



Hadlow Down Parish Magazine February 2018

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Village Hall - Playing Field - Community Centre - The Village Fayre

Friday 23rd February starting at 7.30 p.m.

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Saturday February 17th @ 7.30pm

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Friday 9th February @ 7.30 pm

Mike Barber, architect will answers any questions

Refreshments provided. More details inside.

COMMUNITY CENTRE MEETING



EDITORIAL

Happy New Year to all our readers and I know that means every householder within the 'parish' boundary of Hadlow Down and now to our many readers from around the world. The Parish Magazine has gone back online on the Village Website, so enabling many past residents of the village to keep up to date with 'goings on' in Hadlow Down.

And I know some of those past residents will take a great interest in our interview this month, with life- long resident, Chris Greenwood. My hope over the next few months is to record similar interviews with other long standing residents of the village – important part of our cultural heritage. (if anyone has a neighbour, friend or relative that would be interested in being interviewed, please let me know.)

This edition also provides a great deal of information about events that are taking place this month – all of which everyone in the village is invited too.

Enjoy the read.
The Editor

Community Pop-Up Lunch on Sunday 7th January



ENGage charity (TN22 clubs), would like to thank everyone who supported the community lunch on 7th January. This was a first for a winter pop-up at the church but it went well and people who came, said they enjoyed the food and the company. ENGage were very pleased to accept a donation of £462.00, which all goes to support the TN22 clubs. The TN22 social day club gives an opportunity to socialise together with a tasty lunch and entertainment. Members come from the village and surrounding towns and villages. If you would like more information about the club you can phone Denise on 07462 790 210.

Due to the success of the lunch, volunteers are looking to do something again at the end of the year - watch this space for details. Thanks again for your support.

Editor – The TN22+ Club has received a great deal of positive feedback and as one of the lunch participants I too would endorse that.



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Interview with Chris Greenwood

Who recalls years gone by in the village. Chris has been a resident in the village for his entire life and he recalls some of his memories in this short interview.

1. Having been schooled at St. Marks tell us of your experiences, including any funny/ amusing story that you can recall ?

Three five year old boys arriving at our door is the first memory that I can pinpoint. I was three and a half. The three boys from the outskirts of London were evacuees; the date was 3rd Sept 1939. My sister Meg, six years older than me, now had the three boys to accompany her to St Marks School. When I, started school, a good percentage of the pupils were from London, and most stayed until the end of the war. Our school dinners were cooked and served out in the "Tin Chapel" towards the bottom of School Lane. We formed a crocodile to walk down to the chapel, but when deemed fit to look after ourselves as we were allowed to finish our meal and make our own way back to school. The return journey by the boys was very rarely by the shortest route, and we often got back quite dishevelled. A lady teacher from London was by a corruption of her surname known by the pupils as "Binny". After a meal one day, she was walking up the road with some of the younger children when she spied a message chalked on the road, "Biny is a foal" the lady was quite upset, not so much by the insult but the fact that the culprits couldn't spell. Some precious leather was worn away as the offending chalk marks were shuffled out by the children's shoes. A good majority of pupils walked quite a distance to school, most boys and a good many girls wearing metal studs on their boots to preserve the leather. I well remember the winter of 1947 a very severe frost after a thaw, caused trees, telephone poles and wires to be coated with ice. At the school the whistle was blown to call us in from our play time. Just as we had moved off the playground an extremely large branch from an Ash tree which was covered in ice crashed onto the asphalt, a close call but all was well. The war time lady school teachers who had to deal with a mixture of local and evacuee children had no easy task, perhaps they should receive the same accolade as the land girls.

2. Being a church goer over all the years as a resident of HD you must have some memories of St Marks Church ?

My parents were married at St Marks in 1926. Since then the church has been the centre for family marriages, christenings, confirmations and burials. In my school days, the 1940s, some of the boys from St Mark's School were recruited to become servers at the church services; I became thurifer, and swung the incense bowl for many years, mainly at the 11 o'clock mass on a Sunday. The Sunday service was usually well attended, the 6 o'clock evensong was also popular with some good lusty hymn singing. Sammy Sands a short man, well into his eighty's, tolled the bell to call folks to the services; his daughter in her St John's Ambulance uniform would lay a wreath at the war memorial every Armistice Sunday. There was no rushing from church to church for the vicar in the forty's and fifty's, just a short walk up to the church door from the vicarage. Some of our vicars would get well involved with village functions, socials, sports club dinners, The Happy Circle, etc. The Reverend Goodman, a splendid name for a vicar, ran a youth club at our village "Hut" for some while and was also MC at socials run in the same venue. A visiting vicar when I was very young, looked at me and asked my parents, "Are they twins". It makes one wonder whether he saw twice the number in the congregation, than there actually were, and congratulated himself for his success.

I also recall one of our vicars who was getting close to retirement was a typical story book country parson, somewhat absent minded, but well loved by his parishioners. There were times when preaching from the pulpit, when there would be a pause as he gazed out of the window, he apparently, looking for inspiration, the congregation in anticipation waited patiently for the next big revelation. One day he noticed that the film "King Solomon's Mines", taken from the book of the same name by Henry Ryder Haggard was being shown at the cinema De lux in Lewes, (This cinema that was more commonly known as "The Flea Pit" closed many years ago.) He very generously decided to take some of us lads to see the film as a servers outing. On the chosen day we climbed into his old car, I can't remember how many of us, but in the days before seat belts we would pack in quite tightly hoping someone's shoe didn't end up in one of "your" more tender spots. Our vicars' driving was somewhat like his sermons rather ponderous, but we arrived safely and took our seats. The time of our arrival meant that we saw the main

picture first. The Hollywood version of “King Solomon’s Mines” didn’t go down at all well with the Reverend and there was much tuttings and murmurings throughout the film. The supporting picture as would be expected was set in the Second World War. It kicked off with a somewhat attractive young lady catching her skirt on a barbed wire fence that she was stepping over, she was evidently trying to put distance between herself and some Nissan type huts to be seen in the background. Unfortunately, her skirt caught on the wire and stayed there and our young lady went on her way, with her full length petticoat and blouse still in place, makeup and hairdo still immaculate. It seems strange on hindsight, that a beauty salon had been active in those tatty old buildings that she had just left. We lads however, settled down more comfortably into our seats in anticipation of things to come. “Hold on a sec,” our vicar is on his feet, it seems that he is going to give the good cinema goers of Lewes one of his sermons, whatever can the theme be, there is no window to gaze out for inspiration. “This is all a lot of Blah Blah Blah,” he proclaims. Oh that’s the theme. Out of the row and up the aisle he strides, Blah Blah Blahing as he goes with his highly embarrassed and somewhat disappointed flock trailing along behind. The car ride back was via the Broil to Blackboys, then turning off at Star Lane, “There is another main road somewhere here” our driver comments, “We are just going across it”, we replied pretty much in unison.

3. Bringing up a family in a small community must have had its 'highs' and 'lows'. What memories do you have ?

I find it rather sad that children can’t roam the countryside in safety these days. Unexpected deep water was a hazard, a clip round the ear for being where you shouldn’t be, was uncomfortable, but being abducted or molested was not a worry to parents and youngsters of the forty’s. By the time our daughter Jeannette was growing up times had changed, and as she liked to get involved with different organisations, Pam or I, would, as other parents do now, ferry her around to different venues. Jeannette has memories of the fancy dress competitions held at the village hall, going as Little Bo Peep, as Miss Kleenex Tissue decked out in different coloured tissues, and being made up as an oak tree with a yellow ribbon tied around the trunk. The song “Tie a yellow ribbon around the old oak tree” being in the charts at that time.

4. What have been the greatest changes for you over the years in HD ?

I will take a walk around our village with my mother and sister in the forty’s. Mum would make sure that she had our ration books and some cash, a pound if she was really lucky, more likely a ten shilling note, perhaps half a crown, a tanner or two and some pennies. We would make a start by calling in at Ashdown’s bakery, which was situated about half way up Willderness Lane. Walking on up the road we could have glanced up at the clock over “The Old Stables”, for a time check, then on up to the crossroads and turn right. A few yards and across the road was Mr Ruff’s bakery, his crusty rolls very popular. We walk past the Providence Chapel, where many hours of worship would take place in there on a Sunday. Next, is the New Inn quiet at the moment but at night, if prior to the D Day landings, rocking with Canadian soldiers from Possingworth camp. How many saw their homes again? If later in the forty’s it would be wood felling and saw benches that dominated the conversations. The landlord George Standen, helped by Aunt Kit would be serving pints of Tamplins beer. Perhaps stamps etc. to be purchased at the Post Office, which is next along the road, this also served as the telephone exchange, Mr Richards would stop serving to connect someone to their required number. We would cross the road to Mr White’s stores, passing the time of day to the folks standing there waiting for the 79 bus to Uckfield. Inside the store Miss Storey would chat away as she made up a bag to put sugar in. Groceries purchased and points taken from ration books, we would cross the road again and walk along to Mr Hentons butchers shop. More precious points were taken from a measly meat allowance. Further along the road and up some brick steps into “Sunny Bank Stores”, were newspapers and groceries could be purchased here. Leaving my mum and sister I walk on a few yards further to watch Jack Bracher, our Blacksmith, he would be either shoeing a horse or hammering out some heated ironwork on his anvil. Carrying on my walk I would turn down Tinkers Lane, in a hundred yards or so, on the left hand side, I could scabble up a bank and through a hole in the hedge, not many bothered to walk down to the gate, I am behind a rather tatty old wooden shed, it’s the cricket pavilion. The pavilion might not be very smart but the Football/Cricket pitch is as good as any for many a long mile and very well looked after. Unfortunately, it will be lost to the village within a few years. My village tour finished, I walk home.

