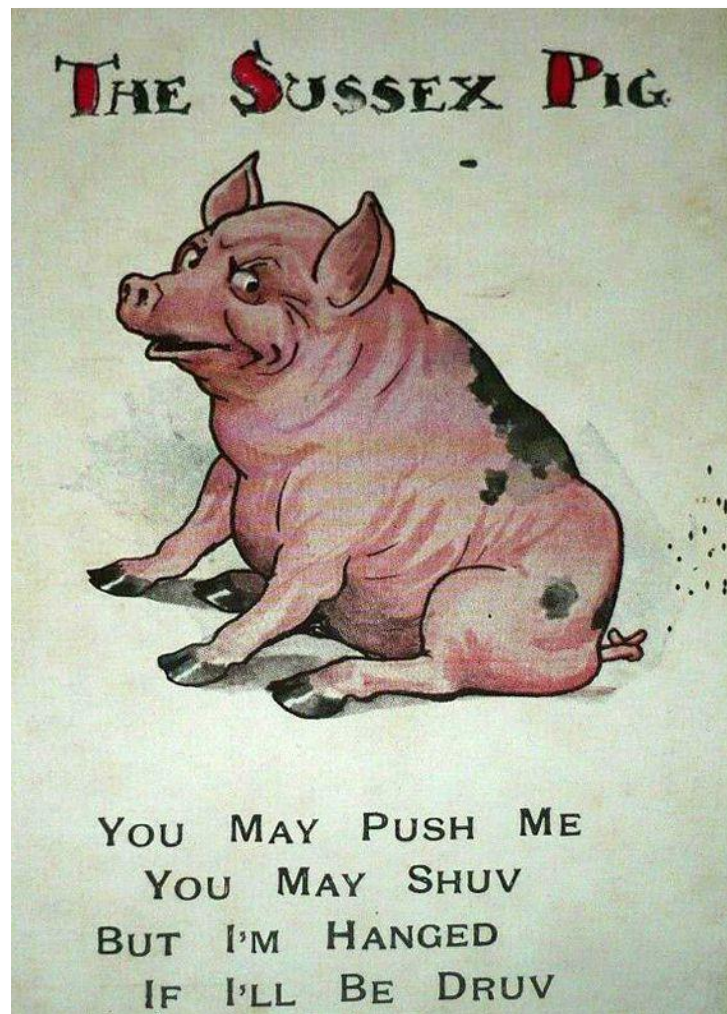


# EAST HOATHLY & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY



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Additionally, we thank all our members, as well as many others who come forward and assist with different aspects when needed

***The Society aims to promote the preservation of the amenities of the village and its surrounding area, its heritage, historic buildings and footpaths. The Society hosts expert speakers, outings, monthly guided walks and issues seasonal newsletters.***

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**THE CHAIRMAN'S VISION - David Burrough**

A heartfelt thank you from your chairman.

I would love to thank all of you who have entrusted me with the chair of the EH&D Preservation Society.

I can only undertake such a role with the amazing support I know I'm going to receive from the committee and members of the society. Thank you Chris and Jenny Pellett, Marion Salmon, Maz Beal, Linda Butcher, Sue Redhaw and Leycester Whewell for all you have done for the society.

This year we are going to have a very varied, amusing and enlightening selection of guest speakers and we hope to have a lot of new members joining us. Please encourage your neighbours to come either as guests or to join the society and experience what has been happening in our midst for many, many years under the guidance of brilliant committees and members.

Our wish is to continue in this vein of excellence and if ever you want to share your ideas and enthusiasms please feel free to pick up a phone or email .

Thank you

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**OUT GOING ACTING CHAIR – Chris Pellett**

Thank you for your support whilst I acted as Chairman, I now leave that to a real actor!

Our last newsletter was New Year 2022.

I remain editor and so there's a bit of catching up to do. This newsletter has been hastily put together, for which I apologise, but more about what you can expect in the next edition (New Year 2024) is in my Editors Notes on the back page.

Part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations was a wish by her to create a green canopy. One million were forecast.

On Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 on behalf of the Preservation Society we were very pleased to be able to contribute by giving an English oak to be planted in Upper Vert Woods.

Overseen by the Laughton Greenwood Group our tree was ceremonially planted by Deborah Bedford JP Deputy Lieutenant to the Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex.

On September 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 Queen Elizabeth II died and her green canopy continues to grow. Now over 3,000,000 trees have been planted in her honour.

Our Oak in Vert Wood continues to thrive thanks to the nurturing by Laughton Greenwood volunteers.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December they are having a family tree planting day from 10am - 2pm with heart-warming soup provided to which we are all invited.

Let us know if you want more details.

## THE AGM'S OF 2022 & 2023

A token gesture of an AGM was made in October '22 acknowledging that we could only continue only if a chair could be found.

