

**Ashurst St James  
Parish E-Newsletter  
Summer 2024**

## Father Mark writes:

More than half of the world's population will be taking part in popular elections this year. Is this surge of democracy something to rejoice about? Many of those voting across the world – over more than 80 countries – will do so with eager excitement. In some countries people will travel miles to queue for hours before they can exercise their right to vote. Some elections will be marred by corruption, in countries where people envy the freedoms we can take for granted. It has been said that the results of these elections across a changing world may change the course of history.

In the UK many people will greet yet another election more negatively. Some of us may feel something like Brenda, interviewed in Bristol in 2017: 'You're joking. Not another one!'



Probably this reflects an increasing lack of trust in those we have elected to represent us. Surveys show that, in the UK, trust in politicians is lower than any other profession, indeed it is lower than it has ever been (Ipsos Veracity Index, December 2023).

One starting point, as we begin to think about our own rights and responsibilities as citizens of a representative democracy, are the opening words of the second chapter of the short Letter to Timothy. We are not absolutely sure which one of St Paul's followers compiled this set of instructions to a Bishop in the early church, but his words were regarded as of sufficient importance to be included in the New Testament. Writing at a time of persecution and tyranny he urges Timothy and all early Christians to pray for all rulers – so that everyone 'may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honour God' (1 Timothy 2:2 CEV).

It is important that we pray for those who seek to rule us. If we do that, we may find it easier not to be influenced by those who seek to promote cynicism or conflict in the political life of our nation for their own motives. Whatever our own political allegiances, however strong our doubts, it is important also to pray that we will be wise as we use our votes on 4 July – and to pray after as well as before we do so.

Yours in the love of Christ

*Fr Mark*

### **Everlasting God**

**whose Spirit broods everlastingly over the lands and the waters,**

**and endows them with form and colour:**

**give us, we pray, the mind and heart**

**to rejoice in the majesty of creation.**

**Teach us to be responsible stewards of this world**

**and to seek the common good,**

**that through your blessing all may flourish,**

**and creation sing your praise**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

# Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers 2024



The floral arrangements at Chichester Cathedral Festival of Flowers in early June were truly magnificent.

The theme this year was *Creation* and those who had so magically transformed the cathedral into a delicate floral enclave certainly created an awe-inspiring atmosphere.

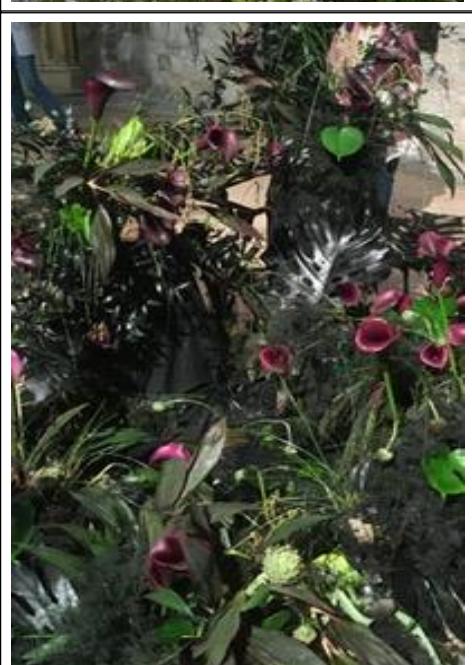
Upon entering the cathedral, visitors were greeted by an ambience reminiscent of a meadow in full bloom.

The soft pastel tones, natural flowing grasses and floral scents drew one fully in to a sensory immersive experience, where the magic of floristry had transformed the nave and surrounding aisles into a floral haven.



There were 60 arrangements all based on different interpretations of Creation with inspiration taken from the book of Genesis, with swaying floral planets hanging from high above, to an arrangement of sea creatures from the ocean's depths. The colour and structure of the flowers conveyed powerful stories, such as the "*Good versus Evil*" arrangements.

"*Good*" was pure white flowers - Lilies, *Gypsopala* and *Lunaria*, with a bright fresh green foliage, all soft and flowing. Whereas the colouring of "*Evil*" was deep purples, blacks and darker shades of green; using spiky globe artichokes, dark ferns, flax and other large rigid structural leaves.



