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FROM THE REGISTERS – BURWASH

Funerals

MASS AT CHRIST THE KING

Roman Catholic Church, Burwash

Mass	9 a.m. Sunday
Mass	10 a.m. Tuesday
Mass	10 a.m. Friday

23rd June	Thomas Arthur Hayward Salmon
9th July	Beryl Lillian Beale
16th July	Maureen Denny

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RECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

I've found myself doing something I'm not sure I'm quite ready for: preparing my son for school. It's come scarily quickly. I know it's always been this way — parents attending taster sessions, hunting down bits of uniform, trying to make sure we've filled in all the forms and turned up at the right doors — but this time it's us.

And it's made me think: we do spend a lot of time preparing, don't we? Preparing children for school. Preparing for holidays. Preparing for harvest, even. We mark it all in the calendar, make our lists, check them twice. But how often do we think about preparing ourselves spiritually?

Too often I think we assume we can drift from one moment to the next without taking the time to reflect or pray, without any real spiritual intention. We run on empty and wonder why we feel dry or distant. But the Christian life, like any journey, calls for preparation.

That's one reason I love the rhythms of the Book of Common Prayer, which we use so often in our churches. People often misunderstand the word common — they take it to mean simple, or ordinary. But it means something far deeper and more beautiful: this is the prayer of all God's people, for all seasons of life. It's not casual: it's communal. And it prepares us for discipleship.

One phrase I've found myself reflecting on recently is the response to the Ten Commandments in the Communion service: "Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee." It's so rich, and so well-balanced.

"Lord, have mercy upon us" — because we know we've fallen short. We don't always live the way God designed us to.

"Write all these thy laws in our hearts" — not just on a list, or in our heads, but deep within us. Make us long to be the people you're calling us to be.

"We beseech thee" — because it's only by God's grace that any of this becomes possible.

This response comes just before we move to receive the Eucharist — arguably the most defining moment of our Sunday worship. And how fitting, that before we receive the bread of heaven, we ask God to shape our hearts and train our wills.

As we prepare for a new school year, and a new season in church life, let's not forget to prepare spiritually too. Let's take time to pray, to reflect, to allow the Spirit of God to write His words on our hearts. It may not involve taster sessions or labelled jumpers — but it does involve intention, and trust, and an open heart.

With every blessing,

REVD TOM

Rector of Burwash, Burwash Weald and Etchingham

Saturday, 20th September Burwash Auction of Promises in Burwash Village Hall at 7 p.m.



HARVEST EDITORIAL

The marvellous cover photograph is of *BALING IN THE WEALD* in 1966, courtesy of Richard Harden. On Page 23 we have an even more atmospheric black and white photograph of scything in East Sussex. Harvest these days involves large equipment, mechanisation and bottom-line economics, with far less manpower.

Anyway, all available 'people power' in this part of Sussex will be required to do justice to the **Burwash Fair and Dog Show on Sunday, 24th August** before a lull to re-groom the dogs in preparation for the **Burwash Common Fête and Dog Show on Saturday, 13th September**. If we have any 'power', energy or money left, then we have the **Auction of Promises in Burwash Village Hall on 20th September**.

Please do read the Scouts Article, because the photographs show pure joy! The helpers are having as much fun as the children and the photograph at the Fire Station is a delight! Once more, thank you to the people who give their time to make all these things happen.

The Etchingham Music Festival may be over for this year, but it is not forgotten. It gave considerable pleasure to a great many people. Very sincere thanks to Mary Newington and her team.

We seem to have suffered from road closures, unscheduled power cuts, water works, poor internet connectivity, cancelled trains and much more of late but hopefully we can make the most of the summer, support our local events and businesses and come back refreshed for the Autumn Term after some marvellous summer fun.

Summertime is precious for family memories, so be sure to give yourself the chance to make some. Even if you can't go away on holiday, there is loads going on in our communities - something for all age groups - most weeks. Enjoy! See Pages 10 and 14 for What's On!

Happy holidaysand may your harvests be bountiful.

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August 2025	Burwash	Etchingham	Burwash Weald
Sun 3 rd	8.30 Holy Communion BCP 10.00 Family Service 6 p.m. Evensong TBC	11.00 Holy Communion	10.30 Morning Prayer - Anne Everall 12.30 Baptism
Thurs 7 th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 10 th	10.30 UB Service at St. Phillips	10.30 UB Service at St. Phillips 4.30pm Evensong	10.30 UB Service of Parish Communion 6.00pm Evening Prayer BCP - Penny Button
Thur 14 th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 17 th	10.00 Sung Matins - Christo Corfield	11.00 Family Communion	9.30 Holy Communion BCP
Thurs 21 st	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 24 th	10.00 Parish Communion	11.00 Holy Communion - Canon Patrick Sales	10.30am Holy Communion CW - Rev. Jim Smith
Thur 28 th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 31 st	11.00 UB Service at Etchingham	11.00 UB Service of Holy Communion BCP	11.00 UB Service at Etchingham

Sept 2025	Burwash	Etchingham	Burwash Weald
Thur 11 th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 7 th	8.30 Holy Communion BCP 10.00 Family Communion 6 p.m. Evensong TBC	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Matins BCP - Penny Button 10.30 Morning Service – Dr JW
Thur 11 th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 14 th	10.00 UB Service of Parish Communion	10.00 UB Service at St. Bartholomew's Burwash 4.30pm Evensong	10.00 UB Service at St. Bartholomew's Burwash 3.00pm Battle of Britain Service - Dr Sue Greener
Thur 18 th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 21 st	10.00 Sung Matins - Christo Corfield	11.00 Family Communion	9.30 Holy Communion BCP 4.00pm Praise at the Pavilion
Thur 25 th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 28 th	10.00 Parish Communion	11.00 Holy Communion – LF/ VP	10.30am Morning Prayer - AE
Sun 5 th	8.30 Holy Communion BCP 10.00 Family Service 6 p.m. Evensong TBC	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Matins BCP – Penny Button 10.30 Harvest Festival - VP

WHAT'S ON: AUGUST

Saturday, 2nd	Burwash Community Farmers' Market at Swan Meadow, Burwash 9 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
Monday, 4th	3Cs at St. Bartholomew's, 10 a.m. - Noon. (Most Mondays, except Bank Holidays.)
Tuesday, 5th	Burwash Village Playgroup. Tuesday Mornings from 10 a.m. - Noon at Eddie Workman Pavilion. (Every Tuesday.)
Tuesday, 5th	Community Dementia Cafe at Dudwell St Mary Care Home, Burwash, 2 - 4 p.m. (see p. 54).
Wednesday, 6th	Walks for Strollers meeting at The Bear Car Park, Burwash at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, 6th	Etchingham Church Baby & Toddler Group, Parker Hall, Etchingham, 10 - 11 a.m. (Every Wednesday.)
Wednesday, 6th	Movement to Music Classes, Edward Workman Pavilion, 10 a.m. (Every Wednesday.)
Thursday, 7th	Burwash Common Babies & Toddlers Group 10 a.m. - Noon, at Burwash Common Pavilion. (Every Thursday).
Saturday, 9th	Farmers' & Makers' Market at King John's Nursery, 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 12th	Etchingham Tuesday Club Meeting, Etchingham.
Wed., 13th	After Eight Club, afternoon outing to Rapkyns Nursery in Broad Oak.
Saturday, 16th	Burwash F.C. Civil War, at Swan Meadow.
Saturday, 16th	Rye & District Country Show, Elm Tree Farm in Icklesham for St. Michael's Hospice.
Saturday, 16th	First Premier League game for Albion at the Amex Stadium against Fulham.
Tuesday, 19th	Bereavement Friendship Group at Old Orchard Cafe, Burwash Common, at 10.30 a.m.
Wed., 20th	Etchingham Residents' Coffee & Cake Morning at The Bistro from 11 a.m.
Thursday, 21st	Burwash Not So Young, Garden Party.
Thursday, 21st	Mayfield & District U3A Meeting at Five Ashes Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Speaker: . Subject: 't'.
Sunday, 24th	Burwash Fair & Dog Show.
Monday, 25th	C.T.H.D. Ploughmans' Lunches in Union Church Hall during Le Marche, Heathfield.
Monday, 25th	Grand Opening of Burwash Common Petanque Court at 4 p.m.
Saturday, 30th	Burwash F.C. first game of the year.

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He brought with him interesting facts and figures together with a seemingly endless supply of anecdotes about the lives of the men (mostly) and women whose sacrifice will never be forgotten. He is personally responsible for 54 veteran's graves in 13 cemeteries spread across Sussex but talked about the Foundation's work worldwide and passed around several genuine war artefacts from his personal collection, including a brass fuse nosecone from a shell, wire-cutters from the WWI trenches and a bayonet manufactured in 1905 that may well have seen active service.

A lively and entertaining evening was enjoyed by the audience, some who had travelled a considerable distance to be able to join us, the first of a series of affordable evenings being planned by ETSR, watch this space!



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ETCHINGHAM VILLAGE HALLS Present Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey, Sussex

**Friday, 19th September 2025, 7.30 p.m.
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POSTPONED

Etchingham Trust for Sports and Recreation

Autumn Craft Fair

Was to have been

Saturday, 27th September 2025, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Sadly we have had to postpone the Craft Fair, but
we hope to hold it next Spring instead.**

Watch out for more details in this magazine,
on E Bulletin, local social media and posters.

PAULETTE BARTON

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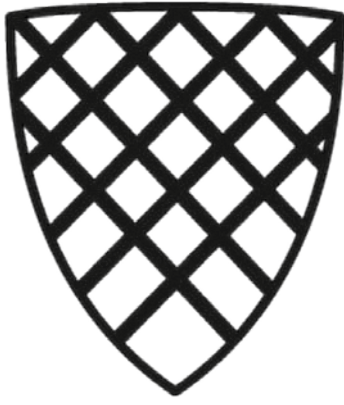
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ETCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH PEARLS

Devolution, or LGR (Local Government Reorganisation) continues to evolve and, while we are doing what we can to have the Etchingham voice heard and supported by the various lobby groups such as RALC (Rother Association of Local Councils) and NALC (National Association of Local Councils), it is early days and confirmed details are still very thin on the ground. Our representatives are relentless in keeping up the pressure to ensure that even the smallest Parish – and we are not the smallest – get a fair crack at the whip to benefit their residents from these changes.

