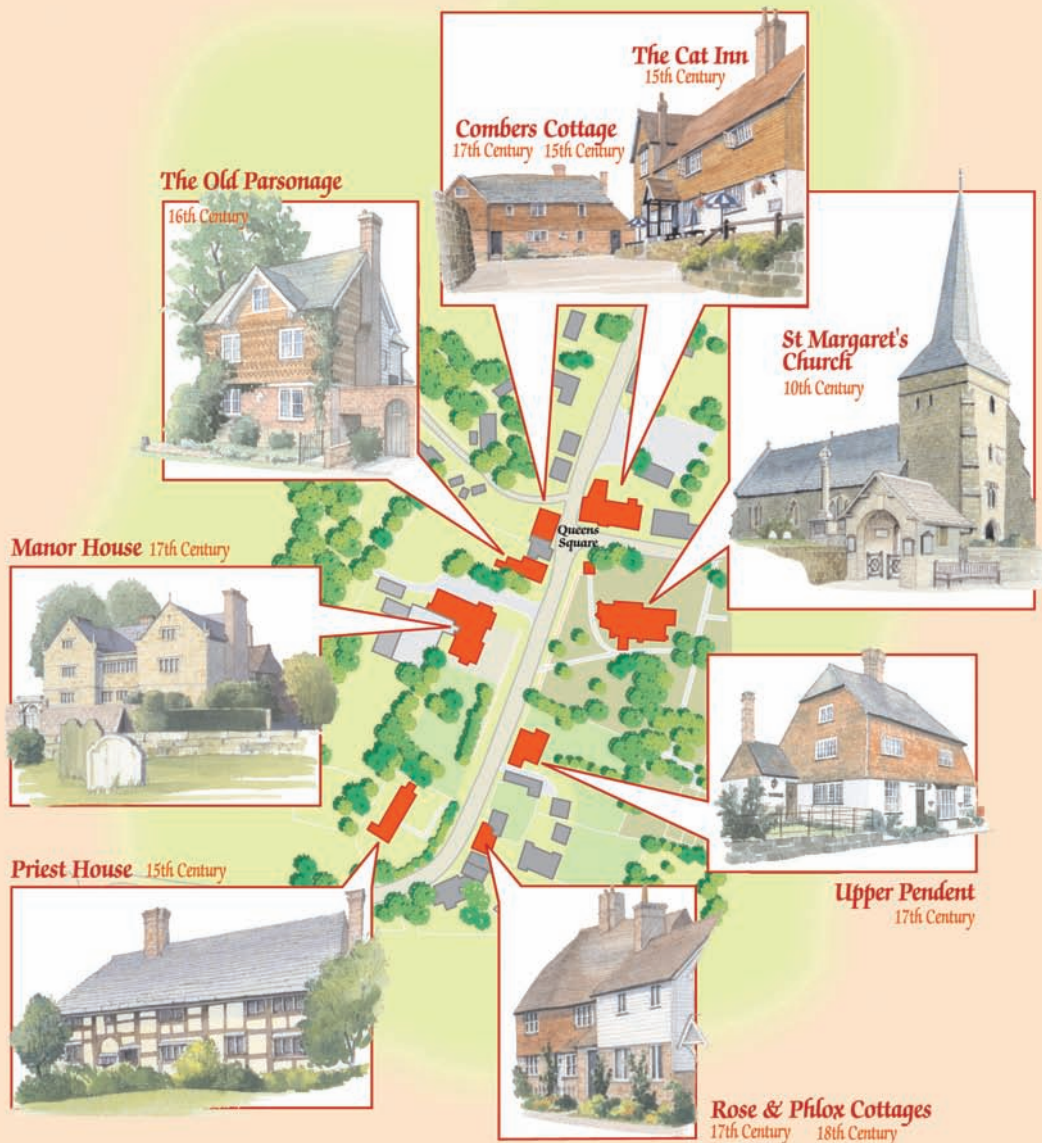


WEST HOATHLY PARISH GUIDE

Including Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne & Tyes Cross



Historic Village Centre of West Hoathly

Foreword

We have seen many advances in communications since the last edition of the Parish Guide in 2000. Much of the history of West Hoathly Parish is recorded in the West Hoathly Local History Archives, although there is always more to investigate! Internet communication including Hoathly Hub and more recently by Facebook groups enable rapid dissemination of information. However there is still much local contact information, especially valuable to welcome newcomers and visitors, which is less easy to find. This Parish Guide seeks to provide that information. For the first time a street plan of West Hoathly and Sharpthorne villages is included. The Street Index covers the whole parish. This pamphlet is much reduced in content from previous editions, because the historical context has now been captured in the publications mentioned on page 4.

