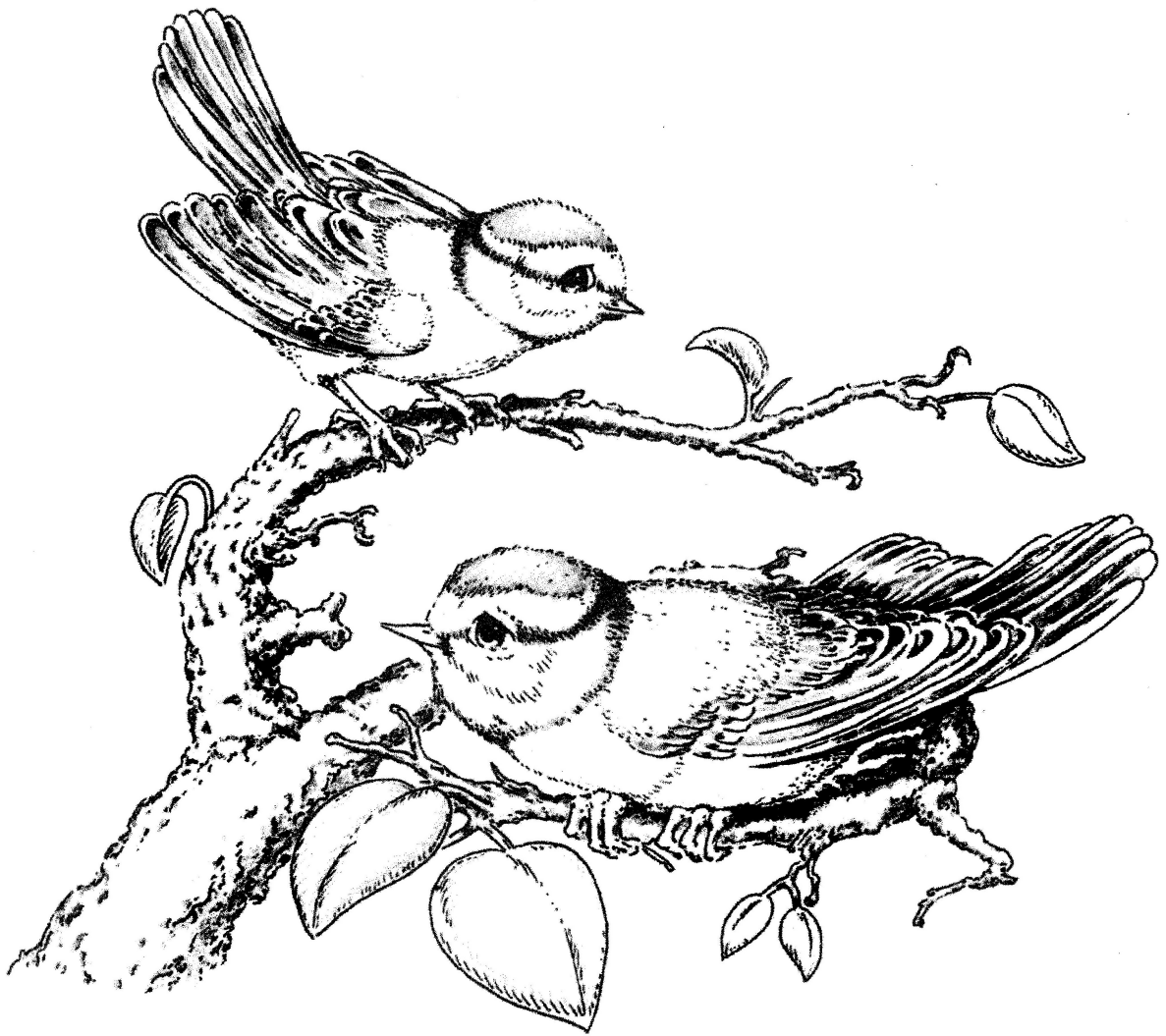


# The Chronicle

For West Hoathly, Sharpthorne & Highbrook. April/May 2020. £7 for six issues or £1.50 each.





**We are sorry to say that due to COVID-19, and on the advice of the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, all public worship is suspended until further notice.**

This means Wednesday and Sunday services, Morning and Evening Prayer and Praise Aloud! till not be taking place for the foreseeable future.

Both churches, All Saints and St Margaret's, are open during the day for private prayer. In the side chapel of St Margaret's, there is a large cross onto which prayers can be pinned. Mother Nicol will be saying these prayers on a weekly basis.



Bishop Martin of Chichester is still finalising further advice, but currently baptisms, weddings and funerals can continue to take place. However, these should go ahead with as few people in attendance as possible. For example, it would be reasonable to limit attendance to the immediate family, excluding anyone who is at risk from infection. For a marriage service, only five people need to be present: the couple and the clergy person, plus two witnesses.

All other social and fundraising events will also be suspended in line with the government's advice to limit non-essential social interactions.

Because we do not know how long these measures will stay in place, we would encourage people, if they have access, to follow the latest updates on the websites ([westhoathly.org.uk](http://westhoathly.org.uk) and [www.allsaintshighbrook.org.uk](http://www.allsaintshighbrook.org.uk)) or on social media :

**Facebook:**

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**Twitter:**

[@StMargarets\\_WH](https://twitter.com/StMargarets_WH)

Mother Nicol will be posting her Sunday sermon on

<https://nicolkinrade.wordpress.com>

The service for Sunday can be followed at home in the booklet 'Worship for those who need to stay at home' which can be picked up from the back of the churches, or downloaded from St Margaret's website.

Above all, if you need support or pastoral care, please contact Mother Nicol at:

**Email: [mother.nicol@gmail.com](mailto:mother.nicol@gmail.com)**

**Tel: 01342 810 183**

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we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

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For as long as it takes  
wherever you call us.

*Barbara Glasson,  
President of the Methodist  
Conference*



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mthr Nicol'.

With every blessing

Mother Nicol

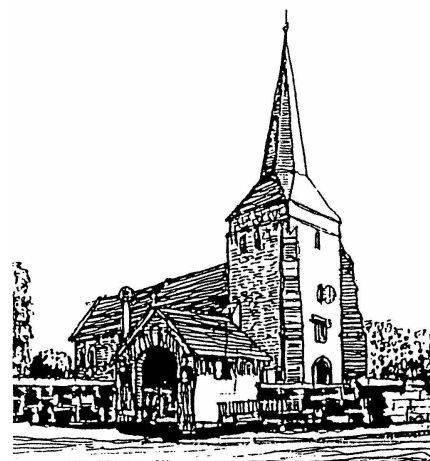
## HIGHLIGHTS OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES AT ST. MARGARET'S, WEST HOATHLY & ALL SAINTS', Highbrook

### From The Registers:

#### Funerals:

The funeral of **Brian Walsh** took place at St Margaret's on Wednesday 12th February at 12.30. The officiant was Fr David Murdoch, of St Giles, Horsted Keynes.

The funeral of **Betty Nickolls** took place at St Margaret's on Thursday 20th February at 12.30. The officiant was Mother Nicol.



### *Extension Update*

Full steam ahead! We are back up and running in the right direction. I know that everyone has been waiting a long time for work to begin on the extension, and we have been working very hard over the past 6 months making sure we had the right foundations to move forward. I am very pleased to say that we are now back to where we need to be.

I promise you that we take very seriously all the generous donations made, and the hard work put in by the fundraising and project team over the years - and it is because we want that money to be spent well, that we took the decision that the plans, as they stood, were simply not the right way forward.

Since that decision was made, we have not been idle. We have appointed a new architect who is preparing some exciting ideas to take the facilities project forward. We are taking advantage of this new stage to improve the accessibility of the church, as well as keeping the core facilities of toilets, a hospitality area, and an improved space for the children.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee (the team who advise the Chancellor about approving our plans) have already been to St Margaret's for a site visit, and they warmly invited the new direction. The timescales are not certain at this point, however with the fundraising already in place, we already have that big step behind us. As soon as we have drawings for a public consultation, we will announce it so everyone can come and give their opinion.

We fully appreciate that these delays have been frustrating, but we truly believe that this new vision will give us a better outcome in the long run - and like all churches, the gift of this new project will be one that lasts for hundreds of years, so we really do want to get it right.

Mother Nicol

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**Annual Parish Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

Attendance was disappointing especially since the Parish Council had made it known that there would be a speaker from the local police to discuss community policing which has been a concern to residents over the past year. In the event Inspector Pete Dommatt was unable to attend but PCSO Paul Umney and PCSO Will Butler attended. Paul Umney outlined the arrangements for community policing as it affects the Parish.

They are 2 of 12 PCSOs within Mid Sussex and PCSO Umney is assigned to Lindfield, Scaynes Hill, Horsted Keynes, Ardingly, West Hoathly and Highbrook. Whilst PCSOs can get called to help out across the District the police are looking for the assigned PCSO to become the liaison point between the police, Parish Councils and the public. Whilst he hopes to spend time in each parish this is realistically not going to be as much as he would like.

On the previous day he and PCSO Butler had spent some time in Sharpthorne getting to know the area. PCSO Umney had checked the databases for crimes reported in the area between 1st January and 29th February. In those 2 months there had been 48 reports made (which is a similar number to the other parishes he supports). Of these nearly 50% were road incidents (which could include trees blocking roads, deer collisions, etc).

PCSO Umney then answered questions from those present. A more detailed report can be found in the draft Minutes of the Assembly on the Council's website

The Council's **Annual Report** was submitted and received. The report can be found on the Council's Website and Hoathlyhub and there is a link to it on the Council's Facebook Page.

Other matters discussed included:

**Climate Change.** There was discussion of actions that residents and the Parish Council can take. Items for consideration included recycling over and above the District Council's collection; encouraging more car sharing; planting more trees in Finche Field and other locations; and the Parish Council is seeking to establish the feasibility of a cycle route between the Parish and East Grinstead.

**Metrobus Route 84.** The Parish Council feels strongly that focus needs to continue on this issue. The County Council has suggested that the Parish Council should meet the cost of the £10,000 per annum to reinstate the 18.10 service from Crawley. The total Parish precept is just over £70,000 a year so an additional £10,000 a year would be a significant increase. The Parish Council will continue to lobby on this matter but in the meantime would encourage as many residents as possible to use the service to prevent further erosion.

