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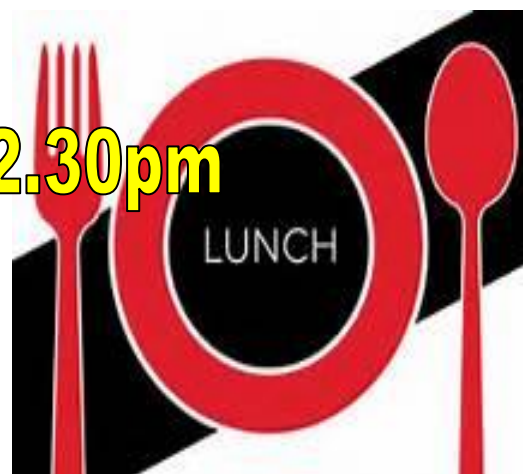
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As Christmas fast approaches and our social calendar becomes even more hectic, it's maybe time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. For me apart from the Christian aspect; the giving and receiving of presents; the food and the expense – my thoughts always go to consider the elderly and those people living alone. What must Christmas be like for them? Pretty lonely I expect. I 'll spent my Christmas with my family and young grandchildren and the pure excitement that all that brings. For those living alone their only comfort is the television or that awaited phone call from a loved one.

There are lots of people living on their own in Hadlow Down, could you pop into a neighbour to wish them a Happy Christmas or even invite them into your home to share some of the excitement of Christmas. It would make someone's Christmas, I can assure you.

Enjoy the read.
The Editor



Feedback from the Hadlow Down Festival 2017

Thank you to everyone who gave us feedback on the Festival. We have included surveys sent in and Facebook and e-mail comments and these have been collated into a report.

From the feedback we received, it has definitely brought local organisations and the community together in providing a range of events, activities, workshops, sports and celebrations. Some of these were already in the annual village calendar; however, there were also a large number of new activities and events, some of which will be continuing into future years. It is planned that the Open Gardens will be expanded to include more gardens next year. The Scarecrow trail, Beating the Bounds and the Village Hall quiz will be organised again next year and it is anticipated that the Art Exhibition may be a bi-annual event. The new Beavers/Scouts pack in the village has started and is proving very popular and following positive feedback from parents, the HDPFA has offered to run an after school junior cricket club next summer. Therefore, the benefits for the village are not just for 2017 but there will be a lasting long-term legacy to the Festival.

From the feedback received, these events and activities have celebrated the uniqueness of social and community life within the village and in turn, increased participation opportunities for local people. There is confirmation that new villagers joined in some of the activities, with some new members signing up. Having more events and activities increased volunteering opportunities, but there doesn't appear to be any evidence that new volunteers came forward to support existing organisations. However, there is always the prospect that these new members will volunteer in the future as local organisations are always looking for new volunteers! If you are interested, do contact your local club for more information.

Therefore, without a doubt, the Festival has been a positive experience for Hadlow Down village and the majority of the outcomes were achieved. If you would like to see the full analysis report, please go to www.hadlowdown.com where you can download a copy or if you would like to be sent a copy please e-mail me at deniseleary86@gmail.com

Thank you again for all your support for the Festival, for the Event organisers, the volunteers and everyone who participated in the events. It wouldn't have been possible without such fabulous community spirit!

Denise Leary, Festival Project Manager

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Interview with Dan and Emily

Owners of Wilderness Wood

1. What did you do before coming to WW ? And what attracted you to the place ?

The journey started back in 2008, Dan was an architect, who preferred to build and Emily was an educational researcher, who preferred making things happen. They were both looking for woodland upon which they could develop a way of life. They travelled across Europe and visited over 100 plots of woodland, with their son, Frank in the back of a van, on what he called a 'wild goose chase'.

They put in offers on 4 plots of land, with the intention of leaving London. All the plots had no planning permission, but that was part of the story – they wanted to build something from scratch. But slowly it dawned on them everything takes longer than you think and they realised if they wanted to involve the children (which had always been part of the plan), a standing start wasn't an option.

Eventually, they decided that their plans were never going to come to fruition and had resigned themselves to giving up the search, when on holiday in France, a friend, who had been coming to WW and knew the Yarrows, called to say that WW was maybe coming onto the open market. Dan caught a plane back, visited the wood, loved it but had no idea how he was going to afford to buy it – this he believed was a version of what they had been looking for the past six years.



This was a big adjustment in buying a growing concern as they had imagined that they would buy a piece of land and develop from scratch, much in the same way Chris and Anne had done 30 years earlier. They had to learn the ropes of a business that already existed and the expectations that existed in looking after a piece of land. They had been involved in many projects before working with young people and working with wood, but had never been the steward of a piece of land and all the responsibilities that go with that. It was a steep learning curve ! They have been very grateful, and continue to be so, that Chris and Anne Yarrow, have been available to ask about aspects of the wood, even today after 3 1/2 years.

2. What were your expectations for WW when you took over in 2014 ?

Our ambition is to create a community in which people of all ages are welcome and are working on various projects in order to sustain the future development of the wood. However, our greatest challenge is to continue to encourage young people to visit the wood when they become teenagers/ young adults. Parents bring very young children to the wood. Many are attracted by the 'forest school' concept, but the 'Holy Grail' is how we get the teenagers through the door. The young adults 20+ who have a realisation that they can enjoy working in the wood or working with wood and of course they are not reliant on parents bringing them. There are many adults that volunteer to work in the environment to ensure that the wood continues to thrive.

3. What future projects are in the pipeline and who will be involved ?

There are two types of projects that have been invested in 1) those that grow 'organically' and 2) those that refer to the physical infra-structure.

Two examples of projects that have been established because someone has seen the potential of working in a wooded environment – a teacher who lives in the village, John MacBeth, is bringing 15, fifteen year old pupils to WW as part of a Design Technology course at Uckfield College. They plan to construct a shelter in 'Under Oak', which others can use to sleep in.

The second project was described by Dan and Emily's daughter Nina, called 'Roots and Wings'. Sixteen girls aged 11-13 met once a month to undertake/discuss survival pursuits. They built a shelter to keep dry, raised money for the project by busking to parents and friends and the ultimate rites' of passage' challenge was survival in the woods, in the dark, on their own for more than 2 hours. All 16 girls managed to complete the task. Emily wants to run the course again next year and is hoping that more girls from the village would like to take part.

Improving the physical infra-structure of the wood has already begun – the kitchen area, the meeting place and mobile 'shepherds huts' are in use. There are plans to provide a courtyard outside the café, free from traffic and to establish cabins within the wood, constructed by young apprentices, using the raw materials in the wood, so that families, youth groups, volunteers and apprentices can use when visiting the wood.

At this point in the interview I asked Dan how much time he spends thinking about, drawing and planning the structures he had already in place. His response was.....

because throughout his career as an architect he had been criticised for rushing into production and not spending enough time in the planning. So here he produces a model, which helps those who are going to use the structure have an idea of the concept. This is the important aspect, because it enables the uses/ those who will construct, the opportunity to resolve some of the challenges. As the process of building can be soulless, normally 'workers' construct to the plan and don't deviate and that makes the process less enjoyable. If you invite volunteers to give up their weekends to come and help construct, it is far more enjoyable if they can make decisions about the construction and be creative. And the finished structure is more likely to be 'fit for purpose'.

4. What do you anticipate WW being like in 10 years from now ?

Their answers were emphatic - no more canvas in the wood, no more cars in front of the café, there will be eight beautiful cabins constructed in the wood and that WW would no longer be completely private property but that some sort of organisation would be in place to ensure it couldn't be brought by private individuals for development.

They have also launched a re-planting of trees programme in a small area of the woodland. Part of that plan is the thinning out of the present wood, and that will be a by-product for future construction work but more importantly there is a concern that the older trees will be lost to disease and there plan is to re-plant new species of trees that will thrive, so that in 10 years the wood will be healthier.

Finally, Emily wants to see the wood being used by young children of school age, during term time. It is already used by schools as part of the school's 'forest school programme' and they offer activities during the school holiday periods, but with increasing numbers of children being home educated, there is an opportunity to offer the woodland as a space for young people to spend their days involved in real work, free play and contributing to a mixed-age community.

To conclude my visit to WW to conduct my interview, they both asked that I draw the readers' attention to the 'Winter Solstice' event to be held on December 16th, to which all Hadlow Down villagers are cordially invited.

