

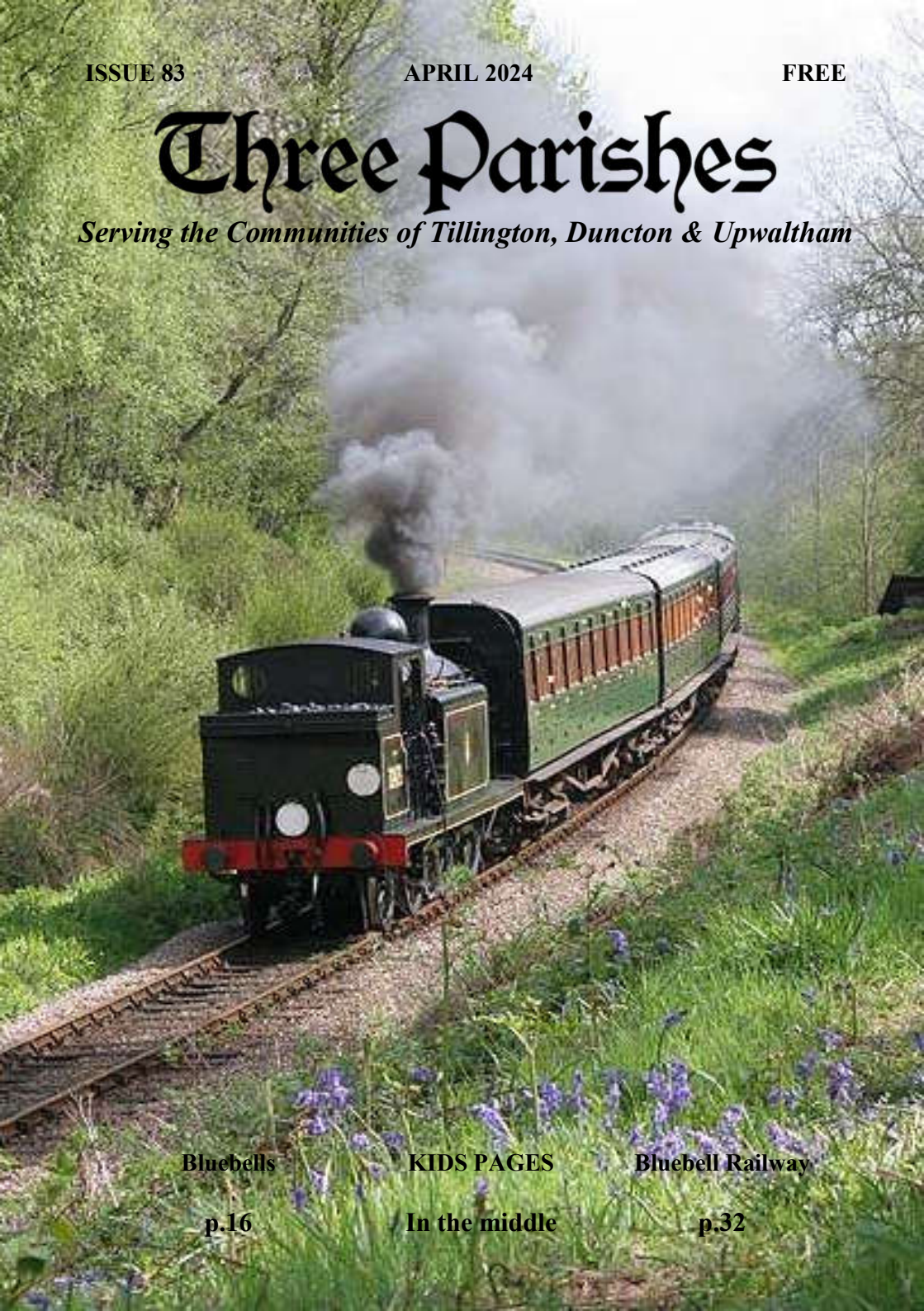
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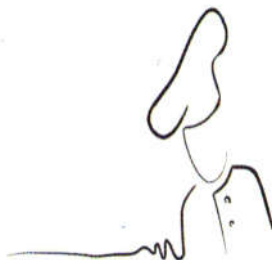
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EDITORIAL

Part of the attraction of living in such a beautiful part of the world is the changing seasons and all the variations of temperature, light, shade and colour that they bring, although this is sadly not quite what we have 'enjoyed' this past winter with the incessant rain and reports of a whole year's rainfall in 6 months. However, my favourite of all seasons is spring – which always feels to me like a new beginning. The clocks go forward and the evenings begin to draw out and we can enjoy the wonderful spring flowers that are starting to blossom, the greening up of the hedgerows and the invigorated birdsong around us, all hinting at the promise of the summer months ahead.

This month's magazine has a strong theme of April and springtime running through it. I am sure that you will enjoy the article about the South Downs past and present (page 29) and also an interesting account about Lord's Piece (page 24), and a recently completed oak sculpture situated on this rather special area of open heathland. The spring theme continues with an excellent piece about bluebell woods (page 17) and also about the much-loved Bluebell Railway in East Sussex. Farming enjoys a good mention too, and the benefits of a healthy glass of milk (pages 22/23) and in reading these please spare a thought for the farming community who will have had a particularly difficult time this winter as a result of all the rain.

Please also take time to read the excellent article about the origins of April Fool's Day (page 15) and test your knowledge with The Quiz on page 20. And, if you dare, find out about who your closest neighbours really are in the article on page 14!

On a more sombre note, many things come up for discussion at our regular Editorial meetings, and one such item was about Lasting Powers of Attorney and the distressing consequences for families when a Lasting Power of Attorney is required but has not been put in place. We therefore felt it would be helpful to include some notes about the process of setting one up (page 34).

Finally, on a different note, I recently attended a book launch in Petworth for an excellent book written by one of our Upperton residents and it reminded me of how much talent there is around us in the three villages, and this is often encapsulated by the many and varied articles in the magazine. Not only do authors and poets abound, but all manner of skills and interests are demonstrated and we are spoiled for choice by regular articles which provide information and interest.

A happy St. George's Day to you all on 23rd April!

FROM THE ALL HALLOWS UPPER ROOM

By the time this magazine reaches you, I trust that, notwithstanding the perilous state of the world, we shall be on the cusp of a Happy Easter. Perhaps you are catching up with family and friends face to face or connecting with them by other means? And perhaps I shall have seen you at one of the Holy Week or Easter services?