By the time this issue is landing on your doormats or you are picking up from your nearest supplier, Etchingham Parish Council will have a new Chairman. At the Parish Council meeting on 17th July Cllr Benjamin Sutch took over this role from Cllr McGregor.

Trevor and Julie will, sadly for us, be moving out of the parish to be closer to family. Trevor and Julie were both active members of TESAG (The Etchingham Safety Action Group) set up by the Parish Council and chaired by Michael Le Garignon, to find ways to increase safety for all road users, including pedestrians, through and in the village. We are hopeful that we will be hearing back from East Sussex County Council Highways very soon with its completed feasibility study of what can be achieved. Trevor and Julie will be kept informed!

Trevor then stepped forward to offer himself as a Councillor when a Casual Vacancy occurred. He quickly proved his worth and has been active across many projects including negotiations with the Environment Agency regarding the Old Etchingham Stores (he has offered to remain available to help complete this project) for which the Council is extremely grateful as his expert advice and contacts have proved invaluable in moving this along. Thereafter he became chair of ETSR, (Etchingham Trust for Sports and Recreation) before relinquishing that role to Cllr John Barnes so he, Trevor, could take over the chair of the Parish Council.

To say he will be missed is a massive understatement, but we wish both Trevor and Julie all the very best in their new home and, as they say, 'Don't be strangers'.

PAULETTE BARTON

Etchingham Baby and Toddler Group

Come and join our Etchingham Playgroup, every Wednesday 10-11 a.m. in the Parker Village Hall.

There are plenty of toys for the children, so take a coffee-break and meet up with other parents.

(£2 towards the cost of hiring the Halls)



WHAT'S ON: SEPTEMBER

Monday, 1st	3Cs at St. Bartholomew's, 10 a.m. - Noon. (Most Mondays, except Bank Holidays.)
Monday, 1st	Burwash Short Mat Bowls Club resume at 6 p.m. in Village Hall, followed by AGM at 8 p.m.
Tuesday, 2nd	Burwash Village Playgroup. Tuesday Mornings from 10 a.m. - Noon at Eddie Workman Pavilion. (Every Tuesday.)
Tuesday, 2nd	Community Dementia Cafe at Dudwell St Mary Care Home, Burwash, 2 - 4 p.m. (see p. 54).
Wednesday, 3rd	Walks for Strollers meeting at The Bear Car Park, Burwash at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, 3rd	Etchingham Church Baby & Toddler Group, Parker Hall, Etchingham, 10 - 11 a.m. (Every Wednesday.)
Wednesday, 3rd	Movement to Music Classes, Edward Workman Pavilion, 10 a.m. (Every Wednesday.)
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Saturday, 6th	Burwash Community Farmers' Market at Swan Meadow, Burwash 9 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Saturday, 6th	Tea at The Ritz at Burwash Village Hall, at 3 p.m.
Sunday, 7th	WAB Ancient Tree Walk on Bateman's Estate. (Contact WAB for details.)
Tuesday, 9th	Full Council Meeting at Burwash Parish Rooms at 7 p.m.
Tuesday, 9th	Arts Society Wealden Heathfield talk by Twigs Way on the 'Life and Art of Marian North: Victorian Botanical Artist and Traveller'. At Heathfield Community Centre at 2.15 p.m.
Saturday, 13th	Farmers' & Makers' Market at King John's Nursery, 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Saturday, 13th	Burwash Common Fete & Dog Show from 2 p.m.
Tuesday, 16th	Bereavement Friendship Group at Old Orchard Cafe, Burwash Common, at 10.30 a.m.
Wed., 17th	Etchingham Residents' Coffee & Cake Morning at The Bistro from 11 a.m.
Friday, 19th	Talk on Air Ambulance, Kent, Surrey, Sussex 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. at Etchingham Village Halls. Speaker: Simon Clark.
Saturday, 20th	WAB maintenance morning at St. Philip's, Helen Proctor of Sussex Botanical Recording Society in attendance.
Saturday, 20th	Burwash Auction of Promises in Burwash Village Hall at 7 p.m.
Monday, 22nd	BCW Residents' Association Open Meeting at Burwash Common Pavilion. Doors open at 7.15 p.m.
Thursday, 25th	Burwash Not So Young Club Meeting. Speaker: Phyllis Stevens. Subject: The Chelsea Flower Show, at Burwash Village Hall at 2.15 p.m.

FIRST BURWASH & ETCHINGHAM SCOUT GROUP

With this glorious weather all the sections have been taking advantage of it.

Scouts have spent most weeks in the woods with games, some team building and some rope work.

Cubs have also enjoyed being out with a trip to Bedgebury, planning their dinner for their camp and enjoying a rather hot evening with Scouts on a raft building session at Cuckmere Haven. They all had fun building the rafts; some successfully floating, some not so much, but more fun was had just being able to get in the river and have a swim.

Beavers have also been busy with a visit to the Fire Station, pond dipping in the River Dudwell with members of the Wild About Burwash team (see lovely photos opposite and on page 38 in the WAB article).

Beavers also enjoyed a dry(ish) camp with the Cubs at our District's woods near Ninfield. Such a pleasure to strike tents with no rain.

Once again, a huge thank you to all our volunteer leaders and helpers. None of it could have happened without their time and commitment. Also, thanks to members of our community who have helped with sessions.

As part of our fundraising for the Group, Burwash & Etchingham will be participating in the Bewl Water Dragon Boat racing at the end of August. Please keep an eye out for our fundraising page which will shamelessly be shared with the village community. The money raised will be put towards camping equipment and activities.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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Beavers having fun at Burwash Fire Station



Beavers Pond dipping in the Dudwell



Cubs On the Cuckmere and Swimming in the river (left)



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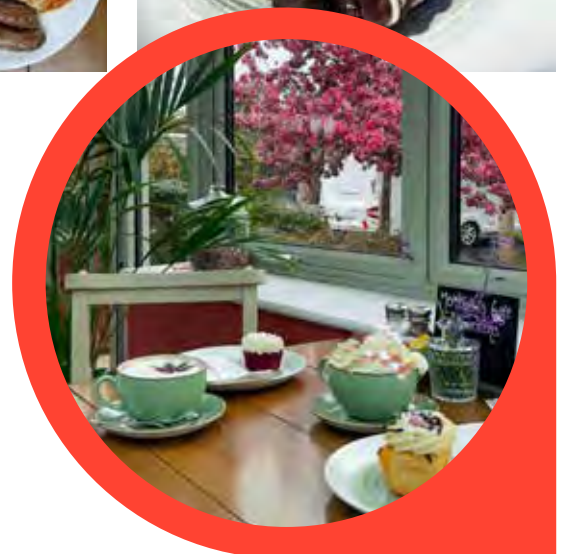
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ETCHINGHAM VILLAGE FETE

On the 7th June the Fête had to be moved to the Ahrens Hall and the Parker Hall because of the bad weather forecast. I would like to thank all the people who helped with this to enable the Fête and Dog Show to go ahead.

The Fête has always been special for me as when the Improvements Committee started in about 1953, my dad, Edmund Mewett, was on the Committee to help make the Queen's Garden and to help run the Fêtes. As a teenager I was also on the Committee for the youth of the day.

This year the judging of the flower arrangements was held in the church. I would particularly like to thank Colin Boylett for his display of postcards and photos of Etchingham and other nearby villages, set up in the church.

Both the halls were very busy and the Wadhurst Band - housed in a tent just outside the back door - played the music which was brilliant! Outside in the square there was a barbecue where people could buy food. The Dog Show was also held there and it went very well.

In the Parker Hall you could have cake and a drink, and a sit-down. A big thank-you to the people who helped with the refreshments, although it was easier to wash up the crockery there than it is usually is in the tea tent in the Queen's Garden. The Punch and Judy show was held twice I believe. Nigel and I watched one of the performances. The children sat on the floor to watch and joined in with Mr. Punch to shout. When it finished the man came out from the back of where he had performed and we were amazed that it was a young man doing it. In the Ahrens Hall there were many stalls and activities. There was face painting for the children too. The raffle was called and prizes were also given for the photo competition and the flower arrangements. A cup was presented for the best flower arrangement.

Many years ago, in the evening after the Fête, there were races for children and also for men and women: we were always pleased if we won some money.

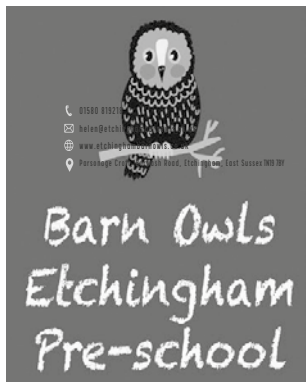
Let's hope next year the weather will be better. However, it didn't stop us enjoying it! Again, well done for everyone who helped to make it happen!

LINDA NEVE

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We say goodbye to Eden, Jaxon, Paisley, Ralph, River and Sienna who are going to Etchingham; Alfred, Archie, Jack, Maisie, Ollie, Rosie and Winnie who are going to Burwash; Louie and Tadgh who are going to Salehurst; Cameron who is going to Hurst Green; and Reuben who is going to Stonegate.

NICKY MENZIES

By the time this hits the press we would have broken up for the summer.

We have had such a mixture of weather but it has meant that our vegetables have really thrived.

The beetroots have been pulled up and Liz has made soda bread with them. The children have also eaten them as a cooked snack food.

The carrots have also been used to make a coleslaw, with the rest of the beetroot.

The peas never made it to being cooked - they were eaten straight from the pods, which is really the best way to have them. Some of the children's faces - when they saw what was in the pods - were lovely. They were so surprised and also many of the reluctant and fussy eaters were willing to try them.

The tadpoles were a success as well - many made it to froglets and were released near a pond by the children - with much ceremony and good byes.

Many of the teachers from the feeder primary school have visited us, and the children who are moving on to them.

The leavers have also been busy spending time at their respective schools and come back bursting with stories. This really does make transition run so smoothly.

At the time of writing we are in our last week - an end of term party is planned and we have a leaver's ceremony, which is emotionally exhausting for the staff and the parents. Luckily, the children just enjoy themselves!

ETCHINGHAM TUESDAY CLUB, JUNE 2025

Unfortunately, only five members travelled to the Bear in Burwash to have a drink and a snack. Personally I could not attend because of health issues. Hilary and George, Corrina's husband, were there to be their drivers. Apparently the Club members had a table in the garden and the view looking towards Brightling was lovely.

