

PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

The next surgery event will be **Saturday 10 January** by **appointment only**; if you have any issues you would like to raise and would like to meet with Councillors in Bramble Hall please call Rosemary Robertson on 811833 to make an appointment **before Thursday 8 January**. Any issues raised at the Surgery will be added as Agenda items if it is appropriate, to be discussed by Council at the next regular meeting Wednesday 21 January.

Next Parish Council Meeting Date

The next Meeting will take place in Bramble Hall on **Wednesday 21 January** at 8 pm, in Bramble Hall. A copy of the agenda is displayed on the notice board in advance of the meeting.

Rosemary Robertson,
Clerk to the Council

YOUR LETTERS



Bob Bonham

Audrey, Peter and Paul would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy at this sad time. We appreciate the kind thoughts of our friends in the village.

We also thank Desmond Burton and his team for conducting the funeral service which was both uplifting and comforting.

Margaret Williamson thanks everyone for their love and kind thoughts and wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

HANDCROSS & DISTRICT COMMUNITY BUS

www.handcrosscommunitybus.co.uk or phone Christina on 400212 (Handcross Hardware)

OUTINGS PLANNED FOR 2015

All on Tuesdays unless otherwise shown. Departures from Nymans - Balcombe pick-up can be arranged when over 3 people from the village book

Jan 20th South Downs Garden Centre Hassocks and Hollingbury Retail Park. Leave 11.30am - 4 hrs Fare £6

Feb 17th Grasshopper Inn at Westerham for lunch and home via a Garden Centre. Leave 11.30am - 4 hrs £10

*** March 17th Tour Wimbledon Tennis Venue.** Details tba (Book now if interested as seats are limited but cheaper if we fill the bus)*

April 14th Worthing Shopping Centre and Seafront. Leave 11am for 4/5 hrs £8

***May 19th Brooklands Motor & Aircraft Museum Weybridge.** Birthplace of British motorsport & aviation, home of Concorde, buses and motorcycles too. Leave 9am. Entrance Seniors/Student £10. Fare £10. *

June 9th Peter's Mystery Tour - This is an ever popular guided tour. Cost £8.50.

Sat July 4th Queen Elizabeth Park Tour. Visit to the Olympic Park. Fare £10 (plus Tour).

***Advance booking required. Please call Sarah on 01444 881633 early in January**
Any suggestions for new tours welcome.

Local artist PAUL MILTON has just been made an ambassador for the B.D.A. - the British Dyslexia Association - and is their representative for Dyslexia and the Arts. Paul was presented with the award for his work with the arts and promoting the awareness of dyslexia.

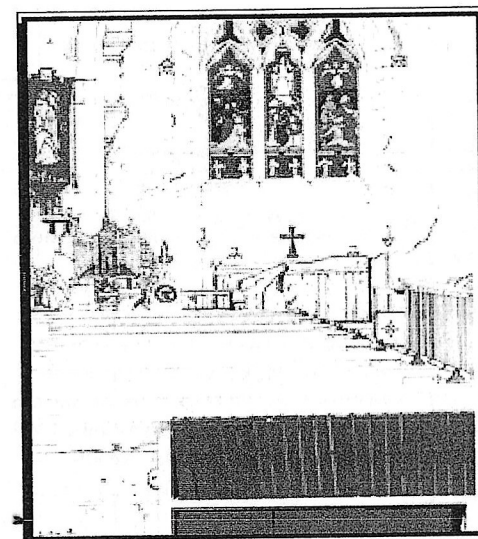
At the evening gala event the copy of his drawing of the interior of St Mary's Church was purchased by an I.T. Company by their CEO who saw it as she entered and wanted it from the very start. Paul told her all about St Mary's - the stained glass and the community - and found there were a lot of people who wanted to know more about Balcombe and its church, through the drawing. Art crosses boundaries. The nice part about being made an ambassador was why they chose him. The BDA co-ordinator told him that they had had a lot of people approach them for this role, but the reason they chose Paul was that he showed he actually cared about the arts and the people.

A big thank you to St Mary's church and the congregation and the people of Balcombe who have supported him. Paul has been invited to design the new altar frontal for St Mary's after a small fire damaged one during 2014. Thank you Paul!

LIMITED EDITION PRINTS FOR SALE £45

Limited Edition Prints are available for purchase at the Half Moon Inn in Balcombe, where framed prints can be viewed, and also via St Mary's church. Or contact Paul on 01444-455742 or via his web site

www.paulmilton.co.uk



GARDENING'S UNSUNG HEROES



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GARDENING AGAINST THE ODDS (GATO) NATIONAL AWARDS

Gardeners against the odds make the lives of others brighter, better and more fun through their efforts to create beautiful garden spaces.

Judges nominated **BALCOMBE STATION GARDENS** to the final shortlist in the 'Gardens that Make You Smile' Category. Although voting is now over winners are not yet known. The final shortlists can be seen on www.gardeningagainsttheodds.com