County cricket is about to start up again. That's good news for a dinosaur like me, who is ambivalent about pyjama cricket. Writing this in mid-March, Spring now seems to have sprung, and I have grand plans for vegetable gardening this Spring and Summer. Right now, there are wonderful displays of bulbs, camellias, primroses and magnolias across my five churchyards. And the carpets of snowdrops and daffodils in Tillington Cemetery have been magnificent. Another busy season of baptisms and weddings has already begun, and a good number of these services are for people with longstanding family ties to our villages and churches.

Last month, in this letter, I thanked the villagers who quietly support our churches. Just days later, I learned that an appeal for a couple of church cleaners for Holy Trinity, Duncton, generated an immediate response. Thank you very much. April will see most of my churches hold Annual Parochial Church Meetings, and there is an opportunity formally to join the membership of your local (or preferred) church by being added to the electoral roll. We have membership vacancies for our Parochial Church Councils (PCCs), too, and I would love to draw on the ideas and experience of new members. I am particularly hoping that we can invite someone to become a Tillington Churchwarden. There is plenty of help, support, and advice at hand. Please have an exploratory chat with me if this sounds of interest.

Our brilliant Lay Reader, Annie Sneller, is now on sabbatical for three months. My prayer is that this will be a time of refreshment and renewal for Annie, whose ministry is such an important element in our shared Christian life.

In early May, the Archdeacon of Chichester will visit our patch. There will be a meeting to explore whether a potential unification of our churches into a single benefice might be beneficial (any pun fully intended). There will be an opportunity for questions to be asked and answered, and for concerns to be heard. Any final decisions will rest with the PCCs. If you would like to be present at this meeting and/or have questions or concerns, please be in touch with me. (*Ed more about this in the May issue*)

Last, but not least, all hail the astonishing Gerald Gresham Cooke (again). He is too modest to mention this himself, but the Fittleworth Flyers recently awarded Gerald the *2023 Ultra Veterans Trophy*, awarded to the runner over 70 who is most deserving for turning out in all weathers, with The Flyers at heart. In friendship, David

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By Car: Aim for the Well Diggers Arms (GU28 0HG) 1.5miles east of Petworth on the A283. Opposite the Pub, head north onto Kingspit Lane (the lorry route around Petworth). At the top of the hill is a junction leading to River Hill. Immediately beside the turning is a gravel track which leads downhill into Flexham Park and a parking area at the bottom.

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I GOT YOU UNDER MY SKIN

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

I like to think that most of us are good neighbours to the wild animals we share this planet with. We feed the birds, grow flowers in the garden for bees and butterflies. But if wildlife gets too close or, heaven forbid, enters our houses we're reaching for the fly spray or a rolled-up newspaper. I get plenty of people complaining to me about home-invading wildlife as if I'm some sort of envoy for the animal kingdom. Yet while they moan about clothes moths in their wardrobe, I just stand there smiling, reassured by the knowledge that these people have wildlife living right under their noses. Well, to be more precise, right in their noses.

OK, I warn you now: after reading this article some of you will be scouring your face with a Brillo pad. But it's time to face the facts. Your face is crawling with animals. You, yes you, have face mites. And there's no 'might' about it – research has shown that 100% of adults have them. Our faces are one big nature reserve for mites: from your mountainous nose and skin pore caves to your eyelash jungles. In fact, our faces are home to two different species. *Demodex folliculorum* thrive in your eyelashes while *Demodex brevis* lurk in your pores. They're feeding on dead skin cells and oils but don't harm us – a commensal parasite.

Before you run to the bathroom mirror, these guys are tiny. I'm not going to lie to you, they're not pretty (unless you think a microscopic 8-legged slug is pretty) and under high-powered microscopes they look like something you'd encounter in a galaxy far, far away. The egg and larval stages last two weeks and you'll probably be relieved to hear that the adults live for just five days and then die. And it's right about here you'll realise that these things are constantly mating on your face. You can scrub and scrub but you can't wash away the hard truth: you're just a mammal. And like dogs, cows, orangutans and meerkats we're the perfect hosts for a range of parasites.

Personally, I've grown quite fond of my little pets – despite never being able to see them. When I go to bed at night, I imagine Clarence the Demodex, climbing from his pore, going for a wander across my cheek and hoping to meet a girlfriend. But instead he meets his nemesis Evil Arthur and a mite fight ensues until ...well, you get the idea. There are hundreds of these little adventures happening on your face every night. Sweet dreams.

Why is everyone exhausted on 1st April

Because they have just finished a 31 day March

APRIL FOOL'S DAY – HOW DID IT ALL START?

My father had a favourite prank. He attached a long string to the chain of the bath plug in the guest bathroom. The string was fed out through the waste overflow grill at the top of the chain, and washed down the waste pipe into an outside manhole, which father opened to gain access to the end of the string. When the guest was bathing he would tweak the end of the string thus lifting the bath plug and allowing the water to drain out, much to the dismay and aggravation of the naked bather, in no state to explore the cause.

As children we loved this joke, so you may imagine my astonishment on learning that April Fool's jokes may have originated from a similar prank in the Roman Baths near Upwaltham.

The Romans would often bathe together in the 'caldarium' or hot bath. The hot water flowed through and drained back to the colder baths on release of the sluice gate, or plug, by the bath attendant. During the annual Roman festival of Hilaria in the spring many pranks were played. At that time of year the long prunings from the vines could be used as a cord and tied to the exit sluice of the caldarium. It was then led through the water system and could be pulled from outside to release the sluice apparently without any servant being in the bath room.

The Latin word for April was Aprilis, derived from the Latin word 'aperire'...to open, (as in the start of Spring).

The Latin word 'Follis' translates as 'bellows', but was used to label an empty-headed person (head full of air).

As the festival of Hilaria often coincided with the first day of 'Aprilis' the bath plug joke was often used then, and the naked Roman bathers would shout out to the servant 'Aprilis follis'.

You may also be interested to know that I just made the whole thing up. So, if you believed it, may I, on behalf of the Editorial Committee, be the first to call you an April Fool?

Which day of the year do monkeys like best?

The first of Ape ril!



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Weekly coffee mornings, monthly breakfasts and lunches, what a delight they are. All these activities are part and parcel of what makes our village a happy and special place, providing opportunities to meet our friends and neighbours, and put the world to rights! This of course does not happen by chance. There is a dedicated group of people who have year after year planned, organised, shopped and cooked for these events.



However, more help is needed from other residents within the village to ensure the continuation of these community activities and village get-togethers. A simple commitment to assist with one or two events each year would be of significant help in keeping these events going.

Please do consider offering your time. The existing team members will be very happy to support you.