Bonfire and Fireworks Night

What can I say but another roaring success for the Firework team on Saturday night – personally I think it was even better than last year. I have no idea how you guys manage to run such an amazing event but it is truly a wonderful reflection on such a small village. TBxx

Massive thank you and a fabulous well done to all the playing field community last night it was brilliant. Lou and the Page family



Well done tonight to you and everyone concerned; fantastic firework display and really thorough preparation and organization. Andrew Fowler

Wowzers! Well done it was amazing amazing amazing....I really appreciate how much effort goes into planning and delivering such a large event, so much stress and responsibility for you to take on, we are very lucky to have you! I agree Guy's fireworks were magnificent this year, hearty thanks to him. Plus the whole Playing Field Committee and volunteers who, as ever did an amazing job building the brilliant bonfire. Sarah and Rob Prall



It was another fab evening which we thoroughly enjoyed- thank you, all. Claire

Please can you forward on our thanks for another brilliant Bonfire and truly amazing Fireworks! Many thanks. Phoebe Durham



Hints, tips and ideas

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***** Christmas crafting – Tree decoration *****



With Christmas coming up fast, it's really nice to get the children busy with fun things to do, which can be used and enjoyed during the festive season. This project uses an egg box, preferably green, otherwise given a lick of poster paint to get the green of a Christmas tree. So, you will need:

Green egg box Scissors Pencil PVA glue Folded paper
Pipe cleaner Milk bottle top Glitter UHU glue Wire cutters

For young children, an adult should carefully cut out the centre cones from an egg box. You will need two pieces for each Christmas tree.



Trim off sharp edges and then make short cuts up all around the bottom edge. Rough the edge up with your fingers to spread each cone shape. Have glitter ready and an unfolded piece of paper ready. Paint PVA glue around the inside edge and the outside edge of each cone.

Using the paper to catch unused glitter, sprinkle it over the PVA glue. Place on something smaller to dry. Gather up glitter in the paper and pour carefully back into the pot. Allow a few hours for the glitter to set. Apply more PVA glue, either like



droplets or any design you like on one cone, which will be the top of each Christmas tree. Again, sprinkle glitter over cone and above paper. Gather up paper and pour glitter into the pot again. Allow PVA glue and glitter to fully dry.



Push a pipe cleaner up both cones. Apply UHU glue onto lower cone, on the protruding edges. Once sticky, pull the other cone down, making sure they do not fit snugly over, which creates a gap between each piece. Allow the glue time to dry.



Using a pencil, make a loop in the lower part of the pipe cleaner. Put UHU glue around the inside edge of the tree, the edge of the milk bottle lid and inside the lid. When tacky, place tree over and onto the lid, pushing the pipe cleaner gently on to the glue at the bottom. Leave your tree to set for a few



At the top, loop the pencil, then make a cleaner not needed decoration or to name holders for



pipe cleaner around the second loop. Let an adult cut off any pipe with wire cutters. Tuck the sharp tip of pipe hole. It can now be used as a Christmas tree display a sentiment. Otherwise make lots of trees as place each of your guests at festive dinner's.



***** Christmas gift – Make an apron from a tea towel *****

It's really nice to make your own gifts for your friends and relatives at Christmas. But if time is a bit short then it's good to find a quick gift to make. This does require buying two important items in advance: - New tea towels can often be bought in packs of two or three for a reasonable price in supermarkets.

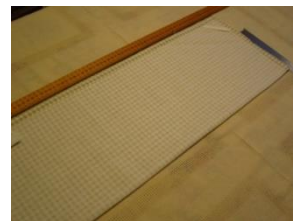


- Lots of cotton tape can be purchased online or available from our local sewing stores in Mayfield, Heathfield and Uckfield.

But other than that mentioned you could use odds and ends of buttons and ribbon to embellish the apron. So for the basics you will need:

Tea towel	Ruler/tape measure	Scissors	Tailors chalk/pencil	Iron
Thread	Sewing machine	Pins	Cotton tape (1.5-2.5cm wide)	

To start press, the tea towel flat then carefully fold in half lengthways, wrong side showing.



On the shortest end of the tea towel (top), measure 16.5cm from the fold, pin or mark with chalk. Measure the longest side, from the bottom up, 54.5cm, again pin or mark with chalk.

Now from pin to pin, using a ruler, mark a line with Tailors chalk. Now remove

each triangle with scissors. You can neaten these edges by a large zig-zag stitch or by overlocking. Turn the tea towel over to the right side.

Now mark with pins 4cm's in from the cut edge, each side. Carefully press over each cut edge to the wrong side using the pins as a guide. Pin the folded edge. Again press the cut edge under and pin, so you have a 2 ¾ cm casing for the cotton tape.



Machine straight stitch along the two thicknesses of fabric removing pins as you go.

Cut 2 ½ meters of cotton tape. Neaten each end of the tape by turning over a couple of times and hand sewing or straight stitch with the sewing machine. With a safety pin on one end of the cotton tape, pull through the bottom of one casing and up, then over to the other casing from top and down. So your waist ties and neck tie is instantly made. It is also adjustable for most heights.



Now you can add any embellishments you like. Once finished tie cotton tape together using a bow.

Alternatively, to stop the cotton tape from slipping out of the casing, I found some 3cm wide buttons. I hand sewed them onto the end of each cotton tape. So, hey presto, the tape cannot escape! It is now ready to wrap as a gift.



***** Christmas wordsearch *****

C X V D J S W V V N X S S Y Y	Baubles
D K E V Y Q G Z F R L T N T L	Christmas
S A N T A A E N Z E N Y O I L	Holly
R E I N D E E R I E A F W V O	Ivy
A B E F B I Y G S K C E M I H	Mistletoe
H A A G S E H E T D C W A T N	Nativity
R T T U H Q R C C G M O N A C	Presents
Y L A G B P E H Y D Z M T N P	Reindeer
J X H E Z L R L E S N I T S G	Robin
P L X M R I E O T E L T S I M	Santa
A C N B S W I S L N Y Z L Q C	Sleigh
P L D T D X N H I T C A Y X Q	Snowman
Q N M U I G H B J A J R F C V	Stockings
K A U D R V O M D S H R P G X	Tinsel
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Lindsey's Menu

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1/2 tblsp. Dry English mustard (or Dyjon to taste). Wine glass sherry.

Put all ingredients into jam jar and shake hard until roughly mixed. Keeps for ages!

SPICED CRANBERRIES (for 6)



6oz. Fresh cranberries. 3oz. gran. Sugar. 1/4 pint fresh orange juice. 1/2 teaspoon each
Ground cinnamon and ground nutmeg (or 1 teaspoon. Ground allspice).

Melt sugar in orange juice in pan, add cranberries and spices. Cover, bring to boil
and simmer for 5 mins. Store in fridge.

MULLED WINE (basic!)



Syrup base - 6 large oranges. 8oz. Gran sugar. 1 teaspoon each ground cinnamon and
Ground nutmeg. 1 dessert spoon. Whole cloves. 3 pints water.

Roughly cut up oranges and place in pan with all other ingredients. Bring to boil and simmer
gently for about 30 mins without a lid. Strain through a fine sieve and keep this syrup in fridge
until required.

When you want to serve the mulled wine bring syrup to the boil in large pan then add
2 BOTTLES OF RED WINE, warm up again but DO NOT BOIL. Serve in warm glasses.
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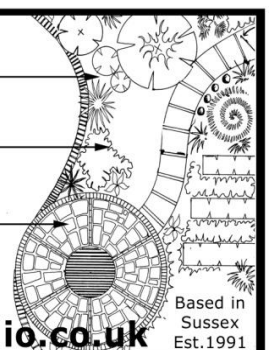
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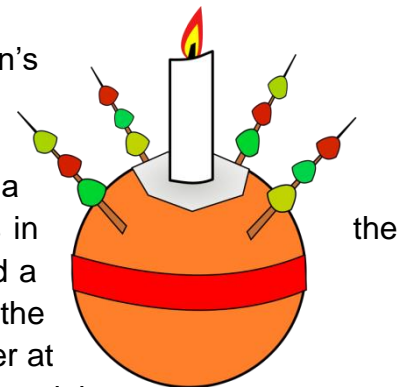
The Children at St Mark's have again had a very busy term and during the week commencing the 13th November, we took part in 'Anti-bullying' week. The NSPCC visited the school and led assemblies and workshops on the topic. The theme this year was 'All different, All equal' and to celebrate our uniqueness we invited the children to wear odd socks for the week. The children are very good at understanding what bullying is through St Mark's school bullying moto 'STOP', which means 'Several, Times, On, Purpose.'



This term our School Parliament have helped organise and run another successful 'Children in Need' day. The children organised a Pudsey eye patch competition, spotty treasure hunt and dressed up in spots for the day.

Our Red Admirals enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of Opera at Glyndebourne. They went to see a performance of 'Belongings', a newly commissioned opera by Lewis Murphy (Glyndebourne's Young Composer-in- Residence). It was performed by the new yout opera and the story explored the experiences of young people forced by war to flee their homes.

