

East Hoathly & District Preservation Society



C18th Pelham Buckle Wine Bottle Seal

Summer 2019

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Associate Member of the Sussex Wildlife Trust
Supporter of the Sussex Butterfly Conservation Trust
Associate Member of the Woodland Trust

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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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EDITORS NOTES – Chris Pellett – August 2nd 2019

Bit of a change at the top and apologies for the delay in getting this newsletter out.

Because of health issues, Toni has stepped down from the chairman's position and from the committee.

Also Peter, as you probably know, is stepping down and Linda Butcher is taking over the position of treasurer.

Fortunately Leycester is continuing to help with the IT, and Kim Dunn has been nominated to become society secretary.

Health comes first; enthusiasm and dedication are brilliant but it is all too easy to commit to too much.

We will want to thank Toni, Leycester and Peter for their work with the society and the wider community, but even more we will wish them long, happy and healthy lives, because that matters most.

It does of course still leave us with a few roles to fill, and the more that offer their help the easier it is for the society to move forward and be a benefit to its members and the communities we are so privileged to live among.

Good news is that Jenny is happy to continue as membership secretary, Jenny & I can continue with the walks, and I will continue to be late in getting the newsletter out.

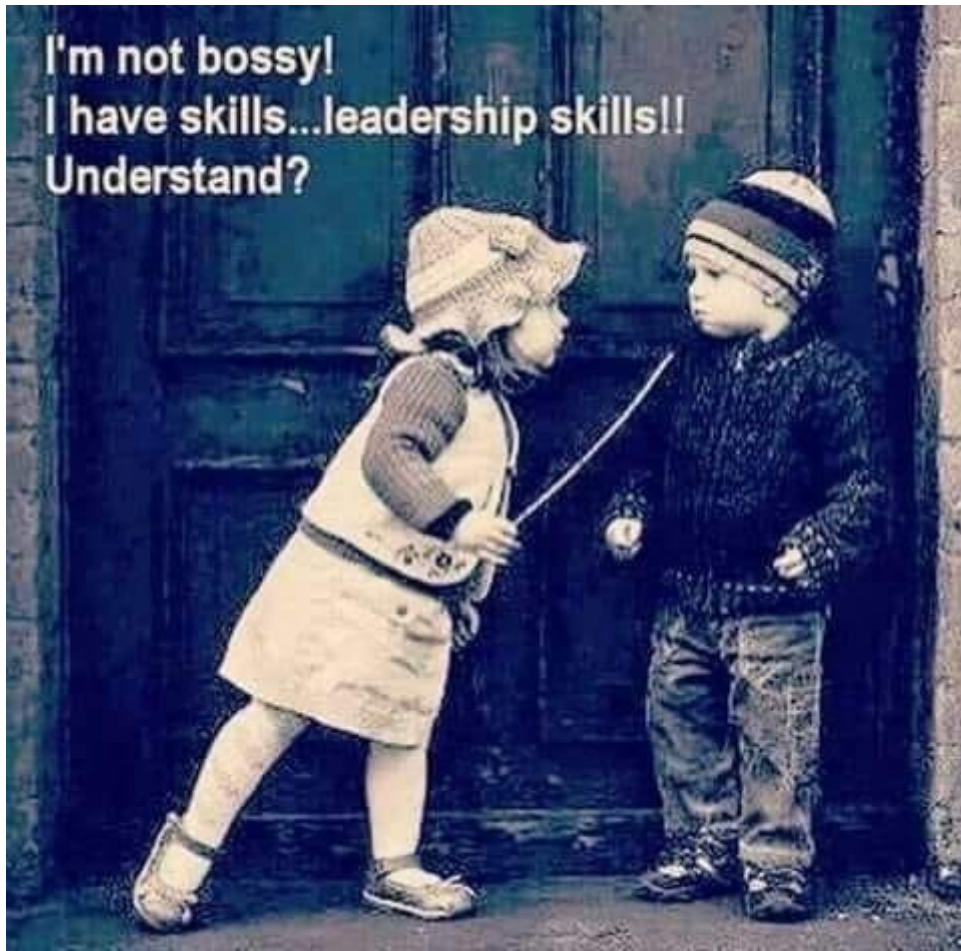
Critically, at the moment, there is no one to organise the talks.

There is a long list of potential speakers but it does take a lot of time, effort and commitment making the arrangements and ensuring that the evenings are successful. Next year's bookings need to be made VERY soon.

Chris

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COMMITTEE VACANCIES – ????????????



Could this be you?

First job that needs sorting is the social in November.

Then it's organising the talks for next year.

Next Year there is the annual outing, the social, the AGM & dinner.
Hall bookings, raffles, posters and advertising.
Write-ups of the meetings, liaising with other groups
Ideas on what is wanted from the society.

We need to hear from members, we do need volunteers.
We have to have someone at the helm.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Toni – July 2019**Greetings!**

Fran Southgate from the [Sussex Wildlife Trust](#) spoke about The Wonders of Water and How Otters can keep us healthy. It was an insight into water courses throughout Sussex and beyond and also why we have so few otters in our patch. They did show themselves eventually, albeit briefly on film!

Melinda Stone gave a very polished and illuminating History of Herstmonceux Castle in Pictures. It is always lovely when a member can add a local dimension and thank you to Jenny Davies for doing just that:

“My mother-in-law, Winnifred Marian, who was born in 1923, went to work at Herstmonceux Castle, as a kitchen maid, when she was about 14. One morning she was asked to take the tea to the bedrooms. She entered Sir Paul Latham's room, with the tea tray, only to be confronted with the sight of a false leg which was hanging from the four poster bed. She was so unprepared and shocked at this that she screamed loudly and promptly dropped the tea tray!”

Our June AGM was held in the King's Head. Just beforehand Peter sadly announced he will be stepping down and without a full committee being in the UK handling was left to us - Leicester, Peter and I. Despite me asking for the past 5 years no help has been forthcoming. Without key committee members and its helpers the Society is not viable.

I am very grateful to all who contribute to the society in so many different ways, but for those not present at the AGM please would you also consider what help you can offer as many hands make light work.



Please feel free to ring [Chris on 01825 872830] to discuss any way you can help.

The Outing to Newhaven on the 11th August is full with a reserve list.

See you on 13th September where hopefully you will hear a “real” expert, Michelle Ernoult, on “Bumble Bees, and Solitary Bees”.

Plus I hope that we will have promise of a full committee and a band of helpers who are prepared to take the society forward.

In the meantime enjoy the summer.

Toni

TREASURER’S REPORT – Peter Brooke

This is my final Treasurers report although I have volunteered to audit my successor’s work at the end of the year. Pleasantly surprised that several members and friends have come forward offering to take the reins; Linda Butcher has kindly stepped into the breach, and being a close neighbour the handover should be smooth. Finances continue to look healthy, costs inevitably go up but the surplus from last year gives us a buffer should we need it.



Many thanks for your support,

Peter Brooke Hon. Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP – Jenny Pellett

At just beyond half way through the year, I am pleased to report that a few more of our regular members have responded to my gentle nudging to renew their subs, and our membership now stands at 78 - made up from 58 joint and 20 single subscriptions.

