

Hadlow Down Parish Magazine March 2018



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EDITORIAL

The edition this month may seem slightly small and that's because a number of our usual contributors are either on holiday or are unable to pen their article. But fear not they will be back, hopefully in the March edition.

The interview last month with Chris Greenwood was well received and I had some wonderful emails and comments sent to me. In the March edition I'm hoping to get another long time resident of HD to tell us of their experiences of their life in our wonderful village.

Enjoy the read. Editor

JOB VACANCY – SOUND AND LIGHTING ENGINEER

Hadlow Down Variety Club is looking for a Sound and Lighting Engineer to assist with their rehearsals and performances. We would be interested in someone who is

- Not fazed by technology
- Has at least a basic understanding of electricity and simple electronics
- Confident with computers and software applications
- Can stay cool when everyone else is panicking.

Age range: We know that ageism is bad these days but between 13* to 93 would be ideal! And of course we are gender neutral and non-binary – whatever that means – or if it's even a thing!

There will be support and training every step of the way so don't let the fact that you don't know anything stop you from applying. Just an interest in all things technical and computery is a start. However, you may already be an expert and ready to jump right in and do things your way – perfect!

Eventually the engineer will be able to:

- Set-up the sound system for rehearsals and performances.
- Obtain digital music and sound effects. Usually by downloading from the internet (almost everything is on YouTube, for example) or by ripping from CDs. Occasionally by making real-life recordings.
- Format and edit these files for example swapping the verses of a song around, cutting the length of a piece of music or combining a number of sound effects on top of one another.
- Using theatrical Sound Cue Player software to play these items during a performance.
- Control the mixing desk during a performance for FOH (what the audience hears), stage monitors (what the performers hear), and even for sound in the dressing room.
- Helping our Lighting Operator with the fitting and setting up of stage lighting.

The Variety Club either owns or has access to a range of professional equipment including microphones, mixers, amplifiers and speakers and heaps of cables to connect all the stuff together. Our lights are controlled by a wireless system called Art-Net which is the basically the same as used at professional shows all over the world – so we do our best to keep up with technology.

A lot of the equipment we use has been sourced for a bargain from ebay and renovated. Some is even homemade. But the VC does buy brand-new equipment: We recently spent serious money on a pair of Sennheiser microphones, for example. We used to hire equipment and still do when something special is needed (example: fog machines and special lighting effects) but we are trying to acquire stuff so that we become more self-sufficient.

* For a teenager, this job could be a first step of a career in the entertainment industry. There are plenty of opportunities, and this industry is rare these days in that being able to confidently "do the job" (and spend long hours and late nights doing it) is valued much more than formal qualifications. Of course, experience gained here will also be useful if you wanted to pursue a university route.

SALARY: £-none- (this is a volunteer position! - but we might be able to help with expenses)

Ideally, you will live in Hadlow Down or nearby. If not, you will need your own transport.

Apply to: <u>sound-engineer@planetx.london</u> and someone from the VC will get back to you.

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Spring Market Saturday March 24th 11.00 start

Variety Club 'Pirates of the Panto



Behind the scenes on the first night of the pantomime 'Pirates of the Panto,' A wonderful time was had by the performers and the entire crew. The response from the audience was terrific and I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the next one. Thanks you Julie Twigg (Director) for managing such a 'motley' crew, with humour, drive and determination.



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Lindsey's Menu

LEEK, SWEETCORN AND FISH CHOWDER

Serves 6

Ingredients : Small tin sweet corn, 25g butter, 100g pancetta, chopped; 600ml vegetable stock, 1tbsp flour, 3 leeks washed and chopped into 1cm pieces; 200g Ling, Pollock or cod fillet skinned and cut into 2cm chunks 200g salmon fillet, skinned and cut into 2cm chunks 400 g potatoes cooked in salted boiling water until tender. 200ml double cream, 100ml milk, 1tsp Dijon mustard, 1tbsp finely chopped parsley, sea salt, Freshly ground black pepper.

- <u>Method</u>: 1. Heat the butter in a large saucepan. Add the pancetta and leaks and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Sprinkle on the flour, add the vegetable stock and bring to a simmer stirring.
 - Add the fish and cook for 3 minutes. Add potatoes cut into chunks, corn, cream, milk, Mustard, parsley and simmer for 3 minutes. Check seasoning before serving with lots of crusty bread.

This is a delicious and hearty soup!



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Another busy term and the children have even enjoyed a few snow days making

snowmen on the Astroturf.

Red Admirals have been engrossed in their Harry Potter topic and have been writing newspaper articles, sending howler letters, and playing Quidditch in PE. They are fortunate to have a trip planned for next term to Harry Potter World which will support their creative writing even further and we may even have the next J.K. Rowling in our midst.

> Cocoons have been learning about the Stone Age and visited the Ashdown Forest to look for Stone Age artefacts. Our caretaker, at St Mark's, unearthed a flint arrow head whilst weeding in the school grounds and the children interviewed the

office staff and head teacher to find out their responses and to use their quotes in the newspaper reports they are writing. We are obviously going to have to get the artefact officially verified!!

Pirate Captain Caterpillar class last

'Pirates and Mermaids'. The class will booked to visit Smugglers Cave in fortunate to welcome Mrs Palmer back Red Admirals a few years ago and has our Year 2 children.

Egglets have again visited Tesco's morning, where they learnt about from. They enjoyed tasting a variety of amazingly well- behaved.



