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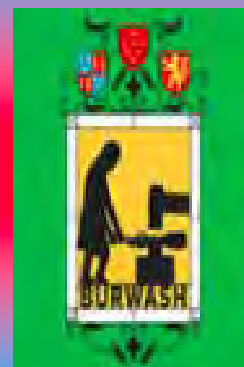


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FROM THE REGISTERS – BURWASH

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16th October

Eileen Jarvis

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RECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

The evenings are deepening now, and the pumpkins in the garden are finally ripening. I'm looking forward to carving one later in the month - not for a scary face, but to let the beauty shine out! Halloween shouldn't be about darkness and horror; it literally comes from *All Hallows' Eve* - what we now call All Saints'. In the Christian year, it's a time to remember all the lights that have gone before us, and to learn to shine a little brighter as we go forward. I'll be carving a cross into my pumpkin, to remind me that light shines from the darkness - and of course, I'll enjoy some lovely soup!

The tomatoes, on the other hand, are proving less cooperative. Stubbornly green, sitting on the vine as if summer were still ahead of them. Earlier in the year I had a bumper crop - but they came just a little too late, and though they're full and firm, they refuse to turn red.

Not everything, it seems, works out quite as we'd hoped.

That's true in the garden, and even more so in life. We live in a world full of disappointment, and often pain and sorrow. As adults, we learn to manage it - to carry on, to make the best of things - but if you have children, you'll know how keenly they feel the sting of unfairness. "It's not fair!" is a cry that echoes through every household sooner or later. And our instinctive reply? "You'll have to learn - life's not fair."

The thing is, Christianity actually agrees with our children here. The world isn't as it's supposed to be. It should be a paradise - a place of peace, joy, and right relationship with God and one another. But humanity turned away from that design, and so disappointment, frustration and sorrow became part of the story.

Yet the Christian faith also tells us it doesn't end there. St Paul writes in Romans chapter 8 that "*the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth.*" The world itself groans for righteousness, for fairness, for justice - it groans for God. And God has promised to bring all that about. We live in hope: hope in God's mercy, hope in His justice, hope in the renewal of all things.

In the meantime, we live as people of that hope - signs of His kingdom in the midst of ordinary life. We shine light into dark places, even if only a small one, like a candle in a carved pumpkin on a November night.

And as November gives way to Advent, may we keep that light burning in our hearts, waiting in hope for the One who comes to make all things new.

And as for those stubborn green tomatoes - well, they might not have ripened as I'd planned, but they'll still make a rather good chutney!

With every blessing,

REVD TOM

Rector of Burwash, Burwash Weald and Etchingham

Our November cover photograph is of Sussex chestnuts in the woods.

EDITORIAL

One minute it is Spring and then suddenly we are nearly at Christmas: the celebrated Burwash Christmas Tree Festival is already upon us at the end of the month.

After an action packed October there is much to light up autumnal November days: the Frost Fair and the Music Quiz at Burwash Common Pavilion (see pages 57 and 48 respectively), the Christmas Tree Festival and Christingle in Burwash, and The Night Shift event in Etchingham. Planters (page 7) have a Fine Food and Drink Event, St. John's Nursery has a Farmers' and Makers' Market (page 19) and Hayley from the Flower House in Burwash is even offering Festive Workshops to teach you how to make your own decorations (page 57). That's all before we even get to Burwash Festive Evening on the 3rd December (page 49), so don't ever say rural life is boring.

Anyway, Revd Tom has given us all inspiration to shine a little light in the world in November (page 5). He also says his second crop of tomatoes are not turning red. As I write this on the 18th October a house just off Shrub Lane still has clusters of little red tomatoes on the vine. The seasons have gone

rather adrift. We planted an apple tree in April with five tiny apples and more blossom in flower: it is now in full blossom again! The local bats are still flying around madly at dusk, when they probably should be thinking about getting ready to hibernate. My own personal thanks go to Kent Bat Trust, who came out to try and rescue a juvenile long-eared brown bat which landed on my office floor, having presumably come down the ancient chimney. Sadly, it did not make it.

This brings me on to thanks for all the quiet helpers and organisers, who toil to make our villages better, not just the councillors and clerks, but all the volunteers who help put things on. It was lovely to receive such a charming article of praise for Etchingham Music Festival (page 14) with recognition of all the work involved. Thank you to helpers and organisers of all our events!

As I have written, go a bit 'nuts', try something new: a new hobby, some project in the garden for next year, plant some nut trees, or go and try out all the goodies in our local eateries. I gave into syrup pudding from the Orchard Cafe: it made me glow!

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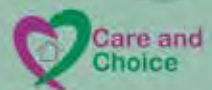


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Thurs 6th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sat 8th	-	4.00 Evensong and concert with the Choir of St. Peter's Church, Bexhill	-
Sun 9th	10.45 Remembrance Service	10.45 Remembrance Service - LF	10.30 Remembrance Service - CC 4.00 Evening Prayer - PB
Thurs 13th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 16th	10.00 Service of Sung Matins	11.00 Family Communion	9.30 Morning Prayer 4.00 Praise at the Pavilion
Thurs 20th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 23rd	10.00 Parish Communion Christ the King 4.00 Christingle	11.00 Holy Communion BCP LF	10.30 Safeguarding Sunday Service - KL
Thurs 27th	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 30th	11.00 UB Service at Etchingham - First Sunday of Advent	11.00 UB Service of Holy Communion	11.00 UB Service at Etchingham - First Sunday of Advent 4.00 Open Prayer - PB
Sun 7th	8.30 Holy Communion BCP 10.00 Family Service - Toy and Crib 4.30 Evensong	11.00 Holy Communion	8.00 Matins BCP - PB 10.30 Morning Service - JW

WHAT'S ON: NOVEMBER

Saturday, 1st	Burwash Community Farmers' Market at Swan Meadow, Burwash 9 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
Saturday, 1st	The Night Shift, Etchingham Village Hall, 4.30 - 7 p.m. (see page 15). Southeastern Railway Line closed until 2nd November (inclusive) between Tunbridge Wells and Hastings.
Sunday, 2nd	Frost Fair at Burwash Weald & Common Pavilion, Stonegate Road, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (See p. 57).
Monday, 3rd	3Cs at St. Bartholomew's, 10 a.m. - Noon. (Most Mondays, except Bank Holidays.)
Tuesday, 4th	Burwash Village Playgroup. Tuesday Mornings from 10 a.m. - Noon at Eddie Workman Pavilion. (Every Tuesday.)
Tuesday, 4th	Community Dementia Cafe at Dudwell St Mary Care Home, Burwash, 2 - 4 p.m. (see page 15).
Wednesday, 5th	Walks for Strollers meeting at The Bear Car Park, Burwash at 9 a.m.
Wednesday, 5th	Etchingham Church Baby & Toddler Group, Parker Hall, Etchingham, 10 - 11 a.m. (Every Wednesday.)
Wednesday, 5th	Movement to Music Classes, Edward Workman Pavilion, 10 a.m. (Every Wednesday - see page 15.)
Thursday, 6th	Burwash Common Babies & Toddlers Group 10 a.m. - Noon, at Burwash Common Pavilion. (Every Thursday).
Thursday, 6th	Soup Lunch in Burwash Village Hall. Doors open from 12.30 p.m.
Saturday, 8th	Farmers' & Makers' Market at King John's Nursery, 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Sunday, 9th	Burwash Parish Council Remembrance Sunday Parade to the War Memorial for 10.55 a.m. Church service follows.
Monday, 10th	Burwash & District Flower Club, 'A Mystery Demonstrator', Burwash Village Hall at 2.15 p.m.
Tuesday, 11th	Armistice Day Remembrance at 11 a.m. at Burwash War Memorial.
Tuesday, 11th	Arts Society Wealden Heathfield monthly meeting. Subject: 'Christmas with Giles, Grandma and the Family'. Speaker: Barry Venning, at the Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield at 2.15 p.m.
Saturday, 15th	Stonegate Choir present "British Composers" at St Peter's Church, Stonegate at 6 p.m.
Tuesday, 18th	Bereavement Friendship Group at Old Orchard Cafe, Burwash Common, at 10.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 19th	Etchingham Residents' Coffee & Cake Morning at The Bistro from 11 a.m.
Thursday, 20th	Burwash Not So Young Meeting. Subject: 'Smallhythe Place'. Speaker: Susannah Mayor. Held at Burwash Village Hall at 2.15 p.m.
Thursday, 20th	Mayfield & District U3A Meeting at Five Ashes Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Speaker: Tony Harris. Subject: 'Sherlock Holmes v. Jack The Ripper'.
Thursday, 20th	Etchingham Tuesday Group Meeting, Out and About - TBC.
Saturday, 22nd	Christingle-making workshop at St. Bartholomew's Church, Burwash at 2 p.m.
Saturday, 22nd	Festive Christmas Workshops in Burwash Village Hall at either 1.30 or 4.30 p.m.
Saturday, 22nd	Music Quiz at The Pavilion, Burwash Common organised by BCW residents' Association 7.15 p.m.
Sunday, 23rd	St Bartholomew's Church, Burwash Annual Christingle Service at 4 p.m.
Saturday, 29th	ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2025 BEGINS.



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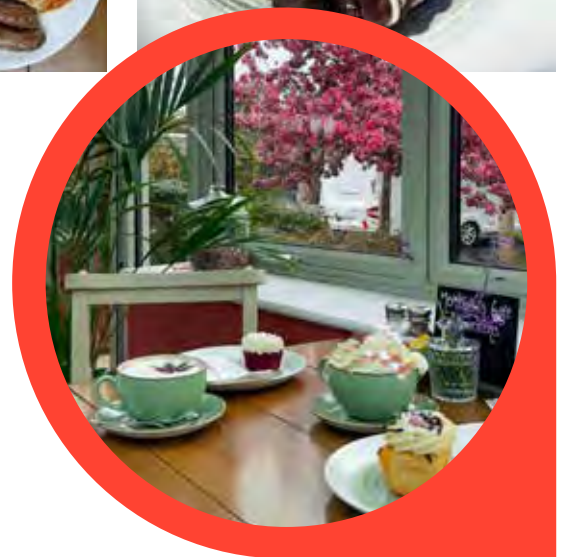
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I remember the day one of my sons went off to college. I put all his stuff in the car then I went to say goodbye to his mum. I found her trying to be brave! It's never easy for mums when the children fly the nest. I said to her, "He's got to go off and find his own way in life. Now he has to make his own decisions, choose his own way, his own wife, his own family, his own career." This is the way it is and in our hearts parents know that this is the right way. Our children become responsible citizens, making their own decisions and, if everything works out, they become our equals and our friends.

Why is it then that when it comes to Africa many churches seem to have a different viewpoint? In the colonial days, the Western nations made all the decisions and didn't seem to care too much about the cultures they were at best ignoring and at worst damaging.