A big thank-you to the drivers. I expect it was starting to get slowly darker in the sky as the evening closed. Maybe some stars came out and perhaps the moon. I do miss some of the outings that we go on.

In July we went to the Bistro at Etchingham Station for our meeting and a meal. In August we will be holding our A.G.M.

Let's hope we have a lovely summer.

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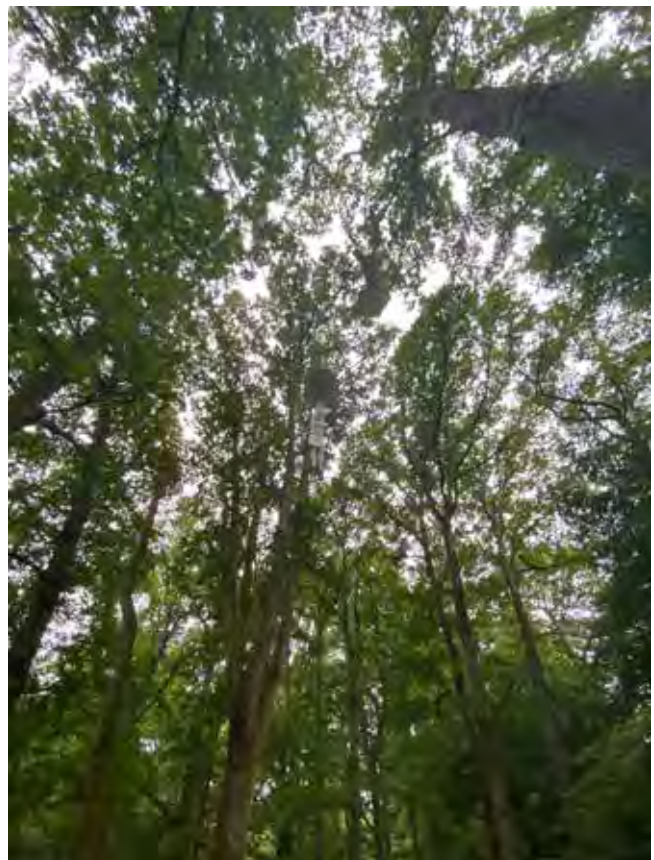
WALKS FOR STROLLERS

There were six Strollers for our July walk. We went along the High Street to St. Bartholomew's Church and, then took the footpath behind Glebe House. On reaching the main road, we turned right and then, after a short distance, we crossed the road on to the footpath which took us down to Shrub Lane. Here we turned right along the lane and then left on to the Bridleway at Acorn Farm.

We crossed the railway line on the footpath and went through Upper Collington's Wood. There are some interesting sculptures in the wood, as you can see. Crossing back over the railway line on the footpath, we headed back to Burwash via Ham Lane. The total distance walked was 4.5 miles.

Our next walk is on Wednesday, 6th August, meeting at the Bear Car Park in Burwash at 9 a.m. This is followed by our Wednesday, 3rd September walk, meeting at the Bear Car Park in Burwash at 9 a.m. once more. Any new Strollers are most welcome to join us. Please ring if you have any questions.

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RUFUS' RURAL RAMBLES

I have continued to be taken on some lovely walks with David, Matthew, Mum and Dad. I am sorry to tell you that I have been a bit naughty at home: helping to mow the lawn but digging some holes as well. I have also made myself a dust bath through the shrubs in the middle of the garden by the house. I didn't go to the Fête and Dog Show as I am not yet ready to do what happened there. We have still not heard the cuckoo and we have not seen some of the birds that apparently come from abroad in the spring.

Recently on our walks to Gigmore Wood, we noticed that beside the River Rother a great many trees have been cut down on Lunsford Farm. We wondered why this had happened as it was nesting time for birds. Mum said that she has seen those trees for most of her life and, if new trees are planted, she will not see them grow big again in her lifetime. On an afternoon walk on the 20th June we passed the church: Mum and Dad told me it was 55 years ago that they got married there.

We have had some very hot weather, so I didn't go out but I drank bowls of water. On the 25th June in the morning we had a power cut and it upset the load in the washing machine. Sparrows love to sit in the Japonica bush in the garden. We thought they had a nest there. On another day we suddenly saw some baby sparrows being fed by their parents!

We certainly have had many days with hot weather which is good for Mum to get her washing dried more quickly, but it has been too hot for me to do much. I might soon have to go to Hurst Green to have a trim as I am getting quite curly again.

I did have another walk to Robertsbridge and back with Matthew and again there was a cricket match being played with two senior teams. A kind lady gave me a bowl of water which I drank. I did have my little bowl in Matthew's bag but I didn't want that.

On the 24th June David and I walked up School Hill, into Fysie Lane, down Church Hill and then home. The power cut the next day was probably caused by what was happening on that route to put in a new cable.

In the field opposite home, there were two vehicles coming towards the bottom gate. One was picking up the branches that had been lying there for quite a while and had dried off. It was mulching them and passing the mulch to the other vehicle which took the load away somewhere and then came back again. There probably is a good use for the wood chips.

On the 1st July the temperature was about 30 degrees Celsius and again we had a power cut in the afternoon. Mum had a letter from Australia that day from her old neighbour and they had similar temperatures, but some parts of their country were having heavy rains and many people lost their homes. Apparently we might be having some heavy rain soon which might help the fields go greener. However, we don't want flooding on the road or in the garden! I don't mind that it has been too hot to go for a walk, as I have found several shady places to have a nice sleep in the back garden. On the 2nd July Dad and David took me on a short walk to Underwoods Farm and it started to rain before we got home. Luckily isn't as hot today. Enjoy the rest of your summer and best wishes to any children from the primary school who are moving up to secondary schools next term. I thankfully will never have to do that in my lifetime!

RUFUS



FLORIBUNDA - THE SCYTHE'S THE LIMIT

One man went to mow, went to mow a meadow, one man and his dog...if only. Our dog has gone, we are in mourning so a solitary woman went to mow our meadow.

It is easier to see the beautiful view and admire the tall grass from my armchair. Not long ago I took down some vertical blinds which were here when we moved in. I spent a joyous hour or so cutting them to pieces and removing the metal tracks that held them up. Now I know why people become vandals: it's awfully good fun. I have also started to look at my family heirlooms. There's quite a lot of trash there but somehow difficult to get rid of.

I am planning to rip up my two plastic platform shoes. One pair is glossy yellow and the other black. I tottered round in them during my teens. For old times sake, I recently donned them and spent the evening looking down on my husband before falling over. The air up top is quite thin, I found.

I digress. It's time to focus on gardening and my meadow. Two or three days ago I got out the scythe I purchased mail order from Briants and assembled it with its Turkish blade. It looked good, the edge was super sharp, what could go wrong? I felt it would be better to scythe a third of the meadow each month, as suggested by one of the many experts who offer advice on meadows. I wish I had a mind of my own, but it was a little too early, the thicker stems were not dry enough to cut cleanly and it was a lot of hard work. On the positive side, I still had two legs when I finished and my feet were still in situ.

Despite my past failed attempts, this time I discovered lots of empty papery cases from the dry seed cases of yellow rattle plants that grew from seed last year. At last I think they are an established part of my meadow. Yellow rattle has rather neat pale grey serrated leaves which are easily identified, and the yellow flowers are easy to spot.

I have saved myself the effort of mowing a large area and the scythe is a lot quieter than a strimmer or a hover mower. Cats seem to love moving through it and birds love alighting on the arching grass stems. I haven't seen any cats catching any birds but that is a distinct possibility as there are plenty of places to hide. The only dead bird I have found was to the side of a path in the front garden where it was well hidden by myrtle and melica uniflora f. alba.

Melica is a delicate elegant grass with flowers described by Beth Chatto (in 'The Shade Garden') as 'like sprays of tiny rice grains'. They soon established themselves as a pretty fringe at the edge of the border. So sad that the thrush died nearby.

Things I would like to see die are the many thistles that keep popping up in the field behind us, a meadow flower that reminds me of my relatives in Cumbernauld, although they don't keep popping up.

Biennial thistles are noteworthy for their high wildlife value and nourishing seeds for goldfinches, foliage for butterfly larvae and down for the lining of birds' nests. I must acknowledge Wikipedia for this information. No wonder goldfinches have visited our garden over the years.

Today I am relaxing with a pot of tea and my feet elevated above my heart enjoying some armchair gardening. Actually I am flat out on the sofa scared to go out. I heard loud shooting echoing across the valley last week. I think deer may have been involved.

It reminded me that my great grandfather shot a tiger in Lonovla with some chums when they went there for the weekend from Bombay.

I visited Lonovla for a day trip a few years ago while I was staying at Byculla, a suburb of what is now known as Mumbai.

On my way back after seeing no wild beasts, I went to Kandallah Junction where a kind station master stopped the train going back to Bombay as he could see I had been on the wrong platform.

Luckily the villagers of Etchingham are spared from such wild beasts but we do have some excellent people at our rail station who provide a marvellous and upbeat service, with a lovely garden at the Bistro as well.

FLORIBUNDA

Our lovely Bistro at the Station has now re-opened after being closed for redecoration. It looks even more inviting than it did before and the EV charging points are operational.

THE EDITOR

ETCHINGHAM NATURE NOTES

At the time of writing (early July), we have had a long dry - and often very warm - period of several weeks. This has not been good for the garden or the woods, although the very wet early Spring did leave some moisture in the lower parts of the clay soil on which we live, and the extraordinary growth that took place in that period has continued. A remarkable amount of leaves and twigs has, however, fallen off the top of the trees, being dried out, no doubt, by the very hot sun.

I have only had one report of anything interesting recently: on the 1st July Paul Stott reported having had a pair of bullfinches in his garden that morning. He also mentioned having seen more goldfinches than usual recently. We too have been lucky enough to see many goldfinches this year, lovely colourful birds that they are.

We have also seen more butterflies this year than we can ever remember. Seemingly the hot weather has been good, in some way, for them.

I have been lucky enough to see something quite extraordinary, several times recently: walking our dog (dogs, plural, up to Easter) down the lane, last thing at night, I have seen a glow-worm in the grass verge along the roadside. The term "glow-worm" is actually a misnomer: while they resemble worms, they are actually beetles. They are famous for their ability to produce light, a phenomenon called bioluminescence, and this is all one sees: a tiny blue-coloured light.