Contacts

Crime and Incident Reporting

Phone 101. Local police offices opening hours: East Grinstead, Chequer Mead 10-2pm Mon -Fri; Haywards Heath Bolnore Rd 10-2p.m. and 3-6p.m. Crawley Northgate Ave Mon - Sat 9am -8pm.

Doctors and Hospitals

There is no surgery in the parish. Subject to availability, new residents can usually apply to register with any health centre within five miles of their dwelling with Crawley Down surgery, East Grinstead Ship Street surgery or with Ashdown Forest surgery in Forest Row. A Minor Injuries Unit (not 24 hours) is available at Queen Victoria Hospital, Holtye Rd East Grinstead. The nearest 24 hour A&E is at Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath. Specialist in patient services may be provided at the East Surrey Hospital at Redhill; the Royal Sussex Hospital at Brighton; or the Kent and East Sussex Hospital at Pembury near Tunbridge Wells.

Defibrillators

These are located on outside walls at the main entrance to West Hoathly School, Sharpthorne Organic Cafe, West Hoathly Bowls Club and Highbrook Village Hall. The first three are kept in weatherproof cases fixed to an outside wall whereas the Highbrook unit is in the porch. Phone 999 and ask for an ambulance. The weatherproof case door will open to release the defibrillator without a release code. Don't open the defibrillator until it is next to the casualty when it will talk you through the first aid process.

Communications

"Hoathly Hub" and "The West Hoathly and Sharpthorne Community Facebook" provide on-line forums for news, events and information. A directory of Parish Council documents including minutes and forthcoming agendas is also accessible via Hoathly Hub. West Hoathly Chronicle is published, printed and distributed six times annually by volunteers to over 600 households.

Public Utilities

The local electricity network of underground cables, overhead wires and transformer substations is operated by United Utilities. Water is supplied by South East Water to whom leaks should be reported. Waste water is collected by Southern Water.

Buses

Metrobus service No. 84 no longer serves West Hoathly, Queens Square. Bus Stops are at Station Road, Sharpthorne; The Fox and Broadfield (Chapel Row), for West Hoathly. The expected real time of arrival of the bus can be verified by using a mobile phone to send sms code wsxapadg for the Crawley direction of travel and wsxtwtwg for East Grinstead direction to 84268. If you have an iphone you can download an App such as Next Bus or Bus Checker to receive the same information.

Local Government

West Hoathly Parish Council is non-political. It is managed by Parish Clerk Helen Schofield from the Parish Office in the Village Hall. The Parish Council comprises 11 councillors who are elected to serve for four years. If vacancies occur members usually co-opt a new councillor to fill a vacancy. Parish Councils are consulted on many issues but have limited statutory duties. Local Councils have powers under the 1974 Local Government Act to raise a local tax to serve the parish as the Members determine. The Parish Council meet every month except August. An Annual Parish meeting is held in March or April each year when a report on the activities is presented to the community.

Mid Sussex District Council is the second tier local authority. Two political councillors are elected to serve for four years to represent High Weald Ward, comprising West Hoathly, Horsted Keynes and Lindfield Rural (including Scaynes Hill) Parishes. Its main responsibilities are planning and

building control as well as collecting household waste, elections and collecting local government taxes.

West Sussex County Council is the principal local authority responsible for education, social matters, roads, rights of way, minerals and waste disposal. One County Councillor is elected every four years to serve and represent both Lindfield and the High Weald Parishes.

The Historic Parish

West Hoathly Past and Present - Parish Guide and Footpath Map was first produced in 1958. It included a parish footpath map and historical summary by Ursula Ridley. A map is now unnecessary as a 5": mile map of the parishes of Ardingly, Horsted Keynes and West Hoathly is now available and public rights of way are mapped on-line by the West Sussex County Council *iMap*. Much of this historical context has been elaborated upon in publications by Kay Coutin and members of West Hoathly History Group. *Out and about in West Hoathly, West Sussex from Early Days to Modern Times, 2005*; and *The History of the Iron Industry in West Hoathly, 2008*; (Both are out of print but are sometimes available from online bookdealers such as Abe Books) *In & Out in West Hoathly, West Sussex; The story of the Cat Inn & Queens Square & the People who lived there, 2012*, is available from the Local History Group secretary.

As the owner of Stonelands, between 1895 and his death in 1948 John Godwin King CBE contributed enormously to this community, and to East Sussex County Council as a County Councillor and J.P. He saved the Priest House from dereliction and endowed it as a museum. He restored The Manor House as a residence for his daughter, Ursula Ridley.

The Priest House, now the only one of its kind open to the public, is an early 15th-century half-timbered hall house once owned by Lewes Priory. The interior houses a fascinating museum of Sussex Folklore, with a traditional cottage garden surrounding the house. *The Story of a Forest Village - West Hoathly* is an enthralling work of historical fiction by Ursula Ridley. A few copies of the Second Edition are still available from The Priest House Museum.