Dependency

This has left a dangerous attitude of dependency in the hearts of our African friends. They come running to the West for resources which they should have, by now, been able to find for themselves. They will never be fully grown citizens of the world until they learn to be responsible for their own nation and destiny.

For example - a Nigerian Christian came to an English church and said that his village needed a well. The church out of its goodness raised the money and gave it to him. They never saw him, the money or the well ever again. They complained to me about this and I explained to them the two ways to go about it.

First Way - "You need a well? If you as a village raise half the money then I as your western friend will try to find the other half." Response - "But we can't find the money and you have plenty. You should just give it to us?" If I say "OK. I will." The result is that a well gets dug and the villagers remain dependent children, unable to take up their own responsibilities.

Perpetuating dependency

This is the problem I see everywhere in Ghana. The English church has a very good heart for Ghana and is very generous, but sometimes fails to see that what they're doing is perpetuating a dependency which is unhealthy. It holds the nation back from taking its full responsibility for itself. African nations can do it.

But who wants to when daddy is always there to pay the bills?

Second way - "You want a well? Then you as a village raise half the money and as a western friend I will find the other half." Response - "But we can't find the money and you have plenty. You should give it to us." Response from me - "No money from you - No well!"

It isn't my negativity which bring this response. It's knowing that if the village raises half the money, it will raise their self-esteem and their confidence in their ability to run their own affairs. I stand as a helper to them and that's fine, but not as their sugar daddy.

Longing for grown up Christians

My longing is that Ghana should be a fully grown adult member of the international church, sharing the wonderful insights it has to the wider community. This will never happen until we break our colonial attitude and start treating them as responsible Christian adults.

JIM SMITH

Rev Jim and his wife Mary have been working in Ghana for over 30 years. Their base is an hour's travel from the centre of Accra. When in Britain, he helps out by taking Benefice services, mainly at St. Philip's.

OVERLEAF

As we seem to hurtle towards Christmas, there is just about time to pause and celebrate one of the great achievements of this Summer: The Etchingham Music Festival. Please do read the review!

THE EDITOR

ETCHINGHAM MUSIC FESTIVAL: A STANDARD BEARER FOR EXCELLENCE

One of the highlights of summer music on the Weald must be the Etchingham Music Festival, founded in 1999 by the late Rev. Robert Dixon, and which this year took place between 28th June and the 6th July. It announced itself as a great opportunity to hear high-quality performances in the intimate surroundings of a beautiful rural parish church – and that is exactly what I experienced on my three visits. The success of such an event relies on a small army of volunteers and the goodwill of its many supporters, so before I tell you about the music I will put them in the spotlight.

Through the generosity of the local Parochial Parish Council the Festival is given in the church of The Assumption of Blessed Mary & St. Nicholas, a 14th Century gem, whose treasures include magnificent brasses. The organising committee is run by Mary Newington, Tessa Jeeves, Alastair Keith, Paul Roberts and Steve Jackson. Their focus on presenting a high-quality profile is epitomised by the beautiful brochure and programmes, and the excellent information provided for attendees. The esteem in which the Festival is held extends to the loan of a Steinway concert piano provided by the company. Its varied offer included recitals of chamber music, expert coaching for young performers and an opera supper. In short, it is the kind of enterprise that is well-grounded, very efficiently organised and a credit to its community.

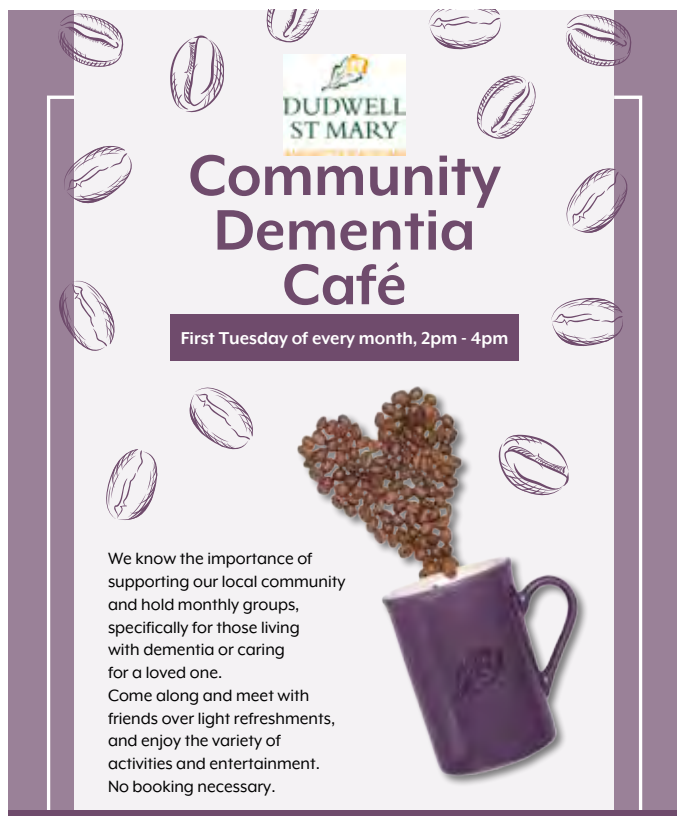
The opening concert provided excellent, musically intense performances by members of the Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra. A pairing of Beethoven's Septet and Schubert's Octet provided ample opportunities for the players to show their mastery of ensemble gravitas and superb individual flair. At the core of their combined artistry were the contributions of three of them: horn-player Laurie Trulock was fearless in his exquisite execution of some hair-raising passages; violinist Greta Mutlu painted with a multi-faceted silvery tone; and clarinettist Boyan Ivanov sang with a particularly fine, mellow contralto.

Distinguished pianist Paul Roberts was on great form with his lecture-recital of works featuring the Iberian sound of Domenico Scarlatti (two of his miniature sonatas) and the Gallic sensibilities of Chopin (the Prelude in C-Sharp minor, op.45 and the Ballade no. 4), Debussy (his Homage à Rameau) and Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin). Roberts wears his erudition very lightly but invests a great deal of passion in his playing; I was particularly struck by his approach to the Chopin pieces which seem to capture something of the Bel Canto style of Italian opera. With the tributes to the old French masters, Roberts was not adulatory but evinced a deep reverence for the sound of the pieces.

There is nothing quite like an opera supper for adding flamboyance to a warm summer evening and an appreciative audience richly rewarded glitzy performances from the four singers and their two accompanists. The first half featured favourites from the standard repertoire, including Una Voce Poco Fa, O mio Bambino Caro, Una Furtiva Lagrima, and the duets from the Pearl Fishers and Lakmé; for the second half there were show-stoppers from Johann Strauss, Gilbert and Sullivan, Broadway and Hollywood. Sharing the vocal plaudits were Charlotte Wicks (mezzo-soprano) in feeling pretty mood, Adam Marsden (bass) bemoaning the abject fate of the bobby-on-the-beat, Rhys Batt (tenor) thunderstruck at the sight of Maria, and Ffion Edwards (soprano) exquisitely serenading summertime. She was particularly impressive given that she stood in at very short notice for the indisposed Charlotte Shaw. And then it was Time To Say Goodbye. The accomplished artistry of accompanists Arran and Mark Keith was to be seen and heard throughout the whole programme, including their delightful performance of Mozart's Fugue in G-Minor. As to the supper, gold stars are awarded to all those involved; they contributed to setting the seal of excellence on the Festival.

CHRISTOPHER WOODLEY
12th July 2025

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FLORIBUNDA - NUTTY AS A FRUIT CAKE

I spy with my little eye something beginning with b

The hedgerows are full of blackberries and I have eaten a few straight from the hedges as they are so ripe and juicy this year. My diet may be rather skewed towards ice cream and pasta, but I do burn up a few calories by energetic gardening. This is mostly weeding, pruning and mulching. I leave a large area which I only cut once a year from spring to summer. Over the years I had scattered meadow flower and yellow rattle seeds over it and it has often looked more of a mess than I would like as my readers may already know.

This year I asked my husband to plant a dozen or so yellow rattle plugs in early spring to encourage more wildflowers. My previous strategy has worked up to a point after four or five years but is too slow a process for anyone impatient for more immediate results – as I am.

From time to time I dream of driving off to a garden centre, maybe Petals or one of the many others from Battle to Broad Oak to bag a few pots of scarlet geraniums to enjoy instant bright and beautiful borders. They may not survive a harsh frost but we do not seem to get these with climate change. It is no use as I have set my heart on a flower meadow, however much effort this requires.

I recently completed a cycle of three months scything. In month one I scythed the first third. In month two, the second third, and in month three the third third. By that point I was heartily sick of scything, so I turned to the internet for a bit of relief from it. And lo and behold I found a You Tube video showing the correct way to scythe.

I had assumed I should move in a straight line. The video showed the blade moves round the body in a semi-circular movement from upper right to lower left. This means you cannot slice a leg off above or below the knee. It also keeps the scythe moving across the ground in a more natural way. The new scythe has a longer blade than my old one. I particularly like the balance of the handle, the motion and curve of the blade, and the silent operation, in contrast with motor or hand mowers. Anyone with a small to moderate size meadow might want to try a scythe as an alternative to strimming or mowing.

This column may show I can focus on gardening, (and put behind me the bad habits I developed at grammar school).

My mother and father were both botanists and, although they did occasionally laugh heartily, they were both serious about their children studying in earnest and using whatever talent they might have for the good of others. Both achieved PhDs. My mother taught Biology to A level and had a great love of plants. She drew beautiful botanical drawings, one of which I have included below. I found it with one my brother drew aged 16. It was one of a few personal papers my mother had kept until she died. Rest in peace my dear departed Mum.



My Botanist Mother's Drawing of Wild Arum (Top)

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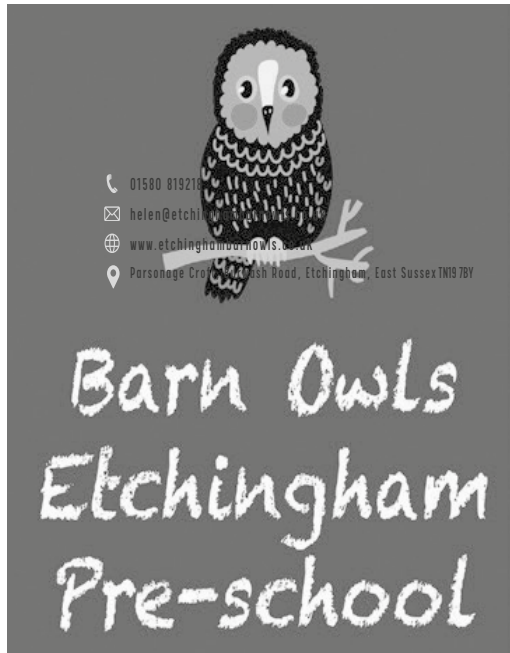
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BARN OWLS - ETCHINGHAM PRE-SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that we are concentrating on looking at Autumn when it is so warm!