There still appear to be a few outstanding - anyone I contact who either no longer wishes to be a member, or is mistakenly contacted, please accept my apologies - harassment is not my intention!

I would like to thank Peter, our outgoing Treasurer for all his support with collecting and paying in subscriptions and wish he and Jane every happiness, and I also very much look forward to working with Linda, our new Treasurer.

Jenny.

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COVER PICTURE – Pelham Buckle Wine Bottle Seal

An amateur archaeological dig by students of Brighton, Hove & Sussex Grammar School in 1967 at Halland Park Farm unearthed late seventeenth century glass and pottery from the former Halland Park House built in 1595 and home to the Pelhams until 1770

Richard Thornburgh a pupil of B,H&S Grammar saved the interesting bits until recently when they were given to the Society.

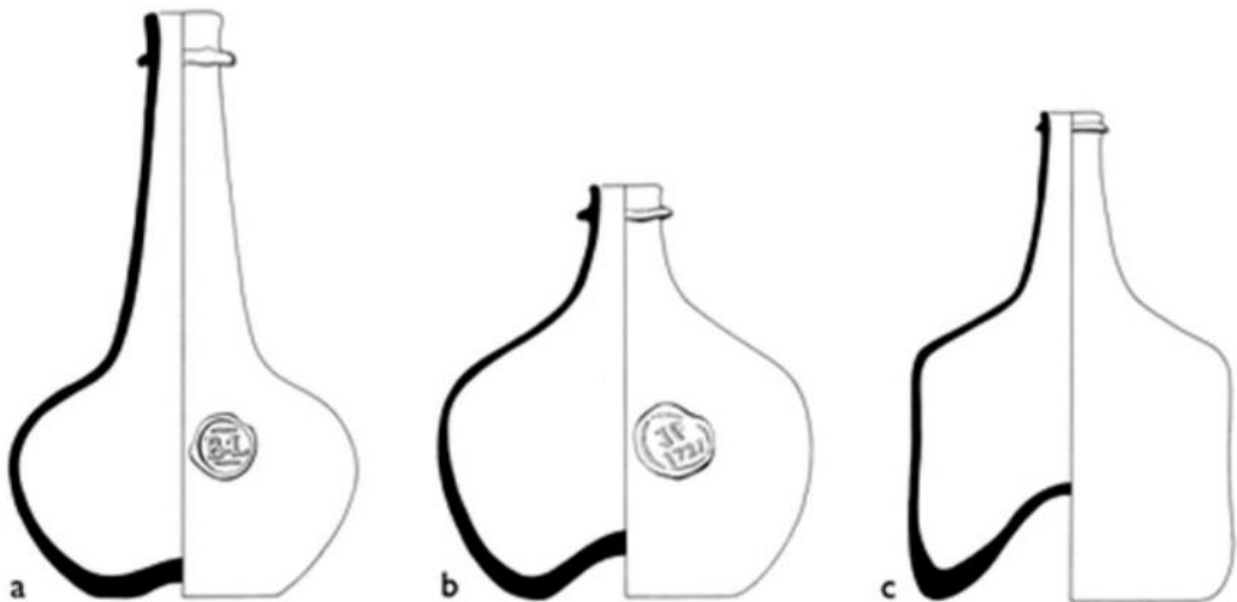
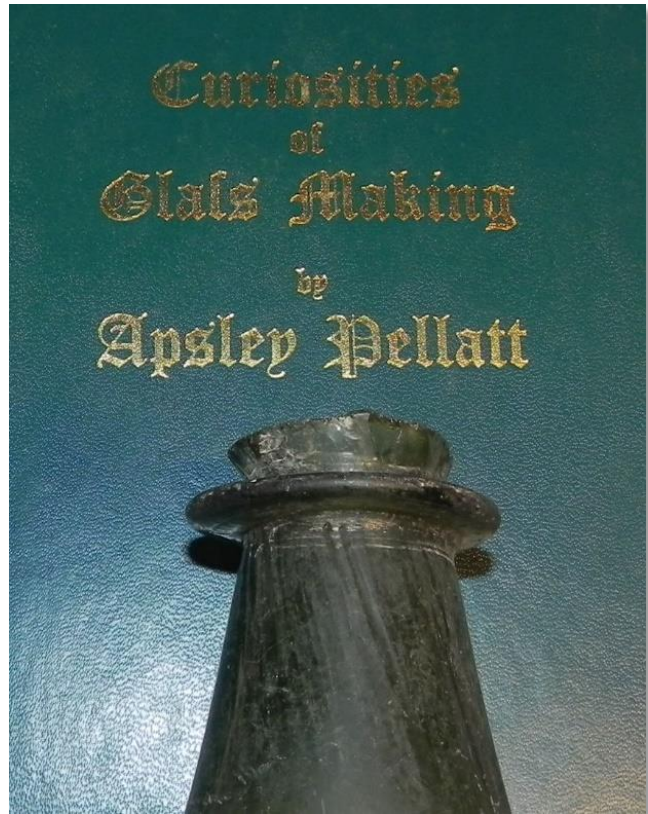
Until the demise of Charles I, most people purchased wine in generic ceramic jugs.

The “English” bottle first appears at about 1650, earlier glass being thin walled and wide mouthed for pouring rather than storage. This new English bottle was thick walled, sturdy with a thin neck capable of being sealed.

Glass bottles were a marker of wealth. Putting a seal onto them showed the owner to be genteel, it also proved ownership should anyone be tempted to purloin the nectar of the vine.

The cover illustration shows a very rare and fine Pelham Buckle seal applied to the bottles found at Halland.

These early bottles were free blown and made without the use of a mould. They have rough pontil scars on their bases. The pontil, or punty stick, an iron rod stuck to the base of the bottle when forming the bottle and snapped off on completion, enabled the bottle to be turned and the neck finished with a string (of glass) rim or other detail whilst the glass was still malleable.



The earliest wine bottles had long necks (a), but by the late 17th century, bottles were provided with shorter necks and bodies that were more squat (b), then, by the beginning of the 18th century cylindrical bodies produced in dip moulds became the norm (c) and mass production commenced.

PAST MEETINGS – Leycester Whewell**The wonder of water and how otters keep us healthy**

Presented by [Fran Southgate](#) Fri 12th April 2019

Water is such a common compound that we typically pay scant attention to its significance in our everyday world. For example, did you know that only 0.01% of the fresh water on this planet is available to humans? A large proportion is locked up as ice in the polar caps. Also that the majority of our own body mass is in fact water, 55%, 60%, 65% & 75% typically for females, males, children and infants respectively.

Fran continued her slide talk about water and how various species have come and gone and adapted to changes in the environment. That 80% of wetlands have been lost in the SE and the other 20% aren't in good condition. Those wetlands take up just 1% of the surface but are host to 40% of wildlife species. Three quarters of people live in former wetland areas, so the pressure placed on them is enormous. As with all water courses, the ingress of pollution into species at the bottom of the food chain migrate their way up and affect those higher up. Eels, in particular, absorb and retain many pollutants. Otters, near the top of the chain, suffered greatly due to pollution, notably from the industrial revolution, but as processes improved and became cleaner so have the numbers of otters increased.

