

East Hoathly & District Preservation Society



The Wealdway Western Entrance to
East Hoathly Church

Spring 2019

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Additionally, we thank Linda Alsop, Fred Carter, John Deane, Kate Richardson, Jane Seabrook, as well as many others who all 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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JOSÉ LOOSEMORE – Noël Hardy

Oldest and Youngest; Jose with Wren Hardy 2014
In loving memory of José Loosemore 1922 -2019

OUR JOSÉ

She was of an age but was ageless; she remained young at heart and bright as a button right up to the last. Our son Corin thought as a child that she must have used a time machine because she didn't seem to get any older! He says "She remained a kindly, quizzical, sharp-minded active member of the village who always had time and curiosity – as well as a constantly jolly spirit while displaying a surprising level of concern and knowledge She seemed like someone to aspire to as an elderly person."

How right that observation was!

She was an Innovator, an Instigator, a Doer.

One man in his time plays many parts and Jose sure played hers to the full.

Though slight of size, José was of towering stature; full of intellectual curiosity, her effervescent personality mirroring her impressive zest for life.

A more contemplative side to Jose's character lies in her scholarly approach to research and writing. Known unofficially as the Village Archivist she was an avid forager of facts. To read her copiously illustrated book *Where They Have Trod* gives a fascinating insight into her own ancestry and history of the renowned Russell and Bromley shoe shop, founded here in Cordwainers by her great, great Grandfather John Clifford Russell.

She was the fount of all things historical and you will be pleased to know that her research papers are conserved in an archive in the East Sussex Record Office, Lewes.

José was also a knowledgeable lover of birds. I would find her sitting in front of the French windows in quiet contemplation, avidly watching the birds feasting from her bird table. As an energetic member of the WI and never afraid to try things new, she discovered a penchant for painting and this she combined with her love of birds. Ann Mills describes how Jose initiated a Centenary project for the WI after witnessing a host of birds feeding in her garden. "She would write the story of Spadgy Sparrow and ask the WI to produce bird paintings to illustrate the storybook for children. Thus the BARNABAS BIRDY BOOK was born. 30 copies, 50 copies, 80 copies – they flew off the shelves (forgive the pun) Another 180 copies then followed by birdy cards...what an achievement! What a woman!

In the words of Linda Alsop, "José encouraged so many talents, with gentle ease. She led by example always encouraging others into trying something new and into areas that you would not have thought to tread."

Noel Hardy March 18th 2019

JOSÉ LOOSEMORE – Phil Hodgins**José Loosemore**

‘Legend’.

In this context the word carries with it a number of connotations: it implies a certain longevity - someone who has been there doing good things for some time, perhaps, a very long time.

It implies respect for the individual,
and it implies a deep affection for that person.

It is quite unusual to have such large numbers of people attending a service like this for someone who has died in their late 90’s – the reason being that they have outlived most of their contemporaries. That there are so many here tells us much about Jose’s wide interests and that she was able to sustain these with energy and enthusiasm way into her nineties forming and keeping friendships across generations.

A long life well lived.

The reading that Jose suggested for us to have at this service which Peter Gunner read – sets out in quite dramatic terms the core faith of the church that Christ is alive and we can share in that life even though our earthly bodies wear out and die....

Jose was a worshipper here in this church across 5 decades – she was a constant presence at worship here and at events and activities in the church and community....

I do believe that Jose is a legend and we will miss her greatly – but we place her into God’s eternal care with the same trust in His ongoing love for her as she had. **Amen**

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Toni

Greetings!

What a wonderful way to start the year! First, a beautiful stroll around the Arlington Reservoir in glorious January sunshine followed by a fascinating talk by our returning speaker, Janie Ramsay, about the Duchess of Windsor's Jewels and more.... which Linda has kindly written up.

Similarly, Andy Thomas once again wowed his audience with his thoughtful insight into why English Freedom is so important and why misusing these democratic processes is at our peril. Brexit being a very topical example.

What was heartening was that we had a really good turnout and lots of lovely feedback for these talks - thank you!

I hope you too are looking forward to the AGM on the 14th June which, this year, we will hold in the King's Head. Booking form is attached for your kind consideration and timely completion.

On Sunday 11th August we will be going to the RNLI boat house, Newhaven. You will hear about the RNLI (past, present and future), a brief history of the Newhaven station and a summary of present day thinking regarding sea-safety. It will finish with a guided tour of the station and boat. Given the key role the RNLI play in protecting and saving lives I do hope we have a full complement of 24 so we can bolster their coffers.

For those who wish to partake, a riverside pub lunch in The Ark will feature beforehand. The pub has been awarded a Certificate of Excellence by Trip Advisor.

Sadly, our amazing 96 year young Jose passed away quietly at home. What an inspirational woman, she will be sadly missed by all. Always enthusing, leading, laughing and enjoying life to the full. Her joyous and reflective thanksgiving service was on the 18th March when Chiddingly church was filled to overflowing. Another lovely lady much in our thoughts is June Tidswell. A beautiful Churchyard entrance gate has now been made and hung by Chris and son-in-law Austin which is dedicated to her memory. Well done and many thanks for creating such a fitting tribute.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Kind regards,
Toni

TREASURER'S REPORT – Peter Brooke

Finances continue to look healthy- for 2018 we made a surplus of £420 although we are awaiting some outstanding invoices from the Village Hall which will be reflected in this year's accounts.

The New Year started promisingly with renewals and also subscriptions from new members- always welcome! It is planned to make a couple of additional donations this year- one to the Parochial Church Council in respect of the June Tidswell memorial gate installed between the Church and the School on the Wealdway footpath and the second a donation to the local branch of the Sussex Butterfly Conservation Trust who maintain the nationally important reserves at Rowland Wood and Park Heath. We hope to be able to make a donation to the Trust on an annual basis.

On the expenditure side we are expecting increases in costs for speaker fees, web site maintenance and insurance. However, all in all, things look OK for the coming year, although a gentle reminder if you haven't renewed your membership yet!

Many thanks for your support,

Peter Brooke Hon. Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP – Jenny Pellett

Three months into 2019 and our membership currently stands at 66 (18 single, 48 joint) If you haven't yet got round to sending in your renewal for this year, can I give you a gentle nudge, please?

New members are essential to the continuing viability of the society and we are very pleased to welcome Sue and Steve Barter and Sylvia Lane. Encouraging friends and neighbours to join us is something we would urge all members to do if possible.

We are also saddened by the deaths of long standing members Jose Loosemore and Tony Simpson, and we offer our condolences to their families and friends.

Jenny.

Cheques payable to: EH&DPS c/o Jenny Pellett, 2 Prices Cottages, Whitesmith, Lewes BN8 6JD

COVER PICTURE – The gate

We have had a lovely thank you letter from Vic for the Preservation Society's involvement and contribution to its replacement and reinstatement.

With the remains of the old 1880's gate dismantled, a host of discoveries and learning followed.