Our planned society AGM in '23 clashed with the Carnival Society Pop-up Pub event on the E H War Memorial playing fields on June 10th with Jonathan Bailey's Swingshift Big Band and a Mexican Taco takeaway van. A good day was had by all even if the AGM was passed by.

David stepped forward and officially took the reins at the 2023 AGM last month.

## MEMBERSHIP – Jenny Pellett

We are up to over forty five members this year with a good number of visitors on top attending our recent talks.

Getting back to normal has taken longer than expected but the meetings are again well supported.

Sadly, over recent times we have lost a few members

Lucie Thorneycroft has moved back to the Isle of Wight and will be very much missed for the cheerful and loyal support she has shown the society over many years.

We have also been saddened by the death of John Laker, Sue Burrough, Julian & Jane Oakley. Julian was a very kind and generous gentleman and the society has received a generous bequest from his estate for which we are very grateful

**FINANCE – Linda Butcher****JOB DESCRIPTION: TREASURER**

The main responsibility is to ensure that the funds of the Preservation Society are kept safe and to produce balance sheets and end-of-year accounts.

Cash is usually collected by the Membership Secretary (Jenny) and then passed to me to bank. Cash from raffle ticket sales (and occasionally coffee/tea) is also given to me (after deducting any expenses for prizes).

I would then usually pay these funds into the Society's bank account with the HSBC while also maintaining a workable amount in cash in order to pay guest speakers, have sufficient funds for floats, and other small purchases.

No problem.

In view of Covid people have been encouraged to pay subscriptions via Direct Debits and this has been very successful. However, there are still a number of people who prefer to pay cash and mainly because the two local HSBC branches have closed, quite a large amount had mounted up.

I diligently took the cash to the HSBC branch in Haywards Heath (our nearest branch) only to find they no longer accept cash!

A very helpful member of staff informed me that I need 'a card' and then can pay cash in at the Post Office.

I've completed the necessary form and await the magic card. (It is not a credit/debit card so no withdrawals are possible).

Long live the village Post Office.

Questions; Did everyone else know HSBC do not take cash?

Am I the only person who didn't know we needed 'a card' to pay in cash?

Apologies for failing to keep abreast of current changes but I have been doing my own banking online for quite a few years so was not aware of how other banks worked!

Moan over, I'm pleased to say that the society has fared well and has assets to the tune of £4102.14

## PAST TALKS – Marion Salmon

In March 2022 John Kay presented a new talk; “The Archbishop’s Deer Parks of Ringmer”

In particular I think most of us learnt how little we knew about the history of the green spaces between Halland and Malling, Lewes.

In April 2022 Janet Pennington’s long awaited talk recounted the history of the Sussex Chair as much as we know it. It made clear that a great deal of its origins is just not known and probably never will be.

The talk has stimulated much interest and research into where and how the chair design and its manufacture developed.

Hopefully evidence will one day come to light.

May saw a very enthusiastic talk given to us by Antony Smith on Land Smugglers, tub-men and the like.

In October 2022 we were pleased to welcome Peter Crowhurst from Brighton who enlightened us about the history of North Laine which was a very fast growing industrial area two centuries ago. He explained how bungaroosh was the material used to quickly build the many of the terraced houses and is now causing problems with insurance.

*(More about bungaroosh further on)*

The talk in November was given by Bruce Moore and Martin Nutter.

Bruce explained the obstacles encountered with breaking the steam car speed record which had stood for 100 years. Martin



Martin Nutter's Replica Steam Car

helped with anecdotes about his own historic and replica steam cars.



Our first talk of 2023 was in March. Dean Morrison illustrated how flooding can be reduced by mimicking the work of beavers; dropping trees across upstream water courses and creating leaky dams that naturally regulate the flow of storm water into our rivers from the hills. As well an effective flood management tool the biodiversity around them thrives and is a lifeline to many threatened insects and animals.

In April Steve and Phil from Big Nose and Beardy entertained us with their story of how the company started. Phil had lots of apples and needed help to turn them into cider. Steve volunteered and now they both work to produce unique ciders each year depending on the variety and ratio of the apples used. The information was beautifully illustrated by allowing us to taste each individual finished product.

In May, Antony Smith returned to describe how our ancestors had been obsessed by the fear of witchcraft. He explained that any old house would have various witch marks, at the door, in the chimney or any other entrance to the house. He gave many examples of what to look for.

He also spoke of the witch finders and ways of determining whether a person was guilty of being a witch.