**Public Toilets on North Lane.** The cost of maintaining the toilets is around 8% of the Council's total budget and is likely to increase in future years. It was the strong view of those present that the public toilets were an asset to the village and should be retained.

**Recent Power Cuts.** It was acknowledged that there had been recent storm damage but concern was expressed at the number of power cuts recently. The Parish Council will restate to UK Power Networks its concern about the lack of resilience in the supply to the parish

**WiFi Outages.** It appears those on the Ardingly exchange have access to Fibre to the Premises but in the rest of the Parish there is only Power to the Cabinet. The Parish Council will write to Openreach expressing concern about the discrepancy in service in different parts of the Parish.

**Review of Facilities available within the Open Spaces maintained by the Parish Council.** It was noted that the Council had invested in the play area a few years ago. It is possible that if there is a new pavilion there may be opportunities to review how the Rec and the play area are used.

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 The office is open on **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday** between **9am and noon**.  
 Messages can be left at all other times on the answer phone or by email.

## What's Going On Around the Parish

**The following clubs and groups are cancelled until further notice:**

### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

Emmaus Club

Tootsie Time

All Girl Guide Groups

All Scout Groups

### ADULTS

West Hoathly Local History Group

Churchyard Working Parties

West Hoathly WI

Sharpthorne WI

West Hoathly Bowls Club activities including bridge, short mat bowls, line dancing. Plant and cake sale cancelled.

Good Companions

Football Club

### OTHER VILLAGE GROUPS/ACTIVITIES

St. Margaret's Church, West Hoathly

All Saints Church Highbrook

Village Hall (*and all associated activities*)

Priest House

West Hoathly Market (see village Facebook page)

The Fox Inn (See Village Facebook page)

The Cat Inn (see village Facebook page)

Parish Walks

Missing Link Brewery

The Garden Chef

All West Sussex Libraries

### Activities on-going whilst following prescribed social distancing

#### Costcutter Shop/Post Office are open as usual.

The shop is receiving new stock on a regular basis and customers are asked to be sensible in their shopping habits to ensure there is sufficient for all.

*(see back page for opening times which may become subject to change according to future government restrictions)*

**Street & Food Fair, Saturday 18th July 2020** 12 noon - 5.0 p.m. Do note this date in your diary. We are hopeful that this event will go ahead and continue to plan accordingly, thank you for your support.

Please contact **Derek Shurvell** on **01342 810780** or email :[derekshurvell@gmail.com](mailto:derekshurvell@gmail.com)

**West Hoathly Tennis Club** call for info (see back page)

**Good news!!** - we have been allocated **PCSO Paul UMNEY** to liaise with the Parish Councils of Lindfield, Scaynes Hill, Horsted Keynes, Ardingly and West Hoathly, Sharpthorne & Highbrook

Paul is one of the **12 PCSOs** who cover the whole of Mid-Sussex on a day to day basis.

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## WEST HOATHLY SCHOOL

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - things are changing on an hourly basis as we write this article. Last night the Government announced that all schools will close from the end of the day on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March for the majority of pupils. We are currently establishing who our keyworker families are so that we can make provision for those children over the coming weeks. We cannot ever recall a time when schools were ordered to stay open over the holidays and suspect this is the first of many changes that we will face.

This week has been dominated by Coronavirus but the first three weeks of the half term were extremely busy – and looking back – extremely normal!

We introduced **Building Learning Powers** to the children from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This is an initiative to empower the children to take responsibility for their own learning and to give them suitable tools to do this. We started by introducing '**Roxy Resilience**'.



**Resilience** is an important learning power to have; to make children more determined, robust, patient and focused. It helps them to pick themselves up after a fall and know how to move on with their learning.

Teachers will use a 'split screen' approach to their teaching – What are we learning? and What can we use to help us with our learning?

We raised money for **Sports Relief** this year by running a sponsored mile- the children all did their runs in the morning and then cheered as they watched the Netball Team play the staff. Final result 9-8..... to the Netball Team – although we shouldn't have been surprised as they finished **top of the league** in the competition against East Grinstead schools!



World book day on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** saw the children come to school dressed up as a book character. The children moved around the school in their house groups to experience some exciting activities that the teachers planned based on the Harry Potter Books – Quidditch, Potions, Herbology and Defence against the Dark Arts. There is a rumour that someone has a picture of Mrs Townshend, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Allen dressed as Professor Dumbledore, Professor Snape and Dolores Umbridge!

In these challenging times we hope that you all stay safe and healthy and as a school community we will do all that we can to support others.

Rachel Townshend  
Headteacher



## Sharpthorne WI

In **February** our speaker was **Douglas Eaton** and he promised to excite us with a talk entitled "Queen Victoria's Knickers"!

He began by explaining that his working life started in music, singing with a rock band. They were all from Liverpool and had played in the Cavern where the Beatles had also played! He had later set up his own corporate business and it was some 4 years ago that he decided to change tack and become a speaker.

His talk was to be a look at how life had been through the 19th century and how it had changed enormously during that time. We saw some rather large knickers in his slide show purporting to belong to Queen Victoria but he focused more on developments within daily life, home, poverty, factories, food and entertainment. He spoke with a soft Liverpool accent and touched upon some interesting and amusing thoughts.

Our **March** evening was all about the health benefits of **Aloe Vera!**

We learnt more about this amazing plant and some even spent out on the products made from it! A great evening despite the rough weather and the rougher roads and potholes causing us some aggravation!

Last year we arranged a big evening at the Meridian Hall for our Hilltop Group with **Tom** from **Lullingstone Castle**. We had then planned to visit the Castle in May to see for ourselves the garden and have Tom show us more of his work which we had so enjoyed hearing about! We also had plans to visit Kingscote Vineyard or Hammerwood House in the summer.

The current situation will mean our plans must be put on hold for the moment until we know it is sensible to begin meeting once more.

Caroline Rogers

## West Hoathly WI

Our **January** meeting began with us all anticipating a special meal. But calamity it did not arrive! The Caterers had recorded the wrong date and so we were left in a quandary. What to do now?

We decided to order Fish and Chips and Ingrid set off to collect our order. By this time, we were getting rather peckish. When she returned, we finally were able to enjoy a belated lunch which was much enjoyed.

Our **February** meeting thankfully did not suffer any calamities!

Our own **Freida Boyd** was the speaker. With the **Loiyangalani Trust**, she sponsors children through school and university. In January she travelled, with a group from the Trust, to the area to find out how the project helps. She visited schools, met some of the young people being sponsored and visited Loiyangalani itself. We were taken on an amazing journey and it was a fascinating afternoon (see separate longer article on page 12).

At our **March** meeting the speaker was **Helen Poole**, a frequent visitor to West Hoathly as a Priest House friend. Her subject was "Anne of Cleves – the lady behind the portrait" the 4<sup>th</sup> wife of Henry V111. When Henry divorced her, he bestowed over a hundred Manors on her (one of which was our own) and gave her the title of The Kings Sister. Sadly, Anne never came to West Hoathly (the Manor was rented out during her lifetime). Helen gave us an insight into a truly loving, gentle and regal person. Helen was warmly thanked for such an entertaining afternoon.

Our next meeting on **Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm** sees our speaker, **Antonia Gallop**, taking us on a thrilling ride across India on an Enfield motorcycle. If you fancy joining us for this, you will be warmly welcomed. (Husbands and male friends included!).

Viona Hopwood





### FRIENDS OF THE PRIEST HOUSE

The Priest House opened its doors to visitors again on 1<sup>st</sup> March but, unfortunately, Sussex Past took the decision to close the museum until the threat of the Corvid19 has passed. Hopefully the closure will not be too long and we will be opening our doors again until 31<sup>st</sup> October on Tuesday to Saturday, 10.30 am to 5.30 pm and on Sunday from 12 pm to 5.30 pm.

Please try and support our local historic building as there are some very interesting items showcasing the history of West Hoathly and surrounding areas. There is also a shop selling gifts, cards and plants so if you find you have forgotten that birthday or special event, pop into the shop and pick up a card or gift.

Our Coffee Stops held on the first Friday of the month during the summer, proved to be very popular and successful last year. It is intended to hold these again this summer but, due to the Corvid19 outbreak and the uncertainty surrounding this virus, it was decided to cancel the April session. Nothing has been decided about the May Coffee Stop as yet but we will try and keep people informed via the Hub and Facebook.

At the present time we are still planning to take part in the National Gardens Scheme in May and June, the West Hoathly Street Fair in July and hold our Vintage Tea in August. There will be updates in the Chronicle and, again, we will try and keep everybody informed.

Our **AGM** is scheduled to be held on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**, virus permitting. If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Priest House, please do not hesitate to enquire by visiting, or telephone 01342 810479. The aim of The Friends is to support the Priest House, which is part of the Sussex Archaeological Society, and assist in keeping it open for future generations to enjoy.

Marion Jones

### 1ST WEST HOATHLY SCOUT GROUP

Aged 71, I was surprised to be asked to join the Executive Committee of the Scout Group. Soon after saying yes, I ended up as chairperson!!

On getting re-acquainted with the Group, I was pleased at the progress that Scouts have made since I was in uniform in the 80-90s. – girls in all sections, acceptance of all forms of religious beliefs and closer vetting of anyone holding a post of responsibility within the Group.

Some things haven't changed however. Although parents are happy to help on an ad-hoc basis, few volunteer to join the Executive Committee. Without this committee, the Group would have great difficulty in continuing. We oversee the safety of the young people and ensure that the Group functions within the law. We also ensure the effective use of funds raised – and raise the extra funds needed to maintain the Scout Hut and equipment.

It is likely that some of the canvas in the store is the same that I used as a leader all those years ago. So this year's focus will be to raise the money to replace the tents.

Would you like to do something to support the young people of the villages? Could you join the committee and help fund-raise? You don't have to have recent links to the group. The Committee are likely to meet about 3-4 times a year and there may be 4 main fund-raising events and a few minor ones.

