



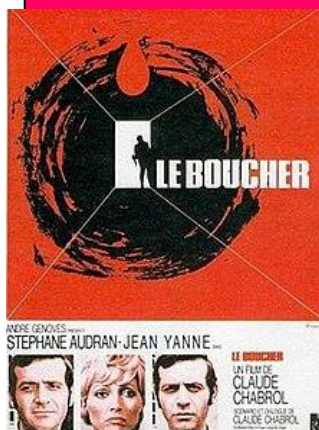
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### EDITORIAL

Water, water, everywhere and not a drop in the taps, but how the community spirit has emerged over the last few weeks. What with the 'Beast from the East' and then the water shortage, neighbours have rallied around to help others. Thanks must also be recorded to a number of residents who kept us informed via social media and the various emails from the Parish Council about availability of bottled water elsewhere in the vicinity. Well done everyone.

This month's edition sees some of our usual contributors back and we have the second of our look at Hadlow Down in the past, from another of our long standing residents of the village – Carol Franks. I hope you enjoy reading her early memories.

Enjoy the read.  
Editor



*Spring in Hadlow Down!*





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# **Parish Assembly**

**Tuesday April 17<sup>th</sup> 7.00 in the Village Hall**

# Interview with Carol Franks

*This is the second of our interviews with Hadlow Down residents that have lived here for most or all their lives.*

## **1. Having been schooled at St. Marks, tell us of some of your experiences ?**

When I started school we were living at Burghill Cottages, at the bottom of Wilderness Lane. My WONDERFUL teacher, Mrs Bernier, used to cycle from Blackboys every day, rain, hail or snow to School Lane and as she passed our house, I was waiting for her, she dismounted her bike and she'd walk the rest of the way with me my her side. The recent snow reminded me of the children making slides in the playground, compacted snow and added water made a great slide for the following playtime. No health and safety issues in those days. Many of us left school in the evenings with gazed knees and bruises, but not one on the staff stopped us enjoying the snow!

## **2. Being brought up in a small community, you must have some memories of family life ?**

During the summer months my Dad would be working till late into the evening, particularly during haymaking. Instead of us having tea at home, my mum would pack a basket with a flask of tea, squash and cake and we would walk to the fields were we would join him for tea time.

After tea I was often allowed to ride on the tractor or on top of the trailer load of hay. That was the highlight of my day. In the summer months, as a young child, I would be in bed before he came home.

## **3. How have things changed over the years in HD ?**

One of my fondest memories of life in Hadlow Down as a child was during the holidays going with my mum on a No 79 bus into Tunbridge Wells or Uckfield. Christmas in Tunbridge Wells was such a treat, the shops and streets were beautifully decorated and of course we had to make a visit to Santa. As dad was always working in the fields we relied on the bus to get us to places and amazingly the bus travelled through the village from Tunbridge Wells to Uckfield every hour !



One village tradition that continues to thrive is the Village Fete. As a child it was eagerly awaited for in the summer and it was always held on the lawn of the 'Grange'. I remember entering the fancy dress competition, but can't ever remember winning anything! There were always pony rides around the gardens and teas were served on the veranda. We always felt so important sitting on that veranda.

For me one of the most important factors about growing up in Hadlow Down was the feeling of knowing everybody, there never seemed to be any new people moving in and the freedom that gave us, because all the adults know all us children. There were no restrictions on us going out to play and quite a lot of the time was spent in Wilderness Wood, making 'camps', 'playing hide and seek' and going home when we thought it was dinner time !



## *Dotty Dalrymple's Musing on Life, Love and Adventure*

Well, dear readers, I expect you have missed my news from the start of 2018, but worry not – I'm back! I have been on my travels to warm and sunny climes and came back to lovely Hadlow Down and the shock of Arctic weather. Let me enlighten you as to my last adventure.



I had an exciting time just after the New Year when the postman knocked at my door. He handed me a gold encrusted envelope and I could see he wanted me to open it there and then and tell him what it contained. He is a lovely man but somewhat inquisitive so I politely said my thanks and closed the door. I could see he was lingering outside just in case I changed my mind and told him the ingredients of the letter, but he gradually walked slowly away. The letter read "Dearest Dotty, this one is inviting – nay commanding - that that one (you) come and stay at this one's palatial gaff for an East End

themed hale and hearty with only the dying art of Cockney language spoken. This one's chauffeur will be collecting that one at one o'clock sharp so don't keep the jam jar waiting. Rake out that special mustard and cress and titivate that tit for tat and let's go Russell Harty" It was signed off with several kisses. Of course I immediately rushed off to my eclectic, expensive, expansive and extensive wardrobe and found my beautiful Pearly Queen outfit and the hat with ostrich feather trim which I'd frequently worn on television and the theatre in Olde Tyme musicals, and was ready.

Later I arrived at that one's cat and mouse and was ushered in. A sign read "Only Cockney Slang spoken here" so that was going to be interesting.

Well, dear readers, I simply couldn't Adam and Eve it! The pearly baked bean one arrived squashed into a coster monger's trolley pushed by her insignificant other half, sporting a tattered whistle and flute and Andy Capp. She was obviously in a two and eight with her legs akimbo brazenly displaying her satin Union Jack Alan Whickers for all to see. We climbed up some apples and pears to the battle cruiser and sang good old London songs round the Aunt Joanna. I remembered the words to Knees up Mother Brown, Old Bull and Bush, Old Kent Road and many more, and had a good old kick and prance. Then as we were all Hank Marvin we tucked into loop the loop followed by a jolly hot Ruby Murray, all washed down at the near and far with vast quantities of Rosy Lee, Vera Lynn and Pigs Ear.

Eventually I began to feel a bit Tom and Dick and as I didn't want to cause any Barney Rubble I shifted my plates of meat from within my Daisy Roots and headed for the frog and toad, hoping I'd still got some bees and honey in my Lucy Locket. I waved goodbye to the special one who looked slightly Pat and Mick, but she never said a dicky bird and just bubble bathed.

I was glad to leave as most of the guests' mince pies showed they were elephants trunk so I got on the dog and bone and ordered a sherbert dab to take me Todd Sloane back to Hadlow Down. That journey cost me several Lady Godiva's I can tell you, I'd had lots of current bun but at least I was home. Then I noticed that the village had no Adam's Ale in the cold water tap.