## WELLINGTON, NAPOLEON & THE EAST HOATHLY CONNECTION - John Ford

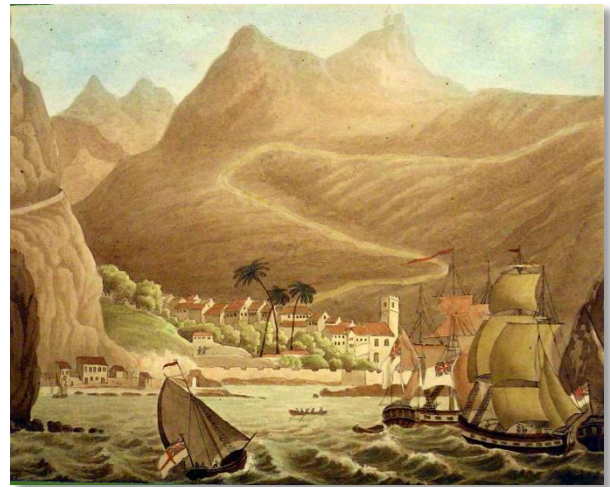
On Friday 8th September the EH&DPS held its AGM and 41 members listened to a fascinating talk by John Ford on East Hoathly's connection between the Duke of Wellington and Napoleon. Annie Murray who lives in Thomas Turner Drive has an ancestor who was Major General Alexander Beatson 1752-1830 and she was there to introduce his story to us. John then continued to fill in the details of this extraordinary history.

Alexander Beatson, a young Scotsman sought his fortune initially in India as a cadet in the Madras infantry of the East India Company Army. His principal role was surveying and cartography, contributing to James Rennel's Mapping of

Hindustan. His abilities were recognised by Lord Cornwallis (Governor General of India) and his successor, Lord Mornington (brother of the future Duke of Wellington). Beatson was appointed his ADC and Surveyor General to the great army which finally defeated the combined forces of Tippu Sultan (The Tiger of Mysore) and his French allies at the island fortress of Seringapatam, bringing an end to the Mysore wars in 1799.

Lord Mornington then commissioned Beatson to write the definitive history of the campaign which brought Beatson into close contact with Colonel Arthur Wellesley, the future Duke of Wellington.

Between 1808 and 1813 Beatson was appointed Governor of the island of St Helena where he transformed the primitive farming economy by conducting experimental planting of new crops and introducing the use of ploughs and guano as a fertiliser. It was this work that made the island a suitable location for the imprisonment of Napoleon Bonaparte after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815



*Arrival of Napoleon Bonaparte by Ibbotson*

Subsequently Major General Alexander Beatson bought 3 farms in Frant where he conducted important research into crops in association with his friend Sir Joseph Banks, the famous botanist, and other members of the Royal Society. Beatson is buried in Frant.

The lovely evening ended with lively discussion and swapping of stories. There is a wealth of history and wonderful knowledge in our midst. It is a joy to share it!!!

Enormous thanks must go John Ford and Annie Murray, to all who support us, and to all who make the EH&DPS possible. Marion Salmon who organises the talks and gives us Tea and Biscuits; Maz Beal who is the secretary; Linda Butcher, our treasurer who makes sure we have a healthy balance; Sue Redshaw, Leycester Whewell, John and Jacky Lamberty who stepped up to run the raffle, and last but by no means least Chris and Jenny Pellett who have unswervingly seen the society through some very turbulent times. THANK YOU.

David Burrough



**GREAT DAYS OUT - Filching Manor (2022)**

Home to Sir Malcolm Campbell's world record breaking Blue Bird K3, Filching is an unexpected place to find such treasure, but from our rendezvousing at the Eight Bells Jevington to the end of the day when we left Filching Manor we were treated to the best of Britain. Hospitality prevailed and after lunch we were treated to an excellent talk inside the home of, and by, Karl Foulkes-Halbard about the history of this mid-15<sup>th</sup> century Manor House. Possibly earlier as restoration work revealed footings of a different layout. Regardless, it is a magnificent example of mediaeval construction containing the central hall open to the roof, a unique minstrels' gallery and 'solar'. The oak panelling between the hall and withdrawing-room is of the earliest type known and the stone fireplace dates back to circa 1450.

The museum consists of several enviable (by the men in our group) sheds broadly separating memorabilia, working vehicles & the workshop where Blue Bird K3 (Bluebird as a single word was introduced by Malcolm's son Donald) is being prepared to again venture out on to the water at Bewl.

Eventually we arrived and congregated at this final shed and a second talk was given by Karl with Blue Bird as the back drop on the amazing story of Sir Malcolm and of the survival of this iconic boat.

**GREAT DAYS OUT – Hastings Shipwreck Museum (2023)**

The Shipwreck & Coastal Heritage Centre is one of several maritime themed places of interest on the Old Town Stade of Hastings. It follows 135 million years of dinosaurs, semi-submerged prehistoric forest and more recent remains of ships wrecked by a sea that takes no prisoners. The grim story of the Amsterdam, deliberately run aground in 1749, is told and is now shared with a museum in Holland where a replica of the ship in its glory has been built by 300 volunteers. It is moored next to, and is the jewel of, the Netherlands Maritime Museum, Amsterdam. Disturbance of the wreck in 1970 by workers on a new sewage outfall pipe and consequential pillaging led to the 1973 Protection of Wrecks Act, probably not only saving the Amsterdam but also the Mary Rose by recognising these and many others as important historic monuments.

