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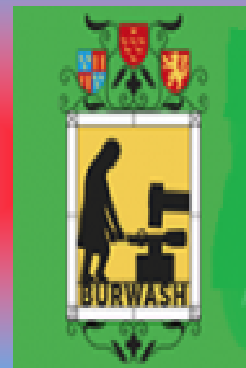
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The deadline for Burwash Villages and Etchingham August/September Magazine is Friday, 10th July. This will be the History Edition to give you plenty to read over the holidays.

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All contributions may be edited slightly for clarity and accuracy.

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FROM THE REGISTERS (BURWASH)

Memorial Service

27th May 2026 Alice Ransom

Interments of Ashes

May 2026 Tom Salmon
6th June 2026 Frances Alsop

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RECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

In Poole, where I served as curate, old houses were constantly demolished and replaced. Mid-century bungalows gave way to modern glass boxes. There is something sad in this endless cycle. Buildings hold memory. They carry the stories of those who lived, loved and worshipped within them. A community can become rootless when its past is swept away.

Here in Etchingam we mark something different. This year we celebrate the 650th Anniversary of our church, dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Nicholas. Over the coming months we will mark this milestone with gratitude and hope. Events begin with the Bishop's visit, followed by the Archdeacon in August and a parish picnic. An autumn celebration is also planned.

Six hundred and fifty years have seen immense change around this church, yet it has remained the steady heart of the community, quite literally holding the bones of generations. Its memorials tell of families rising and falling, but the church itself has endured. It has nearly fallen down at least once. Tie bars and strengthened foundations bear witness to past crises. Damaged, adapted and repaired, it still stands as the same church.

In an age quick to discard the old for the new, this building speaks of resilience and continuity. It reminds us that memory and tradition matter. They give depth to our shared life and link generations.

We also look forward. Our churches long to be filled with joy and living faith. We face real challenges, just as this building once did. Yet we trust in Christ, who steadies our foundations and renews what is worn. This anniversary calls us to value what we have received, care for it faithfully, and pass it on strengthened for those who follow.

We hope many will join the services and events ahead. Your presence will deepen our thanks and strengthen our common witness.

* **19th July:** Restoration Tent Service at The Glebe.

Every Blessing,

REVD. TOM

Rector of Burwash, Burwash Weald and Etchingam



EDITORIAL

Here we are with the Scents Edition for July. I had clearly lost my senses in the June Edition and apologise for leaving Burwash Residents' Association out!

The scent adored by one person may be detested by your partner or best friend, but one thing is for sure, scents do normally evoke memories in us and the sudden whiff of something may, to our surprise, take us back to our childhood. Likewise, a smell may remind us of something we would rather forget, or a food we loathe. Some people don't seem to react to scent or smell as much as others, and for some people a particular aroma may even bring on a fit or a seizure.

When I had a soap and toiletries shop one of my members of staff was epileptic and told me how he put lavender oil in his bath water to send him to sleep at night. When he told a top consultant in London that he did this, the doctor jumped up and told him to stop immediately as it would change his brainwaves and would bring on a seizure. Likewise, people think that the scent of lavender is calming when in fact it is also dangerous for pregnant women. When we made home-made lavender bags every summer, I would get migraines and have to go to bed: as soon as I left the lavender for someone else to prepare, I never had a migraine again.

You may also find that smells (and tastes) that you hated when younger become acceptable later in life. I detested the smell of ground coffee, cloves and camomile as a child, but now adore the first two. Strangely, camomile tea either in a dry or wet state still makes me instantly ill.

Our dogs can often scent out when we are ill long before we know, but their sense of smell is so much better than ours.

A customer asked me to make her perfume for a cruise of a lifetime: we blended scents for hours but when I applied them to her skin, they smelled nothing like they did in a glass vial. Eventually I had to sell her a Crabtree and Evelyn Nantucket Briar, an industrial scent, because it was the only perfume which didn't change on her skin: the smell was like cat pee, quite awful.

I advised her to go to the doctor because I concluded that her skin was emitting something that was changing the formula: she came back to thank me because she did go to the doctor and they detected cancer.

On a more cheerful note, I trust that many of you enjoyed the scents of the Rose & Sweet Pea Show in Burwash last month.

This month there is still a great deal going on and much to look forward to in August also.

I have to say that the most outstanding thing in this month's magazine are the photographs of the Chichester Flower Festival visit by members of Burwash & District Flower Club: quite astonishing but evidently the displays didn't have much scent!

Floribunda on page 26 has followed the theme as always. I also have to apologise as I changed Anthony du Gard Pasley to Pashley as she was writing about Pashley Manor: how ignorant am I! She kindly sent me a link to educate me further, as always, which I am sharing here:

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2009/nov/15/anthony-du-gard-pasley-obituary?>

She also sent me a photograph of him, but no explanation about how he came to have such an exotic name and ended up helping design the tulip gardens at Pashley Manor. Can anyone enlighten me? I do wish I had met Floribunda earlier, as she always sends me off discovering something else which makes life so much more invigorating.

Burwash FC are having a well deserved break this month, but we expect even more from them next Season now that they have Changing Rooms fit for champions at last! They have a beautiful new floor in the Sports Pavilion changing rooms.

Please send in anything relating to the History of our villages for the next edition, which covers August and September. Deadline 10th July!

**We wish you all a marvellous Summer,
meanwhile.**

CAROLINE HUBAND

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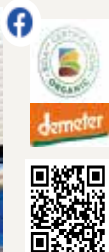
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Sun 5	10.30 Parish Communion 6.00 Choral Evensong	9.30 Said Holy Communion - BCP	8.00 Matins – Lay led 10.30 Morning Prayer - Lay led
Thur 9	10.00 Holy Communion	-	-
Sun 12	9.30 Morning Prayer 10.30 UB service of Holy Communion with Sunday School at St Philip's	10.30 UB service of Holy Communion with Sunday School at St Philip's 6.00 Compline	10.30 UB service of Holy Communion with Sunday School
Thurs 16	10.00 Holy Communion		
Sun 19	9.30 Said Holy Communion BCP 6.00 Evening Prayer	10.30 Parish Communion - Rev Peter Doodes	10.30 Parish Communion - Rev Jim Smith
Thur 23	10.00 Holy Communion		
Sun 26	10.30 UB Service of Family Communion with Sunday School	9.30 Said Matins 10.30 UB service of Family Communion with Sunday School at Burwash	10.30 UB service of Family Communion with Sunday School at Burwash 6.00 Evening Prayer BCP
Thur 30	10.00 Holy Communion		
Sun Aug 2	10.30 Parish Communion 6.00 Choral Evensong	9.30 Said Holy Communion - BCP	8.00 Said Matins – Lay led 10.30 Morning Prayer – Lay led

If you wish to check service times, there is a Facebook group for St Philips Church Burwash Weald.

You can refer to the Church Near You websites: <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4828/> for St. Bartholomew's and <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/4827/> for St. Philip's.

Etchingham E-Bulletin also posts events very successfully.

WHAT'S ON: JULY

Wednesday, 1st	Walks for Strollers meeting at the The Bear Car Park, Burwash at 9 a.m.
Thursday, 2nd	Burwash Common Babies & Toddlers Group 10 a.m. - Noon, at Burwash Common Pavilion. (Every Thursday.)
Thursday, 2nd	Etchingham Music Festival continues until 5th July (see page 11 for details).
Friday, 3rd	Burwash & District Flower Club, 65th Anniversary Celebration with BBQ.
Saturday, 4th	Tipi Yoga at 8 a.m. in Parker Hall, Etchingham. (Every Saturday.)
Saturday, 4th	Burwash Community Farmers' Market at Swan Meadow, Burwash 9 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Sunday, 5th	Wellbeing Workshop, 2.30 - 5 p.m. Etchingham Village Hall, with booking required.
Monday, 6th	3Cs at St. Bartholomew's, 10 a.m. - Noon. (Most Mondays, except Bank Holidays.)
Monday, 6th	Etchingham Church Baby & Toddler Group, Parker Hall, Etchingham, 11 a.m. - 12 Noon. (Every Monday.)
Tuesday, 7th	Burwash Village Playgroup. Tuesday Mornings from 10 a.m. - Noon at Eddie Workman Pavilion. (Every Tuesday.) Contact: Emma Pantry on 07810 043022.
Tuesday, 7th	Community Dementia Cafe at Dudwell St Mary Care Home, Burwash, 2 - 4 p.m.
Tuesday, 7th	Music For The Memory at Etchingham Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. (Every Tuesday.)
Tuesday, 7th	Heathfield Folk Dance Group at St. Richard's Church Hall, Park Road, Heathfield at 7.30 p.m. weekly.
Wednesday, 8th	Burwash Creative Writers' Group meeting at 2.30 p.m. at The Bear in Burwash.
Thursday, 9th	Churches Together Summer Social Evening at Horam Park Golf Club from 6 p.m. Speaker: Barbarann Smith on "Working Holidays in Africa".
Friday, 10th	Deadline for entries for the August and September double issue of this Magazine. History theme!
Saturday, 11th	Farmers' & Makers' Market at King John's Nursery, 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Thursday, 16th	Not So Young Group meeting at Burwash Village Hall at 2.15 p.m. with John Jenner talking about 'Simple Burwash'.
Thursday, 16th	Mayfield & Five Ashes U3A Meeting at Five Ashes Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. Speaker: Chris McCooey. Subject: 'Kent Scandals'.
Saturday, 18th	Cross in Hand Tennis Club Open Afternoon from 2 - 5 p.m.
Saturday, 18th	"Christianity & The Creation of England" a talk in Etchingham Village Halls by Bijan Omrani at 7.30 p.m.
Sunday, 19th	Restoration Tent Service at The Glebe.
Tuesday, 21st	Bereavement Friendship Group on third Tuesday of each month at 10.30 a.m. at The Wheel Inn, Burwash Weald.
Saturday, 25th	Etchingham Soup & Collectors' Market, Etchingham Village Hall, 10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
Thursday, 30th	Swife Lane Book Club meeting at The Tap Room, Lakedown at 12 Noon (last Thursday of month).