"Never mind, Dotty old girl" I told myself as I reclined comfortably on my plush white suede sofa "there's always light at the end of the tunnel. After all, who needs Adam's Ale when you can always whet your whistle with plenty of Vera Lynn". Hope you've all kept up! . Cheers!" Hey ho, whatever next.

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**Method :-** Beat butter and sugar to light cream. Add egg yolks and marmalade, stir in. Stir in melted chocolate. Add sieved flours and baking powder and almonds. Whip egg whites stiffly and fold in lightly. Pour into a greased cake tin (approx 8-9 inches) and bake in a slow oven for one hour and fifteen minutes.

When cool cut in half and fill and ice top with the following mixture:

4oz butter, soft. 8oz icing sugar. 2tblsp coffee essence or instant coffee mixed with 2tblsp warm water.

Cream all ingredients together and warm slightly for spreading.

This a scrummy family cake and keeps very well if not devoured instantly!

The recipe is a little vague but it is just as I was given it.

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I don't split the cake but put all the icing in a delicious pile on the top!

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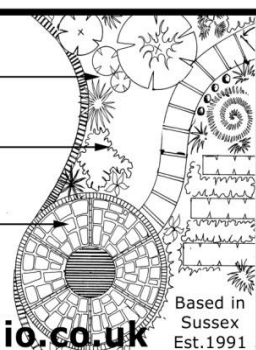
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Many thanks, to those of you that spoke to us regarding the difficult period we went through with snow and then no water. We much appreciated your support and thanks for good communication- we always endeavour to keep the school open, however, we do have to think about staff, and parents, being able to drive safely to school. The children in Year 2 and 6 that went to different schools during the 'no water' days seemed to have a very productive time with their teachers and were made very welcome at High Hurstwood and Bonners.

During the last term the children have enjoyed some wonderful trips related to their class learning and we have been fortunate in that the weather has not impacted on these. Our Friends have contributed to the cost of these trips, in order to make them possible, and this is much appreciated by us all.

The Caterpillars have been learning about Pirates and on a very cold day we went to the Smugglers Adventure at Hastings followed by a picnic on the beach (brrrrrr!!) and then some chips to warm us up.



The Cocoons have been studying the Romans and enjoyed a fascinating visit to Bignor Roman Villa. The children were able to explore the mosaics and to extend their learning by looking around the Villa.



Our Red Admirals went to 'Harry Potter World' which really wowed the children who have been busy at school basing their writing around the stories of JK Rowling. They were able to look at sets, scenery, props, costumes and special effects. What lucky children!!

We are fortunate to have a number of peripatetic music teachers tutoring the children in: trombone; violin; cello; and guitar. Mr Broad runs a skiffle band after school and on March 27<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Annual Music Concert at 2.00pm to showcase what the children have been learning in music this year. All are welcome!

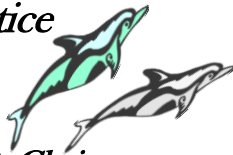
*Editor – which one is Mr Broad ? And is that Mr Owen on this end ?*





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Convenience foods are just so useful, pop them in the fridge, stack them in the freezer or just keep them in a cupboard or pantry. The problem is how do you decide which one to buy? How about low fat? Another says it's natural, natural what I ponder? One boasts its food contains free range eggs. The best proclaimed its product would provide youthful vitality and energy. I could do with some of that!

Then there are supplements. There are so many types. Some are just in case there is not enough nutrition in the food. There are pills for troublesome joints to make them comfortable; mine could certainly do with some of these. I like cod liver oil, not expensive, but the bottle gets all greasy. There are supplements for such a variety of things, dry skin, itchy skin and hair loss, all these problems can be improved. There are those that cure digestive problems including embarrassing wind! Very useful! I have made a note of one for incontinence, it might be needed later. Another group of products cover stress. I do not think they cure the problem that has caused the stress but perhaps it helps cope with it. I am sure the manufacturers do not suffer from stress as they make so much money selling their products.

Teeth are most important. Neglecting them, we are told, could result in disastrous consequences. Have you, like me, been frustrated by far too many brands of tooth paste? Which is best, the one for healthy gums or fresh breath? What about plaque? Don't worry there is one for that too. As well as toothpaste we need a decent brush to reach all those nooks and crannies. This display is rather depressing, making us feel guilty that we are not keeping up a regular rigorous cleaning regime.

Then there is an incredible variety of shampoos and conditioners, all promoting the benefits of their particular brand in large eye catching print on the front. Turn it round and try to read the microscopic print on the back giving the ingredients. What should I buy, a beautifully perfumed shampoo, soap free, what's wrong with soap I wonder, or a medicated one? Anti-dandruff sounds good. Then there is a whole range of conditioners for all types of hair. A detangling one would be handy, ideal for long hair it says.

Best of all are the displays of snacks and treats. I am drawn like a magnet to this display and find myself reaching out guiltily for yet another inviting looking packet. There are just so many, how can I make up my mind which one to buy? Eventually I decide to buy two or sometimes three different types. One may be the little bite size one; another is the big pack of a different variety. I feel the packet trying to decide how many pieces there are in it. Prices vary a lot depending on the type of shop they are in. With a bit of luck the supermarket ones may be on offer. The really upmarket shops only have very expensive brands. Sometimes our guests come bearing gifts of edible goodies that are very popular.

Looking round our cluttered pantry I look at the shelf where all these mouth-watering packets are stacked. They overflow onto the next shelf; one is tucked in next to a tin of soup, another beside the dried fruit. Guiltily hidden right at the back of the shelf is a very expensive packet of luxury treats with delicious creamy centres. These are for very special occasions.

Sadly none of these products are for me, not even the tempting treats. They are all for dogs. Some of the products are for Chloe, especially the treats that she has in return for all her work helping me. The luxury treats will be a reward for an exceptionally difficult task. The welcome goodies brought by one of our guests are dog sausages that Chloe loves. Having an interesting variety of treats really helps in training. I only use the tiniest morsel even for my huge Newfoundland; given the chance she would gobble up the whole lot in one go





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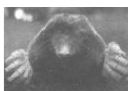


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## Thoughts from the Rectory –April 2018

As I look out of the Rectory window today I see definite signs of spring, for which thank you God! For all of my life there has been something magical about spring. Growing up on the farm spring was always the time when new life appeared, as lambs were born, day old chicks arrived from the poultry farm next door, and the cows added to the menagerie with their calves. There was also new life in the garden and in the fields. In the north east, many of our crops were planted in spring and so fields that had stood brown and sleeping over the winter months turned gently and slowly green as barley and wheat and other crops started to grow.