We are planning a local walk with the children to look at signs of Autumn - almost more rewarding when it is a bit wet and they can splash in wellies!

The last of our onions have been harvested and we have been planting bulbs with the children: child friendly bulbs for interest are Muscari and Alliums. Our marigolds are still in full flower and are self-seeding everywhere.

It was 'Space Week' recently so we had many space related activities, making/painting planets, lots of space-related songs and books.

Liz has also been doing some cooking recently.

We are rushing towards half term and then we will be straight into Christmas!

NICKY MENZIES

ETCHINGHAM TUESDAY CLUB, SEPTEMBER 2025

Unfortunately several members were not able to come to The Bistro because of holidays or other commitments. It was lovely to sit indoors in the warm.

We had a choice of either shepherds pie or pizza for our meal, followed by delectable desserts. The staff in the Bistro were working flat out as they were full up.

To me it still seems strange to be sitting in a bistro there as it used to be the Station Master's home. In my day it was Mr Harnden's home. I often wonder what he would think about his home's new use.

Anyway, the evening flew by and it was well after 10 p.m. when we left, having thanked the staff for a most enjoyable evening.

This event was held on a Thursday evening as the Bistro was not open on the Tuesday night.

Next month we are going to Battle to do ceramic painting. Once more, this will take place on a Thursday night. Nevertheless, we are still calling ourselves the Tuesday Club for the moment!

Phone Linda for more information on where we are going next

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We had a good turnout of walkers for our October stroll: nine Strollers in total, including one new member.



Nine Strollers

Leaving The Bear car park we turned left and headed towards the BP Garage, taking the footpath on the left towards Rye Green Farm. The view across the Dudwell Valley was lovely with the trees turning into the splendid colours of Autumn.



The Dudwell Valley in Autumn

The footpath took us past Burnt House Farm and then on reaching the A265 once more we crossed over and headed along the Holton Lane bridleway. At the end of the bridleway we turned left on to Spring Lane and then first right on to the driveway towards Franchise Farm. Here we stopped briefly at the Second World War Memorial for Flight Lieutenant Reginald Frank Rimmer, who lost his life on 27th September 1940 in a Hurricane V6782.



Memorial For Flight Lieutenant Rimmer

After a short distance we turned right on to the footpath through the apple orchard towards Mottynsden Manor House.

We headed back to Burwash on the footpath, passing the Catholic Church. The total distance walked was 5 miles. This was an enjoyable walk in good company.

Our next walk is on Wednesday, 5th November meeting at the Bear Car Park, Burwash at 9 a.m.

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RUFUS' RURAL RAMBLES

Over the last few weeks I have enjoyed some lovely walks with Mum and Dad as well as with David and Matthew. On the hot days I stayed at home and slept outside by the kitchen door. On the other hand, I didn't think much of the storms with all that noise, thunder and lightning.

We still have not seen many swallows, swifts or house martins this year. I did see six sitting on the electric cable across the field nearby. They were probably waiting to leave and fly back to Africa.

One evening David and Matthew took me on a walk to Forge House. The sky suddenly turned dark and at exactly the same time the torch gave out, so we walked back over the fields in darkness.

In contrast Mum and Matthew took me to Lursford Farm on a lovely sunny day. There were quite a few big brown Sussex cows in the field but Matthew spotted one of them out on the Lane, so he called James who works there to come and recapture it. It didn't worry me to go past the cows to get to the next field and on eventually to Squibbs Farm. I was even allowed off my lead so I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Mum spotted some mushrooms in the field but they were too damp to cook. We carried on through Gimore Wood and on to Squib's Farm. We met Leslie who lives there so Mum and Matthew had a lovely chat with her about apple picking at Athena Farm many years ago. We then carried on up the Lane into Oxenbridge. Three of the fields had hundreds of sunflowers growing in them, probably to be harvested to make sunflower oil. As we walked down Oxenbridge Hill passed Roff's Wood and Big Wood, I was even let off my lead once more for a crazy run. As we headed back towards the stile into the field where the old shop was I had to go back on the lead before we went home for tea.

One of our Saturday walks took us along Borders Lane, where we picked up some splendid conkers near Underwood Farm. Mum recalled going further along near Red Rose Cottage when she was about 13 years old with her friend Keith and seeing hundreds of mushrooms of all different sizes. They picked some and took them home to cook. Mr Ridgeway, who owned Underwood's Farm picked quite a lot to send to market. You never see mushrooms there now.

On the journey home we walked over the old cricket field and then on into the following field, where we met Margaret and her dog, Finn. Finn and I got on, but we were homeward bound and Finn and Margaret were on their outward journey.

One evening recently I got up to mischief. Mum had carved cold roast pork for their tea and left it plated up on the table in the dining room. For some reason they left me alone ... well, how could I resist, so I ate the lot. You should have seen their faces when they came back! My mother's name was Naughty, so maybe I got this behaviour from her. Mum's a good cook I'll say that!

I have not enjoyed the thunder and lightning lately, or those high winds, but at least we didn't get flooded in the garden or on the road. Mum lives in dread of being flooded again like in 2000, but that's ancient history to me.

My paws are aching now, so I shall have a rest. The wind outside is very strong so our back garden will soon be full of leaves all over the path and the lawn. Mum will be happy, however, as her washing in the garden will soon be dry (if it doesn't blow away).

This year seems to have flown by.

Hoping you enjoy your walks for the rest of Autumn,

RUFUS

BURWASH FESTIVE EVENING WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER

We hope you will all make your way to the Burwash Festive Evening from whichever village you reside in. There will be loads going on (see page 49).

By the way, any customer who comes to the **Flower House on Burwash Festive Evening**, and makes a purchase, will be entered into a prize draw to win a £60.00 festive table decoration for collection on 20th December.

Hoping to see you all soon.
Good luck too!

THE EDITOR

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Ingredients

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250g/9oz/2 cups white spelt flour, plus extra for dusting
½ tsp sea salt

For the Topping

200g/7oz blue cheese of choice, crumbled or diced
4 small pears
55g/2oz unsalted butter
60g/2 ¼ oz/ 1/3 cup light soft brown sugar
1 handful of Sharpham Park British Organic Walnuts
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Method

Lightly oil two large baking sheets. Preheat the oven to 200°C/400°F/Gas 6.

Mix together all the ingredients with 150ml/5fl oz/ scant 2/3 cup water in a large bowl to make a soft dough, and knead lightly for a few minutes until it is smooth and no longer sticky. Cover with a clean, damp tea towel and leave to rest for 1 hour.

Turn the dough out on to a lightly floured surface and divide into four equal pieces. Roll them out as thinly as possible to about 15 x 25cm/6 x 10in and place on the prepared baking sheets. Bake for 10 minutes until just browned. Remove from the oven.

Sprinkle the cheese over the flatbreads and leave to one side, while you caramelize the pears.

Slice the pears into quarters (or eighths if very big) and remove the cores.

Melt the butter and sugar together in a large frying pan over a medium heat until foaming slightly, then add the pears. Cook on each side for a couple of minutes, or until the pears lightly caramelize.

Remove the pears from the pan and distribute between the flatbreads. Scatter the walnuts on the top and heat in the oven for 5–10 minutes to allow the cheese to melt slightly. Serve hot.

Enjoy!

I have no shame in admitting that I have stolen this recipe from Sharpham Park Organic Walnuts, a company run by the founder of Mulberry handbags, who seems to have ditched fashion and become a walnut farmer. For some reason I am seen as a potential client, but I doubt I will be ordering organic walnuts let alone a Mulberry handbag (if only). Nevertheless, I have a stash of acquired walnuts (not from Veronica Farley's trees I must add), and my good friend, Val Stevens, has a pear harvest supreme from her tiny trees in Burwash, shown below: more pears than tree! It is evidently a good year for walnuts too

THE NUTTY EDITOR



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Burwash Parish Council Parade will form up in the main car park for 10.45 a.m., ready to march to the War Memorial.

Services, ex-services, RBL members and uniformed organisations are invited to march.

Non-marching Legion Members are welcome to join the ranks at the War Memorial, when invited to do so by the Parade Marshal.

There will be a short Act of Remembrance, including Last Post and Reveille, at the War Memorial at 10.55 a.m. and the full Church Service then follows.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION BURWASH BRANCH

In addition to the Parish Remembrance Parade on Sunday, 9th there will be a gathering at the War Memorial for 11 a.m. on Tuesday, 11th for Armistice Day, as is the village tradition.

For further information, please contact Charles Merchant (Chair) 01435 882360 or Steve Mintram (Hon. Sec.) 01435 882444.

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THE POPPY APPEAL 2025

This year The Poppy Appeal launched on Wednesday, 22nd October when boxes of Poppies and various other items together with collection pots were placed in the usual places around the Parish.

Poppies will have been seen before the 22nd of October, particularly on TV, where the newscasters and politicians always seem to be the first to get them, but our boxes were out there from the official date and the Scouts will be collecting at local points.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support for our veterans.

DAVID AXFORD
POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER

ST. MICHAEL'S HOSPICE

Don't forget to visit the St Michael's Hospice Christmas Markets, to be held at the Hospice in St Leonards on Sea on Saturday, 15th and Sunday, 16th November 10.30 a.m. till 4 p.m.

On offer will be beautiful crafts, festive goods and handmade delights and you will be supporting your local Hospice as well.

LOTTIE ADAMS-BROWN

TEA AT THE RITZ

Wow, what a fabulous time we all had at our Tea at the Ritz event! We served 51 teas to our fabulous guests and volunteers. Sandwiches and savouries, scones with jam and cream, and delicious cakes. Lots of tea was made and a raffle was held. Our grateful thanks go to Scott Chambers from the Blacksmiths Café for his amazing homemade scones, Mirjam Schorr for her delicious chocolate orange cake, Bex Mepham for the jams and, of course, to the ten hard working volunteers.

A big thank you to Ray Heathcote who came along and entertained us with well known songs on his keyboard.

After expenses we made £276. Of which £100 was given to the Village Hall and £176 to the Get Togethers fund.

SOUP LUNCH

Another of our popular soup lunches is being held on Thursday, 6th November in the Burwash Village Hall, at 12.30 p.m. for 1 p.m.

Entry will again be £10 per person, for which you can try as many of the delicious homemade soups as you like, plus the naughty but nice desserts.

As always we will have a raffle. Proceeds will be given as usual to the Village Hall. Please contact Mary on 01435 882107 or email marybarrytaylor@hotmail.co.uk to book places. I look forward to seeing you all again.

HAMPER RAFFLE

Once again Barry and I will be holding a hamper raffle in our garden at Violet Cottage on the Festive Evening, which this year is on 3rd December. We would be very grateful for any donations for the hampers.

There will also be two or three other prizes, including a homemade Christmas cake. We will be serving hot freshly made soup, as this proved very popular last year. Please feel free to drop items off at Violet Cottage. All proceeds will go to the Get Togethers lunch.