Thank you to all who helped at the recent Scout Jumble Sale and to those of you who contributed items for sale.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Tricia Hughes  
tricia\_hughes@hotmail.com

## GOOD CAUSES

### The John Smith Fund

The story goes that John Smith was a "gentleman of the road" (a tramp!) who walked around our area of Sussex in the mid-1800s. When he died he was found to be a relatively wealthy gentleman who had left his money to be divided amongst those parishes where he had found a welcome and friendship on his travels. If you google him, you will find John Smith funds all over the country but particularly in this area of Sussex. The stories are all related but not quite the same, and of course the dates never match - so the real foundations of this movement are unclear.

What we do know is that the national **John Smith Trust** was set up in 1871 with funds to be paid to various parishes, including West Hoathly. The money was paid to the "Vicars, churchwardens and overseers" of each parish "to be applied by them in such manner as they, or the majority of them, for the time being shall think fit, for the purchase of coals or otherwise for the benefit of the poor inhabitants" of each parish; this later became **West Hoathly Charity Coal**.

Meanwhile, a different trust, **The Betchley Trust** was set up in 1953 with the Rev. Oliver parsons as Trustee. This fund was used for the purchase of food, clothing and fuel, or supplying vouchers for such purchase, to residents of the village.

In the late 1990s/2000s the two trusts worked together to distribute Christmas vouchers to our retired community as well as giving grants to anyone who suffered a bereavement, illness or job loss leaving them in a difficult situation. It has also provided top-up fuel payments during very cold winters. The aim was to provide small gifts to show that the local community cared and could make a small difference when needed.

Both these funds initially had large lump sums and made the grants from the interest earned. However, as time progressed the lump sums dwindled to nothing, so it became customary in **West Hoathly** for extra donations to be made by the parish council, local organizations, individuals and churches.

In 2016, the **John Smith Fund** formally merged what was left of these two trusts into a new fund, using the name which was known and trusted in the parish as a source of help. It relies entirely on gathering in grants which are given for the well-being of the community. So the fund is, essentially, 'community money' - given to show a hand of friendship in times of need to anyone in our community: old or young, family or individual. Over the last three years we have bought the odd pair of football boots, contributed towards school lunches, filled fridges (via vouchers for the village shop), put money towards heating bills among other things - and tried to be **part of a caring community**.

Applications for a grant can be made to [thejohnsmithfund@gmail.com](mailto:thejohnsmithfund@gmail.com), or via Mother Nicol, 01342 810183 or Helen Schofield, Clerk to the Parish Council on [clerk@westhoathly.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@westhoathly.gov.uk), Tel 01342 811301.

If you would like to contribute to the fund, you can do so via bank transfer to The John Smith Fund,

Sort code 30-92-93, Account 65767660. Thank you.

### Advance Notice

**Viona Hopwood** has issued an invite to all her friends to help her celebrate her **80th** Birthday on **20th June** on West Hoathly recreation ground. The plan is to have a bring your own picnic. Clearly we will have to update on this in the next edition in case we are still subject to group meeting and social distancing restrictions. Thank you Ria

<b>GOOD CAUSES</b>
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**Loiyangalani Trust****Journey to Loiyangalani in northern Kenya**

In the 1960's I lived with my husband and three children in Washington DC. Our neighbours were Kenyans Maurice and Sally Omwony and their three children. The children all became firm friends. Maurice had been born in a mud hut and educated by the missionaries. He had been sent to university in India. When I knew him then he was working for the World Bank. In the 1980's I met Maurice in London. He had become Kenyan Ambassador to Germany.

So when I had the opportunity to help the education of children in Kenya I gladly took it. In Kenya, primary school is free, but secondary education requires a supplement of £25 each month from the parents. This means that the very poorest families are unable to send their children to school, however talented they are.

On January 6th I travelled with trustees of the **Loiyangalani Trust** to the north of Kenya by Lake Turkana. We were there to visit children whose education has been sponsored by many people in our villages. The charity trust was started by Anthony Mitchell who began with the education of one child and now fifty children benefit from sponsorship.

So having landed in Nairobi and been given generous hospitality by the Consolata Mission, we flew up country to Isiola. Here we went straight to work interviewing children who are now being sponsored through universities and polytechnics. These young men and women are becoming teachers, nurses, IT experts, trained in Aqua Culture (fish farming) and so forth. They are living their dreams. It was very special to meet these well educated confident young people, who are the future of their country.

After two nights we journeyed north. Fourteen hours and three punctures later we arrived at Palm Shade Camp in Loiyangalani. This is a desert region with constant wind blowing. We were given a big welcome when we visited the primary school. Over the years the Trust has run many fund raising events to meet the needs of the teachers. Desks have been provided and solar batteries to power the tablets from which the children learn to read (one between five children). There is no mains electricity in the village. Breakfast, a bowl of porridge, is given each morning by the Trust. Lunch is provided by the government but it often fails to arrive. We came with gifts of pencils, pens, school bags and sun glasses.

Over the days of our week long visit we went to Polytechnics and secondary schools, where all children are boarders, checking on the well being of the children and listening to their aspirations and dreams for their further education. Also checking on the standard of the schools. Our trustees met with the trustees in the village. It was an intensive working week. All who went paid for their own flights and accommodation.

" My" children are doing well. Elizabeth is now a hairdresser and Kelvin is training to be an electrician and plumber. He sends me photos of his work. Meeting them made my dream come true.

Frieda Boyd

Further information may be found by visiting [www.loiyangalanitrust.org.uk](http://www.loiyangalanitrust.org.uk)

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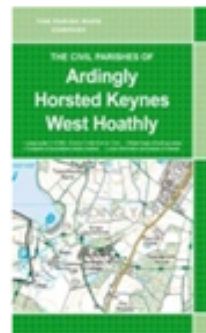
## Large Scale Local Map

Ordnance Survey map of West Hoathly, Horsted Keynes and Ardingly. At twice the standard OS scale footpaths are easier to follow, and features easier to find. Enlarged street maps of village centres, local information and a brief history of each parish also included.

Available from Costcutter, Sharpthorne and Ardingly Post Office.

*This and other maps including Cuckfield & Balcombe, Ditchling & Plumpton, Chailey, and Newick & Barcombe also available online at*

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### The many faces of Gmail



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Squishing a stream of spam is quicker than walking to the front door. Once the filter is in place it works automatically for you. You can do this in many email programs but we are going to hop into the gmail website. Here under *Settings* you will find a variety of possibilities. Choose *'Filters and blocked addresses'* where you will see the option to *'Create a new filter'*. In the window that pops up, add your decorated address into the *'To'* section, click continue and then choose what happens to mail for that address: stuff it in a folder, delete it, or even forward it somewhere. The choice is yours.

Roger Lyon

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Unfortunately, the number of people using this service nowadays is so small that my milk lady has had to cut down on her delivery days to this village for obvious reasons. It is a shame that, in the not too distant future, another local service will disappear from our streets for good, together with the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker, to name but a few.

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Marion Jones



I was encouraged, by a trusted friend, to attend sculpture classes at **Hoathly Hill Sculpture Studios** as a way to help me become more embodied. I didn't really like clay very much at the time and I certainly didn't feel very much connection to the idea of working with it.

I had absolutely no idea what a Studio actually was; what was expected of students and what went on during classes. I was somewhat anxious about being in a completely new environment, not knowing anyone and not knowing the structure of the working day.

I felt quite intimidated by the thought of attending a studio where there would be practiced sculptors and that I would be starting classes not knowing anything at all about sculpting. However, I made the decision to follow my friend's advice and take the risk of putting myself into this environment.

All my fears immediately evaporated after attending my very first class at Hoathly Hill Sculpture Studios. Everyone was very welcoming, and I immediately felt totally accepted by everyone there. It became obvious straight away that there would never be any comparisons between my work and other people's and it also didn't matter in the slightest that I was a complete beginner.

From the start, I was encouraged to work at my own pace and as I began to relax into my work, it was not very long at all before I began to have a sense that I too would be able to achieve what I observed my fellow students achieving. What was also incredibly refreshing, after having had very different experiences at other places of learning, was the absence of pressure. At the Studios I felt myself surrounded by other encouraging students and this provided me with a growing sense of belief in myself and my abilities.

As I continue with my classes, I really appreciate the sharing of ideas, concepts and experiences as well as the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. I also very much enjoy listening to the news and experiences of other students during our morning coffee time together.

Overall, I can say with certainty, that by taking up classes and working with clay at Hoathly Hill Studios, my confidence has increased, and my anxiety has reduced. Being in my sculpting classes has allowed me to safely push myself, to develop and attain a great many new skills. I am now a more grounded and a more connected person and, I have discovered something that I did not know....I CAN SCULPT and, I REALLY love it.

*Cristiane Bernardes Cabrera*

A few years ago, I had the good fortune to make friends with some of the residents at the Hoathly Hill Community. When visiting with them, I had the opportunity to walk in the beautiful communal gardens and it was there, amongst the flower borders and pathways, that I first encountered the sculptural work of Gertraud Goodwin.

I have always had a great fascination for sculpture, but these forms spoke to me in a way in which I had not previously experienced. Upon enquiring about them, I was told that the creator of these

forms had built a Studio at the community – a place of learning where courses were run for students of all abilities. I took a walk and found the Studios, an impressive and intriguing building, also surrounded and adorned with more, outstanding sculptural forms. Peering in the windows I observed a marvellous array of equipment, drawings and pieces of sculpture of all sizes and design. I was both incredibly excited and equally, rather intimidated. As much as I dreamed to be in such a place, in my mind I quickly made the decision that only the very gifted and possibly the very solvent, could study in such an idyllic place.



Time passed and circumstances in my own life led to a degree of physical and mental exhaustion. Mentioning this to my friend on a visit to the community one day, she informed me that the studios ran evening classes in sculpture and perhaps it would do me good to give them a go.

I gathered my courage and contacted the studios and booked myself into the evening classes. I was still a little intimidated and nervous when I arrived on that first evening. There were about ten students. Our tutor introduced herself and then under her gentle guidance, we all spoke a little about ourselves. Very soon we all relaxed and became receptive to our working purpose.