Our day was completed with Fish and Chips at Maggie's; Hasting's rightly best rated Fish'n'Chip restaurant.



## MEETINGS – 2023 and beyond

You may just about receive this newsletter before our October talk on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> which is by David Jones; The History of the Bluebell Railway “The line that couldn’t be closed”



The final Friday event of the year on the 24<sup>th</sup> November will be a celebration. Starting with a complimentary glass, followed by a series of amusing anecdotes by David, our new chairman, interrupted by a simple buffet and hot drinks, and completed with questions from the floor.

The schedule for 2024 is all but confirmed.

It will start in February with “Life as a cartoonist” by Harry Venning. Harry is well known for his “Clare in the Community” strip in the Guardian newspaper.

Naturalist Steve Homewood is a captivating speaker and author of “Source to Sea”. He was greatly influenced by his 4’ 10” grandfather Billie Fish, a great friend of Rudyard Kipling.

Jeremy Hodgkinson will tell of the importance of iron production in Sussex.

Other talks include;

The Poor Laws

Lewes Priory

Tony Penrose and the return to regenerative farming

And most probably a film

Our Summer outing will most likely be to the Clergy House Alfriston.

**SUSSEX DRINKING GAMES - James Rock 1862 (from an old book)**

My friend, Mr. Jenner had frequently invited me to attend one of his harvest homes, and assist at the old Sussex custom of "turning the cup over." At last I accepted his hospitality, and was much amused at the quaint ceremony, which had furnished my friend with the chief occasion for his invitation.

I did not arrive in time to witness the bringing in of the last load from the field, but at my friend's house I was shewn into the best parlour, where other friends were assembled, previous to a most abundant repast. Towards the close of the meal we could hear a rather monotonous chanting proceeding from the kitchen. The effect heard faintly, except when occasionally an intermediate door was open, was by no means disagreeable. Our host explained the ceremony of 'turning the cup over,' which was then going on in the kitchen, and invited us to take part in it ourselves. Accordingly we all adjourned to the kitchen, which we found crowded with the labourers of the farm and the men who had assisted them in harvesting day. At the head of the table one of the men occupied the position of chairman; in front of him stood a pail clean as wooden staves and iron hoops could be made by human labour. At his right sat four or five men who led the singing; grave as judges were they; indeed the appearance of the whole assembly was one of the greatest solemnity, except for a moment or two when some unlucky wight failed to 'turn the cup over,' and was compelled to undergo the penalty in that case made and provided. This done, all went on as solemnly as before. The ceremony, if I may call it so was this:

The leader, or chairman, standing behind the pail with a tall horn cup in his hand, filled it with beer from the pail. The man next to him on the left stood up, and holding a hat with both hands by the brim, crown upwards, received the cup from the chairman, on the crown of the hat, not touching it with either hand. He then lifted the cup to his lips by raising the hat, and slowly drank of it the contents.

As soon as he began to drink, the chorus struck up the chant below:

The man drinking was expected to time his draught so as to empty his cup at the end of the fourth line of the chant he was then to return the hat to the perpendicular, still holding the hat by the brims, then to throw the cup into the air, and reversing the hat, to catch the cup in it as it fell.

If he failed to perform this operation, the fellow workmen who were closely watching him, made an important alteration in the last line of their chant, which in that case ran thus;

*The liquor's drink'd up and the cup ain't turned over*

The cup was then refilled and the unfortunate drinker was compelled to go through the same ceremony again. Everyone at the table took the cup and 'turned it over' in succession, the chief shepherd keeping the pail constantly supplied with beer. The parlour guests were of course invited to turn the cup over with the guests of the kitchen, and went through the ordeal with more or less of success. For my own part, I confess that I failed to catch the cup in the hat at the first trial, and had to try again; the chairman however mercifully gave me only a small quantity of beer the second time.

This custom of 'turning the cup over, 'with its accompanying chant, was rather amusing at first, but after hearing it as I did on this occasion I have described, for at least four hours without intermission, it became at last rather tiresome.

I could not get the tune out of my head for a long time after -indeed I have not got rid of it yet, here it is, as nearly as I can put it into musical notes. My Sussex readers can supply some of the drawl, which is inexpressible by notes.

As nearly as I can remember it was in the key of G minor.

The image shows a musical score for a chant in G minor. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I've been to Plymouth, and I've been to Do - vor, I have been rambling, boys, all the world o - ver. O - ver and o - ver, and o - ver and o - ver; The liquor's drink'd up, and the cup is turn'd o - ver. O-ver and o - ver, and o - ver, and o - ver; The liquor's drink'd up, and the cup is turn'd o - ver." The music is written in a single melodic line on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one flat (Bb).