Please do send in details of events for both August and September, please by the 10th July!

We wish our readers a very happy, enjoyable Summer.

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SATURDAY 4TH JULY 7.30PM: DIME NOTES JAZZ WITH SUPPER

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SUNDAY 5TH JULY, 4PM: DAN TONG & SARA TRICKEY

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Saturday 27th June	Hastings Philharmonic Orchestra	Number of standard tickets:	Number of concession* tickets:
Sunday 28th June	Trinity Music Academy	Free concert with donations at the door	
Tuesday 30th June	Thomas Kelly	Number of standard tickets:	Number of concession* tickets:
Thursday 2nd July	Sacconi String Quartet	Number of standard tickets:	Number of concession* tickets:
Saturday 4th July	Dime Notes Jazz with Supper	Number of tickets:	all Jazz Supper tickets £30
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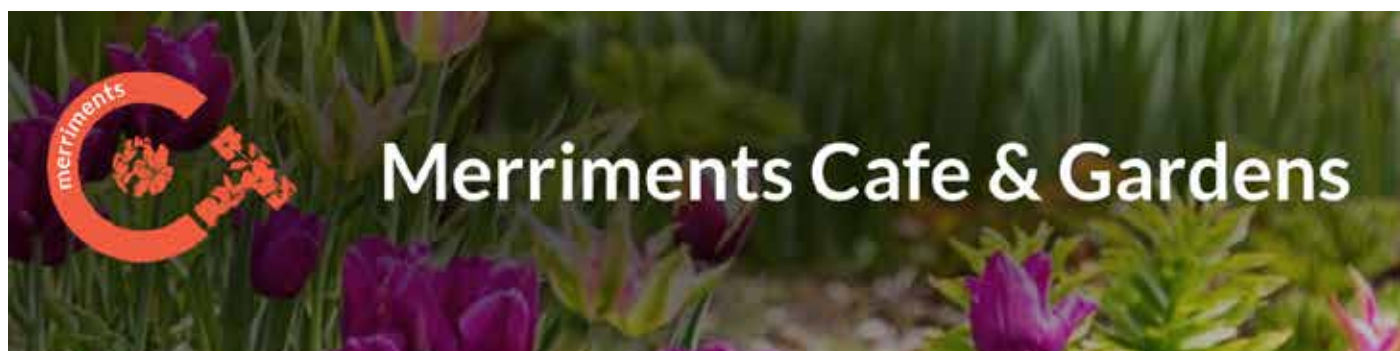
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ETCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our early deadline for this this month (13th June) has rather caught Etchingham Parish Council on the hop, but they have promised to get us all up to speed next month.

In addition, as this Scents Edition goes to print, Etchingham 'business' has been overtaken by the marvellous Etchingham Fête, with the revamped Etchingham Club even adding an 'after party'. It is amazing that the weather behaved itself perfectly this yearso watch this space for some excellent photographs next month!

Last night Etchingham was smelling glorious with freshly cut grass mixing with the beginnings of the Bistro's Friday night delights just wafting across the Queen's Gardens, with the bunting fluttering in the wind.

Thankfully, today the wind dropped and all the hard work paid off. If you were really naughty you could go to the After Eight Club's Coffee Morning in Burwash Common and then dash down to Etchingham after lunch for the Fête: alas, I ate far too much cake at the former, so have had to dash home to finish the Magazine before our Printer goes on holiday.

Many thanks are extended to all those who have worked so hard to set the Fête up this year!

Please don't forget to support the Etchingham Music Festival, which continues into July.

THE EDITOR

WITHERENDEN HILL

One of the most notable features of Witherenden Hill is its ancient woodland. The hill is home to a number of rare and endangered species of trees, including the wild service tree and the small-leaved lime. The woodland is also home to a variety of wildlife, including deer, foxes, and badgers. Sadly, on Saturday I met with both a dead deer and a squashed badger on the hill.

In addition to its natural beauty, Witherenden Hill also has a rich cultural history. The hill was once home to a number of Iron Age settlements, and there are still remnants of these ancient communities scattered throughout the area. The walk across to Mayfield is a lovely journey, if it is sunny but breezy. *Ed.*

ETCHINGHAM TUESDAY CLUB

On 3rd June seven of us went to the Etchingham Club at 8 p.m. to take part in their monthly quiz. We had two teams, one of four people and one of three. The Club soon filled up when several other teams arrived. Most people bought a drink before the quiz began.

The Quiz Master read out the questions to us and they were also shown on the screen. They definitely had a wide variety of questions. We had a half time break to get any more drinks we needed and to start working on the marathon picture item.

The time went quickly and it was fast approaching 11 p.m. by the time the answers were called out and the results were given back to the teams. We knew we would not be the winners or in second place, so we went home (but we heard later that we had not come last or even in the lowest three!) I praise the caller who did her job very well and for finding the quiz questions too.

It was lovely when I got out of the Club, as David and Matthew were waiting outside to walk me home.

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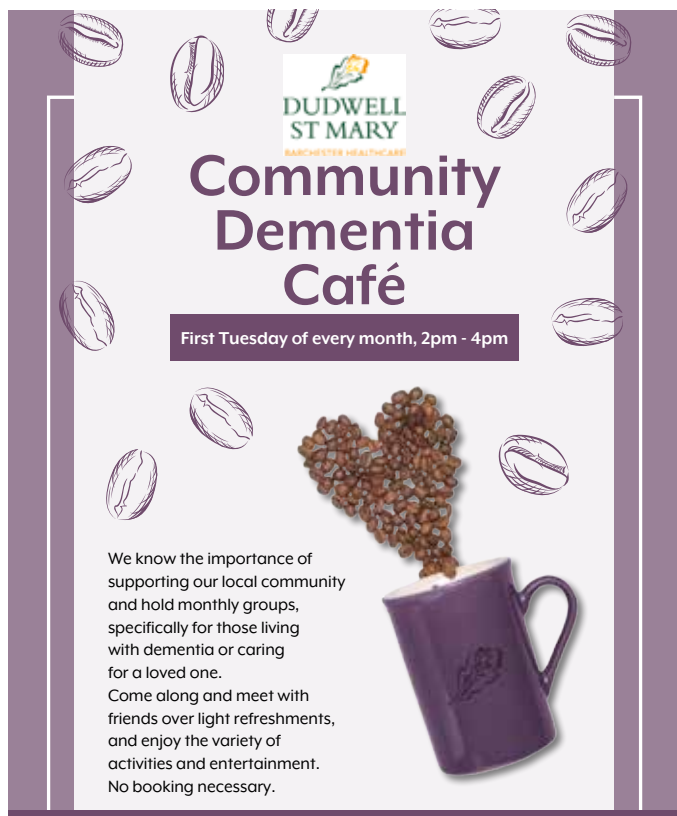
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On a fine Sunday in June, large numbers of us from the United Benefice converged on Etchingham Church to celebrate the 650th anniversary of its completion. No-one knows when it was started, but consider the thought that it would have been during the long reign of Edward III.

Inevitably such an old structure has suffered the effects of subsidence and flood, including a very serious soaking comparatively recently. It has come perilously close to collapse but was saved with various braces and struts. The small population of Etchingham has always had the responsibility for repairs and that is still the case, so that the churchwardens and Parish Church Council are continually striving to raise the necessary funds.

The preacher and celebrant was our very own Bishop Will Hazelwood, Bishop of Lewes, who gave us a stirring experience.

He began his sermon by lamenting that his previous visit to Etchingham had not gone to plan. He had been at the head of a queue drawn up at the level crossing in his ancient Alfa Romeo when, as the barrier lifted, the car wouldn't go forward. In his full purple cassock he climbed out and lifted the bonnet. One of the drivers who now squeezed past shouted, "You should have prayed more." The bishop was used to his car's ways and managed to get it going in short order. At some traffic lights further on, he found himself drawing up beside the same driver, so he wound the window down and called, "You should have had more faith".

The church is dedicated to the 'Assumption of Blessed Mary & St Nicholas' and he reminded us of their significance. He mused on the enormous number of people who must have passed through the door over the centuries and he marvelled at the size and beauty of the building and the effort and money it must have cost when considering the simple dwellings that would have surrounded it.

There was fine music from organist Brian Everall, and lusty singing from choir and congregation. Altogether it was an uplifting experience and worthy of the occasion.