For more information on the Men's Breakfast please contact Gerald Gresham-Cooke 342151 and for the coffee mornings and lunches contact Mark Lavington on 344489. For Tillington Local Care and the Village Hall and other organisations, do please contact me. on 01798 344777

Carmen Woodhatch

BLUEBELLS

What is it about a bluebell wood that is so inspiring and captivating?
The sheer unlikeliness of anything so beautiful, so free and so calming, simply appearing in carpets of blue wonder, from nothing, is what takes my breath away. The woods hide their secret most of the year.
In fanciful mode, I think that all the birds in their spring time chattering and seductive serenading are really trying to tell us – “the miracle is unfolding, go and see! ”
To my mind there are two ways to see the magic.

First, get up early, all alone, and make your way there (maybe with a thermos for company) and just walk silently, reverently into the wonderland of blue. Breathe deeply and take in the glorious fragrance. Listen to the sounds of the woods. Notice that you are alive and part of one of nature’s most bountiful gifts and that it is here, now, just for you. Just keep looking at the blue, the purples and greens ..go on looking and revel in it! Walk on slowly+, drinking it in and allowing it all to bring you joy and peace. Take your time.

The other way, (which I like to do as well) is to take a party of people you love, preferably, who don’t live in the countryside and young people who need reminding of the beauty in the world, and share it with them. Give them time to drink it in... listen to the sounds around them, smell the smells.. (is that wild garlic too?)

Together, celebrate the abundance and unimaginable mystery of why and how? Embrace the joy of being there, in woodland that will be centuries old, still generously sharing its enchantment with you, as they have for so many generations.

Half the world’s bluebells are to be found in the UK. How lucky are we?
You may only look; to pick, dig up or destroy is against the law. But worse than that...it is theft from us all!

Bluebells are magnets, quite early in the Spring, for bees and butterflies (Brimstone, Fritillary and Orange tips) as well as other busy pollinators. Fairies inhabit bluebell woods, it is said, and if you pick them the fairies will ensure you get lost!

Some Sussex and local woods you might look at:
Ebernoe Common. Sussex Wildlife Trust land.
Flexham Park, Kingspit Lane up from the Welldiggers Arms outside Petworth.
Benbow ponds alongside the Cowdray Golf Course.
West Stoke, towards Chichester.
Hillgrove Lane on the way to Northchapel
Sheffield Park and Garden near Haywards Heath.

Shelley Fergusson

ON A SUNDAY

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Somnolent in the early morn with only birds a-singing
The village soon awakens when church bells start a-ringing.
The Sacristan arrives at church and neatly sets the altar
She's done it many times before, we know she will not falter.

A volunteer stands by the door and warmly welcomes in
The pious and the saintly and even those that sin.
The sidesmen hand out hymn books, show people to their pews
And chat about the weather and all the local news.
And now the choir appear, their voices soon to raise
With hymns and anthems sung with joy to Jesus name they praise.
Sighs of relief come from the choir - the organist appears
Due to his skill and leadership he calms their anxious fears.

The worshippers fall silent as the priest begins to pray
And leads us all with confidence through the service of the day.

The sermon preached, the hymns well sung, thanksgivings have been said
Including family and friends and for our daily bread.
The service has now ended but more is yet to come
Refreshments now await us before we all go home.

So peace and joy, goodwill to men
We'll all be here next Sunday to do the same again.

Vivienne Blunt 2024

GARDENING NOTES FOR APRIL

This is the ideal time to begin sowing vegetable seeds either directly into the ground, or into trays in the greenhouse or propagator depending on how much heat is needed for germination. Growing your own food brings so much pleasure, many challenges, a sense of pride at meal times and absolutely amazing taste! There is simply NO comparison to that which we buy from a supermarket. If you are nervous about beginning to grow your own food, start with some easier types to gain confidence. Suggestions for easy vegetables to grow would be potatoes, squash, courgette, celeriac, parsnip, sweetcorn, beetroot and peas. Quick growing food that will instantly reward you would include radishes, salad leaves, lettuce, rocket and dwarf french beans. The key to successful food growing is good, rich soil. Add a thick layer of home made compost to your soil each spring to encourage beneficial soil organisms to thrive and assist your vegetable plants to grow strongly and be naturally resistant to pests and diseases. If you don't have your own compost then use soil improver from the garden centre or manure from a local supplier.

To grow your own fruit start by planting a redcurrant and a blackcurrant bush as they are tolerant of incorrect pruning whereas things like gooseberries are much more tricky (and prickly!). Next add in a few canes of autumn fruiting raspberries, which are the easiest to prune as you just cut everything down to ground level in February. Finally plant some strawberry plants which are very easy to grow and will propagate themselves with runners. Allow a small patch of brambles for blackberries and add a rhubarb crown. Netting your fruit creates a barrier for birds but also for you, and if harvesting proves to be too difficult, you might find you leave fruit rotting on the host plants, we've all done it, but it is daft to waste good food so I prefer to share and harvest easily.

Allow a wildflower this month is a controversial one. It is a plant that most people think is either Borage or Anchusa but is much more likely to be Pentaglottis sempervirens or Green Alkanet. With hairy large green leaves and tall blue flowers, it is a tidy grower in that the rosettes of leaves stay green and fresh looking through most of the year and provide good shelter for smaller creatures. After flowering, if cut down, it often flowers again. The flowers are great for pollinators. It does self seed perhaps more that you would want and the deep tap roots can be difficult to remove and if broken, they will grow into more new plants. Dead heading the flowers before they set seed is the best way to control how much you have of this plant, but it is worth it because it provides dense ground cover in partial shade where other things might struggle to grow and the bees, hoverflies and butterflies absolutely love it!

Bev Exall

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THE FIRST OF APRIL – QUIZ

The origins of April Fool's Day are somewhat hazy, although undoubtedly go back centuries (see elsewhere in this edition). We all like a good laugh, and its good for our health. On a personal level, however, hoaxing can be unkind rather than amusing, so choose your target with care and consideration. And, hoaxers, be doubly aware - the joke must end at 12 noon sharp or you, not your intended target, will be the "April Fool"!

Hoaxing on a national scale somehow seems more benign, but again not everyone will be amused. You don't have to have been around at the time to be aware of the BBC's spaghetti harvest report which was launched on a less culinarily-sophisticated 1950's audience. Clever as it was, it seems not everyone could see the funny side of the hoax and it sparked public debate about the integrity of the media. If they could see us now!

April 1st is not always a day for foolish acts – far from it. Take our quiz to test your knowledge of the serious but mainly not-so-serious associations with the day.