## BUNGAROOSH - Author: The London Damp Company

There has been a breathtaking variety of materials used for building over the course of history. On the whole, building materials have steadily improved as societies have learned more about architecture and how to make consistently sound constructions. Remarkably though, some properties remain from the days when people tried to cut corners with cheaper materials. These examples provide a fascinating window on the history of building practices in the British Isles. One intriguing example of this kind is bungaroosh, which some experts have dubbed the worst building material in the world.

### What is Bungaroosh?

Bungaroosh is almost exclusively found in Brighton, which is something you should be glad of if you live in London or other parts of Britain. It became popular between the mid-18th and the mid-19th centuries, and was a response to hefty brick taxes. The main component of bungaroosh was hydraulic lime, although it was typically created from a variety of other miscellaneous items.

Builders of the time tended to take a relaxed approach to the composition of bungaroosh, adding all manner of materials like pieces of brick, wood, stones, sand, flint and other flotsam they found lying around. This eclectic mixture was then put into a matrix of hydraulic lime and left to set as best it could. As you can imagine, bungaroosh with a particularly low lime content and low quality filler materials was especially structurally unsound, but even the higher quality recipes left a lot to be desired.

### What are the Problems with Bungaroosh?

Buildings made with bungaroosh can suffer from a multitude of problems. It's not as resilient as most other building materials, and properties built from it have an increased incidence of just about every structural problem you can possibly imagine. Bungaroosh is not very water resistant, either: water can easily soak through the walls, leading to chronic problems with damp. In some cases—for example if the walls become too saturated with water—elements of the bungaroosh can dissolve and move, undermining the structural integrity of the building.



In houses built with bungaroosh, it's especially important to reduce opportunities for penetrating damp to occur. On the other hand, if the bungaroosh gets too dry, there is a chance that the walls might crumble. Given these limitations, just imagine how difficult it must be to fix shelves or pictures to bungaroosh surfaces. All things considered, it's not an optimal building material for a house, and the real surprise is that so many bungaroosh properties are still standing.

If you'd like to see bungaroosh for yourself, head to the Kemptown region of Brighton. Treat yourself to an ice cream or splash out on tea and scones, and marvel at the charming Regency architecture of this small community. Then return to your solidly-built, damp-free London home and utter a prayer of thanks that—unlike houses made from bungaroosh—it's likely to remain standing firm for many decades to come.

<https://www.londondampcompany.co.uk>

## SPRINGHAM GROVE VISIT (2022)

What does regenerative farming mean?

Regenerative Agriculture describes a broad set of food production methods with two clear and complementary outcomes: the production of high quality food and the improvement of the surrounding natural ecosystem.

Farming is the implementation of agriculture. Large scale intensive farming often pursues a one-way, extractive approach; vast amounts of soil are degraded to a point where, without vast amounts of fertiliser, they are no longer productive. But 70% of the world's population are fed by small-holder farmers (about 500 million of them!) working just 30% of the available agricultural land. It can convincingly be argued that intensive farming is not necessary.



Springham Grove practises Regenerative Farming, borrowing from the older pre-industrial form of cultivation but with improved scientific understanding of soil, water and the relationships that exist in nature.

Recognising that farms are part of a larger ecosystem, and that agricultural activities must not just make withdrawals from this larger system, but also pay into it, the overall ambition shifts from extractive, linear thinking that prioritises high

yields above all else, to establishing cycles of regeneration. The holistic management at Springham goes beyond crop and livestock rotation to improve the soil for high value crop produce. Springham acknowledges and includes the well-being of the community, animals and humans alike.

On our Springham Grove tour we saw the value of using the cattle to tread the pasture and how moving them regularly helps regenerate the soil. Tree planting gives shelter, wider margins of scrub and hedgerow helps the pollinators, the reduced run off into the encircling feeds to the Cuckmere makes for cleaner water.

Bats, Owls, and Kingfishers are now regulars at Springham which, with its productive and happy cows, has earned its right to revert to the name of Springham Farm.

## MYCELLIUM, MYCORRHIZAL and a HEALTHY SOIL

Mycelium is the vegetative part, or body, of a fungus, consisting of fine, white filaments called hyphae. The mushrooms we see are the fruiting bodies, and just a small part, of the fungus.

Mycorrhizal fungi are those fungi that form a mycorrhiza (symbiotic) relationship with green plants.

Most plants on Earth form symbiotic relationships with fungi. Each providing the conditions necessary for the other to continue to exist:

The plant makes organic molecules such as sugars by photosynthesis and supplies them to the fungus, and the fungus supplies to the plant water and mineral nutrients, such as phosphorus, taken from the soil. Mycorrhizas are hosted by the roots of vascular plants.

Plants that share mycorrhiza can, in effect, communicate with each other and adjust their growth to improve their health, and the mycorrhiza actually captures more carbon from the atmosphere than the plant's own roots do.