The concluding section took us through some ideas for natural methods of flood management and some of the issues about deforestation and the value of carbon capture.

Overall, we had a good presentation of freshwater topics and the natural environment, but those wishing to know more about otters may well have felt it lacked that vital ingredient.

East Sussex is not well served by an otter population, but there are successes and we were shown a recent short film of some cubs playing in the county.

PAST MEETINGS – Leycester Whewell**The history of [Herstmonceux Castle](#)**

Presented by Melinda Stone Fri 10th May 2019

Having retired from a 40 year career in the NHS, Melinda developed a new interest as a tour guide at the castle. Within a short space of time she has accumulated a vast wealth of knowledge of its history, which was very evident in her presentation.

Recorded in the Domesday Book as the Manor of Herst the site was originally valued at £6 in 1065/6 and £10 at the time of the survey some 20 years later. Then it was located at the north end of a 7km sea inlet that ran through flooded marshy ground. A series of great storms in the 13th century accelerated the silting up of the inlet which, combined with agricultural drainage schemes, led to the formation of today's low lying topography.

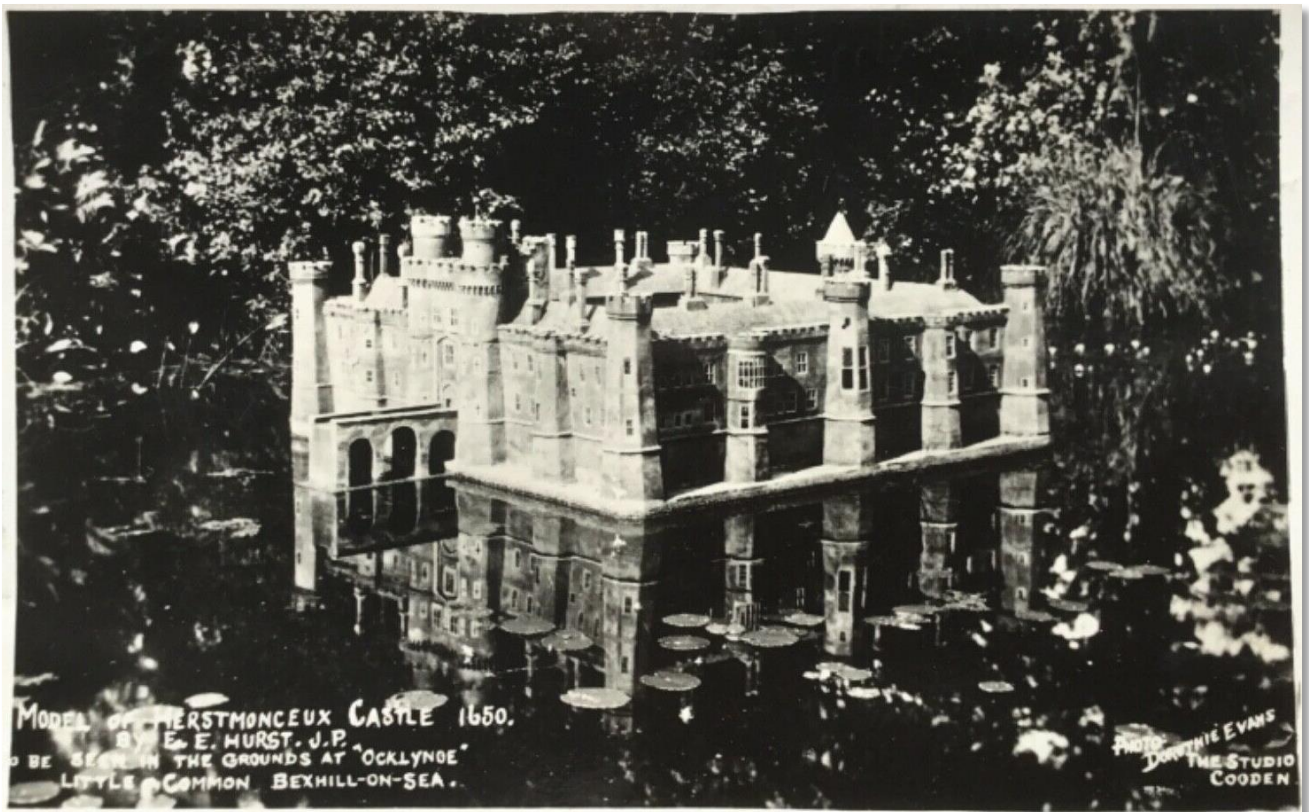
The origins of the castle date back to 1441 when Sir Roger Fiennes applied to King Henry VI for permission to build a castle at the Hurst of Monceaux. Roger was 'mad' about dogs and this led to the Alaunt of Fiennes which has become a symbol associated with the castle. His son Richard claimed the title of Lord Dacre after the death of his wife Joan Dacre's grandfather.



Misconduct led the crown to seize the estate and later restored by Queen Elizabeth to a descendant. Debt then forced the castle to be sold in 1708 to the Naylor family, but by the end of that century it was virtually derelict and much of the interior was demolished.

Restoration began in 1912 when Col Lowther bought the castle and then by Sir Paul Latham from 1932.

After the war the grounds were home to the Royal Greenwich Observatory until light pollution caused it to move to Cambridge in 1988. The latest purchase was in 1992 by Drs Alfred and Isobel Bader as a bequest to Queen's University, Ontario, Canada, for use as an international study centre. He escaped Nazi Germany to England as part of the Kindertransport from Vienna in 1938 and was then sent to Canada where he studied at Queen's. He co-founded and rose to become chairman of Aldrich Chemicals, a major Canadian company. A corporate upheaval of 1992 forced him off the board after which he dedicated time to collect art and continue his philanthropic activities.



This model of Herstmonceux Castle, the largest example of Wealden Pottery ever fired at the Dicker Pottery Kiln, took Mr Edman Hurst JP twelve years to complete.

PAST MEETINGS – AGM + Dinner

The AGM was a jovial affair and [the King's Head](#) venue looked “surprisingly attractive”. Jan’s amazing floral table displays (courtesy of her dog tins) with matching serviettes, pretty bunting and lights courtesy of Q. The food in the main was very plentiful and very enjoyable although just a few suffered from the

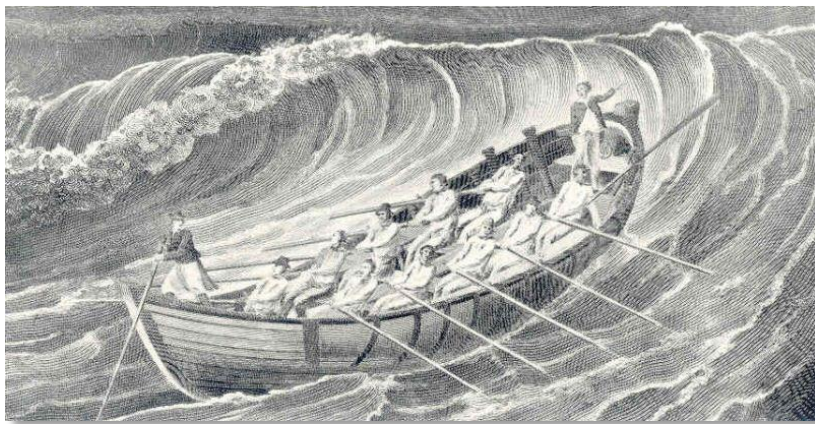
burnt pie. Business was prompt as always but without a committee the society will close its doors at the November Social evening. A deadline of 11th July (committee meeting) was given to see if any further help would be forthcoming. Thankfully afterwards two potential treasurers stepped forward. Delighted to say that Linda Butcher has offered her services and she and Peter are now in the throes of a handover. Peter has also kindly offered to be our Auditor which ensures the Treasurer is not feeling exposed! I am also pleased to say that we have a new Secretary, a new member Kim Dunn. Chris and Jenny have agreed to continue with their respective roles walks, newsletter, membership and so much more! Leycester has agreed to continue supporting the Website and me, which is no mean task!