- 1 One of the oldest and longest-running April Fool pranks, first recorded in 1689, drew crowds to the Tower of London to witness bath time for which animals?
- 2 On 1st April 1976, two Steves launched which now famous tech company?
- 3 In France, a fooled person is called what?
- 4 On 1st April in which year did Google launch its G-mail service, considered by some at the time to be an April Fool, but which now boasts more than 1.8 billion active users worldwide.
- 5 From where on 1st April 1960 did NASA launch its first weather satellite?
- 6 Which Russian composer, conductor and virtuoso pianist known to have a very large hand span was born on 1st April 1873? He died in Beverley Hills in 1943.

- 7 In 1977 The Guardian really went to town in publishing a 7-page travel supplement celebrating a tiny tropical archipelago in the Indian Ocean roughly in the shape of a semi-colon and at that time celebrating 10 years of independence. It included advertising by well-known brands in order to shore up credibility. What was this paradise called?
- 8 The very first newspaper weather map was published in *The Times* on 1st April in which year?
- 9 Much-respected astronomer Patrick Moore stated to radio listeners that an astronomical event would take place at 9:47 a.m. on 1st April 1976 - a conjunction of Jupiter (massive planet) and Pluto (tiny planet). What did he claim listeners would be able to experience if they jumped into the air at that precise time?
- 10 On 1st April 1748 (or thereabouts), which lost Roman city was rediscovered by Spanish engineer Rocque Joaquin de Alcabierre?
- 11 Eight years after their successful spaghetti harvest hoax, the BBC announced they were trialling what sensory enhancement to TV viewing?
- 12 In 1990 the BBC (my goodness what wags they are!) announced Big Ben was going digital. What was it to be named?
- 13 Determined not to be out-done by the BBC, in 2016, Three Parishes Magazine outraged the residents of Tillington by announcing that The Horse Guards Inn would be changing its name to what?



ANSWERS TO QUIZ

1. Lions. 2. Apple, 3. Poisson d'Avril. 4. 2004. 5. Cape Canaveral, Florida. 6. Sergei Rachmaninov. 7. San Serriffe. 8. 1875. 8. They would float in the air. 10. Pompeii. 11. Smell-o-vision. 12. Digital Dave. 13. The Queen's Head

DO YOU TAKE MILK ?

“Do you take milk?” That might depend on how old you are. Remember the Milk Marketing Board’s slogan – “Drink a Pint of Milk a Day” and sibling arguments over whose turn it was to enjoy the cream that rose to the top of the glass milk bottles – assuming you were not put off when the foil cap had been pierced by blue tits as the bottle waited on the doorstep. In those days 7 to 11 year olds were all given a dinky third pint glass bottle of milk at school until Margaret Thatcher stopped it in 1971. We didn’t need it any more. It was brought in during 1946 to improve nutrition when food was scarce after the Second World War and doing away with it saved the Government some £5 million.

Come the 1980’s, the Government started telling us full fat milk was bad for us and low-fat dairy was born. We felt sophisticated, modern and European buying semi-skimmed milk and Ski yoghurts laden with sugar and tiny fruit chunks. Polyethylene terephthalate or PET was patented in 1973 and single use plastic milk bottles could be mass produced at low cost. The milkman of popular culture like Benny Hill’s Ernie, who made it to the Christmas Number One in the charts in 1971 was fast disappearing. The supermarkets sold the milk in plastic bottles and forced prices down to the detriment of the farmers and loss of jobs for milkmen.

If we carry on like this, by 2050, new plastic from fossil fuels could consume upwards of 15% of the total global carbon budget permissible to reach the 1.5 degree C increase in global warming target and we are told that the dairy industry is bad for the environment. And so the supermarket shelves are packed with plant based alternatives at almost twice the price and with lower protein and vitamin content than cow’s milk.

But did we get it all wrong. Gen Z, those in their teens and twenties are lapping up full cream milk and science now says it is better for us because the omega 3 fatty acids present in the cream, are good for the brain and are beneficial in controlling many diseases but, being water soluble, are washed away when the cream is removed. Contrary to what we were told, full cream milk can help control and even help prevent diabetes and makes you feel fuller for longer and so is not as fattening as we led to believe, when taken in moderation. One third of our daily calcium needs can be met from a glass of milk a day as well as being an easy and inexpensive way to get essential vitamins.

Whilst plant based foods are not as bad for the environment as dairy products, dairy is at the heart of food culture in much of Europe and North America. For those of us who have grown up with milk in our tea and coffee, soy milk is just not the same. Can it really be worse for the environment to fly almond milk from California than buy milk from down the road. Sue Laker

THE MILK HUT

Ever wondered about the sign on the A285 to a “milk vending machine”? In the interests of investigative journalism, I decided to check it out. After a couple of miles or so along the windy lane at the bottom of the valley (tricky if you meet a vehicle coming the other way), you come to Ides Farm, where you will find the Milk Hut along Droke Lane heading towards East Dean. For anyone with children, It might be worth planning an Easter holiday stop off to see the calves and to buy milk from grass fed cows (the kind that’s best for you) direct from the farm.

Whilst not the cheapest way to buy fresh whole milk, it is fun to buy a 250 ml dinky bottle or a whole litre. First buy your bottle from machine one (payment by cash or card) and then move over to the dispensing machine to fill it with fresh milk (another payment for the milk to flow). But better still for the children, there is a choice of ten flavoured syrups to produce flavoured milk in their own small bottle. There is even a crème egg flavour for Easter.

The farm is equipped with state of the art facilities for the Holstein Friesian herd with software to monitor each cow’s health and yield. The internal surfaces of the dairy are made of fibreglass and can be hosed down for super cleanliness. The herd spends the spring and summer outside but the cows are kept in the barn in Winter where each cow has its own bed on a soft sand surface. The little black and white calves are kept in an open barn at the front of the farm so visitors can see them.

The Milk Hut is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m daily. Check their Facebook page by searching “The Milk Hut East Dean”. Did I succumb to temptation? Purely in the interests of checking it out, yes I tried the strawberry flavour and yes it’s full fat milk with full complement of calcium and vitamins (not the skinny kind) and it was very nice.

Another local option to buy super fresh milk direct from the farm is the vending machine at Boddington Farm near Midhurst. Check out “Boddington Bottled” on Facebook.

Sue Laker

*What did the mummy cow say to the baby cow?
Its pasture bedtime*

*What do you call a mummy cow
who’s just given birth?
Decalfinated.*

LORD'S PIECE

After the lockdowns, sculptor Jon Edgar's large collaborative works - bringing together a community around a stone carved on site - took a knock. Clustering people together and celebrating place were overlooked with more serious factors to mind as COVID subsided. The end of lockdown was a low period for organisations considering art projects where the making of sculpture united local communities together.