It is tempting to remember every spring as a perfect one, with good weather and warming breezes, and perfect crops growing in the fields. However, the reality is far different. I can remember lambs dying in the fields because of snow falls or long periods of rain combined with freezing winds off the North Sea. I can recall fields where we couldn't plant crops until May or even on one occasion June because the conditions were so inclement. The resulting crops were correspondingly sad.

Too often reality does not equate with our idealised dreams and memories. The reality of Jesus' life and ministry is far from a sugary fairy story. Right now we are celebrating Easter, and on Good Friday Jesus died one of the most cruel and painful deaths ever devised by man. Throughout his life he was frustrated and denied by the Jewish people who he had come to save. All of his actions were misunderstood or not understood by many and understood only by a few. This was his life on earth. However, is this a cause for sadness or for gladness?

When Ella and I moved to Macedonia in 2008 we arrived just after large parts of the country had been devastated by a widespread forest fire. There was extensive damage to the once beautiful landscape and at first glance it looked like everything had been destroyed forever. However, a small group of people came together and started a campaign to replant shrubs and trees. After the heat and devastation and amidst the charred remains, new life almost miraculously began to reappear. The landscape, though different, became once again lush, life-giving and beautiful to behold. Truly a cause for gladness.

There are parallels here with the first Easter. Jesus' death and what followed was really just the beginning, with the destruction and violence of Good Friday giving way to the scene of new life at the empty garden tomb. The stone is rolled away and an angel tells those who are there 'Do not be afraid'. The message of Easter is one of new life after desolation. It is a message which is unchanged throughout history. There is nothing to be afraid of or ashamed of and everyone who calls themselves Christians should speak up and pass on the good news. Christ is risen. What is there to be afraid of in light of that? Have a happy blessed time this Easter.

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A special day for St. Mark's on Monday 14th May, when Bishop Richard will be visiting our church as part of his "Thy Kingdom Come" **Prayer Pilgrimage**. We shall be his final port of call that day, and he will be leading a short service at 7.00pm, followed by refreshments. We do hope that many of us will be there, to offer him a warm welcome.

Do take a stroll through the **churchyard** this spring, and enjoy the daffodils, primroses and other spring flowers. A parishioner has kindly provided a seat in the area on the south side of the Church where ashes are buried, and where a bank of roses has been re-instated.

A reminder that there is now a parish **Walking Group**, that meets approximately fortnightly for a walk of an hour to hour and a half through the beautiful countryside of our parish, on footpaths and lanes. Everyone is very welcome to join these walks, which offer lovely scenery and good company (as well as all the health benefits of walking). The starting point alternates between Hadlow Down and Buxted, usually one of the three churches. Contact the Rector on [revjohnwbarker@gmail.com](mailto:revjohnwbarker@gmail.com) for details of the next walk.

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

Easter Sunday 1 April	Easter Festival Family Communion, 9.00am
Wednesday 11 April	Annual Parochial Church Meeting and refreshments, St. Mary's 7.30pm
Sunday 29 April	Patronal Festival Eucharist, 11.00am followed by refreshments
Monday 14 May	Prayer Pilgrimage service with Bishop Richard, 7.00 pm followed by refreshments

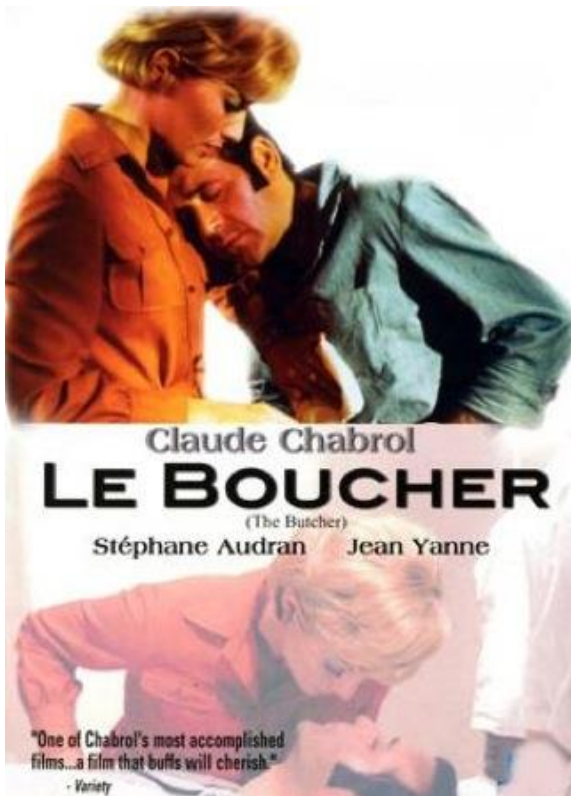
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# HOLY WEEK



## FILM NIGHT VILLAGE HALL

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# 'Le Boucher'

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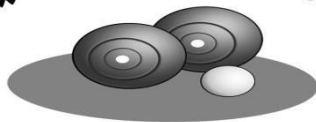
Hélène Daville ([Stéphane Audran](#)) is a confident, slightly naïve young teacher who is adored by her pupils at the school where she works and lives. She meets the local butcher, Paul Thomas, called "Popaul" ([Jean Yanne](#)), at a wedding ceremony, and they strike up a close but [platonic](#) relationship. The film examines how

Hélène handles her suspicion of Popaul as a series of women in the small town fall victim to an unknown murderer.

Contact – Janet 01825 830478 or Rachel 01825 830494



## Hadlow Down Short Mat Bowls



Results during March have been encouraging and as hinted in last month's report have improved our position in the league.

It started with a 4-0 home victory over Barcombe followed by a close defeat of 1-3 away to Herstmonceux. We then recorded a 3-1 win against Hailsham Quintins giving us 16 points in March before the snow came, which now means games have to be re-arranged and will extend the league into the middle of April.

We have 4 games remaining:

Tuesday 20th March v Wivelsfield (away)  
Tuesday 27th March v Chiddingly (home)  
Tuesday 3rd April v Wivelsfield (home)  
Tuesday 10th April v Ringmer Tortoises (away)

We will then have fortnightly Roll Ups during the summer prior to September when it will revert to weekly in preparation for the new season, which begins in October.

Our AGM, to which you are all invited, is to be held on Tuesday 24th April at 7.00pm and new members are always welcome.

