

Hadlow Down Village Magazine December 2023



Hi Everyone

As the excitement mounts towards Christmas, this will be our last magazine of 2023. And what an eventful year for the residents of Hadlow Down— Bonfire Night, Horticulture Society show, Victorian Tea Party, Tinkers Park Steam Rally and Hadlow Down Cricket Team winning their respective Sussex League.

And December won't go out unnoticed because on the 8th Dec. the HDCC are organising a Quiz Night and the final highlight of the yearly calendar—the 'live' performance of the donkey at the Christmas Eve service in the church.

Happy Christmas to all our readers, see you in 2024.

Enjoy the read, Editor

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Lindsey's Recipe — Terrine for December serves 10.

Ingredients :-

450gr/1lb belly of pork, coarsely minced.
225gr/8oz best pork sausage meat
225gr/8oz chicken livers, cleaned and roughly chopped
225gr/8oz bacon, finely chopped
1 small glass of red wine.
1 clove garlic finely chopped.
12 Juniper berries, lightly crushed.
1 teas chopped fresh thyme, or 1/2teasp dried thyme.
100gr/4 oz streaky bacon rashers to cover pate.

Method :-

Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.

1. Mix together all the ingredients except the bacon rashers and place in a buttered terrine mould (9x20cm/ 3 1/2x 8in and 7cm/3in deep).
2. Cover the top with the streaky bacon. Cover mould with a lid or foil, stand it in a roasting tin and pour in boiling water to come halfway up the sides of the mould.
3. Cook in the oven for 1 1/2 hours, removing the lid or foil after an hour to allow the surface of the pate to colour. Check water level in tin at same time.
4. To test the pate is thoroughly cooked probe the centre with a metal skewer, leave it there for a few seconds, and when you remove the skewer the end should be hot. If not leave for another 15 minutes.
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St. Marks School News



Egglets have had an extraordinary start to Term 2 with so many of our class gaining Headteacher awards! This term is all about celebrations. We will be creating art work around light and fireworks. As we head towards the festive period, we will be singing and performing as well as thinking about gifts and loved ones. This term is full of magic and festive joy!

This week, we went on a very wet walk to Smile Meadow with our Year 5 and 6 friends. It was brilliant to work together and have lots of fun in the mud!

Caterpillars

In English, we have written some amazing poetry all about fireworks; we looked closely at what we could see and hear and how we would feel if we were there. We wrote poems and worked hard to write them up in our neatest handwriting too. We've been also working hard on our bonds to 10 and using these in trickier additions. In Science, we understood the 4 seasons and looked closely at Autumn and what happened in these seasons.

Cocoons :- the children made a Padlet of facts and information about the extraordinary achievements of Mary Anning after learning about biographies. They loved adding to this interactive biography and even stayed in when it was playtime to keep adding to it! Well done, Cocoons!

To begin their learning about conservation, Cocoons made a food web to illustrate the biodiversity of an ecosystem and how living things are interconnected and dependent on one another.

As part of their learning on Families and Relationships, the children discussed effective communication in the form of verbal language and sign language as well as body language. They practised acting out good listening and poor listening to demonstrate the effects on the listener and the speaker. In addition to this, they learnt how to use "I" statements to be assertive and keep them in the green zone rather than giving in and feeling low in the blue zone or deregulating and moving into the yellow and red zones.

Red Admirals :- In French the children have been able to have a conversation introducing members of their families; brothers, cousins and sisters. Very good French accents starting to be developed by some. The Year 6's have been so absorbed in their ROAR project - from the Uckfield Lions. We have four groups each designing items they feel will 'make life easier/better' .. We will be presenting the ideas to the rest of Red Ads and then having a vote on which is the best idea and project next week.. The winning group will then take part in an area final against other local schools. The overall winner in our local area will be entered into a National version of the competition --- watch out for news of how our winning St Mark's group get on over the coming weeks.

On Wednesday, our wonderful Red Admirals class were invited to be the star act alongside Percy Pig and Colin the Caterpillar to sing at the opening of Marks and Spencers in Maresfield. The children were superstars and real "sparks" of our community.