You can see his stones in Northwood, Slindon, at RSPB Wiggonholt and outside Fittleworth shop. Further afield, at Southover Grange, Lewes, Highwood Horsham and Devil's Punch Bowl, Hindhead. Jon had a public sitting with historian Peter Jerrome at the Leconfield Hall in Petworth and has recently been working on the Arts Society's Heads Up! project, taking clay portraiture into local primary schools such as Petworth.

Locally, The Barlavington Estate offered a block after tree safety work on a 700 year old oak tree. They conceived a 'barter' project, with the Estate and tenant farmer providing the lifting and moving and the sculptor agreeing to work the block in situ in slack times, using as few resources as possible. Lord's Piece, Sutton, is a well-loved open heathland which is managed as open heather for the nationally-rare field-cricket and through which the Serpent Trail passes.

The sculpture emerged through 2021-2023, sitting on the stony top path across the eastern end which links several prehistoric burial mounds. A disturbance of the block recently allowed a conversation about the changes afoot at Lord's Piece which may be of interest to visitors.

As Barlavington's land agent helped resite the toppled block Jon quizzed him on the new conservation-centred plans for Lord's Piece. A few people had mentioned the future closing of the "lower" car park to me and it might be worthwhile to consider just why we all gravitate to Lord's Piece. The landscape is very special and Natural England is keen to extend the nature conservation value as much as possible. We all value the wide open views which are unusual when many of the heaths locally are far more scrubby and tree'd, some through different management regimes and some through lack of management.

The lower car park will thus be restored to heathland to broaden the area which our rare little cricket needs, concentrating the vehicle traffic to one area which will allow surfaces to be more easily maintained for users.

The roots of the fine oak in the centre of the upper car park have also been compressed by cars circling it for many years. Natural England have suggested that by returning the land over the oak root plate to pedestrian/stock traffic only, the oak - presently under stress as it is being starved of nutrients and water - may survive for the future. The pressure will be taken off and new parking spaces created in the less conservation-valuable land on the boundary of the lane to Coates just to the south.

You can see the diary of the work (and articles on the crickets and archeology) archived on the web at: lordspiece.wordpress.com. Lord's Piece car park is at RH20 1PZ. JE



Field cricket

**TILLINGTON, DUNCTON AND UPWALTHAM
CHURCH SERVICES DURING APRIL 2024**

	All Hallows Church, Tillington	Holy Trinity Church, Dunton	St Mary's Church, Upwaltham
Wednesday 3 April	<u>No Midweek Communion</u>		
First Sunday after Easter, 7 April	Breakfast Church/All- age Service at 9.45/10.15am		
Second Sunday after Easter, 14 April	Parish Communion at 9.30am	Parish Commu- ion at 11am	
Wednesday 17 April	BCP Midweek Com- munion at 10am	Dunton Annual Parochial Church Meeting at Redlands at 6pm	
Third Sunday after Easter, 21 April	BCP Holy Communion at 9.30am		Easter and St George Coun- try Service at 11.30am
	Five-parish Evening Prayer online via Zoom at 6pm. Please contact David to register for his weekly email with Zoom links.		
Fourth Sunday after Easter, 28 April	Morning Prayer and Praise at 9.30am	<u>No Dunton service today</u>	
Fifth Sunday after Easter, 5 May	Breakfast Church/All- age Service at 9.45/10.15am		

Additional services in our group during April:

7 April: 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Com-
munion at Stopham.

14 April: 8am BCP Holy Communion at Fittleworth; 9.45/10.15am Break-
fast/All-age Service at Fittleworth; 6pm BCP Evensong at Stopham

21 April: 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Holy Com-
munion at Stopham.

28 April: 9.30am Parish Communion followed by APCM at Fittleworth;
11am BCP Matins at Stopham.

5 May: 9.30am Parish Communion at Fittleworth; 11am BCP Matins at
Stopham.

David Crook, Priest-in-Charge
(david.crook15@btinternet.com; 01798 865473)

Kids' Pages

April is National Pet Month!

It's a time to shower your pets with love, and take special care of them. They might enjoy some extra playtime or a new treat! Maybe, you could find out some new facts about your pet to help you look after them even better.

Pets



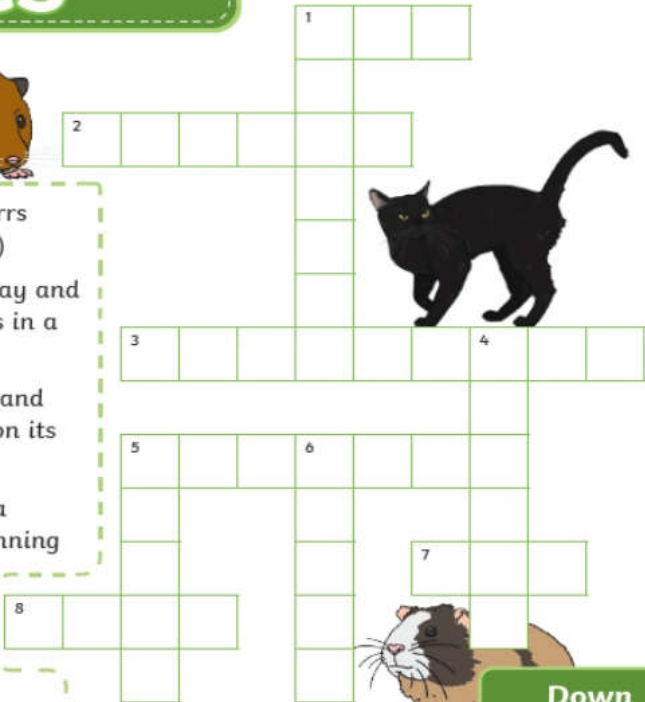
Across

1. This furry pet purrs when it's happy. (3)
2. Which pet eats hay and vegetables and lives in a hutch? (6)
3. This pet squeaks and doesn't like to live on its own. (6,3)
5. This pet lives in a cage and enjoys running around inside a wheel. (7)
7. Lots of people have these as pets. They can bark and need to be walked every day. (3)
8. This pet needs to live in a bowl or tank of water. (4)



Down

1. You might get to collect eggs if you have this pet. (7)
4. This pet has a curved beak and lives in a cage. (6)
5. Which pet wears a saddle so that you can ride it? (5)
6. This pet has a long, narrow body and is covered in scales. (5)



Pet I Spy!

Count the number of each type of pet you can see!
Which had the most and least?





St George's Day



St George is the patron Saint of England.