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Lindsey's Menu

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200g chorizo sausage sliced into 1cm pieces
1tbsp flour. 1 onion finely chopped. 2tbsp olive oil. 100 ml red wine. Sea salt, pepper.
15g porcini mushrooms soaked in warm water. 100g soft prunes, roughly chopped.
1 Savoy cabbage, finely shredded
1 X 400g can of chopped tomatoes. 500ml chicken stock.

Method :- Place pork and chorizo in bowl, sprinkle with flour, season. In casserole heat oil and brown meat, a small amount at a time so that it browns quickly. When the last batch is brown remove from casserole and brown onions, and add to pile of browned meat.
Return casserole to heat and add wine stirring and scraping all the sticky bits from bottom of dish. Drain the mushrooms and roughly chop. Add meat, onions, mushrooms, cabbage, prunes, tomatoes and stock to the wine in casserole, bring everything to a simmer stirring.
Season well. Put lid on casserole and place in oven for 1 1/2 - 2 hours by which time you should have a beautifully smokey tender stew!
Serve with baked, boiled or mashed potatoes.

Enjoy !



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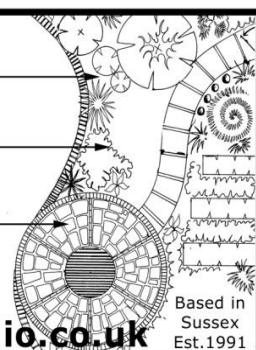
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Soft tissue therapy works with the soft tissues of the body, namely muscles, fascia, tendons, ligaments, skin, scar tissue etc. It is not a cure all and cannot rid you of disease unfortunately. However, what it can do, is provide some very real results in terms of pain relief, movement and flexibility with regards to many permanent medical conditions.

It can also have amazing effects on posture, muscle pain, sports injuries, rehabilitation from surgery and many other things. Over the next few weeks I will delve into some of the conditions in more detail and this list will grow but for now here is the list.

Who is it for?

I treat a broad range of people both in terms of their needs but also in age. I've helped a 14 year old with leg issues relating to football, I've helped an 86 year old having trouble sleeping from a stiff neck, athletes with sports injuries and people suffering from permanent medical conditions such as **Fibromyalgia** and Parkinson's. them almost immediately. For others its a slower process and for some an alternative solution is required.

Honesty

What you can always expect from me is a realistic assessment of what I can do and how I might be able to help, a caring approach with a genuine interest in your situation and a desire to help, and if I can't an honest opinion on how I think the best way forward for you could be, often with a referral to other professionals. I am a member of the **IRSM** (institute of sport and remedial massage) who's **code of ethics** I adhere to.

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St. Mark's CEP School News



League Tables can be Misleading!!

You may be aware of the recent 'Courier' article regarding the SATs results and we felt it might be helpful to give you some background information to alleviate any fears you may have.

As a school we have been reluctant to 'blow our own trumpet' when our SATs results have been high e.g. last year we were the school with the highest progress measures in the Wealden area and are only too aware that small cohorts can affect percentages and skew results for us, and other schools. With each child representing a high percentage it only takes one or two children not to reach the 'expected standard' to have a huge impact on our combined results, and in our case there were children who missed the pass mark by one point in maths.



Unfortunately, the only figures published by the 'Courier' were the combined reading, writing and maths scores. In English, our reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling were in line with national results. We were disappointed with our maths test results which have pulled the combined score down but external bodies observing the daily practice in maths graded the teaching and learning as Outstanding. As a school, we have been working hard to develop the mastery approach to maths and our success in this has been recognised by Oxford University

Press in awarding us Advocate School status. As we all know new initiatives take time to work their way through a system and our Key Stage 1 results in maths were strong. We have received feedback from secondary schools who have commented on the strength of our children's learning and resilient attitude in maths and we feel this justifies working hard to ensure all children have a firm foundation in maths rather a transitory knowledge of how to pass a test.

We thought you may like to read an email we received from a parent in response to the Courier article and the subsequent facebook discussion:

"My child could not have been more relaxed or unstressed or indeed any more prepared for the SATS - Our school is a really wonderful and amazing place, and I do not know of any other school that took such care with making sure the children were happy at this stressful time with lavender on each exam desk and a snazzy breakfast club every day that all the children looked forward to. She could not have had a better or more rounded learning I am sure of that. Her transition to secondary school has been flawless and she is in top sets for nearly all subjects - indeed in Maths the subject that does not come naturally to her is a class that she looks forward to and she gained "Outstanding" in her attitude and participation and is meeting the standard expected of her. So much for league tables - you are all blooming wonderful and doing incredible stuff with the given circumstances in budgets and cut backs these days."



We have Outstanding 'good levels of development' at the end of reception, well above national standards, our phonics results are in line with national figures, and key stage 1 results are strong overall with additional strengths at 'greater depth' (beyond the expected level).

Amanda Spielman, the Chief Inspector for Ofsted has said (11th October, 2017):

" Good examination results in, and of themselves, don't always mean that the pupil received rich and full knowledge from the curriculum. In the worst cases, teaching to the test, rather than teaching the full curriculum, leaves a pupil with a hollowed out and flimsy understanding."

At St Mark's we have always provided and, we know the children and parents value, the broad and balanced curriculum, and have never gone down the route of stopping important subjects, such as, music, PE, computing, modern languages, history, geography, DT, drama and art, the memories of which last with children forever.

In the 21st Century we need adaptable people with creativity, resilience and a growth mind-set open to challenge and problem solving and we need to be brave in providing this when testing is now such a key marker for success.

Thank you, for reading this article, and please know we are always open to discussions on this topic.

Mike Ford - St Mark's would also like to pay a tribute to Mike Ford who was such a source of support for our school over many years. He was such a calm and helpful man and we will miss him.

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This year as part of the Keep Britain Tidy campaign, there is a weekend dedicated to picking up litter and it is called The Great British Spring Clean. This is a campaign with a simple aim: to bring people across the country together to clear up the litter that blights our towns, villages, countryside and beaches.

We would like to ask for volunteers for this task to contact Julian on his mobile (07814-931348) or landline (01825 830688) if you can make yourself available for a small period of time over the weekend of 2nd-4th March (even an hour would be helpful). Litter picking equipment can be provided such as: picking tools, black sacks, hoops for sacks, hi viz vests, etc **Look forward to hearing from YOU.**

DOG TAILS FROM A LOCAL BEHAVIOURIST



HELPFUL DOG

In my last article I mentioned that Chloe, my Newfoundland, was still recovering from a serious operation. Thankfully she was fit and well again in time for Christmas. Unfortunately I was struck down with an inner ear problem so was out of action for most of the festivities. Having helped Chloe during her recuperation it was now her turn to help me which she did most attentively. Feeling very giddy it was reassuring knowing I could suddenly grab a handful of fur to save myself falling. Having a helper the size of a miniature Shetland pony with long fur does occasionally have its advantages! Knowing that moving my head up or down would immediately trigger another spell was very restricting but, luckily, I had trained Chloe to pick up anything I needed or accidentally dropped.

Thankfully I am now much better.

Having Chloe helping me made me ponder on the fact that many articles focus on how we should look after our dogs, rather than how dogs should be looking after us! When I ask new owners what their new puppy is going to do, they often reply, "Oh it's just a pet". There is lots of publicity on clever working dogs including dogs for the disabled, blind or deaf. There are many books on heroic dogs sniffing out explosives, drugs or working fearlessly as police dogs. There are also search and rescue dogs that have their own specialities. As time goes on it has been discovered that dogs can detect certain diseases or alert their owners when they are at risk with a medical problem.

I'm sure there are misconceptions that all these clever dogs are somehow different from the family pet. Another conjecture is that it is just one particular breed that is capable of learning a particular task. I find this often when someone sees Chloe doing one of her more unusual jobs, for example fetching my glasses or pulling a hanky out of my pocket when I sneeze. They presume it's because she's a Newfoundland she can do it. I have to carefully explain it's my training, not the breed. If they had asked is it the breed while watching my last Newfoundland pulling a boat into shore, I could have said yes as the breed is a natural water dog, but I would add it still needs teaching how to pull the boat. Dogs are also very good at multitasking which is so useful.