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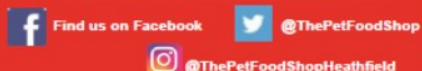
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Ken Mines— December Gardening Tips



Pruning. Bleeding from pruning cuts in trees and shrubs can be unsightly but is usually not harmful and will naturally heal over time. In rare cases, prolonged bleeding may lead to loss of vigour and even death of the tree or shrub. It's no longer recommended to bind, wrap or paint pruning cuts - the best thing is to let them heal naturally. Pruning at the correct time will minimise bleeding as well.

Acer (maple): Prune Japanese maples (*A. palmatum* and *A. japonicum*) after leaves drop but before January. Prune snakebark maples (e.g. *A. davidii*, *A. pensylvanicum*, *A. rufinerve*) in late summer.

Betula (birch): Avoid any pruning if possible; otherwise prune late summer to mid-winter.

Vitis (grape vine) Prune after leaves drop but before Christmas.

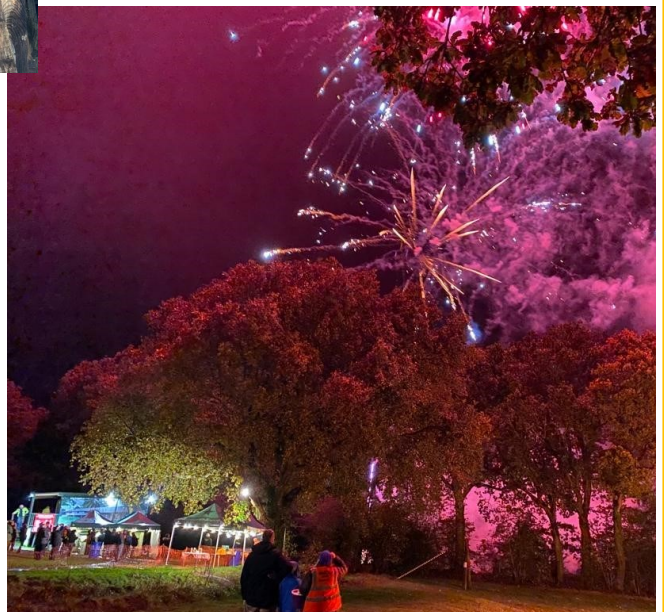
Plant bare-root trees and shrubs now. Loosen the soil to a depth equivalent to the height of the root ball and at least three times the diameter of the root system. A square hole is now considered the best shape, to help the roots penetrate the corners on heavy soils. Don't add fertiliser or compost to the planting hole, although mycorrhizal fungi can help. Mulch after planting with compost, Small trees don't need staking, but larger specimens should be staked. Water well! Protect from deer or rabbits, if necessary.

Avoid winter damage. Protect vulnerable plants by wrapping in horticultural fleece at the first sign of frost. Evergreen plants and pot plants are at particular risk. Make sure that pot are not sitting in the ground in the wet. Protect if necessary with fleece. Don't feed with nitrogen-rich fertiliser late in the season, as this promotes sappy growth. Mulch to avoid soil erosion after heavy rain. Snow sitting on hedges can cause damage. Brush off where necessary.

Ponds Don't smash any ice that covers ponds containing fish during very cold weather – the shockwaves can injure or kill them. If you are concerned, float a ball on the surface or if you have one keep the water feature going. Keep the water surface clear of snow and cut back overhanging branches to ensure that the pond gets enough light during the winter. Aim to keep at least half the pond surface free of vegetation now and throughout the seasons.



Bonfire Night—Thanks to everyone





View from the Rectory Window— December 2023

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

One of the most charming, confusing, but largely helpful oddities of the Christian tradition, is that our church calendar does not align with the secular calendar. New Year's Eve always seems like a bit of an afterthought to Christmas, if you still have the energy or funds to celebrate and the resolutions we make to start the new year are often in response. After gorging ourselves and spending a small fortune we commit ourselves to tightening our belts.

But the Christian year begins 4 weeks before Christmas with the First Sunday in Advent (well, I suppose three this year 3rd December). Advent gives us time to reset before we gather for one of our two major feasts. It allows us to prepare and consider our lives before God in preparation for his visitation in Christ Jesus.

Let me encourage you to take some time this year before the craziness of the Holiday season kicks in to take time before God. To consider your spiritual life and how it is manifest in your daily patterns. And consider how you might wish to make changes into the new year. You may find the collect below to be helpful. Traditionally it is prayed each day throughout Advent.