Firstly the felt tip pen markings on covered joints clearly proved that some of the oak was not as old as it looked.

The new oak is similarly marked but with phrases such as "If you can read this the gate is broken!" and the date of the rebuild.

Shaun Kasperuk admitted to some of the previous recent repairs, and others had the clear mark of the Eric Gould school of thought.



I had certainly never noticed before that the ironwork, which I believe was from the local Mill Lane forge operated by Rosemary Akehurst's grandfather, includes a dragon or lindwurm!

We hope that the fresh appearance of the gate will help uplift the spirits of those that pass through it.

The plaque shows the herb gentian, one of June's favourites.



PAST MEETINGS – The Jewels and Wardrobe of the Duchess of Windsor

Speaker Janie Ramsay Friday 8th February 2019

The sale of the Duchess's jewellery at Sotheby's at fifty million pounds, was the highest ever private sale. That record has only just been broken by the sale of items belonging to Marie Antoinette. The magnificent jewels once owned by the Duchess have been auctioned many times and have increased in value far in excess of the original sale price. New owners have included Liz Taylor, Calvin Klein, Andrew Lloyd-Weber, Mohamed Al Fayed and many more.



Wallis and Edward met in 1932 and despite Wallis having a husband, the couple soon became very close. The divorce for Wallis came through on 27-10-36 and on that very same day Wallis and Edward became officially engaged. Edward gave Wallis a stunning emerald engagement ring. The press were very anti the engagement, so much so that Wallis said she would withdraw. Edward would not agree but Wallis did go abroad until the abdication was concluded.

For the wedding Van Cleef was asked to create two bracelets that had been designed by the couple. Wallis asked that the stones were to be held in place without showing the 'claws'. This kind of setting had never been seen before but is now a usual setting. The other bracelet had separate crosses hanging from it, each commemorating special events personal to the couple.

Van Cleef also made a necklace of rubies which in today's money would amount to £2,500,000. Until Wallis, royalty worldwide did not have colour in their jewellery, although beautiful the preference was for white diamonds and pearls.

Wallis loved colour and lavishly wore sapphires, rubies, emeralds and diamonds of several colours. Of course each necklace had to have matching bracelets, broaches, earrings all with exquisite and often rare stones. Harry Winston once made a pair of yellow diamond earrings and sent them to Wallis to see if she liked them. Yes, they were to her liking but on their own they were not enough. Harry Winston searched for six years before acquiring the same quality of diamonds in order to complete the set. Wallis not only wore breathtaking jewellery but could create her own style and asked Cartier's to make a zip necklace that when zipped open would fit as a necklace but when zipped up would then fit as a bracelet. Cartier's took eight hundred hours to create such an item but create it they did.

Along with fabulous jewellery there were the haute couture gowns. Many famous houses were more than happy to have Wallis photographed wearing their latest creations. Coco Chanel, Dior and many others made one offs for her, but on one occasion, one famous house made two and Wallis and the other un-named lady arrived wearing the identical outfits. Needless to say Wallis NEVER used that fashion house again. Many of the gowns are now in a museum in New York.

But where did all this money come from? On his abdication Edward received an annual annuity of £25,000. He inherited nothing from his father but had interest in Balmoral and Sandringham, so from them he gained a one off £300,000. But he also retained the title Prince of Wales and for the rest of his life he had an annual income from the Duchy of Cornwall of £1,000,000 (£40,000,000 in today's money). But all that ceased on his death. Wallis, now an old lady and bedridden plummeted in popularity. With little support she quickly became easy prey and her lawyer openly took jewellery from her and sold it saying it was for monies owed. Several pieces have disappeared and the remaining collection has been scattered worldwide, but Sotheby's has been trying to buy up pieces whenever they have appeared at auction in an effort to bring the collection back together.

Everyone enjoyed the talk and Janie happily took questions before bringing the talk to a close to a thunderous applause.

Linda Alsop

PAST MEETINGS – The Story of English Freedom

Presented by [Andy Thomas](#)

Fri 8th March 2019

How many people have ever considered the amount of freedom they have in which to pursue their own particular interests, be it for pleasure or business? It's probably not until such liberties are curtailed or removed that we realise their significance. Observing events in other countries around the world should alert us to how fortunate we really are.

Given the limited time available, Andy's talk was a very well executed precis of key events in the history of England and how they impacted on the liberty of its inhabitants. He started off right back at the time of the Romans and proceeded right up to the current day and yes, he touched on Brexit. Extending the scope of the talk beyond England was simply not feasible. Similarly, it's not sensible to attempt to condense all the facts and stories that Andy mentioned into a single page summary.



Boudicca Advocate for Freedom

Throughout our history there are numerous examples of invasions or conflicts in which the outcome is not simply a matter of identifying the victor and the vanquished. One party may appear to have lost but more often than not a way was found of gaining some redress in the balance of power, which ultimately instils in us a sense of balance and compromise.

The concept of common law that emerged at the time of the Saxons which embodied the principle of monarchs ruling by the consent of the people was seemingly lost after the Norman Conquest. The ensuing upheaval in society meant that it took two centuries for it to regain prominence, this time as a cornerstone of Magna Carta. Although considered grossly outdated and irrelevant for much of modern life, its basic principles still provide an anchor with which to restrain the excesses of those in authority trying to exceed the remit of their power.

Nevertheless, such attempts continually recur, with the most spectacular failures often coming in the form of new taxes as a means of controlling the population. Perhaps Margaret Thatcher should have taken heed of King John's failed attempt to introduce a poll tax.



Parachute Regiment family day prior to deployment. Ed Gold with Margaret Thatcher Advocate for Freedom

Natural disasters also played a role; the Black Death of 1348 may have been a disaster for the estimated third of the population who succumbed, but it led to the end of serfdom and the appearance of bargaining of labour. Compare Russia, where serfdom had persisted a further five full centuries.

Early principles in history gave us the liberty to act to protect our freedom. Circumstances change, new forms of oppression appear and invariably get challenged with varying degrees of success. The net result is rarely perfect, but a sufficient proportion of the population is generally content so that society is largely peaceful.

Andy's talk was very well received and was followed by an active question and answer session, eventually brought to a close by Toni in order that we could go and enjoy our teas and coffees.

A History of Herstmonceux Castle in Pictures by Melinda Stone

Friday 10th May*Image credit Pixabay*

PROGRAMME FOR 2019	
Fri Apr 12 th	The wonders of water - How otters can keep us healthy: donation to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Fran Southgate.
Fri May 10 th	A History of Herstmonceux Castle in Pictures: Melinda Stone.
Fri Jun 14 th	AGM & dinner. <i>Menu and booking form enclosed</i>
Sun Aug 11 th	RNLI at West Quay, Newhaven and pub lunch <i>Details to follow</i>
Fri Sep 13 th	Bumble Bees, Honey Bees & Solitary Bees: Michelle Ernoult
Fri Oct 11 th	Milly, Mog and Gug. Three remarkable women of Chiddingly Donation to the church, David Burrough.
Fri Nov 29 th	Social Evening

Future Meetings - AGM Dinner

New Venue: [The King's Head, East Hoathly.](#)

For many years we have had the AGM, and for the last five or six years dinner as well, in the Village Hall.

