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## Nonington Tuesday Group.

Nonington Tuesday Group is a group for ladies that meets on 2nd Tuesday of the month in the village hall at 7.30.

When the covid restrictions were lifted in August last year we held an afternoon tea in the village hall to welcome our members back and to give them a chance to safely meet and chat together again.

Following that we have had monthly meetings with speakers and a Christmas craft evening - the results of which were used to decorate a tree at the Christmas Tree festival in the church. We also managed to get everyone together for a Christmas lunch at the Best Western in Dover.

Our speakers have kept us entertained and informed on Dover Castle, the Mappamundi and the work of a police detective investigating local murders. We also have had a fish and chips and Bingo evening.

As you can hear we have a very varied programme and a chance to socialise every month. There are 26 members at the moment - and we are very happy to welcome visitors and new members to the group.

## Village Hall report 2022

At the end of 2019 the secretary was applying for grants to replace the windows. Thanks to the support of the Parish Council, NVE, Steve Manion and many residents who wrote supporting letters, she was able to secure a grant from Virador Waste Management under their Virador Credits Scheme.

COVID 19 did not have many benefits except the Hall was closed so we were able to carry out the work. Grants from the Government via Dover District Council throughout the pandemic, were given to support venues like ours and we used this money to paint the windows, get the main Hall redecorated, replace the old worm-eaten stage, clean up and improve the outside space providing 3 additional car parking places and purchase a larger shed. We will be updating the heating controls before next winter. I would like to thank Jenny and Mike for the outstanding support they have given me personally and the committee for their excellent support. We would also like to thank all those who helped with any of the work involved.

We are now returning to normal use, relying on hirings and fundraising to meet our expenses.

We recently fell foul of a couple of rogue hirings for which we apologise and have taken steps to reduce the chance of a recurrence. We are developing a hiring procedure with a formal hire agreement, in line with advice from ACRE, (an organisation for Community Halls in Rural Kent). The Committee will be meeting together soon to work through this and put it into practice. and are looking at the installation of noise control equipment

We welcome any resident who is willing to hold a fundraising event, thus reducing our reliance on hirings.

We believe we now have a Hall of which we can be proud and ready for the next generation.

## **St Mary's Church Report (Hugh Norton)**

### **Nonington Parish Council AGM – 4<sup>th</sup> May r2022**

Since the raising of restrictions the regular pattern of Church Services has continued. Though during Lockdown regular services were hosted on the ZOOM platform.

With a Service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the Month. Breakfast Church is held on the second Sunday and thanks to the newly installed Tea Station and informal meeting space this now takes place in the church. Third and fourth Sunday services are hosted by our friends in the Baptist chapel. The fifth Sunday is usually reserved for services within our own Benefice which consists of Ash, Chillenden, Goodnestone, Preston, Elmstone and Stourmouth. Sadly the Bishop of Dover and Canterbury Diocese have taken the decision that our Priest in charge, the Rev David Moulden. Will be retiring this year. Leaving a ship without a Captain.

There have been two services with Baptism which have been uplifting occasions due to the new space around the re-located Font. Which enables the congregation to participate without being crammed together.

The Church building and infrastructure.

Churchyard wall: At the start of the 2019 the section of the wall opposite the entrance to the school that was damaged in 2018 was still awaiting repair Mr. Phil Rye had offered to do this FOC at the end of the year., however this was postponed due to the fact that we were advised by the Cathedral's head of stonemasonry that we should wait for weather conditions better suited to the use of Lime mortars. After consulting with the Cathedral stone masons, we were advised to use a dry bagged form of Mortar. This was purchased and we now had an adequate supply of flints sourced during the re-ordering works on the church. Mr Rye never honoured his offer, instead we are indebted to Mr Philip Abbot for carrying out this task and doing a splendid job.

- The main damaged area has been repaired and further damage areas along the Church street section of wall are due to be repaired this during this summer..
- The metal gates still need removing and welding this year and, whilst one of the notice boards has been removed by Paul Willett for renovation the other will still need to be done. The winter storms caused damage to the RH gate which has now been repaired. Some roof tiles were dislodged and we are awaiting the arrival of our appointed contractors.
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## **2. Church Lighting**

My fellow warden Mr Paul Willett and Mr. Philip Abbot have, throughout the re-ordering works made steady and notable improvements to the lighting in the Church. Replacing inefficient Halogen lamps with efficient and better LED units whilst making improvements to the standard of the fixed wiring installation.

The instances of petty vandalism including damage to the altar rail and distressingly damage to at least two of the Lest We Forget acrylic figures. This again resulted in the church being locked both as a Covid prevention measure and the Church was then opened on a less regular basis. Thankfully we are now able to resume regular opening hours backed up by a CCTV system. Dwelling on Remembrance, Thanks to Mr. Barry Rampton and Mr. Mike Parker the Church now hosts a Remembrance panel and book commemorating those lost in bombing raids on the village alongside the flag which is used at the annual Remembrance Service and on other such occasions,

The Church is deeply indebted to the Friends of Nonington Church whose fundraising efforts have been invaluable in ensuring that we have a well maintained welcoming worship space within our village.

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