Don Smith – Chairman”



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## MONTHLY NEWS FROM WILDERNESS WOOD

It was lovely to see lots of our neighbours enjoying the woods in the snow. But feeling very ready for spring now.

Our Friday Club for flexi and home educated children has re-started after a winter break. If any families in the village are interested, do get in contact.

It would be great to see lots of you at our AGM on Saturday 7th April at 3pm. We'll be telling our members about our plans for the coming year. If you have ideas or questions or just want to hear what we're up to - do come along.

And then on 28th April our ANNUAL BLUEBELL PARTY to celebrate progress over the previous year and the coming of spring - all Hadlow Down villagers are cordially invited. We meet at 5.30pm outside the cafe to crown this year's May Queen and then set off into the woods to enjoy the bluebells and visit some of the new projects of the past year. Then we return to the top for a ceilidh, bar (bring cash) and food (bring a vegetarian dish to share). Hope lots of you can come.

May is our time for MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS. The situation with Hadlow Down villagers is that we welcome you to enjoy the woodland like other members but really appreciate it if you can complete the membership application form and make a financial and/or work contribution.



May 12th - WOODCARVING WORKSHOP with Martin Brockman. No previous experience needed. He's a brilliant teacher. Members eligible for a discount. Details on the website.



# WILDERNESS WOOD MEMBERS

are invited to our annual

## BLUEBELL PARTY

SATURDAY 28<sup>th</sup> APRIL

5.30 - GATHER

6.00 - CROWN THE MAY QUEEN

- TOUR THIS YEAR'S PROJECTS

7.00 - CEILIDH

9.00 - MUSIC AROUND THE FIRE

BRING - a veggy dish, or a cake, for Pot Luck Dinner  
- CASH for The Bar, & for the Musicians

DRESS - for May Day

RSVP - [emilyanddan@wildernesswood.org](mailto:emilyanddan@wildernesswood.org)

## 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.

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Proceeds to Engage and Alzheimers Society

## Summer Pop ups are back

Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> – Polish

Friday June 29<sup>th</sup> – School Dinners

Friday July 13<sup>th</sup> - WW2

Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> - Spanish

All 7.00 for 7.30

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### Uckfield Art Group Summer Exhibition

The Uckfield Art Group will be holding their Summer Exhibition on Saturday 2 June between 10am-4pm at the Luxford Centre, Library Way, Uckfield, TN22 1AR. Admission is free and all visitors will be most welcome to view the art work including paintings, cards and other work which will be on sale. A childrens' activity table and tempting refreshments will also be available.



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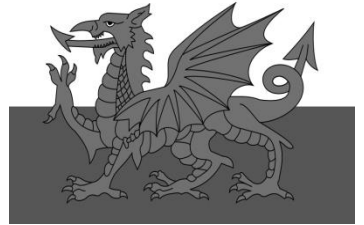
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## *Reminiscing with the TN22 Plus Club*



After cancelled sessions due to snow, it was really lovely to see everyone last week to celebrate St David and St Patrick. The village hall looked wonderful with brightly coloured bunting and flowers decorating the tables. Members were in high spirits and were delighted with all the decorations, dragons and everyone humoured Wendy with all things welsh!! Found phonetic words to 'Calon Lan', that very well-known hymn sung at stadiums so we all had a go at that! St Patrick came to even up the saints days a little, with plenty of Irish songs and jokes, finishing the day with a little Irish dancing - 'Riverdance' no less demonstrated by Jolene who is a dance teacher. She made it look incredibly easy, and it was lovely to see members who do not usually join in with musical activities foot tapping and clapping. Of course our members 'who dance' came into their own which encouraged others to join in on the dance floor.

Of course we had exercise and snowball throwing as the sun shone through the windows it really did seem like Spring. We spoke too soon didn't we!!!



Do you know anyone who would like to become a member or if you feel that you would like to volunteer please call 07961 450357 for more details.

Roberta Smyth

### TN 22 Club Members quotes -

'I love coming to the club and chatting to my friends and having a lovely game of squabble. Which keeps my brain moving,'

'My favourite parts of the TN22 club are :- seeing everyboby: dancing and singing and the super lunches.'

## ENGAge *Reminiscing with the TN22 Club*

Recently at the TN22 Club we have enjoyed some hilarious laughter with Valerie Letley - who demonstrated the benefits of laughter with us all - it was, of course, a thoroughly enjoyable time! (Janet has some pics!)



The Film afternoons have continued to prove very popular with recent films shown including Victoria & Abdul, Paddington II and Sully - the delicious locally produced Sussex ice cream tubs are also a reason to stay! We would love any in the community to come along and enjoy our films with us in the Village Hall from 2pm - the next being on Wed 18th April 'Their Finest' - the cost is just £5 and you can book by Friday 13th April by calling Suzanne on 01435 661054 or emailing her on [brendansuzanne@gmail.com](mailto:brendansuzanne@gmail.com)

### *Their Finest :*

*In 1940, a married woman (Gemma Arterton) and a screenwriter (Sam Claflin) develop a growing attraction while working together on a propaganda film about the evacuation of Allied troops from Dunkirk, France.*

The wonderful patrons of Wilderness Wood came along recently to demonstrate some of their woodland skills and we will be enjoying some more live music and dancing (for those wanting to join in!) to celebrate Easter. As well as the usual games, chatting over a delicious home cooked lunch and making friends - the TN22 Club is a great way to spend a Wednesday in Hadlow Down!

The members enjoyed a fabulous Easter lunch, with eggs and cards for all those present.



Suzanne Hammond, TN22 Club Manager





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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](mailto:hadlowdownpc@btconnect.com)



## In the Garden in April

It would be tedious to even mention the extraordinary weather this year. Because of course every season is extraordinary. It's what we get, especially when we muck about with the climate regardless of the consequences for our children and grandchildren. Hang on to your hats, folks. It's going to be a bumpy ride!

Now that I've alienated a sizable chunk of my readers, let's just echo Voltaire's "Il faut de cultiver son jardin". Good advice. Let's follow it.

For keen seed growers, this is the busiest time of year. Tomatoes are an essential. Easy to grow yourself, and if you want some of the unusual varieties that actually taste of something, essential. You **can** get some worthwhile plants in garden centres, but it's more fun, and a lot cheaper

to raise them yourself. If this still see more trouble than you're prepared to undertake, the Annual Plant Fair in the Village Hall is always awash with tomato plants, interesting varieties at fraction of the price you'll pay elsewhere. It's held in May, so look out for the signs nearer the time.