We celebrate St George's Day on 23rd April. He is also the patron saint of farmers, soldiers, archers and even... Scouts! The Scouts and Guides often take part in a parade on St George's Day because of this.

George wasn't actually born in England. He was born in a place called Cappadocia in Turkey! Historians think that he was a Roman soldier! Sadly, George was killed on 23rd April in 303 AD because of his religious beliefs.

A red cross on a white background is the flag of St George and England.



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Colouring - Legend has it that George bravely fought a fiery dragon to save a beautiful princess and the town where she lived .

Paper Plate Dragons!



Materials for basic dragon:

Paper plate

Scissors

Pen

Stapler/tape

Materials for decorating (optional)

Paint

Fabric/paper scraps

Googly-eyes

Craft stick (for a puppet handle)

Step 1:

Cut your paper plate as shown. First cut it in half. Cut one half in half again (to make 2 quarters) and then cut one of the quarters in half again (to make 2 eighths).



Step 2:

Cut the rim of the plate off the quarter plate piece.



Step 3:

Cut little triangles off the plate rim piece to make the tail and draw a dragon head on the remaining piece.



Step 4:

Cut your dragon head and give some shape to the two other small plate pieces (the eighths) for the wings.



Step 5:

Your dragon is now ready to decorate and assemble.





DUNCTON

SAVE THE DATES



DUNCTON FUN DOG SHOW IS RETURNING THIS SUMMER

Sunday 28th July 2024, 2:00pm to 4:00pm
at Duncton Village Hall.

RUDE MECHANICALS RETURN ON JULY 4

We are pleased to say the Rude Mechanical touring theatre company
will be returning to the Duncton Recreation Ground on
Thursday, July 4.

More details to follow, save the dates now!

RAINFALL FOR JANUARY

Recorded by Fran Trimming in River
(pre-2023 readings recorded by John Mayes in Haymarsh)

Year	February	Year to date
2024	143mls	230mls
2023	6mls	110mls
2022	64mls	103mls
2021	91mls	190mls
2020	131mls	198mls
2019	71mls	102mls
2018	49mls	145mls
2017	87mls	174mls
2016	63mms	253mms

SAM AND MISHA'S LAMBS

We started our sheepling five years ago when we bought a flock of 7 Romney sheep off a local farmer who was downsizing.....it was something we had always wanted to do so seemed the perfect idea! We went off and did a bit of fencing and bought some hay and proceeded to take on the life of novice shepherds with the intention of being able to supply the pub with meat we can honestly say we have total control of. (*Horse Guards Inn, Tillington*)

We lambed that first year with the new arrivals being born in April and realized that there is very little to beat the sight and sound of new born lambs frolicking in the spring sunshine, bleating at their mothers for another feed!!

Our flock grew each year and we kept the new ewes to bolster our breeding stock and supplied the pub with lovely hogget (slightly older lamb). Whilst shearing we were disheartened to realise the amount of wool we produced (and we were on a miniscule scale) had no viable end use so we started collecting it to send off to a mill to be turned into a knitting yarn. This soon proved to be unrealistic – too expensive and too hard to find a mill with the interest to take on such a small quantity.

Over the years we met local shepherds and shepherdesses and Misha started talking to them about spinning the wool ourselves and she spent quiet winters' evenings being mentored. This started an education of sheep breeds and their differing qualities in terms of fleece and meat and we started buying in new ewes and their rams to give us some wonderful new additions from Leicester Longwools to Swiss Valais – I'm even looking at some Icelandic ones!! Needless to say our field at home and other fields dotted around Tillington are full of a cosmopolitan mix and my living room at home is now filled with their wool and all the equipment used to wash, card, spin and all the other new skills that I'm not familiar with.

We now have 19 pregnant ewes covering three breeds with lambing due to start on Easter Sunday,. Following the wettest February on record, I've bought myself a set of heavy duty waterproofs and a head torch and am ready and excited for some new additions to join the family. Sam and Misha



THE SOUTH DOWNS

by Michael Blencowe for Sussex Wildlife Trust

I love heading out at the weekends for a hike over the Downs - but 90 million years ago, this part of the planet wouldn't have been a safe place to be. I'd have been busy avoiding the teeth of hungry aquatic predators like the 10-metre-long Mosasaurs as I cruised through a shallow sea. But it would be much smaller, less fearsome prehistoric organisms that would shape Sussex. The calcium shells from microscopic marine algae slumped to the sea floor and millions of years of pressure and erosion moulded them into the curvaceous chalk hills that form the familiar foundations of the South Downs.

It only feels like yesterday (well, about 6,500 years ago) that we humans showed up and got to work. The wild Sussex woods were chopped down and eventually sheep grazing became the dominant activity on the cleared hills for many centuries. The sheep-nibbled short downland turf is an internationally rare habitat, rich in flowers and the creatures that depend on them.

And, as chalk downland is such a rare habitat, the species that live here are also uncommon. Our butterflies are a prime example. Species like the Grayling, Silver-spotted Skipper, Small Blue, Adonis Blue and Chalk Hill Blue are restricted to this special habitat.

But it's not just wildlife that benefits. Those porous chalk hills filter, store, and provide us with most of our water. They also offer loads of other free services from flood prevention to pollination and food production. The open countryside around Sussex also offers us immeasurable physical, mental and spiritual benefits. The South Downs were designated a National Park in 2011.

While writing this article, I discovered a letter penned in 1915 by the Lewes naturalist, W. E. Nicholson, expressing concern for the future of the South Downs around Lewes, and especially the rare Adonis Blue butterfly and scarce Forester Moth that live there. I'd like to think that Mr. Nicholson would be re-assured to know that, more than a century later, his beloved Lewes Downs, butterflies and moths are still just where he left them and all flourishing under the care of Sussex Wildlife Trust on their reserves at Malling Down and Southerham.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is a conservation charity for everyone who cares about nature in Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife.

We rely on the support of our members. Please consider joining us. Your membership will help us challenge decisions that threaten wildlife, care for more than 30 nature reserves, and inspire the next generation about the wonders of the natural world. It's easy to join online at sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/join

DESERT ISLAND DISCS PRESENTED BY ROY PLUMLEY:

“Today’s guest is Dan Slattery, an engineer, from Duncton, West Sussex.”

“Dan, your choices for incarceration on this desert island please.”