CHRISTMAS BINGO

This year's Christmas Prize Bingo will be held on Sunday, 7th December, in the Burwash Village Hall. The doors will open at 2 p.m. with eyes down at 2.30 p.m. This as always will be a fun afternoon for the whole family. The proceeds will be split between the Christmas Day Lunch for those alone and the Get Together lunch.

FESTIVE QUIZ

There will be a Festive Postal Quiz out at the beginning of November: 100 questions on different festivals from around the world. They are £2 a copy and you will have six weeks to complete and return it.

You can obtain a copy from me at Violet Cottage or send a stamped addressed envelope to me with your £2 to Violet Cottage, High Street, Burwash, TN19 7EH. There is a cash prize for the highest number of correct answers and proceeds will go to The Get Togethers.

My target is to reach £3,000 in time for the next lunch in December. With your help I will make it! Thank you.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The Christmas Day Lunch for those who live alone will once again take place. Anyone, be it a single person, a couple or a family who will not have visitors on Christmas Day would be welcome to come along and join in the fun.

There will be a hot, freshly cooked festive two course meal and liquid refreshments, all for just £5 a person. Please call Mary on 01435 882107, if you would like to join us.

We are always looking for volunteers too. If you would like to help and then join us for lunch, please let me know.

MARY TAYLOR BEM

NUTS

I have just cracked open my first Burwash and Etchingham hazelnuts of Autumn 2025: bit of a mixed bag as some were adequate in size while others were withered and rather sad.

I have also finally had to face the over importance of nuts in my diet, as I pack to move house: I have eight nutcrackers in a variety of shapes, some dating back to my great great grandparents' time, certainly pre-850, while others are Alezzi Italian modernist inventions dating from 2000.

This fascination with nuts started very young, encouraged by my grandfather who had me eating pickled walnuts as soon as I had teeth (also sent me over Lady’s wall when I was about 7 to get some fresh walnuts off her tree in rural Suffolk). My father, meanwhile, planted a sweet almond tree with amazing annual blossom in our garden in Epping in 1958, so I grew up playing under a nut tree. (Almonds are technically seeds not nuts, by the way.)

My father also took me to watch Leyton FC home matches, where bags of hot peanuts in their shells were sold from a kiosk. I refused to go to the stands without a bag of peanuts and would consume them while perched on my father’s shoulders like some sort of monkey (nothing has changed much except now my face looks like a chimpanzee).

This progressed to a taste for roast chestnuts from a brazier on Victoria Street in Westminster every winter, expanding to a total obsession once I went on the annual ‘pilgrimage’ to the Ardeche to collect the new season’s chestnuts while studying in France.

Then during my time in The Netherlands I piled on kilos by eating hot salted cashew nuts from the nut vans which appear in most Dutch cities on market day. Finally, I had my daughter with a Berber/Arab so the joy of nuts in both savoury and sweet cookery went to another level: almond heaven!



We are BLESSED in East Sussex with cob-nuts, hazelnuts (see photograph of ripe hazelnuts on the branch in the column before), beech ‘nuts’ and amazing sweet chestnuts but few people seem to collect them. This summer would have been hot enough for almonds to flourish, so please do think about planting almond trees. (Almond blossom is divine and Bullfinches love the insects on the sticky buds.) Autumn in East Sussex produces an incredible nut harvest.

Walnuts do well on the Weald, but planting a walnut tree is an investment for the next generation as they are so slow to mature. Everybody loves coffee and walnut cake: a marriage made in heaven. However, my favourite has to be pan-fried local pork chops with walnut halves, closely followed by rolled pork loin stuffed with chopped walnuts, and garlic and herb butter - some smoked bacon can be thrown in too, if you dare. If you have windfall apples, make apple sauce as an accompaniment. Walnuts aid the absorption of nutrients from the pork too. Left over walnuts: toss them in a salad with Feta or goat’s cheese - don’t leave them sitting in a bowl to go off.

You can buy Filberts or Kentish cob-nuts at most of our local Farmer’s Markets: grab them while they are available! They have a stronger taste than wild hazelnuts and are generally larger (see photograph of green cob nuts in the previous column). Personally, I love the joy of finding locally foraged hazelnuts, but this year it has been a case of ‘beat the squirrels’ if you can. Nothing beats the flavour of a freshly roasted hazelnut and they are good for you too. Cob-nut kernels typically contain 12-17% protein by dry weight, and about 10-15% fibre. They are very rich in Vitamin E and Calcium. They provide about 0.4 mg and 0.55 mg of Vitamins B1 and B6 respectively per 100g dry weight.

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Wild about Burwash

As we've been moving further into autumn, we've been busy with lots of projects.

We have broken the record for our apple picking this year and our volunteers picked six bins of apples, that means that we will have approximately 1,500 bottles. If you'd like to order some of this year's juice, the price per pack of 6 this year will be £16.50 (£15 to volunteer pickers and those who donated). We'll also be selling single bottles at both the Burwash Community Farmers' Market and the Christmas Market at £3 each.



The National Trust treated us to a bat watching walk around Bodiam Castle led by their ranger, Lucy. We had a number of bat monitors between us and we spotted a range of bats over the evening as we wandered around the stunning castle in the twilight.



At the end of September, we had a wonderful foraging course with Senior Gardener, Michael Wachter at Great Dixter. We wandered through the woods and meadows being shown (and tasting) some of the fruits and fungi on offer. It was a really popular event and we hope to be able to run another foraging talk with Michael in 2026



James Duncan from Sussex Wildlife Trust treated a group of us to an amazing walk and talk at Rye Harbour Nature Reserve at the beginning of October. We marvelled at the sights and sounds of the wildlife on the salt marsh both on the walk and from some of the hides. If you have not been, it's definitely worth a visit.



At the time of writing we're planning a WAB Dark Skies event for children in Etchingham on the 1st November as part of the High Weald Dark Skies Festival (see page 15). We'll give you a review next month.

Staying on the Dark Skies theme, one of our members has designed some beautiful WAB moth tea towels. Pictures on the tea towel have been taken by WAB members in and around Burwash. We also have posters at £4 each.

With Christmas in mind please come and join us at the Christmas Market, we'll have apple juice and tea towels and we'll be talking about some of our other projects: river monitoring, dark skies, churchyard and verge maintenance. Also, we'll be having our Christmas social on Thursday, 27th November from 7pm (TBC), please contact us for details.

If you'd like any more information about anything WAB, please email us on wildaboutburwash@gmail.com

FIONA MORDAUNT/JULIAN KENNY

ETCHINGHAM NATURE NOTES

On the 21st September, walking our dog (Karma) through our woods, she ran off barking at something. We tried to see what she was barking at, when she ran back towards us crying, followed by three deer chasing her. I picked her up to comfort her, and saw the deer, quite close by, looking at us, not seeming at all frightened. Since then we have seen the same animals in our woods every day, and Karma, when she sees them, barks and then turns and runs back to have her lead on. She obviously feels safer on the lead, and the deer continue to stand looking at us, showing no sign of fear.

In the last edition I wrote about the number of fungi we had seen in the woods, during the dry spell in August-September. They subsequently keeled over and became covered in mould, then died off in late September, since when we have had some rain, and the fungi, including big parasol mushrooms I mentioned, have come back in abundance.

We continue to have numbers of acorns falling, more than we have ever seen in the past. Our son, an ecologist, says that trees and plants are becoming desperate, in the generally warmer, dryer, weather, to ensure that their types will continue to grow, and are therefore producing nuts and seeds aplenty to give birth to the next generation.

Paul Stott reported watching a hummingbird hawk moth in his garden, and Mary Newington says she has seen them almost every evening in August. We have not been so lucky, but we have seen some lovely large hornets.

As I write (on the 5th October) we have had a couple of trees down in the woods, in the windy weather, and dead leaves are beginning to cover the garden, and the woodland floor.

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

FRANK H. SMITH



The Deer in Our Wood



A Hornet

SEAGULLS OVER BURWASH

Mixed Start, Cup Prospects, Campaigns and Technology

Brighton and Hove Albion have had a mixed start to the current Premier League season having won two, lost two and drawn three games up until the October international break. They have, however, retained a unique trait that both delights and frustrates the Albion fan base in equal measure. Over the last few seasons, Brighton have had remarkable success against the so called 'big teams'. Last season, for example, they beat Manchester United home and away, beat and drew against the defending champions, Manchester City as well as Newcastle and Tottenham Hotspur, drew twice against Arsenal and beat champions-elect Liverpool. Not a bad return against teams expected to be battling for Champions League places at the top of the table. In stark contrast, the efforts against the teams at the bottom of the table, teams that, on paper, they should have beaten comfortably, were poor. Brighton won only two of the six games against the three teams that ultimately got relegated, namely Ipswich Town, Southampton and Leicester City. This season has started in a similar manner. After seven games, the Albion already have two notable scalps with victories over Manchester City and Chelsea, two teams tipped to be battling for the title. However, the usual frustration has returned with losses to Everton and Bournemouth and draws with Fulham and bottom-of-the-table Wolverhampton Wanderers. At least following the Seagulls is not boring or predictable..... you never know what you are going to get.

Currently, Brighton's Premier League goal difference is zero, having both scored and conceded 10 goals. This goal tally is dwarfed by the league Cup games played so far after two successive 6 – 0 away wins against Oxford United and Barnsley. Yes, OK, so they are Championship and League One teams, respectively, but both were potential banana skins. It is not always easy to focus on a game against a lower division club without complacency creeping in: just ask Manchester United about that following their defeat to Division Two Grimsby Town. So, with Brighton and Hove Albion through to the fourth round, we will expect the run to continue and look forward to a hat-trick of 6 – 0 away wins.

Who have we got next? Ah..... Arsenal. Oh well, maybe we will have to settle for winning by just one or two goals this time. Brighton are one of four Premier League clubs that have never won a major competition, the others being Bournemouth, Brentford and Fulham. Until May, Brighton's arch rivals Crystal Palace also held that accolade but, as of last May, they are no longer in the 'empty cabinet club' as they won the FA Cup final with the help of a generous referee and an incompetent VAR (bitter? Me? No, no!). Given that it is highly unlikely that the Albion will be vying for the Premier League title and that they missed out on qualifying for any European competitions, the two domestic cups are their best hope of silverware this season. The League Cup, or Carabao Cup as it is officially named these days, is first up and with Brighton already in the last 16 they are in with a good chance. However, Arsenal might have something to say about that.