We have many log piles in the wood, on which we stack dead wood, either small fallen, broken branches or sections of bigger ones that I have cut up. They form "habitat piles", in which many insects and small mammals live. Walking through the wood one morning recently, I noticed that one pile had been badly disturbed. I had just begun to straighten it up, when I felt a sting on my hand, and another one on my arm. I realised there was a small swarm of little wild bees all around me, and I concluded that it must have been a badger that disturbed the logs, looking for the bees' nest. Badgers are the only native animal in our woods that can eat bees without being hurt.

As ever, please do not hesitate to report anything you feel worthy of mention in my notes either by telephone on (01580) 819326 or e-mail: langsmith_@hotmail.com, or contact Mary Newington on (01580) 819498.

FRANK H. SMITH

HARVEST

"In the valleys of Sussex, men once worked with the land, not against it. The long lines of scythes, cutting through wheat and barley, followed the contours of hills and fields shaped by generations. In the harvest, one finds the true spirit of Sussex, a place of ancient rhythms and unbroken continuity."

HILAIRE BELLOC



As you will read elsewhere in this issue, many people have rediscovered the joy of scything, but on smaller areas in the local area. There is indeed something very satisfying about this work.

However, with so few people now working on the land, the rhythm is replaced by the gentle hum of mechanical silage and hay cutting, but we can still enjoy the fantastic smell. (My apologies to Hay Fever and Asthma sufferers.) Sadly, the Sussex Hilaire Belloc is writing about has gone, but hopefully we can all enjoy the fruits of harvest time.

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MAKING HAY WHILE THE SUN SHINES

It was never my intention to make hay, but somehow with all the sunshine and then the bursts of rain, the back field was suddenly out of control, so it had to be cut and fast. Although the sun was shining constantly over the days it took me to cut it, a beautiful gentle breeze was blowing along the valley from Heathfield towards Etchingham. I became oblivious to everything in the big wide world and all my focus was on reaching the hedge on the far side of the field: nothing else mattered. I was thinking that the hay harvest must have been a time of communal enjoyment even if hard toil before tractors replaced manpower.

As I swished from side to side with my mechanised scythe (a free swaying brush cutter), I became lost in the rhythm and the smell of freshly cut hay. Golden slow worms wiggled out of the way at my feet, whilst flights of tiny butterflies and moths flew upwards almost into my face. Tiny shrews scampered off into the uncut sections to escape the sudden, scorching heat. Behind my progress lay long lengths of golden grass. The colour was stunning. The smell was heavenly, especially when I cut through the cleavers and cow parsley - bitter and sweet. I realised how important the hay harvest must have been before it became mechanised and likewise how an acre came to be called an acre: the area of land one man could plough with a harrow in one day - originally long and thin because turns were hard and a waste of effort/time. A chain was the original width. It has taken me two days to hand cut the hay, without even thinking about a haystack!

The deer have, of course, also been making hay while the sun shines, frolicking up and down the valley at dawn and dusk before it gets too hot. I could see where they had been sitting in the long grass as I cut it, because it had clear 'deer shapes' of flattened grass and then mini patches where they had left the fawns, because all the surrounding fields have been neatly grazed by the dairy herd. I've gone soft in my old age anyway and left them some long grass along one hedge in which to hide the fawns for another month.

On that baking hot Sunday morning in the heatwave the dogs went crazy at the French doors. I told them off, while looking to see what had so distressed them. I could see nothing!

Off I went to finish the first half of the hay field. When I reappeared, sweaty and covered in grass, I headed straight for the shower (something your Medieval hay-makers didn't have of course). As I came out a huge dark shadow went over the hall window. I sprinted downstairs to the French doors and there above me was a massive Red Kite just taking off from the lawn where I had left some small dog bones the night before. She was making off with one of the bones and landed in the large oak tree in the hay field. Her wingspan was the largest I have seen for a Kite, her condition sparkling. Having left one bone in the tree, she circled the lawn just feet from me to come and take another bone. I saw her dive and extend her talons. This time she was not so fortunate because she was attacked by another much smaller bird which came out of the oak. She circled above the lawn, over the pond and then over the cow fields, before returning to the oak 30 minutes later. The dogs had been telling me earlier: "Mum, a big red thing is stealing our bones", but I had been too slow to see it. It made me realise that a rabbit or a guinea pig on the lawn would be very easy pickings for this powerful bird. I was just in awe of the precision and the pure natural power in those wings. I had seen Red Kites fishing in the Lake near Geneva, carrying fish off to rip apart to feed their babies on a branch at the edge of the Lake, but this was so close and intimate. Far more dramatic! How she even spotted those flat six inch bones on the lawn was another wonder of nature. I am tempted to leave some meat out next weekend to see if I can film this beautiful bird for you all to see. (Didn't manage it, so see page 28.)

Meanwhile, I'm off to mow a meadow.....

CAROLINE HUBAND

UPDATE

I have enjoyed watching a pair of Red Kites circling over the Dudwell Valley, where they have nested and taken up residence.

I have also had linnets in the garden. I never realised they gained their name because they used to feed on flax seeds when flax was grown to make linen cloth.

SEAGULLS OVER BURWASH

Champions, Local Favourites, Benefactors and The New Season

While most of their Brighton and Hove Albion colleagues were sunning themselves on a beach during their well-deserved break following the completion of the 2024-2025 football season, Jack Hinshelwood and James Beadle packed their bags and headed off to Slovakia to join the England Under 21 team and compete in the UEFA U21 European Championship. England U21s were defending the title they won in 2023 and, after six gruelling matches, they clinched the Championship by beating Germany 3-2 in a dramatic, extra time final. Beadle was goalkeeper throughout the tournament while Hinshelwood was deployed as a right back where his 120 minute lung-busting performance in the final was outstanding. Congratulations to Jack, James and the rest of the England U21s. Hopefully the senior England team can replicate their success at next year's World Cup.

Jack Hinshelwood was born in Brighton and joined the Albion Academy at the age of seven. For the supporters of any football club, it is always special when a 'local lad' comes through the ranks and plays for the first team. As Brighton and Hove Albion supporters, we have had a few over the years including the stalwarts of our lower league struggles, Kerry Mayo and Adam El Abd, and current players, Solly March and club captain Lewis Dunk. However, in the past, Sussex's most talented youngsters were lured away by 'bigger' clubs which offered more than lower league football and training on the University playing fields in the rain. Since the training centre at Lancing was completed in 2014, this has started to change. Officially entitled the American Express Elite Performance Centre, the training facilities at Lancing are of the highest standard and provide the optimum conditions for young talent to flourish and develop. Not only does the lure of the Premier League and world class training facilities attract Sussex prospects to the club but the club can attract and recruit young players from all over the UK as well as from abroad. Furthermore, the club's philosophy of trusting young players to perform in the Premier League demonstrates to potential academy scholars that, if they are good enough, they will get a chance of playing first team football at the club.

Over the last few years, the Albion's academy has really started bearing fruit. In recent months five academy players have made the first team squad. Jack Hinshelwood was a regular in the first team last season and, during the last home game of the season against the Champions, Liverpool, he was joined by his cousin, Harry Howell. At seventeen years and 29 days old, Harry was the youngest player to have played in the Premier League for Brighton. Sussex-born academy graduates also joining the first team match-day squad last season were Charlie Tasker and Joe Knight, both 19 years old and 17 year old Freddie Simmons. Simmons has already had an impact at junior international level and has captained England at both under-16s and under-17s. Whilst the latter three have yet to make their first team debut, the fact that they were on the bench demonstrates that the head coach, Fabian Hurzeler, believes they are good enough to play in the toughest league in the world and it is very likely that they will feature on the pitch during the forthcoming season.

As well as developing players through the Academy, Brighton have been busy in the summer transfer market again. As is the general policy of the club, most of the incoming players are young, relatively unknown and with lots of potential. Attackers Charalampos Kostasoulas (18) and Stephanos Tzimas (19), have swapped the Greek sunshine for the Sussex coast while Tom Watson (18), Diego Coppola (21), Do-young Yun (18) and Maxim De Cuyper (24) have arrived from Sunderland, Verona, Daejeon Hana Citizen (South Korea) and Club Brugge, respectively. In addition to these, experienced French defender, Olivier Boscagli (27), joined the club on a free transfer from PSV Eindhoven. The cost of these signings was just over £60 million.

So how was such a large sum of money raised by 'little ol' Brighton'? Well, simple really. A quick call to their favourite benefactor, Mr Todd Boley of Chelsea, West London, and Bob's your uncle!

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SEAGULLS OVER BURWASH CONTINUED

Brighton received a fee that, with staged add-ons, will reach £60 million in return for striker, Joao Pedro, who had missed the last five games of last season for violent conduct on the pitch (three match ban) and fighting with a colleague during training (two match club suspension). The sale of Pedro to Chelsea brought the total amount of money received by Brighton from Chelsea buying Albion players and poaching coaching staff to nearly £300 million since Boley and Clearwater took over Chelsea after Roman Abramovich's ignominious departure. Before the Premier League kicks off, Brighton play a final pre-season friendly against German Bundesliga team, VfL Wolfsburg, on Saturday, 9th August, kick off 5 p.m. These friendly matches are usually very entertaining and it will be the first time to see the Albion's new signings play at the Amex. Also, for the avid supporter, it is an opportunity to enjoy a game without the stress exerted by the importance of the final score that is ever present for Premier League matches. Seagulls Over Burwash are running a coach to the game and we currently have a few spare spaces. So, if you would like to come down to experience a match at the Amex, please drop us a note and we will try and squeeze you on board. You never know, you might get hooked!

The following week, the first Premier League game of the season for the Albion will be at the Amex on 16th August against Fulham. Seagulls Over Burwash will again be running a standard coach and a double decker to each home game during next season.

Throughout last season we took over 120 supporters from the Burwash and Heathfield area to each game and this coming season looks to be just as popular. We have again sold all of our coach season tickets but we do hold back some seats for match-by-match supporters.

Again, if you would like to travel with us to any games, please contact us on the details in the next column.