Finally, Christmas is creeping upon us and we can hear the children's voices filling the corridors as they practise their Carols for the festive season. This year our Christingle service will be held in St Mark's Church at 6pm, on Thursday 14th December 2017. This is a wonderful evening, with festive songs followed by Christmas stalls in school. It is guaranteed to get everyone in the Christmas mood and a fantastic fund raising opportunity for the school. We also have the Infant Nativity taking place in the Church on Monday, 18th December at 2.30pm and Tuesday, 19th December at 9.30am. We welcome you to join



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This is a good time to think about the family pets before the Christmas rush starts.

Keep to your pet's normal routine, feeding, walking and bed times. This will help to keep them relaxed and contented during the excitement of the festivities.

Feed their normal diet. It is tempting to give lots of rich goodies so they can enjoy Christmas, but you may not enjoy Boxing Day cleaning up the results of upset tummies! Just add a few tiny tasty morsels to the food.

Stick to your usual house rules. If your dog does not normally sleep on the bed or sofa, do not allow him to do it for a special treat for Christmas. He could be very confused by this and not want to revert to the normal routine afterwards. Conversely if your dog always has the entire sofa to lounge on, he will be a bit fed up if he has to share it with houseguests. The same rule applies to feeding titbits at the table, if your family do not do it; tactfully tell the guests that it is not allowed.

Do not forget regular toilet trips, especially for the young or old dog.

Provide a quiet retreat where your cat or dog can rest in peace.

With lots of people coming and going do be extra careful that doors and gates are not left open for the dog to run off or even worse be run over by a guest coming up your drive.

Even a well-trained dog might seize the opportunity to steal the turkey if it is left out on the kitchen unit while every body is partying at the other end of the house. So check everything is put away.

Rubbish bins. Watch they are not overflowing with rubbish with the lid not fully closed, especially if it has turkey bones in it. One, the bones are dangerous, and two, when a dog has had the reward of raiding the rubbish bin just once, he will go on doing it. Plastic bags and cling film smelling invitingly of food will be attractive to dogs

The Christmas tree. Another target for the inquisitive pet. Lots of presents to rip open and investigate. Chocolates for humans are dangerous for dogs; do not let them eat it. Only give them dog chocs. It is now known that dried fruit and grapes can be lethal for dogs so do not be tempted to give them any Christmas cake.

Jealousy between two dogs can escalate with the excitement of having presents, or even watching their humans opening presents. This can result in a fight. Separate the dogs while they open their presents if you think it might happen.

I often write about Chloe My helpful Newfoundland. Just over a week ago she became ill with a very serious womb infection. She had an operation and is now doing well but still recovering. She has needed lots of care and attention during this time. During the hectic Christmas period it would be very easy to miss the first vital signs of illness. Remember to keep the emergency vet phone number handy. If you have a sick pet over the festive holiday do remember to give it plenty of peace and quiet. Do not forget its medication. Only feed small simple meals and remember to take it out for regular toilet trips

A little thought and planning beforehand should mean that both the pets and owners all have a super Christmas.

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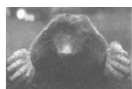


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Thoughts from the Rectory – December 2017

Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat....., I assume these words are as familiar in East Sussex as they are in County Durham? For me, these words are very closely associated with preparations for Christmas. On the farm, in the final days before Christmas we were always very preoccupied with preparing our chickens, geese, and turkeys and making sure that they reached our customers in time. Sometimes by Christmas Day we were so tired that our celebrations were very low key. I now realise that this was a very good preparation for being a vicar!

The second line of the Christmas ditty is slightly less well known but very pertinent: Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat. Who will put a penny in the poor man's hat? This ditty was first penned in Victorian times when the gap between the rich and the poor was very significant. Who would have thought that in our enlightened twenty first century we would returned to the same old tragedy of having an enormous gap between the haves and the have nots?

I have just returned from delivering forty shoe boxes laden with Christmas gifts that are now on the first stage of their journey to various countries across Eastern Europe. Their arrival will make the difference between a Christmas with or without presents for many families. The horrible reality is that we can now find families in similarly desperate situations in our own country. Social services and charities will be working flat out in towns and cities across England between now and Christmas doing their best to ensure that everybody will have something special this Christmas.

Let us never forget that this is the reality in 2017 as we prepare for Christmas parties, singing carols around the Christmas tree, and buying enormous quantities of presents and food to entertain our families and friends. It is also good to remember the humble circumstances within which Jesus came into the world. No deluxe suite in the local maternity hospital. No fast car to take his mother to hospital when she realised that her baby was on the way. Rather it was a donkey to carry her and a stable instead of a hospital bed.

Maybe there is a lesson for us all here. As 2017 comes to a close we face very uncertain futures. Who knows how our economy will perform next year, whether or not Southern will be able to run a decent train service, never mind will Brighton manage to stay in the Premier League! Do we need to spend a fortune to celebrate Christmas? Most definitely we do not. Let us always remember the words of the carol: what can I give Him poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I could bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I could do my part. Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

There is the secret for a truly happy Christmas-to give without any expectation of receiving, and to give with a loving heart. I hope and pray that this December you will feel able to share love and good feelings with everybody you meet. In this way you can be sure that Christmas 2017 will be a great one!

May God bless you all, Fr John

Hadlow Down Poppy Appeal 2017



A huge "thank you" to all those in the Village who felt able to support so generously the vital work of the Royal British Legion this year through our local Poppy Appeal campaign and door to door collections. The Village raised £1,405.11, which was an excellent result.

Our gratitude must also go to those who volunteer so selflessly to help in collecting donations every year. If anyone would be interested in joining the band of collectors, please do let me know either by email or on the 'phone number below.

Nigel Russell
Poppy Appeal Organiser Hadlow Down
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St. Mark's Church News – December 2107.

With the Flower and Art Festival and Harvest over, we called the Team Clean 'troops' in, so the church is now sparkling again. It wasn't quite a Spring clean, but came close to it, so a big thank you to all you volunteers who turned up with your dusters and vacuums. We can't pay to have the church cleaned, but have periodic Team Cleans, so please - is there anyone reading this who would kindly offer to help us? It's a good get-together as well as doing some work. We sit down with a cuppa and a chat half way through, putting the world to rights. Anne Yarrow or Valerie Banks would love to hear from you (telephone numbers below).

Looking ahead to Christmas, the many services and celebrations are listed below. At the ever popular Christmas Eve Crib Service, lots of "extras" are needed to join in as shepherds (both adults and children) and angels (children only!). We have quite a lot of costumes, but do come ready dressed if you have something suitable. The Epiphany Carol Service on 7 January needs a full cast of wise men and pages – if your children would like to take part please contact Anne (anne.yarrow@bhdchurches.org.uk) or Nicola Neal (nicola.neal@bhdchurches.org.uk). We have lovely costumes available.

On Monday 18 December a group of us will be carol-singing round the village. Do come and join in - everyone welcome, no auditions! We meet at the West door of the church at 6.30pm.

St. Mark's 'Little Choir' continues to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord", singing a special piece during Communion, and keeping beautifully in tune. We have started joining with St. Margaret's Church Choir for the four combined services during the year, and for special events e.g. the Christmas Carol service. Here again we would love some new members (especially if you're an alto, tenor or bass). If you think you can't sing, please let us be the judge of that - please offer and we'll see what you can do! It does mean a weekly practice, and weekly Sunday services, but singing is very good for you, and we're a friendly bunch!

The Rector continues to email a weekly newsletter, so do contact him if you haven't signed up and would like to receive it (john.barker@bhdchurches.org.uk). It's full of all sorts of interesting information.

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

Thursday 14 December	School Christingle Service, 6.30 pm
Sunday 17 December	Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, St. Margaret's, 6.00pm
Monday 18 December	Infants' Nativity 2.30 pm, and Tuesday 9.30 am
Sunday 24 December	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer), 8.00am Crib Service, 5.30pm Midnight Eucharist, St Margaret's 11.00.pm
Monday 25 December	Christmas Day Family Communion, 9.00am
Sunday 31 December	United Parish Service, St. Margaret's Buxted, 10.00am NB Today the only service at St. Mark's is 8.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 7 January	Epiphany Carol Service with procession of Wise Men, 6.00pm
Wednesday 10 January	PCC meeting, 7.30 pm St. Mary's church hall

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

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It started with Jeremy Foster, Hazel Harman, Sheila Barnard, and Andrew Hunt, Tommy Murrell and Phyl Foster winning their 2 Triples Matches 14-12 and 11-8 respectively, both close matches followed by Gwen Smith and Margaret Haines 17-11 winners and Andy and Jane Bickford 19-6 giving us a healthy 61-37 shot advantage and 8 precious points, placing us 2nd in the League at the time of writing. Other results this month saw a victory against Hailsham Martlets but a narrow away defeat to Barcombe in which we drew 3 of the 4 games. We only have 2 more matches before Christmas against Horam Gunners at home on 28th November and away to Hailsham Quintins on 12th December. Matches in the New Year are frequent, every week starting with away games at Chiddingfold on Thursday 11th January and Herstmonceux on Friday 19th January with our first home match against the current runaway leaders Old Heathfield on Tuesday 23rd January when any support would be welcome.

