

Annual Parochial Church Meeting - 24th April 2022

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Covid again restricted almost all organised social activities in the year. The outbreak of the Alpha variant which forced our churches to close for nearly 3 months at the beginning of the year made it impossible to think of running the annual Summer Fete with any degree of confidence. That, together with most of our usual annual events, had to be put on hold.

However, we did manage to run two very successful events using Zoom early in the year. In January, with the invaluable help of Philippa Rooke's technical IT expertise, Angela and John Wilkins ran a quiz, with 14 teams involving around 65 people. In February, in collaboration with Prime Suspects, a local amateur dramatics group, we held a Zoom murder mystery evening, involving nearly 50 people. As well as being very enjoyable evenings, the two events together raised over £800 for church funds.

Later in the year, Worlds End Music held an excellent concert of Christmas music in the church in December. We welcome them back in April for a fundraising concert for Ukraine.

We hope that 2022 will be a much more socially active year as we get used to 'living with Covid'. Plans are already well in hand for the Summer Fete, which will be held on Saturday, 11th June in the Rectory gardens. We will need many helping hands for this to be a success, so even if people can only offer an hour of help in some way, it would be much appreciated. We will also need help in selling tickets for the Prize Draw, the winners of which will be drawn at the Summer Fete.

Other activities are being planned and will include guided walks, concerts, the Heritage open day, a quiz in the Village Hall, breakfasts and a series of teas hosted by Rev'd Michael and Sue at the church.

A preliminary calendar of dates for 2022 is:

Saturday 30th April	Spring walk
Sunday 15th May	Christian Aid afternoon tea
Sunday 22nd May	Christian Aid breakfast
Saturday 11th June	Summer Fete
Saturday 9th July	Chelsfield Village Fair
Saturday 23rd July	Summer walk
July - date to be confirmed	Well Hill concert
Saturday 10th September	Heritage Open Day
Saturday 24th September	Autumn walk (tbc)
Saturday 29th October	Quiz

plus fortnightly Sunday teas during the summer, dates to be confirmed.

Details of these and any other social events will be published in the church magazine and website.

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