For further information on joining Seagulls Over Burwash and details of forthcoming events, meetings or coach travel, please visit our website at www.seagullsoverburwash.co.uk or email me at simon.forster@seagullsoverburwash.co.uk Alternatively, please feel free to contact our Chairman, Mr Teskey O'Neil, on 01435 884344 or tesbar80@btinternet.com

SIMON FORSTER



BURWASH & DISTRICT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLUB

What a sizzling summer it's been! With barely a drop of rain, we've been kept on our toes watering the garden to keep the flowers and veggies happy.

Thankfully, we were well-prepared for our BBQ and set up two gazebos that offered some much-needed shade and a breezy spot to relax. Everyone who came along tucked into delicious sausages, chicken drumsticks, fresh coleslaw and crisp salads, all lovingly prepared by our members. And of course, no summer feast is complete without a generous helping of strawberries and cream. We were having such a great time, we completely forgot to snap any photos!

On the 14th July we set off on our outing to Hatchlands near Guildford which was a lovely day out. The journey was excellent, in an air-conditioned coach, with no hold ups.

The garden was showing signs of the heatwave, so we are left hoping the rest of the summer brings a little coolness for our gardens and us. As ever, we enjoyed a well organised, informative day out.

Enjoy the sunshine which seems set to continue!

**JAN MACFARLAND
07792 929523 SECRETARY**

BURWASH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

The Burwash Branch of the Royal British Legion currently has almost sixty named members, who mainly live in the immediate area, but there are other RBL members who live in the area but are not linked to the branch because they either didn't fill in a particular box when joining or they have moved into the area and haven't bothered to change branches.

With our level of membership it would be nice to welcome such members and have them link to us, but to some branches with lower numbers it could be crucial.

If you have moved in to any part of the area covered by this magazine and haven't linked to a local branch, we would love to hear from you as there are other branches nearby who would really appreciate your support, just for numbers!

For further information please contact me on:
(01435) 882444,
steve.mintram@btinternet.com or
Burwash.Secretary@rbl.community

STEVE MINTRAM
(HON. SEC. BURWASH BRANCH)



ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

The Rye and District Country Show

Are you looking for a fun, affordable, family day out this summer? Come along to the Rye and District Country Show at Elm Tree Farm in Icklesham for a fun-filled family day on Saturday, 16th August.

The Rye and District Country Show is organised annually by a dedicated committee in aid of St. Michael's Hospice and has become a staple on the local events calendar. Tickets are only £7.50, with under 16s going free, making it the perfect day out for the whole family.

Visit ryeshow.org.uk to buy your ticket today, or simply turn up on the day to pay. For more information, call 01424 456396 or email fundraising@stmichaelshospice.com

LOTTIE ADAMS-BROWN

BURWASH SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The Burwash Short Mat Bowls Club are currently enjoying their summer break. Some of us are playing outdoor bowls while others are just enjoying the summer.

We will be back in action at the August Bank Holiday Fair, which this year is being held on Sunday, 24th August. As usual, we will have our bowling game which we know you all enjoy. There will be a prize for the winning adult and one for the winning child.

We will resume our Monday evening roll up on Monday, 1st September which will probably include our AGM. The Club starts at 6 p.m. The AGM will start at 8 p.m.

We look forward to seeing all our members again.

MARY TAYLOR BEM



BURWASH FC - END OF SEASON AWARDS

I did not realise there was meant to be a write-up in July for the August Magazine. As a child I played a fair amount of Runescape, which means I can type pretty quickly, so firing this out in record time was simple enough. On the 28th of June, the Club had its end of season party at the Rose & Crown, where good times were had by all and I managed to only hit my head on the low ceiling once. Considering the amount of baby Guinness that I consumed, the ratio of baby Guinness to head bonks was acceptable. Anthony Coulson performed his last official act as manager, presenting a series of awards:

WAG of the year: Hannah Clifton, for being brave enough to marry a member of the team.

Groundsman of the year: Rob Swaine's three children, for doing the actual work whilst their dad slept.

Clubman of the year: Oli Taylor for his outstanding social media content & Dan Webb for putting up with limited playing time and still turning up regardless.

Most improved: James Muir, though he does need to stop using a Tesco bag for his boots.

Golden boot: Joint three ways between Russell Fyfe, Jamie Pelling and Charley Lock.

Goal of the season: Blake Marchant for a delightful flick over his own head before volleying in against Pevensey.

Player's player of the season: Blake Marchant, as voted by his peers.

Manager's player of the season: Blake Marchant: quite the haul for Blake but richly deserved for an outstanding season in midfield, winning every header and coming up with numerous big moments across the campaign.

The awards ceremony was followed by an emotional presentation delivered by Oli Taylor, looking back through Ant's four seasons as manager, but more importantly how he re-established Burwash as a great place to play football, surrounded by good people.

To cap things off there were two lifetime achievement awards, one for Russell Fyfe presented by Anthony Coulson for literally decades of effort. Finally, the original Mr Burwash, Kev Bray, presented Anthony Coulson with his own lifetime achievement award as a thank you for reviving the Club.

Some key dates for the diary:

- 16th August: Civil War, the Burwash vs Burwash inter-squad friendly
- 30th August: First game of the Season

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NEWSLETTER

The PPG is producing a Newsletter to provide information for Fairfield Surgery patients. The first edition will be available at the Burwash Fair. There will be a bottle of champagne for a random numbered Newsletter holder at the Fair. After that the Newsletter will be available at the Surgery and several other sites. Make sure to pick one up!

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DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR NEAREST DEFIBRILLATOR IS? THIS COULD SAVE A LIFE!

BURWASH

Outside the Burwash Village Hall, left of the entrance.
Primary School, outside kitchen on the wall.
Batemans, at Visitor Reception (when open).
Corner of Burwash Park & Fontridge Lane.
Eddie Workman Pavilion, Swan Meadow, by main entrance door.

BURWASH COMMON

Outside Burwash Common Pavilion, left of front door.

ETCHINGHAM

In telephone box on Market Square, next to the school.
At the Station on the wall outside the gate to the Bistro.
On the wall at the Post Office.

TEA AT THE RITZ

This is a new idea which my lovely volunteers and I are excited about doing. It will be an afternoon tea with some form of entertainment. Obviously not at the Ritz but in the lovely Burwash Village Hall. It is being held on Saturday, 6th September at 3 p.m. It will be £10 per person and include homemade sandwiches, scones with cream and cakes, plus as much tea and coffee as you like and elderflower cordial. Our aim is to make the hall look pretty with posh napkins and special china. We will also have a raffle: any donations for this would be most welcome. All the proceeds will be given to the Get Togethers. To book places, please call Mary on 01435 882107 or email: marybarrytaylor@hotmail.co.uk or send me a private message on facebook messenger.

MARY TAYLOR BEM



BURWASH PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Bookings for stallholders and events can now be made directly through our website:

www.bpfa.org.uk 01435 583039

Email: bpfaswanmeadow@gmail.com

Swan Meadow Playing Fields and the Eddie Workman MBE Pavilion have continued to host a range of diverse activities and events throughout July including:

- The Community Farmers' Market
- Tuesday Village Playgroup - contact Jo Murrells
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes - contact Daniel on burwashbjj@gmail.com (see page 57)
- Music and Movement classes - contact Dianne on dianne@seated-exercise.co.uk
- Cricket matches
- Football Training.

100 PLUS CLUB JULY DRAW

The July 100 Plus Club Draw was conducted at the Bear Bingo Night with Valerie Bennett in charge of the 272 balls. Wendy Hardy actually conducted the draw.

Congratulations to the Winners!

1st Ball - Number 277
Mrs Gillian Drake £60

2nd Ball – Number 194
Mrs Libby Waterhouse £40

3rd Ball - Number 130
Mr Mick Donovan £20

STEVE BENNETT

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**THE NEXT BURWASH COMMUNITY MARKET
IS ON SATURDAY, 2ND AUGUST 2025.**



**SEPTEMBER'S MARKET WILL BE HELD ON
6TH SEPTEMBER 2025.**

THE MONTHLY COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

The July Market was held outside, except for the tea and coffee servery. The promised rain held off! Business was steady but many of the regulars turned up early, made their usual purchases and then went on to other events or dashed home to do their garden before the promised rain.

There were amazing local lettuces, various types of honey, a whole array of plants and veggies, great fish as always, delicious bread and pastries, lovely toiletries, exotic eats, juices, candles, beautiful hand-crafted wooden egg holders and so much more.

Tea and coffee sales were brisk, and the vegetarian "bean" rolls sold out. The Ugandan single estate coffee proved to be popular although some of our regulars stuck with the Italian blend. As well as our regulars, we welcomed newcomers to the village and holiday visitors.

We seemed to have more dogs visiting the market than ever. Bert seemed to be intent on snapping up a sausage roll or two: he has a subtle, gentle techniquenext time I'm making him some dog friendly sausage rolls just for him as his owner never lets him complete his stealthy attempts.

Do come next month and bring your doggies and visiting summer visitors with you. Free liver dog treats!

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Wild about Burwash

We have now completed the first six months of water quality testing along the Dudwell. Thankfully the results continue to be encouraging with tests showing that the water is of “good quality”. We have also done some pond dipping sessions with the Beavers, which they seemed to really enjoy and in the coming months we will be doing some electro-fishing to evaluate fish stocks in the river.



Thanks to the continued support of volunteers we will carry on testing on a monthly basis with the aim of setting a baseline level for water quality and will be noting any changes to the riverbanks.

Our project lead, Dr Simon Forster, gave a talk on our project to the Love our Ouse group last month. This group was the first in England to obtain a Rights of the River Charter for the River Ouse. This charter protects the river by setting out a renewed relationship between people and nature in which the river’s essential rights are clearly articulated alongside humanity’s duty of care and responsibility to uphold these legal rights. We plan to have a stall at the Burwash Community Market on 6th September (9-11.30 a.m. Swan Meadow), so do come along to ask questions and find out more about the testing to date.

Over the summer we will be helping with the scything and raking in the Wild Garden at Bateman’s and also at the trial wild-flower verge at the top of Bateman’s Lane which we look after for Burwash PC. The regular maintenance morning at St Philips Churchyard, under the guidance of Helen Proctor of the Sussex Botanical Recording Society, is fixed for 20th September. As always, we rely on volunteers so please do come along, if you can.