Our membership has increased slightly since the Village Festival and we now have 13 registered players all of whom have played in at least 2 games. We desperately need a larger hall to guarantee the future of our club which at the moment is undoubtedly starting to flourish. Good Luck in the New Year.

Don Smith – Chairman”

The Hadlow Down Village Web Site - Past, Present and Future

Hadlow Down Online first appeared in 2004 when Gwyn Carwardine, a village resident, obtained the domain name 'hadlowdown.com' and set up the framework for a web site for the use and benefit of all village residents. As an extremely busy director of his own business it was not possible to find time to devote to administering and editing the site so he appealed for a few other volunteers.

The site was created to facilitate the dissemination of news and local items of interest through the main site panels and to provide a platform for debate and discussion of local topics through the Forum pages plus personal opinion and thought through the Blog pages. The site was to be maintained free of charge to users and free of any commercial advertising, the site and content was also to be strictly apolitical and free from direct affiliation to or with favour to any other single group, club, society or institution.

One or two volunteers did initially come forward but for various reasons the site never developed as envisaged nor did it manage to capture the attention and imagination of the community, it consequently fell into disuse and serious disrepair. In November of 2008 the current administrator/editor, who felt that the stagnation and deterioration of the site meant a potentially great village asset was about to be lost, and the site owner held a meeting to discuss the site's future, it was agreed to monitor the site's activity for a while in the hope that the administration and editing situation would recover. After establishing that there had been no activity on the web site throughout that period and it was not going to recover under the existing arrangement it was agreed that the new administrator/editor should take charge of the running of the site.

On January 1st. 2009 the site was re-launched with a new style and more emphasis on disseminating news of all things happening in and of interest to the village than the previous emphasis of trying to promote interactive Forum and Blog pages. Many of the features that were possible to include in the site were developed and expanded in the months following the re-launch and the positive feedback gave the administrator/editor great hope and encouragement for the future of the site. In March 2010 the Parish Council accepted the offer of Hadlow Down Online to host publication of all of the PC's meeting agendas, minutes, other documents and announcements to fulfil its duties according to new legislative requirements and guidelines. The site is pleased to still be hosting the PC's records of activities and its archives today, thus saving the local taxpayer a considerable amount of money in having to fund the setup and administration of a separate web site solely for the use of the Parish Council.

Much has changed in the nine years since the village web site was re-launched some of the features that were considered a 'good idea at the time' proved to be not so good. One such feature was the creation of dedicated web pages for every club, society, group, or institution based in the village with the option of them appointing their own editor to maintain the page(s) or to supply the administrator with the necessary information, news and promotional detail to enter into their pages on their behalf. Sadly due to a lack of care and input by nearly all of the groups the pages gradually fell into a state of neglect with outdated content which the site administrator decided reflected on the appearance of the web site as a whole and they were subsequently discontinued and replaced by a single composite feature page under the heading of '**Our Community**' listing details of each group in individual panels. This has proved to be a much more successful way of promoting the village group's interests. The web site can, and still does host, private web pages for individuals and groups on request, giving people the opportunity to have their own 'mini' web site without any expense, they can be seen only by nominated members, groups, individuals, families etc. of the page operator if public viewing is not wanted.

Evolving technology and people's use of it has caused an incredible increase in the use of social media sites such as Facebook since the web site was re-launched nine years ago and has more or less rendered the use of all web site forums and blogs redundant. We have therefore recently closed the web site Forums feature but for everyone wanting to use local interactive social media Hadlow Down Online has created and acts as moderator of the **Hadlow Down Facebook group** which everyone is welcome to join and contribute on.

It made sense some years ago for the administrator/editor to apply to become the **Neighbourhood Watch Village Co-**

ordinator and to use the site's facilities to disseminate NHW crime alerts as well as alerts from other agencies of events that could threaten the wellbeing or safety of the community. The web site's **Bulk Email** facility enables the editor to send alerts extremely quickly to those who have requested them. The **Bulk Email** facility also enables us to produce the occasional **Hadlow Down Newsletter** highlighting village news and events.

We are proud of our village web site and extremely pleased that it looks like the number of views to all of our pages may well reach **half a million during this year alone**. The top viewed pages being the **Home Page**, the **Village Calendar**, the **Our Community club and group listings** and the **Business Directory**. Over the years the site has included and developed many other pages and features that the editor has thought useful and interesting to residents but we now feel we need to review all the features and pages along with the general appearance in order to provide the service that the residents of Hadlow Down desire and deserve from their web site in the future. We are therefore conducting a survey of resident's views on all aspects of the site that will then be evaluated and acted upon in order that we can provide Hadlow Down with a high quality web site that carries all the content residents want and need and will be the continuing envy of our neighbouring villages in the coming years. **The survey form can be found on the Home Page of the web site: www.hadlowdown.com and can be downloaded in 'Word' form so it can be filled out and returned to webadmin@hadlowdown.com**

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Dotty Dalrymple's Musings on Life, Love and Adventure

Well, dear anxious readers. If you've been concerned about my absence from last month's magazine you needn't worry – I have been under the knife! Panic not as it wasn't for an intimate or intrusive operation, but for the removal of a bunion on my left foot. This had developed due to years of tap and ballet dancing and generally "hoofing" around to a delighted and appreciative worldwide audience. I eventually managed to get an appointment with my doctor and we started the ball rolling. An operation day was arranged and my doctor wished me luck, looked intently into my eyes, held both my hands and said "Goodbye" in an extremely serious manner. I then received a visit from the Vicar who kissed my hands and whispered "God bless you". Both instances unnerved me somewhat but I am British through and through and my stiff upper lip didn't even quiver.

Still on the lookout for husband number four, I studied closely all the medical males who passed by as I lay on the trolley at the hospital waiting for the operation. Both the consultant and the anaesthetist looked like possible candidates, but I was rather concerned that the former was dressed in his green tunic that was generously emblazoned with mostly dried blood stains from a former patient. As I wanted to make sure the operation was performed on the correct foot, and as he was obviously foreign and didn't speak much English, I decided to take the matter into my own hands.

"Please make sure the left foot's the right one, won't you?" I said as he looked at his notes and brandished a marking pen.

"It's the right foot, yes?" he asked in a distinctly foreign accent.

"No it's the left foot that's the right one, alright? Don't want the wrong one done with the right one left undone. Make sure, please, that I'm left with the left foot being the right one and the right foot wrong and left undone." I said it all very slowly so that he could understand it all. He was still obviously confused so I took the marker pen from him and marked my left foot so there could be no mistakes. Then the anaesthetist appeared with the mask and a frightening glint in his eyes. As I went under I'm sure I heard him mutter, in a distinctly German accent "Don't worry, Theresa, this is for you from Angela, and down with Brexit". In my mind's eye I saw the faint flickering of a blue flag with lots of yellow stars on it in the distance, and then oblivion.

When I awoke back in the recovery suite I am sure I heard the faint and comforting strains of Rule Britannia in the distance. A lovely young nurse came to visit me and I enquired anxiously if the correct foot had been operated on. She assured me it had and what a relief that was, I can tell you.

We got chatting and she said she was thoroughly British and a student nurse. Her boyfriend had been asking her to stop her studies as he didn't like her changeable shift working hours. I decided to impart a few of my golden nuggets of wisdom gleaned through many years of experience. I advised her to be an independent woman capable of earning her own living and not to be relying on anyone else for her future, as one never knows what that might hold. Her boyfriend didn't have a job and played all day on his X box thingy. A real loser. I suggested she dump him unless he got himself sorted. She seemed to take it all in.

Back home, relaxing on my plush white suede settee with my feet up and holding a large glass of wine, I recalled my words to that lovely young nurse, I pondered on my quest to find husband number four. Why was I really bothering about it as I am financially secure and own my own home? Neither the consultant or the anaesthetist were suitable companions and all I really needed was a thoroughly British male, simply oozing with excessive amounts of testosterone. A rare animal indeed and difficult to find. I decided to forget all about my half-hearted quest – for now at least – and just enjoy my life in our friendly village of Hadlow Down and all the special people within it.

So now I am taking this opportunity of wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and safe New Year. Cheers! Here's to 2018. Hey ho, whatever next.