The Sussex Archaeological Society open The Priest House from March to October on Tuesdays - Saturdays from 10.30am to 5.30pm and on Sundays and Monday Bank Holidays from noon to 5:30pm. www.sussexpast.co.uk

West Hoathly History Group meets each month from September to April in Sharpthorne Church Hall. A remarkable collection of archives has been

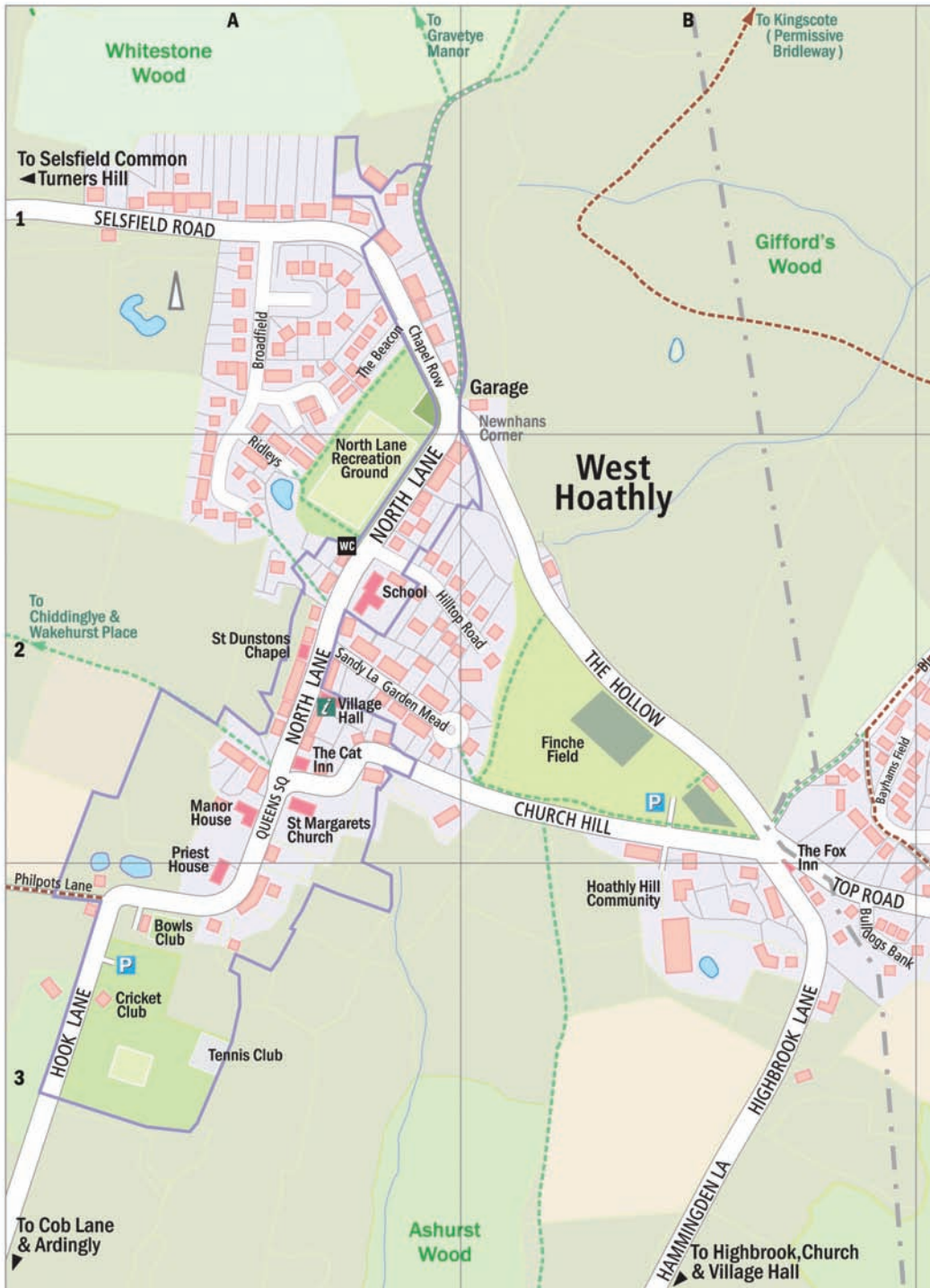
assembled and an annual exhibitions in held in West Hoathly Village Hall when hundreds of photographs line the walls. Some of these are captured with historical context in *Old West Hoathly* ISBN 978-0-9571205-0-1. This book is currently available from the author and local history archivist John Ralph.

The 5": mile OS map published by the Parish Map Company is available from the Costcutter shop, Top Road, Sharpthorne. Topical reports from Clubs and Organisations, local events and times of worship can be found in the West Hoathly Chronicle, produced six times annually. The Chronicle is available from the Organic Cafe in Sharpthorne and in St Margarets Church.