I've given up trying to grow onions. They always suffer from disease, so the crop is poor, and even if they yielded a good crop, we use so many that the whole garden, flower beds and lawn, would scarcely be big enough to keep us going. So we buy them by the sackful.

Shallots, on the other hand, despite being members of the onion family, do well. And we don't eat nearly so many, so a couple of bags from the garden centres is enough. You can keep some back for next year's seed. I did last year, but couldn't find them when it was time to plant them out in March, so we're starting again with new stock.

It's been suggested by at least one garden guru that seed potatoes don't need to be chitted before they're planted. For the uninitiated, chitting refers to the age old gardening practice of exposing the potatoes to the light for a period before planting. The belief is that the potato produces strong young shoots which means the plant will produce potatoes earlier than if they were just stuck in the ground. It *may* not make a scrap of difference, but in this I'll follow the majority, on the principle that if it does you no good it'll do you no harm.

The mainstay of our edible garden are the salads. The polytunnel has kept us in these throughout the winter, but as this will soon be given over to tomatoes and peppers, a variety of lettuces will go outside. I like to try different types, although Little Gem is still a favourite - would anyone disagree?

The one vegetable that's always difficult to place are the brassicas - greens. This is because continual growing in the same ground over time renders them susceptible to club root disease. Once you've got it, you've got it for good. The spores stay in the ground for years. Regular rotation helps, but isn't a 100% guarantee. You can attempt to minimise the risk by sowing in modules and planting out the young plants when about 15cm/6in high, although this is by no means certain to work. You can also minimise the risk by including *all* members of the brassica family in your annual crop rotation. Obviously these are cabbages, broccoli and kale, but kohlrabi, radishes, mizuna and wallflowers are also brassicas, and therefore need to be rotated as well. You have been warned.

One of our most prominent April perennials is a native of America and Asia. Commonly called "Wake Robin", its botanical name is Trillium. It grows in dappled woodland, and it's a spectacular addition to one of our shady areas, its large pointed leaves topped with deep red flowers. Don't put it in your scented garden, however. It's pollinated by flies and attracts them by giving off a smell of rotting meat. It's not often seen in British gardens and visitors always want to know what it's called and where they can get it. Ours is a particularly rare form, Trillium karabayeshi which we got years ago from a very small specialist nursery, now closed. Other more common varieties of Trilliums can be found in small specialist nurseries or online - probably not from the big supermarket type of garden centre, however, which often seem to be more interested in its cafe, kitchen-ware and clothing than in selling plants.

Another unusual spring flowering plant we grow is Cardamine quinquefolia. Like the Trillium, once established it's bone hardy and will spread rapidly in dappled shade. Its name comes from the five petalled pale lilac flowers which carpet the ground and make a stunning colour combination with wild primroses - Primula vulgaris. They are not as popular or well-known as they deserve to be, and you may have to spend some time on the Internet to track down a supplier, but I guarantee that if you do, you won't be disappointed. (Drop by, and I'll dig up a clump for you).

Now we have introduced some wild areas in the garden, there's more room to grow plants that look better there than in a conventional garden border. We love the native fritillaries - Fritillaria vulgaris, both the checkerboard lilac-purple and white forms - and grew them under a rose bush. When this bed was converted to lawn, to our delight we discovered that without our noticing the fritillaries had produced hundreds of bulbs. We dug them all up and planted them in rough grass. We'll have to keep this in check if it's not to overwhelm the flowers, but we understand that another wildflower, yellow rattle, inhibits grass growth without affecting other plants, so this might be the solution. The yellow flowers would, of course, go well with the fritillaries.



Another wild flower we also want to have is the cowslip - *Primula veris*. As you can see from the Latin name, it's related to the primrose, but requires very different growing conditions. Primroses grow in shady, well drained positions - we see them every spring in banks and hedgerows here in Sussex. Not cowslips. They like well-drained soil too, but they need a sunny, open site like a field. Sadly after decades of poisonous sprays, we've lost more than 98% of our wildflower meadows where they used to grow, but if you're lucky, as we are, you might find a field which has been left untouched by chemicals and where you can see them growing as they should be. We've tried to recreate a small area of a wild meadow and so far the cowslips seem to like their new home.

Wildflowers can look great, and we've introduced them into the garden to reduce the workload. But, you need to proceed with caution. Firstly, of course, you mustn't pick them from the wild - it's illegal. Also, remember that they can grow extremely vigorously and can take over your garden. A form of wild garlic sold in garden centres is almost impossible to eradicate when you realise your mistake in letting it anywhere near your garden. (It's called *Allium triquetrum*, the three cornered leek. Beware!) Celandines grow everywhere in our hedgerows and woods, and very pretty they look. Don't, under any circumstances, be tempted to plant them in your garden; leave them in the wild. The one exception is a cultivated form we got from Christopher Lloyd of Great Dixter - *Ranunculus ficaria* Brazen Hussy. This has small delicate yellow flowers and almost black stems, and although it's what gardeners call a 'good doer', it doesn't go mad.

## Garden jobs for April

Tie in climbing and rambling roses. Sow hardy annuals, herbs and wild flower seed outdoors..

Feed hungry shrubs and roses. Sow new lawns or repair bare patches. Prune winter-stemmed shrubs; *Salix* and *Cornus*, *Cotinus* (smoke bush), *Sambucus* (elders). Delay pruning of *forsythia* and *Chaenomeles* until after they have finished flowering. Lightly cut back lavenders to stop them getting too leggy and woody. Twining climbers such as honeysuckle and clematis need regular tying in and twining around their supports.. Tie in climbing and rambling roses as near horizontal as possible. This will restrict sap flow causing more sideshoots to grow along the length of the stem, and so producing more flowers.

Ken Mines



## MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down at 7pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 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), Iain Turner (IT), Damon Wellman (DW), Michael Lunn (ML) and (WDC) and Cllr. Bob Standley (BS)(ESCC). The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

- 314. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – a member of the public asked if anything was being done about vehicles parked at the top end of Wilderness Lane as this was causing a danger for other road users. A Councillor updated the meeting on the discussions the Parish Council (PC) have had with ESCC Highways and the police. A resident asked if bollards could be installed however it was confirmed that it wasn't Highway's land and as they would have to be plastic they would be damaged.