Over the years, there has been numerous initiatives organised by, or supported by Brighton and Hove Albion or its charitable association, Brighton and Hove Albion Foundation, including inclusive sports participation, education and employment initiatives and health awareness campaigns. Recently, the football club, along with the other 19 Premier League clubs, launched the 'Together Against Suicide' campaign in partnership with the Samaritans. The campaign was instigated by broadcaster and The One Show host, Roman Kemp, who lost a close friend and colleague to suicide in 2020 and who has openly discussed his own struggles with depression and anxiety. Shockingly, every 90 minutes, the duration of a football match, someone in the UK takes their own life and suicide is the leading cause of death for men under 50. To launch their campaign, Brighton and Hove Albion released a moving and poignant short video that was first shown at the match against Tottenham Hotspur on 20th September. It is available on You Tube and is well worth a look. The overall objective of the Together Against Suicide campaign is to raise awareness of the issue and not only to encourage people to seek help if they are struggling, but to help people spot the signs that their friends, family and fellow supporters may be experiencing difficulties.

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SEAGULLS OVER BURWASH CONTINUED

To this aim, BHA will provide safe spaces and trained listeners at all men's and women's home matches, share information on spotting the signs that someone may be struggling and direct fans towards trusted support, including Samaritans' 24/7 helpline. There will also be sessions to train supporters and community members in listening skills to be held throughout the season. Together Against Suicide is probably best summed up by Julie Bentley, Chief Executive at Samaritans, who said, *"one in four of us experience suicidal thoughts but suicide is not inevitable. A moment of connection can be all it takes to save a life. Together Against Suicide is an amazing opportunity to reach thousands of people with the message that it's okay to talk and that support is always there."* Campaigns such as this put football into perspective and makes you realise that there are more important things than kicking a bladder around a field. However, sport in general, and football in particular, has a phenomenal ability to connect with huge numbers of people, both directly and indirectly, and if Together Against Suicide helps prevent just one tragedy it will be deemed a success.

On to a more frivolous matter, some may have noticed that the Seagulls Over Burwash website has disappeared recently. This is because our old platform crashed catastrophically and a new, all singing all dancing website is under construction. Hopefully this will be up and running within the next few weeks and will include a range of features that will make booking coach seats and paying fares much easier. More details will be provided in the next article.....

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 (when it is working!) 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.

Being a baby-boomer rather than Gen-Z, Teskey has become increasingly perturbed by the prospect of the new, updated SOB website.

"Can't we just use pen and paper and cash," he cries when spreadsheets and bank transfers are mentioned. The only website he can understand is the one between his washing line and his fence which shows up beautifully on dewy mornings and his spam is safely contained in a can.

A couple of weeks ago, he failed to receive a SOB email I sent him, so I foolishly suggested he checked his trash. Moments later he was seen rooting through his wheelie bin! Never mind, Teskey, just leave all that inter-web hi-tech malarkey to the young 'uns.

SIMON FORSTER



NUTS CONTINUED

Otherwise, wrap up on a bright Autumn day and go off through our local woods in search of sweet chestnuts. Chestnuts are a good source of vitamins and minerals, including Vitamin C, Folate and Manganese. They also provide a third of your daily required carbohydrate intake and 44% of your daily required Vitamin C intake, boosting the immune system as well as tasting delicious.

It is said that the Roman legions marched on chestnut porridge! If you roast them (the chestnuts not the Legions) on the edge of an open fire, the whole house becomes scented with a lovely sweet smell of Autumn. East Sussex is probably the best county for collecting chestnuts in the UK, so don't waste this golden opportunity.

Go nuts and head for the woods for Nature's Sussex harvest!

CAROLINE HUBAND



BURWASH FC FOOTBALL, NONSENSE AND POSSIBLY SOME WHISKEY

Just as a foreword, there is an exceptionally important poll that will be launched soon that could help bring attention and money to Burwash. Even if you don't care about football, please read the last paragraph of this article for more details. Please VOTE!

Burwash celebrated our opening game of the season win by losing 2-3 at home to Pevensey. Managing to snatch a loss from the jaws of victory when 2-0 up, ah well. It should be noted that local cricketing hero Liam Reilly took on the referee responsibilities after the league was unable to provide one for the fixture. As will become a theme in this piece, there is a real shortage of referees up and down the country and honestly, I am not surprised. The amount of abuse that referees receive when just trying to do their job is disgusting.

The real hypocrisy is the level people seem to expect referees to perform to, when those levels aren't matched by the players on the pitch. What I am saying is, don't expect a Premier League standard of refereeing when your first touch isn't even National League level.

Anyway, mini rant over.

Rain called off our next fixture against Tackleway which was no problem as our next game was against...Tackleway. Will Blaydon gave Burwash the lead going into half time, but the game in truth was ugly to watch. There were lots of late challenges and general nonsense that gave the whole thing an uneasy feeling. The referee clearly felt the same way, abandoning the game in the second half after receiving an unacceptable level of abuse from Tackleway staff/players.

The rained off fixture went into the diary and lo and behold, it was the following weekend so it was going to be back-to-back fixtures against Tackleway all the same.

I wasn't at the game as I had to attend a wedding, but I do know that we won 2-1.

Goals from Jamie Pelling and Dan Murrell sealed the victory with veteran? (he's my age so that'd make me a veteran too?) centre back Drew Clifton picking up the Man of the Match Award.

Next up, Battle Town at home for incredibly what will be our sixth home game in a row.

Behind the scenes spotlight: Olli Taylor

Olli looks after our social media feed, including the extremely impressive graphics you'll see pre and post-game. On the pitch Olli is a tenacious midfielder, quick to the tackle and even quicker when backing up his brother Max, even when Max is completely in the wrong.

Olli has gone above and beyond and got Burwash short-listed in the Jameson Ultimate Matchday experience competition. If we win the poll, we will get Sky Sports commentators for one of our games along with vouchers, freebies and all kinds of things that help the club and local area. **So please keep an eye on the club's Facebook page and vote Burwash when the vote goes live!**

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BURWASH WALKING FOOTBALL



The new season has begun and we started with a home game against last season's runners-up, Hastings United. Whoever said '*You are only as good as your last game*' was probably correct. We really weren't at the races and although we probably shaded it in the first half, come the second half we could consider ourselves fortunate to come away with a nil-nil draw. Hastings will have gained confidence from the evening but in front of a record home attendance it was a disappointing result for the Burwash faithful. Never mind – onwards and upwards!



Burwash are in Blue (fitted shorts)

We have a good, strong squad, albeit quite small at just nine players. Last season we managed to field our strongest side in every game, but we only need an injury or two or an important anniversary or a weekend of having to look after the grandchildren to suddenly find we are a couple of key players down and struggling.

Other clubs have over 100 players available and, although they may not be able to field a stronger team than we can on 'our' day, they do have that strength in depth which over the course of a season is so important.

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Talking of numbers, since its 'invention' in 2011 Walking Football has developed into the UK's fastest-growing sport, with many well documented benefits for physical and social health, such as improving balance and combating loneliness. There are around 1,500 registered clubs and an estimate of over 200,000 people regularly playing. It makes the Burwash club look like tiddlers at just 30 playing members, but for all that we do punch above our weight (and that weight can be pretty hefty in some of us!).

Such is the 'market' for Walking Football that a new lightweight ball has been developed which is designed to reduce impact injuries. We have trialled it for a few weeks and have decided to adopt it as our standard ball for indoor use – whether that be kick-about or league games. We are incredibly grateful to Dave and Jacqui Kuhler at Archway Builders for stepping-up and agreeing to fund the (not insignificant) cost of supplying balls throughout the season.

Fancy being a supporter? We have a few League games arranged before Christmas. Why not come along and see for yourself. Games are 20 minutes each way and six-a-side. There's quite a bit of 'banter' going on, it can be quite intense too but at the end of a game everyone shakes hands and we all go off to the pub.

Saturday, 1st November – Away vs Eastbourne Yellows at the Oval Arena, Eastbourne

Monday, 17th November – Home vs Eastbourne Whites at Robertsbridge Community College

Monday, 1st December – Home vs Bexhill Atha at Robertsbridge Community College

Saturday, 13th December – Away vs Bexhill Atha at Bexhill Community College.

And don't forget that we are primarily a club formed for fun. You don't have to be league standard to get the health benefits, meet new people and have a laugh. Your first session is free – so what's holding you back?

If you are over 50 and would like to get involved, please Contact Steve Mintram:

**01435 882444 for more information.
www.burwashwalkingfootballers.co.uk**

LAURENCE WORTON



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

You may not see us but we are still here!

Early last month the green keeping team and several additional club members spent two days 'putting the green to bed'.

Down come the sponsor's banners for safe-keeping, packed away are the benches from around the green. Ditch mats are cleaned and rolled, and then the most important bit....

The green is cut to a very short length and gets a very hard scarification which removes around 40% of the weaker grass. It gets aerated (don't we all at times?) to let air into the subsoil and then three tons of top-dressing is spread by hand over the surface and levelled using a special tool called a lute. Once our Head Green-Keeper, Ivor, is happy the whole green is re-seeded with a top-quality grass seed mix, the gates are locked shut and we wait, and wait.....

Within a couple of weeks, the new seed has germinated and the first blades of fresh grass are coming through. Within a month the new green gets its first cut and suddenly we are on our way to the spectacular playing surface for which Wadhurst bowls is renowned.

It doesn't come easy – it's hard work - and it doesn't come cheap. The club spend around £4,000 per year just on materials to keep the green one of the top in the county. If we had to hire-in outside labour we just couldn't afford it, so a big 'thank you' to all those members who helped-out during the course of the year.



Club members scarify and prepare the green for top-dressing.

Throughout the winter the green is swept every morning to remove dew and keep fungal attacks at bay. Cutting continues on an as-and-when basis.

The Match Secretary will be in contact with other clubs and institutions to arrange over sixty fixtures and get the Fixture Booklet printed by mid-February. We will be contacting existing and potential new sponsors to get them in place before the start of the season in April and we will be looking at possible ways to fund a new Clubhouse.....

So, although you may not see us, we are still, most definitely, here and working hard for our members and keep bowls alive in Wadhurst.

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LAURENCE WORTON

1ST BURWASH & ETCHINGHAM SCOUT GROUP

With the darker evenings we are now back in the hut.

Scouts have been working on a Survival Badge for the last few weeks, learning about shelters, distress signals and what can be put in survival kits. Hopefully we will be able to complete it soon with some knife skills and a night outside in a shelter.

They will be working on their Personal Challenge Badge as well over the next 4 to 5 weeks with different activities – hopefully some parents will benefit from their pledge to help with the cooking or to do chores every day!

The Cub Scouts have had a fun start to the Autumn term. We kicked off with a potato themed games night (potato bowling, hot potato...) followed by outdoor sessions at Westdown Woods (with kind permission from Peter Tapsfield). We have been lighting fires, cooking popcorn and stringing up hammocks.



Happy Beavers

Explorers continue to meet and plan their own activities. They did a night hike during the summer and have recently sorted out a two day hike with an overnight stay.

It seems a long way away but we look forward to seeing you at the Burwash Festive Evening on the 3rd December.

Meanwhile, we have been assisting with the Poppy Appeal.