Afterwards we moved to the Queen's Gardens where the marquee used at the fête had been laid out as a servery, with further tables and chairs outside on the grass. A magnificent lunch had been prepared for us. Caroline Moore, Annette Childs and Mary Barnes led a team serving savoury bites with delicious dips. A barbecue turned out freshly sizzled Burwash Beauties to eat with salads and pasta. A variety of wines and other drinks helped the party go with a bang. Many thanks are due to all who made this special occasion such a success.

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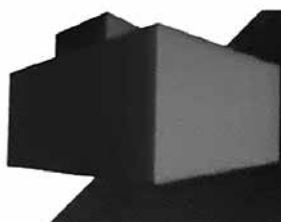


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SCENTS

When we asked people to say what their favourite smell was, we got some interesting answers. Floral scents won out (see below), but one male granddad interesting said, “Freshly washed and powdered babies”. Our readers seem to be Floris and Penhaligon’s Halfeti Perfume wearers: very English - with not a mention of Eau d’Arpege or Portofino citrus.

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ETCHINGHAM NATURE NOTES

The month of May has been disappointing in some ways - particularly in that we have seen no deer at all in our woods; and have heard no cuckoos or nightingales. We have, however, had one very pleasing event: a blackbird has built a nest in the vine, which grows up the outside wall of our kitchen, immediately under the window. I saw the bird fly in and out several times, and noticed there was a nest there. She is in permanent residence, sitting on her eggs.

Another good thing about May: we have heard some twenty breeds of birds singing very loudly - the dawn and evening choruses have been wonderful.

There have been some extreme changes in temperature, at the end of May, going from very cold to very hot, just overnight and this, and the complete lack of rain, has had some dramatic effects. There are now some cracks in the small areas of bare ground in the woods where, earlier, we were slipping on wet mud, but now the cracks are so wide, in places, that we have to beware of tripping on them.

The unusual weather has also had some effect on plants and trees, many of which have suddenly grown more quickly than normal and, in some cases, more than they can cope with. Some of the oak trees in the wood, particularly, have been shedding small branches full of leaves. One or two smaller trees seem unable to cope with the dry heat, and look to be sadly dying.

As ever, please do not hesitate to report anything you feel worthy of mention in my notes either by telephone (07768 615395) or
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FRANK H. SMITH

RUFUS' RURAL RAMBLES

On 29th May I had my second birthday and I have now lived at 5 Rotherview for nearly two years. In that time I have had many lovely walks with the family. David and Matthew take me on some longer walks and I am allowed to come off my lead, when we know there is definitely no livestock in the vicinity.

A few weeks ago Mum and Matthew took me over the field behind the old shop and then into the next field after going over a stile. Mum always says, when I go into that field, that the wood on the left was always called the Big Wood and the one on the right Roffs Wood by the children who lived in Oxenbridge Row. We then went into Fontridge Lane and from there into the land by Fontridge Manor, then over the fields to Borders Farm and then Borders Lane. Then we crossed the fields until we got back home.

Many times when I come back home I have what the family call a 'zoomie' in the garden before I go inside the house.

In contrast during several of the hot days I spent most of the time on the ground outside by the living room window. I also love dragging myself along on the lawn. The other three dogs that lived here before me always loved sitting on top of the settee watching who was walking past or in the fields. I also do like doing this but I prefer these long walks with the family.

RUFUS

VELO'S SCENTS

I have to take exception with my mate Rufus, the only passion in life is scenting out pheasants and working out what the 'Old Bat' is cooking me for dinner. Never enough in my opinion, so I had to scent out an entire deer carcass on the way to Bayham Abbey (no food there, so just what was she thinking). Anyway, I carried a hind quarter home and I think she finally got the message!

I do love you Rufus but I'm a bird dog, a GSP eight times your size, so eating and hunting have to come first. Love, **VELO aka Velours (old bat humour)**

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The High Weald National Landscape Partnership (HWNLP) recently organised an event to bring environmental groups across the High Weald together so that we could learn from each other. We thought it could be interesting to share some of the projects that are going on in other parishes.

Lucy Bowyer from the HWNLP told us about the increase in Asian yellow legged hornets which are a real threat to our native insect population, especially honey bees. Numbers are increasing, especially in Kent and East Sussex. Smaller than our native hornets and darker overall in colour, they have distinctive yellow “socks” and don’t fly at night. Traps are available and are made so that native bees, hornets and other insects can escape. You can get more details of how to spot and report them on the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology website (www.ceh.ac.uk) or using the Asian Hornet Watch App. Only take photos of them if you can do so at a safe distance, see page 37. They are very aggressive, so please do not take them on, or their nests, yourself.

The High Weald Swifts Group talked about our declining swift numbers: a further 25% over the last 5 years. They are now on the red list and we could be the first country in the world to lose our swift population. The group encourages people to put up swift boxes on, ideally, south facing walls above a second story window in rural areas, especially if there are swift colonies nearby. These amazing birds fly around 36,000 miles per year and will even go on day foraging trips from here to Holland. HWNLP have donated a supply of boxes for them to pass on to people who are interested. If you have a suitable location and would like to put up a box, email them on Trustees@highwealdswifts.co.uk

Wild Groombridge have used grants from HWNLP to improve wildlife corridors and put up nest boxes. The boxes are made by the Groombridge Men’s Shed. They have made a range of boxes including 34 barn owl boxes, half of which are now occupied and 7 raptor boxes, 2 of which are occupied (one by a tawny owl). They regularly monitor the boxes with the help of the local scout group, who help assemble the boxes.

They have also put up 22 spotted fly catcher boxes and await new residents. More than 200 members of the group help to record wildlife sightings.

Simon Forster of Wild About Burwash gave the group a summary of our River Project, which was very well received, and several other groups are now planning on setting up similar projects.

The Bumblebee Conservation Trust gave us a talk about how to monitor bumble bees. Bumble bees are under-recorded in the High Weald and some populations have declined by 75%. The trust organize training sessions and Bee Safaris to show new volunteers how to net, catch and identify the bees before releasing them.

Isabel Lloyd from Brightling Environment Group gave an update on the Dark Skies project which now has 12 parishes across the High Weald applying to gain International Dark Skies status.

It was very uplifting to see so many hard-working and enthusiastic volunteers and the work with youngsters who are the future guardians of our wildlife.

As most of you know we already run some of these projects, but if you would like to help us develop some of the other projects listed above, please let us know.

In the June issue we suggested that all hedges could not be legally cut between 1st March and 31st August. A reader asked us to point out that garden hedges that do not adjoin farmland can be trimmed during this time as long as a proper check for active bird nests has been done on the hedge before any cutting takes place. For full details please look at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/hedgerow-management-rules-cutting-and-trimming>

Please let us know if you have any suggestions or comments, or if you have any ideas for us moving forward wildaboutburwash@gmail.com

JULIAN KENNY / ANNE NEWSON

FLORIBUNDA - SCENTS AND SENSIBILITY

This month's theme is scent. A waft of raspberry takes me back instantly to the garden we had at our semi-detached house in Jersey. Our house was in a part of Jersey called Trinity and this was where my brother and I grew up. Next door was my father's office at the States Farm. He could easily walk to work and we would walk to our little Infants' School through the fields occupied by Jersey cows. There would be an old cast iron bath in each field from which the cows would drink. I wasn't afraid of cows and I loved drinking milk, which may have helped me to have strong teeth.

My father was very partial to a raspberry. I certainly remember days of eating raspberries with condensed milk, and him growing peas, as well as the smells good and bad that I encountered. 'A la Recherche du Temps Perdu' is a novel by Marcel Proust in which, amongst other things, he describes how scents can bring back memories of the past. It is true of lovely scents but unfortunately applies to rather unpleasant smells too. I think Marcel Proust may be more of a metaphorical writer than me, but perhaps I am a better gardener than he was.

I have recently covered my garden in a layer of rather well rotted horse manure and, whilst this has smothered and suppressed the weeds, the smell was not great until it toned down after a week or two. It has undoubtedly helped to break up the clay and improve the soil. This has happened after years of digging, composting, planting and incorporating grit from gravel in our parking area. Since 2018, when we moved here, I have had eight years to improve the garden. I think I have achieved some positive changes.

I remind myself of this while I pull out another handful of creeping couch grass and attempt to obliterate it once again. I don't think I will ever fully murder it, grievous bodily harm is as much as I can manage. I could try a flame thrower but I might set fire to my neighbour's fence so maybe this would not be a good move.

I need smelling salts to revive me when I find running grass roots, and great arches of brambles extending from the field behind us. I think I will continue to face these hazards just as I will be stung on the legs by nettles.

Alternatively, I need be more sensible and wear better protective clothing. Many thugs lurk amongst the grasses in my meadow. How come these grow so well while my meadow flowers are few and far between? Why do my delicate dahlias die a horrible death? They cannot be the right plant in the right place.

I do not think the owners of garden centres and other commercial plant suppliers care if we kill many of our purchases. There are some scented plants that are easy to grow and pretty too. As I shall always be enticed by scents, I have grown many scented plants from seed. A few are easy to grow and set seed. One of these is Dame's Violet, a tall plant with many small white or pale violet flowers, which smell beautiful when brushed against. Once they establish, you will not have to grow them again. They provide scent for a path leading to my front door. It would be nice if my house had an old oak door around which rambling roses were growing on a stout wooden trellis. Sadly, I can only dream, but I do have pale pink roses growing along both sides of the path. These are the same variety as my mother had along her path. They have a light perfume.