As we started our first exercise, there was a palpable softening of energy in the room, a quieting and a lightening. I can vividly remember that I felt my entire body and mind relax for the first time in a very long while. When I looked round the room at my fellow students, I noticed that everyone was smiling.

After that, I found myself counting the days until my next class. The first free forms that I made was quite literally, life changing. I had observed a calla lily in my garden as I left for class and was intrigued by the way its energy rolled and twisted. I attempted to express this movement of energy in clay that very evening and, as I worked I had a powerful physical reaction; I realised I was both observer and creator in the present moment and more so, I felt that the clay itself was communicating with me, reacting to my own energy. I suddenly, and most powerfully felt a spark of embodiment which was simultaneously, absolutely grounding *and* uplifting – I realised that I was experiencing Bliss.

Since those early days at the studios, my life has taken a dramatic change in course. Having found my Bliss, I am now studying for my diploma course and attend the studios three days a week, totally supported and guided by my tutor whose teaching abilities, kindness and vision I cannot praise highly enough. Surrounded by my fellow students in such a creative, nurturing, peaceful, joyful and supportive environment, it is hard to imagine anywhere in the world I would rather be.

I would wholeheartedly encourage anyone, who, like me, is rather shy, to gather their courage and push past the doubt and come along to the studio as I can assure them that, not only a very warm welcome awaits, but perhaps also the opportunity to find their Bliss – and this is a most wondrous thing indeed.

*J Julia*

## Message from Alaric

*'You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal.'*

Isaiah 26:3-4

February 2020  
Dear Praying Friends

A belated happy New Year - many thanks for praying for Christmas health and travel mercies. All went well for a change (though a blizzard was going on outside on the day I was set to travel was a bit worrying - it turned out to be only over the north of the city!).

For a long time the Japanese have been worried about the lack of snow and it is true there has been a lot less than usual; however, it seems to be making up for it now. The snow festival is on from next week, though for the statues and buildings they needed to get snow from outside Sapporo as there was not enough locally. Due to the panic about the new virus, it will be interesting to see how it will affect the numbers attending. Please pray for health and protection - the Japanese are naturally a fearful people and because of where this virus originated, it makes them even less keen to mix with foreigners.

Since my return to Japan from the UK on 5<sup>th</sup> January, my feet have barely touched the ground, what with flat-searching, hiring teachers, weddings, endless practice for the big concert on the 16<sup>th</sup> Feb, sermons popping up left right and centre, procedures for handing over this job, transferring ownership of cars and sending stuff back, etc. etc.

In the midst of all this chaos, however, I am learning something I need to learn again and again - namely for my heart to be steadfast and to trust. Trust in this case means not emotionally reacting to the busyness and the amount of stuff to do, but believing that God will give not only sufficient strength and focus to do it but also the peace and joy that comes with a close relationship. I am hopeless at this generally but when I am conscious of it and try to put it into practice, the results are good!

There have been many things that are cause for praise. A new apartment for JLCC students has been found and the application is now going through; one of the exiting students has found her own. Two more graduating students also need them, one in Sapporo and one down near Tokyo. (Please pray for those apartments to be found soon.)

The mock class for the last of the three teachers we are probably hiring is happening this afternoon; two are Christians. Please pray that the other one, Kato sensei, will become interested in the gospel and become spiritually thirsty. Pray that they will all get used to the ethos of the school and bring some freshness to their roles.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> is my sermon, followed by final fling with my wind band, Ezosui, in the evening. This year I am the Phantom of the Opera, complete with mask and cape. (I know, I know... but I am the only foreigner in the group and I have a solo too so they are milking it for all that it is worth) - I will send whatever embarrassing picture emerges in my next letter. Then, two days later my colleagues come back and the burden is once more shared. By then I will have moved for my last time in Japan and can start the process of disengaging with a little more calm. Haruhi will start to take on more responsibility and, from early March, Karen will join her in doing the Language Adviser role.

The 26<sup>th</sup> follows with a mass graduation of seven students, followed by a big teachers' meeting, at which we introduce the new teachers, discuss the new students and generally put the world to rights for the next short while. It will be (I sincerely hope) my last teachers' meeting in this role.

As you can see from the litany of things to get through in the next few weeks, there is quite a lot on. I therefore need your prayers more than ever in order to get through this: organisation, focus, energy, protection (at times like this, accidents or catching some hideous virus seem much more likely to happen), maturity and joy are all needed. I am also trying to see various people whom I shan't get the opportunity to meet again. As I am keen to get this out now, I will forbear from giving you any news about church, except that the pastor apparently announced his retirement from April this year at last Sunday's annual general meeting (I was in Tokyo for a wedding). Please pray for a suitable successor and for a new missionary who might be going there (but that itself depends on the new pastor). The church needs protection - some of the younger members are planning to move away.

I really do appreciate any prayers you offer up on my behalf in the coming few weeks. I am praying that the coronavirus goes nowhere near any of you and that Brexit madness doesn't further frustrate life. Many thanks for your continued support.

Alaric

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*(Alaric returns to the UK end of March. flights permitting, so we wish him well for the future)*

## Getting to and from Sixth Forms by Metrobus

This is the time of year for choosing where to go for **sixth form** studies. One of the considerations is getting to and from the school or college. If you don't want to have to rely on a 'school run', parents, taxi or a lift the choice is a **Metrobus**.



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If you want to be flexible at **Imberhorne Upper School**, it's a 25 minute walk to and from the railway station Brooklands Way bus stop.

The **Crawley direction 07:38** bus from Sharpthorne Station Road serves **St Wilfred's Catholic School in Crawley**. Another way of getting to **Imberhorne** school is by taking this Crawley direction bus and **changing at Turners Hill** where a Metrobus school service serves both **Imberhorne Upper and Lower Schools**. There is an after school bus back home departing just after **15:00** for all three schools.

If you are thinking of **Central Sussex College in Haywards Heath**, which is I understand due to reopen in September you can get there in the morning by taking the **07:38 Crawley** departure and **changing at Turners Hill** to catch the **272 service for Haywards Heath departing at 08:04** to **Perrymount Rd** bus stop with a 10 minute walk to the College. The **service 84** departure at **08.52** also connects with a **272** for a later start.

Coming back is more of a problem but you could take the **270 Service to Horsted Keynes** and persuade a parent to pick you up. Our daughters Candi and Zoe used this method for over a year until they learnt to drive! In those days the 82 service (now replaced by Service 272) didn't co-ordinate with the 84.

A **student fare** is available based on a **25% discount** on the adult 'Metrovoyager' Key Fare which works out at **£211 for 13 weeks**. There is also the facility to **hail the bus** between **Turners Hill and Dunnings Mill**, East Grinstead (*see map on page 21*) if you don't live close to a bus stop. **Phone Apps** such as **Bus Checker** are useful to check when the bus is likely to arrive.

Good luck with your sixth form studies and don't let the buses get you down.

Paul Brown

## 84 BUS SERVICE

In response to the article on low usage of this service I would like to make comment. In my opinion reducing the times available is a fatal blow to its operating at all.

Over the past year or so I have tried to use the bus for appointments at the Queen Victoria hospital. I am quite capable of walking from Chequer Mead car park where I usually park my car, but on occasions, I have needed someone to drive me for my appointment as I have been advised not to drive myself, but I could have managed the bus. However I am not prepared to wait in East Grinstead for up to 2 hours both before and after the appointment!

For example to keep a 2.15pm appointment at the hospital I should have to take the 12.07pm bus from Station Road arriving at East Grinstead at 12.29pm and would be unable to catch the SDO bus at 15.08pm, therefore entailing a 2hour wait to return.

I wonder if some enterprising person with financial backing and permission to use the 84 route could hire/purchase 3/4 minibuses and experiment for 3-6 months to operate an hourly service including a late evening return so that theatre goers etc. could use the bus. This would also enable people to get into work in East Grinstead without using a car and paying parking fees.

I know this may sound impossible but with the effects of climate change hitting us badly we must explore other options no matter how far fetched they may sound.

Margaret Worthington

**West Hoathly C of E School and I**  
**Circa 1951 > 1956**

A small piece of my history with West Hoathly.

West Hoathly School was my second primary school of attendance, as prior to this I had lived at Ferle near Lewis, Sussex. The Head Mistress at that time was Mrs. Dorothy Loft, whom to me was a very formidable character and very strict in approach. Having said that my own home upbringing was very Victorian orientated.

I received punishment administered by Mrs Loft, the cane, across open upturned palms no less than 13 times during my tenure as a pupil of 5 years. The caning of course always used the non-writing hand; obviously I was not a model pupil by any means! In those days one did not return home to inform ones' parents, for obvious reasons, but all in all they were happy days.

Mathematics was my weakest subject, and remains so today. Can I blame the teacher? My favourite subjects were History, Geography and English after overcoming the correct pronunciation of FATIGUE (Fatti Gue), as I had pronounced in previous reading tests carried out by Mrs Loft of course. The aforementioned subjects stayed with me all through my schooling years.

A new teacher fresh from Teachers Training College was appointed during my time there and would have great effect on my attitude towards life, remaining a very close friend till his death in February 2015. He was Mr. Robert (Bob) Alfred Sellens. I can never praise this gentleman enough.

I lived on various farms during my childhood, my father's occupation up to his death. It was Mr Sellens and his (school) Nature Walks that instilled in me the love of nature, fauna and flora combined. I lived on property belonging to Standen Farm, where my father was employed. We lived at Stone Hill, opposite the entrance to Stone Rocks, and overlooking Weir Wood Reservoir.

Church holidays were spent attending church ceremonies in the morning, then the rest of the day off. Mr Sellens was the proud owner of a green Raleigh bicycle with 3 speed Sturmy Archer hub, and he would take me home sitting on the crossbar of his bike after each church attendance, then return to Highbrook where he lived.

I did not pass the 11+ and so left West Hoathly C of E for Sackville Secondary school in East Grinstead.

Contact was never lost between myself, Mr Sellens and his lovely wife Gladys even though I left the UK for Israel where I lived for 36

years. Back in the days of airmail letters (10 days each way) both would write to me; Gladys with a penchant for very funny jokes and Mr Sellens about local news and happenings. Mr Sellens visited my family and I on the kibbutz in Israel twice, whilst enjoying two trips to the Holy Land.