BERNADETTE SPENCER



*The Cubs having fun.
See colour Version on Page 38.*

Coming up we have a trip to Burwash Fire Station, a night hike and a Taekwondo evening.



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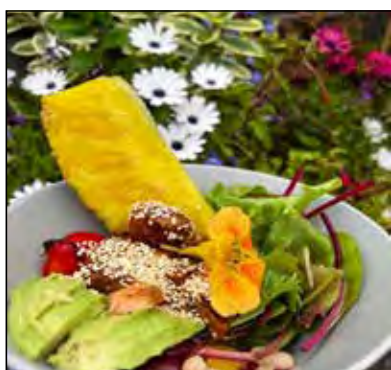
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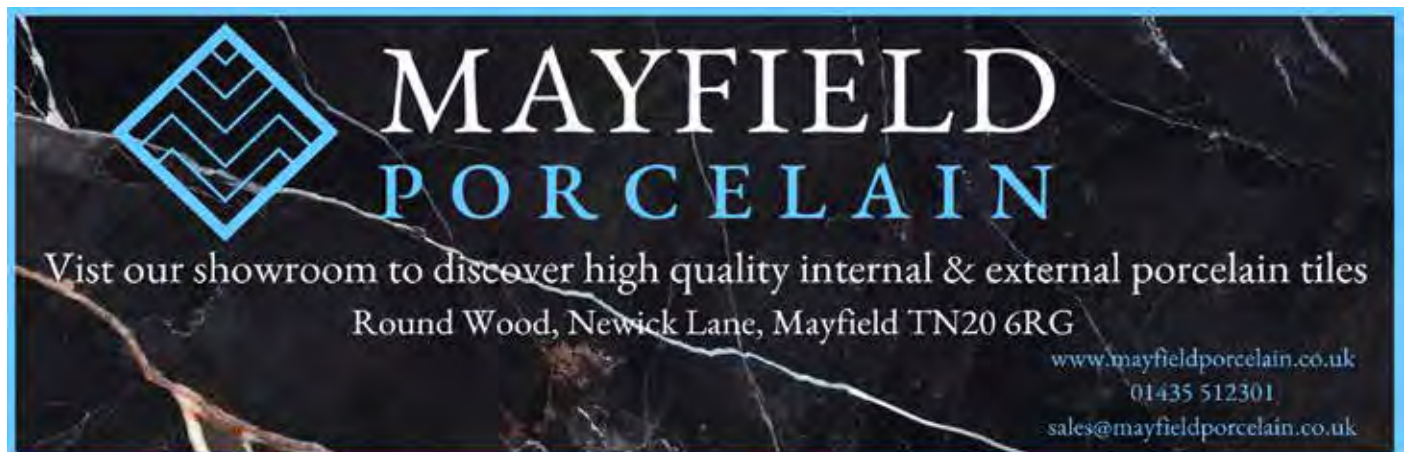


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Swan Meadow Playing Fields and the Eddie Workman MBE Pavilion have hosted an amazing range of activities and events throughout October, including:

- The Community Farmers' Market - next column.
- Tuesday Village Playgroup - contact Jo Murrells.
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes - contact Daniel on burwashbjj@gmail.com
- Music and Movement classes - contact Dianne on dianne@seated-exercise.co.uk (see page 15).
- Football Training and Burwash FC in full swing (see page 32) AND
- BURWASH BONFIRE & FIREWORKS.

100 PLUS CLUB OCTOBER DRAW

There were a mere 236 balls in the draw last month, which was drawn at The Bear on the 9th October by Mrs Helen Moderski.

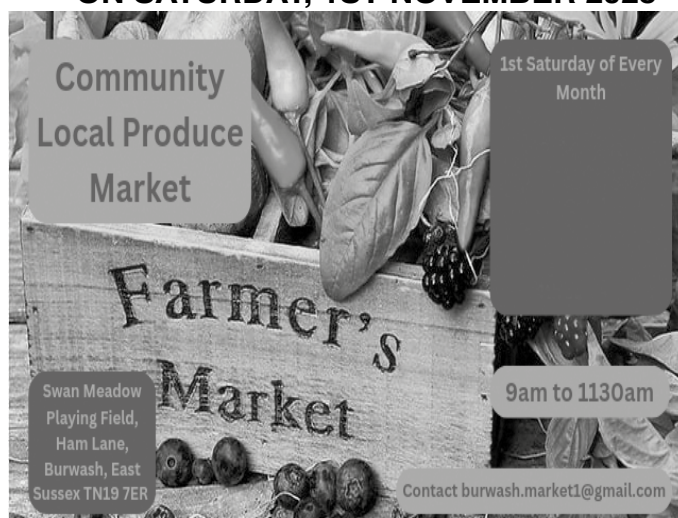
Congratulations to the Winners!

1st Ball	Number 318	Michael Wade	£50
2nd Ball	Number 118	Boysie Pickles	£30
3rd Ball	Number 18	Simon Fellows	£20

100 Plus subscriptions are a vital part of our fund-raising so please DO buy some numbers to support the Playing Field.

STEVE BENNETT

NEXT BURWASH COMMUNITY MARKET IS ON SATURDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2025



THE MONTHLY COMMUNITY FARMERS' MARKET

The October Community Farmers' Market was a very lively event, with a great atmosphere and a decidedly 'apple' theme.

The stalls were busy, apple juice tastings were on offer, regulars came for their bread, vegetables abounded, dogs had a good time, cakes were purchased by the dozen, new stalls came and a great deal of coffee was drunk.

The food on offer was delicious, information flowed and everyone seemed to be having a good time. It was lovely to see so many Burwash Common residents at October's market. Do please come again.

Come to the November market on the 1st and have some fun, meet up with friends and just have a Saturday morning chill out. Hopefully, the sun will shine but, even if it doesn't, we all turn up because we can retreat to the Pavilion. Loads of seats, gallons of tea and coffee, dogs welcome.

The bus does run on a Saturday, if you wish to nip up from Etchingham and can't drive! Another good reason to actually apply for a Bus Pass, if you have reached Retirement Age, even if you drive.

THE EDITOR

BURWASH PARISH MATTERS

following the Parish Council Meeting on 14th October

Community Build Project

The 'Terms of Reference' for the Steering Committee have now been agreed and are available on the Burwash Parish Website. The changes to the original set of Terms are:

The Committee will now include Councillors (who are the only group entitled to vote), community representatives (subject to a limit of four) such as local residents and community leaders, a management team and professionals associated with the project, and potential users of the facility.

Councillors will undertake with due diligence required to assess the community needs for the proposed build and undertake an assessment of the financial viability of the project including funding requirements.

The minutes and background papers of the Steering Committee meetings and other related documents are available on the Parish Website: the information in the monthly Matters is not intended to be a full account of the project as it progresses.

Burwash Parish Business Plan

The current business plan is now rather dated, and the Council is organising a community wide survey on current projects and future plans so that it can prioritise its finances and use of time in the coming years. The survey will be included in the autumn/winter Newsletter which is currently being edited and should be posted to every household before Christmas. This will be an important opportunity for everyone in the community to have their say over the future of the Parish and where its priorities should lie. We are exploring additional ways of engaging the community in this process, by organising meetings where the priorities of the Council can be discussed.

The next full council meeting is on Tuesday, 11th November 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

Information about the survey and the meetings will be included in the Council's weekly e-bulletin, which is sent to all those signed up to receive it. Please consider joining the more than 600 parishioners who have already signed up. Contact Emma or look on the Parish website for more information.

The Budget

The Council is mindful of the challenging financial times people find themselves in and is currently reviewing the budget for 2026/2027. Financial records are available on the Burwash Parish Website and you are encouraged to look there for information about what money is allocated to the parish and how that money is spent.

Environment and Maintenance

Sadly the telephone kiosk has been vandalised and the police have been notified. The kiosk is intended to be used as a book swap and we are working towards that end. We hope that once it is established, it will be a useful facility, especially for those who live at that end of the village.

Volunteers are still required to help manage the Emergency Plan, which would come into effect should there be significant issues which would affect the safety of the communities, such as extreme weather conditions.

It has been suggested that a team of volunteers is identified and resourced to clear and maintain footpaths and bridleways across the parish, although we recognise that it is the landowners' responsibility to keep them clear. If this is something you think you could help with, contact Emma who will pass your name on to the Councillor responsible for this project.

Recordings of Parish Council Meetings

We are aware that the minutes circulated after the monthly Council meetings do not always reflect the nature of the discussions leading up to the decisions reached. In accordance with the guidelines on Council procedures, the minutes are a record of what has been agreed and not an account of the debates which led to those outcomes. To assist the Clerk in writing the minutes, for some time the meetings have been recorded. It has been decided on a trial basis to make these audio recordings available to the public and they will soon appear on the Burwash Parish website. We hope that this will be of help.

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BURWASH NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

It seems a long time since I reported on our lovely group and when I last typed I promised it would be about flowers. We enjoyed a wonderful garden party hosted by our usual friend who annually lends us her beautiful oasis of calm for the August meeting. As ever it was great fun, but painful to see Madame 'Host' suffering although still able to concoct her clever quiz. Thank-you!

The Not So Young journey led us back to Burwash Village Hall on the 25th September for our intriguing meeting called 'Chelsea Flower Show' by a local expert, Phyllis Stevens.

I have our Secretary, Marion Tibbs to thank for so kindly taking notes and composing the story of the afternoon. Here follows her report:-

On a cold September afternoon we welcomed our friend, Phyllis Stevens, who is well known to many as a member of Burwash and Heathfield Flower Clubs.

Phyllis is a very talented flower arranger and demonstrator. Her talk was highly informative and amusing about exhibiting at two Chelsea Flower Shows. She, together with her friend and fellow flower arranger, regaled us with amusing stories about the rigours of exhibiting at the famous show. The rules are strict and the competitors are only given the subject of their arrangement. They then have to design and decide their floral arrangement. For her first show her design (based on a Church Altar) was of five candles. The exhibitors have to choose their own flowers and how to arrange them. It should be remembered that having spent many weeks (and sleepless nights worrying) Phyllis had to pack all her equipment and flowers up in order to navigate the London evening traffic. It should be borne in mind that they only have admission to the show ground from 9 p.m. the night before the show opens and only have until 6 a.m. the following day to set up their display- then they have to vacate.

Unbelievably, after a couple of hours sleep Phyllis decided to travel back to the show only to discover she had won a Bronze Medal – a really wonderful achievement.

Amazingly, Phyllis decided to compete again the following year,- the Centenary year, and would use that for her subject. She decided to make a large C and amused us all with the exploits of the welder who made the frame and even made suggestions making and applying the hoops for the flowers. He may have felt honoured to be involved and certainly was very helpful.

Astonishingly once again Phyllis was awarded another Bronze Medal, both of which she proudly displayed.

It needs to be noted that competitors only get CARDS and not medals! We were also entertained with her account of all the celebrities she saw and how she managed to achieve her own personal desire of having a photograph with a Chelsea Pensioner.