An Ancient Tree Walk takes place on Sunday, 7th September on the Bateman’s estate. Our aim is to show how to approximate the age of some of the older trees and encourage more people to use this knowledge to log Ancient, Veteran and Notable trees spotted on walks with the Woodland Trust. This will help to protect and preserve as many of our trees locally as possible. If you would like to find out more and book a place for this walk and training session, please email: wildaboutburwash@gmail.com

We also have planned a walk at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve on Wednesday, 8th October starting at 10 a.m. This is at the kind invitation of James Duncan (Sussex Wildlife Trust) who has guided and delighted us on many local walks here, and has now offered us an “away” tour with a complete change of scenery and the chance to see passage waders and wildfowl winter arrivals. Please let us know if you would like to book a place (a £5 donation is suggested for the SWT) and we can help with car sharing.

The new Etchingham and Hurst Green “branch” is up and running, with its first event - a walk and picnic at Wild Haven. If you would like to find out more about what they are doing, please email Fiona at wildaboutetchingham@gmail.com

**ANNE NEWSON/JULIAN KENNY - WAB
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ETCHINGHAM & HURST GREEN**



BURWASH PARISH MATTERS

following the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 8th July

New Councillors

Julian Kenny and Anne Newson have rejoined the Parish Council. They both bring a wealth of experience to the Council and we are grateful to them for offering their time. Julian will be chairing the Environment and Maintenance Working Party.

Kipling Festival

Cllr Dorey Flint has organised a showing of Disney's 'The Jungle Book' at the Pavilion in Burwash Common on the afternoon of 26th July with an evening showing of 'My Boy Jack' accompanied by cheese & wine at 7 p.m. To round off the festival, The Kipling Society will be holding a talk titled 'Kipling on Film' at Burwash Village Hall at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday, 27th July. Details of these events have been posted on the e-bulletin and the Community Facebook Page. Tickets are selling fast and can be obtained by emailing the Clerk on parishclerk@burwashparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Love Burwash - Burwash in Bloom

There are many in the Parish who have glorious floral displays around their houses and they have brought a lot of happiness to those who pass by. We appreciate the time and care taken to enhance the parish. The winner of the best Hanging Basket was Sue Leonard and the best Front Garden was Michelle, at The Limes. Although strictly not a front garden, everyone who uses the shop in the High Street can't fail to be impressed by the pots and troughs and colourful display next to the shop. Michelle has done a terrific job making good use of what's around and bringing life and colour to this space. They have each been given the prize of afternoon tea at the Blacksmith's Tea and Coffee Shop.

Traffic & Transport Working Party

Speed Watch now has 4 volunteers and they have started their work. On their first day 10 vehicles were recorded as exceeding the speed limit of 40 mph in Burwash Weald. We are grateful to them for giving their time on behalf of us all, to help make our roads safer.

The next full council meeting is on Tuesday, 9th September at 7 p.m. at Burwash Parish Rooms and you would be very welcome to attend. The Parish Clerk is Emma Neil and she can be contacted at the Council Office, High Street, Burwash, TN19 7EU.

Tel.: 07375 809660.

Email: parishclerk@burwashparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Black Cat Radar unit is set to be deployed in several locations around the village to monitor traffic flow and gather data on speeding incidents. It is hoped that this initiative will provide clear evidence to support ongoing efforts to improve road safety and inform future decisions regarding speed limits and enforcement measures.

Many other issues have been discussed by this group, including the Emergency Plan, potholes, footpaths and stiles – too many to be included here. The full minutes of their meeting are available on the Burwash Parish website: www.burwashparishcouncil.gov.uk

Environment & Maintenance

Spring bulbs will be planted in the wild meadow verge at the entrance to Batemans Lane, which is managed by Wild About Burwash volunteers, in the Autumn. WAB continue to forge strong relations with Batemans, and Batemans will provide Yellow Rattle seed from their 'Donkey' field to improve the wild-flowers here. In August, hay cut from the Batemans wild-flower meadow will be used to further improve this area. The members wished to express their thanks to Julia Cody who has worked very hard on the provision of this wild-flower verge.

Burwash Community Project

The Council continues to work towards agreement on what is needed to replace the Parish Office and Rooms and the Public Conveniences in relation to the size and scope of the project. It is aware that the community needs to be engaged, and you will see on the Burwash Parish website (burwashparishcouncil.gov.uk) much of the information that has been published and discussed. There will be further meetings in the months ahead and you are encouraged to take part in the process. The Parish Council are committed to ensuring that the project addresses the needs of the parish through the next decade.

Community Assets

In preparation for its amalgamation into the Unitary Authority, Rother District Council are looking at devolving community assets to parish and town councils. The Parish Council lease the open space at Hornbeam (on the corner of Strand Meadow and Shrub Lane) as well as the car park and toilets. The Council is keen to preserve these assets for the community and is working with Rother District Council to ensure they remain with the parish for perpetuity.

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BURWASH SPEEDWATCH IS BACK!

Our local Speedwatch group is back up and running after a short hiatus and four of us including our trainer assembled opposite The Wheel for our first session a few weeks ago.

Now many people think of Speedwatch as a group of fussy old people with nothing better to do with their time than ruin another person's driving joy however if you have any interest in reducing accidents and reducing speeding along the A265 then read on.

Like so many people who think the Speedwatch initiative is a good idea, people will stop and suggest we should be 'over there' or 'round the corner' to 'catch' the real villains. Or suggest that the worst speeders are out and about around at 6 o'clock in the morning and wouldn't it be a better idea to get out and 'catch' them then?

When you agree that all these suggestions are very good ideas but we are short of volunteers and would they be able to spare half an hour, once a week, at a time to suit them they start to get a bit fidgety. Staring at their shoes. Muttering that they are very busy people 'I work you know' and then suddenly remember they have left the potatoes on the boil and dash off.

We are all busy people but others are prepared to make that little sacrifice so why not you?

Everyone can spare a little time to help keep our local community safe. I do it because I believe it is a good thing to do - there are no negatives. Must we wait until someone is killed, a dog run over, or a car ploughs through someone's front garden before we all rise up and say 'enough is enough'?



Speedwatch is not about 'catching' people it is an educational initiative, funded by our Parish Council, to remind drivers that there is a speed limit in force for a reason. Those exceeding the limit by a considerable amount - we don't record drivers who are doing say 45 in a 40mph limit - will receive a letter from the police highlighting their indiscretion and asking them to be more mindful of limits in the future - you won't be sending your neighbour to jail but a 'little nudge' from them in Blue is a proven way of lowering the average speeds along a stretch of road.

So, not only will you be helping make our villages safer but you will get out into the fresh air, meet some new people and get to feel that you have done 'something' for the community. As a bonus you can learn the phonetic alphabet (whisky, tango, bravo) learn to recognise vehicle makes at 100yds, improve your cognitive skills and your memory - all at no cost to you!

So, all you Burrishers, It's no excuse to say you are too busy, you work, or you have to mind the grand-kids on a Monday morning - volunteer today! Sessions are 30 minutes long and you only volunteer at times which are suitable for you. We work in pairs at various Police approved locations along the main road. There will be something, somewhere, at sometime to suit everyone!

Contact: The Parish Clerk, Emma, on parishclerk@burwashparishcouncil.gov.uk or 07375 809 660 or
Cllr Bob Franklin - cllr.robert.franklin@burwashparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you don't like the sound of Emma or Bob give me, Laurence, a call on 07714935915 - I don't bite.....

LAURENCE WORTON

ETCHINGHAM SPEEDWATCH

Please contact Colin Boylett to join Etchingham Speedwatch: See Etchingham Council Contacts on Page 18.

THE EDITOR

BURWASH NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

It is tempting to call this piece HOT HOT HOT but, despite the temperature, nearly two dozen of our lovely members turned up for our talk on 'Prevention and Education' on the 19th June. It focused on wildlife and the work done at the Mallydams Wood Wildlife Hospital.

Our Chair dealt with the business of the day, thanked the cake providers and sorted out the refreshment gifters for our next meeting. She gave good wishes to our birthday girls and imparted the sad news of the loss of a dear member. Best wishes were also sent to another lady (part of our refreshment team), who is now in Hospital. Our hope is that she recovers well.

Our talented speaker, Anna Herrieven, has worked for Mallydams for 17 years and is obviously used to coping with all sorts of emergencies. She had beautiful photos to share but sadly the vital lead to display them on the screen she had with her would not connect. Undaunted, she rushed to Burwash Primary School who were generous enough to loan a lead (the School has visited the Hospital in the past) but still no luck so we crowded round her lap top and made the best of an excellent talk. She apologised for the delayed start which she had done everything possible to correct. There was bubbly chat and laughter so it was not a problem.

Mallydams Wood Wildlife Hospital is open for casualty admissions from 8 a.m. -8 p.m. You can find them at Peter James Lane, Nr. Fairlight, TN35 4AH.

Contact can be made on 0300 123 0723 or even via a Facebook message, but Anna assured us you can just turn up with your damaged creature. Wildlife does not just include Badgers, Hedgehogs and Foxes, etc. but gulls and mammals (seals).

Showing our adorable prickly friends she talked of many contracting 'Lung Worm', which means their stay at the Hospital is a little longer (over winter sometimes) as they become underweight and have to be fed.

It is not just animals that suffer but birds and sea-birds (located near the coastline) like Guillemots with their distinctive black and white plumage as they are victims of pollution. They maintain their buoyancy by preening their feathers and if the gull has been in touch with an oil slick, for instance, they become very unwell having ingested the oil or other form of pollution. The list of harm humankind cause is sadly all too long. While we happily celebrate with balloon releases the plastic strings on them are indestructible. It is harrowing to see an animal in contact with it and things like football nets left out in gardens which birds, etc. investigate leading to their demise. Deliberate cruelty to animals is on the increase: shot gun pellets inside a bird for instance show up on X-Rays. It is bewildering that this should be a deliberate act. More catapults are being used as well and this too is an illegal act. Please do not be frightened to speak out against it as it was deeply upsetting to see the pictures. 'Open' frisbees are being found round seal necks causing their death. Swans, ducks and pigeons are the biggest victims and the problem is growing.

Anna gave us a list of how animals are looked after, starting with clearly identifying the animal and where it was found, as later on the plan is to release them as closely as possible to where they were found. Every bird and animal has a different diet. There are various areas to look after the animals - both dry and also wet.