What does your dog do for you? You might be going to dog training classes once a week and taking him for nice walks where he probably does his own thing, while perhaps you are chatting to a friend or on your iPhone! Back home he has his dinner then a snooze by the fire. But what else is he doing? Bored dogs often have behaviour problems. They might have exercise but are they using their brains? The family pet is the same species as the professional working dog. He is a member of the family and like the children he should be taught to be helpful. There are loads of jobs that they can do. It can be something simple, like fetching its lead. Dogs love this as they are immediately rewarded by a walk. Fetching, carrying, picking things up or taking messages from one family member to another can all be done indoors. We have a cardboard notice with "Dinner Ready" written on it! It is much more fun getting the dog to take the message, rather than shouting to people.

When having a walk, or working in the garden, give your dog something interesting to do. They love to be helpful and it keeps them out of mischief. Don't just sit there watching clever dogs on television, think about what your own dog could learn to do.

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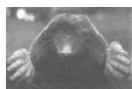


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Thoughts from the Rectory – February 2018

On 14th February we will celebrate both Valentine's Day and the beginning of Lent in 2018. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday so watch out if you will be travelling from Buxted station on that day (if Southern have a good mood and a following wind) because I will be there offering to mark your forehead with an ash cross to help you on your way to work. I am often asked why Easter falls on a different date every year, and also why Easter is on different dates in different countries.

Every Easter we celebrate Christ's resurrection. The Easter date is set around the time of the March Equinox because Jesus' death and resurrection occurred around the time of the Jewish Passover, which was celebrated on the first full moon following the vernal equinox. By the end of the 2nd century, some churches were celebrating Easter on the day of the Passover, while others celebrated it on the following Sunday.

In 325AD the Council of Nicaea decided that Easter should be held on the first Sunday after the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. However, Easter is delayed by 1 week if the full moon is on a Sunday; this decreases the chances of it falling on the same day as the Jewish Passover. This explains why the date of Easter varies each year, but not why it is on a different date in some countries. The Gregorian calendar, also known as the Western or Christian Calendar, is the most widely used calendar in the world today. The reason why its predecessor, the Julian calendar, had to be replaced was the formula it used to calculate leap years. It was inaccurate and our months were getting more and more out of line with the seasons. The Gregorian calendar uses a much more accurate rule for calculating leap years.

To get the calendar back in sync with astronomical events like the vernal equinox or the winter solstice, a number of days were dropped at the time of the switch over. The papal bull issued by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582, decreed that 10 days be dropped when switching to the Gregorian calendar. However, the later the switch occurred, the more days had to be omitted. In the UK, we switched in 1752 and the month of September that year was exceptionally short, having only 19 days.

However, not all Christian churches observe Easter according to the Gregorian calendar. Some churches, in particular Orthodox churches, still observe Easter under the Julian calendar. The only exceptions are Estonia and Finland. In many of the countries where I lived before coming back to England this meant that Ella and I celebrated two Easters-except of course on the years when the dates coincided! This happens every four or five years.

Next month I will explain some of the ways in which Easter is celebrated in other countries. For this month, let me conclude by emphasising that it is not actually very important when precisely we celebrate Easter. What is much more important is that we do celebrate and give thanks for the death and resurrection of Jesus, and that we do it humbly and thoughtfully.

May God bless you all,





St. Mark's Church News –February 2018.

Christmas was a great season at St. Mark's, with scarcely standing room at the school Christmas service, and at the Christmas Eve Crib Service when the Christmas story was re-told with the help of a Holy Family with a young baby, Hosanna the donkey, adult volunteers as shepherds, wise men, angels and a crowd of small angels and shepherds. Before Christmas the St. Mark's choir expanded into an enthusiastic band of carol-singers who collected over £160 for 'Crisis', the national charity for homeless single people.

But our joyfulness was tempered this year with great sadness at the absence of our friend **Mike Ford**, who died on 19 December after a period of illness. Mike served St. Mark's with unobtrusive dedication for very many years as churchwarden and sacristan; we all relied on his quiet efficiency, thoroughness and support and miss him greatly. Mike's funeral was held at St. Mark's on 9 January, when we reflected on and gave thanks for his life.

The Church needed a good clean-up after all the Christmas activities and decorations; we'd love some more volunteers on the **cleaning team**, which gives the Church a good sweep, dust and polish every couple of months or so. Contact Anne or Valerie if you can help.

A new **Hadlow Down Cubs pack** is now meeting in the Church on Monday evenings, and more members are welcome - contact Ashley at dc@ashdownscouts.org.uk for details. This is just the sort of community use of our lovely building that we want to encourage, and it's made possible by our new WC and kitchen.

Lent will soon be upon us - don't forget your pancakes on **Shrove Tuesday** (13 Feb. this year), before Lent begins the next day on Ash Wednesday. The **Lent Group** will meet on Wednesdays 21, 28 February and 14, 21 March, 7.00pm in St Mary's Church Hall, to discuss and learn about "The power of prayer".

Dates for your diary (in St. Mark's Church unless otherwise stated):

Wednesday 14 February	Ashing Service, 10.30 am St. Mary's
Mothering Sunday 11 March	Mothering Sunday Service, 10.00 am
Wednesday 14 March	PCC meeting, 7.30 pm St. Mary's church hall
Maundy Thursday 29 March	Last Supper service and vigil, 8.00 pm
Good Friday 30 March	Children's Easter activities, St. Mary's hall, 10 am- noon
	Good Friday liturgy, St. Mary's, 3.00 pm
	The Cross in Words and Music, St. Margaret's, 6.00 pm
Easter Sunday 1 April	Easter Festival Family Communion, 9.00 am

See the parish website www.bhdchurches.org.uk for details of parish events and services.

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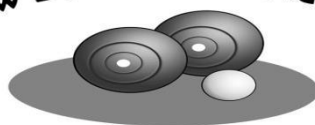
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members will be welcome to join us on this occasion.

We are delighted the village is close to submitting plans for the new hall as the interest shown in our club this year warrants our request for an additional mat which will also ensure the continued success and development of our friendly club.

Don Smith – Chairman

Hadlow Down MWCC



As we approach another summer of cricket in Hadlow Down its good to be able to tell readers of the changes that will make 2018 an interesting season for the club. Over the winter months the recreational side of the game in Sussex has seen the amalgamation of the cricketing leagues across the County and a complete re-structuring to form the Sussex Cricket League. **What does it mean for Hadlow Down MW ?**

Firstly, it appears we have been relegated as we are now in Division 10 East as opposed to the Division 6 we played in last

season in the East Sussex League, but in fact we will be playing some of the sides we competed against last season. Secondly, we will be playing against a number of new clubs, who are located to the Eastern side of the County- Little Common, Hellingly, and Bexhill. If you would like to join us, contact can be made with the Club Captain, Dave McGeown, on 07795063642.

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We had a good run-up to Christmas - busy with trees, markets, solstice celebration - and then a welcome quiet period between Christmas and New Year. The sheep have now reclaimed the Christmas Tree Field.

We're stuck into lots of new projects - working towards closing off the court-yard in front of the cafe to cars by the end of the year - including a beautiful new wood store for Andrew Coates' Woodland Products.

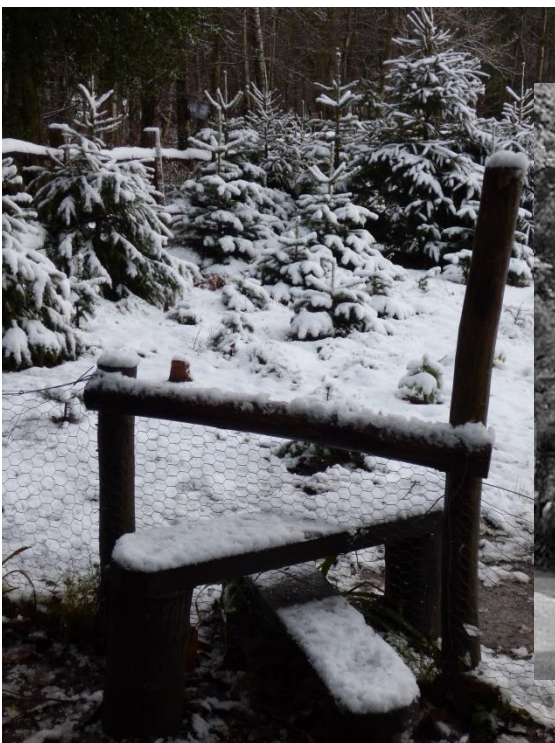
Would be great to see some of our neighbours at the following working parties, work-shops and events:

Stewardship Saturday February 3rd - 10am-4pm - come and help out. No previous experience required. All ages and interests welcome. Hot lunch provided.