FUTURE MEETINGS – RNLI Newhaven

The Outing to [RNLI Newhaven](#) on the 11th August is full with a reserve list.

In the year 1800 H.M.S Brazen was wrecked in a storm off the cliffs just west of Newhaven with the loss of all but one of her 105 crew and this tragedy apparently inspired a local committee to look into the provision of a lifeboat at Newhaven. As a result in May 1803 a lifeboat of William Greathead's "Original" design was provided.



Currently at Newhaven the station lifeboat is the RNLB David and Elizabeth Acland, named after Mr David Acland DL who was a member of the RNLI's Committee of Management for 34 years and its Chairman from 1996 to 2000. She was built at FBM Marine Ltd of Cowes and placed on station in October 1999.



Future Meetings - AGM Dinner

PROGRAMME FOR 2019	
Sun Aug 11 th	RNLI at West Quay, Newhaven and pub lunch
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

WE CAN'T ALL BE BEEKEEPERS (but we can all help our bees)



As a beekeeper I learned a lot about the problems facing honeybees, but I knew very little about the other types of bee, except they existed. Often I have been called out to collect a swarm to discover they weren't honey bees, but another type of bee of which I knew nothing. I set out to learn what I could and I discovered that not only do bumble bees and solitary bees also face problems, but they are just as fascinating as honey bees.

Once upon a time I would never have dreamt of standing in front of an audience and speaking, but I really enjoy sharing my passion for bees with talks for both children's

schools and groups such as cubs, brownies and adult groups such as the WI, U3A and National Women's Association.

I am proud to have successfully auditioned as a speaker for the Surrey, East Sussex, West Sussex & West Kent Federations of the WI. – [Michelle Ernoult](#)

HALLAND –May Keeley, Harry Mann and George Borah's nephew

Transcript of All Our Yesterdays a Society event 20th January 2006

I REMEMBER WHEN

The doodlebug dropped at Shortgate

May Keeley: Up at the Bluebell the houses stood up high, the other side of the road and it went right through them. Right through the public house.



The damaged inn on the opposite side of the road.

Luckily the old boy that was in the public house, he was down the garden and he was alright but all the people in the house were killed. I was the first one up there because I started to run from the farm...And there was one poor man...I've never seen a sight in my life like it. It was dreadful.

Harry Mann: We thought my father and sister were still there because they'd taken the bread to the pub but, luckily, they were along the Laughton Road so they were alright. The poor old butcher, Mrs Gander's father... he was in the post office having a cup of tea with Mrs Tobitt and he was killed of course.

George's nephew (from the audience): It was not the Bluebell in those days. It was called the Bell and I used to go to school and my sister, because the war was on and my father was working at the aerodrome in West Sussex, so I used to get the van to Laughton school at the cottages which were

bombed. I knew one of the schoolboys that was there and I remember the day well because during those... my granddad, who lived a short distance away used to make butter for the village.... The Borah family.... I was seven at the time and I remember it well. They used to sell butter round the village of Laughton and he wasn't allowed to do it, it was against ... so I remember my mother and my uncle going up to the Bell. It had been bombed. The butcher, who was Harold French, lost his life. He'd just dropped the meat at my grandmother's (Mrs Tobitt). There was a big dispute. I was seven, I wanted to go along with my mother and my uncle, George Borah, and there was a big dispute how they was going to get the butter because he'd just



Rescue workers search the debris of two cottages and a sub-post office.

dropped the meat off and he'd done a deal with the butter and had somehow got to get the butter out of the back of the van. Well they did. I was talking to Mr Cottingham (who's well in his nineties) at Halland and he said, "

Well there's yourself. You might as well be the first" My uncle and Mr Cottingham were there quite quick. What he didn't know and what hardly anybody knows is that my mother only went to do one thing... to get that butter out of the van and get back to Ivy Farm, (before the authorities found the butter!)

WINGS MUSEUM Balcombe

These fragments of the V1 Flying Bomb which killed Albert and Ellen Foord, Mr. H. French, Mrs. Emily Kate Tobitt and Mrs. Julia Thompsett at Shortgate were salvaged at the time by Mr B. Fry and are now on display at the [Wings Museum Balcombe](#).



DEANLANDS

[RAF Deanland](#), as it was known in 1943–44, played an important part in the Second World War. As an ALG (Advanced Landing Ground), it was a temporary airfield that hosted a Spitfire squadron with a record of some exceptional successes.

On July 26, 1944 Eugene Seghers, an RAF Flight Lieutenant based at 91 Squadron HQ, the airfield at Deanland, spotted a V1 rocket set to plunge to the ground near Ridgewood. He undoubtedly saved many lives by attempting to divert it off course but misjudged his distance and struck the missile, causing it to explode and kill him outright.

After the war his remains were exhumed and repatriated to the Pelouse d'Honneur Cemetery in Brussels. He was posthumously awarded the DFC.

I REMEMBER WHEN

Roy Hussey:

"I lived in Selby Road at the time. I was with friends in the garden. We looked up, saw the Spitfire try to get its wing under the wing of the Doodlebug, then they both exploded. The remains came down in Ridgewood, round where the Highlands is. We didn't go over there - we didn't really like to."

CHIDDINGLY – Parochial History by Antony Lower 1862**I REMEMBER WHEN**

In my boyhood there was an old song relating to this estate (referring to Pokes) and the neighbouring small one in Hellingly called Perryland.

One of the stanzas – the only one I remember – was:

“My daddy was a good ol’ man,
He left me Pokes and Perryland’;
But in the space of twenty year,
I spent it all on gin and beer.”

WALDRON (& HEATHFIELD) - Jim Molesworth-Edwards

Wartime Memories of an East Sussex Schoolboy

I REMEMBER WHEN

During the war we were living on Mayfield Road, Cross in Hand. I started at Foxhunt Manor School in Waldron. It had to move in a hurry at the time of Dunkirk as it was being commandeered as a hospital. The school evacuated to Wales but as I was a day boy I went to Tonbridge.



When the night raids were occurring in London the planes were flying over and at night you could see the red glow and the sky of London burning. We had a doodlebug land at the bottom of our wood. When it cooled down we got some souvenirs off it.