Current farming practises such as insecticide use, intensive grazing and ploughing can reduce soil organic matter and damage the mycelia network. Conversely, tilling can help oxygenate soil, making methane and nitrous oxide emissions from anaerobic soils less likely. There is no easy or single answer, but growing the crop or flower, in the location and conditions in which it naturally thrives, is undoubtedly better than forcing its growth by artificial means.



## GREENING CHIDDINGLY & the Community Shop

This summer, Chiddingly celebrated eleven years of its community shop.

Driven by the determination of like minded residents, the ambition was to once again have a thriving village shop and enjoy the many benefits it would bring.

Whilst we all know individual items are cheaper in supermarkets, using the local shop provides so much more than simply somewhere convenient to pick up groceries and essentials. As well as providing an additional outlet for local producers, it's a place to meet friends for coffee; to bump into neighbours and nurture our sense of community; a central point for sharing information on local events; an outlet for local producers and makers; it gives volunteering and work experience opportunities and increasingly importantly, it also helps save petrol.

One of the driving forces behind the project was long standing society member and friend to many, Jose Loosemore, and if she were still alive today, would undoubtedly be very pleased at its success and be looking forward to its bright future.

Chiddingly is not alone in being fortunate enough to have a village shop. Other communities too know and appreciate the value of them and we are so lucky to have excellent shops in both Laughton and East Hoathly.

Shopping locally saves on petrol and reduces our carbon footprint.

For some it will provide an easily accessible 'lifeline' for their shopping, remember last year's (2021) snow and ice; for others a convenient place to pop in to up on essentials.





## RIPE - HIGH SPEED AIRCRAFT

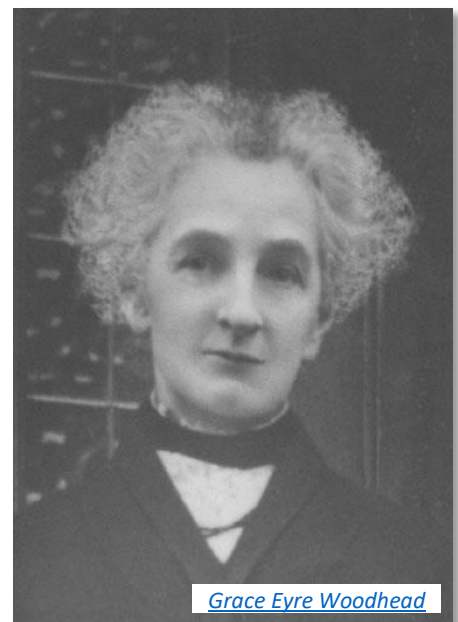
Better known for the light aircraft of Deanland and the WW2 Advanced Landing Ground base for Spitfires, Ripe was also home to an inventor whose patent for a high speed aircraft could have changed the way we travel around the world today.

Roy Medhurst, one of Ripe's oldest residents remembers him as Frank Smith and knew that he designed boats.

Drawings and details of his design will appear in the next edition of the newsletter.

## WALDRON - DUNGATES FARM

One hundred years ago, in 1923, Dungates farm was purchased by Grace Eyre Woodhead and the Guardianship Society (now known as the Grace Eyre Foundation) to provide accommodation and farming training for young men with learning disabilities. It was the very first rural retreat designed to support people with learning disabilities to gain meaningful employment and live in the community outside of institutions. Grace Eyre Woodhead was a pioneer and leading light in social care, recognising the health and well-being benefits of clean air, the countryside and nature long before her contemporaries. Whilst it has taken over sixty years for government to take these ideas on board and make them policy, Waldron should be proud to have played host to such an important turning point in social care.



[Grace Eyre Woodhead](#)

There will be a fuller article in the next newsletter.

To find out more about the Grace Eyre Foundation visit, [www.grace-eyre.org](http://www.grace-eyre.org)

## CPRE - News

By means of an amendment (published 28 August 2023) to the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill the Government is seeking to impose an unprecedented regulation, which stipulates that local planning authorities ‘must assume that nutrients in urban waste water’ (sewage) from a proposed development “whether alone or in combination with other factors will not adversely affect the relevant site’ (protected habitats/wildlife sites)– ‘even if a finding to the contrary is made in representations made by the appropriate nature conservation body’ .

Not only would this imposed assumption remove essential environmental protection, but it would also be a huge undermining of the vital planning role of councils, and of Natural England in planning and environmental assessment processes.

The Government claims that the measure is needed to unblock the building of over 100,000 new homes, ‘held up due to defective EU laws’.

The amendment is due for consideration on October 17<sup>th</sup> Please write to your M.P. ASAP

## VILLAGE CONCERNS

Long Pond is a small but critically important Pond in its biodiversity and what it contains, Newts, Great Crested Newts and Water Voles. It is on the London Road just by Thomas Turner Drive.

Village Concerns is very concerned about Redrow's planning application WD/2022/0341/MAJ which indicates a footpath being constructed in a wildlife protected area, Long Pond, which would be undesirable and unnecessary.