Further towards the parking area I have some small bay trees, useful for taking a leaf or two to add to a stew, but also giving out a lovely scent if put in a bouquet garni in soup.

Another superb scent I have near my washing line comes from a Wisteria, a light weight variety called Amethyst Falls. It is trained along a wooden pergola under which I have a table and chairs. It is nice to pause and sit there for a while to drink in its beautiful perfume. Next to it is a Braeburn apple tree, trained sideways from the main stem. The apples are rather small, but a few grow each year from spurs on the two trained branches either side. I think the soil is too claggy for it, and its roots object to being waterlogged one day and rock hard the next. I wouldn't want to pop out a decent apple if I was in a similar position! They do produce an appley scent, however, and a promise of the Autumn harvest to come.

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Some of the exhibits are shown below: very colourful but not much scent.



Dates for your diary:

Friday, 3rd July 2026 - 65th Anniversary Celebration with BBQ and The Jolly boys in attendance.

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Monday, 9th November 2026 - Demonstration by Vivian Witters.

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JAN MACFARLAND



SCENTS

Off we set at 5 a.m. in the heatwave in late May in search of scents in the widest sense: Flora (the dog) was wanting to sniff out pheasants and male dogs. I was hoping for delightful perfumes.

As we started off down the lane, we were met with a gentle breeze carrying a subtle scent mixture of elderflowers and damp ferns, with an undertone of sweaty horse and damp leaf mould. The horses on the hill field looked at us as if we were mad to be out disturbing them that early. Then, right in front of us was a young fallow deer in the middle of the still cool lane. We stopped and looked, one to the other. Flora sat down, the deer just stood still. Eventually we walked 400 metres down the lane with the deer in front before it decided to drift off into the woods, leaving the scent of crushed ferns and trampled nettles. The verges are high with vegetation as if it is full Summer already (well in temperature it is).

As we ambled on, we could see mist over the river near Rotherfield, but there was already enough warmth to waft the scent of wild honeysuckle towards us from the hedge below our elevated viewing point. Wild roses and pink campion were at the foot of the hedge. You could smell the grasses of the hay fields, still damp from the morning dew. Dog daisies, buttercups, elderflowers, cow parsley and still more heady honeysuckle scent made us almost dreamy as we wandered on with just birds to disturb our sniffing (no cars). Eventually Flora found a fine specimen, a glorious cock pheasant, hiding in the long grass on the verge, but she made no attempt to chase after it as it took off. She just wanted to go round the next bend to see what else we could find. We found some horseradish growing in the verge, which made her sneeze, so on we went till we found another field of horses and a llama. In another field Flora spotted and scented a herd of fifteen fallow deer, grazing in the early morning sunshine.

A fat heron flew over us at a leisurely rate, probably having raided a pond at dawn, while robins and goldfinches darted in front of us. Some tiny voles came out of holes in the sunken lane through the woods.

Another bend and we arrived at Rose Cottage, where the roses were all in full bloom, many highly scented. What a joy!

Flora wanted to go on and on, but four miles was enough for me and I could feel the heat starting to rise already, so we ambled back with the scents intensifying as the temperature rose. Flora found a fox hole, with that pungent dog fox scent, but on we wandered until I insisted on stopping under the last few flowers of a scented yellow Azalea. The one in question has been intoxicating me every morning for weeks: tuberose, mixed with jasmine, plus a hint of mango: so heady and very sweet. I long to plant one for next year in my own small garden. It is the yellow azalea, *Rhododendron luteum*, a bushy, upright, deciduous shrub with fragrant warm-yellow flowers that appear in spring. This fast-growing species is also known as *Azalea pontica*.



On-line gardening sites have informed me that *Rhododendron luteum* grows best in full sun to partial shade, in moist, well-drained neutral or acidic soil that has been enriched with plenty of organic matter. (See an orange scented variety overleaf.) However, *Rhododendron luteum* is listed as an invasive, non-native species on Schedule 9 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act in England and Wales, which means that it is an offence to plant or otherwise cause to grow this species in the wild. In basic terms care has to be taken to stop this plant spreading from your garden into the wild.

Moreover, it is toxic to dogs, both the flowers and the seeds, so perhaps I shall just have to sniff it over somebody else's wall to be on the safe side. Lilies are also off limits for the same reason, where you have the bulbs to contend with as well. Meanwhile, Flora is in love with her house mate anyway: I have to agree with her as I sniff his velvety ears which smell of sunshine as he cuddles up to me.

CAROLINE HUBAND

MERLIN

When Nightingales sing.....

Can you tell the birdsong of a black cap from that of a robin? No, well neither can I. Although I know what a robin looks like, I couldn't tell a black cap from a swallow!

But then I discovered Merlin.....

He may be a mythological character but he is definitely a magician – even if only in App form.

Now before you switch off, I have very little interest in birds and can only visually identify the usual half dozen or so that pop up regularly in my garden but with the spring chorus and a bout of early morning insomnia I started wondering what all those bird 'tweets' were.

I am as clueless about computers as I am birds, but for some reason I had heard about this App that could identify bird song, so I Googled it, and then down-loaded Merlin. And what a revelation it was – in fact, I think I'm obsessed!

It's free, you just tap the 'Sound' button and it starts to identify all the varied bird song it picks up. It's like magic: it's like Merlin!

Black cap, nuthatch, thrush, robin, goldfinch and blackbird were all identified within a few minutes and when one 'trilled' their name was highlighted, so you can identify the call. Tap on the identified bird and it gives you a full description.

GOLDFINCH FEEDING A FLEDGLING



Within a few minutes I had located three tiny blackcaps in the Scots Pine just above my head about 15 feet away and a few minutes later I knew what a nuthatch looked like and where he was. For the first time in my life I could tell a jackdaw from a crow!

I wonder if this info could be used in the Spring Big Garden Bird Watch? Although primarily a visual bird recording survey why not sit-back, record, glass of wine in hand, and listen to all the delightful birdsong going on around you and still contribute to the survey?

LAURENCE WORTON



An orange scented azalea



Sweetpeas - the scent of an English Summer garden

BURWASH PARISH MATTERS

Following the Annual Parish Meeting On Wednesday, 10th June

New Councillor

At the June meeting, the Parish Council welcomed a new co-opted Councillor. Mrs Mary Varrall spoke of her love for the community and her previous service on Etchingham Parish Council where she was Chair and served for over 10 years. Burwash Parish Council welcomed Mary and we look forward to her experience in assisting the community and residents of Burwash. There is one space left on the Council, if you are interested in finding out more, please contact Emma, the Clerk.

Parish Council Accounts

The notice of public rights was published on Thursday, 11th June. This is to let residents know that they have the right to inspect the Parish Council finances. The period of rights runs from Friday, 12th June to 24th July 2026 inclusively. For more information, please visit the Parish Council website or contact Emma, the Clerk.

Parish Maintenance

The Parish Council has been working with the Burwash Common & Weald Residents' Association to reinstate the Burwash Common sign at the junction to Stonegate Station, Swing Gate Hill. ESCC Highways have agreed to reinstate the sign, and the Parish Council are covering the cost. We hope to have this completed by the end of June.

The Parish Council is also looking at the possibility of bringing the bus stop at the end of Vicarage Road forward, so you can actually see the bus coming, if you are undercover. The Clerk has been tasked with looking at the possibility and costing the project.

High Street News

ESCC Highways have now felled the unsafe trees along the High Street. Unfortunately, there were five that needed attention. The team at ESCC will reinstate the trees within the planting season in the Autumn of this year. Our wonderful handyman, Mark, has been working on the spurs and the bases of the trees to make sure they are kept looking in good condition.

Some of the work reported to ESCC Highways on the pavers on the High Street has now been completed. The whole High Street does suffer from underground roots but, where possible on the main footpath, work has been completed to make sure it's as safe as possible. Some works are still to be completed where utilities caps have eroded the bricks, which does take longer to repair than the normal pavers.

Watch this space for updates on these works.

Parish Priorities

The Parish Council are continuing to host the Parish Priorities working party. This is the group tasked with working on spending the Community Infrastructure Levy funding by asking the community what they would like to improve. There is a focus on the assets currently leased from Rother that the Parish Council already have responsibility for, however, the community will be consulted on a list of projects once the recommendations have been put to Full Council and agreed. For more information on how to get involved, please contact Emma, the Parish Clerk.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council is on
Tuesday, 14th July at the Pavilion, Burwash
Common.**

The Parish Clerk is Emma Neil and she can be contacted on 07375 809660.
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BURWASH PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

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

- The Community Farmers' Market - next column.
- Tuesday Village Playgroup - contact: Emma Pantry on 07810 043022.
- Brazilian Jiu Jitsu classes - contact Daniel on burwashbjj@gmail.com
- Music and Movement classes - contact Dianne on dianne@seated-exercise.co.uk (see advert).
- Football Training and Burwash FC.
- Cricket Matches
- The Friday Bar

100 PLUS CLUB JUNE DRAW

The draw took place at The Bear on Tuesday, 8th June and was drawn by Berry Wraight and Debbie Lambert. There were 230 balls in the draw.

Congratulations to the Winners!