1. **The National Anthem**, played on 2 June 1953 on Coronation Day and listened to by a 5-year-old on the ward radio in Great Ormand Street Hospital
2. **Air on a “G” string** played by Jacques Loussier at the Colston Hall in Bristol 1971. My attempt to woo my wife to be. We were students in the Bath area. It worked and we have been married for over 50 years! What follows was a student life of doing nothing, lying in bed all day, down the pub, eyes feasting on the female freshers, and spending the grant money.
3. **Hard Day’s Night** by Peter Sellers
4. **Back in the USSR** by the Beatles
5. **Brown Sugar** The Stones
6. **Entrance of the Queen of Sheba** 1975 came as a shock, the last graduation ceremony I took part in. As I left academia, I began my professional career.
7. **Je ne regrette rien** by Edith Piaf. The Volvo landed at Calais, complete with wife and children, on a warm summer’s night, and with the sunroof open, we went warp speed to the Dordogne. Another summer holiday, another time to enjoy ourselves. Pity the company petrol card stopped at Dover!
8. **Always look on the bright side of life.** A positive reminder of how lucky we all are. This is how I think every morning as I review the bills and endless job list I have. But I have an advantage, I now celebrate 25 years of retirement, that’s more than my professional career! For me: every day is Sunday!

It is unfortunate that I will not accept the Bible and the Works of Shakespeare. Instead I choose to take my wife with me, without whom I would decline into nothing.

My choice of book would be; **Owner’s Manual for Honda CB750**. This Japanese motorcycle was an innovation and design icon. I have never seen such a step in all my professional career. Transported from Japan on the Trans-Siberian railway and sold at £1 a cc (today it is £20 per cc) and it demolished the UK motorcycle industry.

My one luxury would be an inexhaustible supply of **Red Wine**

WHAT A CHILLI NIGHT

It was a chilli night in Duncton on Saturday 9th March but the red gingham tablecloths, made by Jean Slattery 24 years ago when the hall was first built, lent an Italian bistro style to the village hall where over thirty of us gathered to enjoy a home cooked supper to raise funds for the Parish Council to invest in measures to improve road safety. And the hall looked so inviting with flowers and candles on the tables – we should do it more often.

And the chilli on offer was con carne to suit everyone's taste from the hottest, which ran out first, to the richest (with chocolate added by chef Nigel Clifford), a vegetarian option (sin carne) from Heather Lakin, and others made by Sue Thomas, Helen Clifford, Louise Exall and Jean Slattery plus some classic cottage pies for the less adventurous.

And after supper a surprise quiz with fun questions devised by Tom Cole awarded the winners, a team from Lodge Green prize money, which they generously chipped back-in bringing the total raised to £552.20 when added to proceeds from the raffle with prizes kindly donated by The Cricketers, Heath End Stores and Julie Denham..

After several serious accidents and last year's fatal accident on the A285 (labelled the most dangerous road in the country), despite the improvements made by the District Council, there is much concern that the current speed restriction signs are not preventing speeding through the village and it is hoped that the funds raised will enable the Parish Council to secure additional signage to curb speeding.

DUNCTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Hilary O'Sullivan has retired from the Duncton Village Hall Committee, having been a trustee since September 2017. Hilary moved from Burton Rough to Chichester a couple of years ago, and has now bought a property in West Wales. So other priorities, and good reason to opt out.

We are most grateful to Hilary for her contribution across many areas over the six years or so, but especially in winning grants to help fund major hall improvements. Her success will continue to benefit the local community for many years to come. She leaves a great legacy. Thank you, Hilary, we wish you and the family well in your new adventure.

So we have a seat to fill. Trustees play a vital role in making sure a charity is well run and its objectives achieved. We are a friendly well-established team and would make any new volunteer very welcome. Whatever your skills and interests be assured they would be of benefit. The time commitment is modest – just whatever you can spare. If you are interested and would like more information, please e-mail our secretary Alison Pindell alisonpindell@icloud.com.

THE BLUEBELL RAILWAY

The railway line between Culver Junction and East Grinstead was opened on 1st August 1882.

Traffic was never very heavy and by 1955 British Railways had decided to close the line. The closure date was 17th June 1955. Although owing to an ASLEF strike the last train ran on 29th May. Some things never change! At this point a local resident Miss Madge Bessemer realised that the act of parliament that allowed for the construction of the line contained a clause obliging the Lewes and East Grinstead Railway Company and all its successors to provide a service of four trains a day in each direction and calling at specified stations. She took British Railways and the British Transport Commission to court and forced the re-opening of the line from 7th August 1956. BR then applied to parliament to repeal the original act to allow for closure and the line was closed for a second time on 17th March 1958. During this time the press visited the line and gave it the name Bluebell Railway. This delay and publicity allowed for the formation of a preservation society. The society purchased Sheffield Park station and the line to Bluebell Halt just short of Horsted Keynes station which was still used by BR for electric services to Ardingly and Haywards Heath.

The Bluebell Railway reopened as a preserved railway in 1960. They moved in to Horsted Keynes station in 1963, and since extended the line first through Sharpthorne Tunnel to West Hoathly, then to Kingscote and finally in 2013 to East Grinstead.

David Miles

ADLESTROP BY EDWARD THOMAS

Yes. I remember Adlestrop—
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.

No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop—only the name

And willows, willow-herb, and grass,
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.



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TIME TO SPRING CLEAN YOUR AFFAIRS?

With April now upon us and thoughts turning to spring cleaning, it might be the time also to think about revisiting one's personal and financial affairs too. Whilst considering what would happen should we meet with an accident, serious illness or worse is never very palatable, a little forward planning now can make all the difference if circumstances suddenly change.

Many people will already have a Will in place, and some may have a valid Enduring Power of Attorney (if made before 1st October 2007) in relation to their property and financial affairs, but fewer may have given thought to arranging **Lasting Powers of Attorney (LPA)**. These important legal documents allow you to appoint personally one or more persons (family members or other nominated persons) to make financial and health care decisions on your behalf and manage your affairs if you are incapacitated, either through accident or illness. With no LPA in place, family members would usually have to apply to the Court of Protection to appoint a deputy to make these decisions on your behalf and this process can be a very complex, lengthy and expensive business and will only cover financial arrangements; health and welfare decisions have to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis via the courts.

Lasting Powers of Attorney cover (in two separate documents) the choices you make about:

- (a) your health and care needs – which could include decisions regarding where you will live, your daily routine, the medical treatment and care you receive, etc.
- (b) your financial affairs – which could include accessing your accounts to pay bills, handling tax issues and utility accounts, assisting with collecting pensions and benefits, managing your financial affairs, etc.

Whilst legal advice, which is always recommended if you are uncertain, may be needed to put in place an LPA, particularly if your affairs are complicated, LPAs are also relatively easy to set up through the Government webpages <https://www.gov.uk/power-of-attorney>. There is lots of information and advice available to help guide you through the process. Without wishing to state the obvious, LPAs are very powerful documents, so careful thought should be given to your choice of attorneys.