I returned to the UK in 2002 and renewed meeting Mr. Sellens for lunch every two or three months. It was always a pleasure to be with this gentleman. You may have noticed my continuous use of addressing Mr. Sellens in a formal way. For years he had asked me to drop the Mister and call him Bob, but it was too ingrained in me to address him as anything but Mr. Sellens.

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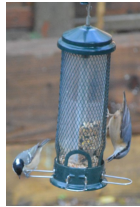
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## RSPB Great Birdwatch Weekend 2020

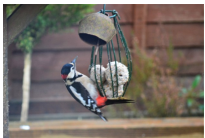
The weekend of 24/25 January found me sitting in the "office" gazing out of the window making a list of all the birds which visited my garden for an hour. With a cup of tea in one hand and a pen in the other, I set about ticking off (on a list I had prepared earlier!), all the feathered friends taking advantage of the goodies I had put out on the bird table and patio.

I wasn't disappointed! This was my fifth year participating in the Great Bird Watch for the RSPB and even though I watch "my birds" everyday, there were still a few surprises on the day. In no particular order, I clocked:-

Long-tailed tits, blue tits, coal tits, blackbirds, collared doves, wood pigeons, chaffinch, dun-nock, nuthatch and robin.



In my view there is no greater pleasure, on a daily basis, than looking out of the window and seeing the birds enjoying a seed or fat ball feast. Sadly the spotted woodpecker and pheasants didn't turn up in the allotted time but still remain almost daily visitors.



The birds are always in competition with pesky squirrels but I have ensured one squirrel-free feeder. It is quite amusing watching squirrels hang upside down by their back feet from a branch or the bird table trying to get a free feed or even face-off a pheasant!

Anyway, the RSPB publish the results of the UK-wide submissions to find out the most frequently sighted birds and those that might be in danger. This year half a million people took part and counted 7,669,138 birds. The most widely spotted was the **House Sparrow**. The top ten were:

1. House sparrow; 2. Starling; 3. Blue tit;
4. Wood pigeon; 5. Blackbird; 6. Goldfinch;
7. Great tit; 8. Robin; 9. Long-tailed tit;
10. Magpie

Another part of the Great Bird Watch is to encourage participants to report on other wildlife seen in the garden over the past year. This year, surprisingly (and in a good way!), 67% had spotted a hedgehog over the year. In fact we were blessed with a visit from two in the garden back in July 2019.

So, it's probably a bit early for next years' diary but, the last week in January is when this annual event takes place (I'll make sure there's a reminder in the Christmas Chronicle). If you would like more information on the work of the RSPB and ideas on how to make your garden a haven for wildlife then visit [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk).

Pat Dunn

## WEST HOATHLY BOWLS CLUB

West Hoathly Bowls Club was due to open its doors again on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April with its Opening Drive, just to get club members used to bowling outside. However, all activities at the club are now on hold until further notice.

The green has been well looked after during the winter so, once play resumes, Covid19 permitting, we look forward to some nice, hot, sunny days with the green full of enthusiastic bowlers enjoying their sport. We look forward to welcoming new members as well so watch this space.

The club has not been quiet during the winter though, we still have our Bridge Night on Monday evenings, our Line Dancing on Thursday mornings and our short mat on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.

Our Social side has also been busy with our Quiz Nights in November and February and our recent Games Night in March, all of which were well attended, friendly social evenings with the added attraction of a very competitive bar.

Our very popular Plant & Cake Sale has been postponed but hopefully our members will continue nurturing their seedlings and cuttings, practise their cake baking so that as soon as we are able we can reschedule this event.

Don't forget that our clubhouse is available for hire at certain times, mainly during the winter and dependent on other club events taking place.

For more information please see our website [www.westhoathlybowls.org.uk](http://www.westhoathlybowls.org.uk)

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### Charity Darts Match

This year **12 teams** entered the annual Charity Darts Match and raised **£300 for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch**.



Sharpthorne Club very kindly stepped in at the last minute to host it as the usual venue was unavailable.

The winning team was **The Bluebells** and **Sharpthorne Clubs'** team were runners up.

Thank you to all who played and to those who came along to support on the night. Hope to see you at Sharpthorne Club next year.  
Thank you again, Sue Chamberlain

## April/May Garden Notes

February has followed January's weather pattern with rain, rain, rain and little prospect of a prolonged dry, cold snap to improve gardening conditions. Many bulbs are blooming early, notably narcissi and likely to be over by the end of March unless chilly weather moves in. Daphnes and Sarcococcas bloomed beautifully but were over by mid March. Mahonias and Viburnums can be pruned after flowering. Mahonias exude a bright yellow sap which can stain clothes. Daffodils/Narcissi can be fed by scattering growmore or fish, blood and bone-meal over the clumps as soon as the flowers fade and before the leaves go over. Water in if there is no rain forecast.



Windy, wet weather has brought plenty of debris down from trees with leaves and twigs all over the place and in some cases with the wet ground, blown shrubs over so they are on the lean. Stake as best as you are able. There's an old saying "Rain on Good Friday or Easter Day means a good crop of grass but a bad one of hay".

A dry April with minimal rain will be most welcome so we can make the most of lighter evenings and weekends to prune, prepare the ground for vegetables, mulch bare earth and mow the grass. Hydrangeas, Buddleias, Osmanthus, Viburnum bodnantense, Erica carnea and semi woody perennials like Penstemons, Salvias, Fuchsias, Santolinas and lavender can be pruned this month as well as early flowering Camellias where they need shaping.



In April/ May lawns can be repaired, new areas sown or turfed, moss and weeds treated; hardy annual flowers (sweet peas, larkspur, stocks) planted out, likewise vegetables like leeks, peas, broad beans, brassicas, lettuce and hanging baskets made up, but to be kept protected from frost until the beginning of May.

Resist the temptation to plant out any of the tender bedding plants and frost sensitive vegetables (e.g. Courgettes, sweet corn, French and runner beans) however mild the weather may be. Emerging shoots of potatoes are best protected by earthing up or covering with fleece until early to mid May depending upon how exposed your garden or allotment is. There are different quality fleece products on the market but it's better to go for a stronger/thicker material which costs a bit more that will withstand the wind and be reusable than flimsy cheap stuff that rips easily and ends up

in landfill. Keep up with the weeding to avoid crops like carrots becoming choked.

Trays of seedlings and newly potted plants should be kept on the dry side to avoid damping off especially when the weather is overcast. This also encourages stronger, sturdy growth. When pricking out seedlings like tomatoes, brassicas and squashes, bury all of the stem below the first (cotyledon) leaves to avoid legginess.



Remember to ventilate greenhouses well on sunny days and use fleece on early veg to speed up growth/maturity e.g lettuce, radish, carrots, rocket and mixed leaves. If you plant tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers into an unheated greenhouse in April, bubble polythene is advisable as extra insulation in the roof and walls in case of late hard frosts.

Ponds should have been cleared of winter debris, congested clumps of marginal or water plants thinned and pumps serviced if you haven't done it yet. Plums, greengages and cherry trees needing a prune are best done mid April to mid May as the sap is rising rapidly causing the wounds to heal readily.

House plants that are bursting through the bottom of their pots will appreciate being re-potted, preferably into terracotta pots that provide a better buffer against variable watering and temperature as well as giving a more secure base for top heavy plants.



As I write, more drastic measures to control Covid-19 hit our headlines which will have a huge impact on Garden Centres. You may find yourselves having to make do with what's in the shed and forego buying annual bedding plants and seeds until things improve.

Happy Easter  
Lyndsay Shurvell

Don't forget there are village allotment plots available. Contact Helen Schofield, Parish Clerk for more details (see back page)



## The Origin of the West Hoathly Local History Archive

It is important at this time to clarify the independence of the **West Hoathly Local History Archive** (hereafter called the **ARCHIVE**) from the **West Hoathly Local History Group** (hereafter called the **GROUP**).

This is because in the near future I shall be giving up responsibility for the operation of the **ARCHIVE** and the staging of the **Annual Exhibitions**. The **ARCHIVE** hardware will be stored in the village hall and hopefully others will take over from me. Also it seems there is often confusion about the existence of the **two** Local History organisations which I would like to clear up.

The **GROUP** was founded in 1983 by Sheila Allen, the wife of the Reverend Michael Allen who was the vicar of St Margaret's Church at that time. The **GROUP** met informally for several years with Kay Coutin as the driving force. One of their earliest activities was the tracing of the 1841 Tithe Map at the West Sussex Record Office by Rita des Forges and others. Another was a series of talks by Kay Coutin sponsored by the WEA on the history of the parish. They also started to collect maps, documents and photographs. The **GROUP** became a formal organisation in 2000 soon after the Millenium Exhibition in the village hall.

Independently of the **GROUP**, I started a collection of local historic material around 1995 which has expanded to include around 1377 photographs, 133 maps and 624 documents and 14 recordings of reminiscences. I set up the **ARCHIVE** as an independent entity in 2008. Although not a member of the **GROUP**, I was encouraged to include their small collection.

The aims of the **ARCHIVE** are to maintain the current collection, continue its development and increase its availability to the public. The last of these is particularly important and is currently achieved by annual exhibitions, a biennial exhibition of the photographs at the Street Fair, regular articles in the Chronicle and response to individual enquiries. Both the publication of the book "**Old West Hoathly**" in 2011 and the **ARCHIVE website** available via the **Hoathly Hub** are valuable aids to publicity.

The **GROUP** constitution states:

"The objects of the **GROUP** shall be the study of local history in all its aspects and to maintain all documents, maps and illustrations in its possession." Although a few individual members of the **GROUP** do some research and help with the **ARCHIVE** exhibitions the **GROUP** mainly restricts its activities to formal lecture meetings, visits and outings.

The **ARCHIVE** is an entirely independent organisation which has performed the above constitutional responsibilities of the **GROUP** since 2008.

Two examples of confusion between **GROUP** and **ARCHIVE** are:

Firstly the **GROUP's website** states:

"All the photographs, documents and maps of the parish, from the early 1900s, that have been collected by the **Local History Group** are in the **Local History Archive**." This is ambiguous and could imply that the **GROUP** have collected the contents of the **ARCHIVE**.