The use of artificial oasis foam to create the arrangements was banned this year, so the clever use of chicken wire balls, jam jars and other recyclable materials was encouraged and used in some arrangements as a key part of the artistic creation.

It is well worth a visit in future years, it certainly rivals Chelsea as a floral extravaganza. Perhaps one day we may even create our own Ashurst floral festival!

**Editor's note: Thanks to Hayley Brown, one of our wonderful 'church flower ladies'.**

## Recent events

Recent services include a well-attended Easter Service and then, a couple of weeks ago, we had an inspiring family service entitled 'God's Acre'. For further details, see the Churchyard Notes below.

## Forthcoming events

**Patronal Service:** Our annual patronal service will be held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00 pm.

The service will be a sung Evensong, with the choir from Steyning Church showing us the way.

Dr Brian Hanson has also kindly agreed to talk to us about our patron saint, St James.

After the service, refreshments will be served, hopefully, outside in the churchyard.

Please do come and join us for what is always an enjoyable event!

## Michael Fairless and the Roadmender

The Roadmender was written in the 1800s about the Adur Valley and very much to Edwardian tastes. The author had a deep love of the countryside which is so evident in her book, The Roadmender, and in fact Michael Fairless was a woman, Margaret Barber, using her middle name Fairless and the Christian name of a dear childhood friend, Michael McDonnell.

Margaret Barber was born in the West Riding of Yorkshire, the youngest of 3 daughters. When her father died, her mother being unable to cope, sent her to relatives in Torquay where she attended a local school and became an avid reader.

In 1884 she went to London to train as a nurse in a children's hospital but, suffering from a spinal condition, her health deteriorated to such an extent that she became unable to look after herself. She was adopted by the Dowson family who lived in Henfield where she died in August 1901.

In her lifetime she wrote a number of books but probably the most successful, The Roadmender, was reprinted 31 times in ten years becoming a huge success and it is still available on both Amazon and Kindle.

Her grave lies to the Eastern side of the churchyard of St. James's Ashurst and bears the epitaph "Lo how I loved thee".

A short extract from The Roadmender illustrates her deep love of nature and the countryside which we are all so privileged to enjoy living in Ashurst.

### Editor's Note - Thanks to Crissy Smith for this contribution

'The coppice at our back is full of birds, for it is far from the road and they nest there undisturbed year after year. Through the still night I heard the nightingales calling, calling, until I could bear it no longer and went softly out into the luminous dark.

The little wood was manifold with sound, I heard my little brothers who move by night rustling in grass and tree. A hedgehog crossed my path with a dull squeak, the bats shrilled high to the stars, a white owl swept past me crying his hunting note, a beetle boomed suddenly in my face, and above and through it all the nightingales sang - and sang!'



# Churchyard Notes

## Summer 2024

On 9th June, we had a church service entitled God's Acre, a celebration of St James's Churchyard. Father Mark pointed out the interesting etymology of the term God's Acre which, while working brilliantly in English, actually comes from the German, Gottesacker (Field of God), an ancient designation for a burial ground.

The three key points made at the service were:

- (1) we are fortunate to have such a historic Churchyard which is a great place for peaceful reflection, full of bird noise and hopefully plentiful colour from wild flowers, trees, butterflies etc
- (2) it provides precious habitat in a nature depleted environment as the ground has escaped being tilled, fertilised or sprayed with multiple species of flora in evidence across the year, over 100 according to a 2016 botanical survey, and
- (3) we manage it to provide both mowed areas to wander around in and more natural areas where we can enjoy the wildlife and see what species emerge from year to year; with these areas cleared at the end of summer and the grass clippings collected and taken away.

The churchyard is, as noted above, a burial ground and it was reiterated at the service that, if anyone wants a pathway kept clear to a particular grave, that wish can easily be accommodated. Also mentioned at the service was the local writer, Michael Fairless, whose grave is anonymous but with the epitaph 'Lo how I loved thee' and is kept cleared.