1st Ball Number 47	Terry Parsons	£50
2nd Ball Number 200	Michael Walsh	£20
3rd Ball Number 63	Nick Sibley	£15

STEVE BENNETT
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THE NEXT BURWASH COMMUNITY MARKET IS ON SATURDAY, 4TH JULY 2026



The June Market could have been a wash out, as it poured with rain the night before, was spitting with rain as we set up and then turned into a full blown downpour, but all the faithful supporters turned up, which was so appreciated.

They were rewarded by new stallholders and much good cheer. It was a very enjoyable event.

There is always something new to try and new seasonal produce. The Stallholders are all one happy family and we look forward to this monthly event.

Do please bring cash for our smaller traders.

Children can be amused at the Art Table and dogs are always made a fuss of at the Coffee Table.

Do please come and support the next Community Market on Saturday, 4th July.

THE EDITOR

THE SCENT OF BURWASH

The scent of wisteria, roses and lavender in Summer and the smell of wood burning from chimneys on the High Street in the Autumn and Winter.



Your local club since 1934
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“If I had my way, I’d remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead” – Roald Dahl

Wadhurst Bowls Club had an open day on the Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May – apparently the hottest May day since records began! Despite the intense heat, a number of people turned up to have a go and enjoy a drink and chat to our members. It was a very successful day with ten new members signing up. It’s not just about playing bowls: all the members are asked to contribute their skills and enthusiasm towards the upkeep of the club to help keep costs down. So, if mowing, switching and hedge cutting floats your boat, or if you have any DIY skills, then come on board!

Also, you can always be a social member, where you do not participate in playing bowls, but just enjoy the social aspect instead. What’s not to like sitting in front of one of the best greens in the county while holding a drink in your hand.

THE SCENT OF WITHERENDEN HILL

The scent of Meadowsweet at the bottom of the hill above the River Rother, wild orchids by the Witherenden Hill signpost and the delicate smell of old-fashioned rambling roses at the top of the hill.

It’s not all bowls you know. In May, we had our very popular drive and curry evening. This is where club members played against each other in a triples match and then relaxed afterwards with a delicious curry prepared by one of our sponsors, Jumeira. It has become an annual fixture, and is always fully booked.

Talking of sponsors, my husband and I recently required the services of Jamie Cates, from JJ Cates Plumbing, who became a Wadhurst sponsor this year, which was very timely from our point of view. We would certainly recommend him for his quick response to our little emergency, which he dealt with in a very efficient and professional manner.

Matches being played in July at home are:

Wednesday, 1st July	The Grove
Saturday, 4th July	Groombridge*
Tuesday, 7th July	Staplecross
Saturday, 11th July	Hailsham*
Wednesday, 15th July	Hawkhurst Border Cup
Saturday, 18th July	President and Chairperson club match
Sunday, 19th July	Crowborough Wolfe*
Saturday, 25th July	Marden
Friday, 31st July	Billingham League match

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JANE GILBERT

THE SCENT OF WADHURST

Quite apart from the mouth-watering smells escaping from various restaurants on the main street, at the elevated side path, the scent of lime flowers was heady and hypnotic in the early evening sunshine. One branch had fallen in the wind, so the scent of the flowers was at nose level and therefore seemed even stronger than normal.

BURWASH SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

In last month's magazine, I promised to tell you how the Burwash Short Mat Bowls Club began, as several people had asked.

It all began when the then Burwash Village Hall Secretary, Douglas Moat, received a letter from a firm called Inplay who supplied the mats and equipment for this sport. Douglas asked for my opinion, as I was on the Village Hall Committee, and asked me to organise an evening when we could have a demonstration and try out the game. My friend Shirley Pope and I arranged for them to visit us at the end of January in 1991. Twenty-four people turned up. We had a lot of fun and laughter as only Eric Godley had played any type of bowls before. We quickly organised a meeting to discuss if this was something we would enjoy doing. It was decided we would and formed our first committee that evening with Eric as our Chairman, John Weston as Vice Chair, Mary Groombridge as Secretary, Stephen Trew as Treasurer and Darren Semple, Skip Taylor and Shirley as our Committee.

We were offered an interest free loan by Gwyl Swift, which was to be paid back in a year. If we managed to pay it back early we could keep it for a further six months to buy a second set of equipment. The members all helped to raise the funds with all sorts of events, and we were ready to pay it back within eight months so were able to buy the second set, giving more people a chance to play. We had paid the money back before the year was up.

We joined the Wealden Short Mat Bowls Association, which gave us entry into the League. Of course, our first few matches were a disaster but under Eric's guidance and with the help of Old Heathfield and Five Ashes clubs we began to get the hang of it. At the time, Short Mat Bowls was one of the fastest growing sports in the country. In our first year Eric and our youngest member Gavin Wood, just 12 at the time, entered the East Sussex Association pairs tournament, which, surprising us all, they won. The Wealden League grew fast and we ended up having two divisions. Burwash managed to maintain a position in the first for several years.

About a year after the club began, with the help of Eric, Gavin, and Mary Chadburn I started up a junior section of Burwash, the first in the county.

The children were aged from 6 to 15. They became extremely good at this sport and were invited to join other adult teams in tournaments. We named them The Burwash Kittens. Over the next ten years we had over 60 children through our books.

Burwash has been running for 35 years now and we celebrated our birthday at our annual Memorial Tournament in April. Over those years I organised outings for the members and their families, usually with something that involved a trip on water and lunch.

We now have several trophies that we play for annually. We have a fabulous Christmas Lunch which I do at Burwash Village Hall for them.

As members leave us new ones appear, and we are a very happy, friendly club. If you would like to know more about this sport, please feel free to contact me, via email at: marybarrytaylor@hotmail.co.uk

CHARITY PRIZE BINGO

I just want to give my apologies to anyone who was disappointed that our Prize Bingo event on 14th June was cancelled. I made the decision when two of my family were hospitalised with heart problems and others were unable to attend. I thought that without their usual great help, I couldn't do it. Since then I have had some lovely people saying they would have helped, but I think that my heart wasn't in it and couldn't seem to get things sorted in my head. I might be able to rearrange it, but in case I don't, we have another one booked for early December.

TEA AT THE RITZ

After the success of the last Tea at the Ritz event, we have decided to do another one. It will be held on Saturday, 8th August, from 3 p.m. in the Burwash Village Hall. Each table will be laid with its own plates of sandwiches, savouries, scones and cream and a selection of cakes. There will also be tea and coffee on each table and a jug of water. The event will be £10 per person with the proceeds going to the Get Together funds. We are excited that Ray has agreed to come along and entertain us again. To book a place/s please call 01435 882107 or email marybarrytaylor@hotmail.co.uk Each table can hold up to 8 people. We look forward to seeing you all again.

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BURWASH OVER 50'S WALKING FOOTBALLERS

We are now back playing football outdoors at the Heathfield Community College in what has been, at the time of writing, some glorious, and very hot, weather.

We've had a few new players join us and whilst we advise caution in the first few sessions, they still go at it, all guns blazing, and find they can't walk the next day – they were warned!

But, joking aside, although it is 'walking' football, and everyone seems to laugh at the idea, it does use muscles that you've not used for thirty years, add that to the twisting, stopping, shooting and stretching and you can see why it's a recipe for disaster, if you've not warmed-up, and don't listen to your body.

Not that I'm trying to put anybody off but be realistic in the early days, take it easy, 'chill-out man' and grow into the sport. Any injuries we have nowadays take so much longer to recover from than when we were younger.

At the end of last month we competed in the Tonbridge Angels over 60's tournament for the second time and once again ended up winning the Plate competition. Over the two competitions we have played 15 games and lost just one, to a goal from 'Snowboard Mike' - who now plays for us! –

Full report next month...

If you fancy having a go at walking football, you know what to do: Contact Steve Mintram on 01435 882444.

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SMELLS

*WHY is it that the poet tells
So little of the sense of smell?
These are the odours I love well:*

*The smell of coffee freshly ground;
Or rich plum pudding, holly crowned;
Or onions fried and deeply browned.*

*The fragrance of a fumy pipe;
The smell of apples, newly ripe;
And printer's ink on leaden type.*

*Woods by moonlight in September
Breathe most sweet, and I remember
Many a smoky camp-fire ember.*

*Camphor, turpentine, and tea,
The balsam of a Christmas tree,
These are whiffs of gramarye. . .
A ship smells best of all to me!*

Christopher Morley

CREATIVE WRITERS' GROUP

Do you like writing fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose for pleasure?

If so, why not join our Creative Writers' Group which usually meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2.30 p.m. at The Bear in Burwash.

No fees, just a friendly group of aspiring writers meeting together to listen, discuss, offer constructive support and exchange ideas. We were pleased to welcome three new members at our last meeting.

Each month we decide between us on a topic of around 500 words in any genre. Topics we have covered so far include "A letter to someone dead or alive whom you have never met", "The penny has dropped" and our June topic is "One for the road". It is amazing how many different angles a topic can be approached from drawing from personal experience, research and our own imagination.