MONTHLY NEWS FROM WILDERNESS WOOD

We had a good start to the Christmas season with 500 trees reserved in the Christmas Tree field during the first weekend of November. And the yard will soon be taken over with beautiful, fresh Christmas trees from other local fields. Would be great to see lots of you over the Christmas period. Come along for our Christmas Market on the 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th December - ideally on foot. There will be wood-

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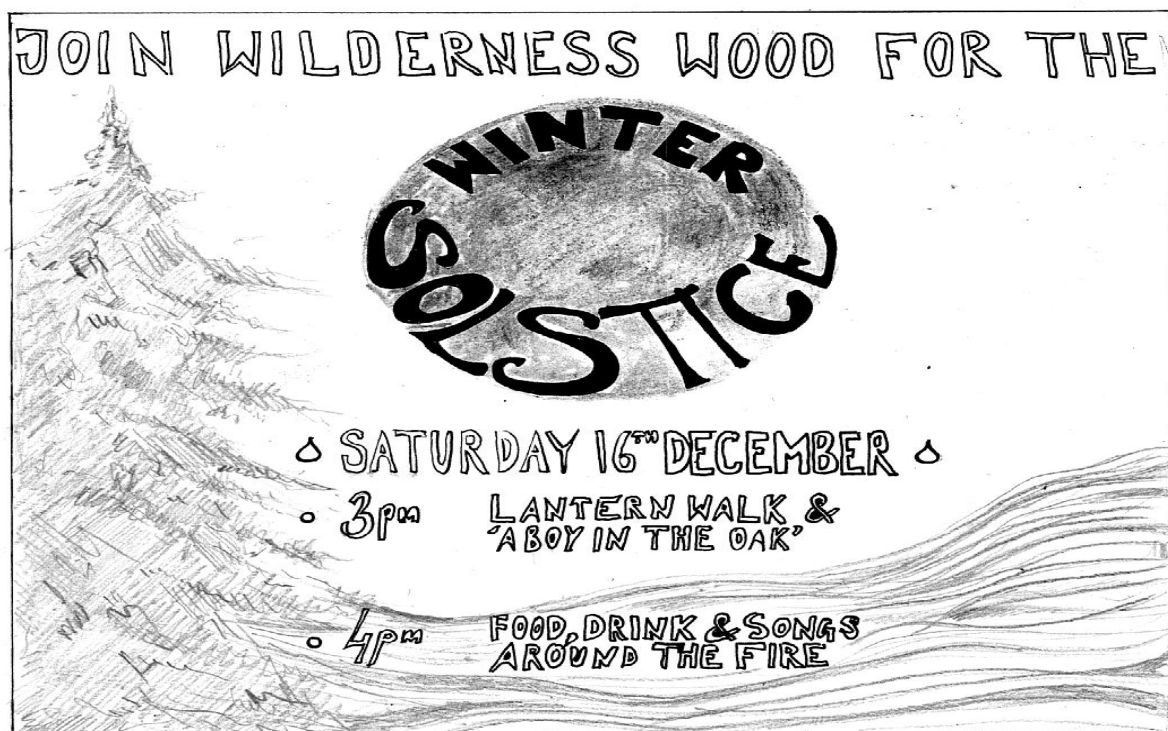
Also - hope to see lots of you at our Winter Solstice Celebration on 16th December at 3pm. See invitation below for details. And if you'd like to come along to help make the lanterns for this with our artist-in-residence, Maddie Jessel please contact Emily and Dan.

There will also be life after Christmas....

Stewardship Saturday on January 6th - 10am - help us look after the wood in exchange for a delicious hot lunch and lots of fun
Saturday January 20th - learn how to identify trees in the winter months with Luśka Mengham
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News in Brief



Volunteer Cook Vacancies in Hadlow Down! We need you!

Local community group, Engage Wealden, are seeking volunteer cooks to join their team of friendly volunteers at the TN22 Club in Hadlow Down.

The organisation runs two TN22 Clubs for older people, one of which supports those with dementia, to socialise and enjoy a home cooked lunch. Both clubs are reliant on volunteers to support and engage with the members, drive them to and from the club, help with admin and activities and to prepare and serve a two-course lunch.

Said Denise Leary, Engage Wealden Coordinator, "We need volunteer cooks to plan meals and prepare them on a rota basis alongside our team of volunteers. For some of our members, a home cooked meal is the highlight of their week, so it is vital that we recruit some volunteers in order to continue this highly regarded service".

You may be a good home cook who enjoys preparing a tasty meal and seeing others enjoying eating it, or someone who wants to hone their skills in the catering industry and are looking for practical hands-on experience that will enhance your C.V. In return, we offer support and training, the opportunity to join a warm and welcoming volunteer team and the chance to make a real difference in the community.

Many older people are becoming increasingly isolated and lonely and we aim to combat that with our unique blend of fun, frolics and food. Not only do our members love coming, but we also find that our volunteers get a tremendous boost out of helping and being part of a fantastic team of like-minded people.

If you can spare 1 or 2 days a month of around 5 hours a day on a Wednesday, more days are available if wanted, as we have a weekly club, please let us know. For an informal chat about how you can help improve older people's lives, please call Suzanne Hammond on 01435 661054 or for more information about our service and other volunteering opportunities, please take a look at our website: www.engagewealden.org.uk

Beware the FALSE widow

The other Friday evening, when the big toe on my left foot began aching slightly, I thought here we go again as I had been bitten by a spider previously a couple of years ago which resulted in swelling and discomfort pain but nothing like I was about to experience!!

Over the weekend, the ache gradually became more of a tender 'do not touch my toe' pain, as my toe increased dramatically in size and the red swelling moving up my foot could no longer be ignored.

On waking Monday morning, the wearing of shoes was impossible so I hobbled over London Bridge to work, wearing flip flops Shortly, thereafter, I hobbled back over London Bridge to the Urgent Care Centre at Guy's Hospital as the throbbing pain was now seriously testing my pain threshold Three hours later, the very chatty doctor told me, what I already feared, my toe had been bitten by a spider but not any house spider but by a False Widow!!! Anti-histamine and ibuprofen with a raised foot was the prescription.

However, before the drugs kicked in, an incredibly painful 'tossing and turning' Monday night was spent trying to find a more comfortable position which trust me is very difficult when your leg is stuck up in the air on top of two sofa seat cushions and two pillows I can only compare the pain to what I imagine severe ear or toothache would be like as I am fortunate enough to have never experienced either. Tracy Boorman





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Snapshot from the TN22 Plus Club



We thought that we would cheer everyone up in November with craft activities and dancing. After 'Guess the smell' quiz to test our 'little grey cells', reminiscing about Guy Fawkes night, singing, gentle exercise and not so gentle 'snowball' throwing (it will be true to form if we have snow this winter) we listened to poems and music by our two resident creative talents, followed by an amazing lunch. Creative juices were definitely flowing when members carved out pumpkin faces, with some help, and using wooden tree shapes covered them in multi coloured leaves – to great effect. Surprisingly the pumpkins remained after the members had gone home. Bit too creepy perhaps!!!!!!

Almost resident 'Dave and Pete' entertained us in the afternoon and the members loved singing and dancing to their lively music. It is wonderful experiencing the atmosphere which envelopes the village hall when members and volunteers join together on the dance floor with smiles all round.



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In the Garden - December

Not much to do this month in the garden, but if you have house or conservatory plants, there's still plenty to keep you busy indoors. (Thank goodness for that, I hear you cry). So what to do to keep your plants alive, even happy, over the coming months? Reader, read on.

Temperature.

Now we've switched the heating on, some rooms will be too hot, so if possible move them to a room which isn't overheated during the day (and make sure they don't freeze at night). Tropical plants need a humid atmosphere. Mist plants daily or put them on a tray of damp gravel. Most house plants need bright filtered light, warm rooms and even temperatures all year round. Don't let the sun shine on them through glass - this can scorch the leaves of tropical plants. As light levels fall, some plants will do better if you move them near a window - but make sure you can maintain the minimum required temperature. Don't put them near open fires, radiators, in draughts, or on windowsills on frosty nights. Plants grouped together will create a humid micro-climate around their leaves.

Watering

You'll need to reduce watering of houseplants as the days shorten - overwatering can lead to root death and collapse of the plants; you just need to keep them ticking over until you see signs of new growth. Let the surface of the compost dry a little before applying more water at room temperature. Allow the plant to take up water as it is needed or allow excess to drain away. Don't let the plant sit in water.

Feeding

Most plants should only be fed when actively growing in March to September - best with a liquid feed. Choose one high in potassium for flowering plants; for foliage plants a more balanced feed is suitable. Controlled release fertilisers will last the growing season. Specialist feeds are available for certain groups of plants such as orchids. Reduce feeding in winter and don't feed plants that are resting.

