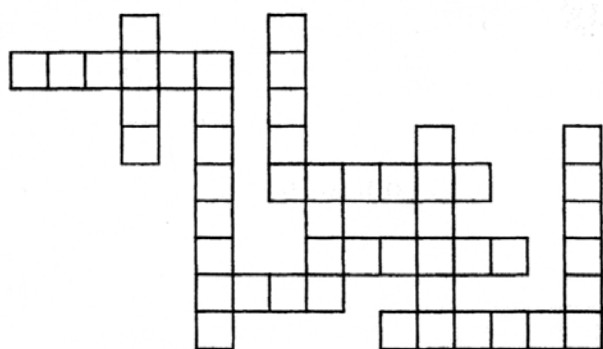
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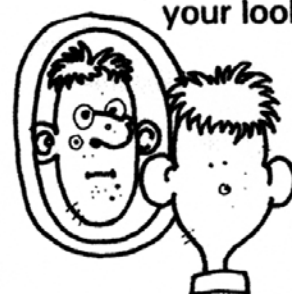


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BIG LITTLE ARTS WEEKEND REVIEW – September 4th – 6th 2026

Rushlake Green's 2026 Big Little Arts (BLAW) Weekend was a resounding success. Based in Dunn Village Hall and organised by the Little Arts Rushlake Green group, it brought together local artists, musicians, dancers and poets - enabling all their incredible talents to be shared with an enthusiastic and appreciative series of audiences.

As a showcase for local artists, musicians and performers, it offered a rich variety of events.

The *Open Art Show* attracted a brilliant collection of artworks and the exhibition space looked very classy with its smart new boards financed by grants from Wealden District Council and Warbleton Parish council and built by our hardworking team. The event was very well attended and it was great to see the young theatrical costume designer Isabel Sheppard's acceptance of her Little Arts Award so well appreciated. This is an annual award made to help a local young person make their way in the art world.

Dunn Village Hall was then transformed as the venue for the *Big Little Gig*.

Bookended by rock bands, we had great sessions by a great variety of ten acts. Sunday morning rung a totally different change with a stunning *Irish Dance Demo*

by the amazing Ace Academy dancers - many incredibly young and yet so self-assured. Then we hosted a *Poetry Workshop* followed by an afternoon *Poetry Circle* attracting more than a dozen local poets..

BLAW could not have happened without several months and countless hours of planning and development work by all the members of the Little Arts Rushlake Green team. With thanks in no small part to the combination of audience contributions, artist fees, and the fact that all the musicians and dancers provided their time for free, the event was able to cover its costs - well positioning the group to plan more events like this in the future.

<https://littleartsrushlakegreen.co.uk/2026-big-little-arts-weekend-review>

Nigel McKeeman – Little Arts project team



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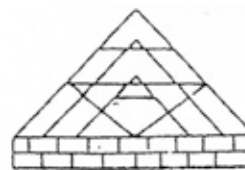
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