Half-term - week beginning February 12th - lots of fun **outdoor activities** for the whole family with Lucy's Little Forest School; a **herbal workshop** for teenage girls; a **working-with-wood day** with Dan and the team. See website for details.

Stewardship Saturday March 3rd - our usual monthly working party, followed by a **Tea Concert** - we're putting together an informal music concert in the cafe at 5pm. If you'd like to offer a piece of music or come along to listen, let us know.

Mothering Sunday on March 11th - join us to celebrate all things motherly with high tea, garland making and much more...





Warm Homes Fund Article (Homeowners and landlords)



Wealden District Council has teamed up with National Grid and Affordable Warmth Solutions CIC to provide funding for the installation of first time central heating. The award is intended to help 40 homes install oil central heating where a full central heating system does not currently exist. **We can only help the first 40 homes so get in contact today so you don't miss out.** Those that own or rent privately can access the funding if they meet the following criteria

- The home is located in a rural area not connected to the gas grid.
- The property has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated F or G.
- No full central heating system currently exists or the home relies on room heaters, plug in heaters, electric ceiling heating, fire places or stoves to heat the home.
- The occupant receives a qualifying benefit.

The systems will be fully funded for those that own their own home. Landlords can expect to receive two grants, one for the boiler and another for the remaining balance which in total should cover approximately 70% of the total cost. Referrals for funding can be made by calling Wealden District Council on 01323 443322.

Warm Homes Fund Article (Landlords)

Wealden District Council has teamed up with National Grid and Affordable Warmth Solutions CIC to provide funding for the installation of first time central heating. The award is intended to help 20 landlords install oil central heating where a full central heating system does not currently exist. **We can only help the first 20 landlords so get in contact today so you don't miss out.** Landlords can expect to receive two grants, one for the boiler and another for the remaining balance which in total should cover approximately 70% of the total cost. Landlords can access the funding if they meet the following criteria:

- The home is located in a rural area not connected to the gas grid.
- The property has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rated F or G.
- No full central heating system currently exists or the home relies on room heaters, plug in heaters, electric ceiling heating, fire places or stoves to heat the home.
- The occupant receives a qualifying benefit.

From the 1st April 2018 there will be a requirement for any properties rented out in the private rented sector to have an Energy Performance Certificate rated at least band E. The regulations will be coming into force for new lets and renewals from April 2018 and for all existing tenancies from April 2020.

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Grass verges on pavement edges

At recent Parish Council meetings, a problem has been raised relating to the fact that grass verges are encroaching on pavement areas making them very narrow. This, in turn, causes problems for people with prams, buggies or wheelchairs, etc to use the pavements. In the past, the job of cutting back the verges was part of the job for a Village Maintenance Team paid for by East Sussex County Council but, due to the severe constraints on their budget, these Teams have been disbanded and there is no resource from the County Council to do this type of work anymore.

The Parish Council are aware that, although Hadlow Down does not have a large amount of pavement area, the pavements that are in place are regularly used by a lot of people in the village. At the last meeting when this was being discussed, a member of the public suggested that we should try and ask all householders who have properties adjacent to a pavement to take responsibility for their own grass verges and cut these back. We realise that this is an imposition on people but, if every householder were to do this, then it would make life a lot easier and more comfortable for all the users of the pavements and therefore we would like to make the request and see if householders are willing to do it.

Parish Council

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If you aren't local to Hadlow Down, your own transport is necessary as there is no public transport. Some IT experience would be useful to complete some basic food hygiene training. We are looking for a weekly cook, however, this could be negotiated for the right candidate. For more information around the post and remuneration, please contact Denise Leary, ENGage Co-ordinator on daleary@btinternet.com or telephone 07462 790 210.

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Operation Signature is our campaign to identify and support vulnerable victims of fraud across the county. Fraud is becoming more complex and deceptive, and much of it is targeted at vulnerable and elderly people.

Our advice on how to avoid this fraud includes;

- We will never ask you to become part of an undercover investigation or for you to withdraw cash and hand it over for safe-keeping.
- Be wary of any calls, texts or emails purporting to be from us asking for your personal or financial details, or for you to transfer money to us.
- If you are approached, or feel something is suspicious, hang up the phone and don't reply. Then report it to Action Fraud and your bank on their advertised number.
- Never send or give money to anyone you don't know or trust; check people are who they say they are; don't share your personal information; make decisions in your own time; and if in doubt phone a relative or a friend.

Pop-Ups in the Playing Field Pavilion



The Playing Field Association are back with a one off Pop-Up restaurant in the Pavilion on Friday 16TH February for 7.30. The theme is 'Valentine', so if you want to treat someone this is the perfect way. The cost is a brilliant £15 per person for a menu of Smoked salmon pate(starter), Bouef Borguignonne, potato dauphinoise, winter greens (Main) and Lemon Possett (dessert). Bring your own drinks. As always there are a limited number of places available, so early booking is required.

To book ring Glenys on 01825 830857

The summer Pop-ups are also returning in June and July – so watch out for further details.

Open Gardens

Following last year's successful 'Open Gardens' as part of the Hadlow Down Festival, our intention is to involve more gardens this summer. The proceeds will be split between the Engage charity (TN22 clubs) and the Alzheimer's Society.

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We had a wonderful 2017 amid laughter, conversations, music, dancing and memories. Our brains have been taxed constantly with the A-Z of almost everything and it always amazed us how a 'zebra' could be affiliated to every list. He even appeared in the manger!!! After all, we all know the Christmas song 'Rudolf the Red nosed Zebra'. Several of our members are very good singers and it is a real joy to listen to them, word and pitch perfect, remembering songs from when they were young, at school or 'courting'. Dancing and music of all genres brings out the 'youthful spirit' in our members and



some arrive 'ready to dance'. We have been visited a couple of times by an amazing lady called Suzanne who works for a small community group, 'Dementia South East'. She laughs, sings, plays instruments, provides balloons, hats, rabbit ears and a never ending supply of energy to keep members energised.

In 2017, our knitting group expanded, Bingo reached new heights of delight, word searches got trickier (we think), jokes funnier, poetry thought provoking, art and craft activities

enjoyable, 'snowball' throwing vigorous and lunches fantastic as always!!!!

We have had a fabulous 2017. We miss those members who are no longer with us, but remember the part they played, with the current members', in making the TN22 Plus club such a wonderful place to spend the day. As one of our members told us 'I love coming here. I was made to feel so welcome when I arrived as though we were all friends'



Thank you Wendy Coleman and your team for your incredible hard work, thank you cooks for your amazing lunches and thank you to the members of the club who give us, the volunteers, days to remember. A very happy and healthy 2018. Roberta Smyth (volunteer)





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In the Garden - February

When we made a trip to our local mega-garden centre last winter to replace a dead greenhouse heater, we found it was packed to the rafters with cards, Christmas decorations, clothes, home-made ready meals, crockery, sweets and chocolates - everything, in fact, except for much in the way of garden stuff and definitely not a greenhouse heater in sight. 'Ah' we thought, 'buy it online - it'll arrive the next day'. And so it did, but unfortunately not fitted with the all-important frost guard setting which only comes on if the temperature drops below around 3c. Lacking this vital setting, it

merrily pumped out heat on the mistaken assumption that what we wanted was an all-the-year-round tropical garden. Before bankruptcy overtook us, we switched it off and resorted to several layers of bubble wrap and fleece until we could find something more suitable. Moral - check in plenty of time!

Here at Rose Cottage in the south of England we are usually spared (or are deprived of, depending on your viewpoint) the snows of more northern regions, although temperatures dipped sharply at the beginning of December - naturally coinciding with our greenhouse heater packing up. But whatever the weather, after admiring the skeletal remains of those plants that sometimes look better in the winter when mired in frost and snow - grasses in particular - February is the month when the rest of the garden comes to life again. After you've cut down deciduous grasses, and pulled dead grass from evergreen ones, it's a good time to get on with pruning summer-flowering deciduous shrubs. We have a Ceanothus, Hydrangea paniculata, Buddleja davidii and Ceratostigma in the garden - you may also have Lavatera, Leycesteria, Perovskia and hardy fuchsias in yours. All can be pruned now. It's also time to prune winter flowering shrubs that have finished flowering - these include Mahonia, Hamamelis, Cornus. The books often also advise us to start pruning evergreen hedges, but we had another attack of box blight last year, and this cautioned us to put off pruning our hedges and topiary until we were confident that we were in for a spell of dry, frost-free weather.