A member of the public asked about the drainage issue outside Gillhope Farm, the Clerk will contact Highways for an update on clearing the pipe and cutting in a grip. Clerk

Cllr. Michaelson-Yeates joined the meeting at 7:08pm

A member of the public asked for an update regarding Cart Lodge. The Clerk will contact WDC.

Clerk

He also asked about the covenants on the land and was advised to speak to WDC regarding these. The Councillor with planning responsibility confirmed that the covenants were a civil matter however if an application is received he will discuss these and the Article 4 further with WDC and will check what link there is between them and planning.

- 315. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** – apologies received from Cllr Singh, these were noted.
- 316. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Wellman declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda items 319i.a. & b. Cllr Michaelson-Yeates declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item 319iii.a.
- 317. MINUTES OF THE MEETING** held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were agreed and signed as a true record, apart from item 298i which should have read to the west of Springwell Cottage.
- 318. MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):**
- Assets of Community Value – c/f

ML

- ii. Costs of Traffic Regulation Orders – Cllr Standley had sent details to Cllrs of the cost of Traffic Regulation Orders which were in the region of £5000 - £10000 and there was no guarantee that a scheme would go ahead after this.
- iii. Circular Walk leaflet – Cllr Richards advised that she had spoken to the landowner who has given permission for the walk to go across their land. A resident is willing to work on the leaflet.
- iv. Development of plot lands – Cllr Lunn (WDC) advised that he had spoken to WDC planning officers. Another Cllr advised that with regard to the plots in Wilderness Lane that WDC have applied for an Article 4, *ML will check what stage this application is at.* **ML**  
*The Clerk will copy the Article 4 and the covenants regarding Cart Lodge to JMY.* **Clerk**
- v. The Clerks Report was sent to Councillors with the agenda updating them on her action points, this included:
  - a. WDC are currently looking at the PCs Community Right to Bid application for Wilderness Wood;
  - b. Contractor has been instructed to undertake the removal of one pier at the burial ground entrance;
  - c. The Solicitor has confirmed that he has applied to the Land Registry to register the new deeds;
  - d. Information on Speedwatch has been sent to a resident should he wish to set up a team;
  - e. The owners of the land to which Bridleway 25a runs through have responded to the Clerk confirming that they will arrange for any vegetation or brambles that are a problem for riders to be cut back and thanking the PC for contacting ESCC Rights of Way team regarding the surface of the bridleway;
  - f. Notification of cycling event has been sent to the editors of the Parish Magazine and the website editor.

## **319. PLANNING:**

### **i. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Cllr. Damon Wellman left the room during the discussion of the following 2 applications.

- a. WD/2018/0160/F – LITTLE ENGLAND FARM, MAIN ROAD, TN22 4EP – Erection of timber boat house for private use – The Parish Council have no objection to the application. (4/0)
- b. WD/2018/0161/F – LITTLE ENGLAND FARM, MAIN ROAD, TN22 4EP – Construction of hard tennis court and associated landscaping and mounded area, for private use – The Parish Council have no objection to the application. (4/0)

Cllr. Wellman rejoined the meeting.

- c. WD/2018/0063/F – LAND ADJOINING HARTS COTTAGE, STONEHURST LANE, TN20 6LL – Stables and feed room for private use only – The Parish Council have no objection to the application. (5/0)

### **ii. APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

- a. WD/2017/2935/F – Comfrey Cottage, Criers Lane – Proposed first floor addition above existing ground floor extension previously approved, to provide additional bedroom and en-suite bathroom.

### **iii. PLANNING MATTERS:**

- a. The Clerk confirmed that appeal Ref. APP/C1435/W/17/3182900 Gate House Farm, Stocklands Lane regarding the four detached dwellings had been dismissed and that the application for an award of costs had been refused. A Councillor queried why WDC hadn't applied for costs.

## **320. REPORTS FROM CLLR. BOB STANDLEY, ESCC & CLLR. MICHAEL LUNN WDC – Cllr. Standley confirmed that**

ESCC will be promoting e-library, that 7 libraries will close of which the only one in this area is in Mayfield. There will be a ticket available for teachers who can then take out a large number of books. A Councillor highlighted the need for computers for Universal Credit applications. Cllr Standley advised that he has requested that scrutiny look into pothole work and self-certification. The Chair thanked Cllr Standley for inviting the ESCC Assistant Director of Operations to the SLR meeting and for 2 of their officers touring problem areas with Cllr. Wellman

Cllr Lunn advised that there are a number of bins that haven't been collected and he requested that residents advise him of any missed collections. He confirmed that the Local Plan had been delayed. They have had meetings with local MPs regarding what is happening locally and the requirements from government. Cllr Lunn updated the meeting on the water situation, he will feedback to WDC. The Chair thanked Cllr Lunn for all his hard work for villagers during the recent water shortage. Concern was expressed over the lack of up to date information and that a delivery of bottled water wasn't made to Hadlow Down. Cllr Standley advised the meeting of WDC's role in an emergency.

## **321. BANK RECONCILIATIONS: – dated 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 was agreed and signed.**

## **322. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS :**

- i. Payment of architects fee – following the Chair's call to the Chair of the Hadlow Down Community



Centre committee they had agreed to pay the architect's fee for his work on the Village Hall application. 4 Councillors signed to confirm the change to decision 310v & 276 and agreed to pay £227 for the planning application fee rather than £2765.00.

ii. The PC agreed the movements of reserves.

iii. The following payments that were paid prior to the meeting: Information Commissioner £35.00 data protection registration and MJB Architecture Ltd £227.00 planning fee were ratified at this meeting. All Councillors declared a personal interest in this item regarding MJB Architecture Ltd.

iv. Review of effectiveness of internal audit was agreed by all.

## **323. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES):**

i. Cllr Wellman advised that he had toured the local area with a representative from ESCC Highways and the contractor and had showed them problems with the highway, they have also agreed to give a presentation and answer questions at the Parish Assembly. The Chair thanked Cllr Wellman for all his work in identifying and trying to resolve the issues.

ii. Cllr Turner updated the meeting on the work that had been done by Councillors during the water shortage. He is in the process of reviewing the emergency plan questionnaire and will be putting it on social media, suggestions were made for improvements to the plan. *The Clerk advised that there needed to be a paragraph on there to cover General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and she will send a sample to Cllr Turner.*

**Clerk**

Cllr Turner thanked Cllr Lunn for obtaining water supplies.

iii. Cllr Michaelson-Yeates advised that some litter picking had been undertaken and more would be done at the weekend. He has spoken to the member of the public who is putting together the picnic tables and some levelling of the land will need to be undertaken before they are installed. *He will look at the information on replacement materials for the telephone box and report back to the PC*

**JMY**

Cllr Michaelson-Yeates confirmed that Nigel Harrison was now the chair of the Playing Field Committee. He apologized that he hadn't been able to undertake the risk assessment, Cllr Richards agreed to do them.