It had proved a fun experience but also exhausting and expensive. However, what a fantastic achievement - two Bronze Medals! Quite a lady. Thanks to her and Marion for the wonders of Chelsea.

Our October Meeting was given for and on behalf of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and a report will appear in the December issue of this magazine.

This month we will enjoy a talk on the fascinating 'Smallhythe Place', home to Dame Ellen Terry in Tenterden.

Christmas is not so far away and we will be thinking about the Christmas lunch at the November meeting as well.

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POETRY CORNER

There came a Wind like a Bugle by Emily Dickinson

*There came a Wind like a Bugle -
It quivered through the Grass
And a Green Chill upon the Heat
So ominous did pass
We barred the Windows and the Doors
As from an Emerald Ghost -
The Doom's electric Moccasin
That very instant passed -
On a strange Mob of panting Trees
And Fences fled away
And Rivers where the Houses ran
Those looked that lived - that Day -
The Bell within the steeple wild
The flying tidings told -
How much can come
And much can go,
And yet abide the World!*

The Massachusetts poet Emily Dickinson (1830-56) was obsessed with death, but don't let that put you off. The work of the unmarried Amherst recluse is not morbid. Her poems, with their slender, brief form and inventive, economical style, are full of intense engagement, colour, drama, childlike wonder, wit and calm detachment. Her metaphors are original and arresting ('moccasin' here is referring to a viper) and her clean, spare lines have a modernity that we do not expect in a mid-Nineteenth Century voice. In keeping with this kind of distilled leanness, the lack of encumbrance, the poems don't even have titles: editors either number them or use the first line as a title.

In the spirit of Dickinson's less is more, I'll leave it there. Check her out. She's an interesting writer.

Compare Ted Hughes' weather poem 'Wind' ('This house has been far out at sea all night').

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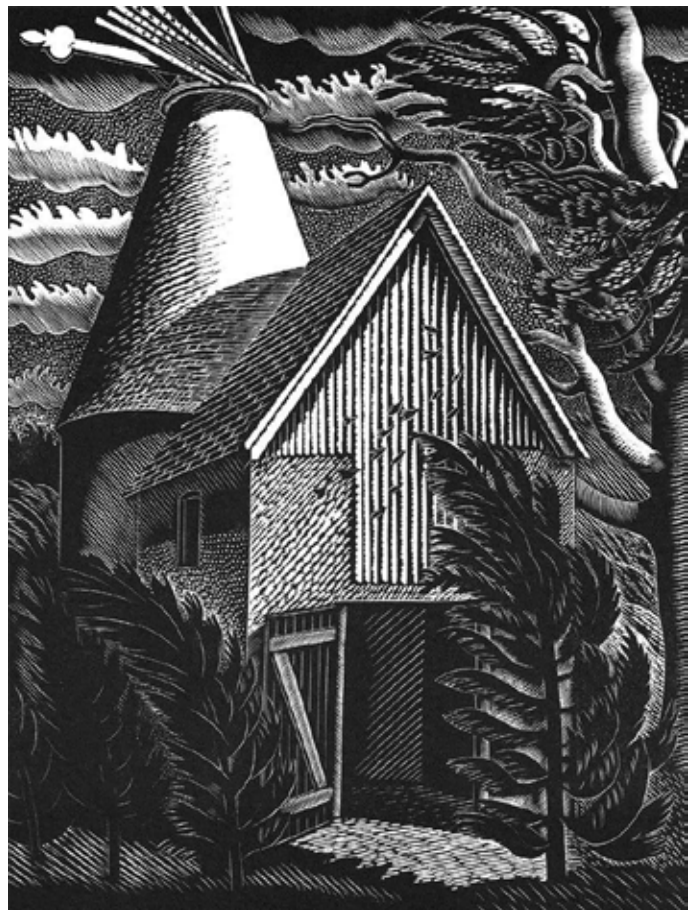
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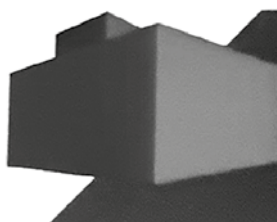


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www.fairfieldsurgery.co.uk on the front page under latest news.

We aim to produce further editions and, although these will be in paper form as not everyone has broadband, they will continue to be available on the website. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, plus other relevant health news, please email

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This meant plans had to be altered, gazebos moved and as much as possible brought inside.

Nevertheless, our loyal supporters all turned up at 2 p.m., when the Heathfield Silver Band struck up a tune, the sun came out and we had a wonderful fête as per usual.

The Dog Show was well attended and great fun as they didn't mind the mud. We expected the takings to be down, but a brilliant £3,500 (approximately, still counting) was raised and every penny goes to maintaining our marvellous facilities.

The Hat Competition was won by Laurence Worton and Richard Harden.

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Special thanks to the Hillier family for the delicious teas and John Smith for being such a great MC.

THE COMMITTEE

THANKS!

The photographs on page 50 show what a good time was had by all despite the terrible weather earlier in the day. Many thanks to all those who assisted both on the day and in the run up to the event.

May we also take this opportunity to thank The Committee themselves for all their hard work: it is much appreciated.

THE EDITOR

THE AFTER EIGHT CLUB BURWASH COMMON

On Thursday, 9th October, our Annual Quiz, After Eight Club v Rotherfield Club, was held at the Burwash Common Pavilion. Jackie Bird and Chris Bentley set and asked the questions and everyone enjoyed a fun afternoon followed by a lovely afternoon tea.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 13th November. We have a Speaker, Wendy, representing the Leprosy Mission. Her presentation sounds very interesting. The meeting will be from 2.15 p.m.: the talk will start at 2.30 p.m. If you are interested in coming along, please let me know.

Many of our members will be attending the Wool Day on Saturday, 1st November from 12 noon until 4 p.m. and on Sunday, 2nd November, the Frost Fair takes place (see page 57). Both events will be held at the Burwash Common Pavilion.

Christmas, dare I say it, is of course fast approaching and the After Eight Club will be celebrating in style at The Middle House in Mayfield.

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DELVING IN THE ARCHIVES: PART SEVEN

This concludes last year's series looking back through the cache of papers that turned up in Burwash recently. The following relates to the years up to 1794, during the 51 year incumbency of one man.

Boundary Disputes

Land was an important source of income for many parish priests right up until 1978, when glebe lands were transferred to the Diocesan Boards of Finance. As we saw in an earlier article, this income was distinct from tithes, which were taxes paid by other land owners to support a parish church and its vicar. They were not abolished until 1936.

Some papers in this archive refer to Walking the Bounds, notably around Borders, off Borders Lane, and Fisher's Farm off Fontridge Lane. A parish would give the neighbour notice that they intended to walk on a certain date from a certain point, presumably so that the neighbouring parish could attend and stand up for what it considered to be its rightful boundary.

The Revd John Courtail, who was Rector & Vicar of Burwash from 1755 to 1806, appears from some fragmentary papers to have been much occupied with defining and arguing about his boundaries with Etchingham and Brightling. The incumbents of Burwash and Etchingham seem to have disagreed about it in the years leading up to 1794, but all concerned corresponded in the usual elaborately courteous but subtly barbed language one finds in Jane Austen novels.

Undated slips of paper are evidently office copies of a letter sent by Courtail to the Rector of Etchingham. This is a shortened version:

"Sir,

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I am Sir,

*Your humble Servant,
John Courtail."*

The Rector of Etchingham replied on August 16th, 1794 from Hurst Green Lodge, that he "*had the honor of receiving*" the letter. His reply is too long to reproduce here, but in essence it deflects the claim by saying "*whether or not the claim that the Vicar of Burwash makes upon the Rectory of Etchingham be legal or not it can make no difference to me in the income arising from the living, as I have agreed with my Parishioners to pay me in lieu of all Tythes, a certain annual income clear of all deductions.*"

There are, however, passages such as "*...if I am inform'd right the Parish of Burwash has of late considerably encroached upon Etchingham*", which make one suspect that the dispute rumbled on.

Frustratingly, we do not know what happened next.

RICHARD HARDEN

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On Tuesday, 9th December Sue Jackson will be talking about ‘The Art of Snow and Ice: How Artists Transformed the Winter Landscape’.

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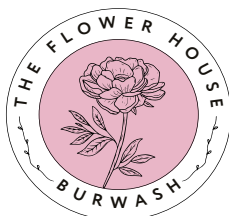
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Burwash, Burwash Common, Burwash Weald and the Surrounding Areas

Recent Incidents:

Overnight Wednesday 8th to Thursday 9th October offenders broke fencing down to access farm buildings in Ham Lane, Burwash and steal a quad bike.

There have also been several reports of sheds, garages and outbuildings being interfered with since the start of the month probably night time too.

Scams:

With winter almost upon us there are understandably more concerns about fuel bills so it's no wonder criminals continue to use email, text and phone messages, to try to get people to part with personal information supposedly to get the **Winter Fuel Payment**. There have even been reports of older persons being visited in order to get them to fill in forms for it!

As previously warned those who are eligible will get the payment automatically and will have received a letter advising how much during October or will get a letter in November.

Any email, text, phone call or other contact about the Winter Fuel Payment is 99.9% a scam.

To check eligibility etc. visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment>

I have been told about a relatively new tool that might help with spotting something dodgy:

If you are suspicious of a text, email or message and you want to check if it is legitimate or not before responding, you can upload it to Ask Silver on the Get Safe Online website, whereupon it will return an indication of whether the communication is safe or a 'red flag' for fraud. This can be accessed here:

Ask Silver - Get Safe Online

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver>

The downside is that you have to take a photo of the text, email or message and download it to the site to have it checked and maybe not all of us can do that easily!

NHW by Email:

11 new members have joined since the last report.

All messages are sent BCC so no-one sees your email address.

Contact: steve.mintram@btinternet.com for more information.

Contacting the Police:

ALWAYS Use 999 if you think a serious offence is happening or has just happened, there is immediate danger of harm to persons, damage to property or serious public disruption.

Call 101 or visit <http://www.sussex.police.uk> for non-emergency situations (online reports are assessed in the same way as an 101 call).

Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired, use **TypeTalk on 18000 or text to 65999**.

STEVE MINTRAM

LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

SPORT AND FITNESS-RELATED

Burwash Cricket Club:

Village club playing on Sundays.

Contact: Paul Morgan-Jones on 01435 882832 or

pmorganjones@holmewoodhouse.co.uk

Burwash Lawn Tennis Club:

With courts in Swan Meadow, the club encourages people of all ages to play tennis.

Club Secretary: Ben Mayhew

Email: burwashtennis@live.co.uk

Burwash over 50's Walking Football Group:

Meet every Tuesday evening for a kick-around. Age is no barrier as we currently range from 51-78 years of age.

Contact: Steve Mintram on 01435 882444 for more information.

Burwash Playing Field Association:

Bringing sport, fitness and well-being to the community of Burwash.