In the past we aimed to dig in compost in late autumn, but now many gardeners, ourselves included, prefer to pile it in a thick layer on the vegetable beds, when it will be dragged underground by the worms; this is not only less work for the gardener, but also avoids damaging the soil structure. Now it's in good condition for seed sowing and planting. It's a good idea to cover the ground with a cloche if you have one, or lay some plastic sheeting to help warm the soil. Whatever you do, it's a waste of time to sow seeds if the ground is too cold - carrots, for example, won't germinate below 10c: check before you sow! When we started growing vegetables they were always sown outdoors, directly in their final positions. The usual method was to draw a straight line to make a shallow depression in the soil and scatter the seeds thinly along it. I prefer another (and more economical method) called 'station sowing'; what you do is to drop a few seeds every few centimetres where you want a single plant - when they come up, pull out the weaker ones. Works well - provided they come up!

Some seed sowings, especially early in the year, don't germinate well. Garden Centres have provided a modern-day solution; we can now buy plastic containers full of vegetables already growing and ready to plant out. It's a lot easier, a good introduction to vegetable growing and useful if you've forgotten to make a sowing; the downside is that it's a lot more expensive. However you go about it, it's important to do this little and often in small amounts on a regular basis throughout the growing season to avoid gaps- especially true for lettuce and other salad crops.

In some ways we are doing something like the Garden Centres. We sow most of our seeds in trays or plugs in the greenhouse. For larger seeds such as broad beans, you can use deeper individual containers such as cardboard tubes (e.g. the 'inners' from loo rolls); we use 'Rootainers', but the principle is the same. After they've germinated and the first true leaves appear, we move them individually into small 7cm/3in pots (this is known as 'pricking out') and grow them on until they - and the weather - are ready for planting in their final positions.

Some tender crops need to be sown indoors - courgettes, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes, sweet corn and cucumber are examples of vegetables sown in spring or early summer in a greenhouse or polytunnel for transplanting outside. Crops such as aubergines prefer to be under cover all season, as do glasshouse tomatoes, melons and cucumbers. These can be grown in borders, grow bags or containers.

You can also extend the growing season by making use of the warmer, protected environment inside greenhouses and tunnels, and to a lesser extent coldframes, cloches and fleece. If you've got the space, anything grown outside can be grown inside, to harvest when the ground outside is bare. We often get a more reliable succession of crops

in the winter than summer, and aim to start early and finish late with sowings of chard, Chinese greens, coriander, lettuce, parsley and radish.

Being so busy outside, we don't grow many indoor plants, but we do have a Fuchsia which despite our best efforts is still alive. It's been asleep during the winter months and we weren't able to re-start it into active growth last month, so that's another job for this month. This means repotting, increasing watering, feeding (with a slow-release fertiliser such as blood, fish and bone), and putting it in a sunny place.

The star performer this month is the snowdrop. There are hundreds of varieties and some enthusiasts collect them avidly, cooing over small differences that others can't even see. We've never been bitten by this particular bug, but certainly enjoy the sheets of pure white on plants that look too fragile to withstand ice and snow. If you don't have any, don't bother with seeds. You need to buy some snowdrops which you can split up and plant in a shady spot. But, and this is important, you have to do this when the plants are still 'in the green' - where the leaves haven't withered and gone brown. If you do have them and want more, dig up and transplant some plants while they're still growing. Easy - when you know how. **Ken Mines**



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council held in the Committee Room of Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down at 7pm on Tuesday 5th December 2017.

*Note – this is a draft copy to be agreed and amended, if necessary,
at the next Council Meeting.*

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR)(Chair), Damon Wellman (DW), Helen Bonnick (HB), Iain Turner (IT) and Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY). The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance. Apologies had been received from Cllr. Bob Standley (BS)(ESCC) who had advised that he would be late and from Cllr. Michael Lunn (WDC).

235. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – a member of the public thanked the Parish Council (PC) for their work during the year. Members of the public commented on planning application WD/2017/2551/F Gatehouse Farm.
236. **APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** – apologies had been received from Cllr. Michael Lunn (ML) these were noted.
237. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Michaelson-Yeates declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 241i.a.
238. **CO-OPTION** – Jas Singh (JS) was invited to speak in support of his application to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Councillors all agreed to vote him onto the PC. Jas joined the meeting and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
237. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Singh declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 241ii.a. Cllr. Michaelson-Yeates declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 241iii.a.
239. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 7th November 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record (previously circulated).
240. **MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):**
- i. Assets of Community Value – c/f **ML**
 - ii. Local Plan - Ashdown Forest nitrogen levels – c/f **ML**
 - iii. Cost of Traffic Regulation Order – to update – c/f **ML**
 - iv. Circular Walk leaflet – the Chair updated the meeting on her discussions with a resident regarding the proposed circular walk. *The Chair will speak to the owner of the land containing the licensed footpath.* It was agreed that the cost for the printing would come out of the 17/18 website budget. **SR**
 - v. Website – the Chair updated the meeting on the discussions she'd had with the editor and owner of the village website. *Cllr Singh offered to put together a proposal regarding the website, he will forward to the PC for discussion at the next meeting, the Chair will liaise with the editor and owner of the website.* The PC and Clerk expressed their appreciation for the continued assistance and commitment provided by the Editor and the owner of the website. **SR/JS**
 - vi. Clerks Report: the Clerk confirmed that quotes had been requested for the fingerpost work. She has also chased ESCC Highways regarding the replacement fingerpost for Main Road opposite the junction for Tinkers Lane and is awaiting a response.
The play tractor has been added to the insurance.

241. **PLANNING:**

i. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Cllr. Michaelson-Yeates left the meeting during discussion of the following item:

- a. WD/2017/2551/F GATEHOUSE FARM, STOCKLANDS LANE TN22 4EA – Demolition of existing fish farm building and ancillary water housing tanks etc. and construction of three dwellings with associated works – The Parish Council strongly object to the application for the following reasons: We feel that it is overdevelopment of the site in an AONB;

We believe that the design of the dwellings is not in keeping with the varied rural character of other dwellings in Stocklands Lane. Also the size of the houses has increased from 2 x 4 bedroom houses to 3 x 5 bedroom houses, this has increased the m² from 530m² to 880m² which is larger than the existing footprint and the granted footprint for the 2 houses– Policy EN27;

We feel that one of the proposed dwellings will overlook a neighbouring property, resulting in a loss of privacy for the occupants – Policy EN27;

The position of the site is in an unsustainable location;

We came to our decision with the knowledge that there isn't a five year housing supply and that the habitat regulations over-rule any requirement for the lack of five year supply;

We feel that the application is in contravention of landscape conservation – Policy EN6; and

We feel that the application is in contravention of policy DC19/3 due to the size and character of the development. (o/4 and 1 abstention)

Cllr. Bob Standley joined the meeting at 7:35pm.

iii. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

- a. APP/C1435/W/17/3182900 Gate House Farm, Stocklands Lane notice of appeal regarding proposal for redevelopment of site including demolition of existing industrial farm building, removal of water holding tanks and associated industrial paraphernalia and construction of four detached dwellings and associated works – no further comments added by the Parish Council to their response to the original application which will have been sent to the Planning Inspectorate.

Cllr. Michaelson-Yeates rejoined the meeting.

i. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- b. WD/2017/2582/FR – VALE FARM, DOG KENNEL LANE, TN22 4EL – Retrospective application for the construction of a wall to replace an old timber, close boarded fence – The Parish Council support the application. They request that a condition be applied to ensure that the holly that is mentioned in the application is planted at the lower levels.

ii. **APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Cllr. Jas Singh didn't join in any discussions regarding the following item:

- a. WD/2017/1807/F LYNX HOUSE BARN, SCHOOL LANE TN22 4JE – Proposed new replacement stable building. A member of the public was allowed by the Chair to ask where the effluence would go and was advised to refer to the application on the WDC website.
- b. WD/2017/2171/F LAND AT GREENWAYS, FIVE CHIMNEYS LANE TN22 4 DX – Construction of a 20m x 30m equestrian arena, works to include a small amount of cut and fill, new land drains, membrane, stone base, silica sand and fibre surface.

The Chair advised that she will request that in future applications to be heard by WDC Planning Committee for the same Parish Council be discussed consecutively.

iii. **PLANNING MATTERS:**

- b. Correspondence regarding TPOs in Wilderness Lane – the Clerk confirmed that the PC had been contacted by a resident regarding the installation of posts and damage to trees, the Clerk has reported to the WDC Tree Officer. A Councillor confirmed that he had visited the site and that he had been contacted by a member of the public who had purchased a plot. Plot owners can contact Trading Standards if they have concerns regarding how the plots have been marketed.

242. **REPORT FROM CLLR. BOB STANDLEY, ESCC** – Cllr. Standley advised that the manhole cover in Five Chimneys Lane will be repaired by the contractor, who will pay for the cost of the repair. *Cllr Wellman will advise Cllr Standley if the drain cover at the junction of Five Chimneys Lane isn't repaired.* **DW**

Cllr Standley advised that ESCC needed to make cuts of £21m in their budget and they have overspent on social care. He updated the meeting on the Stand up for East Sussex and the Get a Grip campaigns. In WDC Councillor's absence he advised that a report is going to cabinet next week regarding parking. A Councillor asked about a new London to Brighton railway line. Cllr Standley updated the meeting on possible proposals and advised that a new Lewes to Uckfield line would need to be paid for by new

housing. The priority is to extend HS1 to Hastings

243. BANK RECONCILIATIONS: – it was agreed that the reconciliation dated 26th October be re-signed and that

the one dated 24th November 2017 be signed. In the future any voided or missed cheques will be recorded on the reconciliation.

244. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS :

- i. The following payments that were paid prior to this meeting were ratified: Europlants Ltd £192.00 work at the burial ground and Wealden District Council £425.00 for pre-application advice. It was agreed that the latter payment would appear under contingencies which would take it over its budget level.
- ii. Costings for litter picking equipment – the PC agreed costs up to £200.
- iii. Clearance of land – the PC reviewed the quotes and agreed who the contract should be awarded to.
- iv. The PC agreed the following payments that had been approved in 17/18 that had been paid under Local Government Act 1972 under s.137: Sussex Air Ambulance £250, Friends of East Sussex Record Office £24 and defibrillator pads and battery £206.82.
- v. Precept – a budget of £31455 was agreed for 2018/19 resulting in a precept of £31135.
- vi. Sussex Lund grant – a Councillor informed the meeting that he had spoken to Bob Lake who has advised that he will be speaking to Sussex Giving. The Clerk has confirmed that the matter needs to be resolved by the end of the 17/18 financial year.
- vii. Picnic tables – the PC discussed the options available and agreed to purchase 2 circular tables and anchor kits, once the land has been cleared. *Cllr Michaelson-Yeates to liaise with the chair of the Playing Field Committee over the positioning of the tables.* **JMY**

A member of the public agreed to take delivery of the tables, to assemble them and secure them into concrete.

- viii. The PC decided not to award a grant to the Conservation Volunteers.
- ix. The Clerk advised that she had been contacted as one of the doors to the noticeboard had come off during the strong winds. A member of the public had agreed to mend the noticeboard, he was thanked for his work on this. The Chair allowed him to comment on the condition of the noticeboard.

245. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES):

- i. Cllr. Bonnick advised that the smell at the Village Hall had been solved by Southern Water clearing a blockage in their pipework. Previously they had advised that it was a problem at the Village Hall. It was agreed for the *Clerk to write to Southern Water to complain that there have also been problems for residents in Wheelers and Hut Lanes, that the Village Hall has lost income and that Southern Water have previously visited and not identified the problem and to express concern over the state of the pipework.* **Clerk**
Cllr Bonnick advised that she had a Village Hall committee meeting this week and that the play tractor had been installed at the playing field.
- ii. Cllr Michaelson-Yeates advised that he had been contacted regarding wheelchair access on one of the pavements and with others had helped to move the verge back to allow a wheelchair to travel along it. It was felt that there were a number of pavements that weren't suitable for wheelchairs due to encroaching verges, *Councillors to consider priority areas that need clearing and to discuss at the January meeting.* **ALL**
Cllr Michaelson-Yeates advised of National Litterpicking Weekend 2-4 March and requested if WDC could supply plastic sacks. *The Clerk will contact WDC to request.* **Clerk**
- iii. Cllr Wellman advised of flytipping in Wheelers Lane, the *Clerk has already reported fly tipping at this site but will contact WDC to see if it is a new fly tip or one that has previously been reported.* **Clerk**
Cllr Wellman advised that he had attended the WDC Parish Planning Panel meeting and was due to attend the Gatwick Airport & Noise Management Board public meeting. He thanked Cllr Standley for his efforts to get the work done on the drain cover and gave Cllr Standley details of 2 further drain covers that required work on the A272, one was actioned however the one 40m away wasn't. He also gave details of a drain cover that had been repaired 2 weeks previously and that was now a problem again. Cllr Standley requested to be advised of any problems.
- iv. Cllr Richards advised that she had attended the WDC North Planning meeting and confirmed that the application for Barn at Huggetts Farm had been approved.

246 & 247. VILLAGE HALL SITE AND NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE – the Chair updated the PC on the pre-application advice meeting that had been held at WDC. It will be an outline application for the Village Hall and a full one for the Community Centre. HDCC (Hadlow Down Community Centre)

Committee should receive the Environmental Impact Assessment before Christmas. *The Clerk will contact the architect regarding the completion of the Village Hall site planning application.* Clerk Both applications will be submitted at the same time and will be made in the Parish Council's name.

The Chair allowed a member of the public to comment that he thought HDCC had promised a public meeting before a planning application was submitted, *the Chair will raise this with the Chair of HDCC.* SR

The PC agreed to the cost of the outline application for the Village Hall site. Cost of HDCC full application and decision regarding payment to be carried forward to the January meeting, once the gross floor space has been confirmed. *Chair to raise with the Chair of HDCC.* SR

248. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

- i. School Lane resurfacing – the Clerk advised that the steward had requested that School Lane be jetpatched however there was a final decision to refuse the works. A Councillor raised regarding Pound Green Lane that had been jetpatched then 2 weeks later was resurfaced. Cllr Standley agreed to investigate.
- ii. The Clerk updated the meeting on correspondence regarding Wilderness Lane parking and the possibility of signage. A Councillor questioned whether ESFRS (East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service) had been contacted. The Chair will encourage residents to report issues to Uckfield ESFRS where it is felt that a fire tender wouldn't be able to get down the road. It was agreed for the Clerk, DW and the police to liaise over possible signage. *DW will respond to resident regarding suggestion to extend layby and will inform them of historical action taken by the PC.* DW
- iii. Possible diversion of public footpaths 38 & 39C – the PC agreed to the proposals.
- iv. Loan of Speed Indicator Device – c/f to the next meeting.

249. PARISH ASSEMBLY – c/f to the next meeting.

250. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION PUBLICATION SCHEME – amendments approved.

251. STANDING ORDERS – amendments approved.

252. CLERK'S MATTERS:

- i. Hours were agreed and signed.

253. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- i. A member of the public had contacted the Clerk regarding the Remembrance Day Service. The PC agreed for the Clerk to write to a member of the public thanking them for their continued commitment to the service.

254. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT: the following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:

- i. Helen Johnson. Salary £946.28 includes £18.00 mileage, £750 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £196.28.
- ii. East Sussex Pension Fund £287.65 pension.
- iii. Mrs L. McConachie £40.00 play equipment inspection.
- iv. Public Works Loan Board payment for £567.07 will be taken by direct debit.
- v. BT £46.40 telephone and broadband will be taken by direct debit.
- vi. Viking £67.22 stationery

A further payment for Playdale for toy tractor for £1837.20 was signed and will be ratified at the next meeting. £1185.63 of the cost will be taken from the Celebrate grant and the remainder from PC funds.

255. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY – couldn't be checked due to barrier, however it could be available for an emergency.

256. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA – contract for adoption of BT payphone and planning application WD/2017/2663/F for which Cllr Michaelson-Yeates will see if a meeting is required before January.

257. PRIVATE SESSION

The meeting closed at 9:17pm



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in the Committee Room of Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 2pm on Friday 22nd December 2017.

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at the next Council Meeting.*

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR)(Chair), Damon Wellman (DW), Michael Lunn (ML) and Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY).

258. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – A member of the public raised the issue of unauthorized building activities taking place at Old Cart Lodge and gave the PC copies of documents relating to the fact that the land had covenants and regulations which stated that it should not be used for any development without permission. In addition, it was highlighted regarding a previous enforcement notice relating to the removal of car debris.

259. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – apologies had been received from Cllrs Bonnick & Singh, these were noted.

260. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

261. PLANNING:

i. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

WD/2017/2663/F SECRET GARDEN, WILDERNESS LANE, TN22 4HT – Internal alterations, extension and velux window – The Parish Council support the application (4/o). The Parish Council would request a condition of obscured glass in the new first floor bathroom window to maintain privacy as it is overlooking a neighbouring property.

262. VILLAGE HALL SITE AND COMMUNITY CENTRE APPLICATION – The Chair updated the meeting on discussions that had been taking place between the architect for the Village Hall Site & Community Centre and the Chair of Hadlow Down Community Centre, however at this stage the PC did not have sufficient information to make a decision on any additional funding requirement due to the inability to make contact with the Chair of HDCC prior to the meeting. ML (in his capacity as District Councillor) advised the PC that he had been informed by the Planning Officers that it was advisable to submit the outline planning application for the existing Village Hall site as a matter of urgency in an attempt to secure the available trip credits. It was agreed that the Chair would contact the architect and ask him to submit the application as the PC had already agreed to fund the planning fee.

The meeting closed at 2.30 pm



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in the Committee Room of Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7pm on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

*Note – this is a draft copy to be agreed and amended, if necessary,
at the next Council Meeting.*

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR)(Chair), Damon Wellman (DW), Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY) and Cllr. Bob Standley (BS)(ESCC). The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Toby Illingworth (WDC).

263. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – the Chair explained the process for the public session. Members of the public commented on planning application WD/2017/2597/F and on the state of the highways.

Cllr. Lunn (ML) joined the meeting at 7:05pm during the public questions.

264. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – apologies had been received from Cllrs Turner, Bonnick and Singh, these were noted.

265. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – no declarations of interest were made.

266. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on 5th & 22nd December 2017 were agreed and signed as true records

(previously circulated).

268. **PLANNING:**

i. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- a. **WD/2017/2597/F – BURNT HOUSE FARM BARN, BRICK KILN LANE, TN22 4EJ** – Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of three detached dwellings with associated vehicle access, parking and soft landscaping – The Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:
- The proposed dwellings have a footprint of 555m² which exceeds the 450m² maximum limitation set down in the Class Q and the Permitted Development Flexible Approach Guidance February 2016.
 - It is the view of the Parish Council that the stable barn is not redundant as claimed. The stable barn is stated as being disused since 01/02/17 and there are no horses on site. However the applicant is proposing to return 2 horses to the site if the planning application is successful and that these will be housed in temporary field shelters (Highways Report Appendix D page 12). The Parish Council feels that the removal of the horses from site only for them to return once approval has been gained is intended to side-step the redundancy test for buildings less than 10 years old. The stricter scrutiny set down in the Flexible Approach Guidance is intended to protect against such instances where redundancy is being arranged.
 - The trip data for the stable barn is high with attendance of more than one national or regional event or other gallop trips being made every day (10 per week). Reference is made to owners' trips in the plural. In the view of the Parish Council, the trip data does not represent private usage which was a condition of the stable barn's approval in 2013. The trip data for the stable barn is being submitted as if the stable barn were to be fully redundant. However, the return of the horses would generate trips and these are not reflected in the trip analysis.
 - The Highways report states that for simplicity, the trip data for the B2c units is based on TRICS data. The TRICS sample used is not representative of the B2c Goldsmith units, which by comparison are very rurally located with poor access and few amenities. The TRICS sample sites (Appendix E Page 15) is based on 6 sites many of which are well located on industrial estates in large towns such as Maidenhead and Peterborough or the curtilage of Bromsgrove and Lincoln. The only truly rural site in the TRICS sample is a large garage which is direct facing on a major A road with 26 employees. The trip analysis does pro-rata these businesses down to reflect the 2 mechanics working out of the B2c unit in the application, but the Parish Council suggest that the size and operation of the TRICS sample businesses are of a different order of scale to the one in the application.
 - The Parish Council object to the scale of this application in an AONB. The massing and density of the proposed 3 large houses and their garages fronting Brick Kiln Lane, which is a small rural lane of 3m width, is not typical of the area. Furthermore, the total of 34 skylights is likely to impact the dark skies as well as the ridge line of the AONB. It is the view of the Council that this application goes against policy EN27 and is an over development of the site.

There are 27 letters on the Wealden website both objecting to or supporting this application. It should be noted that a significant proportion of the letters supporting this application are from people residing a substantial distance from the application site, not at all connected to or representative of local residents. (0/4)

273. **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

- i. Correspondence regarding access to footpath 27c – resident agreed to send copy of affidavit and deeds to the Parish Council prior to the next meeting when the matter will be discussed.

267. **MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):**

- i. Assets of Community Value – Cllr Lunn advised that he had spoken to the owner of Wilderness Wood, the Parish Council (PC) agreed to submit an application for *Wilderness Wood to be an Asset of Community Value*.
Cllr. Standley declared an interest in Assets of Community Value in his role as a WDC Councillor.

Clerk

Cllr. Lunn will speak to the trustees of Tinkers Park.

ML

- ii. Local Plan - Ashdown Forest nitrogen levels – Cllr Lunn (WDC) advised that some information has been received from Natural England and that they have more data regarding the emissions.
- iii. Cost of Traffic Regulation Order – Cllr Lunn confirmed that the cost of a Traffic Regulation Order is £5000 - £10,000. A key factor to the cost is the amount of objections that are received. *Cllr. Standley offered to obtain more information in order to break down the cost* **BS**
- iv. Circular Walk leaflet – to update on discussion with landowner – c/f **SR**
- v. Drain cover at junction of Five Chimneys Lane – no response from ESCC.
- vi. Positioning of picnic tables – Cllr Michaelson-Yeates has informed the Playing Field Committee that 2 picnic tables are being purchased and has asked them to consider where they would like them installed.
- vii. Public meeting regarding Community Centre – the Chair of the Committee has responded to the member of the public however no date has yet been set for the meeting.
- viii. Correspondence regarding extending layby – *Clerk to respond to resident.* **Clerk**
- ix. Website - *to provide proposal – c/f* **JS/SR**
- x. The Clerks Report was sent to Councillors with the agenda updating them on her action points, this included:
 - a. Land at playing field to be cleared in January;
 - b. Further information awaited from Chair of Village Hall Committee before letter of complaint can be sent to Southern Water;
 - c. Flytip was reported;
 - d. Response was received from Wealden Police regarding the parking of vehicles in Wilderness Lane;
 - e. Response was sent to WDC confirming that the PC agree to the proposed diversions for footpaths 38 & 39C;
 - f. Letter of thanks sent to resident.

268. PLANNING:

i. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- b. **WD/2017/2935/F – COMFREY COTTAGE, CRIERS LANE, TN20 6LG** – Proposed first floor addition above existing ground floor extension previously approved, to provide additional bedroom and ensuite bathroom – The Parish Council support the application, they feel that it doesn't impact on any neighbouring properties. (4/0)

ii. APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a. **WD/2017/1703/F – 4 Grange Cottages, Main Road** – Two storey side extension to the existing house.
- b. **WD/2017/2582/FR – Vale Farm, Dog Kennel Lane** – Retrospective application for the construction of a wall to replace an old timber, close boarded fence

iii. PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. Correspondence regarding Old Cart Lodge – a number of residents have contacted the PC regarding developments at the site. Planning enforcement have been informed.

Cllr. Lunn left the meeting from 7:59 – 8pm

- b. TPOs in Wilderness Lane – a Councillor had visited the site and advised the meeting that some felling of trees has been undertaken. The matter has been reported to WDC who are applying for an Article 4 application under the Town and Country Planning Act.

269. REPORTS FROM CLLR. BOB STANDLEY, ESCC & CLLR. MICHAEL LUNN WDC – Cllr. Standley advised that

they are working on the budget, they are looking at saving £21m next year followed by a further £40m. Due to demand there has been an overspend in Childrens' Services. The local government settlement is allowing ESCC to charge an extra 1% in the next financial year, although a decision still needs to be made by the Council on this. He advised that Adult social care needs to be addressed by central Government. A Councillor asked Cllr Standley if, due to the mild winter, whether savings would be made on salt and grit spreading. A Councillor raised about the quality of ESCC Highways' work.

Cllr. Lunn (WDC) advised of the proposals regarding parking and that further questions are being asked before the report is presented to cabinet. He confirmed that it is hoped that the Local Plan will be issued soon. He has received a number of complaints regarding waste collections and asked that residents contact him if collections aren't made. It was highlighted that the dates for collections on the WDC website hadn't been consistent.