Secondly the February-March issue of the Chronicle advert for the **Annual Archive Exhibition** states "...**West Hoathly Local History Group Archive Exhibition**...." This is also ambiguous as it implies that the Exhibition is staged by the **GROUP**.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has supported the Exhibitions over the last twenty years or so. Although the **GROUP** has not formally contributed to these events **individuals** certainly have. Their help with the exhibits, logistics, teas and raffles has been essential for success of the exhibitions.

**John Ralph     March 2020**



## West Hoathly Local History Archive

### 2020 Annual Exhibition

The majority of the **Archive** content of Documents, Photographs and Maps was on display as usual. The total Archive content is now too large to be all displayed at once in the Village Hall so it is necessary to make a selection each year. Inevitably someone will ask to see something which has been excluded but I can usually find it on the digitised version of the Archive.

The special exhibit this year concerning **Broadhurst Manor and Twyford School** was suggested by **Jill Rolfe from the Danehill Parish Historical Society**. She had already collected much relevant material and had found a variety of links between the two. She offered to carry out most of the preparation and was willing to present it at West Hoathly.

Broadhurst and Twyford are rather a long way from West Hoathly. However that area was part of our Parish until the 1920s when Horsted Keynes and West Hoathly Parishes did a deal to rationalise some anomalies.

The number of visitors this year was probably one of the highest to date. This was largely due to the interest from the Horsted Keynes, Chelwood Gate and Danehill areas.

A display about the **Esdaile family by Tony Hunt** proved popular. Tony also showed the results of his study of the construction of the **Sharpthorne railway tunnel**. **Goo Comber** produced a surprise collection of cuttings and other items which had been donated by the late **Maurice Turner** a long standing supporter of the Archive. She also brought along her regular exhibit of the **1990 Parish Portrait**. **Pat Stone** showed his folder concerning the history of his family and their life on **Selsfield Common** together with his collection of historical artefacts. **Antony Smith** presented a preview of a new exhibit about the village in **WW2** which he will show in the **Priest House** this year.



Over the past twenty years or so many people have helped with the **Annual Archive Exhibitions** in various ways. I won't attempt to name them all but I want to offer my sincere appreciation of their efforts.

It is intended that the **Parish Council** will take responsibility in the near future for the Archive and subsequent Exhibitions. They will need individuals to operate the Archive as I reduce my involvement. Although willing to assist I shall not be organising further Exhibitions.

**John Ralph**

## West Hoathly Local History Archive Notes on Maps and Mapmakers by Kay Coutin

Maps of a kind have been found on clay tablets from Assyria and ancient Egypt which were used for land surveying after the Nile floods. The Greeks used maps for war and trade. The idea of the Earth as a sphere was put forward by Pythagoras but it was usually depicted as a disc on paper. In 240 BC astronomer Eratosthenes calculated the circumference of the Earth to within 50 metres of the correct figure.



Claudius Ptolemy an astronomer from Alexandria was working in 150 AD and is the most famous of the early mapmakers. No original maps exist but in the 12<sup>th</sup> Century maps were drawn using his calculations. Much early scientific knowledge was recovered in Western Europe during the Renaissance. A copy of Ptolemy's "Geographia" was brought from Constantinople to Florence in 1400.

The methods used in Greece and Alexandria were adapted in medieval Europe when scientific theories were explained in accordance with Christian teaching. For example, the Tripartite form of world maps put Asia in the top half of a circle with Europe and Africa in the quarters below. A world of four continents was regarded by some as a heresy. The notion generally accepted was of a flat disc surrounded by water. Medieval maps were largely symbolic and were not considered as practical guides for travellers.

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### Notes on Maps and Mapmakers cont../

Matthew Paris was a Benedictine monk and made a map of Britain in about 1250 AD. The route to Dover from Doncaster was emphasised to help pilgrims and clerics en route to Rome. Important abbeys are shown, the sea is green and towns have red lines around them. The sheet of vellum used was too short so Paris added a note in Latin saying "If the page had allowed, the whole island would have been longer".

The "Mappa Mundi" is a fine and rare example of a large medieval map which was probably based on a Roman original. The original was drawn around 1300 on bullock hide 65" x 54" and is now a dark brown. It was left to Hereford Cathedral by Richard of Haldingham where it is displayed. It shows Christ on the Cross, Jerusalem, the Tower of Babel, cities, Paradise and the Labyrinth in a border of weird people and beasts and the British Isles in the left hand corner.

In 1360 the "Gough" map was made by an unknown cartographer. The original is 3ft.1/2in. x 1ft.7in and is kept in the Bodleian Library. East is at the top and it shows "Grenested" and "Lewis".

Sea charts called "portolans" survive from the 1300s but these may be copies of earlier ones. In England they were referred to as "rutters of the sea".

The magnetic compass came into use around 1100 AD and the earliest example of a globe dates from 1492 although one appears in a sculpture of Atlas supporting the world in the 2nd Century.



Parts of Asia, China and Africa appear for the first time in maps made in Spain and Venice by 1400. Around this time the Age of Exploration and the advent of printing produced a great surge in map-making. Henry VIII had surveys made of English defences, and the land distribution which followed the Dissolution of the monasteries called for many new maps.

Christopher Saxton was given a warrant by the Privy Council to survey the counties of England and Wales. Between 1570 and 1579 he surveyed and published a map of every county. The Master of the Queen's Requests ordered that he was to be "conducted unto anie towre, castle, high place or hill to view the countrie ..... accompanied with two or three honest men such as best know the countrie for the better accomplishment of that service". In Wales he was to be accompanied by "a horseman that can speke both Welsh and Englishe to safe conduct him to the next market towne".

John Norden was another prolific cartographer who planned to improve on Saxton's work but lacked the essential financial backing. Between 1600 and 1650 John Speed published a great number of maps based on Norden's work which ran into many editions. He admitted his debt to earlier mapmakers when he said "I have got my sickle into other men's corn". His "Theater of Great Britain" published in 1611 contains details and miniature illustrations of historical interest.

John Ogilby, 1600-1676, published a series of road maps in 1675 after losing all his money in the Great Fire of London.

Improvements in road and postal services created a demand for travellers' guides. Milestones and turnpikes made it necessary to establish a statute mile although the undefined "old English mile" or "long mile" continued in popular parlance.

Robert Morden was map-making at the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> Century and the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. His map of Sussex shows the Norman administrative areas called Rapes and also some roads.

The 1900s were a great era for estate maps showing many details which are a useful source for local historians. The Government organised Ordnance Survey began in 1791 during the Napoleonic wars. Handmade maps became rare as printing and commercial enterprise took over.

The Tithe Maps dating from 1836 were drawn up as part of the Act of Parliament to allow commutation of tithes. These give a detailed picture of the country at the time. The accompanying Apportionment which contain a record of owners, tenants, acreage and land use are a valuable source of information.

The West Hoathly Local History Archive contains maps by many publishers. In particular "Two Hundred Years of Map-Making in the County of Sussex" 1575 to 1825 by Harry Margary contains twenty eight maps including several by publishers mentioned here.

John Ralph

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**Around the Coastline in 80 Months – Part 3 by Rachel Whitlam**

After what felt like weeks of endless rain, we once again drove down to the Manhood peninsula (yes that is really what it was once called!) to start our walk from the same place I had almost lost the car the previous week. To be on the safe side, this time I took photos of the car and its surroundings! This time my companions included my friend and Sharpthorne resident, Ruth.

Heading off through a very large caravan park owned by Bunn Leisure, we passed an old windmill, which had been hemmed in on all sides by a crazy golf attraction. We were quickly forced inland around Medmerry Nature Reserve with its wild birds and ducks that glided effortlessly amongst the wild grasses, gorse and bracken. With Egrets and skylarks soaring above our heads, this natural world seemed a million miles away from the nearby holiday camps.

At one point we thought we had stumbled across Patrick Moore's old house when we spotted a cottage with a small observatory in the garden. It turns out it wasn't, but it's not surprising when thinking about the dark skies around Selsey Bill.



Just a short hop across the channel, the bump of land that is the Isle of Wight was clear in the distance. We emerged out of the fields through another smaller desolated caravan park just in time for a torrential down pour. We took shelter in between the caravans before continuing into Bracklesham and the comforts of "Billy's on the Beach". There we enjoyed a late afternoon fish and chip meal and a glass of wine with an exhausted and very muddy dog asleep at our feet.

The next walk took in the section from Bracklesham Bay to Itchenor Harbour, which is approximately 6.5 miles. We had the best weather and views so far! Despite the early start and sea mist, the surfers were out on West Wittering Beach in their droves. The car park was busy with cars and dog walkers who were making the most of the beautiful Winter day. Avoiding the throng of people who had walked up to East Head, we cut down a track much less trodden. Trees lined the shores edge, their twisted shapes reflected on the glass like water. The stillness of the shoreline disturbed only by the movement of the Brent Geese.

Our walk finished at The Quarterdeck café at Itchenor Harbour, where, once again, dogs were welcomed. The light was closing in fast and we needed to find our way back to the car. There was a bus stop on the main Road, but this was at least 2-3 miles back down the unlit lanes. The roads had no pavement, so we attempted to ring a taxi. Several calls later, it became clear that no taxis were coming, so we swiftly set off on foot. We immediately took a wrong turn and ended up in the boat yard of Itchenor Yacht Club, where we ran in to a man tinkering with boat bits. Always one for a second opinion, I queried the route to the bus stop. He confidently informed us that we would be better off walking the direct route back to Bracklesham Bay, estimating it to be 3 miles.

With this information, we marched off into the twilight. I could feel Daisy Dog was flagging, the lead pulling as I picked up my step. With very little power left on my phone, now was not the time to be clever and take an untested cross country cut-through, so we stuck to the road as per the Boat Yard man's instruction. With just moonlight to guide us, we saw a branch in the road ahead. At this moment, a car approached from behind and overtook us on the otherwise deserted road. The BMW pulled up a short way in front of us. The man from the Boat Yard emerged from the driver's seat and said.