During the Battle of Britain there was a dog fight overhead and my father encouraged me out to watch. Then there was an almighty bang. Then the Spitfire did a victory roll over us and we realised that the German plane had landed on Mayfield Flat. We were just having some groceries delivered and the plane landed just in front of the delivery van.

Anyone who had any sort of machine shop or tool shed was making plane parts. My father had an interest in engineering and he had his own high quality workshop. He was making aircraft parts.

Strange Electrical in Heathfield converted their lathes to production lathes — my father did the converting.

The baker in Heathfield had an amateur lathe and my father converted this for aircraft parts production.

These people were all sub-contracting to Covell and Foord in Hurst Green. They had a main contract to supply the parts and they sub-contracted out to local amateurs.

My father used to get all the awkward jobs which no one else wanted because he had an interest.

One job my father had was to make some valve castings and normally Covell & Foord would chase him up but for these the Ministry of Aircraft production was chasing him direct. No matter how many he machined they always wanted more.

He asked why it was all so urgent but they wouldn't tell him. We found out later that they were the heating valves used on Mosquito aircraft and he was the only person making them in the country.

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/media/1314/home-front-stories-11-16.pdf>

VERT WOODS COMMUNITY WOODLANDS - Sue Redshaw

NATURAL FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Natural Flood Management (NFM) uses practical, natural solutions to slow the flow of water travelling through the landscape. Woodlands offer an excellent opportunity to install 'leaky dams' to temporarily store flood water following heavy rainfall.

Leaky woody dams can form naturally, or can be deliberately installed in watercourses, ditches and floodplains. They reduce flood peaks by intercepting localised floods, as well as helping to buffer against drought and capturing sediment. Increasing wet areas in your woods can also help to

provide habitat for rare and declining birds such as the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker.

It is the aim of the Sussex Flow Initiative (www.sussexflowinitiative.org) to introduce this method of flood mitigation into as many woodlands as possible throughout Sussex. Climate change is likely to make flooding more likely as we experience more extreme weather, so I believe this is a very worthwhile exercise.

We are planning to introduce NFM into the [Community Woodland](#) this autumn. The watershed from Vert Woods flows down to the Cuckmere. The woodlands on the western side of Park Lane are in the watershed for the Ouse and this is what affects Laughton. No doubt residents of Laughton are aware of the rainwater running off the woods and down Pound Lane! A very visible example of potential flooding but I'm sure there are lots of other places that are less obvious.

I would be interested to hear from anyone who has had a problem with flooding or even just an excess of rainwater collecting on their land or in their gardens. It is easy to forget these problems when we have had a long dry spell but now is the time to be planning the NFM to deal with them and hopefully prevent any flooding of homes. We need to be locating the ditches and streams that are carrying the rainwater downhill and where it would therefore be advantageous to build 'leaky dams'. The trees themselves and the wildlife will also benefit from water retained within the woodland boundaries

Jim Smith-Wright of the [Woodland Trust](#), runs a bi-monthly meeting for woodland owners in Laughton (Laughton Woods and Friends). Jim is hoping to have a representative from the Sussex Flow Initiative come and talk at the next meeting. If you would like to be included, please let me know.

Provided we have permission from the woodland owners to install 'leaky dams' on their land, we will be looking for volunteers to help with the building. Guidance and supervision will be provided by the Sussex Flow Initiative. A worthwhile project which will benefit our community!

Sue Redshaw, Laughton Tree Warden smredshaw@btinternet.com

EAST HOATHLY MEMORIES of May Keeley

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I REMEMBER WHEN

The village was quite self-sufficient with shops and small businesses. We had a grocer's shop. A member of Barclay's Bank would come to the house once a week for our banking needs, which is now called Bank House. That's where it started. We had a baker's shop where they made their own bread and cakes. That's where the post office is now. Across the road we had a harness and leather shop. Then my uncle's shoe and clothes shop... Mr & Mrs Ford live there now. Next door was a carpenter's yard. A few years it was used as a boat yard then, in the early seventies, it changed to a pharmaceutical factory. Now, since all the houses were built on the lane we all know it as Thomas Turner Drive and Carpenters Croft.

We had a blacksmith's shop at the end of Mill Lane. As far as I can remember The King's Head had always been there. We only lost the butcher's shop in recent years. This was run by Mr Rogers when I was a child. In the High Street we had a hardware shop, which is now Muffin's Coffee Shop. There were two chapels in the village.

Once the war came Routh & Stevens, where my father worked, was taken over by the War Office. The factory was used for precision engineering, making parts for plane engines. In the early mid-sixties the land was developed into what we know as The Mews. We had a little sweet shop in South Street next door to the Forester's Pub. The shop was always busy and open from seven in the morning to nine at night. Also in South Street we had a builder's yard where Chapman & Smith now stands and a little market garden next door with a trug maker and, at the end of the street, we had a maternity home. The doctor's surgery was also there.

Also, in Martin[lands], the house by the maternity home, was a Major Kemp and he first formed the women's section of the British Legion and I've still got my first membership card.

MYCORRHIZAL FUNGI

MYCORRHIZAL FUNGI -THE HIDDEN WORLD BENEATH OUR FEET

Did you know that our collective future could well depend on our coming to understand the role fungi plays in our environment?

Mycorrhizae (pronounced my-co-RIZ-ee) are defined as fungi that grow in association with the roots of a plant in a symbiotic relationship. Mycorrhizae manage the “underground economy”, making nutrients available to plant roots, facilitating communication between plants, and even protecting plants against diseases and pests. What’s more, they sequester (isolate) carbon in the soil in much more meaningful ways than any “carbon offsets” humans could ever devise, which means focussing on the health and wellbeing of these microscopic soil fungi is a crucial climate change solution.

This fungus-plant alliance stimulates plant growth and accelerates root development. Fungi

break down nutrients in the soil that the roots could not have done so themselves, and the fungi receives carbohydrates and other nutrients from the plant that the fungi cannot produce themselves because they lack the ability to photosynthesise.



Recommended reading:

[Mycorrhizal Planet](#): How Symbiotic Fungi Work with Roots to Support Plant Health and Build Soil Fertility Hardcover – by Michael Phillips (Author)

INTERESTING INSECTS The Red Mason Bee

In the spring the bees hatch, the males emerge first, leave a scent mark so they know where to find the ladies. After feeding, they loiter around the nest waiting for the females. When the ladies emerge they mate and the boys just hang out enjoying life until they die about four weeks later.

The female may excavate a new burrow or use an empty one, in early summer she will busily fill ten or twelve chambers with pollen and nectar and lay one egg in each. She then plugs the entrance with mud.

The eggs soon hatch and become larvae that quickly eat the food source. The larva grows and eventually becomes a pupa. By September the pupa is a fully developed bee inside a cocoon.

When the temperature rises again in the spring the pupa hatches from its case and then emerges from the nest by chewing its way through the mud.

An adult bee emerges from the nest! This bee then mates and the cycle is ready to start all over again.