- 270. BANK RECONCILIATION:** – dated 22nd December 2017 was agreed and signed, including by a non-signatory as part of the quarterly controls.
- 271. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS :**
- i. The following payments that were paid prior to this meeting were ratified: Playdale for toy tractor for £1837.20 and Wealden District Council £462.00 of which £432 for dog and litter bin emptying and £30 for parish conference.
 - ii. Quarterly financial report was signed and approved.
 - iii. Assets Register was approved and signed.
 - iv. The budget of £31,455 and precept of £31,135 was approved and signed.
 - v. Sussex Lund fund – Cllr. Michaelson-Yeates agreed to speak to resident regarding the remaining funds, the Clerk confirmed that the matter needed to be resolved and that it was likely that these would need to be returned to Sussex Giving.
 - vi. The Clerk confirmed that PKF Littlejohn LLP would be undertaking the 2017/18 external audit.
 - vii. A discussion was held on the quotes for works to fingerposts and the PC agreed which contractor to appoint.
- 272. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES)**
- i. Cllr Lunn advised that he had been contacted by a resident regarding the noise from a diesel train at Tinkers Park, he visited the site and it was confirmed that the diesel train was required following maintenance work on the steam train. The trustees are aware to try and avoid early starts, especially on Sundays.
 - ii. Cllr Michaelson-Yeates advised that he had been contacted by a resident regarding bollards outside a property. It had been confirmed that a person installing bollards without a license would be liable for any damage to other people's vehicles by the bollards.
 - iii. Cllr Richards updated the meeting on the Wealden Parish Conference.
- 273. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**
- ii. Pavements and encroaching verges – Cllr Michaelson-Yeates agreed to view whilst undertaking the litterpick. The Chair allowed a member of the public to comment that residents could clear back overgrown verges outside their property.
 - iii. Loan of Speed Indicator Device – the Clerk advised that Wealden Police have a SID (speed indicator device) that is available for use. She also informed the meeting that the police have new cameras that can identify mobile phone usage and whether the driver is wearing a seatbelt. The Chair allowed a member of the public to ask about SIDs. It was agreed for the *Clerk to identify exactly what is available, what training is available and where measurements can be taken in the village.* **Clerk**
 - iv. Correspondence had been received from a resident regarding ice on Pounsley Hill and they had requested that the PC provide a grit container. The Clerk advised the meeting that she had contacted ESCC Highways who had arranged for the gullies to be cleared, were going to write to the owner of the ditch to request that it be maintained and were arranging for the road to be swept. A discussion was held on whether the PC should supply a grit bin, the Clerk confirmed that as the PC no longer have the General Power of Competence they could only pay for one through the Local Government Act 1972 s.137. This matter has previously been discussed by the PC and they agreed, due to the concerns previously raised, not to supply a grit bin.
 - v. A number of concerns have been raised regarding the quality of Highways work. Cllr Standley advised that he doesn't receive complaints from other areas and that he does pass on any comments he receives regarding work in Hadlow Down. A Councillor suggested that ESCC have an independent quality control inspector. *Cllr. Standley agreed to speak to the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee to request that the issues being raised be investigated.* **BS**
 - vi. SLR meeting – the Chair allowed a member of the public to comment on the state of Stocklands Lane. A discussion was held on the items to appear on the agenda for the SLR meeting. The PC requested if a more senior staff member from Highways would be able to attend the meeting, BS will investigate.
- 274. COUNCILLORS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES – c/f**
- 275. HEALTH AND WELLBEING – c/f**
- 276. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE AND VILLAGE HALL–** the Chair confirmed that the outline planning application for the Village Hall had been submitted to WDC. It was proposed and agreed (3/1) for the PC to pay £2307.50 of the architect's fee. It was noted that the Parish Council were disappointed in the delay in the submission of the planning application.

277. **PARISH ASSEMBLY** – c/f, in the meantime Councillors to consider options for a speaker. **ALL**
278. **PUBLIC PHONE BOX** – it was agreed to adopt the public phone box and the contract was signed by the Chair and 1 other Councillor and witnessed by the Clerk. Usage of the phone box to be considered at the next meeting.
279. **RISK ASSESSMENTS** – Cllr. Michaelson-Yeates agreed to undertake the quarterly risk assessments.
280. **BURIAL GROUND PILLAR** – the Clerk advised that one of the pillars had been hit, 2 Councillors agreed for her to get it checked to ensure that it was safe. A resident has written to the PC to request that the pillar be removed. The PC agreed for the Clerk to get quotes for the removal of either one or both of the pillars.
Clerk
281. **CLERK'S MATTERS:**
i. The Clerks hours were agreed and signed.
282. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
i. A copy of the Report of the Wealden Parish Remuneration Panel on Town and Parish Councillor Allowances for 2018/19 had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting and a notice had been placed on the noticeboards. The PC noted the contents of the report.
283. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** the following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:
i. Helen Johnson. Salary £908.95 includes £4.50 mileage and £21.84 expenses, £750 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £158.95.
ii. East Sussex Pension Fund £268.31 pension.
iii. Mrs L. McConachie £40.00 play equipment inspection.
iv. BT Payphones £1 adoption of telephone box
v. SLCC Enterprises Ltd £36.00 webinar training
vi. The Society of Local Council Clerks £147.00 subscription.
vii. HM Revenue and Customs £299.60 tax and national insurance.
viii. The Clean Machine Direct Ltd £99.07 litter pickers
ix. Hadlow Down Village Hall £100 hire of hall
284. **DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY** – the Clerk confirmed that the battery had been checked.
268. **PLANNING:**
i. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**
a. **WD/2017/2597/F – BURNT HOUSE FARM BARNs, BRICK KILN LANE, TN22 4EJ** – Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of three detached dwellings with associated vehicle access, parking and soft landscaping. The PC asked Cllr Lunn (WDC) to call in the application to the WDC Planning Committee North if it has been recommended for approval by the officer.
285. **ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA** – no further items raised.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm

Community Centre Meeting

Before going to planning an opportunity to meet Mike Barber, the appointed architect, will answer questions.

Fri.9th Feb @ 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Poetry Corner

Desiderata by Max Ehrmann

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender
be on good terms with all persons.
Speak your truth quietly and clearly;
and listen to others,
even the dull and the ignorant;
they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons,
they are vexations to the spirit.
If you compare yourself with others,
you may become vain and bitter;
for always there will be greater and lesser persons

than yourself.
Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble,
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.
Exercise caution in your business affairs;
for the world is full of trickery.
But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals;
and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself.
Especially, do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love;
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.
But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.
Beyond a wholesome discipline,
be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe,
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.
And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be,
and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful.
Strive to be happy.

After the feast by Robert Spencer

I am a man who has surfaced from the deep waters
To breathe the sweet air of contentment.
How was that shade drawn over my eyes?
How was that lance thrust through my confidence?
How were my doubts multiplied beyond count?
No matter.
No matter.
The exercise has been completed to satisfaction –
Nay, to boundless joy, that shared, gave enjoyment
To the riotous multitude gathered to the feast.

What purpose to worry?
Even to reflect on such matters is worry in itself,
A devil that rides the back of conscience.
In place, let me talk about the celebration, the
children,
The memories they have cached, the relations
Rarely seen, the warmth and food and merriment
And farewell embraces that spoke more eloquently
Than hastily gathered words



HADLOW DOWN DIARY – February 2018

<i>Every Monday at 11.30am</i>	<i>Tai Chi Classes</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Every Monday at 5.00pm</i>	<i>Beavers</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Every Monday at 6.00pm</i>	<i>Cubs</i>	<i>St Mark's Church</i>
<i>Every Tuesday at 7.00pm</i>	<i>Short Mat Bowls</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Every Wednesday at 6.30pm</i>	<i>Tap Dancing</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Every Thursday at 10.00am</i>	<i>Skeels Dance Group</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Every Thursday at 7.00pm</i>	<i>Homefront Lindyhop</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Fridays in term time at 9.15am</i>	<i>School Family and Friends Assembly</i>	<i>St Mark's Church</i>
<i>Every Friday at 9.30am</i>	<i>Latin Rhythms</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>
<i>Every Friday at 10.30am</i>	<i>Crafts Group</i>	<i>St Mark's Church</i>
<i>Fridays in term time at 2.15pm</i>	<i>Do it Hadlow Down Computer Club</i>	<i>St Mark's School</i>
<i>Every Saturday at 10.30am</i>	<i>Dance Club</i>	<i>Village Hall</i>

31st Wednesday 10.30am **TN22 Plus Club** Village Hall

4th Sunday **5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

9.00am **Parish Communion**

6th Tuesday 9.30am **Said Communion**

7.00pm **Parish Council Meeting**

Village Hall

7th Wednesday 11.00am **TN22 Club**

Village Hall

9th Friday 3.15pm **School Term 3 ends**

7.30pm **Community Centre Meeting**

Village Hall

11th Sunday **LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

9.00am **Jubilate All Ages Communion**

14th Wednesday **ASH WEDNESDAY**

10.30am **TN22 Plus Club (no club due to holidays)**

Village Hall

16th Friday 7.00 for 7.30pm **'Valentine Pop-up Supper'**

Playing Field

17th Saturday 7.15 for 7.30pm **Film Night –“Hidden Figures”**

Village Hall

18th Sunday **1st SUNDAY IN LENT**

9.00am **Parish Communion**

19th Monday 9.00am **School Term 4 begins**

21st Wednesday 11.00am **TN22 Club**

Village Hall

23rd Friday 7.30pm **Combined AGM meeting**

Village Hall

25th Sunday **2nd SUNDAY IN LENT**

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.00am **All Ages Family Service**

27th Tuesday 11.00am **Horticultural Society Seed Swap and Coffee Morning** Village Hall

28th Wednesday 11.00am **TN22 Plus Club**

Village Hall

MARCH

4th Sunday **3rd SUNDAY IN LENT**

9.00am **Parish Communion**

6th Tuesday 9.30am **Said Communion**

7.00pm **Parish Council Meeting**

Village Hall

24th Saturday 11.00am **Spring Market**

Village Hall