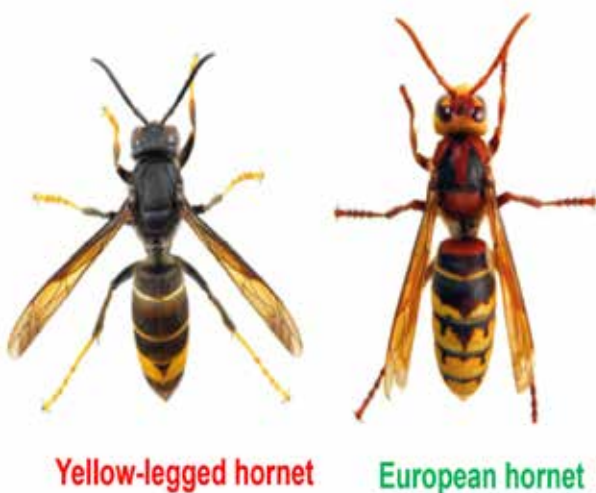
If you are interested in or intrigued by the CWG, please come along and meet us as we share our different approaches to the latest topic. There is never any obligation to write on a chosen topic. Everyone is welcome to just come along and listen to what other members of the group have written.

If you would like to find out more, please contact:

Val Stevens on stevensval85@gmail.com

VAL STEVENS

Hornets as discussed by WAB on page 25



Fragrant Tobacco Plant



WALKS FOR STROLLERS

Eight strollers left the Bear car park heading along the High Street to St. Bartholomew's Church.

We took the footpath down towards the River Dudwell. Then, crossing over the river, we passed Old Brick Farm where we saw a small herd of deer.



On reaching Fontridge Lane we turned left along the lane, then turned left to Grandtuzel.

We headed back to Burwash on the footpath across the fields of cows and sheep.



We were lucky with the weather: just a couple of showers of much needed rain after the hot weather.

The total distance walked was 4.5 miles.

Our next walk is on Wednesday, 1st July meeting at the Bear Car Park, Burwash at 9 a.m.

We were pleased to welcome a new member for our June walk and any new Strollers are most welcome to join us.

Please ring if you have any questions.



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SEAGULLS OVER BURWASH

Season Finale, World Cup Representation and a Vintage Mascot

There were mixed feelings after Brighton and Hove Albion's final game of the season. Despite the two disappointing results that closed the 2025-2026 Premier League chapter, a hugely frustrating 1-0 loss at Leeds following a 96th minute goal and a final day 3-0 drubbing by Manchester United, Brighton still qualified for the Europa Conference League, giving the club European football next season for only the second time in their history. Having looked at the list of clubs that have qualified for that competition, next season's travel arrangements may be quite interesting. The Albion could be playing anywhere from the Faroe Islands to Azerbaijan! Suffice to say, we won't be running coaches from Burwash and Heathfield to the Europa Conference League away games.

The Albion's women's team also ended the season on a disappointing note. Following a very creditable mid-table finish in the Women's Premier League, the women closed their season with the FA Cup Final against Manchester City at Wembley. After creating numerous chances and dominating the first half an hour, Brighton conceded a goal in what was City's first meaningful attack. From then on, City took control and won comfortably 3-0. As with the men's team, the difference between the elite teams and the very good teams is the clinical finishing and capitalising on chances. Overall, however, the women's team have demonstrated great progress and we can look forward to next season with much anticipation.

Before the 2026-2027 season starts, we have, of course, got the quadrennial circus that is the World Cup. The build-up to the 2026 World Cup has been distinctly underwhelming. The press has not achieved its usual frenzy of hyperbole in predicting an England victory (in preparation for the inevitable vitriol and recrimination following defeat) and, instead, the build-up news has been dominated by visa issues, extortionate prices and unsold tickets and hotel rooms. And, of course, there is the looming orange shadow of the Leader of the Free World hanging over the entire event.

FIFA's sycophantic brown-nosing and presentation of their inaugural, and most likely only, FIFA Peace Prize to President Trump prior to the tournament turned the stomachs of the majority of the world, free or otherwise, and did nothing to enhance the already dubious reputation of the game's governing body. But enough of my cynicism! Now that the games have started, I am sure the whole country will get behind Tomas Tuchel and the lads and embrace this festival of the beautiful game.

As a Brighton and Hove Albion supporter of, well, quite a few years now, my interest in the World Cup has changed since the first time I was old enough to follow, Argentina 1978 (no England that time so it was all about Scotland and 'Ally's Army'). Until the Qatar 2022 edition, club allegiance had little relevance to the World Cup as Brighton's representation was negligible. However, in both 2022 and this year, eight Brighton players will be representing their countries. This year's representation includes three Dutchmen (Bart Verbruggen, Jan Paul van Hecke and Mats Wieffer), a German (Pascal Gross), a Belgian (Max de Cuyper), a Paraguayan (Diego Gomez), a Turk (Ferdinand Kadioglu) and a Swede (Yasin Ayari). As a result, it is inevitable that, if England aren't playing, I will be supporting whoever the Brighton players are representing. Rather than viewing such variable allegiances as treacherous turncoats, I consider this approach to be very sensible and pragmatic as it increases the chances of 'me' winning the World Cup by a factor of six. In fact, the proof is in the pudding as last time 'I' won the World Cup courtesy of the then-Brighton midfielder, Alexis MacAllister's victory with Argentina. Following the same logic, Manchester City supporters are laughing as they have 19 players at the World Cup, representing 12 different countries. One of them has got to win, surely?

At this year's World Cup there is a total of 48 teams, each comprising a squad of 23 players, giving a total of 864 footballers. Of these, 182 are Premier League players equating to 21 % of the players in the competition. This demonstrates vividly the world dominance of the Premier League in club football and how the world's best players are attracted to England, lured by the high wages and quality of the competition.

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SEAGULLS OVER BURWASH *CONTD.*

It has been argued that having the world's best players in the Premier League is beneficial to the England national team as the England players get used to playing at the highest level. However, it also restricts the number of 'home-grown' players that get anywhere near the first team at Premier League clubs due to the influx of foreign talent. Only 40% of players in the Premier League are English, therefore the pool of potential talent from which to draw the national squad is constrained by the success of the domestic game. If the current England team do not fulfil their expectation at this year's World Cup, the displacement of English players from the top division will no doubt be blamed and criticised by press and pundits alike. However, it would be highly hypocritical if I was to join that particular chorus. Last season, the Albion's senior squad comprised 26 players, only 8 of whom were English. The remaining 18 (62 %) originated from other countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. Whilst this is not conducive to the development of potential England stars of the future, it is the only way a club with the resources of Brighton and Hove Albion can compete in the Premier League and is a reflection of the club's data-led, worldwide recruitment process. It is this approach that has resulted in the inexorable rise of the Seagulls from a homeless team on the brink of extinction to an established, sustainable top tier club and, for that, I make no apologies!

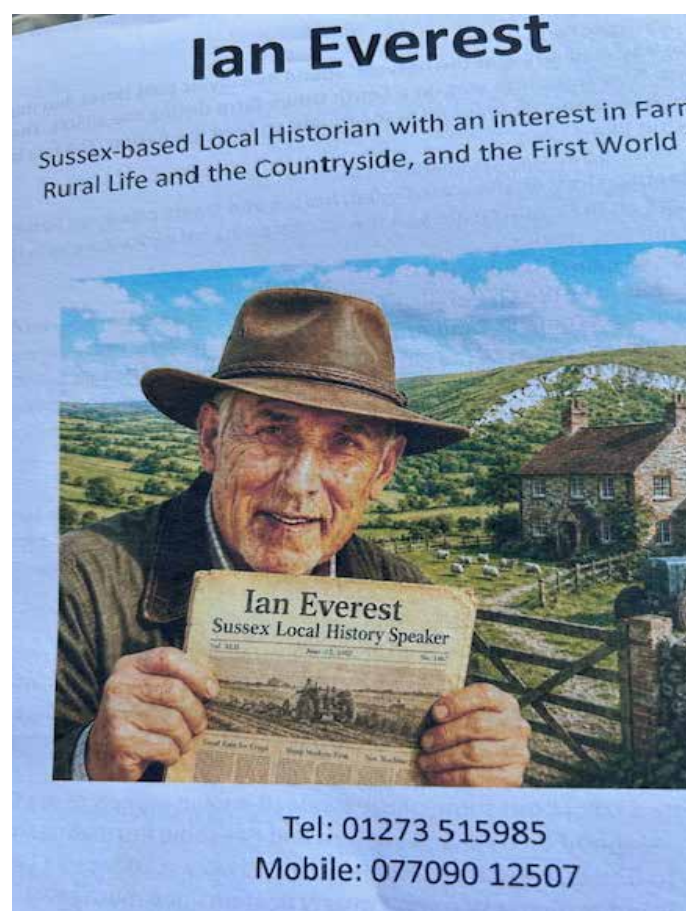
For further information on joining Seagulls Over Burwash and details of forthcoming events, meetings or coach travel, please visit our new website at www.seagullsoverburwash.com or email me at simon.forster@seagullsoverburwash.co.uk. Alternatively, please contact our esteemed and revered Chairman, Mr Teskey O'Neil, on 01435 884344 or tesbar80@btinternet.com. As would be expected, in the run-up to the World Cup, Teskey's excitement reached levels verging on hysteria. He was convinced that, sixty years on from the legendary 1966 victory, history would repeat itself and England would finally erase sixty years of hurt and bring football home again. Why is he so sure? Well, a couple of weeks ago, while rooting around in his loft he came across his original, full sized 1966 'World Cup Willie'it's an omen, he cried.