In order for an LPA to be valid it must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian and, again, the Government website provides the necessary information to do this. LPAs currently cost £82 each but there are some exemptions to these charges available upon application.

It is worth noting that registration currently takes **at least 20 weeks** and there is no fast-track application process for those facing a diagnosis which may limit their capacity to make decisions. As such it is crucial to plan ahead to ensure that the correct documentation is in place.

Taking these rather gloomy thoughts a step further, another thing to consider, is whether any of your family/nominated attorneys have any idea about how you manage your affairs. Obviously not something we readily share, but have you considered setting up some sort of spreadsheet or list which you can store safely somewhere (e.g. under a password online, or in a safe place – your attorneys will need to know how to access it) with details of bank accounts, insurance policies, locations of valuables, storage units, etc., etc. This information (along with details such as utility account information, professional contacts, subscription memberships, etc.) can be invaluable to anyone trying to sort out your affairs if you are unable to do so.

And now – on with Spring.....!

Lottie Knight



PETWORTH & DISTRICT OVER 60S CENTRE –
The Friendship Centre – April 2024

Annual Subs (£5.00) are due on 1st April – please pay on your first visit to the Centre.

We have been invited to join Easebourne Ladies for a Beetle session on Tuesday 2 April at St Mary's Church Easebourne at 2.00 pm and transport can be arranged if necessary.

We will play Bingo at the Friendship Centre (Over 60s) on 3rd and 17th of April starting at 1.30pm and Beetle on 24th April. The minibus will be available to bring members to the Centre.

There will be a Coffee morning on Saturday 6 April in the URC Hall and we would welcome contributions for the raffle, tombola, cakes and bric-a-brac. Please bring them to the Centre before 6 April or to the URC on the morning of the sale.

Advance notice – the AGM will be held on Thursday 20 June at 2.30 followed by a free Cream Tea.

Our Annual Outing on 28 August will be to Southsea where you will be able to visit the D Day Museum in the 80th Anniversary of D Day, if you wish.

We have vacancies on the Committee – if you are interested please speak to me.

Caroline Stoneman – House Committee Chairman (01798) 342942

PETWORTH VILLAGE BUS MARCH 2024

Shopping trips in April are on Friday 5th to Horsham and to Worthing and The Trading Post at Barnham on Friday 19th. There are also trips to the Friendship Centre (Petworth Over 60s) on Tuesday mornings and Bingo on Wednesdays 3rd and 17th and Beetle on 24th April in the afternoon.

On Friday 26th April there will be a lunchtime trip to a local pub – destination yet to be confirmed.

The shopping and pub trips must be booked through me on (01798) 342942. We have been asked to help with transport for a proposed Shared Reading Project to be held at Rotherlee Care Home. This brings friends and relatives of residents into the home to enjoy reading, listening and chat. This is planned to take place once a week for about an hour or hour and a half on a Monday but we desperately need volunteer drivers if we are to take part in this worthwhile project. Please contact me if you could spare your time perhaps once a month.

Caroline Stoneman – Local Organiser 01798 342942

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April at Sky Park Farm

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APRIL NOTES FROM JANET DUNCTON

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Well, the wettest February on record and not sure that March was much better. I mention this because it has resulted in many more highways problems than normal. Not just potholes but slipping banks and trees falling across roads because their roots have nothing firm left to cling on to. All this and staff shortages I am sorry to say mean that repairs have taken longer than the 21 day target from reporting a problem. I know they are working hard to keep up to speed but I fear we may be waiting longer to get jobs done.

We recently had a Fire and Rescue scrutiny committee and on this happier note I can tell you that in this Service things are going very well with just one or two issues to be resolved. One of these is the time taken to get to incidents, which is in the main is pretty good but on a few occasions there are not enough officers to send a tender out. This is usually in the retained stations because perhaps someone could not get to the station or officers may be on holiday, Fortunately such occasions are rare but a minimum of four personnel must be available to send out the fire tender. In one part of the service, we are exceeding expectations and that is going out to peoples' homes to talk about safety issues.

While on this subject, the fire service is always looking for people who would like to become firemen/women and if anyone is interested, a good way to start is by becoming a retained fireman/woman.

We recently had our first workshop on the next South Downs local Plan, which you may know is the planning document. Government is setting some new rules for how these are produced in the future and so far all I can see is a lot of hard work, but we had an award winning Local Plan last time and I see no reason why it won't be the same in the future.

One of my passions for the South Downs is to make it accessible for all and this includes making paths etc suitable for mobility scooter and buggies to help more people access the Downs. I am also very keen to try and involve the younger generation in the South Downs and countryside generally. You hear people complain about gates left open and rubbish left about and, as awful as this is, I do think some knowledge and education generally about how to behave in the countryside can't start too early in life and getting out in the fresh air is so good for us all especially for anyone with mental health issues.

Budgets are set and at County, our budget balances without any cuts to services but it's not been easy. However it's done for now and we've already started looking at 2025/6.

Here's to a good late Spring and Summer for us all. Keep well.

If you would like to contact me with any County issue please either use my email

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Westerlands Online Survey

We would be grateful and appreciative if you would help us by completing the following survey. The survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete and once submitted your details will be entered into a draw for a 2-night stay at our off grid cabin, Timber Country.

Submission deadline: Friday 19 April 2024
Draw date: Saturday 20 April 2024 (Open Day)

Go to our online survey: www.westerlands.com/survey
Or scan the QR code using your phone camera



Westerlands Open Day

We would like to invite you to our Open Day. The morning will include tours and taster experiences. Coffee and cake will be provided at our [Horsebox Café](#) which is our community hub.

When

Date: Saturday 20 April 2024
Time: 10.00am to 12.30pm

Tour 1 Start: 10.30am
Tour 2 Start: 11.30am

Where

Horsebox Café, Westerlands, Graffham, GU28 0QJ

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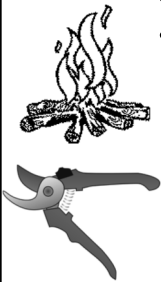
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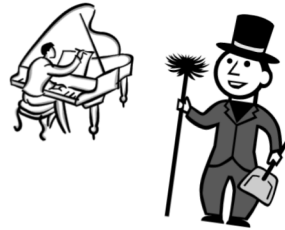
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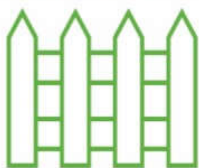
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