Both Water Voles and Great Crested Newts are protected species and importantly their habitat is also protected. The proposed footpath cuts right through their protected area.

Water Voles are on the endangered Red List so Long Pond is critical.

One of Village Concerns’ supporters has tried to correspond with Redrow staff regarding this with little or no response.

This was raised at the last Redrow liaison meeting and Redrow thought they could “reduce the size of the pond” because the proposed path route was

cutting across the far end of the pond. Village Concerns however doubts whether the Water Voles or the Great Crested Newts would agree with this course of action.

Both the residents and Village Concerns have identified the concerns and locals would like the proposed footpath through Long Pond rerouted to eliminate or at least reduce the issues identified.

At the most recent liaison meeting at which Village Concerns have two representatives our feedback was that Redrow are talking evasive nonsense about Long Pond. Not good!

According to Wealden Planning, the footpath has been approved in the location shown on the plans. If there is to be a change then there would need to be an amendment.

Why does everything have to be a struggle? This is our Village. Listen to us please. Is that so hard?

Village Concerns would like to form a group, Friends of Long Pond. If you are interested in joining please let us know.

## **HESMONDS VILLAGE - East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council**

### Statement from East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council

The Parish Council has been made aware of three further developments being proposed for East Hoathly. Planning applications are going to be submitted shortly by Parker Dann on behalf of Hesmonds Stud/Swansea Enterprises.

The applications are as follows:

A Full Planning Application for, we understand, 20-24 properties on the field known as Circle of Oaks (off South Street opposite Moat Wood). It is expected this application will be submitted before the end of October. Parker Dann have stated that the trees, which give the field its name, will be retained;

In addition, an Outline Planning Application for 2 developments, one on Harrisons Field (next to the Garden Plots) and the second on land behind Circle of Oaks extending onto Tourles Farm. Access to the Tourles Farm development will be through Circle of Oaks. It is intended that this application will be submitted by the end of the year.

The total number of properties proposed is c.255.

We are given to understand the Outline Planning Application will include land designated for a new primary school with playing field to be supplied by East Sussex County Council, together with a large public green space (Biodiversity Net Gain Land) to the east of the village extending towards Ailies Lane, which the Parish Council will have the option to adopt.

The Parish Council will be able to comment further once applications have been submitted and parishioners will be provided with a full opportunity to comment in the Planning Committee meeting that will be held once the applications are submitted.

Councillor Tania Freezer

Chair

East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council

Councillor Jacqueline Bradley

Chair of Planning

East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council

25th September 2023

## BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SUSSEX

With ancient woodland now only covering 2.5% of the UK, the Small Pearl-bordered and the Pearl-bordered fritillary are seeing their habitat diminish at a terrifying rate. Numbers of the Small Pearl-bordered have dropped a staggering 66% and the Pearl-bordered Fritillary has declined 64%.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Since purchasing Rowland Wood as a Butterfly Conservation nature reserve in 2010 we have been working tirelessly to reverse decades of damage to this crucial habitat. Without this ongoing action, we risk losing one of the last remaining colonies of Small Pearl-bordered and Pearl-bordered Fritillary in the South East.

The butterflies have responded well to our conservation action, including successful reintroductions of both species, but this work MUST continue so that their future does not hang in the balance again.

The 31-hectare site is home to a kaleidoscope of butterflies and once formed part of the sprawling 330-hectare ancient Vert Wood. Key areas of the wood were unfortunately planted with commercial non-native tree species in the 1960's, decimating the natural eco-system.

Urgent ongoing action is needed.

In 2017, Butterfly Conservation reintroduced the Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary into Rowland Wood, followed by reintroduction of the Pearl-bordered Fritillary in 2019. It is vitally important to continue building on our work to create this refuge for these Fritillaries and we can only do this with your help.

By using traditional woodland management techniques such as coppicing, we have reopened sections of the canopy and created open spaces that allow for violets, the foodplant of Small Pearl-bordered and Pearl-bordered Fritillaries to thrive - but there is more to do.

Please support this important work to revive and create a lasting and sustainable future for the Fritillaries of Rowland Wood and other butterflies and moths that live there.

With your donation we can create a bright future for the fritillaries of Rowland Wood, expand our conservation efforts and save butterflies and moths across the UK.

With my best wishes,

Dave Wainwright

Head of Conservation (England)

Question to members:

Would you like to see the Preservation Society make a financial contribution to this work?

(All replies will be treated as confidential)



## THE CUDWEED SHARK MOTH

Is it back?

News about an exciting new survey and how you can help will be in the next newsletter

## HALLAND NEWS- Marion Salmon



Staverton suffered a devastating fire in April but the respect that they have earned over many years of service to the community was evident by the tremendous support shown by customers and friends.

The cafe quickly re-opened in a tent, and the rest of the shop re-arranged to keep essential stock flowing.