For those, like me, who are too young to remember, 'World Cup Willie' was the mascot for the 1966 World Cup and was a football player bedecked in a union jack waistcoat with a lion's head. Sadly, after being abandoned for six decades, this version of the mascot is a tad moth-eaten, lacking some stuffing and has been nested in by mice on numerous occasions. Nevertheless, in order to ensure the lucky omen is fulfilled, Teskey's vintage World Cup Willie will be on display in his front window during every England game and, when England have won the final, he will parade it proudly up the High Street by way of celebration!

SIMON FORSTER

BURWASH NOT SO YOUNG GROUP

Our speaker in May was the local historian Ian Everest (see below). We welcome new members! We have a very varied programme and the teas are delicious.



BURWASH NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

'Sussex Farming During 1950's' by Ian Everest

On Thursday, 21st May twenty-five of us gave a warm welcome to the returning visit of the delightful Ian Everest. He is a Sussex-based Local Historian with an interest in Farming, Rural Life including the Countryside, and the First World War (see the picture on page 44). To 'make hay' and 'bring in the harvest' sound like idyllic past times, but his talk showed just how tough life was on a South Down farm during the 1950's.

The War was over, but the battle was still being fought to feed the nation. The talk included original cine film.

Apologies were received from several friends who were unable to attend - as ever they were missed. Isabella asked for cake providers for next time and introduced Ian. It was really nice to welcome four gentlemen along for the talk - several had farming history so could relate to some stories. Ian's first charming slide was of him, aged 4, holding Mum's hand outside his first home on the Downs near Seaford in 1953. Oxen were still being used on the farm - the Seaford area was one of the last in Sussex where this happened. They worked at 2 miles an hour but early on there were horses as well.

It was a 'mixed farm' with a few little enterprises on the side and life continued in 1955-1956 with no fertiliser. He grew up in a 'Tied' Cottage (called Barrack Cottage) owned by the employer and providing a home for employees as a condition of their job. There was a scullery (not a kitchen) and a cold water tap. Particular days were set aside for chores (i.e. Monday was Washday, etc.,) and the tin bath stood in the corner for weekly bathing. Toilets were usually up the garden with torn newspaper for the necessary! Farm workers were really poor but, as history happened, the owner Lionel Willet became one of the founder members of the Farmer's Union of Royal Agriculture at Cirencester where fathers who could afford it sent their sons to learn modern farming techniques. Sadly, quite often in these situations father and son had differing opinions and there was a good deal of friction. Lionel was more canny than this and asked his son to record a year in the history of the farm, all recorded excellently on a box brownie: it is a very precious record, especially as it is in colour.

Ian gave so many details of life 'in those days', obviously having deep knowledge - progressing to the American 'Lease/Lend' system of use of equipment. This radically changed life for the farmworkers and there were descriptions of the types of Tractors, harrows and crop types. There were 40 round haystacks with thatched tops and it was easy to observe the real skill of these agriculture workers. There was also much camaraderie and dependence on each other. I am reluctant to hi-jack Ian's wonderful talk, but I will say he displayed a deep love of the land and admiration for the work done under 'primitive' conditions. He stressed how in the 1950s farming was the most dangerous occupation (there were views of men carrying bundles of corn on the end of a pitchfork 80 feet up a ladder). To actually see this makes one realise the risks involved, with lots of other illustrations of absolutely no health and safety. Farming is STILL such a risky way of life and when we are eating precious food produced in difficult conditions and weather, we must never forget this and give thanks to each and every farmer and his faithful workers. Manor Farm has come full circle and he had another tale to tell, so if you get the chance I encourage you to hear the talk when it comes your way.

On the 18th June Barbara Varney gave us a fascinating talk on 'Riding For The Disabled' about carriage driving and riding for the disabled.

On the 16th of this month we will have a talk by another local member, John Jenner, with the mysterious title 'Simple Burwash', which is very intriguing.

We hope to see you then, with delicious tea on offer as well.

VERONICA FARLEY



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1ST BURWASH & ETCHINGHAM SCOUTS



A mixed bag of weather has come our way but on the whole we have carried on with activities.

All the sections have been busy with different things.

Beavers did a lovely trip to Robertsbridge Aviation Society, a gem of a place on our doorstep that not many appear to know about. Well worth a visit if you like all things planes and, even if you don't, it is very interesting to see what has been dug up or given to the museum over the years.

We look forward to doing some Emergency Aid in the coming weeks along with a trip to visit the ladies Julia & Sylvie who are part of Wild About Burwash team to look at the local food waste composting scheme.

Cubs are going to be doing a bike ride in Bedgebury soon and have already completed a hike in the local area: nothing like a muddy puddle to splash in, whatever your age.



If you are a regular walker in Park Wood, you may have seen some dens built by the Cubs which was a crowd pleaser.

Both Beavers and Cubs will be ending their term with paddle boarding and kayaking at The Hub at Bodiam, a popular favourite with all of them. I think this may be the third year that we have been back.

Scouts have been busy building a new fire pit at the woods we use. Some interesting ways of using spades and shovels, but we got there and Explorers tested it out. Scouts will be cooking this week. We have yet to do our 'Ready Steady Cook' but it should be a good practice for it.

Finally, if you have any children within your families that might be interested in becoming part of the Scouting community we do have limited spaces within all sections.

Please contact me on bandescoutgroup@gmail.com

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THE HUB AT BODIAM

Do check out their website, as the Hub is ideal as a day out with young people over the summer holidays with loads to do in beautiful surroundings on the river.



Don't let the photo put you off: extracted from their website. Ed.



Recent Incidents:

There were a number of reports about car mirrors being interfered with around the main village, with one actually damaged.

Complaints have been received about persons on electric scooters on roads, pavements and also Swan Meadow playing field. The users need to know: It is illegal to ride a privately owned electric scooter (also known as an 'e-scooter') in public, for example on pavements, on roads or in parks.

You could be fined and get penalty points on your driving licence. The scooter could also be seized by the police.

You can only ride a privately owned electric scooter on private land with the permission of the landowner.

Scams:

Cold-calling builders who knock uninvited are usually operating scams. They commonly claim to have been working nearby and noticed something wrong with your roof, driveway or guttering. Sometimes they'll say they have leftover materials from another job and can offer a bargain price right now.

These stories are made up. Reputable builders don't need to drum up work by knocking doors. They rely on recommendations, repeat customers and established marketing.

Burwash, Burwash Common, Burwash Weald and the Surrounding Areas

If you want to get rid of them try saying that you have a regular builder who does all of your work, or just close the door.

In a recent case a pensioner lost £17,000 to a 'builder' who cold-called at his home and pointed out a ridge tile poking out on his roof which he offered to fix for £3,000.

The 'builder' banged around on the roof and then found more 'work' that 'needed to be done urgently'. When he finished, the bill was hugely inflated and more had to be spent repairing damage he had caused!

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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 with textphone can **text 18001 101**, or BSL users can use SignVideo to provide a Video Relay Service <http://signvideo.co.uk/>, to report crime through a live online interpreter, who will contact the Police on your behalf, when you do not require an urgent response.

STEVE MINTRAM

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help you.**

Details will be provided in the August magazine.

PPG LEAFLET

All registered patients will shortly be receiving a leaflet through the post from your PPG, please take time to read it and not throw it away, as it contains lots of useful information. There is also a questionnaire to fill in which we will share with the surgery. This is your opportunity to have your say.

PRESCRIPTIONS

The dispensary is open Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays):

**9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and
2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.**

The surgery dispense an average of 7,200 items per month. Patients are asked to give 3-5 working days to turn round their prescriptions (unless they are acute, in which case they try to dispense at the time if possible). All prescriptions must be individually signed by a clinician, so we should all be mindful that leaving it to the last minute takes our GPs away from patient consultations. Perhaps a reminder in your diary 5 or 6 days before you run out would serve as a memory jogger.

Patients collect their prescriptions from the reception desk, as there is nowhere else for them to be collected with the design of the building at present. This topic has been discussed many times in the past. The main issues are around lack of storage space in the dispensary and needing more staff to give out the items.

More information on prescriptions can be found on the Fairfield Surgery website:

fairfieldsurgery.co.uk

NHS SCREENING

Screening is a way of finding out if people have a higher chance of having a health problem, so that early treatment can be offered or information given to help them make informed decisions.

Diabetic eye screening

From the age of 12, all people with diabetes are offered regular diabetic eye screening to check for early signs of diabetic retinopathy.

Cervical screening

Cervical screening is offered to women and people with a cervix aged 25 to 64 every 5 years to check the health of cells in the cervix.

Breast screening

Breast screening is offered to women aged 50 to 70 to detect early signs of breast cancer. Women over 70 can self refer.

Bowel cancer screening

Everyone aged 50 to 74 is offered a bowel cancer screening home test kit every 2 years. If you're 75 or over, you can ask for a kit every 2 years by phoning the free bowel cancer screening helpline on 0800 707 6060.

Lung cancer screening

Lung health checks to find out how well your lungs are working, and check for cancer, are available in some parts of England.

If you're aged 55 to 74 and have ever smoked, you may be contacted by your GP or a local NHS service to take part in lung cancer screening.

Abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) screening

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Chimney sweeps, violent smuggling, macabre tales and the misbehaviour of literary figures such as H.G. Wells, Noel Coward and E. Nesbit are a sample of his topics, so the talk will be as varied as it is entertaining.

There will, of course, be time to talk about all this over tea and an array of cakes.