Once a female has mated she works all day foraging, visiting flowers collecting pollen and nectar that she will use to build pollen balls. Pollination occurs as the female bumps into the flower's anthers and stigma during these visits.



12 Red mason bee facts

1. They're the only bees legally allowed to be kept on allotments, because they don't sting.
2. They're fascinating to watch as they don't travel far and their hairy backs soon get covered with pollen
3. A female solitary bee makes 15–20 flower visits to complete just one cell in a nest.
4. Mason bees pollinate ten times more efficiently than honey bees
5. Only the females have pollen baskets (corbicula) to collect of pollen to pack into the nest cells.
6. The cells are sealed with mud – so a source of damp soil in the garden is vital.
7. Once the cell is pollen-packed, the female lays one egg in the cell, seals it with more mud, then makes the next cell.
8. The cells are arranged so that the males are closest to the exit and can emerge first in spring.
9. Once a female has built all of her cells in one nest she seals off the end and leaves to start another nest. She can build up three nests in a good season.
10. The best bees are produced in May, boosted by lots of pollen and warmer weather. June bees are not as vigorous.
11. Red mason bees are not aggressive as they are solitary and do not have a hive colony to protect.
12. They are better pollinators than honey bees as honey bees are more interested in nectar to produce honey than pollen for their larvae.

WRAS – Trevor Weeks

We are so grateful for our volunteers, we wouldn't be able to help wildlife without them!

Volunteering is not only rewarding to know that you are helping wildlife in need, but you can also meet new people with common interests.. animals!

We are always in need of more help at our wildlife centre in Whitesmith. At this time of year we are almost getting full with up to 300 casualties in the centre! This means we need more pairs of hands to help care for these animals, so if you feel like you have some spare time to offer, if you are passionate about wildlife and aren't afraid to get your hands dirty... then apply to volunteer today through our website -

<http://wildlifeambulance.org/how-you-can-help/volunteering/>

Or email Ellie on ellie@eastsussexwras.org.uk

We especially need help on a -

Tuesday AM shift

Wednesday AM shift

Friday PM shift

Saturday AM shift

Saturday PM shift



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<http://wildlifeambulance.org/>

CPRE is becoming;



The
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It's clear we need to make people more aware of our work, attract more support and volunteers – and increase our impact even further.

Over the past 18 months we've been finding out how our members, supporters and the public feel about the countryside, what it means to them and why they care about it. We were delighted to hear that:

- 80% love spending time in the countryside
- 90% think the countryside is good for their mental wellbeing
- 86% think the countryside should be for everyone
- Over 20 million people would be willing to support a charity that helps them promote, enhance and protect the countryside.

However, we also found that just 22% of adults in England have heard of CPRE and, if they have, they're not aware of all we do

We need to give equal emphasis to the work we do to promote, enhance and of course, protect the countryside. Our new strategic aims - to 'Connect people and countryside', 'Promote rural life' and 'Empower communities' will help us do that.

[CPRE Sussex](#) is currently attending the public examination of the Wealden Local Plan (May 2019) at the East Sussex National Golf course.

The inspector, Louise Nurser, has expressed concerns about whether the submitted plan can be found sound under the 'Duty to Cooperate.' A session exploring the Council's approach to reducing traffic on the A22 and avoiding harm to the Ashdown Forest from pollution turned into a long technical and legal battle which has yet to be resolved. It looks likely that more hearings will need to be scheduled.



Dartford Warbler on the Ashdown Forest, Picture by Tom Lee

CPRE Sussex, the Sussex Wildlife Trust, the Sussex Ornithological Society and local parish and town councils all spoke up to voice concerns about potential harm to the countryside as a result of the plan. Areas such as the Ashdown Forest contain internationally protected habitats and wildlife so it is vital that the plan is able to avoid harm to these sensitive areas. Wealden district contains landscapes which are designated as 'Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty'. Many of the discussions so far have been dominated by expensive barristers and technical specialists representing developers who stand to make considerable profits from allocations of land for development. CPRE Sussex is working objectively on the plan to try and get the best outcome for local people and the natural environment.

The Preservation Society is an affiliated member of the CPRE and pleased to support their campaigns both locally and nationally.

There are many ways you can help them and it's not just money. Please visit the [CPRE](#) website to see how

EH with HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – June 2019

The [Neighbourhood Plan](#) establishes land use and development management policies for the Parish.

Projects / Aspirations

The Neighbourhood Plan covers more than just traditional planning matters as it presents the community's vision for the area. Items that the community are seeking, but that cannot be delivered through planning policy, are identified and promoted through the plan.

VISION FOR EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND IN 2028

Our Vision is that in 2028, East Hoathly with Halland will remain a thriving caring community that has met its changing needs and which caters for the health and wellbeing of its residents. It will have resisted the transformation of the Parish into a commuter dormitory and preserved the distinctive character that has evolved over eight centuries of history.

It will have ensured the protection of its Heritage assets, Conservation Area and Green Spaces.

It will have accommodated small scale housing developments to meet the needs of local people and supported a Community Land Trust to provide low cost rented homes. It will have improved the balance of housing stock available and ensured that new homes are sympathetic to the distinctive nature of the Parish. It will have sought to enhance its sustainability by supporting remaining businesses, improving accessibility and supporting improvements to utilities and services.

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.

The next Consultation Event will take place on

Thursday 12 September 2019

at the East Hoathly Sports Ground Pavilion

HIGH WEALD, SOUTH DOWNS OR LOW WEALD?

The High Weald is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty at least equal in importance to the South Downs National Park.

We are in the Low Weald, sandwiched between the two:

A broad, low-lying clay vale, predominantly agricultural, supporting mainly pastoral farming owing to heavy clay soils, with horticulture and some arable on lighter soils in the east, and has many densely wooded areas with a high proportion of ancient woodland.



The Low Weald is important for biodiversity, being rated among the most important NCAs for richness of bat species, bullfinch and lesser-spotted woodpecker, and several plants, including spiked rampion, plus a variety of rare lichens. It also supports rare invertebrates, notably woodland butterflies.

There are 44 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI).

The National Character Assessment is identified as a potential Forest District so opportunities exist to achieve huge benefits by connecting existing woodlands.

The area is generally wet and woody, dissected by flood plains and its impermeable clay soil and low lying nature make many areas prone to localised flooding. Gill woodland is a particular feature and a valuable habitat, scarce elsewhere.

The need for natural regeneration of woodland to soak up water and absorb carbon cannot be underestimated. The value and importance of our environment, the Low Weald, cannot be overstated.

VILLAGE CONCERNS

We now have a website. Please tell others.

<http://villageconcerns.co.uk/index.html>

There has been a great deal of activity since our last update.

The Stage 1 Hearings, before the Planning Inspector Louise Nurser, for the Wealden Emerging Plan finished on July 31st 2019.

Members of Village Concerns have attended each of the Hearings and were able to speak on the final day.

Parker Dann have also been at the Hearings representing Hesmonds Stud.

The Stage 1 Hearings were dealing with Legal Compliance and Soundness, overarching issues for the whole plan.