This year it is all at the King's Head.

The AGM will continue to be brief, and the food will continue to be delicious. Please see the enclosed booking form.

HALLAND –Taken from Wyndham Gould's notes

I REMEMBER WHEN

In the early days Halland Cross was one road straight across the other.

With the arrival of motor cars an AA Scout stood in the middle directing traffic. Mr Brooks was the first, He lived in the bottom side of the Wheelwright's house.

In the 1930's Mr Chapman was the main AA scout saluting passing members of the AA.



From Mathews Nursery approaching the crossroad there was the wheelwrights which included a cart lodge, paint shop, furnace and saw pit. Then beyond Hall's Cottages the Post Office, Shop, where you could buy everything from boots and shoes, cloth and crockery. All the groceries, sweets, biscuits, men's wear and tin baths etc. And the bakery and cobblers adjacent to the Black Smiths Arms. On the other side of the road, the Bailiff's house for the Chichester Estate (Old Hartfield), the cow shed/stable, the

engine house and saw mill, with the village pump on the corner, opposite the pub.

Where the Forge Restaurant now stands was Turners, the old village blacksmiths who lived in one of a double cottage that overlooked the crossroads. On the south side of the cottages Mr Holmes set up a cycle repair shop. After a few years he built a completely new garage which is now Birchwood Ford.

On the Heathfield road, beyond the forge, was the entrance to the woods and old timber yard. A long wooden shed stored paraffin for the five streetlights of Halland. Next to the shed the Mission Room and then the Reading Room. Behind the Reading Room were two tennis courts, the home of the Halland Tennis Club.

On the Northern corner of the crossroads is (perhaps) the oldest house in the village, Hartfield Farmhouse which was thatched and the farms dairy herd were driven up the road from fields on the Eastbourne Road each day for milking.

CHIDDINGLY – Oral History

In 1994 a project recording the memories of long standing Chiddingly residents was embarked upon. The recordings were made onto audio cassette and edited transcripts can be found on Robin Symington's [Coopers Farm website](#).

Now 25 years later the Preservation Society is pleased to be embarking on transferring them to digital format so that the memories and the Sussex accent that tells them can be more easily heard.

I REMEMBER WHEN

“My husband's father used to talk about the old A22. In the days when there were no cars, they used to have chicken coops on the grass verges! That was quite a normal thing then.



Golden Cross

"When all these roads were being built, the flintstone used to be placed on the side of the road at various points. The steam-rollerer used to come in from Lewes with his hut, and he used to stay with his steam-roller, and when the roads were laid they'd put all this flint along the road, and it was all done by the horse and cart from Farley's Farm. He was chugging what was his dung cart along the road, then he'd tip it up, and all this flint stuff would come out. Then there were four or five men who'd spread it all out, and then along would come the steam-roller and roll it all in. This was happening all round, on all the roads. They used to put dirt on the roads to bind it, and a water-barge with a bar at the back. From Muddles Green to Chiddingly, there wasn't hardly a road here as far back as I can remember. It was all track.

William Chives...

"Talking of Sussex flints, many a time I have stood and watched the roadman on my way up to the village, and Whitesmith, breaking the flints by the roadside. Hours on end they would sit cracking the flints with wire goggles on, before putting them on the roads."

CHIDDINGLY'S COMMUNITY ORCHARD

It was a pleasing coincidence that the New Year newsletter highlighted Sussex Apples with information kindly supplied by Peter May of [Sussex Apple Trees](#) and to find that the Millennium Oak Sculpture Garden Trust had also sought his expertise to plant their Chiddingly Community Orchard.

After a year of preparation the Chiddingly Community Orchard is up and running. It is hoped that Chiddingly residents will feel welcome and happy to participate in whatever way they would like; whether harvesting fruit, making cider, tending the Orchard from time to time or just enjoying the sweet smell of blossom and the sounds of the bees.

There is still the "Sponsor a Tree" way for villagers to contribute, the cost of which is £50 per tree, or a fruit bush, for £15. If you would like to sponsor a tree or bush please contact one of the trustees (see below) or send a cheque to our Treasurer, Brenda Longley (Chauntlers, Chiddingly, BN86HD).

If you would like to be involved, please get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

Noel Hardy (872338); Barbie Harrison (872383); Simon Coxhead (873171)



POEM - Audrey Haney

Monday club helpers

For years I struggled on my own
 No one to call me on a phone
 The fear of panic attacks and stress
 Is something I would not confess
 As I did know that those I knew
 Would be unkind with patience few

And so I hid myself away
 The social thoughts did go byway
 The thought of going out with others
 Sent me hiding under covers
 For I was fearful that one day
 Someone would say Oh go away!

But now my faith has been restored
 They do not say 'With you 'I'm bored'
 They support me and would say
 Take it slowly every day
 Do not fret if bad days come
 Come sit by me in the sun

They would check and hold my hand
 Lead me all around the land
 Say Its fine to have a blip
 Always give me Tea to sip
 Say I know, I feel your pain
 Welcome girl we're all insane

Framfield and Blackboys Monday Club

Twice monthly meetings for the older members of the parish. Twice monthly on Mondays at the Memorial Hall, Framfield 2.30-4.30pm. £15.00 per year fee.

Tea and biscuits are provided and an activity/speaker/entertainment. Coach trips in the summer and visits to local garden with a tea provided. No meetings in August.

Accessibility and additional needs

The Memorial Hall is fully equipped for disabled access and facilities.

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Thanks all of the people at the Monday club. Who have opened their arms to me. [Audrey Haney](#)

VERT WOODS COMMUNITY WOODLANDS - Sue Redshaw*Upcoming events***2019 and [Vert Woods](#) Activities**

2019 and we have hit the ground running. This is a busy time of the year in woodlands as you may know and Tom has been active in completing a range of tasks under our Woodland Stewardship grant agreed activities. We have lots of other activities planned and on our radar for this year are:

- Supporting a range of courses via Plumpton College and others in the woods
- Getting funded and constructed a number of building structures to allow us to offer a proper community package of access and support this year. These include compost loos, storage, workshop-out of bad weather cover, and a bird hide. We are looking for additional funding for these so if you have any suggestions let us know
- Formal access on designated paths. We are close to completing our 'Discovery Trail' kindly supported by Tesco's 'Bags for Life' fund and the Chalk Cliff Trust. We will be discussing access and parking issues with Laughton Parish Council next month.
- Re-working our wetland and pond areas to enhance biodiversity throughout the woods. With help from the Sussex Wildlife Trust we have a plan to enhance and increase biodiversity in both our large pond and slow down the water flows throughout the woods
- Offering a space for targeted groups to come and spend time in the woods – our Community Offering
- Plant some trees! We planted c.400 trees last year and aim to do the same in March

REV. TOMLINSON – memories

Submitted by Marc Tomlinson his Grandson

I REMEMBER WHEN

East Hoathly Rectory was a large Victorian house built in 1897 (and sadly knocked down in the 1960's).