God Bless,

CPM+

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious Majesty, to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

Please join us for our Advent and Christmas services.

Sunday 17 December — Service of Nine Lessons and Carols 6:00pm St. Margaret the Queen

Sunday 24 December — Parish Mass 11:15am St. Mary the Virgin (Buxted)

Crib Service 4:00pm St. Margaret the Queen (Buxted Park)

Crib Service 5:30pm St. Mark the Evangelist (Hadlow Down)

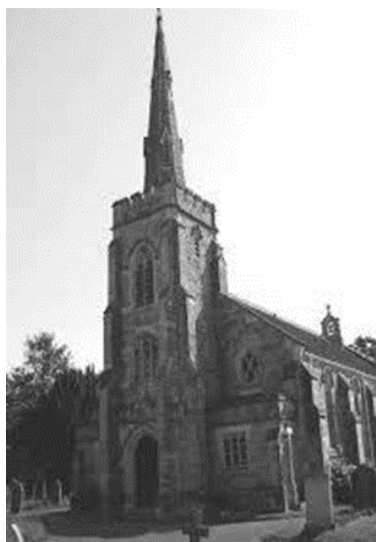
Holy Communion 10:00pm St. Margaret the Queen (Buxted Park)

Monday 25 December

Holy Communion 9:00am St. Mark the Evangelist (Hadlow Down)

Holy Communion 10:00am St. Margaret the Queen (Buxted Park)

Christmas Mass 10:30am St. Mary the Virgin (Buxted)



St. Mark's Church News December 2023

The last newsletter from St Mark's this year and unfortunately, I haven't really got a great deal to report. Of course, as usual it would be nice to see a few more members in the congregation on Sundays at 9.00 am – we average eight! Having said that it was lovely last Sunday to welcome one lady who is new to the village, and I do hope that more will follow.

In the past few months, we've started to celebrate Mattins on the first Sunday in the month which has proved interesting. St Mark's hasn't used this service for several years and our prayer books are woefully out of date – some of them pray for 'Our king, George.....' and we're not sure whether this is referring George V or George VI.

Having a new monarch on the throne has meant that the Remembrance Day service sheets have also been renewed; it's very strange to think that we shall no longer sing 'God Save Our Queen' at the beginning of the service.

By the time that you read this we will have had our Armistice Day silence in the Churchyard on the 11th November and the Remembrance Day service in the church on the 12th. Always important days in Hadlow Down because many villagers participated in both world wars and are remembered on the boards in the memorial corner of the nave and in the Lady Chapel. There are also Commonwealth War graves in the churchyard – so many brave people.

The church and churchyard are frequently visited by the relatives of some of these late villagers; many come from far away. Recently the person who administers the village web site was contacted by one of the great granddaughters of Charles Lang Huggins, the great benefactor of St Mark's Church. She knows very little about Hadlow Down, her great grandfather and of St Mark's so I will be delighted to show her what her family achieved in this village.

In December we progress towards Christmas. The children of St Mark's School will be holding their services in the church the week before Christmas and on Christmas Eve there will be the usual Crib service with a LIVE DONKEY ably supervised by Pat Weekes! There will be no morning Parish Communion on Sunday 24th (Christmas Eve) so the Crib Service will be the only service at 5.30 pm. On Christmas Day there will be Parish Communion at 9.00 am.

Have a lovely, happy, and peaceful Christmas.

Janet Tourell – Deputy Churchwarden

Services at St Mark's in December

Sunday, 3rd December – Mattins 9.00 am

Sunday, 10th and 17th December – Parish Communion 9.00 am

Sunday, 24th December – Crib Service 5.30 pm

Monday, 25th December – Christmas Parish Communion 9.00 am



Hadlow Down Poppy Appeal 2023

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. The Village raised £1,255.92 in cash, together with those who chose to do-

nate using our QR codes, 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.

Nigel Russell

Poppy Appeal Organiser Hadlow Down

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ENGAge Reminiscing with the TN22 Clubs

The TN22 Plus Club is 10 years old and what a fabulous day we had to celebrate the start of something new for the village and Wealden areas. Our lovely cook, Brenda made a fantastic cake (with candles) which our members loved, and of course photos were duly taken with our very first volunteers. We say a thank you to them as they are still volunteering with us, and thank you to our manager Wendy Coleman who keeps everyone so well cared for.