**324. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE** – it was confirmed that HDCC had held a public meeting where their plans had been presented. They are due to submit these to WDC in March.

**325. COUNCILLOR VACANCY** – it was hoped that a resident would apply to be co-opted. A gift was agreed for the Councillor who recently resigned.

## **326. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS:**

i. Correspondence from resident regarding Highways issues – Councillors had been copied in on the correspondence, a discussion was held and a response was agreed.

**Clerk**

ii. Correspondence regarding accidents on the A272 – The Chair updated the meeting on the correspondence that had been received. She allowed Cllr Standley to comment that a petition regarding a reduction in the speed limit could be passed to him which he will then present at ESCC.

iii. Correspondence regarding A267/A272 junction – the Clerk advised that a member of the public had contacted her regarding the state of the junction at the A267/A272. Highways have confirmed to her that they are planning on resurfacing this section with a stronger material, however the work has to be done in the warmer weather so they are aiming for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the financial year, in the meantime, if required, they will carry out any immediate safety repairs

iv. Verge cutting – the Clerk confirmed that ESCC are reducing urban cuts to 2 per year. Rural cuts will remain at 2 per year.

v. Correspondence regarding Green Lane 22 – the Clerk advised that she was contacted by a resident regarding the state of the Green Lane. The Clerk has contacted the Rights of Way team who will investigate. The Lane is being considered for a seasonal closure and it is currently likely that it will be closed in the Autumn. The Parish Council have offered to lock the gate for ESCC.

**327. PUBLIC PHONE BOX** – to be discussed at the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed that the telephone box has been added to the PC's insurance. The Clerk advised that WDC Planning would take something that is of small scale use and supportive of the community as likely to be permitted development and suggest early consultation with immediate residents

Cllr Standley left the meeting at 8:24pm

**328. TREES AT PLAYING FIELD IN CLEARED AREA** – it was agreed to leave the area as it is and not to plant more trees.

## **329. BURIAL GROUND:**

i. The PC agreed the new burial ground regulations.

- ii. The Clerk updated the Parish Council on the ownership of the plot and advised that the surface would need to be levelled and the proposed memorial tablet would need to be at ground level and on a concrete slab. The PC agreed to the memorial tablet. *The Clerk will respond to the applicant.* **Clerk**
330. **MISSION STATEMENT AND FIVE YEAR PLAN** – c/f to the April meeting.
331. **GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS** – the General Privacy notice was approved by the PC.
332. **RISK ASSESSMENTS** – SR to undertake the quarterly risk assessments. She will also check the bear seat at the play area which has been reported in the monthly inspection to see what work is required.
333. **FINANCIAL REGULATIONS** – it was agreed to approve the updated Financial Regulations.
334. **HANDLING CORRESPONDENCE POLICY** – it was agreed to approve the updated policy.
335. **WEBSITE** – the Chair updated the PC on the recent website meeting with representatives of organisations in the village and the editor and owner of the village website. The Clerk confirmed that the PC owns the copyright of any original work they have produced and that minutes are a public legal record. It was proposed and agreed that the PC have their own website and own the domain name. There would need to be a formal agreement between the PC and the provider of the website, including that if the provider sold their company that the Intellectual Property Rights would pass to the PC. The Clerk recommended that the PC no longer use the village website and that they use an independent company to provide a PC website rather than a villager. It was agreed for *Cllrs. Lunn, Richards and the Clerk to meet with Cllr Singh regarding his provision of the website which the PC agreed to. The Chair will update the editor of the village website.* **SR/ML/JS/Clerk**
336. **PARISH ASSEMBLY** – the PC agreed for the Clerk to write to the Heads of St Mark's CofE School and the Mayfield Charities representatives to see if they can give an update at the Parish Assembly. *The Clerk will send Councillors a copy of their current responsibilities.* **Clerk**
337. **CLERK'S MATTERS:**
- i. The Clerks hours were agreed and signed.
338. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
- i. The Clerk updated the meeting on the response from Business Stream.
- ii. Household Waste Recycling Site Service Consultation – response was agreed, *Clerk to send.* **Clerk**
- iii. Sussex Heritage Trust Awards
- iv. Correspondence regarding Marlowe House – the Chair had received a letter from a resident suggesting that Marlowe House be turned into a small supermarket. The PC agreed that there was the issue of the financial viability of a shop and there would be problems with traffic access.
339. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** The following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:
- i. Helen Johnson. Salary £884.97 includes £17.55 mileage & £5.17 expenses, £750 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £134.97.
- ii. East Sussex Pension Fund £259.52 pension.
- iii. Mrs L. McConachie £40.00 play equipment inspection.
- iv. Viking £49.88 stationery
- v. Earth Anchors Ltd £867.60 picnic tables. The Clerk confirmed that half of the delivery charge had been refunded due to an error with the delivery.
- vi. Wellers Law Group LLP £2043.00 legal services
- vii. Sussex Community Foundation £832 refund of remainder of Sussex Lund grant
- Two further payments of £140.30 to Europlants for burial ground maintenance and £432.00 to Wealden District Council for dog and litter bin emptying were signed and will be ratified at the next meeting. A direct debit payment for £179.88 for BT for telephone and broadband had already been debited from the bank account.
340. **DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY** – – the Clerk confirmed that the battery had been checked and that there were no issues.
341. **ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA** – nothing raised.