Members are welcome to bring friends, and all other visitors are equally welcome. We charge a nominal fee of £3.00 for non-members, and of course members come free.

If you want to join our branch there is plenty of information on our newly revamped website, which can be found on

mayfield.u3asite.uk

ANNA THOMPSON

We look forward to continuing our exciting programme of 10 monthly lectures from September 2026 - June 2027. We restart on Tuesday, 8th September when the speaker will be Vivienne Lawes. She will be talking about Africa in Western Imagery & African Art.

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We hope to see you in September!

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PENNY SPURRELL - CHAIR

Scents in Art



SWIFE LANE BOOK CLUB

We meet at the Tap Room at Lakedown on the last Thursday of the month at noon. New members are most welcome, in person or remotely.

Our Book Club Choice this month was ‘North Woods’ by Daniel Mason published in 2023.

This month’s choice was yet another delve into American Literature with the much acclaimed ‘North Woods’ by Daniel Mason. A sweeping novel, which covers the history over several centuries of a piece of land and house in Western Massachusetts, New England. The novel embraces a variety of interwoven writing styles and genres. Divided into twelve chapters corresponding to the twelve months of the year, it is a novel of constant change and interconnected stories told through prose, letters, journal entries, case notes, poems and song. It is complimented by enticingly placed black and white illustrations and grainy antique photographs. North Woods blends a variety of genres incorporating crime fiction, historical fiction, magical realism and Gothic mystery. A range of themes is explored through period-suitable language including passion, deceit, murder, thwarted love, schizophrenia, buried secrets, slavery, the depiction of nature, the changing seasons and environmental change. It is a novel with a polyphonic narrative with the land as the main character. In many ways Alice Jolly sums up the book when she wrote in *The Guardian* ‘that the book stretches the limits of what a novel can do.’

The group really enjoyed this book with its impressive web of short stories and vignettes all linked by a piece of land. Some of us would have liked to learn more about the series of people who fleetingly passed through the property particularly in the earlier days. The book encouraged discussion about mental health problems, environmental, issues and our differing interpretations of the supernatural elements of the book. There was an eagerness to reflect on the actual and imagined history of our own properties and immediate environment.

One member was emotionally moved by the strong connections with nature and how nature endures long after human life ends, but felt sadness that maybe we have lost some of these connections to nature.

Another member described the grand cycle of events at the end as ‘apocalyptic.’ We all agreed it was an extremely ‘well written’ and a ‘skilful’ book. The book’s cover was deemed unappealing and there was agreement that we would have dismissed this book when browsing in a shop. This led on to a chat about the role and importance of a cover when buying a book. Cover aside, all members of the group would recommend the book and several members were keen to read other works by the same author.

Whilst some members of the Book Club chose to meet at the Tap Room for our May meeting, six members went instead to Farley Farm House, Chiddingfold for a very enjoyable tour of the home and gardens of Lee Miller and Roland Penrose. This visit was inspired by our November 2025 choice of book ‘The Lives of Lee Miller’, written by her son Antony Penrose. We all enjoyed the tour and the opportunity to explore further this artistic and controversial couple. The sun shone as we explored the house and gardens with time left for coffee and excellent cake whilst we discussed this month’s book.

In June we will be reading ‘Before the Coffee Gets Cold’ by Toshikazu Kawaguchi. Review to follow in next month’s magazine.

JULIE UPTON

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BURWASH COMMON PAVILION NEWS



Janet Hillyer has been on the Playing Field Committee for nearly 50 years, so to commemorate and thank her for all her support, a chestnut tree was planted in her honour. Janet and her family have also run the tea and cake stall at the fête for decades, providing all the cakes as well as serving them and washing up. It's difficult to thank Janet enough for her continued support and generosity.

The Burwash Common Car Show is shaping up well but we would still like some more entries. See flyer on page , if you would like to show your car, scooter or motor bike.

There are always a long list of jobs waiting to be completed in the pavilion and field such as a new snooker room door, play equipment repairs, further attention to the outfield, etc. The smell coming from the drains is still a mystery after 35 years and many hours have been spent trying to get the electric meter and invoice correct. A working party in June made a big difference.

If you'd like to help with projects, serve behind the bar or man a stall at the fête please contact the number below.

THE COMMITTEE
07813273977

The Burwash Common/Burwash Snooker Club have had a highly successful season winning six trophies in the league. They are trying to arrange a very large trophy cabinet to house all their cups and shields in the snooker room.

It is so good to see the snooker room used and enjoyed as it should be.

Below and left: Planting the chestnut tree





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HOW WE SMELL - POTTED SCIENCE

Smell begins when airborne molecules enter your nose and ends with your brain recognizing a pattern of nerve signals as a specific odour. The entire process, from sniff to perception, takes roughly half a second. Along the way, the signal passes through specialized sensory cells, a sorting station in the brain, and deep into regions tied to memory and emotion. Here's how each step works.

Step 1: Odour Molecules Enter the Nose

Everything you smell starts as a chemical floating in the air. These molecules can come from food, flowers, rubbish, perfume, or virtually any substance that releases volatile compounds. "Volatile" just means the molecules evaporate easily enough to become airborne at normal temperatures. Sniffing pulls a concentrated burst of air upward through the nasal passages toward a small patch of tissue tucked high inside the nose.

Not every airborne chemical has a smell. Extremely volatile compounds like acetone vapour or diethyl ether can flood the air but may not trigger the sensory cells effectively. A molecule's shape, size, flexibility, and chemical properties all determine whether it can latch on to a receptor. Even a tiny structural change to a molecule can completely alter whether your nose detects it, or what it smells like.

Step 2: Molecules Reach the Olfactory Epithelium

The odour molecules land on a thin sheet of tissue called the olfactory epithelium, located at the roof of the nasal cavity. This tissue is studded with millions of sensory neurons, each extending tiny hair-like projections (cilia) into a layer of mucus. The mucus is essential: odour molecules must dissolve into it before they can make contact with the receptors sitting on those cilia. Supporting cells surrounding the sensory neurons help regulate their health and maintain the chemical environment they need to function.

Step 3: Signal Transmission to the Brain

When an odour molecule binds to a receptor, it triggers a nerve signal that travels through the olfactory neurons to the olfactory bulb, a structure at the base of the brain. The olfactory bulb acts as a sorting station, aggregating signals from similar receptors and sending them to the olfactory cortex and other brain regions.

Step 4: Brain Processing and Perception

The piriform cortex identifies the odour by recognizing patterns of input rather than mapping smells spatially. Signals also reach the amygdala, which links smells to emotions, and the lateral entorhinal cortex, which connects to the hippocampus for memory formation. This explains why certain scents can evoke strong emotional responses or vivid memories. (That explains why I love the smell of garlic, red wine and Gauloises Cigarettes all at the same time - it takes me back to holidays in Cahors aged 7.)

Did you also know

Humans can distinguish up to 10,000 different odours. Smell is unique among senses because its signals reach the cortex directly without first passing through the thalamus, making it particularly immediate and visceral. Olfactory adaptation, or "nose blindness," occurs when continuous exposure to a smell reduces our sensitivity to it over time, which is why pet owners fail to realise that their houses smell of wet dog or cat pee.

It is also clear that not all of us share the same "nose" some of us are gifted with a more intense sense of smell. Perfume "noses" are just one example. It is possible to educate the brain to smell more with practice, particularly by removing stress, cutting out other sensory overload and "learning to smell for pleasure".

Sadly, many drugs can reduce and impair one's sense of smell as a side effect, as can serious illness.

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THE AFTER EIGHT CLUB BURWASH COMMON

The After Eight Club held their annual Coffee Morning on Saturday, 13th June at Burwash Common Pavilion.

It was a beautiful Summer morning and the event was very well attended. The cakes were varied, the coffee was flowing and there was so much more on offer: bric a brac, jigsaws, books, eggs and an array of plants. There were lots of smiling faces, as you can see from the photos.

The After eight Club are a very friendly group of ladies of all ages, who meet up once a month to share experiences. Over the last year they have had speakers, walks, pub meals and organised this marvellous coffee morning to raise money for local charities.

They are always pleased to welcome potential new members! Do ring or email Jacky for further information.

A full report will be in the August edition.

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Mob: 07770 489490



Anyone for cake?



The Tombola was very popular while for others it was lovely to just sit outside with good friends



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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.

Bereavement Friendship Group

For anyone who has suffered a bereavement

The Bereavement Friendship Group meets
on the 3rd Tuesday of each month
at 10.30 a.m.

at

The Wheel, Heathfield Road,
Burwash Weald, TN19 7LA.
Plenty of parking available.

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Please contact Jan Wright
Email: laurenandjan@gmail.com
Tel.: 01435 883748 or 07444 482634
for the latest information.



CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND

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.

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

Etchingham 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.

Etchingham Club:

Members Club. info@theetchingham.club

Bereavement Friendship Group meets on third Tuesday of each month at 10.30 a.m. at Petals Nursery, Burwash Road, Broad Oak, TN21 8XG.

Contact: Jan Wright on 01435 883748 or 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: Kate Riches 07724849880 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

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: Joanne Murrells (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: Kate Riches 07724849880 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.**

Burwash Village Playgroup:

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

**Contact: Emma Pantry on 07810
043022.**

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.**

Etchingham Village Playgroup:

Meet every Monday in the Parker Hall, Parsonage Croft from 11 - Noon.

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