It was approached by a long drive bordered by laurels, I am told that my father's successor died from a heart attack pruning the laurels. The house was hidden from the road and there was a gate leading to the Churchyard. There was a large vegetable garden and fruit trees.



After our arrival I was looking over a gate and saw a couple of girls down the field. One, Dorothy Hurd, the baker's daughter came up to me and said that her friend wanted to speak to me. So for the next few years Diana Garlic was my girl. The village youth club met every Monday evening and once a month there was a dance. I used to have nearly every dance with Diana. Her father ran a local carrier which fetched and carried goods from Uckfield railway station. My brother Tony was quite taken with Doris Goldsmith, then there was Selina Marchant.

Water for the rectory was supplied by a well and quite a heavy pump. The rule was you had to do 300 pumps before having a bath.

Pumping was one of Smith's jobs. Smith was eighty and divided his time between the church and rectory. He used to clean the shoes and dig the vegetables. In church he was verger, sexton and bell ringer. Smith used to chime the bottom two bells, one on each arm and a leg in a loop of the

heavier bell. Tony and I used to join in by taking two bells each, so making a ring of six.

The organist was an old lady who played everything rather slowly. The choirmaster was the retired schoolmaster Mr Jones.

Mr Howard of Howard's Aspirin fame was churchwarden. In her will Mrs Howard left me £100 for reading the lessons well!

The other churchwarden was Mr Campbell-Johnson



Arrol Johnston

William Chives

I REMEMBER WHEN

The second motor car I saw about a month later when Mr Campbell Johnson of Wylie, East Hoathly, called on a visit to Mrs Richardson of Hilders Court. That car was a much smarter affair. I remember the name of it so well (being so much like its owner's name) i.e. Arrol Johnston. It was well and neatly made, the sides and seats were coachbuilt, polished light oak wood. The occupants sat back to back, two in front and two behind. The cold winds and rains could be kept off by means of a cape cart hood, which could be put down in fine weather. The height of the seats from the ground was approximately five feet. Again as was the case with the first car, the tyres were of solid rubber.

MOSESSES LIVERWORTS & LICHENS

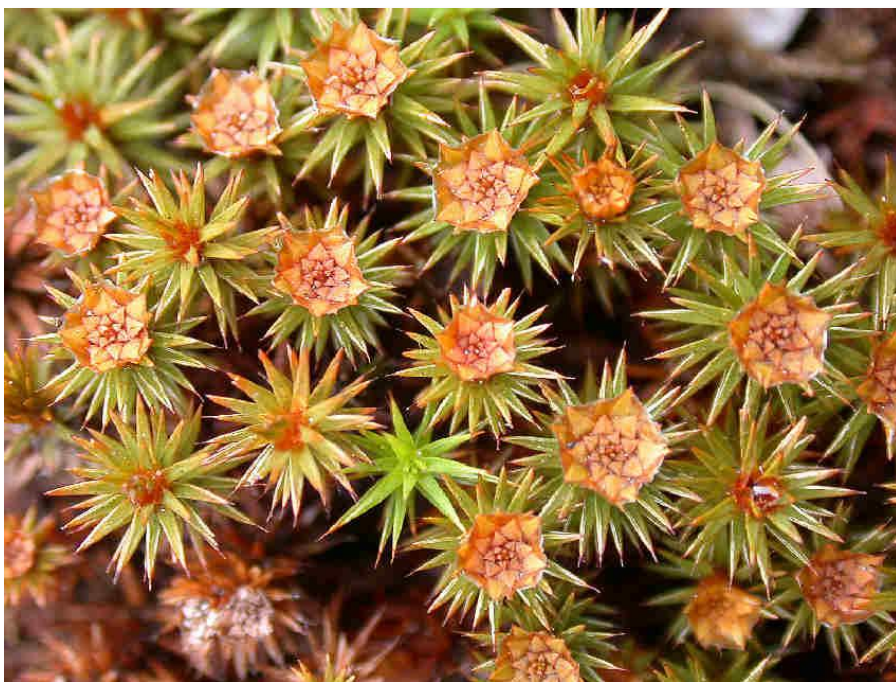
Bryophytes of East Hoathly Churchyard

Sue Rubinstein, Joint [bryophyte recorder for Sussex](#)

The first survey was done on a cold January morning. A good range of common mosses were found in a variety of habitats. The brick paths, turf, church walls and gravestones are all good habitats and they have been managed in a sympathetic manner. Tall anthills were particularly good and at

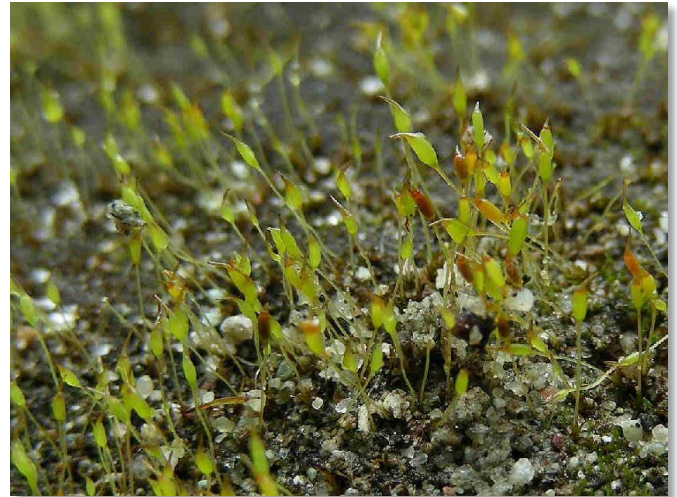


least five different small mosses were found on these. *Zygodon viridissimus* var. *stirtonii* has been recorded in only 12 tetrads (2km squares) in Sussex. It is growing behind a gravestone on the South wall of the church.



The most spectacular moss is a large clump of *Polytrichum juniperinum* on a granite gravestone; not a rare bryophyte but not usually seen growing so vigorously.

A second visit was made in February to look for mature capsules on a large colony of *Weissia* on an anthill. The capsules were ripe and it could be identified as *W. controversa* var. *controversa*. *Gyroweisia tenuis*, a tiny but distinctive moss was found at the base of the churchyard wall near the lych gate. It was also found on the North wall of the church in January.



The tiny moss *Ephemenum minutissima* was found on bare earth on a grave in the lower churchyard, not a moss that is found very often but it is easily missed on account of its small size.