**The meeting closed at 9pm**



## 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.

UK Cycling Events provides a support infrastructure for these events including:

- Organisation
- Food and Water stations
- Breakdown assistance
- Route marking and monitoring
- General First Aid at food and drink stations as well as support vehicles

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

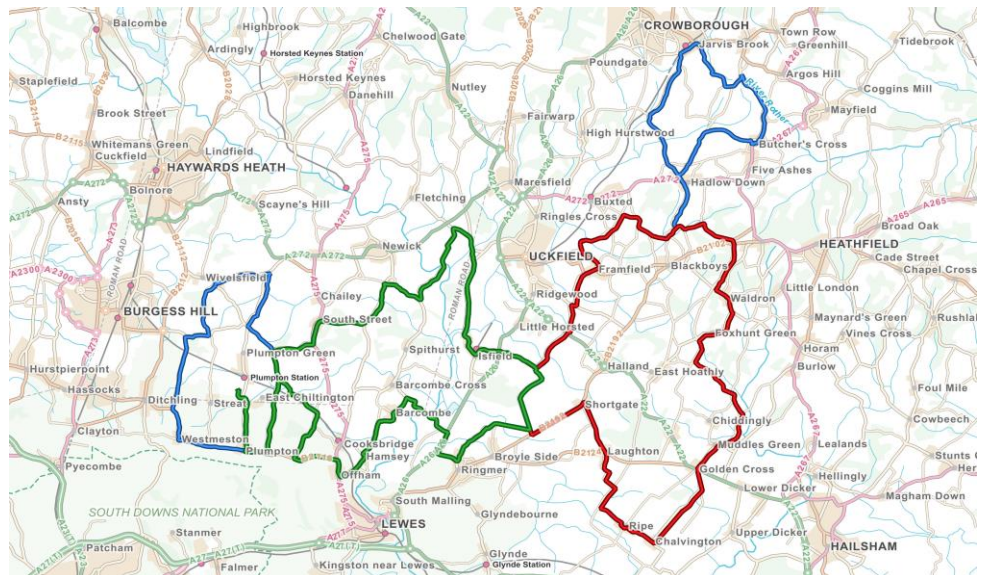
- Epic Route: 400
- Standard Route: 400
- Short Route: 200

#### 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.



# Happy Easter to all our readers

# Poetry Corner

## The Month of March by Mark Dury

March's entry is as a galleon in full sail,  
Leonine, majestic, in splendour striding o'er hill and dale,  
Denying winter's end in defiance of passing time,  
Roaring fierce and proud in the fullness of his prime.

Yet, despite his mighty bluster, the skies are often blue,  
With magic stirring in the woods, frost, snow and ice no longer  
seem so new,  
A freshness and a sharpness bringing crystals to the air,  
Is there a hint of promise, a step t'wards blessed changes, mild and fair?

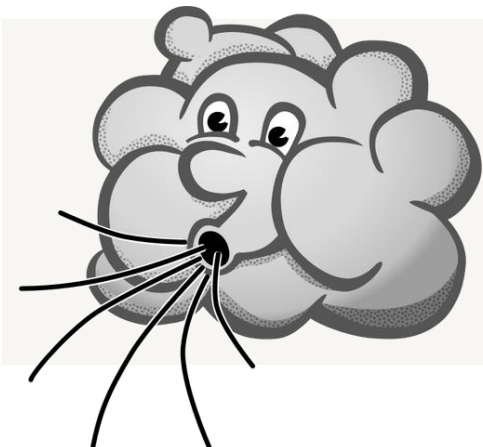
Lo and behold, mighty lion and gentle lamb at last become good friends,  
Just as it seems that hardship never ever truly ends.  
This is more than just a hint of what the future soon will bring,  
A shedding of worn out clothes, and an early glimpse of spring.



## March Step by Anon

We march to our own drummers  
Left and right along the pathway  
Since this is the first of March  
We should commemorate the day

Reflect on how you're marching  
On your brothers, sisters too  
Are you in march step with others,  
Do they want to march with you?



## For Lew Welch in a Snowfall by Gary Snyder

Snowfall in March  
I sat in a white glow reading a thesis  
About you,  
Your Poems, your life.

The author's my student  
He even quotes me.

Forty years since we joked in a kitchen in Portland  
Twenty since you disappeared.

All those years and their moments—  
Crackling bacon, slamming car doors,  
Will be one more archive,  
One more shaky text.

But life continues in the kitchen  
Where we still laugh and cook,  
Watching snow.

## HADLOW DOWN DIARY –April 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>

### APRIL

1st Sunday	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	
	9.00am <b>Family Easter Communion</b>	St. Mark's Church
	10.00am - 4.00pm <b>Easter Bunny Hunt</b>	Wilderness Wood
2nd Monday	10.00am - 4.00pm <b>Easter Bunny Hunt</b>	Wilderness Wood
3rd Tuesday	9.30am <b>Said Communion</b>	St. Mark's Church
	7.00pm <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	Village Hall
3rd - 13th	<b>Daily children's activities - see website</b>	Wilderness Wood
4th Wednesday	11.00am <b>TN22 Club</b>	Village Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
	9.00am <b>Jubilate Communion</b>	St. Mark's Church
11 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.30am <b>TN22 Plus Club</b>	Village Hall
	7.30pm <b>Annual Parochial Church Meeting,</b> followed by refreshments	St Mary's Buxted
14th Saturday	7.30pm <b>Film night: "Le Boucher"</b>	Village Hall
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
	9.00am <b>Parish Communion</b>	St. Mark's Church
16 <sup>th</sup> Monday	9.00am <b>School Term 5 Begins</b>	
17th Tuesday	7.00pm <b>Parish Assembly</b>	Village Hall
18 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	11.00am <b>TN22 Club</b>	Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
	09.00am <b>All Ages Family Service</b>	St. Mark's Church
	10.30am <b>Herbal Workshop</b>	Wilderness Wood
25 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	10.30am <b>TN22 Plus Club</b>	Village Hall
28 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	5.30pm <b>Bluebell Party</b>	Wilderness Wood
29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>ST MARK THE EVANGELIST (Patronal Festival)</b>	
	11.00am <b>Festival Choral Communion</b> followed by refreshments	St. Mark's Church
	1.30pm <b>Cricket match</b>	Playing Field

### MAY

1st Tuesday	9.30am <b>Said Communion</b>	St. Mark's Church
	7.00pm <b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	Village Hall
2nd Wednesday	11.00am <b>TN22 Club</b>	Village Hall
4th Friday	7.30pm <b>Play: "Ghost Train"</b>	Village Hall
5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	7.30pm <b>Play: "Ghost Train"</b>	Village Hall
6th Sunday	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	
	09.00am <b>Parish Eucharist</b>	St. Mark's Church

For the time being, please send details of forthcoming events to Anne Yarrow at [yarrow@hmill.plus.com](mailto:yarrow@hmill.plus.com). A volunteer to take over the Diary would be very welcome!