"I've just been looking on my map and I may have underestimated the distance to Bracklesham. I can drive you."

Without a word between us, we rushed to the car and jumped in. Beyond tired, even Daisy Dog put up no protest at leaping into a stranger's car. As we drove through the country lanes, we chatted freely with our Knight in Shining Armour (or more accurately a top of the range BMW with leather interiors).

The thought went through my mind of what we would have said to our teenage daughters if they had just done the same thing. The double standards didn't escape me, but I accepted that this was the true spirit of the Camino or 'The Way'. Acceptance and trust of an offer that had come out of the blue to further our journey.

## The Right Way to Eat Meat and Drink Milk

*Shop Manager at Old Plaw Hatch Farm, Jenny Thornhill, explains the stark differences between small-scale, mixed Biodynamic farming and large-scale, industrial monocultures and gives her opinion on the cultural climate towards eating meat and drinking milk. Does the way we farm hold the answers to many of the problems we face with the environment today?*

After the busy hectic Christmas period is over there follows a quiet period where there is time to reflect on the issues coming towards us. Farming is in the news a lot at the moment and not in a very positive way, much of it in relation to the climate. Sadly, there appears to be no recognition that there are very different approaches to farming. There is little or no distinction between large industrial farming units and small mixed farms and the impacts they both have on the environment. It is as if all farming is bad and responsible for the climate crisis, but without farms we would have no food.

Most large monoculture industrial farms are producing a 'commodity' that is sold into the commodities market. The farmer has no connection to the end consumer and isn't involved in where it will end up and who it will feed; humans, animals, or fuel for cars. All that is of interest is yield, and yield at any cost; this is the goal and this is how their income is determined. To continually improve on yields the crops and soil depend more and more on 'inputs' - fertilisers, pesticides and fungicides. There is no doubt that modern, industrialised farming is very efficient *if* you are purely looking at yield and ignore its consequences.

Small, mixed farms like Plaw Hatch and many others in the UK and across the world, operate in a very different way. Mixed farms mean growing a variety of crops and raising several species of livestock. This has benefits for the soil and those working the land and with these ever-changing weather patterns, if one crop suffers because of the weather it is likely that another will benefit from it (for example, in 2018 we had a brilliantly hot and dry summer, and whereas our leafy field crops were less productive, we had an absolute glut of tomatoes and cucumbers.) Our eggs are really not all in one basket. This approach makes us far more resilient; it more closely matches what happens in nature. We have to work with nature; not try to control it.

The present bad press about farms, farming practices and the climate should be good for farms like ours if only it were made clear that not all farms work in the same way, but we feel like a target too. There are many like us that want to produce food (not commodities) in a responsible way. We want to engage with our customers. I would love to see the press encourage the public to support the farms that practice high animal welfare and care of the soil, and therefore help these farms flourish and grow. Such support would encourage more farmers to farm this way.

When I was growing up, we always had two Jersey cows; Gem and Sapphire were our first. We drank raw creamy milk everyday (we didn't call it raw; it was just milk) and we made our own butter and yoghurt and from these Jersey cows; we raised a couple of beef animals each year.

We also kept a few pigs who would drink the excess milk and when the time came the pigs and beef animals would go off to our local small abattoir, just 10 minutes away. My mother had a very good relationship with the people at the abattoir and she was very particular about the animals arriving stress free and not hanging around unnecessarily. The carcasses would be returned to us and a local butcher would come to our home and butcher the carcasses into the various joints for our freezer. Although we had all known these animals intimately, we all saw this as a part of the circle of life and knew we were eating meat that had had a good life, and ultimately a good death.



I don't think I appreciated at the time how lucky I was, and it was when I moved away and was faced with purchasing 'anonymous' meat that I became vegetarian. Anonymous because I had no idea where or, more importantly, how it had been reared. There was simply no connection. Years later when I moved to live here in Forest Row and encountered both Plaw Hatch and Tablehurst Farms, I then began to eat and enjoy meat again.

### The Right Way to Eat Meat and Drink Milk.....

I listen to many radio programmes about food and farming. When the topic of livestock comes up, and particularly in relation to pigs, they discuss the different methods of raising pork. There is often the comment that for as long as the consumer demands cheap pork then we must produce cheap pork, meaning pigs raised indoors in cramped conditions, on slats, in farrowing pens, away from their natural habitat and unable to exhibit natural behaviour like digging and rooting. I completely disagree. We have no right to demand or expect cheap meat. To demand or expect animals to be kept in such conditions.

We should only produce meat that is reared in a way that allows the animals to exhibit their natural behaviour. And if, as a result, we can only afford to eat it now and again, then that's how it should be. We do not have a right to farm them if we disregard their welfare and well-being in pursuit of cheap meat.

As a farm that produces raw milk, I am very aware that many people are thinking about whether adopting a vegan diet would be better for the environment and of course we have just had Veganuary. If you believed everything that was written in the press about the impact eating meat and consuming dairy has on the environment, then you would be right in your thinking. But the statistics used are not based on farms like Plaw Hatch and Tablehurst, they are based on large industrial scale farms (if calling them 'farms' is even the right term. Perhaps factories would be more accurate). These are models of farming that we have nothing in common with.

And are milk alternatives really a better option? These are my concerns: what will be the impact on the land of growing nuts and oats on the scale that would be needed? Very few nuts are grown on a commercial scale in this country. What wild habitat is cleared to grow these crops? What impact does that have on the wildlife there? How many miles go into the production and where does the waste go? I have read that often the waste is fed to livestock in feed lots. The list of concerns goes on. And then of course there is the packaging. How can that be better for us and the environment than the nutritionally rich unpasteurised milk from our grass fed cows, that after being chilled and bottled travels a matter of metres from the milking parlour to the shop? That is in returnable glass bottles and where you can see every aspect of its production and meet all the lovely ladies that produce the milk?

I do believe we should primarily eat what grows in the environment where we live. I believe this is better for us and the land. We need to know where our food comes from and the impact it has on the land.

What grows well on much of this island of ours is grass and what does well on grass? Livestock. Livestock eating what nature intended they should eat. If we eat meat, it should only be from livestock that have been reared in as natural conditions as possible and with great care and respect.

Jenny Thornhill

### Picture Diary

Caroline Scott has initiated a "Picture Diary" which entails putting a picture in your window so that walkers can spot them whilst out and about. Each week the pictures will change and the suggested topics are as follows:

Week commencing:	<b>March 29th</b>	<b>Animals</b>	
	<b>April 5th</b>	<b>Space</b>	
	<b>April 12th</b>	<b>Easter</b>	
	<b>April 19th</b>	<b>Flags (St George's day falls in this week)</b>	
	<b>April 26th</b>	<b>Under the Sea</b>	

Further information can be found on the **West Hoathly & Sharpthorne Facebook** page. If you send in a picture (JPEG) of your window art we will try to publish some in our next edition.

### Snowdrops at St. Margaret's

Did you notice the snowdrops this year flowering on the bank opposite the Manor House? These were kindly planted last March by Eveline Brinkworth, Ann & James Dale and others.

A friend in Chelwood Gate had a large patch growing in his garden and offered them to be transplanted in West Hoathly.

A lovely gesture to cheer the grassy bank in the winter and thank you again to the team who planted them.

## Village Walk 23 February

On a wet and windy morning, just after 10am, 13 brave people (and 1 dog, Bobbie) set out from the centre of Hartfield on the monthly village walk. On this occasion we were led by Tony Johns.



We headed northwards and then turned east along Forest Way, part of the old railway track before turning north east over the river Medway. I think it was at this point that we realised that although the rain had stopped, the going under foot was going to be very squelchy indeed!

From here we had a fairly steep climb to Top Hill Farm, (very aptly named). Despite the incline water had pooled in the peaks and troughs at the side of the field and along the footpath. Along the way, Tony had given us the option of a shorter walk or continuing on with his planned route. After a brief discussion next to a very charming converted oast house, everyone elected to go the full distance.



Having made it to the top we then had a gentle north westerly walk down the slope towards Perryhill farm and tea shop (sadly Tony didn't slow down or stop here!) and then on towards Bolebrook farm. I don't think we ever think about how many working farms there are in our area.

Continuing on, we passed a large lake and Bolebrook Castle and Granary. Built around 1480 with its interesting twin towers topped with metallic cupolas, it was the first ever brick built building. Henry VIII used the castle as a base for hunting wild boar and apparently courting Anne Boleyn (not that it turned out to be a good thing for her as we know!).



A gentle climb brought us up to a stable where two donkeys were sensibly sheltering from the weather. After a fair bit of donkey ear-scratching, the group carried on into Combe Wood which gave us a little respite from the wind; however, this was short-lived as we came out onto the top of the hillside. Still it was worth it for the stunning views across the valley to the hilltops beyond. We then headed south towards Chantlers farm and on to Bassetts Manor. This was initially a beef farm but is now an equestrian centre. The house is a grade 2 listed building with a beautiful oast house.



During the morning, conversations had ranged from six nations rugby, to holidays in Australia & New Zealand; however we managed to avoid politics! It was nice to catch up with some old friends and meet some new ones.

We were now on the homeward stretch back to Hartfield through Butchers Cross, along a short stretch of road to Chartners farm before turning onto the High Weald Landscape trail. Sadly we had passed a number of trees on our walk which had been up-rooted by the recent winds, including a large oak tree whose roots had been undermined by the swelling stream next to it.

We completed the last stretch of our 6 mile walk with the sun trying its hardest to break through the clouds and in good time to get home for the England rugby match at 2.30! So with wet muddy boots and wellies we all said goodbye and thank you to Tony until the next walk.



As you will be aware all walks are currently cancelled but we will advise when they are to re-start on the last Sunday of every month departing from Finches Field a 10am. Everyone is welcome with their dogs on a lead.

Pat Dunn

## IN MEMORIAM

### Margaret Coxall 1933-2019

Nan was a quiet and gentle soul, she was born at No 39 Hamsey Road alongside her brother David. Little did baby Margaret know, that Hamsey Road was going to be her world. The family later moved to Number 43 Hamsey Road, only a few doors down.