They are monitored constantly to make sure they are improving. Special bags have been designed to transport Swans as their beautiful wings have to be folded against their sides (to prevent further damage) and their necks, heads and tails stick out. Hedgehogs numbers are shrinking dramatically. Habitat is declining and there is a genuine danger if they hide under bonfires. Sometimes people also accidentally strim them in long grass. If you use slug pellets and birds eat the dead slugs, that too has serious implications.

Mallydams Wood is an Education Centre and up to 5,000 children a year visit on organised outings. Games are conducted outside to teach them to be wildlife friendly. There are visits to the beach and rock pools. A friendly local farmer even allows access to his land, where there is much to see and even friendly cattle. Youth Groups, Scouts and Brownies also visit to try and instil care into young minds.

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB *CONTINUED*

We can all help by being careful with litter disposal, not using balloons to strangle wildlife or wind round their feet and legs, not using doughnut frisbees near water and the sea, and generally taking care where gardens are strimmed. Frogs, Toads, etc. exist at the edges of areas, so if it is possible, distracting family cats from going out at dawn and dusk has been found to be very beneficial.

Use your voice to make others aware and, if you know anyone who harms an animal or bird, speak to them, the Police or the RSPCA.

At the question and answer session someone asked a question about fleas that might live on a Hedgehog? Anna replied, saying probably thousands of fleas! Another brave member reported a very large but beautiful grass snake in her garden. She has rescued it. Anna said they often 'play dead' as an escape mechanism. Everyone of us present at the meeting learnt something new. Anna is an excellent presenter.

The tea angels yet again appeared with a lovely tea which Anna joined us for – we are most grateful to them.

Our next meeting was on the 17th July 2025: a talk by the clever and amusing author, Chris McCooey!

Our Garden Party is on the 21st August. Then, on the 25th September, Phyllis Stevens will be presenting a talk on the Chelsea Flower Show.**

VERONICA FARLEY

**** One week later than originally scheduled.**



Anna Herrieven of the RSPCA at Mallydams Wood and our Not So Young Treasurer, Mike Farley

BURWASH CHARITY PRIZE BINGO

We had another really great bingo afternoon last month. We had a lovely crowd of people who were very supportive, despite the hiccups along the way, and I thank them all for that. As always, we had some great prizes, including two bags of groceries, a vegetable hamper and a fruit one. There was a chicken dinner with all the trimmings, bottles of whisky, Tia Maria, Martini, tequila and wine, cakes, chocolates and many other goodies, including a brand new coffee machine. My grateful thanks as always to those who help me, Rob Swaine and young Ella for putting out the tables and chairs, my sisters Rose Davis, Wendy Hardy & Gill Saunders, friends Lorraine Tasker, Donna Sherwood and her son, Tom Travers and Barry Taylor for all their help, plus everyone who helped to clear up. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart as it is only your willingness to help that allows me to continue. I am delighted to say that we raised £400 after expenses. Thank you all.

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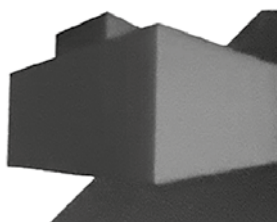


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Wadhurst Bowls - steeped in tradition not stuck in the past.

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With the season nearly half-over I just wanted to say 'thank you and well done' to the squad for the start we have made.

11 matches played - 11 matches won. It has been a great team effort with all contributing. I realise that some have been a 'reserve' more often than not, but those reserve spots have been important over the last few weeks when, despite having five or six reserves for matches, we have ended up with just one or two due to withdrawals.

I've been thinking, and will use the old adage of 'taking one match at a time' but..... wouldn't it be great to go through the season unbeaten?

To club members - keep putting your names down and that thought may just happen!

Again, thanks for your support so far this season.

Regards,

Dave

We are also half way through the Tunbridge Wells Triples League campaign and the Wadhurst 'A' team lay second in Division One and the same for the 'B' team in Division Two - all to play for!

August is a busy month at the club, not so much with matches but organising our Finals weekend, our Tournament and hosting Sussex County Bowls. Although we only have two home games, we have seven away - so plenty for our members to get involved with.

Home Games at Wadhurst in August:

Sat 2nd -	White Rock*
Sun 10th -	Wadhurst Triples Tournament
Mon 18th -	Sussex Vice Patrons match*
Sat 23/24th -	Club Finals Weekend
Thurs 28th -	Hellingly*

Games marked * start at 2 p.m. The Tournament and Finals are all day events.

We are still offering free taster sessions for new 'would-be' bowlers: everything supplied, just bring yourself along. Call Laurence on 07714 935915 for more details.

Don't be a stranger – come over and have a look.
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LAURENCE WORTON



BURWASH COMMON PAVILION NEWS

BURWASH COMMON FETE & DOG SHOW 13th SEPTEMBER AT 2 P.M.

Save the date it would be a shame to miss it! Not only is the **Burwash Common Fête** the highlight of the year but our primary source of income for running this facility.

As usual the brilliant Heathfield Silver Band will be providing the music while you browse the books and bric a brac, buy plants, smash china, win a coconut, toss a wellie, eat barbecue or have tea and cake. The well stocked bar is open. There's egg throwing and an assault course, beat the goalie, a mini dipper and much, much more!

The ever popular **DOG SHOW** is an event within an event. A great chance to show how clever, pretty or well mannered your lovely pet can be. Register at 2 p.m. Prizes and rosettes will be awarded. (See the poster on this page.)

This year there is also a **Hat Competition**. For details see the poster also on this page.

We have been lucky enough to be sponsored by local businesses which help to cover expenses but we make sure that every penny of the proceeds go to maintaining the facilities. There are no private traders or stalls taking a cut. Our thanks to Archway Builders, Coxdown Construction and Waterhouse who have been so generous. A full list will appear in the next issue.

YOU CAN HELP

Please donate any or all of the following: plants, books, puzzles, bric a brac, cakes, tombola prizes (anything new), bottles of anything drinkable and raffle prizes. We will pick up your donations (number below) or please bring on the morning of the fête.

If you have any time to help put up the gazebos (the afternoon before), run a stall or do a bar shift we would be most grateful. We badly need someone to run the wellie flanging competition. Maybe a family could do it together? **Phone 01435 882117!**

Spread the word and let's make this the best fête in East Sussex.
THE COMMITTEE



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- Best in Show
- Golden Oldie (7 Years+)
- Waggiest Tail
- Best Rescue
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The poster features a cartoon illustration of a golden retriever sitting, a gold rosette with the number '1', and a gold trophy cup. The background is a warm yellow with a string of colorful bunting at the top.



SUMMER HAT COMPETITION

Get creative and join the fun – two age groups: 18 & Over and Under 18s.

Prizes for the most imaginative hat or bonnet! Go wild with your imagination to create your most wonderful hat!

Judging: 2:30pm
on Saturday 13th
September at the
Burwash Common Fete.

**Come on, you Mad Hatters –
it's time to shine!**

The poster features a bright yellow background with a sun in the top right corner and a string of colorful bunting in the top left. It includes illustrations of a green leaf with an orange flower, a yellow straw hat with a blue band and a sunflower, and an orange top hat with a red flower. The text is in various colors and fonts, with the title in large, bold, orange letters.

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BURWASH COMMON PAVILION NEWS *CONTINUED*

GEOFF CAIRNCROSS

We have sadly lost an important Burwash Commoner, Geoff Cairncross, who lived here all his life. His long standing contribution to the community, especially the playing field is legend.

Geoff played cricket as a young man and then became the volunteer groundsman for the next 40 years. His interest in cricket and love of the BWCC was obvious by his support at every match. He was known for his green fingers and his generosity with surplus vegetables left outside his gate all summer.

For decades Gill, Gemma and Geoff ran the barbecue at the fête always using his home grown onions. He will be very sadly missed - the end of an era.

THE COMMITTEE
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THE AFTER EIGHT CLUB BURWASH COMMON

In June, as a Club, we organised our annual fundraising event, our Coffee Morning at the Burwash Common Pavilion. We raised a fantastic £1,284.00. This has been divided between our two charities for this year, Hospice in the Weald and Heathfield Street Pastors.

Thank you to all those that helped and of course, all those that attended.

The After Eight Club Summer Party was held in July and many of our members enjoyed a superb buffet evening meal amongst friends.

This month, on Wednesday, 13th August, we are organizing an afternoon outing to Rapkyns Nursery in Broad Oak. Morag, the proprietor, is giving us a talk and show round of her delightful nursery, nestled in the most glorious countryside spot. Her nursery specialises in perennials, shrubs, climbers and grasses.

If you would be interested and would like to come along to see what we do and who we are, please contact me or perhaps come along? We meet up on a monthly basis, sharing varied activities and most of all, enjoying friendship.

If you have any questions, please ring or email me!

Best wishes,

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Burwash, Burwash Common, Burwash Weald and the Surrounding Areas

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STEVE MINTRAM

Recent Incidents:

There have been several reports of graveside floral displays being damaged in St. Bartholomew's churchyard.

Suspects have been seen committing some of these offences and are described as about 10 inches tall and grey with bushy tails!

Scams:

Action Fraud is urging people to look out for rogue QR codes, after 784 reports of 'quishing' were made to Action Fraud between April 2024 and April 2025, with almost £3.5 million lost.

QR codes are becoming increasingly common in everyday life, whether it's scanning one to pay for parking, or receiving an email asking to verify an online account.

Quishing frauds happen most frequently in car parks, with criminals using stickers to tamper with parking machines. Quishing also occurred on online shopping platforms, where sellers received a QR code via email to either verify accounts or to receive payment for sold items. Reports also showed phishing attacks were taking place impersonating HMRC, or other UK government schemes, targeting people with QR codes designed to steal personal and financial details.