St Margarets church is opened daily. The upper churchyard has step-free access to a viewing point with spectacular views towards the Lewes Gap in the South Downs. Terraces connect the upper and lower churchyard. *The Friends of West Hoathly Churchyard Trust* is a registered charity that supports the work of maintenance, repair and improving this unusual churchyard. *Friends of The Priest House* raise funds to support this historic house.

Clubs and Organisations

Allotments	Helen Schofield	811301
Beavers	Linda Willard	01892 663369
Bellringers	Rachel Edwards	810210
Book Club	Rita des Forges	810224
Bowls Club	Glyn Lyford	810539
British Legion	Laurie Gausden	810751
Brownies	Catherine Goodridge	810937
Cercle Francais	Bob Darvill	810443
Chapel (St Dunston RC) Father	Paul Fleetwood	710313
Churches (Anglican) Mother	Nicol Kinrade	810183
Cricket Club - West Hoathly	David Scott	811845
Cubs	Michelle Hasan	07756 619155
Family Support Work	Ingrid Sethi	810085
Football Club	Kirk Howick	07834 910110
Friends of The Priest House	Tricia Hughes	810158
Friends of WH Churchyard	Paul Brown	811866
Good Companions	Helen Scott	811845
Group Scout Leader	Frank Willard	01892 663369
Hall Bookings - Highbrook	Maureen Muddel	01444 892791
Hall Bookings - Sharpthorne	Lindsay Shurvell	810780
Hall Bookings - West Hoathly	Helen Schofield	811301
John Smith Fund *	Helen Scott	811845
Karate Group	Dorian Fretwell	811044





Local History Archives	John Ralph	810458
Local History Group	Tony Hunt	810534
Open Gardens and Arts Festival	Catherine Greenwood	07446 268437
Parish Clerk	Helen Schofield	811301
Parish Walks	Ken Allfree	810166
Pericles	Paulamaria Blaxlande-de-Lange	810133
Pilates (Highbrook)	Caroline Berry	07801 599578
Pilates (WH)	Sarah Young	810662
Pre-school (WH Village Hall)	Sophie Abbott	07854 128616
Priest House Museum	Anthony Smith	810479
Rainbows	Brenda Farley	811020
School	Tina Allen	810302
Scouts	Simon Hasan	07919 621650
Sculpture	Maria Albiez	811386
Table Tennis	Colin Gibbs	07941 921326
Tai Chi	Patricia Smith	01444 457488
Tennis Club	Nikki Evans	811738
Tootsie Time	Liz Shannon	811400
W.I. - Sharpthorne	Caroline Rogers	810470
W.I. - West Hoathly	Ros Williams	810944
West Hoathly Chronicle	Rosemary Watson	810800
Youth Group - Emmaus	Lindsay Shurvell	810780

* **The John Smith Fund** exists to show a hand of friendship when times are hard. This can come as a £40 voucher for the village shop, a sack of coal or a contribution paid directly to an energy supplier. Please contact Helen Scott if you would like to apply or if you know of anyone living in our villages who would welcome a grant.

Inevitably the good people who provide the links to Clubs and Organisations change with the passage of time. The large list of clubs and organisations reflects the vitality of the community and all of them welcome the participation of residents in order to flourish. We will endeavour to keep the Clubs and Organisations list up to date on the Parish Council website. If there are any changes, please inform our Parish Clerk. clerk@westhoathly.gov.uk

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The street plan index includes all road names in the parish of West Hoathly, including the hamlets of Highbrook, Selsfield and Tyes Cross. The centrefold plan only shows road names in West Hoathly and Sharpthorne villages.

Street Plan Index

Ardingly Road	SC	Home Platt	C2
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Bayhams Field	B2	Horsted Lane	D3
Bluebell Lane	C2	Image Cross	C3
Broadfield	A1	Marlpit Road	C2
Bulldogs Bank	B3	North Lane	A2
Chapel Row	A1	Philpots Lane	A3
Chilling Street	TC	Plawhatch Lane	TC
Church Hill	B2	Queens Square	A2
Cob Lane	A3	Ridleys	A2
Cookhams	D3	Sandy Lane	A2
Forest Ridge	C3	Selsfield Common (SC)	A1
Garden Mead	A2	Selsfield Road	A1
Grinstead Lane	TC	Sharpthorne Road	D3
Hammingden Lane	HB	Station Road	C2
Hamsey Road	C2	Station Approach	HB
Highbrook (HB)	B3	The Beacon	A1
Highbrook Lane	B3	The Hollow	B2
Highcroft Road	C3	Top Road	B3-C3
Hill Top Road	A2	Tyes Cross (TC)	D3
Hoathly Hill	B3	Vowels Lane	SC

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