Repotting

After a year or two plants may need repotting. Choose a clean pot, one or two sizes larger than the original pot. The best time is spring. A multipurpose compost, houseplant compost or loam-based compost will be suitable for most indoor plants.

Care for some popular houseplants you might have

Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata* and *S. x buckleyi*), like all cacti, need very little water over the winter. Keep them barely moist until the spring, when they will be coming up to flowering and will need extra water and feed. Pot up *Hippeastrum* (amaryllis), and bring them back into active growth with regular watering and feeding. They should give you beautiful flowers for the new year. *Cyclamen persicum*, - you might get one as a winter pot plant - appreciates a cool room with good light. It's best watered from below (i.e. into the saucer, not the pot), as wetting the leaves can easily result in fungal infections and rotting off.

Keep potted indoor azaleas looking good for longer by keeping them in cool conditions and watering regularly. Remember to water azaleas with rainwater collected in a rain butt, not with tap water.

Avoid buying poinsettias that have been accidentally chilled, particularly those sold from street stalls on cold days. Once home, place them in a warm, light place, away from drafts, to ensure they last for as long as possible.

Place hyacinths in a cool, bright place in the home. If it is too warm, the leaves will elongate and the flowers will fade quickly.

Greenhouse

Much the same applies to plants in a greenhouse, but with only thin sheets of glass to protect them, I always put up bubble wrap. We need to make sure that there is adequate ventilation in the greenhouse or conservatory, perhaps opening vents for an hour or two on milder days to encourage air circulation. Check your greenhouse heater is still working - mine packed up last month. Invest in a maximum-

minimum thermometer to enable accurate monitoring of the temperature in your greenhouse (which is easier said than done. I was unable to buy one anywhere locally - apparently we're not allowed to use mercury any more in thermometers and the substitute doesn't work , so retailers won't stock them. - I blame all those crazed gardeners drinking the stuff. If you find one, let us know where you got it.)

Pests and disease watch

Keep an eye out for overwintering pests such as whitefly or red spider mite and treat accordingly. Nooks and crannies, and the bark of woody houseplants and vines, can harbour nasties like mealybugs and scale insects

Regularly deadhead winter-flowering plants to prevent problems with grey mould (*Botrytis*). *Cyclamen* are particularly prone to this problem. Occasionally ventilating the greenhouse or conservatory for an hour or two on mild days - keep fungal infections out.

Pruning

Pruning and renovation of many deciduous trees, shrubs and hedges can be carried out from now throughout the dormant season. It is easier to see what you are doing when the branches have no leaves. Suitable examples are: *Fagus* (beech), *Corylus* (hazel), and also roses. Ensure any pruning of *Acer* and *Betula* is completed before the end of the year to avoid bleeding of sap from cuts. Exceptions are evergreens and tender plants (these are best left until spring), and *Prunus* species (e.g. ornamental cherries, plums and almonds), as these are vulnerable to silver leaf disease when pruned in autumn or winter. If your trees are too large for you to manage the pruning alone, then you may need a tree surgeon. Otherwise take care not to damage the tree when sawing off thicker branches.

Another inside job will be the annual winter clean-up of pots and seed trays, ready for next spring. Clean pots and trays will help germination and reduce pests and diseases. Happy holidays!

Ken Mines



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down at 6:30pm on Tuesday 17th October 2017.

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

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR)(Chair), Helen Bonnick (HB), Damon Wellman (DW) and Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY).

For the public meeting Janet Tourell, Barbara Ball and Rachel Lewis from the Village Hall Committee were present. The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

The first part of the meeting was a public meeting regarding proposals for the future of the Village Hall site. The Chair gave a presentation on the background for having the meeting and gave details of the Parish Council's and Village Hall committee's proposals for the technical stage of the process regarding the Village Hall site. She then opened the session to questions from the public.

Members of the public asked questions which were answered by Councillors. The Clerk confirmed that it wouldn't be worth the current Parish Council giving commitments that a future Parish Council may not commit to, as the second stage might be in quite a few years' time. The Parish Council (PC) did however agree that they would look into the length of time for consultation. The Chair thanked members of the public for attending the meeting.

- 201. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** – a member of the public raised concerns over vehicles parked at the top of Wilderness Lane. DW confirmed that he was meeting on site with Cllr Standley (ESCC) and ESCC Highways. It is proposed that double yellow lines be installed although it can take a long time for this to happen. *DW will contact the local Police Inspector to discuss enforcement.* **DW**
Members of the public raised about missing footpath signs, the *Clerk will raise with ESCC Rights of Way team.* **Clerk**

- 202. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE** – Cllr Turner had sent his apologies and Cllr Lunn had apologized that he would be late for the meeting, these apologies were noted.

- 203. DECLARATION OF INTEREST** - SR and HB declared a personal interest in agenda item 206 regarding the CAB.

- 204. VILLAGE HALL SITE** – the PC agreed that consultation regarding the future of the Village Hall site was important. To be discussed further at the November meeting, in the meantime the *Clerk will contact SSALC regarding consultation periods.* **Clerk**

The PC agreed to apply for outline planning permission for the Village Hall site for 3 x 2 bedroom houses. The Chair will contact WDC planning department to discuss and will complete the application with the Clerk.

SR/Clerk

- 205. REVIEW OF 2017-18 PRECEPT SPENDING** – report on the spending to date for 2017/18 had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Clerk confirmed that part of the Celebrate grant was no longer required for tear flags and that the Playing Field committee had suggested that the funds instead be used for new seating or picnic tables. Alternatively the funds could go towards the shortfall for the tractor play equipment. The Chair allowed Fiona Shafer (FS), Chair of the Playing Field committee to comment.

FS advised that she was disappointed that seating wasn't being purchased, however she agreed for the funds to go towards the tractor deficit.

- 206. PRECEPT** – the Clerk confirmed that as the PC no longer qualified for the General Power of Competence she will need to ensure that they had the power to pay for everything required. Grant applications had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. A Councillor raised about the employment status of the Village Hall bookings secretary, the Clerk advised that this was a similar scenario to the role of monthly inspections of the play area, HB and SR to look into. JT to raise with the Village Hall committee.

SR/HB

Cllr. Michael Lunn joined the meeting at 7:30pm

A discussion was held on the budgets for 2018/19. The Chair allowed Denise Leary from ENGAGE to comment on their application.

A discussion was held on putting away funds for a possible future pensions deficit. The Clerk will contact the provider for further information.

Clerk

It was agreed that the next arboriculture survey would be undertaken in 2019/20. The PC considered the items raised in the questionnaires at the Parish Assembly. They agreed to the increase in the burial ground contractor's costs for 2018.

The Clerk will collate the budget figures and present at the November meeting.

Clerk

- 207. ASSETS REGISTER** – was approved and signed.

- 208. BANK ACCOUNTS** – the Clerk had sent a report to Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to keep to the current banking arrangements.

- 209. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

WD/2017/2171/F – LAND AT GREENWAYS, FIVE CHIMNEYS LANE, TN22 4DX – Construction of a 20m

x

30m equestrian arena, works to include a small amount of cut and fill, new land drains, membrane, stone base, silca sand and fibre surface – The Parish Council support the application however they request that a condition be added for no flood-lighting on site. (5/0)

- 210. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:** the following payments were agreed and cheques were signed:

- i. C. Waterhouse and Sons £80.00 burial ground markers

A further payment for SGSS Design for £192 for Parish Council logo was signed and will be ratified at the next meeting.

- 211. TRAINING:**

- i. SSALC Planning Updates – the Clerk will send details to DW to decide whether he will attend.
ii. Sussex Community Housing Hub launch event – no-one attending.
iii. Wealden Parish Conference – it was agreed for the Chair to attend

- 212. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY** – the Clerk confirmed that she had checked the defibrillator prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm



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

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

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

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Bob Standley (BS)(ESCC). Cllr. Michael Lunn (WDC) had advised that he might be late for the meeting.

- 213. PUBLIC QUESTIONS** - Janet Tourell chair of the Village Hall committee apologized for the smell which is due to be investigated and that some of the heaters weren't working, they are due to replace the thermostat which should solve the problem. It was highlighted that a car parked at the Village Hall had

its windscreen sprayed.

A member of the public asked whether CCTV had been considered in the village and highlighted the speed of cars in School Lane. The Parish Council (PC) advised of the measures they had tried to take however the majority hadn't been supported by ESCC Highways.

214. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – apologies had been received from Cllrs Turner and Bonnick,

these were noted. Cllr Lunn (ML) had apologized that he might be late for the meeting.

215. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - the Chairman advised that she had a personal interest in item 221ii regarding the Citizens Advice Bureau and the Parish Magazine

216. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on 3rd and 17th October 2017 were agreed and signed as true records (previously circulated).

217. MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):

ii. Bus shelter treatment – DW confirmed that he had treated the bus shelter. He has also cut back the hedge that was overhanging the bin. He was thanked for his work on this.

iii. The Chair advised that she had written to the owners of Wilderness Wood to advise them of the TPO on the land adjoining their wood.

iv. DW advised that he had contacted the local inspector regarding the parking at the top of Wilderness Lane and that enforcement action is intended. The inspector has suggested that a sign be installed to encourage people not to park where it causes a danger for others and that the police would support the signage. *The Clerk will discuss options with ESCC Highways.* **Clerk**

v. Village Hall Planning Application – to be discussed at item 223.

vi. Role for inspection of play equipment – SR and HB had investigated and confirmed that it was acceptable for the person inspecting the play equipment to work on a self-employed basis.

vii. The Clerks Report was sent to Councillors with the agenda updating them on her action points, this included:

a. The Clerk is awaiting a response from ESCC Highways over when School Lane will be jetpatched.

b. The Clerk has written to Kiers advising that the PC don't accept their offer and requesting that the School Lane pavement be repaired. Following their response she has emailed Cllr. Standley to see what action can be taken to ensure that Kiers do the work.

c. The Clerk has written to ESCC Rights of Way team to request replacement footpath signage, they are investigating.

d. The Clerk has updated the PC on the response from the ESCC pension service.

e. The overgrowing verge east of Wheelers Lane has been reported to ESCC Highways and they have added it to their sidings programme in order to clear the width of the footway.

f. The sunken manhole covers on the A272 heading east past Wheelers Lane have been reported to ESCC Highways who have subsequently reported them to South East Water.

218. PLANNING:

i. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

WD/2017/1703/F – 4 GRANGE COTTAGES, MAIN ROAD, TN22 4HJ – Two storey extension to the existing house. Change to window type & detail to serve ensuite bathroom and staircase – The Parish Council object to the application as it is an inappropriate development for a site of this size and in this position. There is extremely inadequate parking for the current residents, or any future resident and the Parish Council feel that this would be exacerbated by adding a further bedroom.

Due to the lack of parking, cars from Grange Cottages often park at the top of Wilderness Lane this recently resulted in a lorry getting jammed in and having to be removed with a chainsaw.(0/3)

ii. REFUSED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

WD/2017/1526/LB & 1525/F Loudwell Farm, Tinkers Lane – Single storey extension linking house and converted granary building.

iii. APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

WD/2017/1663/LDE – Oaksway, Wheelers Lane – Use of part of a stable building as a residential dwelling with associated residential curtilage.

iv. PLANNING MATTERS:

a. The Clerk had been contacted regarding the new sign for Wilderness Wood and updated the meeting on the response she had received from planning enforcement.

b. The Clerk had been contacted regarding a new structure at Five Badgers and has referred the matter to planning enforcement who are investigating.

c. A Councillor had been contacted regarding work at the Old Dairy in Main Road, the Clerk has referred the matter to planning enforcement who are investigating.

219. REPORT FROM CLLR. BOB STANDLEY, ESCC – in his absence Cllr. Standley had sent a report which had

been copied to Councillors prior to the meeting. The report covered the following items:

Stand up for East Sussex Campaign is targeted to lobby the Government for extra Government money and for flexibility in service delivery. He encouraged residents to sign the petition;

The budget setting process for 18-19 has already commenced, the outcome will depend significantly on the Chancellor's budget in November;

Efforts to vaccinate all children aged 2-8 against flu are being hampered by fake news being spread on social media. He advised that parents are urged to ensure their child has the nasal spray even if they had it last year, in order to protect against different strains of flu which change annually;

Cllr Standley advised of prosecutions for parents taking children on holiday in term-time;

Cllr Standley met with Cllr Wellman and a representative from ESCC Highways to discuss School Lane and Wilderness Lane parking restrictions. He suggested that the PC may wish to consider a match funding bid for 2018/19 which he is willing to support. There are significant costs for a Traffic Regulation Order which if it isn't successful would be a cost to the Parish with no gain; and

Cllr Standley confirmed that he had written again to Kier regarding School Lane pavement.

- 220. BANK RECONCILIATION:** – dated 26th October 2017 was agreed and signed. The Clerk was asked about the remaining cost for the tractor and advised that if it couldn't come out of the Celebrate grant it would need to be funded by the PC.

Cllr Lunn joined the meeting at 7:19pm

The Clerk confirmed that she had raised a complaint with Barclays over their handling of a telephone query and that they had made a compensatory payment to the PC's account.

217. MATTERS ARISING (from previous meetings):

- i. Assets of Community Value – *ML confirmed that he would action by 25th December 2017.* **ML**

- 219. REPORT FROM CLLR. MICHAEL LUNN, WDC** – Cllr. Lunn advised that the Ashdown Forest studies indicate that the levels of nitrogen are getting worse and that nearest the road is the worst level. A Councillor asked why under the Local Plan it is expected that the measurements will get worse, *ML will investigate.*

ML

221. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS :

- i. The following payments that were paid prior to this meeting were ratified:
Mrs L McConachie £40 for play area inspection; Festive Illumination £95 for cooker installation (paid from Celebrate grant); Europlants Ltd £137.56 for burial ground grounds maintenance; Viking £117.75 for stationery; Hadlow Down Village Fayre £615 for festival party (paid from Celebrate grant); Triple Cut Mowing £2000 for playing field and play area grounds maintenance; SSALC Limited £48 for ESALC Conference; SGSS Design £192 for Parish Council logo; Playdale Playgrounds £1837.20 50% deposit for play equipment (paid from Celebrate grant); £60 Village Hall hire for cubs and beaver meetings (paid from Celebrate grant) and £87.72 to Helen Bonnick from Chairs exps. for Celebrate awards.
- ii. Precept – a discussion was held on the proposed precept and amendments were agreed. It was proposed that the cost for picnic tables, clearance of land and work on the closed tunnel, all at the playing field, would be paid from the 2017/18 budget. It was also agreed for the Clerk to obtain costings for bag openers, litter pickers and hi-vis vests. A Councillor advised that the PC should be looking at obtaining grants. The Chair allowed a member of the public to ask about a land purchase that was discussed at a previous meeting.
- iii. Sussex Lund grant – the Clerk updated the meeting on correspondence regarding the remainder of the grant. The Chair allowed Bob Lake to respond. Bob agreed to write to Sussex Giving to check how long they have to spend the remainder of the grant and for the procedure to return any remaining funds.

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

- i. Cllr Michaelson-Yeates confirmed that following some calls to ESCC Highways that a number of ditches have been cleared. Concern was expressed that the soil from the ditches had been banked up next to the ditch. The Chair advised that she will check Dog Kennel Lane when there is heavy rainfall. JMY advised that he had been contacted by a resident regarding the Huggetts Farm application. Cllr Lunn confirmed that this application along with the Lynx House Barn application had been called in to Planning Committee North. JMY agreed to attend and speak at the Planning Committee meeting.
- ii. Cllr. Wellman updated the PC on his meeting with Cllr Standley (ESCC) and a representative from

ESCC

Highways. Following the meeting he updated the local police inspector with the items discussed. DW questioned the cost of a Traffic Regulation Order, *ML (WDC) agreed to investigate the cost.* **ML**

- 223. VILLAGE HALL SITE** – the Chair confirmed that WDC and the agent have advised to submit the Village Hall site and the Community Centre planning applications at the same time. A meeting is due to be held with WDC planning for which there will be a fee. The Chair asked the Chair of Hadlow Down Community Centre committee (HDCC), Bob Lake (BL), if the committee would be paying their share of the pre-application fee, he confirmed that they would. BL confirmed that HDCC will probably put in an outline application. The PC agreed to pay up to £425 for the Village Hall site's share of the pre-application fee. *ML to confirm whether he can attend the pre-application meeting.*

ML

The Clerk confirmed that she had obtained advice regarding consultation prior to the 2nd meeting with the Village, regarding the Village Hall site. It had been confirmed that if the PC make a decision now that at the time when it comes to consult the village, the PC can revisit the decision however there is nothing to stop them from changing their mind regarding the resolution in the future.

It was resolved to consult the village over a 3 month period, prior to a village vote regarding the final

decision over the Village Hall site.

224. NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE –nothing to report.

225. CIRCULAR WALK LEAFLET – a Councillor requested that the leaflet be produced. *SR to speak to resident who was previously involved.* It was suggested that the walks start and finish at the playing field and highlights key features of the village including the New Inn.