Contacts: Chair: Natalie Crabtree

Treasurer: Theresa Fox

Bookings Secretary for Field and Edward Workman Pavilion: on-line.

All enquiries and bookings: bpfaswanmeadow@gmail.com

www.bpfa.org.uk and 01435 583039.

Burwash Short Mat Bowls Club:

Informal, friendly evening at Burwash Village Hall every Monday from 6.30 p.m. If you fancy a try, come and join us. We can supply bowls to beginners.

Contact: Mary Taylor on 01435 882107.

Burwash Football Club:

Playing on Swan Meadow, Burwash.

Contacts: Will Pugh Jones, Club Manager or Alex Roxon, Club Chairman.

Email: burwashfc1890@gmail.com

Burwash Snooker Club:

Plays in Burwash Village Hall. New members welcome.

Contact: Mike Hill on 07518 914391 or Ron Allen on 09760 094334.

Kipling County Carriage Driving Group:

Carriage driving for the disabled.

Contact: kiplingcounty@aol.com.

Seagulls over Burwash:

Burwash Brighton & Hove Albion supporters club.

Contact: Simon Forster on simon.forster@seagullsoverburwash.co.uk.

Walks for Strollers:

Gentle walks through the countryside. Meet at 9 a.m. in the Bear Car Park on 1st Wednesday of the month.

Contacts: Peter and Karen Farley on 01435 883141.

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Burwash CEP School:

With an Outstanding OFSTED rating, the head teacher is Debbie Gilbert.

Contact: 01435 882440.

Burwash CEP School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA):

Organise social and fund-raising events to support the school.

Contact: Caroline Locke (Co-Chair) or Joanna Murrells (Co-Chair):

Etchingham C.E. Primary School:

Contact: 01580 819218.

Burwash Guides and Brownies:

Meet in the Burwash Common guide hut.

Contact: Beverley Boakes on 01435 883473.

Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers:

Meet at the scout hut, Bear Car Park, Burwash.

Contact: Bernadette Spencer on bandescoutgroup@gmail.com.

Musical Theatre:

Musical theatre classes from 4 -19 years, Saturdays in Burwash Village Hall.

Contact: Jonny or Sandra Ball on 882946 or burwashmusicaltheatre@hotmail.com

Wednesday Club at St. Barts:

After school club in church, usually on the last Wednesday of the month. A fun afternoon of craft, stories, singing and snacks from 3.30 - 5 p.m.

Contact: Revd Thomas Pelham on 07856 256 174.

Broad Oak Preschool:

Nurturing environment for children aged 2-5. Open Monday to Thursday 08.30 - 14.30 Friday 08.30 - 12.00.

Contact: 01435 864326 or email office@broadoakpreschool.co.uk

Burwash Village Playgroup:

Stories, singing, toys and crafts. Tuesday mornings 10 a.m. - Noon, Edward Workman Pavilion, Swan Meadow.

Contact: Jo Murrells on 07747 806 191.

St. Bartholomew's Tuesday Drop-In:

Meet in church every Tuesday in term-time from 8.30 a.m. for children to have a snack on their way to school. Mums/Dads/Carers and pre-school children come in afterwards for coffee and a chat.

Drop in or contact: Joanne Brown on 01435 830869.

St. Philip's Parent and Toddler Group:

Meet every Thursday 10 - 12 p.m. in the Burwash Common Pavilion.

Contact: Anne Everall on 01435 883247 or Jane Lloyd on 01435 883264.

LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

Patients of Fairfield Surgery

Participation Group:

Involving patients and staff to consider and improve conditions in the Practice from a patient's perspective.

Contact: Claudette Neville on 01435 883043 or nevilleclaudette@gmail.com.

The Barnsley Foundation:

A trust with limited funds to assist the education of local young people.

Contact: Joanne Brown on 830869.

FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Not So Young Club:

Social events and guest speakers, 3rd Thursday of each month in Burwash Village Hall at 2.15 p.m.

Contact: Isabel Salmond on 01435 882452.

Burwash District Housing Association for the Elderly:

Providing homes for over 60s in our community.

Contact: Claudette Neville on 01435 883043 or nevilleclaudette@gmail.com.

Mayfield and District University of the 3rd Age (U3A):

A full programme of activities and speakers, meeting 3rd Thursday of the month at 2.30 p.m. in Five Ashes Village Hall, or Zoom, if you prefer.

Contact: Mary Brentnall on 01435 872289 or email marybrentnallu3a@gmail.com

Etchingam Tuesday Club:

Meets at various venues, no longer just on Tuesdays.

Contact: Linda Neve on 01580 819223.

HOBBIES

Burwash Horticultural Society:

Thriving branch of the society.

Contact: Richard Maude-Roxby on 01435 882243.

Burwash Flower Arranging Club:

A programme of demonstrations, craft clubs and outings.

Contact: Jan MacFarland on 07792 929523.

Burwash Monday Painters:

Meet to paint on Monday afternoons in Burwash Village Hall (Oct. to April) and at various outdoor locations May - Sept. All ages and abilities welcome.

Contact: Anne Everall on 01435 883247 or Jenny Pettman, email: petters5@aol.com

Burwash Quilters:

For all those with an interest in quilting, meet Monday mornings in Burwash Village Hall.

Contact: Julie Lewis on 01580 200280.

Etchingam Club:

Members Club. info@theetchingham.club

Bereavement Friendship Group 3rd Tuesday of month at Old Orchard Café, Burwash Common.

Contact: Jan Wright

Email: LaurenandJan@ymail.com

Heathfield and District Philatelic Society:

Meets at the Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield, TN21 OXG on 3rd Tuesday of the month from September to April.

Contact: Bob Ely on 01292 852659 or rdely@tiscali.co.uk.

Jane Coleman School of Dancing:

Dance classes for young people in Burwash Village Hall.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

Contact: Katie Dahlstedt on 01580 200961 or katiedahlstedt@gmail.com

or Rachel Elliott on 01580 714442, rachelelliott21@hotmail.com

The Arts Society Wealden Heathfield:

Meets at 2.15 p.m. on second Tuesday of the month at Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield, TN21 OXG for talks. Visitors welcome.

Contact: Membership Secretary on 01435 408635 for further details.

Burwash Duplicate Bridge Club:

We are a friendly club which meets at 1.45 for 2 p.m on Fridays. in the Pavilion at Burwash Common. We welcome guests. You do not need to have played duplicate bridge before, but you do need to be able to play bridge.

Contact: Jenny Crisford on 01435 882416 or email: jenny.crisford@gmail.com

CLUBS, SOCIETIES

SUPPORT GROUPS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

British Red Cross:

British Red Cross Local Services (Red Cross Week, first aid group, equipment and wheelchair loans).

Contact: 0800 0280 831.

Royal British Legion:

The active Burwash Branch supports the Legion in helping ex-Servicemen.

Contact: Charles Merchant on 01435 882360 or Steve Mintram on 01435 882444

Neighbourhood Watch:

Contact: Steve Mintram on 01435 882444.

Admiral Nurses:

Helping to support & co-ordinate care for people with dementia and their carers.

Contact: Ruth Tomkins on 01580 200743.

Burwash Parish Council:

Meeting on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Contact: Emma Neil
parishclerk@burwashpc.org.uk**

Etchingham Parish Council:

Contact: Paulette Barton, Parish Clerk on 01580 819048 or paulette.etchinghampc@gmail.com

Rother District Council:

Town Hall, Bexhill on Sea, TN39 3JX. **Contact: 01323 787000.**

East Sussex County Council:

County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes. **Contact: 0345 6080190.**

Sussex Police (non-urgent):

Contact: 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk, or call 101 (101 calls cost 15p from landlines or mobiles) or online at www.sussex.police.uk/contactus.

VILLAGE LIFE

Bateman's:

Rudyard Kipling's home, run by the National Trust, with a full programme of events and activities throughout the year.

Contact: 01435 882302 or www.nationaltrust.org.uk/batemans for more details.

Burwash Amateur Pantomime Society (BAPS):

Annual production involving all ages!

Contact: Polly Richardson on 07903347340 or Jane Lloyd on 883264.

Burwash Bonfire Society:

Fundraising and organising the Bonfire Night firework display.

Contact: Natalie Crabtree at natcooper13@hotmail.co.uk.

Burwash Common Pavilion:

For bookings contact: Alison Hayes on 07763376158. or bcpavilionbar@gmail.com.

Burwash Common After Eight Club:

Meets monthly, open to all ladies for talks, outings, theatre and dining.

Contact: Jacky Woodland on 883389 or 07770 489490.

Burwash Defectives:

Murder Mystery Evenings, fund-raising events for your own cause. For details and to book a date.

Contact: Del Smith Tel 07543 665532 or email dellights@btinternet.com

Burwash: Save Our Fields:

Set up to oppose inappropriate development of new houses in Burwash Parish in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Contact: burwashsaveourfields.org.uk

Wild About Burwash:

Community group focusing on the protection and appreciation of the natural environment of the Parish.

Contact: wildaboutburwash@gmail.com

Also Wild About Etchingham & Hurst Green

Burwash Village Hall:

For bookings contact: Emma Neil on 07375 809660.

Fairfield Surgery:

Open Mon-Fri 8.30 – 6.30 p.m. (Phone 111 when surgery closed.)

Contact: 01435 882306 (fax 882064).

Friends of Burwash Surgery:

Help less mobile people travel to appointments and collect medication from the Surgery. They also deliver them to Etchingham Post Office for patients to collect.

Contact: Chairman, Frank Smith, on 01580 819326 or Secretary, Sue Mumford, on 01580 819415.

Requests for transport or delivery of prescriptions should be made via the Surgery on 01435 882306.

Friends of Etchingham School:

Contact: The School on 01580 819218.

Etchingham Music Festival:

Contact: Mary Newington, www.etchinghammusicfestival.co.uk or on 01580 819384.

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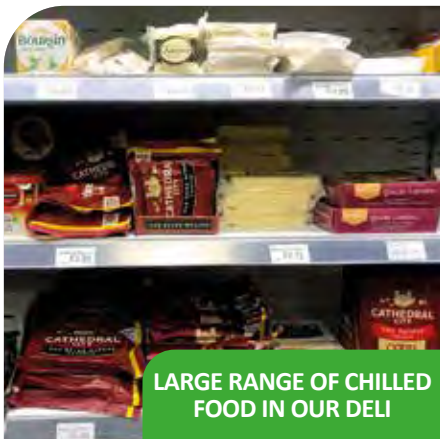
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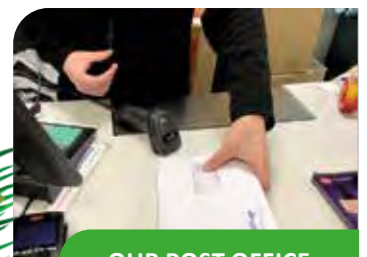
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