The Inspector closed the session saying that that she had much to think about and would be submitting an Interim Report to Wealden District Council at the end of August. She gave no indication of what her findings might be. However, at an earlier stage, she did say she was in discussion with Wealden regarding modifications to the Plan but these modifications were not available to the public.

It is now a waiting game. If the Inspector finds the Plan Sound and Legally Compliant, albeit with possible modifications acceptable to Wealden, the Hearings will proceed to Stage 2.

Stage 2 will discuss specific sites and issues such as the Settlement Hierarchy. This will be a vital stage for East Hoathly.

If the Plan is rejected by the Inspector after Stage 1, or her modifications are not acceptable to Wealden it will be back to the drawing board. Development will then be in the hands of the Developers particularly as Wealden does not have a 5 year land supply.

Village Concerns have gained useful information from the Stage 1 Hearings but we will need legal advice and representation for Stage 2.

There is also a strong possibility that Hesmonds will submit an appeal. Again we will need legal advice and representation.

This will be very costly. We are preparing a leaflet campaign to ascertain the level of financial support we can receive from villagers.

We are still awaiting the results of the Appeals submitted for Buttsfield Lane, South Street and Halland's Hop Garden. It appears Appeals are taking up to four months so we may not hear anything till September.

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

The East Hoathly with Halland Community Land Trust are now incorporated as a Community Benefit Society.

As we move onto the next stage we need YOU.

We need enthusiastic people to join the board or who can offer us some time or specific skills, such as fundraising or legal. If you would like to find out more please message or email us.

<https://www.easthoathlywithhallandcommunitylandtrust.com/>

LISTED BUILDINGS – Remains of Halland House



The Ruins of the old house known as Halland House in the grounds of Halland Park House, Laughton. Little more than the garden wall remain.



Halland House, built 1595 and dismantled about 1790, some parts remain as the garden wall to the “new” Halland Park Farmhouse (now listed in its own right). Built with local red brick, stone quoins and brick buttresses. Terra Cotta detailing as at Laughton Place appears to have been used on Halland House and reused on the present farmhouse. After the Duke of Newcastle’s death in 1768 the property passed to the new Lord Pelham

Much of the contents were sold to a Mr Russell, other items actioned; A large parcel of steel caps & sundry armour raised 15 shillings.

I REMEMBER WHEN - HISTORY PROJECT

What's your earliest memory of East Hoathly or Halland?

We're collecting "I Remember When" snippets to build up a picture of our communities in the "Good Ol' Days" for a potential educational project.

You'll find a blank sheet in with this newsletter.

Think of something to write and bring it along to the next meeting or drop it in to Jane at Clara's Bookshop.



Anthea Burrell Is that the party to celebrate the opening of the by-pass? We had moved into our house on the High St a few weeks before. Suddenly we could get an uninterrupted night's sleep and could turn down the sound on the TV!

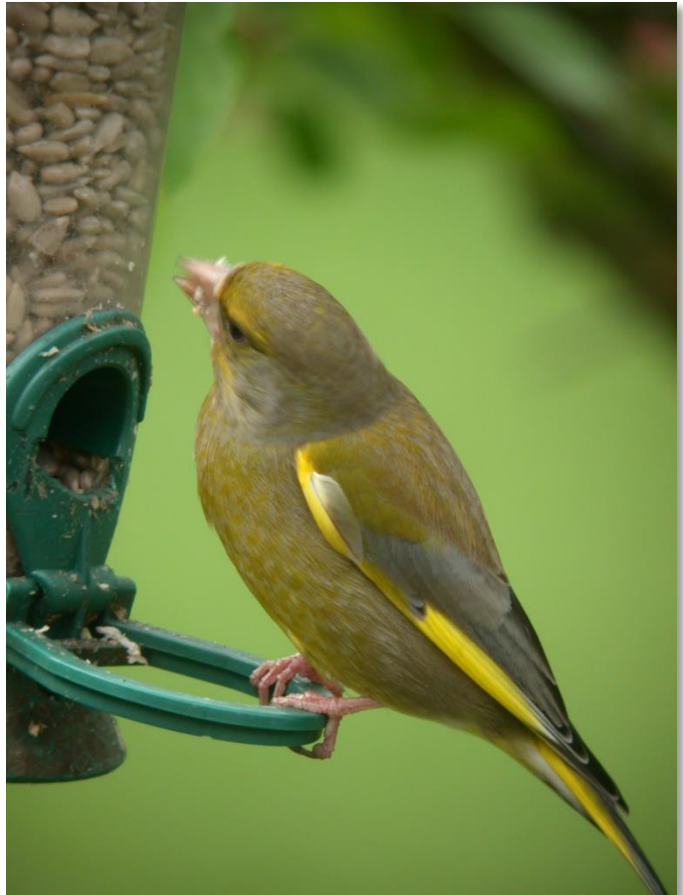
David Cottingham Treasure hunt at the church fete in the [old] rectory garden now rectory close. Helping dad going around the village delivering eggs so many houses had their back doors open with the money left on the kitchen table

Chris Hartley-Clark Living in No.5 Providence Terrace from birth to age 8 then moving to 20 Buttsfield a brand new council house. Village life was so different then believe me. It [Providence Terrace] is now Cider House Walk. There were 5 houses then, 4 were demolished and 3 rebuilt. My grandmother was tenant of No5 and offered the five houses for £100 by the owner probably around 1956/8. The tile clad one still standing housed six of us Hartley's two up two down, outside toilet no mains water in the village then so we hand pumped water from a well in the back yard. My older brother now 82 still lives in the village which has changed beyond belief I know because I saw it happen.

EAST HOATHLY BIRDS – The Greenfinch

There had been a noticeable absence of greenfinches visiting our garden over the last few years, and a pleasing resurgence this year.

Most greenfinches breeding in the UK are sedentary, seldom moving far. However, individual birds may suddenly behave differently, travelling much longer distances, spending their winters in Ireland or continental Europe. This suggests that the movements are driven by high breeding densities, food shortages or perhaps to distance themselves from areas where the contagious finch disease trichomonosis has occurred.



Trichomonosis can be spread between birds at garden feeding stations so it is very important to regularly clean feeders and bird tables.

As a result of intensive farming, and the massive decline in natural seed sources the Greenfinch population has declined by 35% since 2005

In the garden, they have taken to food such as peanuts and black sunflower and without this food supply the current UK Greenfinch population would undoubtedly be much smaller.