SR

226. WEBSITE – it was agreed for the Chair to contact the editor of the website and that the Parish Council should continue to be part of a village website rather than have their own website. The Chair asked a member of the public whether the owner of the current website would want to be involved in setting up a new website, he will check with the owner. The Chair will contact *the editor and a member of the public to discuss a new website.*

SR

227. RISK ASSESSMENTS – the quarterly risk assessments had been completed and were handed to the Clerk who confirmed that she had already instructed the mole catcher.

228. CELEBRATE: the evaluation report had been sent to Councillors prior to the meeting. The PC commented on how successful the Festival had been and thanked the Project Organiser and Cllr Bonnick for all their efforts and hard work.

229. CLERK'S MATTERS:

- i. The Clerks hours were agreed and signed, including hours for Parish Projects
- ii. The Chair updated the meeting on the Clerks review and the PC agreed to increase the Clerks hours to 67 per month wef 1st November 2017. The Clerks review was signed by Cllrs Richards and Michaelson- Yeates.

230. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

- i. Boundary Commission Consultation regarding Parliamentary boundary changes – no response made.
- ii. Draft Airports National Policy Statement further consultation – no response made.
- iii. Parish Remuneration Report 2018/19 – no comments made on the previous year's report.
- iv. Village Hall hire terms and conditions – the PC agreed for the Clerk to sign the document.
- v. East Sussex, South Downs & Brighton & Hove Waste & Minerals Local Plan review and draft East Sussex Statement of Community Involvement – no response made.
- vi. Friends of The Keep annual report.
- vii. Correspondence regarding lorry in Wilderness Lane – discussed at items 218i and 222.
- viii. The Chair updated the meeting on correspondence she had received from a resident regarding traffic on the A272 between Tinkers Park and the A267 junction and the difficulty the resident had in getting out of his driveway. A discussion was held on the speed of traffic and the queues from the A267/A272 junction. It was agreed to request at the Highways Liaison meeting for the reduced speed limit to be extended further east on the A272.

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

- ii. Cllr Wellman advised that he'd emailed the Highways Steward regarding the outstanding items from the last Highways Liaison meeting. He advised the meeting of further items he had raised with the Steward. *He will send a copy of the email to Cllr Standley and Parish Councillors.*

DW

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

- i. Helen Johnson. Salary £944.46 includes £22.50 mileage and £40.97 expenses, £750 already paid by standing order, therefore cheque raised for £194.46.
- ii. East Sussex Pension Fund £263.05 pension.
- iii. Mrs L. McConachie £40.00 play equipment inspection.
- iv. SSALC Limited £78.00 training.

A further payment for £192.00 for Europlants Ltd for work at the burial ground was signed and will be ratified at the next meeting.

232. TRAINING

- i. Data Protection Webinar – it was agreed for the Clerk to attend.

233. DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY – the Clerk confirmed that she had checked the defibrillator prior to the meeting.

234. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA – nothing raised.

The meeting closed at 8:44pm

Pirates of the Panto
January 26th/27th Bookings : Glenys 830857

Poetry Corner

A Time of Love by Mark Dury.

Christmas is a time of love,
Of promises fulfilled and joy in Heaven above.
Christmas is a newborn baby boy,
Rejoicing here on earth, and a Heaven full of joy.'

Christmas is a time of love
Of footsteps in the snow and silent stars above.
Christmas is a special time so rare
But most of all a time to show how much we care.

Bells with joy are ringing
Choirs of Angels singing.
But Father Christmas, will he come?

Snow outside is glistening
Snug inside we're listening
For Father Christmas, oh will he come?

Long ago this night
A child was born to bring us light,
So sleep little children safely sleep.

Soon the sky is lightening,
Early dawn is brightening,
But Father Christmas, has he come?
Let's lift up our voices
As everyone rejoices,

With hearts and stockings filled to the brim
Let's for this Newborn sing our hymn
Christmas is a time of love,
Of footsteps in the snow and silent stars above,
Christmas is a special time so rare,
But most of all a time to show how much we care.

Christmas Memories Of Years Gone By Bill Hadgkiss

I need to go back many years
More than I wish to, it appears
A good memory? This will tell
How many of these will ring a bell

The Christmas special from Morecambe and Wise
Homemade stuffing, sausage rolls and hot mince pies
Giving a card to someone at school
Not getting one back, and feeling a fool

Forgetting your words at the Nativity play
In the rehearsal, you were perfect the previous day
The paper boy getting a well-earned tip
My Dad with a brandy, me sneaking a sip

A Christmas cracker's terrible joke
Dad's cigars and the smell of smoke
Silent night, sugar almonds, Turkish delight
Figs that only our grannies would bite

Before the feast by Robert Spencer

I stand before you, weary in thought and being.

Such responsibility as mine no man should suffer to enjoy,
the hanging of the starréd lights amongst the trees,
the collection of the prickled holly and the mistletoe,
greeting parchments to be scribed and delivered,
the burden of a goods laden wagon, indebtedness
to a crowd of rowdy traders and callous money lenders.
And yet this time was launched in goodwill, a feast
to savour, cousins gathered to the great Hall, a brilliant
hearth of oak and alder wood, the finest wines from
the lands of the Moors and of Charlemagne and
civilizing Rome, wild boar and goose turned on the spit,
figs and pomegranates, walnuts and dates heaped on
benches,
gifts chosen with affection and wrapped in dazzle
to astonish and amaze the gathering at this
celebration.

But look well to me, a man of sincerity and honour,
a man nevertheless who will fall short in these
endeavours,
for time drains away like blood on the battlefield,
life from the stricken, yet there is so much yet to
achieve.

Whence the boar and the goose, the wine, the fruits
when there is but one more day of acquisition?
Think well on that my friends, just one day to avoid
shame and bad humour and those gossiping asides
in the taverns and the places of trade and meeting

At 3 o'clock the Queen would address the nation
We would crowd round the Telly in silent anticipation
And when Her Majesty spoke to us all
She was always in front of a completely bare wall !

Pity really, she works so hard
And nobody bothered to send her a card
This year I've sent her a card myself
I do hope she's put it on the shelf

I wonder what present she got from Philip ?
A box of Black Magic or a Walnut Whip
Perhaps a new jigsaw of a newly born lamb
Or Windsor, Balmoral, or Sandringham

Happy Christmas Ma'am, from our village and it's
resident Bard
I do hope you get my card
When I said ' Next time you're in town
Come and call on us at Hadlow Down '

HADLOW DOWN DIARY –December 2017/January 2018

Every Monday at 11.30am
Every Tuesday at 9.45am
Every Tuesday at 7.00pm
Every Thursday at 7.30pm
Every Friday at 9.30am

Tai Chi Classes
Pilates Classes
Short Mat Bowls
Homefront Lindyhop Dance
Latin Rhythms

Village Hall
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DECEMBER

Sunday 3rd	ADVENT 1		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St Mark's Church
Tuesday 5th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
Wednesday 6th	10.30am	TN22 Plus Club	Village Hall
Saturday 9th	7.00pm	Film night: La La Land	Village Hall
	8.00pm	Black Tie Evening	New Inn
Sunday 10th	ADVENT 2		
	9.00am	Jubilate Communion	St Mark's Church
Tuesday 12th	7.30pm	Quiz Night	New Inn
Wednesday 13th	11.00am	TN22 Club	Village Hall
Saturday 16th	3.00pm	Winter Solstice	Wilderness Wood
Sunday 17th	ADVENT 3		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St Mark's Church
Wednesday 20th	11.00am	TN22 Plus Club	Village Hall
Sunday 24th	ADVENT 4 CHRISTMAS EVE		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mark's Church
	5.30pm	Crib Service	St Mark's Church
Monday 25th	CHRISTMAS DAY		
	9.00am	Christmas Day Family Communion	St Mark's Church
Sunday 31st	FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mark's Church
	10.00am	United Parish Service	St.Margaret's, Buxted
JANUARY 2018			
Wednesday 3rd	11.00am	TN22 Plus Club	Village Hall
Sunday 7th	FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St Mark's Church
Tuesday 9th	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mark's Church
	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Quiz Night	New Inn
Wednesday 10th	11.00am	TN22 Club	Village Hall
Sunday 14th	SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		
	9.00am	Jubilate Communion	St Mark's Church
Wednesday 17th	11.00am	TN22 Plus Club	Village Hall
Sunday 21st	THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		
	9.00am	Parish Communion	St Mark's Church
Wednesday 24th	11.00am	TN22 Club	Village Hall
Friday 26th	7.30pm	Pirates of the Panto	Village Hall
Saturday 27th	2.30pm	Pirates of the Panto	Village Hall
	7.30pm	Pirates of the Panto	Village Hall
Sunday 28th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Mark's Church
	9.00am	All-age Worship	St Mark's Church