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Burwash Common Babies & Toddlers Group

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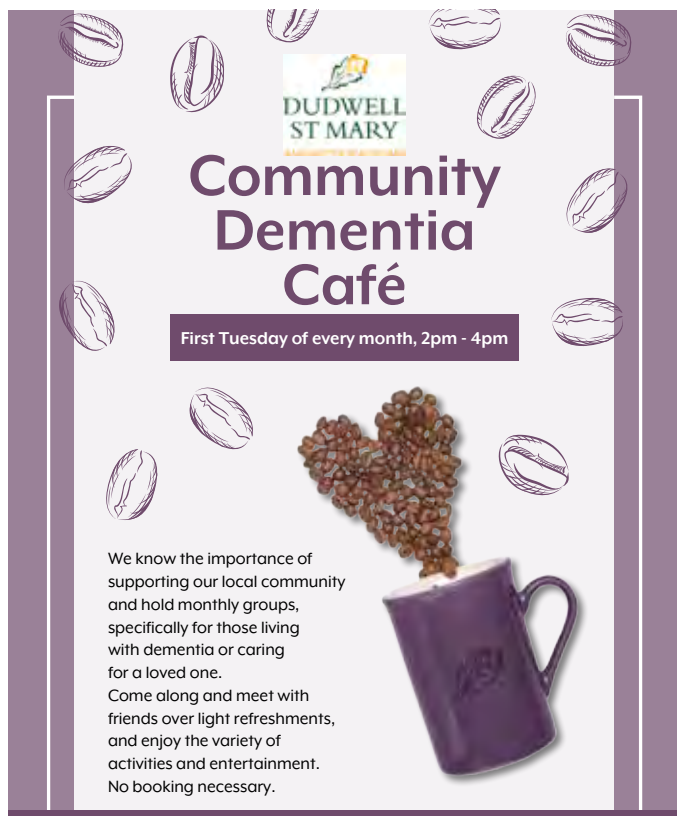
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MAYFIELD AND DISTRICT U3A

The summer months are as different for us as they are for everyone, with school and family holidays, normal activities on hold, and a lot of people very busy planning for village fêtes and shows. I'm sure there is also a certain amount of competitive vegetable and flower growing going on, although I think a class for the biggest slug would be popular....

July is a milestone year for us as it's our 20th Anniversary and we are having a party to celebrate, with Sue Wright catering for us. We have 75 people coming, and that includes some of the original committee members. It will be a lovely opportunity to thank them and to appreciate what they achieved all those years ago. At least two other local u3a branches have sprung from little Mayfield!

We have no monthly talk in August, and although our Table Tennis group will still meet (try stopping us!) some other groups take the month off too.

In September our usual meeting is replaced by our AGM. This in fact is less AGM and more scones and cake, but it is an essential and well supported part of our U3A year.

The Mayfield and District Branch is really thriving, with a steady and enthusiastic influx of new members. We always welcome new ideas for groups and activities, but for a small branch we already offer quite a lot different things to join.

The National U3A Website is new and easily navigated, but we can be found specifically on:

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ANNA THOMPSON

We are launching our exciting 25 - 26 Season with a talk given by Twigs Way on Tuesday, 9th September 2025 on the 'Life and Art of Marian North: Victorian Botanical Artist and Traveller'.

Known to many through her vibrant oil paintings of exotic plants and distant landscapes, Marianne North led an unconventional life, painting rare plants in their native lands, living and travelling with the 'liberty of a wild bird' but maintaining the dress and manners of a Victorian lady. Edward Lear, Charles Darwin and Joseph Hooker all formed part of her literary and botanical life. The pursuit of plants took her around the world whilst her paintings were destined for Kew.

On Tuesday, 14th October 2025 Louise Schofield will take us on 'Travels with a Trowel, Adventures of an Archaeologist'.

In the year 2000, having been a Curator in the Greek and Roman Department of the British Museum for 13 years, and given a trowel with a diamond and silver casing in the handle as a leaving present, she set off on a series of extraordinary archaeological adventures. In this richly illustrated talk she will take you with her to a mysterious and atmospheric ancient city on the coast of southern Albania, to the banks of the two great rivers of Mesopotamia - the Euphrates and the Tigris - and then to the wild and wonderful mountains of northern Ethiopia.

Our meetings are held at the Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield, TN21 OXG at 2.15 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. If you wish to apply for membership, please email our Membership Secretary, John Larum: email at johnlarum@hotmail.com For queries, please contact Penny Spurrell on 07876565696. **New members are most welcome for 25 - 26.**

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This month, on the 6th, we have a Pétanque match against 'The Pétanquers of Ticehurst' (The PoTs) to be played on the, hoped for, newly constructed pétanque pitch at the Burwash Common Pavilion. (Please see poster on page 57.) If it's not built, we will play in the gravel car park – just like the French do.

This article is taking on a real international flavour: French, Italiano.....last month it was all about Portugal.

Over 60's East Sussex League Championship Winners 2025

This time of the year is very much the 'silly season' in the footballing world and that includes the walking variety too.

The euphoria of winning the league has passed. The holidays beckon, schools have broken-up and grandparents have taken over the child minding.

The evenings are long and balmy. The sun sets over the all-weather pitch at Heathfield College as the stalwarts turn out on a Thursday evening for the weekly kick-about sessions. If this vision doesn't galvanise you enough to join us, there is always the 'after-show party' at the Half Moon in Cade Street to look forward to each week. Ken, the landlord, is the proud custodian of our league winner's trophy and the view from the garden has to be one of the best in East Sussex. The beer's good and all's right with the world.... (as long as you don't turn on the TV).

Last month we had a Pizza Night at the Bistro at Etchingham Station. Now if there is a better wood-fired pizza outlet in Sussex, please let me know because as far as I know Paul's pizzas are the best. A dozen of us dined al-fresco in the award-winning landscaped garden as Paul (or is it Paulo?) served up a full range of custom-made pizzas for us to enjoy.

On a more domestic theme, we have our Burwash Walking Footballers AGM on the 21st. Again, at the Burwash Common Pavilion, where we will set-out our stall for the coming twelve months, vote people into positions they really don't want, set annual subs and establish a framework to retain our title 'Best in East Sussex': I'd like to say 'Best in all Sussex' but the champions of West Sussex have declined our offer of a 'winner takes all' showdown match later this month – yeah, ok, I get the picture – scaredy custards!

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POETRY CORNER

SNAKE BY D.H. LAWRENCE

D H Lawrence was born in a Nottinghamshire mining town in 1885. He is most famous as a novelist – *Sons and Lovers*, *Lady Chatterley's Lover*, *The Rainbow* and *Women in Love*. His death in 1930 at age 44 came at the end of his 'exile years', a period that saw him travelling in France and Italy, as well as further afield in Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Australia, the United States and Mexico. His poem 'Snake' recalls a moment in Sicily when he had an unexpected encounter with an exotic creature drinking from his water trough. Its theme is our connectedness with the natural world even as we are distant from it.

The speaker unfolds his account of the episode, simply and straightforwardly, just as the thirsty reptile unfolds its 'yellow-brown slackness'. Pitcher in hand, he watches reverentially in the acceptance that he must take his turn in the presence of one who is 'like a god', 'like a king/Like a king in exile'. A conflict of emotions – expressed in a succession of questions – is soon revealed: confusion, fear and humiliation jostling with awe, appreciation and a sense of privilege. Ultimately, after the self-disgust, remorse and sorrow caused by his action, the flat and short final line ends on a matter of fact note of shame and dismay. The sensory appeal of the poem ('hot, hot day', 'burning bowels', 'strange-scented', 'yellow-brown', 'earth-golden', 'black, black'), together with the use of sibilance (repeated 's' sound, here suggesting a tense silence), repetitions, all within a free verse form, reinforces the atmosphere of a singular, dreamlike moment. It's a long poem for Poetry Corner but it's worth it. If there's a month for us, wherever we are, to stand and stare at whatever the natural world brings our way, then August is it.

SNAKE

A snake came to my water trough
On a hot, hot day, and I in pyjamas for the heat,
To drink there.

In the deep, strange-scented shade of the great dark
carob tree
I came down the steps with my pitcher
And must wait, must stand and wait, for there he
was at the trough before me.

He reached down from a fissure in the earth-wall in
the gloom
And trailed his yellow brown slackness soft bellied
down, over the edge of the stone trough
And rested his throat upon the stone bottom,
And where the water had dripped from the tap, in a
small clearness,
He sipped with his straight mouth,
Softly drank through his straight gums, into his
slack long body,
Silently.

Someone was before me at my water trough,
And I, like a second-comer, waiting.

He lifted his head from his drinking, as cattle do,
And looked at me vaguely, as drinking cattle do,
And flickered his two-forked tongue from his lips,
and mused a moment,
And stooped and drank a little more,
Being earth-brown, earth-golden from the burning
bowels of the earth
On the day of Sicilian July, with Etna smoking.

The voice of my education said to me
He must be killed,
For in Sicily the black, black snakes are innocent,
the gold are venomous.
And voices in me said: *If you were a man
You would take a stick and break him now, and
finish him off.*

But must I confess how I liked him,
How glad I was he had come like a guest in quiet, to
drink at my water-trough
And depart peaceful, pacified, and thankless,
Into the burning bowels of this earth?

Was it cowardice, that I dared not kill him?
Was it perversity, that I longed to talk to him?
Was it humility, to feel so honoured?
I felt so honoured.

And yet those voices:
If you were not afraid, you would kill him!

And truly I was afraid, I was most afraid,
But even so, honoured still more
That he should seek my hospitality
From out the dark door of the secret earth.

CONTINUED

He drank enough
And lifted his head, dreamily, as one who has
drunken,
And flickered his tongue like a forked night on the
air, so black,
Seeming to lick his lips,
And looked around like a god, unseeing, into the air,
And slowly turned his head,
And slowly, very slowly, as if thrice adream,
Proceeded to draw his slow length curving round
And climb again the broken bank of my wall-face.

And as he put his head into that dreadful hole,
And as he slowly drew up, snake-easing his
shoulders, and entered farther,
A sort of horror, a sort of protest against his
withdrawing into that horrid black hole,
Deliberately going into the blackness, and slowly
drawing himself after,
Overcame me now his back was turned.

I looked round, I put down my pitcher,
I picked up a clumsy log
And threw it at the water-trough with a clatter.

I think it did not hit him,
But suddenly that part of him that was left behind
convulsed in undignified haste,
Writhed like lightning, and was gone
Into the black hole, the earth-lipped fissure in the
wallfront,
At which, in the intense still noon, I stared with
fascination.

And immediately I regretted it.
I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act!
he would come back, my snake.
For he seemed to me again like a king,
Like a king in exile, uncrowned in the underworld,
Now due to be crowned again.

I despised myself and the voices of my accursed
human education.

And I thought of the albatross,
And I wished
And so, I missed my chance with one of the lords
Of life.
And I have something to expiate:

A pettiness.

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