In all thirty nine species of bryophytes have been recorded at East Hoathly churchyard, a good number helped by the fact that churchyards have generally not suffered from intensive cultivation and rely on natural composters such as earthworms for their nutrients.

A number of more obviously interesting plants such as orchids and fritillaries fare well in the churchyard because of an implemented “Living Churchyard” conservation management scheme in accordance with Chichester Diocesan and Sussex Wildlife Trust guidance.

INTERESTING INSECTS (ANIMALS) – EARTHWORMS

Earthworms can be categorised into three types:

Epigeic (surface dwellers that live in leaf litter and rotting logs)

Deprived of surface compost these are virtually non-existent in agricultural fields, yet valued throughout history since Aristotle



described them as the intestines of the earth and Charles Darwin wrote “it may be doubted whether there are many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world.

From the 1950’s industrial farming the world over was convinced that it could function without worms. Only in the last two decades have oligochaetologists (earthworm scientists) begun to understand more about the miracles earthworms perform.

Endogeic (soil dwellers that burrow horizontally and rarely come to the surface)

These worms assist in the spread of Mycorrhizal Fungi



Anecic (the deep vertical burrowers that leave their casts on the surface).

These produce the casts, a kind of super fertilizer a manure that holds up to five times the nitrogen, seven times the



soluble phosphate three times the magnesium one and a half times the calcium and eleven times more potassium than the surrounding topsoil

If you are happy with Darwins theory of evolution, don't doubt him on earthworms!

Recommended reading: Wilding by Isabella Tree

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/wilding/isabella-tree/9781509805105>

Illustrations from:

<https://www.earthwormsoc.org.uk/earthworm-ecology>

If any of you would like to write a short article on Mycorrhizal fungi for the next newsletter it would be greatly appreciated.

WRAS – Trevor Weeks

These 10 little ears came into care on 23rd March after being disturbed on a building site.



Three of the five have injuries including a fractured leg and another with an open wound. They have been given first aid and all injuries have been treated and splinted where needed.

KEEP THIS NUMBER IN YOUR PHONE: 24 hour Hotline: 07815 078234

<http://wildlifeambulance.org/>

CPRE Sussex Campaigns

Following up the [CPRE Sussex response to the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government: 'Technical consultation on updates to national planning policy and guidance'](#)

"Most of Sussex fails the Housing Delivery test"

An open letter was published in the West Sussex County Times 28 February 2019. (This is an edited version);

"Those who govern us have chosen to ignore this reality and are instead blaming and punishing councils and communities."

Majority of Sussex's local planning authorities fail Housing Delivery Test: Implications and Consequences

Only six of Sussex's 13 local planning authorities have passed the Government's Housing Delivery Test.

Those that have failed must now increase their house-building targets.

Brighton & Hove and Adur, which failed the test, do not have the capacity to accommodate existing imposed targets. Any additional housing will therefore be offloaded to other local authorities under the 'Duty to Cooperate'.

Note, too, that where a planning authority fails the Test, communities with Neighbourhood Plans more than two years old are especially vulnerable to developer-imposed house-building.

Developers and house-builders will not build more houses than can be sold at an acceptable-to-them profit – and housing delivery rates are therefore dependent on the health of the wider economy, as is acknowledged in the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts' report: 'Housing: State of the Nation',

Those who govern us have chosen to ignore this reality and are instead blaming and punishing councils and communities when developers reduce build rates - and targets are not met in consequence.

By imposing the Housing Delivery Test, presumably at the behest of developers, politicians at Westminster have deliberately set-up councils to fail.

This should be an issue at the next General Election.

Yours faithfully.

Dr Roger F Smith Trustee [CPRE Sussex](#)

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST – No Net Gain by Laura Brook Conservation Officer

In recent weeks the media has reported situations where developers are netting trees and hedgerows to prevent birds from establishing nests, seemingly on sites that may be developed but where planning permission has not been granted. So why are developers doing this?

All wild birds and their nests are protected by law, so trees and hedgerows that harbour nesting birds cannot be trimmed, cleared or felled from the end of February until the end of August. To avoid delay, developers seem to be using netting to prevent birds from nesting in trees and hedges that would be removed if planning permission were granted.

While the practice of netting trees and hedges is not considered illegal, we strongly question the ethics of using this method. Our trees and hedgerows are home to small mammals, countless insects and other invertebrates, as well as birds, all of which could be compromised by use of netting.

This practice is demonstrating our continued detachment from the natural environment and the level to which some in society appear to value it. I am well aware of the pressure for housing, but we need to ensure that what we build is sustainable and integrated with our natural environment. We are at a critical point where we cannot continue to squeeze nature into smaller and smaller spaces. National declines will quickly turn into extinctions and the dawn chorus will no longer awaken light sleepers on a spring morning.

So what should we do? We need to make sure that the environment is at the heart of planning decisions, and that working with nature to create a sustainable future becomes the new normal. We are at a point where we need to recognise that wildlife has an intrinsic value and we need to make sure that value is not lost.

we cannot allow netting to become a normal or acceptable part of the development process. The awareness of plastic in our oceans is greater than ever before, so we cannot turn a blind eye to reams of plastic smothering our hedges and trees. If you see netting in your local area, ask questions; find out more about who is doing it and contact your local council planning team and the [Sussex Wildlife Trust's WildCall service](#) on 01273 494777.

Please also consider adding your name to the [Hedge netting petition](#) on Parliament's petition site.

PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – March 20th 2019

We have been working on a [Neighbourhood Plan](#) since mid 2017 and this time last year held consultation events to get your views. Wealden then published their Local Plan with a significantly changed package for our Parish.

There are also large planning applications for our Parish submitted to Wealden amounting to potentially 350 + homes. The developers are trying to get these approved on the basis that Wealden's Plan is not yet approved or will be amended by the Inspector.

So, you may well ask, why are we bothering to continue with a Neighbourhood Plan ? It would provide the following benefits irrespective of the amount of housing that we eventually have to deal with:

Enhanced Protection - many of our treasured assets are already protected by being Listed, part of the Conservation Area or designated as things such as Ancient Woodland. A Neighbourhood Plan provides the opportunity to review these assets and begin the process to enhance these protections. It will enable us to review how we make use of these assets and how they might be improved. It also allows us to identify Green Spaces that will be given significant protection from future development.

Shape the future of our Parish - to have the opportunity to get the right type of development in the right place.

Community Led Housing - a Neighbourhood Plan allows us to support a project for a Community Land Trust that will provide low rent houses for local families that will remain outside the private sector.

More Cash for the Parish - any development that takes place in the Parish provides a cash levy to Wealden to help fund infrastructure projects (mostly outside our Parish). The Parish gets 15% of this cash. With a Neighbourhood Plan in place the Parish would get 25% to help improve Parish infrastructure.

What's Next?

Wealden have just approved the draft of the first part of our Plan and we will be presenting this for public consultation in the next few weeks.

VILLAGE CONCERNS

Village Concerns Update March 2019

The Wealden Local Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate on January 18th 2019 after consultation. The Plan covers the period 2017 to 2028.

An Inspector has been appointed, Louise Nurser, to examine the Plan for legality and soundness. There will also be an examination in Public organised by the Inspector where Hearings will take place. The Examination will take place in two stages. The First stage will be held in the last two weeks in May to address matters of Legal compliance and matters of strategic significance. If the Plan is found to be legally compliant the Inspector will proceed to the second stage, likely to be held mid to late summer. This stage will probably address development management policies and specific housing and employment allocations. The Inspector has total control of who is allowed to make representations at these hearings. Members of the public can attend as observers. The Hearings will be held at East Sussex National Hotel.

Village Concerns have been reading the plan and the many submitted documents of evidence to support the Plan with particular relevance to our Parish. We hope to take part in the Examination.

The Wealden Plan gives a Windfall Allowance of 48 houses to the area of East Hoathly which could be delivered through a Neighbourhood Plan. The figure of 48 is reducing as approved Planning Applications are being counted against this 48. It currently stands at 21. East Hoathly has been given a tightly drawn Development Boundary around existing buildings.

Halland has a Settlement Capacity of 30 and a Core Area. Houses of up to 5 dwellings can be built adjacent to the Core area. These houses should be one or two bedroomed.

A Neighbourhood Plan for East Hoathly and Halland is currently being developed by the Parish Council.

East Hoathly and Halland have several large applications in the pipeline which have been on hold as Wealden District Council have worked on the Plan. Protecting the Ashdown Forest has been the cornerstone of the Wealden Local Plan. Natural England have challenged the level of protection given to the Ashdown Forest. It is also true that developers have challenged the Plan during the Consultation.

It now all depends on the Inspector's judgement. The Plan could be approved as it stands, be subject to major modification or rejected altogether. Equally Wealden could accept any modifications or withdraw the plan. When a final form of the Plan is agreed and accepted it will be adopted by Wealden and be the document by which all future Planning Applications are judged.

It is possible the Plan process will be completed by late summer. Until then we are in uncharted waters. Developers may try to push their applications forward during the Interim Period.

There has been a recent amendment to the Hesmonds Stud Application. There is still an application for 205 houses on London Road but the Ailes Lane section of the application has been withdrawn.

We are very grateful for the support we have received from people on our email list particularly in submitting objections.

If you would like more information and or to join our E mail list for updates Villageconcerns2016@gmail.com

Kate Richardson - Chair of Village Concerns Steering Group

EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST



On the evening of the 26th February the village hall was buzzing with curiosity as East Hoathly with Halland Community Land Trust steering group held its open evening. Attended by over 80 local residents, this event was to showcase the vision of the Community Land Trust (CLT) in creating truly affordable eco-friendly houses for local people.

It is extremely important to the steering group that all members of the community, regardless of age, are involved with the project, so following a presentation on work of the CLT, the children of the local school were asked to submit their designs for an eco-friendly house. The fabulous designs were then displayed at the event.

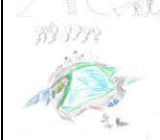
Brilliantly creative, the children captured the essence of an eco-friendly house and have proved how much they value the importance of protecting our environment. The most interesting design received a certificate and book voucher (courtesy of Action in rural Sussex).

For more Information or to contact us please see our website:

www.easthoathlywithhallandcommunitylandtrust.com

Or our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/EHHCLT/



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LISTED BUILDINGS – Yew Tree Cottage East Hoathly

Fred and Georgina Mitchell at the Yew Tree Inn about 1900

Yew Tree Cottage was built before 1800.

Nathaniel Paine of E H (surgeon) sold part of the land to John Pratt of E H (yeoman). John's trustees sold house for £100 to James Whitbourn? A coach smith who sold it for £90 to Richard Browne another surgeon.



More recently it has been the home to Preservation Society members Tony and Leila Simpson.

SCHOOL/VILLAGE HISTORY PROJECT

The village school have launched a 'get to know your village and its history' lesson plan for Classes 3 & 4.



With help from Peter Brooke and Jane Seabrook this took the form of a guided walk around the village on 29th January.

Chris Magness (Parish Councillor) asked various people for assistance including the Preservation Society. This is seen as a Neighbourhood Plan initiative in addition to the school learning aspect.

It has been proposed that the Preservation Society, over the next few months, could put together a learning pack, from the information that we have, for the school that could be used for Classes 1-6 with the teachers deciding how to impart this;

This is a good way for us to make contact with the school and be seen to be active with the younger generation of the village at a formative stage in their lives.

If any members or friends would like to be involved with this please email, phone or speak to one of the committee members for more information.

EAST HOATHLY BIRDS – Fred Carter**The Tree Sparrow.**

The names alone do not differentiate between our two sparrows, for the house sparrow will often roost and nest in trees and bushes, and the tree sparrow will sometimes nest in buildings, and often roost and nest in trees and bushes. But the tree sparrow is much less dependent on man and his activities, and correspondingly scarcer.



Smaller than a house sparrow and more active, with its tail often cocked. It has a chestnut brown head and nape (rather than grey) and white cheeks and collar with a contrasting black cheek spot. Male and females look alike. They are shyer than house sparrows in the UK and are rarely associated with people, although in continental Europe they often nest in buildings just like our house sparrows. A social species that nests in loose colonies. In winter it will join flocks of house sparrows, finches and buntings.

The UK tree sparrow population has suffered a severe decline, estimated at 93 per cent between the 1970`s and 80`s. The decline seems similar to the falling population of other farm land birds, however, recent Breeding Bird Survey data is encouraging, suggesting that numbers may have started to increase, albeit from a very low point.

The tree sparrow is scarcer in the uplands, and the far north and west of the UK. The main populations are now found across the Midlands, southern and eastern England. It is almost absent from the south west, Wales and the North West. And best looked for in hedgerows and woodland edges.

They are social and loosely colonial when breeding. Most nest in cavities but some may nest in bushes or trees, building untidy nests of grass and assorted findings! They have no well-developed songs, but several variations on loud chirps and cheeps.

Most noticeable in winter, when it roams about either in pure flocks or frequently with finches and other seed eating species. They have a marked affinity with yellow hammers in winter and share roosts in tall hedges. Unlike the house sparrow, it is not a bird table frequenter; in areas where it is plentiful it is a common user of nest boxes! All together a neater and decidedly slimmer bird than it's common semi domesticated brethren.

More EAST HOATHLY BIRDS - Fred Carter

The House Sparrow.

Taking the bestowal of a "Christian" name as a criterion, the house sparrow, in spite of its depredations among the ripening grain, must at one time have been regarded with some affection, for in medieval and Tudor times it was always "Phillip" or "Phip" Sparrow. Even when corn growers in the home land were paying out "sparrow" money for birds killed and eggs taken, emigrants were taking caged specimens to the

Hello young people! My name is Spadgy Sparrow and I live in a Sussex garden.



Taken from The Barnabas Birdy Book instigated by Jose Loosemore

Americas and the Antipodes. From these victims of transportations and from some more deliberate introductions, the house sparrow is now established in every continent bar one; but it is significant of this bird's ability to thrive wherever man can exist that the greatest authority on this species cautiously states that "it has not yet colonised Antarctica". From its uninhibited display of ardour in courtship and mating, and the noisy pursuits of gangs of cocks after a single hen bird, the sparrow, while admired for its perkiness and tenacity, has also been frowned upon as a low and disreputable character.

A test of public opinion would almost certainly nominate this bird as the species most plentiful in Britain. But it would be wrong, for in total population it is far outnumbered by many other species! The impression that it is ubiquitous is a reflection of its chief characteristic, its dependence on man for both food and shelter, which has resulted in its becoming a successful hanger on of man, in village, town and city. In uncultivated and sparsely inhabited areas it is therefore scarce, and often completely absent. You would have thought that the town or city sparrow would have declined as literal horsepower was replaced by its mechanical equivalent, for the stables, spilt corn or chaff from nose bags, and the droppings themselves, were sure sources of food in the days of horse drawn traffic, but the amount of food waste to be scavenged wherever humans congregate, and the help given by householders who throw out scraps, to say nothing of the more deliberate feeding from the park bench, have all enabled the sparrow to survive and thrive as a city dweller.

Even More EAST HOATHLY BIRDS - Fred Carter

The Hedge Sparrow or Dunnock.

Before the days of scientific classification, the implications contained in the everyday names of many birds and animals were of little importance; a nightjar could be a fern owl, a tern a sea swallow, a willow warbler a willow wren, and a bat a flittermouse. Nowadays, when it is felt that such names

suggests family affinities which do not exist, most of them have been found unacceptable for general use, although they are still of interest as vernacular nicknames. But for some reason the dunnock is still stubbornly called a hedge sparrow by



people who know perfectly that it is no kind of sparrow. The argument that “the name that was good enough for Shakespeare is good enough for me” might be extended to the acceptance of the semi-magical natural history recorded by the same authoritative pen. Even in precedence of usage “dunnock” [A.D. 1475] has priority over ‘hedge sparrow’ [AD 1530]. But apart from this controversial matter of naming or misnaming, the Dunnock arouses little interest as it shuffles around our garden and parks. It comes into its own at last when its early nest is found, for the brilliance of its bright blue eggs is the one conspicuous feature in the life of this bird.

But for all its lack of any outstanding qualities, the sober little dunnock, for no very obvious reason, is a remarkably plentiful and successful species. Although there are over 2 million territories in the UK, the population fell rapidly in the seventies and eighties, but since then it has remained more or less stable. A significant number of Dunnocks nest or feed in gardens, planting dense shrubs for nesting and winter food can assist its long term survival. Its nest is cleverly made and carefully concealed in a hedge, bank or bush. It is made of small twigs and grass, lined with moss, hair, wool and feathers. The four or six eggs are a beautiful deep blue. When cuckoos were common, they would somehow seem to prefer a Dunnocks nest to most others. A lovely little bird that thrives amid the noise and haste.

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION- Michael Blencowe

The Lewes Legacy: [Rowland Wood and Park Corner Heath Butterfly Reserve](#).

On 27 June 1887 an important discovery was made in an open area of rough heathland at Vert Wood just southeast of East Hoathly. An unusual-looking moth was captured - *Scopula immorata*, the first example of its kind found in Britain.



The moth became known as the Lewes Wave and it was found in Vert Wood and nowhere else in Britain.

However the Vert Wood was changing. The heaths were being ploughed up, the old broadleaved trees were felled and replaced with serried rows of conifer. In 1953, 2 acres of Vert Wood were designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) but by this time the moth was already in serious decline and the last Lewes Wave was seen on 22 June 1961.

The conservation designation for this small corner of Sussex was the legacy of the Lewes Wave. In the hope that the moth would re-appear, conservation organisations managed this small part of Vert Wood which became known as Park Corner Heath. Meanwhile, there were major changes underway throughout all Sussex woodlands; they were becoming darker. As our woodlands fell into neglect the sunny rides and glades fell into shadow as the trees and scrub grew and blocked out the sunlight. In woodlands such as Vert Woods the veteran trees were felled and replaced by pines.

People began to notice that the small orange butterflies that once flew around our spring woodlands in such abundance was starting to vanish. The Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary butterfly was a familiar sight in woods across the county in the middle of the last century, however the sunny,

violet-rich habitat they required was harder to find each year and numbers plummeted.

In 1989, Butterfly Conservation took over the management of Park Corner Heath which had now grown to a reserve of almost 8 acres. It was now a warm, sunlit oasis in a cold, shaded pine plantation. Here the Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary hung on; the only known site for this species in the southeast. In September 2009, we heard that the woodland adjacent to our Park Corner Heath reserve was up for sale it seemed like an opportunity that we simply could not miss – but it came with a high asking price.

Miss Pamela Lewis had a great love for butterflies and all wildlife and, in her will, had left money to Butterfly Conservation on the understanding that it would be spent on the purchase of a reserve to honour the memory of her parents who were also lovers of the English countryside.

Over the past 9 years we have undertaken a lot of habitat improvement work in Rowland Wood – harvesting the pine and re-planting native trees. Rowland Wood is being restored to an open, wildlife-rich woodland and, most importantly, the Small Pearl-bordered Fritillary has now been re-introduced here. Our thanks must go to Miss Pamela Lewis whose kind donation allowed us to buy this woodland and to all our volunteers, past and present, who for many decades have given their time and energy to conserve this woodland for the benefit of both the wildlife and the people who care about it.

Michael Blencowe

Editor's note: Strong winds have blown over the shelter at Park Corner, volunteers are required to help reconstruct it.



RIGHTS OF WAY GROUP – John Deane

Rights of Way Group Spring Report

The weekly Wednesday walks have commenced again as promised and revealed some surprising changes to the condition of the local network of public footpaths and bridleways.

Thankfully several of our longer term members have dutifully reappeared this season to be joined by some very welcomed new faces.

Naturally most of the routes that we walk have their muddy areas so if you decide to try a walk with our group please come well prepared for this.

I mentioned some surprising changes that we have found. The first of these is located close to the footbridge on the footpath between East Hoathly and Old Whyly. A notoriously muddy section of this path has been improved by laying short lengths of windfall branches, about three to four inches in diameter, to support a carpet of pine fronds. The result of this repair looks to be both practical and attractive, so it is a method which we are considering copying. We walkers thank whoever carried out this work as they appear to have done a very good job with materials to hand.

The other interesting changes that have come to light have been put in place by ESCC. There are new additions to the footpath equipment through the route Blackberry Farm to the cul de sac part of South Street, which once formed part of the A 22. There are now several new finger posts within Blackberry Farm itself, so that the recently introduced diversionary route can easily be followed between the various animal compounds. This is a very positive improvement. In addition a fast growing tree, which frequently obstructed the footpath in the same section, has been felled, so saving our Group periodic pruning. Further on, as you leave Blackberry Farm, the footbridge has been substantially repaired and then beyond the next field three more footbridges have been renewed.

If you would like to join this Group, enjoy the local walks and at the same time perform a useful community service then please contact me at: - dixiewalks@hotmail.com

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ARLINGTON RESERVOIR WALK - Jenny

SUNDAY 20th JANUARY

[Arlington Reservoir](#)

When planning our programme of walks, we try to choose destinations and months appropriate for likely weather, shade, interest and general landscape, and we thought with January being a month of short afternoon daylight and quite probably cold, we would opt for a short walk round Arlington Reservoir, where the paths are largely concrete and there is a roomy hide where refuge from the weather can be sought. However, we were blessed with an unseasonably mild and sunny afternoon and our group of over twenty were able to enjoy tea and cake sitting outside The Kiosk on our return.

There wasn't a great deal of bird activity out on the water, but it is always a pleasure to watch, wait and see what might appear.

ALFRISTON WALK – Jenny & Chris

SUNDAY 17TH FEBRUARY Alfriston

Once again, the weather conditions were better than we could have hoped for in February when we enjoyed a superb walk at Alfriston, starting from [The Smugglers](#).

Being a Downland walk, there were some steepish hills to negotiate, but the stunning views made it all worthwhile. Our route took us to the impressive and thought provoking Long Burgh long barrow and past a large area of



scrubby bushes that was full of more snowdrops than I have ever seen. They were truly glorious in their abundance and a welcome sign of approaching spring.



Further on we passed some endearingly cute alpacas, before passing through a campsite and making our way back to the village for refreshments.

BROAD OAK HEATHFIELD WALK - Jenny

SUNDAY 17TH MARCH Broad Oak
Starting from TOTTINGWORTH FARM CAFÉ.

[Little Tottingworth Farm](#) at Broad Oak was the starting point for our March walk and by chance, coincided with their annual lambing event. Before setting off on the walk we were able to see the new born lambs, indeed, Rob and Verne were lucky enough to witness a birth!

Once again we had excellent sunny weather, although there was a short, sharp sleet shower (try saying that a few times after a couple of glasses of wine!) towards the end.

The hills on this walk were quite challenging, but again, so worthwhile. On the way, apart from more gambolling lambs, we passed the Jack Cade Rebellion monument, took in magnificent views, scrambled down a steep ghyll to an enchanting babbling stream flanked by bluebells yet to flower, and once back up another steep hill, emerged to the unexpected but thrilling sight of a fifty to sixty strong herd of deer, first running one way, then about turning and going back again.



I think by the end of this walk we all had pretty tired legs, but it really was very enjoyable.

FUTURE WALKS FOR 2019 - Jenny

The next walk, on 28th April, will be much more gentle and will be a wander round the Vert Wood Community Wood, Laughton. We will be meeting at Keeper's Gate, along Park Lane (the road next to the Thatched Garage). We will be on hand to direct to the parking area.

Our walk here will show the developing woodland as it changes from being predominantly pine plantation to a more sustainable wildlife friendly community asset. The woods are being sympathetically managed not only to provide peace and tranquillity for humans, but more importantly to provide suitable habitats for birds, mammals and insects.

It has become customary to bring food and drink to share when visiting these community woods, we do hope you will support and partake of this activity. It only needs to be coffee, cake or crisps. Sandwiches, a flask of tea (or whiskey) would be equally well received. 😊

In May we will be exploring the Sheepcote Valley nature reserve in Brighton, which, not very many years ago was a large and unpleasant landfill site. The change brought about by careful landscaping is nothing short of miraculous, with the reserve now being home to numerous species of wild flowers, including orchids and is a delightful place to visit.



June's walk isn't a walk as such, but will be a visit to the Fletching village garden trail. Chris and I are grateful to Josephine and Robin Lowe for coordinating this for us whilst we will be in Canada for the birth of our first grandchild, about which we are so excited!! Details about timing and venues etc. will follow, so watch out for more information. There are some truly beautiful gardens of all sizes and styles to visit, including the inspirational Clinton Lodge.

WALKS FOR 2019 – Dates for your Diary

SUNDAY 28 TH APRIL	VERT WOOD LAUGHTON meet at Park Lane/Vert Lane crossroads
SUNDAY 19 TH MAY	SHEEPCOTE NATURE RESERVE BRIGHTON meet at Warren Road Car Park
SUNDAY 9 TH JUNE	FLETCHING OPEN GARDENS Trail BUY £6 tickets on day at Fletching School. Lunches and Teas at Stroods
SUNDAY 21 ST JULY	BARCOMBE meet at THE ANCHOR, another one to book for lunch
SUNDAY 18 TH AUGUST	FRISTON FOREST Meet at Butchershole Car Park on the Wannock Road
SUNDAY 15 TH SEPT.	LITLINGTON Meet at the Tea Rooms
SUNDAY 20 TH OCTOBER	ABBOTS WOOD ARLINGTON meet at THE OLD OAK
SUNDAY 17 TH NOV.	THOMAS TURNER WALK EAST HOATHLY meet at THE KINGS HEAD
SUNDAY 15 TH DEC.	STREET WALK of LEWES Meet at THE KINGS HEAD Southover High Street.

Walks start at 2pm after lunch unless stated otherwise.

Times and details may change but put the dates in your diary

CONTACT [CHRIS & JENNY PELLETT](#) 01825 872830

EVERYONE WELCOME

EDITORS NOTES – Chris Pellett

I do apologise for this newsletter not getting out before the April Talk. I trust no one missed the talk because of it.

In this issue I am pleased to include images from:

[Chiddingly Community Shop](#) (Jose)

[Feathers Wild Bird Care](#) (Tree Sparrow). Feathers is a shop at Robertsbridge run by enthusiasts and well worth a visit.

[Svein Bekkum](#) (Lewes Wave Moth) Svein, a talented nature photographer from Norway has an Instagram account with images you don't get in England, again, recommended.

[Jane Seabrook](#) (Various old images sourced from her books), best way to see these images is to buy her books.

Jose's WI Barnabas Birdy Book (Spadgy Sparrow) is available from Chiddingly Shop

As well as those credited elsewhere in the text.

The next newsletter is due out at the beginning of July but as we are away all of June it is likely to be even later than this one.

Chris

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Finally for now:



Charles Dickens's

ducdame

Hard Times

Coming to East Hoathly Church

Friday the 3rd of May 7.30
Saturday the 4th of May 2.30 and 7.30
Tickets: 01825841094 (daytime) or 01825872401 (7pm-9pm)
Also East Hoathly stores and Chiddinly village shop