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SOUTHDEAN ESTATE MATTERS

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Welcome

Reading this newsletter you will be aware of a significant change: we are trialling a paper version in the hope that it will reach more of our residents and help you to be more informed. There will be three printed newsletters and then our trial will be reviewed by the committee; so if you have feedback, please let your road rep know.

It has been a wonderful summer allowing us to enjoy our beautiful surroundings, whether it be the beach, the Downs or the lovely villages that surround us. Due to the timing of the newsletter this edition reflects on summer events but also looks forward to what is coming up. If you were at the AGM you will have met Reverend Marshall from St Nicholas Church who is keen to forge links with the estate. In this edition there is an article from him to give us further insight into his role and the work of the church.

As autumn begins we hope that the current good weather allows us to hang on to the memories of summer.

Summer Party

The summer barbeque saw the community gathering on a beautiful July evening at the Scouts' Hall. The glorious sunshine meant that the entire evening was spent outside, providing the perfect opportunity for 55 residents to mingle with neighbours. The BBQ was expertly managed by Paul Harris who rustled up an array of meat and vegetarian options, all of which disappeared over the evening along with all the wine! The guests included many regular supporters of estate events but it was also great to see new residents attending. The event was masterminded by Vicky Harris who always rolls up her sleeves when there is a job to be done. Thank you to both of them. Thanks also go to Glyn for the loan of his BBQ. The raffle was well supported with £151 being raised for L'Arche, Bognor. For those who may not remember, L'Arche is a charity based in Bognor that provides exceptional support for adults with learning disabilities. Like all small charities it has seen support drop in recent years and is increasingly dependent on donations to survive.

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Guests enjoying the summer BBQ



Manning the BBQ



HAPPY VOLUNTEERS AT THE
MAY BEACH CLEAN



Beach clean

This summer we have all enjoyed the beach, whether swimming, basking in the sunshine, dog walking or sipping a glass of something watching the spectacular sunsets that the warm weather has brought. It is a privilege to live in such close proximity to such a special landscape. However we are all aware of the pollution challenges that face this fragile ecosystem; flotsam from an increasingly congested sea and litter dropped by visitors, alongside the less obvious sewage and micro plastics. Some of this is out of the control of us as individuals but we can help with debris that finds its way onto the shingle. Our bi-annual beach clean is a popular event and we are grateful once again to those who spent a couple of hours on a Sunday morning collecting rubbish. Thanks also goes to Laurie Beestone for organising the event.

News and future events

The annual Christmas get together will take place on 10th December at The Elmer from 7.00pm. It promises to be a great event, providing an opportunity for residents to chat to friends and neighbours and get into the festive mood. There will be a buffet, Christmas quiz and a raffle in aid of L'Arche, Bognor. Last year's event was popular with a high level of customer satisfaction! Tickets are available from road reps. We look forward to seeing you there.

The regular autumn community beach clean will not take place this year as we have been approached by the Marine Conservation Society to let us know that they are working with Festo GB whose staff volunteers will undertake a beach clean on 2nd October. The details of the waste collected will then be fed into the national data being collected by the Marine Conservation Society to support a national effort to effect behavioural changes leading to cleaner seas.

From Reverend Marshall

St Nicholas Church aims to be at the centre of our community. It is a place of worship for our regular congregation, but is also here for everyone at times of joyful celebration and for less joyful times. We aim to reach out to as many people in our community as possible through regular services and social events.

You don't have to be a frequent churchgoer to take part in the life of St Nicholas church. Our social events are open to all. We also run a regular lunch club on Wednesday mornings (10:30 - 13:00) where everyone is invited to come and chat, drink tea and maybe stay for soup and pudding.

On the first Saturday of the month, we have a coffee morning with a pop up shop between 10:00 and 12:00. The cake is excellent and the pop-up shops are varied and interesting! For the green fingered amongst us, we also have a Churchyard Working Party to keep the churchyard looking good throughout the year. One of the projects we are hoping to get off the ground this year is live streaming our main Sunday service so that those who have difficulty in getting to church can join us from home. We are looking to raise the money for this (about £5,000) through our revitalised Friends of St Nicholas. Watch this space!

Our next social event Quiz Night on Saturday 25th October - 18:00 for a 18:30 start. A chance to pit our wits against Revd Trevor's questions! Tickets £12 per person to include a light meal. Bar on the night. Teams of up to 8. Don't worry if you can't bring a team, we will make sure that there is a team for you to join on the night.

If you want any further information, please drop me an email at vicar@stnicholasmiddleton.co.uk or give me a call on 01243 251348

May God bless you and those you love and care for
Revd Trevor Marshall

Future Events

Christmas Party

10 December
7.00 pm
at
The Elmer

St Nicolas Future events

Regular Sunday Services
8:00 (Book of Common Prayer)
10:00 Parish Communion
Refreshments served after the 10:00 service

Service also 10:00 on Thursdays.

Sunday 5th October - Pet Service.

A chance to bring your pets to church! A short service with a blessing of your pet.

Remembrance Sunday
9:30 service in church followed by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial

Sunday 7th December - Feast of St Nicholas at 6:00pm service to celebrate the life of St Nicholas, our parish patron saint