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Dear Friends

Welcome to the 300<sup>th</sup> edition of the Rudgwick Magazine!

In January 1996 the very first edition of a new look magazine rolled off the press. Up until then the parish magazine had cost 25p an issue, but 25 years ago, under the then vicar John Morris, it was re-launched as a free magazine, delivered to every house in the village.

The Parish Magazine had a long life before that new launch. The December 1995 edition of the magazine was number 804, making 67 years of magazines and going back to the late 1920s. However, the Magazine is even older than that – if you have ever visited the Rudgwick Remembers display in the Church (around Remembrance Sunday each year), you may have seen the extracts from the Magazine during the First World War. In fact, school children who have visited the exhibition may remember reading through the pages on display to discover that in 1914 readers of ‘The Rudgwick Parish Magazine’, as it was then known, were asked to send pots of jam to wounded soldiers in the Brighton Military Hospital and then in Lent 1916 to deliver vegetables to Gaskyns for the men of the North Sea Fleet.

I hope that in another 100 years the Magazine will still be going strong, delivered throughout our village free of charge, sharing news of events and items of interest in the village. But for now, I would like to pay tribute to all those who, over the years, have made this possible. From those who have given their time so generously to serve on the Magazine Committee past and present, and those who have walked the roads of our village in good weather and bad, to deliver the magazine. I am so grateful to you all and on behalf of our community I would like to say a very big **thank you!**

Every blessing

Martin King