We had a good wander round the Churchyard both during and after the service. The birdsong is exceptional at this time of year with for example song thrush, blackcap and treecreeper all having been recorded recently. And one or two brave souls were tempted into tasting sorrel and ribwort plantain, well-known foragers' fare, which are currently showing strongly.

So the message to all Ashurst residents and visitors is - make use of our lovely Churchyard!

David Fischel        June 2024  
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# Ashurst Parish Council      Summer 2024

## Speedwatch and Speed Restrictions within the Parish

The Council is exploring funding possibilities to purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID) for the village. The cheapest SIDs cost around £2,750 while the more sophisticated ones are in the region of £3,550. The plan would be to run this by solar panels. After conversations with our County Councillor, the Council is optimistic that it will be able to arrange for a 40mph buffer zone between the national speed limit zone and the village.

## Ashurst Village Clean-up day - Saturday 16th March.



We were pleased to welcome a number of Ashurst residents – all dressed up in suitable clothing and ready to tackle the collection of the extensive rubbish deposited over the last few years along the verges of Ashurst's roads.

Given the number of volunteers who came along, not only were we able to tackle the main road but some of us ventured down to the Rec Ground and the lanes of Spithandle, Peppers and Honeybridge.

It was a great effort, and as you can see from the photos – not only did we enjoy ourselves, we also managed to collect a significant amount of 'stuff'!

So thank you so much to everyone who came along and, given the success and enthusiasm for this event, we think we should try and make this an annual one!

## Rampion

The Public Examination on Rampion opened on 6 February 2024 and is expected to close on 6 August 2024. Further information regarding progress on the Examination timetable and the Rampion project in general can be found at: <https://national-infrastructure-consenting.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/EN010117/examination-timetable>

## Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 7.30 pm.

We are very pleased to say that Rowley Gregg MC has kindly agreed to come and talk to us about his experiences in the army and since. See the next page for details.

We hope to see you at there.

**Contact details** of our clerk, Emily Simpson, are: [ashurstclerk@outlook.com](mailto:ashurstclerk@outlook.com)

Further Parish Council Information can be found on the website at [www.ashurstparishcouncil.org](http://www.ashurstparishcouncil.org)

There are currently two vacancies on the Council, so if anyone is interested, please do get in touch with Emily.

**Please remember that we are here to represent you so don't hesitate to contact us if you think we can help in some way.**



# **ASHURST PARISH COUNCIL.**



**IS PLEASED TO INVITE YOU**

**TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**TO BE HELD AT ASHURST VILLAGE HALL**

**ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024 AT 7.30 PM**

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Introduction and welcome by the Chairman.**
- 2. To agree and sign the minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting**
- 3. Our two Horsham District Councillors, Victoria Finnegan and Nicholas Marks, will be providing us with an update and overview on their first year in office.**
- 4. Rowley Gregg MC has kindly agreed to give us a talk entitled Today's Soldier – Operations, Welfare and Beyond. This will cover his experiences in Afghanistan and his work since leaving the Army.**

**Questions from the Floor will be taken on Items 3 and 4 above.**

**Break for tea and coffee**

- 5. The Chairman's Annual Report together with Reports from other Village groups and societies.**

**Questions from the Floor will be taken on Item 5 above.**

**Close of meeting**

**The Annual Parish Meeting, although chaired by the Chairman of the Parish Council, is not a Parish Council Meeting. It is a good opportunity for the residents of Ashurst to be given an update on local issues and to provide a forum for them to ask questions, share ideas and to express their views on these issues.**

**Refreshments will be served during the break giving you an opportunity to meet your local Parish Council representatives, to catch up with fellow parishioners as well as continue discussions with our guest speakers.**

**We hope to see you there!**

## Ashurst Village Hall

Summer 2024

Bookings for the hall continue to be sporadic, although the hall recently hosted its first Wedding Reception since Covid, see photo of room set up below.



The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to remind residents that we are so fortunate to have this asset on our doorstep and ask that they give consideration to booking the Hall for a party or celebration. Also we'd very much appreciate the word being spread to family, friends or associates. The Meeting Room is ideal for business meetings or corporate briefings etc.

Whilst the Hall reserves are still healthy, operating costs, such as Emergency Lighting and Fire Inspections, Insurance and Electricity continue to rise.

The next major Village Hall events are the Ashurst Flower and Produce Show on 21st July and the Harvest Supper with a hot supper and local entertainers on 12th October.

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## Ashurst Flix in the Stix

Summer 2024

Hello Filmonauts,

Our last showing of the locally filmed "Vindication Swim" – was a film by Elliott Hasler, about a Brighton girl, Mercedes Gleitze. She was the 1st English woman to swim across the English Channel in 1927. We were also treated to a Q&A session with film's producer.

From an average sized audience we managed an 86% approval rating!

Another great film from the team @ Flix!

Our next presentation at the Village Hall is on Saturday 27th July 2024 at 7:30pm, with the usual reductions for 1st timers and their sponsors.

The team of volunteers is still in the process of finding a film for you. The Newsletter will be sent out as soon as possible.

**Bob Harari** - Ashurst Flix in the Stix.

Bob Harari ([bob@flixinthestix.com](mailto:bob@flixinthestix.com))

# Ashurst Country Fair & Fun Dog Show 2024

We are all very much looking forward to the Ashurst Fair & Fun Dog Show on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 from 12pm.

Please do get in touch with any of the organisers if you are willing to help on the day, or **if you have a stall that you would like to bring along** – the more variety the better!

This year we are having a **Vintage/Retro/Car Boot Sale** as part of the afternoon of fun, a chance to dig out all of those unwanted items and pass them on to new homes!

Also **new this year** we have a fun '**Best Home-Made Doggy Bow-tie Competition**' - prizes for all, entries and judging take place *throughout the afternoon*. We are looking forward to seeing all of your pooches in their fashion statement neck wear!

Don't forget to bring *cash* on the day for Dog Show Classes, teas/cakes/barbeque/bar etc.

Help is needed with raffle prizes, bottles for the bottle stall, prize hamper food & gifts and of course **CAKES!**

If you can help please leave items with Anne Symonds (bottles), Liz Hamilton, Di Stevens, Jan Griffiths (Cakes), Mandy Hedley or Sarah Powel



**ASHURST COUNTRY FAIR & FUN DOG SHOW**

Come and join us  
ASHURST RECREATION GROUND  
SUNDAY, 1st SEPTEMBER 2024 from 12pm  
Fun for All the Family and a fabulous doggy day out!

**COUNTRY STALLS,  
VINTAGE & RETRO CAR BOOT SALE,  
Bar, Pimms Bar, Teas/Coffee/Cake & Barbeque  
& SO MUCH MORE!**

Why not enter one of our many Dog Show Classes?  
Have a go at the Fun Agility or **new this year** - see if you can win a prize with the **Best Home Made Doggy Bow Tie Competition!!**

Please bring cash for Dog Show Class entries  
Tel: 07774585313 for more information



**ASHURST COUNTRY FAIR & FUN DOG SHOW**  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024  
12 noon until approximately 5pm (Car boot set up from 10:30am)  
Location Ashurst Recreation Ground, BN44 3AY

TO INCLUDE A

**VINTAGE/RETRO & CAR BOOT SALE**

ENTRY ON THE DAY CARS £12 VANS £15 (Please note this is a small Country Fair)  
NO unauthorised food & drink sellers  
Show Visitors £2 per car

Please contact 07774585313 or 07821799004 for further info or email amanda.jane.hedley@gmail.com

There will be BBQ, Ice-Cream, Teas & Cakes, Bar & Pimm's Bar so no need to bring your lunch!  
Bring your dog to join in the Fun Dog Show!

## Ashurst Cricket Club

## Summer 24 Update

Our first game of the year is scheduled for Sunday 30 June – ie this Sunday, starting at 1.30 pm at home against local village, Nuthurst.

We have a further game scheduled for Sunday 4 August, also at home, against Preston Park, Brighton, who we played and narrowly lost to last year.

If all goes well, we will look to play a further game or two later in August and/or in early September. Team raising is progressing well for 30 June but there are still places for that day or for the next game in August, so anyone who is interested should contact David Fischel (07710582843) or Rowley Gregg (07850051850) as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to better weather by 30 June, it looks like skipping the early part of this cricket season was a master stroke as the ground is still only just drying out now.

David Fischel      Chairman      Ashurst Cricket Club.

June 24

## Ashurst Football Club

## Summer 24 Update

After our unforgettable season last year, winning the league and getting promoted, we moved up a league to Division 2 North, which was definitely a step up.

The season was long and tiring. We managed to build a very competitive side that worked hard all season long.

We started off well, with big wins against Billingshurst, Crusaders, and Horsham Baptists. The winter months were not kind as we hit a slight bad run of form during January and February. Some key players were also struck down with injuries.



We then managed to turn our fate around and get ourselves back together, picking up some season changing results with wins over rivals Horsham Crusaders and TD Shipley.

We ended the season in 2nd place, only 3 points away from winning another league.

We wait now to hear if we have been promoted for a second season in a row, which will push us up higher to Division 1.



Ashurst W.I continues to flourish with our programme of speakers and outings. We have enjoyed hearing about the work of the Lorica Trust in Storrington, and we welcomed a speaker and two wonderful dogs from Search Dogs Sussex to hear of the fascinating work that is done by the dogs and their owners locating missing persons in Sussex. Steyning Greening also visited and talked about how to improve our environment with some interesting statistics and information.

This month we visited Daylands Farm where Derek and Margaret showed us round in the hope of hearing Nightingales. Sadly we were a bit late in the year, so next year we shall be visiting for our May meeting. We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit, on a pleasant sunny evening, and the excellent refreshments and chat afterwards. This month we are visiting a Flower Farm in Hurstpierpoint and are looking forward to welcoming some more excellent speakers in the coming months.

We meet in the Village Hall on the 2nd Monday of the month, starting at 7.30pm. We welcome visitors and if you would like more information please contact me, Vanessa.

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Vanessa Timms, President of Ashurst WI

## Ashurst Flower Show

## Summer 2024



### ASHURST PRODUCE AND FLOWER SHOW 2024

Sunday 21st July 2024

SCHEDULE	
Class	Category
#	VEGETABLES AND FRUIT
1	Collection of 4 vegetables in a container
2	Salad tray
3	5 French beans
4	5 Runner beans
5	5 Potatoes coloured
6	5 Potatoes white
7	5 Pods of peas
8	3 Onions (unskinned)
9	1 Lettuce (cos/cabbage, leave roots on)
10	3 Beetroot trimmed (50-70 mm size, 3 inch stem)
11	3 Cherry tomatoes (max. 30mm)
12	3 Carrots trimmed (3 inch stem)
13	1 Vegetable marrow
14	3 Tomatoes
15	5 Broad beans
16	5 Shallots - giant (unskinned)
17	2 Courgettes of equal length
18	2 Greenhouse cucumbers, equal length
19	2 Cucumbers outdoor, equal length
20	Collection of 3 cut herbs, 3 sprigs of each
21	2 of any vegetable not in schedule
22	5 Soft fruit not in schedule
23	5 Raspberries
24	5 sprigs black currants
25	Longest runner bean
	ROSES
26	1 Rose bloom
27	5 Roses any variety
28	3 Stems polyanthus/floribunda roses (cluster/flowered)
29	1 Specimen rose for scent only, any variety
	FLOWERS
30	5 Stems of Cosmos
31	5 Perennials mixed
32	5 Sweet Peas
33	House Plant, Foliage alone
34	A Pelargonium
35	3 Stems of Phlox
36	Hanging Basket

The sausage soirée was hosted on 7th June by Helen and Mark at Burnetts.

It was a wonderful summery evening, lots of sausages, Pimms and other goodies to entertain everyone.

A great success with around 40 people attending, introducing the show to quite a few of the newer villagers.

## Ashurst Village Flower Show

[ashurstflowershow.co.uk](http://ashurstflowershow.co.uk)

Please find attached the schedule for the upcoming 65th Flower and Produce Show, due to be held this year on Sunday 21st July 2024 at the Village Hall from 2pm - 4:30pm.

This is a small friendly show open to all villagers and anyone connected to the village.

Please come and enter something – Veg & fruit, flowers, photos, cookery... and enjoy the show!

Details, schedule and entry form on <https://ashurstflowershow.co.uk/>

Geoff Cobby Hon Sec

# Ashurst CE Aided Primary School      Summer Term 2024



Surely it can't be nearing the end of the summer term already? We have had a busy few months and have been pleased to be able to enjoy using the field for our PE and playtimes now that the weather is better. Our children have also been busy using the field to enhance their learning by looking at plants, seeds and habitats and identifying trees. We have kept a careful eye on the young saplings and have weeded around them a little- although there are some rather spiky ones!



As a continuation of our 150 Year anniversary we have been collecting Jars and Jams to support one of our chosen charities, The Wholesome Warehouse. We had a very good response and on a warm sunny day the Young Ashurst Governors were duly employed to count the donations... They were delighted to find we had collected 182 (this later increased to 203 when we discovered another bag).

In May we were pleased to welcome Mrs Croft and one of her team, Zoe, to speak to Squirrel Class as part of their RE learning about how The Wholesome Warehouse came to be. They gladly took the bags and crates of jars and jams along with a bookcase and a coffee table which they will be able to distribute to families in need.

Another first for us was celebrating Rogation on 14<sup>th</sup> May in school time. We are grateful to Mr and Mrs Garnett for letting us hold the service in their garden. It was well attended by children, families and members of the local community. It also gave us the opportunity to show how hard the Grow Your Garden Club have been working in Bumble's Garden. Rev. Caroline led the service and was ably supported by our Worship Warriors, thank you too to those parents who supported us with singing.



We have been busy on our school visits this term with Y3&Y4 visiting Wakehurst Place, Y1&Y2 visiting Arundel Castle and Y5&Y6 took a trip around the Shoreham locality. Our older children made us so proud at the Steyning Music Festival where they enthusiastically and tunefully joined with the other schools in our locality to sing some very tricky songs, there was much agreement afterwards that this was the best performance ever.

We have been very fortunate to have some wonderful visitors to Ashurst; we have all enjoyed the SPLASH! assemblies and Y6 are looking forward to their own bespoke transition assembly with the SPLASH! team at the end of June.

Parents Mr Kilham and Mrs Crowe visited Mouse Class and Squirrel Class respectively, Mr Kilham fascinated the younger children when he shared some of his farming knowledge and Mrs Crowe shared a sensory story about the Rainforest to compliment Squirrel class's summer topic.



Mrs Hedley and I had a wonderful week away with our Y6 children on their residential to Swanage. We can't believe it is time for them to take their next steps and we all wish them the very best as they move on to their secondary schools in September.



We look forward to seeing you in the near future.  
Kindest regards,

Mrs Smith and all at Ashurst CE Aided Primary School.

# The Friends of Ashurst Primary School Summer 2024

FAPS and the Amazing Ashurst Marathon 21st April 2024. What a fantastic achievement! A sunny, dry, Sunday with fabulous fancy-dress costumes and many personal bests from the children, some of whom did 15 laps of the playing field. Thank you so much to all those who took part, and to the very generous sponsors, many of you from the village, who helped FAPS raise an incredible £2,030! This amount is going to make a really big impact on how we can develop our playground space.



In case you were not aware, as a Church Aided School, 10% of the Devolved Formula Capital Grant allocation is not provided by state funds, and FAPS have to raise and provide this amount to the school's Governing Body. We are very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and committed FAPS team who fundraise to support our school in this way.

If anyone would like to get involved we welcome all fundraising suggestions and help! If any of you missed the announcement regarding 'Easyfundraising', please support us if you can by registering today at <http://efraising.org/WtYquPNypZ>

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Ashurst C Of E Primary School.

It really is very simple and you can support our  
fundraising without it costing you a penny!!

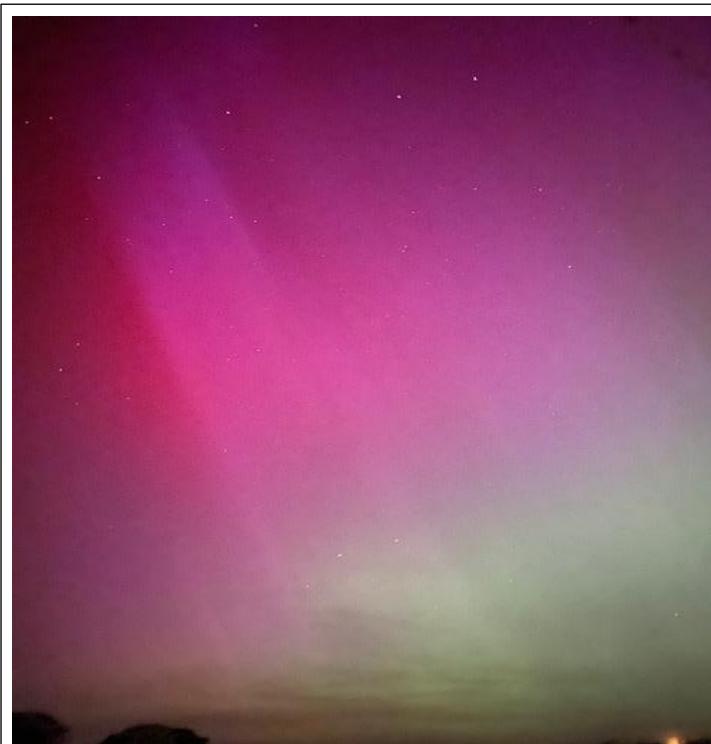
May 2024 was widely reported in the media as the hottest ever May worldwide - a conclusion that would have been very surprising to shivering and damp Ashurst residents. But it is a good reminder that the impact of climate change is spread unevenly across the globe and we are becoming aware that the implications for UK agriculture may be significant.

On a different subject, we have a wide spread of raptors around Ashurst - owls, sparrowhawks, kestrels, buzzards and red kites are regularly spotted. Apparently, the UK's largest raptor, the re-introduced white tailed eagle, with a massive 2.5 metre wing span, has been spotted in the skies of Sussex, although I have yet to come across anyone in Ashurst who has spied it - it would be interesting if anyone has.

Summer has arrived late this year, yet the birds have been busy nesting and the amount of water around has been good for many creatures, including insects like midges which we may not particularly like but are all part of the ecosystem. Now is the time to look out for the most spectacular - damselflies and dragonflies.

## Editor's Note:

Thank you to all for the wonderful photos taken by Ashurst residents of our very own Northern Lights Show. I am sure you will agree, they are all quite fabulous. What talent we have in this village!



# Church Cleaning

# Summer 2024

We would just like to repeat our request made in the last Newsletter for any volunteers to help with the church cleaning. We would really appreciate having a few more willing helpers to swell the numbers. So will anyone who is prepared to give up a couple of hours every 6 months or so to help keep our wonderful old church looking well loved and well cared for, please contact [susie.fischel@outlook.com](mailto:susie.fischel@outlook.com)



## Forthcoming Village Dates

First Cricket Match	Recreation Ground	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30 pm
Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 pm
<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Flower and Produce Show</b>	Village Hall	Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Public from 2.00pm
Flix in the Stix	Village Hall	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	7.30 pm
<b>Patronal Sung Evensong</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>4.00 pm</b>
Second Cricket Match	Recreation Ground	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	2.00 pm
<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
Annual Dog Show	Recreation Ground	<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	From 12 noon
<b>Family Service</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	7.30 pm
Harvest Supper	Village Hall	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Evening TBC
<b>Harvest Service</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>



## Deadline for the Autumn 2024 Newsletter

Please note that the deadline for the next Parish Newsletter is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 24**.

Please send items for inclusion either as an e-mail or as a Word attachment to [susie.fischel@outlook.com](mailto:susie.fischel@outlook.com). All contributions particularly of photos are most welcome.

Many thanks to all contributors to this Newsletter – they are much appreciated.