Blackbeard visited our term, as their topic was soon have a fun trip Hastings. We are to St Mark's who taught now returned to teach

again for a Farm to Fork where their food comes different fruits and were

Next term



We have another busy term ahead of us with World Book day on Thursday 1st March and please join us at the church for our Annual Music Concert, on Tuesday 27th March 2018, 2pm.





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Great British Spring Clean - Litter Picking Weekend - 2nd-4th March

As people may be aware, for the last few years a dedicated team of volunteers have helped Julian Michaelson-Yeates pick up the litter from all of the main A272 and the majority of the back lanes of Hadlow Down. Each year the amount of litter that has been gathered has been reducing due to the fact that it has been done on a regular basis.

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

As a child I had a Cocker spaniel who I trained to run beside my bike, accompany me when I was riding my pony and many other things. I had never even heard of dog training clubs.

In the nineteen sixties I went to my first dog training club with my Golden retriever, Crispin. I found it was very strict and regimented, based on the army training methods. There was interminable heelwork round and round the hall which was very boring and Crispin would go slower and slower. The instructor would bellow "give him a good jerk" to make him hurry up rather than encouragement. Neither Crispin nor I liked these methods. There was a

beautiful black German Shepherd who travelled to the venue in the sidecar of his owner's motor bike. He was the star of the club and was always winning the top classes in obedience shows. I still attended classes, but also practised the exercises on my own making it really fun. I was thrilled when eventually I beat the German Shepherd in an obedience show.

As time passed there was there was advice from top behaviourists. A favourite one was the importance of dominating your dog, making it clear that you were the boss by sitting in the dog's bed and never letting him go through a doorway first. Another said you should take away your dog's dinner while it was eating, to show you were top dog. This bad advice caused many dogs to be protective over their food. Another eminent behaviourist came up with the "rattle tin" The idea was to put some stones in a tin and rattle it when the dog misbehaved. This is still being used today. What a negative approach. Some trainer's methods have resulted in sensitive dogs becoming demoralised or fearful. One training book I read said you should keep repeating an exercise over and over again until the dog got it right. There was a photo of the dog, a Great Dane, with its tail between its legs. The fault was clearly with the trainer who had not gradually built up the exercise in small enjoyable stages.

Gradually training methods changed, dogs were encouraged to do the exercises using treats and praise. Dogs should not be dominated, no punishment should ever be used; in fact bitches do discipline their puppies with a quick snap or growl if they misbehave! Socialisation became the buzz word. Puppy parties started. They were encouraged to play with other puppies. Pass the puppy was a popular game where the owners would pass the puppy from one owner to the next. These parties were fine for the bold extrovert puppies but the nervous ones could be overwhelmed by these antics which could then lead to fearful behaviour or even aggression.

We now have clicker training. This fashion was started about thirty years ago to train marine mammals. Now it is very popular. I cannot think why it is advocated. What is the point? I have the most useful training aid. It is unique and it can be used in many different ways, it is my voice! I cannot think why people need to use a mechanical device when we have so many ways of communicating with our dogs. It is interesting to hear Canine Partners, who train dogs for the disabled, have now stopped using them.

Equipment used over the years has also changed. When I started, most people simply had a leather collar and lead for their dog. At my first club they recommended slip, or choke chains. These have disadvantages if used incorrectly. When owners found it difficult to hold a strong dog on an ordinary collar, head collars were introduced. There are many variations on these. Now these have a bad reputation as some can cause eye problems, or damage the neck or worse, if used in conjunction with an extended lead. They are hated by many dogs. The problem is that dog's heads are so different. It is difficult to fit a head collar to a short muzzled dog comfortably. The latest fashion is a harness to control the dog. Most of the later examples of equipment are made of manmade synthetics often in bright colours. I wonder what is next; perhaps someone will come up with the idea of a leather collar and lead?

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Thoughts from the Rectory – March 2018

This year Easter is "early", let's hope that spring will follows its example! Last month's view from the Rectory delved into the history of celebrating Easter and identified why the date changes each year and also why it is celebrated on different dates in different countries. This month our view from the Rectory travels across time, drawing upon memories of celebrations of Easter in some of the many countries where I have had the privilege to live and work in recent years.

When I was working in Poland it was really interesting to travel around the country (as I was doing frequently because of my work) and observe the preparations and planning for processions through the streets as the young

people of the towns and villages were prepared for receiving their first communion. This would take place at the first Mass of Easter on Easter Eve. On that day, the procession was a wonderful sight, with elaborately dressed priests processing behind the cross followed by the first communicants dressed in white and carrying beautiful posies of flowers.

In Warsaw, in the days leading up to Easter my memory is of streets closed to traffic around the main churches as the streets were thronged with people making their way to confess their sins and imperfections so that they would be able to receive communion at Easter. Demand was so great in the main cities that country parishes used to send "spare" priests to help out their city based colleagues in manning the confessionals!

After Poland I moved to Orthodox countries and experienced the joy of Sharing the Light at the first communion late on Easter Eve. In Bucharest, again the streets were closed around the churches and the congregation spilled out onto the street. For many this was deliberate. The light was shared at around midnight early in the liturgy and thereafter many people returned home, carrying their lit candles. Entering their homes they made a smoke mark on the door lintel as they entered, and then the partying began! The priests and a relatively small congregation were left to continue the (extremely long) liturgy which ended at around 3am.

In Greece, the light was shared with style at midnight on Easter Eve. After the priests ceremoniously share the light of Christ with the congregation outside the churches just before midnight there is a short break in the liturgy so that everybody can enjoy the most incredible fireworks display and then the service resumes. On Easter Sunday there is a tradition in Orthodox countries for families to gather together to eat well, usually grilling a whole lamb (or lambs). In Greece, many of the parties are held on the pavement in front of the house because of the number of people attending. I will never forget the time we almost joined a table in northern Greece. A very common word in Greek sounds very similar to "ella", and my Ella thought that the family knew me and were inviting us to join their table! Actually, I am sure that we would have been made very welcome if we had stayed!