Our birthday session began with the Mayfield Bell Ringers playing a variety of songs and musical treats, including a lively rendition of 'happy birthday'. Our resident volunteer poet Mark Dury, wrote a beautiful poem celebrating the joys of the Plus Club (see further in mag) which he read to us and then after a great lunch Helen from DSES, kept us entertained all afternoon with singing and dancing.

It was such a wonderful day and the volunteers went home feeling that all our members had had a day filled with laughter, smiles and care.



Wilderness Wood Monthly News

Wilderness Wood – December

Come along for the Christmas Fayres on 2nd & 3rd and 9th and 10th December – without your car if possible!

On the 21st December we celebrate the shortest day and the longest night with theatre, song, poetry and dance. All Hadlow Downers are welcome to come and join us from 4pm.

We wish you all a very happy festive season – if not at The Solstice, we will see you when The Hatch re-opens on Tuesday 30th January.

Kate, Emily, Jake, Dan and families and the rest of the team x

Stop.

Solstice: from the Latin 'Sun Stopping'.

As the sun set today

We enter

The longest pause -

The longest night.

Everything slows and stills.

Sap in the roots –

Held firm to the earth.

Stop.

Send your roots down.

Listen to the trees

Resting

Wait. Be still.

Let your mind drift to what you will achieve
next year that makes you smile.

And keep your feet here

The longest night.

The brightest light here is us

We light the fires to see

Us through the night.

Listen

Sing

Keep feet planted.

Roots in the earth.

Tomorrow we will watch

The sun rise

The days lengthen, but...

Slowly.

Don't forget your planted roots

Move slowly towards the spring.

Take time

Breathe deep.

Roots in the earth.

The world turns,

The sun rises.

We stop.





Hadlow Down Book Club with Heather Mines

'It is midwinter: there are three metres of snow in the high passes, there are wolves, and this is a war. You will die, I can guarantee' (Afghan Security Service)

Some years ago, we enjoyed **Full Tilt**, Dervla Murphy's lively account of her journey by bike from Ireland to India in 1963 during one of the worst winters in memory. Of the countries she travelled through. Afghanistan was her favourite because of the warmth and friendliness of the people. This month we came back to the now war-torn country in 2002 after the US invasion in Rory Stewart's account of his daring walk across the frozen North Central mountains, following the route taken by the Mughal emperor, Babur the Great, many of whose men perished in the freezing conditions.

The Security Service officials were suspicious and reluctant to give permission, insisting he had an armed escort which he negotiated down to two guards for the first part of the journey only. He was then solo, apart from an elderly mastiff which he took pity on, and which accompanied him for the rest of the journey.

Stewart walks through this remote region, isolated because of its geographical position and harsh conditions. He went from village to village, relying on the Muslim obligation of hospitality. He found extreme poverty: first the Russians then the Taliban had killed men, burned villages and destroyed crops and farms. The villagers subsisted almost entirely on rice and bread, which they shared with him. He experienced some hostility, threats and stone-throwing, mainly from the village boys, but also a welcome - often an honoured place by the fire to dry his wet clothes. Other times he was sent to sleep alone in a cold mosque. He was ill with dysentery most of the time, but even when light-headed, exhausted and wet, he struggled on through deep snow, often having to drag Babur the exhausted dog behind him.

He came to realize the diversity between villages in this region both cultural and religious. He also uncovered a whole vernacular architecture of mud buildings – both contemporary dwellings and archaeological sites previously unknown because of their inaccessibility, now being plundered by the villagers and the precious artefacts sold for a few dollars.

Most of us found the book a pleasure to read because of the way he writes – deadpan, humorous, self-deprecating and often leaving it to the reader to read between the lines. He describes the scenery vividly without making us feel he is describing it for its own sake. One member of the Club listened on audio and commented on how poetic it sounded when read aloud.

Others found that the foolhardiness of the adventure got in the way of their enjoyment; one thought him arrogant and entitled. However, everyone agreed that they were glad to have read it. At the end he shows his passionate commitment to a country he has come to love, with wise words on the nature of the help that it needs and his own return to work on some of the projects. We recommend this book and perhaps also Dervla Murphy's more light-hearted account of her journey.