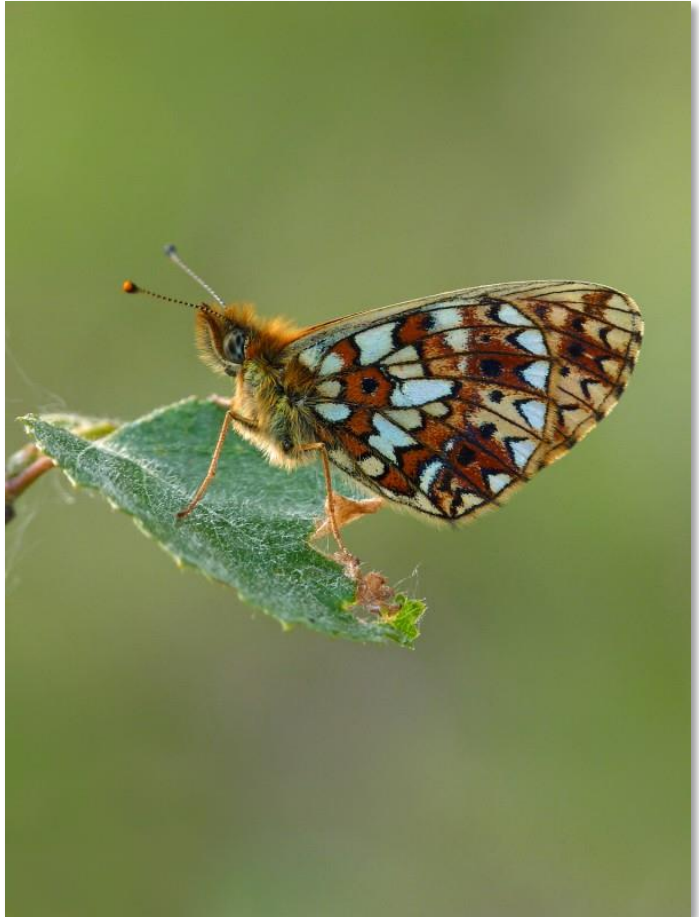
Greenfinches nest in loose colonies, up to five or six families, in dense shrubs. The untidy nest is made from twigs and grass, lined with fine roots and hair, and built by the female.

There can be two or three broods each year, with between four to six eggs in each brood.

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION- Neil Hulme

I'm pleased to report that a reintroduction of the Pearl-bordered Fritillary to the [Rowland Wood](#) reserve, conducted in compliance with the 'BC Code on Introductions and Re-introductions 2010' (involving the necessary research, thorough preparations and implementation of a sustainable management plan, as part of a landscape scale programme), has now been completed.

We haven't posted any of the reports sent in by those who have noticed the appearance of PBF on the Sussex reserves (some have already found their way into Park Corner Heath), in order to let the butterflies get on with the job of establishing a new population, unhindered by too much attention - thank you for your patience. We will welcome any reports from next year onward.



Small Pearl-bordered Fritillaries are now emerging on the reserves, so you now have the happy problem of differentiating between these species (a good book on The Butterflies of Sussex will help). I would like to thank the project's captive-breeding team of Theresa Turner, Gary Norman and Mike Mullis for all their hard work, and everyone else who has supported the project in any way.

Neil Hulme

RIGHTS OF WAY GROUP – John Deane

Rights of Way Group

14.08.2019

Life has been relatively relaxed since the last newsletter.

We received a request for help to clear the footpath To Old Whyly, which borders the Hesmond paddock, opposite the pavilion. This path had started to become overgrown, particularly with brambles. We responded a few days later and the work was completed in about an hour.

Unfortunately the growth rate of brambles is quite phenomenal at this time of year, especially in view of the recent rainfall. The result is a rapid regrowth effecting many footpaths. A possible solution for consideration is that walkers carry a pair of secateurs, so that any intrusive shoots can be cleared before they become a real problem. Taking early action in this way can often be done on the move and would be really simple.

Turning to a different topic and good news for anyone who has not yet heard. At last a Tree Preservation Order has been granted for all the oak trees, which form a rough circle near the traffic choke point feature in South Street. It has taken some considerable time and communication before this appeal for a TPO has been fruitful, so it does show that a dogged approach when making an attempt to achieve a target, can pay off.

Another recent local initiative is to try to discover if there have been any local rights of way, which have fallen into disuse. There is a current national scheme, organised by the Rambler's Association, to get such footpaths and bridleways recognised and again placed upon the Rights of Way Definitive Map. Roger Ward has kindly offered to assist me with this task. If you have any proof or other information on this topic please get in touch.

If you wish to become involved with the group or have any queries related to the above notes kindly contact me

John Deane at dixiewalks@hotmail.com

WALKS - Jenny

Since the last newsletter our monthly walks have taken us to Vert Wood Community Woodland at Laughton, Sheepcote Valley Nature Reserve at Brighton and to Fletching for their annual garden trail.



The Vert Wood walk in April seems such a long time ago now. We are currently in high summer (although right now it feels more like autumn - a chilly day with heavy drizzle), but at the time of our visit, the Bluebells were in full bloom and there were large patches of Lily of the Valley about to come into flower. The discovery of swathes of the Lily was a particular thrill to me, as many years ago, dear, much missed Eric Gould used to send me on missions to try and find any patches that had survived the long term pine production and harvesting operations. I never did, until just a few years ago when I found one small patch. It just goes to prove that under the right conditions, thanks to the sympathetic management now being applied, nature can re-establish itself and flourish. At the end of our walk we shared hot chocolate and nibbles by the pond.

Sheepcote Valley

Once again we were blessed with beautiful weather for our May walk in Brighton. The transformation from landfill site to nature reserve is nothing short of amazing and has become a much valued civic amenity and important refuge for wildlife. Our visit turned out to be a little premature for many of the wild flowers and butterflies, but was very enjoyable none the less. A stop at a local pub provided suitable refuelling for the return uphill walk.



Chris and I were away in June, but Robin and Josephine co-ordinated the visit to the [Fletching garden trail](#), which I am sure provided plenty of inspiration and the opportunity to buy unusual plants whilst supporting the local school, which I now understand is under threat of closure.

WALKS FOR 2019 – Dates for your Diary

Forthcoming walks will be starting from The Anchor Inn at Barcombe in July, and in August we will be exploring Friston Forest. If the weather is hot the trees will provide plenty of cool shelter. The walk will start from the Butchershole car park, but we will be having lunch beforehand at the Eight Bells at Jevington. The food is excellent and booking essential. Join us if you can.

In September we will be heading up onto the Downs at Litlington, starting from the tea rooms. This area is particularly lovely and should be a superb way to spend an early autumn afternoon.

We aim to keep the walks to a time length of approximately two hours, with a relaxed pace and the emphasis on enjoying the countryside and each other's company.

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 Gardens
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

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EVERYONE WELCOME

EDITORS NOTES – Chris Pellett

The Preservation Society is fifty-five years old.

What we offer has changed over the years, how it continues is up to its members.

There will be an Extraordinary Meeting after the Bee talk on Friday 13th September and you will be asked how you would like the society to develop.

We are not expecting anyone to volunteer to step into Toni's shoes, and no one should feel pressured to do so. But if you can look at the tasks we have, and a few of you can commit to just some of them, there is no reason why the society cannot continue to thrive.

But seriously, the society cannot function without key roles being filled.

Chris 01825 872830

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P.S.

We were asked earlier this year if any members would like to take part in the Annual Sussex HOSPICE WALK on September 1st.

Unfortunately with so much, seen and unforeseen, going on at the moment I have not been able to make the necessary arrangements. If you would like to be involved next year please email me.

Please do put pen to paper for the **I Remember When** project, or ask a relative or neighbour to do so if you prefer.

By the way

In June, Jenny and I were in Canada to celebrate the birth of our first grandson, Everett, to Madeleine and her husband Austin. All are doing well and a damned good time we had too!