So, every country has its own tradition for marking the festival of Easter. Whatever you will do this Easter I pray that you will recall what we are celebrating; the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. There will opportunities to give thanks to God for this at services held on Easter Eve and Easter Day. I hope to see you at one or more of them!

May God bless you all, Fr John





St. Mark's Church News – March 2018.

Each year the parish supports a **Parish Lent charity** - fill a jam jar with those loose coins weighing down your purse or pocket, and bring it to church at Easter. This year we are collecting for two charities. Half of the money will go the Diocesan Lent Appeal, which is supporting the **Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work** (FSW) in its ambition to see a support worker in every part of Sussex within five years. The second charity is our local **TN22 Plus Club**, which aims to provide a safe and caring environment where those with memory loss or dementia can socialise and take part in stimulating activities.

A reminder that the **Lent Group** is meeting on Wednesdays: 28 February and 7, 15 (Thursday), 21 March, 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, to discuss and learn about "The power of prayer".

Mothering Sunday on March 11 marks the middle of Lent, and at our child-friendly service all children will be given flowers to present to their mothers. Please note that

the service will start at **10.00am**, which we hope will mean a more relaxed start to the day than our usual 9.00am service!

Following the great success of last year's Barn dance in the church, you have the chance to enjoy an evening of Salsa dancing. The Friends of St. Mark's School are organising a **Salsa evening** in the church on Saturday 24 March (full details elsewhere in the magazine) - don't worry if you've never tried it before, there'll be instruction and encouragement!

The **Easter season** is filled with special services and activities, as we reflect on the events of Holy Week and celebrate the culmination of the Christian year. They are listed below, and we do hope you can join in some of them. On Good Friday there will again be the popular **Easter activity morning** in St. Mary's hall, Buxted, for children of primary school age - there's a big variety of activities including puppet-making, egg decorating (please bring a hard-boiled egg), bread-making, Easter baskets, and an egg hunt. No need to book, and a nominal charge of £2 a head, to help with the cost of materials. And children are very welcome to help create an Easter Garden in the church on Easter Saturday (10.00am).

Please note that there is no longer a monthly service of **Holy Communion** at 8.00am at St. Mark's; there is an 8.00am Communion service every Sunday at St. Margaret's, Buxted.

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

Mothering Sunday 11 March Wednesday 14 March Palm Sunday 25 March 10.00am	Mothering Sunday Service, 10.00 am PCC meeting, 7.30 pm St. Mary's church hall United Parish Eucharist with blessing of palms, St. Margaret's				
Maundy Thursday 29 March	Last Supper service and vigil, 8.00pm				
Good Friday 30 March	Children's Easter activities, St. Mary's hall, 10am- noon				
	Good Friday liturgy, St. Mary's, 3.00pm				
	The Cross in Words and Music, St. Margaret's, 6.00 pm				
Easter Saturday 31 March	Create Easter Garden, 10.00am				
	Easter Vigil, St Mary's 7.30pm				
Easter Sunday 1 April	Easter Festival Family Communion, 9.00am				
Wednesday 11 April Annual Parochial Church Meeting and refreshments, St. Mary's 7.30p					
Sunday 29 April Patronal Festival Eucharist, 11.00am followed by refresh					

See the parish website <u>www.bhdchurches.org.uk</u> for details of parish events and services.

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FILM NIGHT VILLAGE

HALL in association with the ENGAGE charity

Saturday March17th Doors open 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.

Tickets - £6 payable at the door. Tea –coffee – Popcorn – Peanuts – Cookies available. Ice-cream during the interval. Bring your own drinks – glasses provided.

The Commitments 15

Jimmy Rabbitte (Robert Arkins), a self-proclaimed promoter, decides to organize an R&B group to fill the musical void in his hometown of Dublin, Ireland. The band comes together but ends up consisting entirely of working class youths.

Contact - Janet 01825 830478 or Rachel 01825 830494



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The end of the season is rapidly approaching and final positions of the League will not be decided until the beginning of April. Old Heathfield currently with 91 points will undoubtedly be champions but all other matches have been extremely close and a betting man would find it hard to prophecy who might be runners up and gain promotion with them to Division 1. Our club has made considerable improvement this year and with four home and three away games still to play we should finish mid-table if we continue to play as we have done so far – a great encouragement to our members after last year's disappointment being bottom of the League. We probably are the smallest club involved but the enthusiasm and camaraderie shown by us all is a great credit to our small membership and has been complimented by all our opponents.

The four home games we have are against Barcombe, Hailsham Quintins, Chiddingly and Wivelsfield, all on Tuesdays 6^{th} , 13^{th} , 27^{th} March and 3^{rd} April

respectively and we will be pleased to welcome anybody interested in joining us at any of these. Similarly, this invite applies to our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING which will be held in the Village Hall on TUESDAY 24th APRIL at 7 pm after which there will be an opportunity for those who have not experienced the game to play at fortnightly Roll Ups during the summer months.

The future of the club seems more re-assured but further success can only be achieved with the villagers' support.