Next book **Small Things Like These** by Clare Keegan

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DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council

Held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down

at 7pm on Tuesday 7th November 2023

Present: Councillors: Michael Lunn (ML) Chair (+WDC), Peter Weston (PW) Vice Chair, Ben Floyd (BF), David Munday (DM) and Damon Wellman (DW).

In attendance: Vicki Rutt (Clerk), Cllr. Bob Standley (ESCC) and 8 members of the public.

Cllr Lunn welcomed three residents who are interested in the Parish Councillor vacancies. The Clerk will send them an application and there will be an agenda item on the December 2023 meeting to fill the vacancies by co-option. **Action 1.**

175. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A resident has been made aware that ESCC are not supporting the change in the speed signage on the A272 and asked if anything further can be done. Cllr Standley suggested doing a petition and put something about it in the parish magazine, the resident agreed to action this. A resident stated that the Advisory Committee for the New Community Centre is going in the right direction and it seemed positive, he also reminded Cllrs that the planning application is in the name of the Parish Council so they need to lead by example and ensure conditions are fulfilled. A resident congratulated the Parish Council on the boundary ditch at the playing field, the water is flowing well and the Council moved quickly to ensure fencing was arranged and the site was made safe.

176. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – None.

177. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – BF declared a personal interest in item 181.

178. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS held on the 3rd October 2023 were agreed and signed as a true record (previously circulated).

179. OUTSTANDING ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

i. Action Log 2023 Clerk reported from the action log which is available on the village website.

ii. Clerks report This was noted (previously circulated).

180. PLANNING:

i. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

WD/2023/2341/F - LILAC COTTAGE, WILDERNESS LANE, HADLOW DOWN, TN22 4HU

Demolition of double garage and construction of a replacement double garage with ancillary accommodation in the roof. *The PC voted: 1 for the application, 4 were against due to the size and scale, as well as the roof lights breaching the dark skies policy.*

ii. APPROVED APPLICATIONS

WD/2023/2084/FR - NEW FARM HOUSE, STOCKLANDS LANE, HADLOW DOWN, TN22 4EA.

Part retrospective application for the demolition of part of existing unauthorised balcony to create an access platform to accommodate newly installed bi-fold doors.

iii. APPEALS

APP/C1435/W/22/3310232 - Brick Kiln Farm, Brick Kiln Lane, Hadlow Down, East Sussex, TN22 4EJ.

The development proposed is 10m x 5m swimming pool, with a 3.5m x 2.5m pool house, to house the pump room, with simple stone tile surrounds. *This appeal was dismissed.*

181. TO DISCUSS WILDERNESS WOOD PLANNING [ALTERNATIVE USES] DW requested this item as looking at the website for Wilderness Wood and attending a recent site visit, the events being held are out of control and it seems an event is being held weekly. The creep of entertainment development is phenomenal. DW proposed that clarification is sought from Wealden Planning as it is believed they are allowed 6 events per year. It was agreed that ML would action this as District Councillor. **Action 2.**

182. REPORTS FROM CLLR.BOB STANDLEY, ESCC & CLLR MICHAEL LUNN, WDC - written reports had been submitted and are published on the village website.

Cllr Standley reported that ESCC are looking at their budget. There is a lot of pressure to spend within Children services and Adult social care. A discussion was held whether ESCC received an alert ahead of poor weather so they could clear drains before it hit.

Cllr Lunn reported that the local emerging Local Plan is progressing, and an internal Wealden meeting is taking place next week to outline possible sites, the key issue is remains housing numbers and what comprises will be made to meet the new administrations objectives. ML will be able to report back in due course. ML reported on enforcement at Drakes Head Den which is ongoing and believes that the buses at Wilderness Wood have been removed.

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183. HIGHWAYS:

i. Blocked drains causing flooding issues on A272 and Five Chimney Lane

ML reported that the drains are blocked despite the Clerk reporting and being told that the drains are clear and are now on a 6 months maintenance service. The Clerk and Cllr Standley will report again. **Action 3.**

DW asked about a response from ESH on the SLR report, Clerk advised no response despite chasing several times. Cllr Standley took an action to chase them also. **Action 4.**

ii. Change to consistent of speed signage on A272

PW reported that a response from ESCC on the proposal speed signage changes on the A272 was disappointing and he believes there may have been some misunderstandings. It was agreed that PW would draft a response and see if a site meeting could be arranged. **Action 5.**

184. COMMUNITY CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

i. