



TIDEBROOK NEWSLETTER

May 2022

We are so fortunate – Tidebrook is looking absolutely beautiful at the moment and June will be full of celebrations! All are welcome to the Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June and the following weekend, after a two year hiatus, to the ever-popular Tidebrook Fete.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

The Big Jubilee Lunch on Sunday 5th June will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community across Britain in the spirit of friendship and fun. A Tidebrook Community barbeque is planned, with the theme of red, white and blue, to take place on the churchyard lawn, from 12 noon to around 2 pm. Barbeque food will be provided; we'd welcome salads and desserts to be shared.

Please let Beverley Boylan know if you expect to come. She would also welcome help with ideas and practical arrangements, and can be contacted on 01892 782332 or sean.boylan@btopenworld.com

Tidebrook Fete 2022, Saturday 11th June, 1-4pm

It is wonderful that once again we can enjoy all the fun of the fete. Attractions will include a wide variety of stalls, games (for all ages!), the Wadhurst Brass Band and refreshments including the famous Tidebrook Fete afternoon tea and cakes.

The fete will be held at **Downgate House** by kind permission of Mrs Manya Sheldon (not Towngate House as inadvertently stated previously).

Message from the Organisers: As usual we shall be relying on your donations for the various stalls, from toys to jewellery, plants, cakes, jams, bottles and chocolates... but no bric à brac. Non-perishables may be left at the church porch from 4th June; plants and perishables from 10th June. We need volunteers to serve food and drinks, man the stalls and help with games. We also need muscle to move tables, chairs, erect and dismantle tents... before and after the event. We will be in touch with our previous helpers.

*If you are a newcomer and would like to help, please contact
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The Easter Sunday Service

The sun shone and beautiful displays of Easter flowers welcomed an encouragingly large number of families to Tidebrook Church for a very special Easter service led by David Payne. The theme of the service was The Road to Emmaus and began with a particularly moving film of Christ's appearance to two strangers on the road following his resurrection. Betty Payne read a beautiful poem and we sang some popular hymns.

The children nearly outnumbered the adults in church and they enjoyed a range of creative activities in the Parish Room prepared by Betty and enthusiastically led by Ellie Boylan who had come down from London especially to help out. The activities included colouring Easter cards, decorating Easter baskets, icing cup cakes and building a model garden. A wonderful uplifting way to celebrate Easter.

Vicki Soutar

Mowing volunteers needed - can you help?

Spring has sprung and now the grass is beginning to grow. Tidebrook has an enviable reputation for the churchyard being kept well-groomed and tidy. There has been a small band of willing volunteers giving up about three hours of their time to mow half the churchyard once during the mowing season. Unfortunately, this band of mowers is beginning to get older and some have been forced to give up through illness and infirmity, so we now need a few more younger volunteers to join the mowing team. There is a nice new mower to help with the process!

Any volunteers will be very welcome, so do please drop me an email if you would be willing to join us to help keep up the standards.

Anton Glanville (theglanvilles@yahoo.co.uk)

Nature Notes

Early April, it was a hard white frost, a pied wagtail was on a mossy roof, a common bird but not in my garden, they prefer open grass where they are seen with wagging tails collecting insects, these would be in short supply on such a cold morning. My veg plot has a good layer of horse manure and I expect insects and there are a pair of not so common grey wagtails having breakfast, they have yellow underparts from chin to tail, their habitat is along streams and one is not far from here. They have been visiting most days for a few weeks. As I watched for a few minutes a very small bird ran on the telegraph pole, a bird I hadn't seen for a long time, it was the treecreeper, it feeds on insects in the bark crevices for which it has a thin decurved bill. It only works up the tree, flying down, unlike the nuthatch which feeds in both directions. A good start for the day.

Vernon Vane

Beautiful decorations - a thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped decorate the Church this Easter. It looked absolutely wonderful and I am constantly amazed at how creative and talented people are. After the church being bare of flowers during Lent it is so joyful to see it decorated again.

There is no discussion as to what everyone is going to use in their arrangements yet magically they all work beautifully together.

I'd like to say a special thanks to Beverley (Boylan) and her neighbour.

Beverley fell victim to Covid just before Easter yet still managed to mastermind the installation of the pulpit decoration via the incredibly kind help of her neighbour. Well and above the call of duty!! Thank you also to Deborah and Ludo who heroically put away all the flower arranging paraphernalia on the Saturday night so it was ready for Sunday's service.

I hope that everyone had a fantastic Easter weekend.

Do contact me if you'd like to help with the church flowers (01892 785712) I am always looking for new volunteers! Vanessa Ringer

News of Burundi Visit

All went well for my two-week visit to Burundi in February, other than a two-day bout of food poisoning in the middle and the inconvenience of Covid tests at the beginning and end of the trip. It was great to meet friends and see the excellent work of Food for the Hungry, Burundi to work alongside a community in northern Burundi to combat poverty. Sadly, Burundi is classified, in financial terms, as the poorest country in Africa. I was there to assist with a mid-term evaluation of a 5-year community development programme. The programme has seen measurable improvements in child health with a decrease in the number of children who are underweight and stunted in their growth. This has been achieved by a variety of projects to improve agricultural production, family health, education and livelihoods. More news of the visit can be seen on the Wadhurst Parish website: www.wadhurstparishchurch.org. You are invited to join in supporting this work and receive regular newsletters by writing to: wadhurstburundilink@gmail.com

Steve Stordy

Newsletter information and deadline

The Newsletter is for all of Tidebrook to share local news and information.

Deadline for the June issue is Thursday 19th May.

Rosie Pearson, 01892 784802 or email: rosie@hucksters.co.uk

Welcome to Tidebrook!

A very warm welcome to:

Mike and Lucy Bowden with their sons Thomas and George. Little Orchard, Chittinghurst Lane.

John and Suzanne Hicks, Downgate Cottage.

Martin and Anna Sheridan with daughters Florence and Imogen. The Farmhouse, Tidebrook Manor Farm.

Anne Stordy

Nature in Tidebrook Photo Exhibition – open to everyone 1st – 3rd July 2022

Dear Tidebrook People, spring is now at its best, with multi-coloured blossoms and bugs and bees at their busiest. Please take pictures of flowers and wildlife on your phone or camera for the ‘Nature in Tidebrook’ exhibition, to be staged in the church – our communal meeting place. Start sending photos now by email to bettypayne310@gmail.com so that prints can be made for display in the church and Parish Room. Thank you.

Betty Payne

Services in May

1st 10.00am CREATION SUNDAY service in the churchyard –
Memorable Gardens

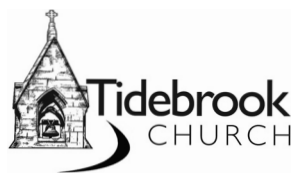
9th 5.00pm The Five on the Second Sunday:
teas beforehand from 4.30pm

15th 10.00am Family Communion

22nd 10.00 am Morning Prayer

29th 10.00am Three as One service at Tidebrook

**5th June 12 noon PLATINUM JUBILEE LUNCH in the
churchyard (in place of 10.00am service)**



Our Church is open every day for personal prayer from 9am to 5pm.

Saturday Breakfast and Prayers 8.30 – 9.45am

Breakfast with prayer takes place on the first Saturday of the month at 8.30am in the Tidebrook Parish Room. It is helpful for catering purposes if you can let us know if you are coming but “drop-ins” are very welcome too.

Contact David Payne at davidpayne07@gmail.com or tel 01892 783731