From the word go everyone knew Nan was an incredibly intelligent woman, she attended West "Hoathly Primary School" and then, later, East Grinstead Grammar. I think she told me once she was accepted into university but the costs of attending back then were quite high for Nan and her family so the opportunity had to be passed by. I always wondered what Nan would have been or studied. I know one thing though, she was able to solve a crossword at the drop of a hat.

My Grandad participated in an exhibition boxing match at the West Hoathly village hall for the Sussex County Boxing club. He made an impression on 14 year old Margaret who found his address and sent him a Christmas card! Grandad described to me that he had no idea who the card was from but he finally got to the bottom and invited Nan out on a cold December day. They clicked from day one. A bond was crafted between two young souls, a lifelong passion that was endless, a couple that would never be broken apart.

After Nan finished school, she started to work in the offices for Southdown buses. I know Nan would have given it her best. Hard-working and great with people, I'm sure she was a shining light in the office. Not long after, Nan and Grandad got married on the 25th of February 1956. Like the day they first met, it was cold and snow was at their feet, but that didn't stop them, their passion and love for each other kept everyone warm that day and everyone who knew them from that day on.

Initially, Nan and grandad moved in with Charlie and Eva (Nan's Parents), but in 1963 they moved to 31 Hamsey Road, where they lived happily for 56 years. This house was, and is, the village hall of Hamsey Road. The door was always open from day one; family and neighbours all knew you didn't need to ring the doorbell, you walked in and Nan would have a cup of tea on the table before you'd even taken your shoes off.

A few years down the line Nan and Grandad had two important boys enter their lives. First Gary in 1960 and not long after my Dad, Tim, in 1962. These two boys were Nan's life force. I hear stories from both Gary and Dad about all the things she'd do for them, the love and care she'd deliver. Stories of knitted beach ponchos and cleverly crafted toys. Warm words of encouragement, the ability to explore and be adventurous while carefully educating them on the various pathways of life.

Once Gary and Tim were ready to be independent *and* had school to concentrate on, Nan re-entered the workforce. She started working at West Hoathly school in the canteen as a dinner lady. She worked there from 1968 to 1988. It makes me laugh because, I can't keep myself in the same country for a year, Nan worked at the same school for 20! All I know is Nan had a jolly good time, she'd mentioned her relationship with the other dinner ladies and that she loved them dearly. They had many a laugh, taking weekend trips together to go play bingo on the coast or see a fantastical show! This taught me a lot about Nan, that she didn't need much to be fulfilled and happy. Just to be surrounded by love, friends and family.

Soon after her departure from the school, two new little humans came into her life. Myself Henry, and my sister Alice. We were Nan's life, she was captivated by us. Guidance, love, affection, bloody good cups of tea and real good scones are things that come to mind when I think of my relationship with Nan. She was so engaged in looking after us and helping my parents ensure Alice and I were brought up to be good kids. A lot of the traits I carry today were moulded by Nan.

Although Alice is currently in New Zealand, she writes what I think shines a light on who Nan was for us.

"Nan, You have always been such a kind and caring person, you would always have a happy smile on your face and ensured the same for mine and Henry's; you always made sure to be wearing as many vibrant colours as you could.

I will always treasure the time we spent making plain and cheese scones to surprise Dad when he would come over for lunch after a long day of work. I'll remember the memories of building puzzles whilst I was staying and later living with you. I will think of you with a smile whenever I see someone drinking tea and eating biscuits. Every time I have fish and chips I will travel back in time to those Friday nights after school when you, Grandad and Gary would join us for a meal.

I'll never forget the smell that always lingered after you had got your hair done in the kitchen, I think there must still be hairspray floating around in the cupboards. I'll still make sure that I will always be on the lookout for a shiny new thimble to add to your collection".

Nan meant the world to us, she was a centrepiece in our family. A wonderful wife, a beautiful mother and caring grandmother. We will miss her but will continue to work hard in life to spread and mirror her loving, caring ways

Thank you, we love you Nan and will continue to make you proud.  
Henry & Alice

# The Back Page Directory

## Clubs and Organisations in the Villages

Allotments .....	Helen Schofield.....	811301
Beavers .....	Lynn Willard.....	07971 949838
	email: Linda.willard@egscouts.org.uk	
Bellringers .....	Rachel Edwards .....	810210
Book Club.....	Rita des Forges.....	810224
Bowls Club .....	Glyn Lyford .....	810539
British Legion.....	Laurie Gausden .....	810751
Brownies.....	Catherine Goodridge.....	810937
	Deidre Smith .....	811258
Cercle Français .....	Bob Darvill .....	810443
Costcutter.....	Carol Johnson.....	810234
Cricket Club -West Hoathly.....	David Scott .....	811845
	Richard Ward.....	810394
Cubs.....	Michelle Hasan .....	810047
	email: michellehasan@sky.com	
Family Support Work (FSW).....	Ingrid Sethi .....	810085
Football Club .....	Kirk Howick .....	410282
Friends of the Priest House.....	Tricia Hughes .....	810158
Friends of WH Churchyard.....	Paul Brown .....	811866
Good Companions .....	Helen Scott.....	811845 or 07887 928442
Gravetye Manor.....	Andrew Thomason.....	810567
Holiday Club .....	Cat Bellamy .....	07809 211212
Karate Group .....	Dorian Fretwell .....	811044
Local History Group.....	Tony Hunt .....	810534
Local History Archives.....	John Ralph .....	810458
Parish Council Clerk.....	Helen Schofield.....	811301
Parish Council Chairman.....	Anne Halligey .....	811269
Pericles .....	Paulamaria Blaxland-de-Lange .....	810133
Pre-school (Village Hall).....	Sophie Abbott .....	07854 128616
Priest House Curator.....	Anthony Smith .....	810479
Pubs - The Cat Inn.....	Andrew Russell.....	810369
	The Fox .....	Tim & Claire .....
		810644
School.....	Tina Allen .....	810302
1st WH Scout Group Leader.....	Frank Willard .....	07778 260586
	Email: frank.willard@egscouts.org.uk	
	Jamie Reed.....	07906 334630
	Email: Jamie_reed@btinternet.com	
Soundshack.....	Rachel Whitlam .....	07508 723328
Table Tennis Club.....	Colin Gibbs .....	07941 921326
Tennis Club .....	Nikki Evans.....	811738
Tai Chi.....	Patricia Smith.....	01444 457488
Tootsie Time.....	Liz Shannon .....	811400
Village Hall Bookings:-		
- West Hoathly .....	Helen Schofield.....	811301
- Sharpthorne .....	Lindsay Shurvell.....	810780
- Highbrook.....	Maureen Muddel.....	01444 892791
W.I. - Sharpthorne .....	Caroline Rogers .....	810470
- West Hoathly .....	Pat Oprey .....	811634
WH Rainbows Guides .....	Brenda Farley.....	811020
Youth Groups - Emmaus .....	Lindsay Shurvell.....	810780

Please notify any changes to Marion Jones

## The Churches and Services

### St. Margaret's, West Hoathly, and All Saints, Highbrook

[www.westhoathly.org.uk](http://www.westhoathly.org.uk)

[www.highbrook.info](http://www.highbrook.info)

**Priest In Charge:**

**Mthr. Nicol Kinrade**, The Vicarage, North Lane, West Hoathly, RH19 4QF. Tel: 01342 810183 Email: mother.nicol@gmail.com  
(Vicarage is just up the track opposite the school)

#### Church Officers at St. Margaret's

Churchwardens: Erica Ansell Tel. 01342 811215  
Treasurer: Tina Allen Tel. 01342 810302  
Child Protection: Lindsay & Derek Shurvell Tel: 01342 810780

#### Church Officers at All Saints

Churchwardens: Tony Osborn, Tel: 01444 892191  
Adam Hackett Tel: 01342 811920  
Treasurer: Simon Witheridge Tel: 01342 811604  
Child Protection: Despina Edge Tel: 01444 891307

**Main Services at both of these churches are listed on the inner back pages.**

### Roman Catholic Chapel of St. Dunstan's

[www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk](http://www.worthabbeyparish.co.uk)

Parish Priest: **Father Paul Fleetwood** Tel: 01342 710313

**Sunday Mass is normally at 11.30 am at St Dunstan's**

### Community Transport

If you would like a lift to a local hospital or doctor/dentist, please contact:-

Monday Maureen Muddel 01444 892791  
Thursday Catherine Goodridge 810937  
Any Day: Bill Merry 810771  
Christine Graystone 810603  
Michelle Jaques 810087  
Chris Jaques 810087  
Andrew Chapman 01444 892266  
Sarah Leach 07536 039726  
Wayne Morley 07825 429722

Hospital visits Bunty Dann 07801 230935/  
& Prescriptions 810556

Occasionally: Monica Moore 01444 892554  
Kathy Brown 811866

Emergency: Simon Hasan 07917 733230  
Taxi (Working Man)

**More volunteers required.**

### Police Community Support Officer

Our new PCSO is Paul Umney who covers Lindfield, Scaynes Hill, Horsted Keynes, Ardingly, West Hoathly, Sharpthorne and Highbrook. Contact 01273 404937 or email [midsussex@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:midsussex@sussex.pnn.police.uk).

### SMALL ADS

Anything to sell? Why not put it in the Small Ads column. Cost £1 per issue for 2 lines.  
Contact Sue Billings on 01342 810049.

### East Grinstead Recycling Centre Opening Hours

Summer—9 am to 6 pm  
Winter—9 am to 4 pm

**Closed Tuesday & Wednesday**

**Proof of residency in West Sussex required**

### Post Office Opening Times

Monday 7 am to 5.30 pm  
Tuesday 7 am to 5.00 pm  
Wednesday to Saturday 7.30 am to 5.30 pm  
Sunday 8.00 am to 3.00 pm

**The above times are dependent upon staff availability. The last post Monday to Friday is 4.45 pm Saturdays the last post is 9.30 am**

### Costcutters Opening Times (subject to change)

Monday—Saturday 7 am - 7 pm  
Sunday 8 am—4 pm

**SCHOOL PLAYGROUND HIRE FOR PARKING**  
(Subject to Availability)

Contact WH School on **01342 810302**