We were all pleased when they received the award of Best Garden Centre in Sussex last month.

Christmas stock is being prepared ready for another busy season.

**RECIPE FROM THE PAST – tollhouse cookies****TOLLHOUSE COOKIES**

In the days when it was necessary to ford the Mississippi River or cross an infrequent bridge a toll had to be paid. (Likewise when crossing the Ouse at Southease or Denton). If one wished to rest a bit, it was possible to buy cups of coffee and cookies in the house of the toll-man. Hence;

Tollhouse Cookies.

½ cup fat

½ cup granulated sugar

½ cup dark brown sugar

½ teaspoonful vanilla essence

½ cup chopped nuts

1 egg - well beaten

1 cup plus 2 level tablespoons plain flour

½ teaspoonful bicarbonate of soda

½ teaspoonful salt

8 oz bar plain chocolate chopped into pieces



Cream fat and two sugars and vanilla essence until light and fluffy. Add egg and beat. Sift together flour, soda and salt and add to first mixture. Stir in nuts and chocolate. Mix well. Drop from teaspoon on to lightly greased baking sheet.

Bake in a moderate oven 375°F (that's 190°C in units that I understand—Ed.) for 10-15 minutes.

**WELL-BEING WALKS FOR 2023 – Nine down, Three to go.**

<b>The Walks of 2023</b>	
Walks start at 2pm, usually after lunch in the appropriate pub. This year they will usually be on the FOURTH Sunday of the month but please check	
JANUARY 22 <sup>nd</sup>	East Hoathly (Kings Head to Six Bells & back)
FEBRUARY 26 <sup>th</sup>	Alfriston (Smugglers Inn to Frances Bottom)
MARCH 26 <sup>th</sup>	Gun Hill (to the Worlds End)
APRIL 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Blackboys (Turnmill and Kiln Wood (Woodland Trust))
MAY 28 <sup>th</sup>	Rowland Wood (Butterflies)
JUNE 25 <sup>th</sup>	Litlington (Tea Gardens)
JULY 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Framfield (Hare & Hounds)
AUGUST 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friston Forest (Butchers Hole)
SEPTEMBER 24 <sup>th</sup>	Piltdown (Piltdown Man Inn to the missing link)
OCTOBER 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Glynde (Mount Caburn (bring a kite))
NOVEMBER 26 <sup>th</sup>	Chiddingly (Six Bells to Jones Pit)
DECEMBER 17 <sup>th</sup>	East Hoathly (King's Head & Thomas Turner)

Notes and maps for many of our walks are available to members upon request.

If you want to do any of the walks in your own time we have the details of many of them printed out, so feel free to ring Jenny or myself (Chris) on 01825 872830 and we will let you have a copy.

**FUTURE WALKS – GLYNDE - SUNDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Our October walk is a gentle pace asc ent of Mount Caburn on Sunday 22nd  
The walk will start at 2.00pm from Glynde Village Car Park

This is an uphill walk, but with no pressure to reach the top – there is a seat halfway up with extensive views of the south east weald and the lee side of the national park. An ideal place to look, see and reflect on a beautiful, God given, world.

Caburn is the place of mystery, myth, fairy-tale, legend and skipping!

Also kites! So bring one along if the weather is right  
Or wet weather gear if the weather is wrong!



[Mile High Paragliding at Mount Caburn](#)

**FUTURE WALKS – CHIDDINGLY - SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

Starting from the Six Bells we will head for Jones' Pit (Former Brickworks)  
The walk will start as usual at 2.00pm from the Pub

**FUTURE WALKS – EAST HOATHLY - SUNDAY DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>**

Starting from the King's Head at 2.00pm this will be the once familiar Thomas Turner Walk to take in the possibly painful changes and hopefully embrace reminders of the past with contentment.

Everyone & dogs on leads welcome  
Further details, Jenny or Chris Pellett 01825 872830  
Please car share where possible

**EDITORS NOTES – CHRIS**

Over eighteen months to compile this newsletter!

As I enter the final hours before publication (a self-inflicted deadline) I will quickly say a little about what will or could be in the newsletters of 2024.

A full list of dates for your diary will come first and the aims and vision of the society, as the committee sees it, will be put forward for discussion and agreement.

Hesmonds Village looks likely to be a continuing hot topic.

Perhaps a little more fun will be a look at the Piltdown Men.

Interesting Insects and Beautiful Butterflies are two pages I'd like to fill with readers contributions.

The Society is East Hoathly & District. Contributions from the outlying communities are encouraged.

I'm hoping for a series of shorter, more local, walks where we can attend to footpath maintenance as we ramble.

Amazing people will be featured e.g. Grace Eyre Woodhead

Industrial history such as the Dicker Pottery.

The story of Shortgate

And speculation as to the Citta's of Chiddingly

Foraging, Mushrooms and Cider also need to be written about

That's it

Many thanks

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