Don Smith – Chairman"

Annual Revision of the Church Electoral Roll

You are entitled to be on the Parish of Buxted and Hadlow Down Church Electoral Roll if you are over 16, a member of the Church of England or of a church in communion therewith, and resident in the parish, or if not resident in the parish, to have habitually attended services in the parish during the last six months. The roll is now displayed in each church until 26th March. If you think you are on the roll please check your details and let me know if there should be any changes. If you think you should be on the roll and are not, please fill in an application form available in all the churches and either send to me or hand to Anne Yarrow or Valerie Banks or another warden. If you have any questions in relation to the roll please get in touch with me.

The revised roll will be displayed in the churches (St. Mark's, St. Margaret's and St. Mary's) from 28th March until the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which this year is on Wednesday April 11th at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Hall, Buxted.

Sally Jackson, The Folly, High Street, Buxted, TN22 4LA Telephone 01825 732091 Electoral Roll Officer





WE NEED \

- Are you willing to support others?
- Are you kind, patient and respectful?
- Are you a good listener?
- Are you creative, or do you enjoy cooking or perhaps driving?

Engage charity runs two clubs in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Wealden, every Wednesday. The TN22 Plus Club is for people with mild to moderate dementia and the TN22 Club is a social day club for older people who may be isolated and lonely.

"It makes me feel as if I am being useful and giving something back."

"I can make a difference through volunteering."

We looking are for volunteers to join our friendly team to support our members with various activities such as crafts, puzzles, music making, or gentle exercise and to accompany them on group outings. We also need drivers, cooks and admin volunteers.

No special qualifications are necessary, just a willingness to create a fun and stimulating environment in a sensitive and supportive manner.

If you have a few hours to spare, please call Denise on **07462 790210**

website: www.engagewealden.org.uk e-mail: enquiries@engagewealden.org.uk



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MONTHLY NEWS FROM WILDERNESS WOOD

Some of you may have noticed the works on the Upper Paddock - it's looking a bit like a moon-scape at the moment! But with the help of the amazing Mike Stiller on the digger, Luska Mengham on the hedging, and lots of volunteers planting new saplings, by summer, we will have another flat, well-drained, grassy area next to the marquee, which will allow vehicles to get to the marquee once we've made the area in front of the café pedestrian. It has also allowed us to protect the septic tank area - always a good thing! We've also been busy planting more saplings - in Bat Park (the area where the chestnut coppice was diseased) and extending the high conifer area on the East Side.



Would be great to see you at the following working parties, workshops and events - for more details see the website or contact <u>emilyanddan@wildernesswood.org</u>:

Stewardship Saturday on March 3rd and a TEA CONCERT in the cafe with string music by Beethoven, Haydn and a surprise song - donations towards the planting of Bat Park

Mothering Sunday on March 11th - high tea or garland making - reservation essential

Storytelling in the woods for adults and teenagers on March 17th from 5pm - this is an opportunity for you to listen or tell a story - led by our current story-teller in residence, Sara Domingo.

Easter Bunny Hunt on March 30th and 31st, April 1st and 2nd - join us for forest school fun, arts and crafts and a BBQ from the new Cook House on the Friday, Saturday, Sunday or Monday of the Easter weekend. Discount for Hadlow Down members.

Stewardship Saturday and AGM on April 7th - join our working party from 10am and/or come along at 3pm to find out about plans for the up-coming year and contribute your suggestions and ideas.

Bluebell Party on Saturday April 28th from 5.30pm - celebrate May Day, bluebells and progress over the last year with music, dancing, food and drink.



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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.

Referrals for funding can be made by calling Wealden District Council on 01323 443322.

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 in 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

HADLOW DOWN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

The Annual show is on Saturday 4th August this year. We would be delighted if you were to enter. Now is the time to get working on your craft entries.

This year we have the following classes:

- A piece of patchwork.
- A mask for a fiesta
- An article made from a metre of gingham
- A knitted doll
- A "Get Well" card
- Article in wood, ceramic or metal

Surely you would enjoy making one of these.

If craft is not your thing. How about photography? This year's titles are:

- "Bird(s)"
- "Spring"
- "I spy something beginning with L"



Or you could of course be getting going with growing vegetables and flowers to enter. For the full schedule please go to the Hadlow Down website.

SALSA EVENING

Learn to Salsa with Paul and Lindsay from EZYFEET DANCE then dance the night away...

Light supper included. Paying bar. St. Mark's Church, Hadlow Down Sat. 24 March 7.30 - 10.30 pm

Tickets £8

Available from: School office; Nicola Neal 01825732737 nicola@deveam.com; Tamara Lawson 07793-459720; All proceeds to St. Mark's School and Church







Open Gardens

The response so far to the notice in the last Parish Magazine has been very pleasing but to make the project worthwhile a few more gardens are needed

Last year's 'Open Gardens' as part of the Hadlow Down Festival, was a great success and our intention always was to involve more gardens this summer. The proceeds will be split between the Engage charity (TN22 clubs) and the Alzheimer's Society.



If you are interested please contact Roberta on 01825 830009 or robertasmyth5224@gmail.com

Coming Soon.....

The Variety Clubs production of 'The Ghost Train' written by Arnold Ridley will be performed on Friday 4th May and Saturday 5th May in the Village Hall. More information to follow in the next edition of the Parish Magazine. **So Watch this space.....**

Flight Ticket Fraud

Fraudsters are attempting to entice victims who are looking for cheap flights abroad.

Victims have reported booking tickets via websites or a "popular" ticket broker, only to discover that after payment via bank transfer or electronic wire transfer, the tickets/booking references received are counterfeit. In some cases, all communications between the company or broker and the victim have been severed.

Fraudsters are targeting individuals who are seeking to travel to African nations and the Middle East, particularly those wishing to travel in time for popular public and religious holidays.

Prevention Advice:

* Pay safe: Be cautious if you're asked to pay directly into a private individual's bank account. Paying by direct bank transfer is like paying by cash – the money is very difficult to trace and is not refundable. Wherever possible, pay by credit card or a debit card.

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ENGAge Reminiscing with the TN22 Plus Club

It was on a very wet and dismal Wednesday that we began our last 'Plus Club' in January. For many of the members, the delight on their faces when they arrived brightened up the village hall, and a cup of tea and piece of cake ensured that they felt



at home immediately!

Our theme was 'Wintertime' (very appropriate) and we began the day reminiscing youthful winters, games, food and how we kept warm. One gentleman remembered throwing snowballs at his neighbours doors and keeping warm in bed with a stone hot water 'bottle'. We all remembered ice on the <u>inside</u> of windows, huge icicles hanging off the roofs and paraffin heaters. Oh the joys of central heating!

A brilliant lady Heather, came to warm us up with music,



dancing, instruments, plastic plates and cheerleader pompoms.

Everyone had a great time exercising without realising, and the hall was full of singing and music, if you can call banging two plates together, music!!!! Two fabulous lady members who have both had changes in their own circumstances, got to the floor spontaneously to dance. It was very moving to watch them showing us something that meant so much to them.



After a wonderful lunch, one of our activities was 'guess the pudding'. The game started with gusto, with the samples being almost eaten before the guessing actually began. Poems and jokes followed before the end of the day. A great way to end a dismal month and we all look forward to better weather.

Roberta Smyth (Volunteer)





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COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY PARISH ASSEMBLY TUESDAY 17th APRIL 7PM HADLOW DOWN VILLAGE HALL

We would love you to join us at our Parish Assembly where you will have the opportunity to raise any issues, or you can just come along and join us and other villagers for drinks and nibbles and find out what's been going on in YOUR village.

Presentation to be given by a representative from East Sussex County Council Highways Department, to be followed by a Questions and Answers session.

Any questions about the event please contact the Parish Clerk, Helen Johnson on: 01435 860959, also if you'd prefer, questions for the Parish Council can be emailed to her prior to the event on: hadlowdownpc@btconnect.com

Editor – Below is a poem received from a resident of HD using a 'non de plume', who feels very strongly about a local issue.

Lost the Plot by E.M.Farmer

There was once a man called Leeper, who thought he would make lots, by taking most of Pigsfoot Farm and selling it in plots.

To protect the lovely village the Council made provisions, to ensure the fields stayed green and lush, by imposing strict conditions.

Some 50 years later A young man took his brood to visit Grandpa's plot of land for games and fun and food.

The sky was crystal blue, the sun was blazing hot. The only trouble was they could not reach their plot. The field was full of fences, some structures and some vans. Although the family had a right they were forced to change their plans. With elasticated rules that twang and then go 'Snap'. Once the first one's broken we have fallen in a trap.

Once one change has been allowed, it's not difficult to see, that with many owners out there how they could ruin this AONB

So let's look into the future, another 10 years on, I fear the one who penned this rhyme may not be so very wrong!



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down at 7pm on Tuesday 6th February 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), Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY), Jas Singh (JS), Iain Turner (IT), Michael Lunn (ML) and (WDC) and Cllr. Bob Standley (BS)(ESCC). The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

286. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – members of the public advised that they were attending regarding the problems with bridleway 25a that runs from Wheelers Lane to Brick Kiln Lane

Cllr Damon Wellman (DW) joined the meeting at 7:03pm

A member of the public asked about the architect's fee for the outline planning application for the Village Hall site and when the Parish Council (PC) had made resolutions to instruct the architect. They advised that Hadlow Down Community Centre committee's specification had included the work for the village hall site. They requested that the PC review the payment request before it is paid. A Councillor confirmed that the fee had previously been discussed by the PC. The *Clerk advised that the PC noted the resident's concerns and that she would respond to him.* Clerk

- **287.** APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE none received.
- **288. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** no declarations of interest made.
- **289. MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 9th January 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record (previously circulated), the Clerk highlighted that the PC should have declared a personal interest in item 268i.

290. MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):

- i. Assets of Community Value -c/f
- ii. Costs of Traffic Regulation Orders Cllr Standley confirmed that he had requested the information. He will email it out once it has been received. **BS**
- iii. Circular Walk leaflet the Chair advised that she will continue to try to speak to the landowner. SR
- iv. Website to be discussed at item 307.
- v. Highways repairs BS to cover at item 292.
- vi. The Clerks Report was sent to Councillors with the agenda updating them on her action points, this included:
- a. Business Stream have advised that they have requested that Southern Water respond to a number of questions and have also requested that they investigate the pipe work to see if there are any defects.
- b. A response has been sent to the residents who raised the suggestion to extend the School Lane layby and the request for a grit bin.
- c. ESCC Highways have removed the old signage post and have apologized that it was left at the junction of the A267 and A265.

298. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

v. Correspondence regarding bridleway 25a – the Clerk had been contacted as a rider and horse had fallen. The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Rights of Way team who will inspect the state of the bridleway. She advised that the landlord was responsible for the vegetation and it was agreed for the *Clerk to write to them regarding it.*

The Chair allowed members of the public to comment that they had reported the problems with this bridleway to the Rights of Way team over a number of years, however no action had been taken. Cllr. Standley agreed to follow up this matter.

The Chair explained that the PC had been looking into a circular horseriding route and members of the public offered to assist with this.

i. Correspondence regarding access to footpath 27c – the Chair advised that as the owner of the field to the south of the footpath and to the east of Springwell Cottage had provided the requested map and affidavit that they should be allowed vehicular access to the footpath in order to access their field. The Clerk confirmed that a letter had been received from a resident disputing the use of the gateway to the field. A Councillor confirmed that cars were using the footpath in approx. 1979. The PC agreed for the landowner to obtain access from the eastern end of the footpath. It has been requested by a member of the public that if the path does get damaged by the use of a vehicle on it that the landowner repairs it. A Councillor asked about the treatment of Japanese knotweed and the landowner confirmed that he will continue to treat it.

291. PLANNING:

i. <u>APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:</u>

WD/2017/2663/F - Secret Garden, Wilderness Lane - Internal alterations, extensions and velux

Clerk

BS

ML

window.

ii. PLANNING MATTERS:

- a. Land on the east side of Wilderness Lane WDC have confirmed that plot lands on the east side of Wilderness Lane are now covered by Tree Preservation Orders and by Article 4 directions removing Specific permitted development rights on the land. A Councillor highlighted about other plots of land close to Hadlow Down being marketed as potential development sites. ML (WDC) to inform WDC officers.
- b. Old Cart Lodge the Clerk updated the meeting on the response from WDC Planning Enforcement and on the information provided by Cllr Toby Illingworth (WDC). A Councillor asked about the covenants on the land. A Councillor felt that these were a civil matter.

292. REPORTS FROM CLLR. BOB STANDLEY, ESCC & CLLRS. TOBY ILLINGWORTH & MICHAEL LUNN WDC - Cllr.

Standley advised that ESCC had approved their budget today and will have to make cutbacks to their frontline services, the closure of 2 care homes, some libraries and Wadhurst and Forest Row recycling sites have been proposed.

Cllr Toby Illingworth (TI) joined the meeting at 7:35pm

Cllr Standley commented that he felt that the SLR (Strengthening Local Relationships) meeting had gone well and has today spoken to the Lead Member and to the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee about it. He has some photographs and items from Cllr Wellman which he will forward on at ESCC. ESCC have passed a motion to go to the government to request that HGVs have to have the correct Sat Nav. He has followed up regarding the damage to School Lane pavement, the Clerk will send BS details of the correspondence from Kiers offering a payment to the Parish Council. Clerk

Cllr Illingworth advised that the Local Plan will be presented to WDC Full Council on 25th April. He will inform the Clerk if he hears anything more regarding Old Cart Lodge.

Cllr Lunn advised that WDC cabinet decided to reject the proposal to decriminalize parking in Wealden due to the impact to residents and the need to have parking meters. It was also felt that it would have an adverse affect on High Street trade. Cllr Standley confirmed that they were looking at other options, he has a meeting with the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner and will try and get her to install traffic wardens.

Councillor Lunn confirmed that the ground works for the new crematorium were progressing well, it is due to be completed this year.

293. BANK RECONCILIATIONS: – dated 26th January 2018 were agreed and signed.

294. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS :

- i. The following payments that were paid prior to this meeting: Greener Gardening £280 clearing of land and Land Registry £20 registration of Deed were ratified at this meeting.
- ii. Sussex Lund grant as no correspondence had been received from the resident it was agreed for the Clerk to write to Sussex Giving to arrange the return of the remainder of the grant. Clerk
- iii. Burial Ground piers the PC discussed the quotes and agreed to only remove 1 pier and on which contractor to appoint.
- iv. The PC were updated on the work that had been required and ratified the decision that had been made by 2 Councillors to cut down the tree at the Playing Field. It was requested that trees in the cleared area be discussed at the next meeting.
- v. Solicitors costs the Clerk updated the meeting on correspondence from the solicitor regarding their and the Diocesan's solicitors costs. She has confirmed that the PC have agreed to pay the Diocesan Solicitors costs. It was agreed to accept the PC Solicitors costs of $\pm 1700 + VAT$ this will also cover for the registration of the 2nd Deed of Variation with the Land Registry.

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

- i. Cllr Michaelson-Yeates advised that he is getting ready for the litter picking.
- ii. Cllr Richards advised that she had been contacted regarding the state of Green Lane 22 that runs from School Lane to Stocklands Lane as they say it is being damaged by 4 wheel drive vehicles. The Clerk has emailed ESCC Rights of Way team about it.
- 297. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE HDCC (Hadlow Down Community Centre committee) are holding a public meeting on 9th February. 298. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:

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- ii. SLR meeting the minutes of the meeting had been copied to Councillors. Cllrs Richards and Wellman updated the PC on the meeting. The Costain Service Director and the ESCC Highways Head of Service will accompany Cllr Wellman on a tour of the problem areas in the village. Cllr Wellman asked that Cllrs email him with any other Highways problems in the village. ALL
- The Chair thanked Cllr Wellman for all the work he had done for the SLR meeting. iii. Public Path Diversion Order - the Clerk confirmed that WDC had made a public path diversion order for
- parts of footpaths 38 and 39c.
- iv. Loan of Speed Indicator Device the Clerk updated the meeting on the information she had received regarding speedwatch and the loan of devices. She has been contacted by 2 residents who were previously involved in speedwatch advising that they feel the most effective means of enforcing speeding drivers is a speed camera rather than a speed indicator device. It was agreed that the Clerk

would pass the information regarding speeding to a resident in order that they could decide whether they wish to organize Speedwatch, this would be a resident rather than a PC initiative.

- 299. PUBLIC PHONE BOX the Chair advised that she had spoken to St Mark's School about the possibility of the pupils having a competition for ideas for the use of the phone box. The possibility of a book exchange and local village and tourist information point were discussed. The Clerk advised that the PC would need to check with WDC planning to confirm whether planning permission was required. She confirmed that the telephone box has been added to the insurance, there will be no charge till renewal. BT have signed the agreement and are arranging for the telephony equipment to be removed. The Clerk highlighted that it wasn't known whether the paint on the box contained lead. It was confirmed that the wooden door would need to be replaced or fixed. The Clerk will look into replacement equipment and pass the information onto Cllr Michaelson-Yeates to review. Clerk/JMY
- 300. BURIAL GROUND the Clerk raised that she felt that there needed to be rules on securing new headstones and has obtained guidelines from a memorial mason. She also felt that there needed to be regulations for the burial ground. Councillors agreed that trees, shrubs and plants shouldn't be planted in the ground. They also agreed for the *Clerk to draw up guidelines in liaison with the Chair and for them to be discussed and agreed at the next meeting.*
- 301. COUNCILLORS ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES following the resignation of Cllr Bonnick it was agreed for Cllr Singh to be the PC's representative on WDALC and take over responsibility for the Community Plan. The *Clerk will send a copy of the plan to Cllr Singh*. It was agreed that Cllr Lunn would add website to his responsibilities. Cllrs Lunn and Turner will arrange to meet with the new local police inspector, the *Clerk will send them his details*.

The Chair will temporarily take on responsibility for the Burial Ground and Village Hall

- **302. HEALTH AND WELLBEING** the Chair gave details of the Healthy Wealden branding, it was agreed not to take this up.
- 303. PARISH ASSEMBLY a discussion was held on possible speakers for the Parish Assembly. It was agreed to invite the ESCC Assistant Director for Transport and Operations to speak. *Councillors were asked to identify new residents that the Clerk could invite to the Parish Assembly.*
- **305. RISK ASSESSMENTS** *c/f to the next meeting.*
- **306. COUNCILLORS INTERESTS** the Clerk had sent Councillors a copy of the PC's Code of Conduct, she explained how Councillors can have an interest as they are a member of the PC which is a corporate body. A discussion was held on the different types of interest and when they would be used. The Clerk suggested that if Councillors are unsure whether they have an interest that they contact her to clarify, if necessary she would contact the WDC Monitoring Officer for guidance. She explained that it is the Councillor's responsibility to declare the interest.
- 307. WEBSITE the Chair updated the PC on the meeting she and Cllr Singh had recently had with the owner and editor of the website. She has organized a further meeting for this week with representatives of village organisations. It was confirmed that if the website moves that there would need to be an agreement to ensure that there aren't issues in the future should the provider i.e. move away.

308. CLERK'S MATTERS:

- i. The Clerks hours were agreed and signed.
- ii. General Data Protection Regulations the Clerk had sent notes to Councillors from the training she had received, she had recommended and it was agreed for the PC to appoint an external Data Protection Officer (DPO) for approximately £150 per annum. *The Clerk will look into companies that provide a DPO service*.

309. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- i. The Clerk confirmed that the second Deed of Variation has now been completed as the PC's solicitor has now received the completed Deed of Covenant and the formal consent from the diocese. The solicitor will be applying to the Land Registry to register the second Deed of Variation.
- ii. South Downs Spring Sportive Cycling event the Clerk gave the PC details of a cycling event that will happen around the village on 7th April. *She will send details to the editors of the Parish Magazine and the website in order that residents are aware.* Clerk
- **310.** ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT a discussion was held on the payment to MJB Architecture and a Councillor expressed that HDCC should pay the invoice. It was agreed for the *Clerk to put together a response to the member of the public.* Clerk

The following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:

- i. Helen Johnson. Salary £964.78 includes £13.50 mileage & £97.35 expenses, £750 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £214.78.
- ii. East Sussex Pension Fund £256.00 pension.
- iii. Mrs L. McConachie £40.00 play equipment inspection.
- iv. SSALC Limited £57.60 GDPR training
- MJB Architecture Ltd £2765.00 cost relates to planning fee and work required to bring to planning submission. The Clerk confirmed why this figure was lower than the amount quoted on the agenda. This invoice was paid under the power given in Local Government Act 1972 s.111. The Clerk confirmed that the purchase of the telephone box and litter picking equipment would be paid under Local Government Act 1972 s.137.

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Clerk

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A further payment for £35 to Information Commissioner for registration renewal was also paid and will be ratified at the next meeting.

311. TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

- i. New Councillor training attendance was approved for Cllr Singh.
- ii. SLCC Training Seminar it was agreed for the Clerk to attend.
- iii. SALC East Sussex Spring Conference no-one attending

312. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY – the Clerk confirmed that the battery had been checked and that there were no issues.

TEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA:

- i. Correspondence from resident regarding Highways issues
- ii. Mission statement and 5 year plan

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

UK CYCLING EVENTS passing through Hadlow Down

Event Plan – South Downs Spring Sportive

Introduction

UK Cycling Events organise amateur **non competitive** cycling events in the UK. These events support amateur cyclists by selecting low traffic, interesting and scenic routes which can be cycled at various lengths to suit all abilities.

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The aim of the event is to provide an environment for cyclists of all ages to have a safe and enjoyable cycle. **Event Details**

Date: Saturday 7th April 2018

Name: Sigma Sports South Downs Spring Sportive

Start / Finish Venue: Plumpton Racecourse

Routes: 3 routes - Epic 80 mile / Standard 58 mile / Short 35 mile

Estimated Riding Numbers

- Epic Route: 400
- • Standard Route: 400
- • Short Route: 200

Event Management

Contact: 01425 653372 The Event Manager will be responsible on behalf of UK Cycling Events for all aspects of the organisation and smooth running of the event, including the administration of the Health & Safety policy and Emergency procedure.

One event co-ordinator will be positioned at all times at the

event base and will have adequate means of bespoke communication with all of the event staff, food and water stations as well as the mobile support vehicles.



Poetry Corner

Purple Grasses

Consider friend the oasis of the mind In which we spend our days wandering the byways and the lanes where honeysuckle climbs and winds and fields, knee deep in purple grasses ask nothing of us and sheep, like snowdrifts in the sun, cud, and reluctantly come on when summoned,

and the village holds its summer fair, tents go up and tents come down an armada sailing quietly round and soon the horticultural show where brassica and turnips go to show their growers off. And the panto in the village hall where children scream 'behind you' but adults grimace, quite appalled by some tasteless innuendo.

plumage luminous, a delightful being as it gently lays a song in places where a song so rightfully belongs. I often wonder if in the beginning (if indeed there was one) when the sky was void of sun and time had not yet learnt to run and matter did not matter much this bird still might have chattered such to comfort emptiness. And if it knew I loved it would it make a difference? Would it still fly in to sing or bring me anything noteworthy or mysterious like the agony of longing to belong to me?

We ride the narrow river of our times, the lush banks drifting by eventually we reach the sea, then we look back and sigh

Robert Spencer

Snow's Message

There's not a single sound and nothing stirs below Except a gentle whispering of the falling snow Soft wintry drifting snowflakes, earthward bound, float down Enwrap the sleeping land below with vestal virgin's gown

Unspoiled, beveiled and helpless, prone throughout the night Endless submissive vistas lie, whilst bathed in silvery light Bush, shrub and tree with crowns of white bedecked E'en spiders webs are, as with the lightest jewels, beflecked.

As watchful moon yields graciously to slowly rising sun, The busy frantic ways of man have only just begun, The slush, betrodden, underfoot, machines they slip and slide, Man challenged by a single flake of snow, through nature multiplied

The trains don't run, a-shivering, travellers having to wait No work, no school, no hope of even being late Crops without weeds, mankind without disease one day ? Beware, for Nature in the end will hold her awesome sway

Base metals do not turn to gold, nor man survive his span In spite of strife and struggle, scientific learning all he can Nature's force will always triumph in the end So try with humble balance to treat nature as your friend.

Little birds with footprints traced softly in the snow Can travel lightly over pond and ice, where man my fear to go. As each tiny snowflake has its time and space So God, in wisdom, has designed the human race.



HADLOW DOWN DIARY - March 2018

	HA	DLOW DOWN	DIARY – Marc	h 2018	
Every Monday at 11.30am		Tai Chi Classes		Village Hall	
Every Monday at 5.00pm		Beavers		Village Hall	
Every Monday at 6.00pm		Cubs		St Mark's Church	
Every Tuesday at 7.00pm		Short Mat Bowls		Village Hall	
	Every Wednesday at 6.30pm		Tap DancingVilla		
Every Thursday at 10.00am Every Thursday at 7.00pm Fridays in term time at 9.15am Every Friday at 9.30am Every Friday at 10.30am Fridays in term time at 2.15pm			oup	Village Hall Village Hall St Mark's Church Village Hall	
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		Latin Rhythms	•		
		Crafts Group		St Mark's Church	
		5pm Do it Hadlow Do	wn Computer Club	St Mark's School	
Every Sa	turday at 10.30a	Dance Club	-	Village Hall	
MARCH					
4 th Sunday	THIRD SUN	DAY OF LENT			
5	9.00am	Parish Communion		St. Mark's Church	
6 th Tuesday	9.30am	Said Communion		St. Mark's Church	
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7 th Wednesday		TN22 Club	6	Village Hall	
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	7.30pm	Lent Course		St Mary S Hall	
11 th Sunday	MOTHERIN	G SUNDAY (FOURTH	SUNDAY OF LENT)		
-	10.00am	Jubilate Family Comm	union	St. Mark's Church	
12 th Monday	7.30pm	Variety Club AGM		Village Hall	
14 th Wednesday		TN22 Plus Club		Village Hall	
	7.300pm	Parochial Church Cou	ncil meeting	St Mary's Hall	
15 th Thursday	7.00pm	Lent Course	inch incerning	St Mary's Hall	
17 th Saturday	7.30pm	Film Night – "The Con	nmitments"	Village Hall	
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19 th Sunday		NDAY (FIFTH SUNDA	Y OF LENT)		
	9.00am	Parish Communion		St. Mark's Church	
21st Wednesday	11.00am	TN22 Club		Village Hall	
	7.00pm	Lent Course		St Mary's Hall	
24th Saturday	11.00am	Spring Market		Village Hall	
5		Salsa Evening		St. Mark's Church	
25 th Sunday	PALM SUN	AY			
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	3.00pm	Special Communion Se	ervice	St Mary's Buxted	
	6.00pm	"The Cross in Words a		St Margaret's Buxted	
30 th /30st March		Easter Bunny Hunt		Wilderness Wood	
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	7.30pm	Easter Vigil		St Mary's Buxted	
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	9.00am	Family Easter Commu	nion	St. Mark's Church	
3rd Tuesday	9.30am	Said Communion		St. Mark's Church	
-	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	g	Village Hall	
5 th Wednesday	11.00am	TN22 Club	-	Village Hall	
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28 th April	5.30pm	Bluebell Party		Wilderness Wood	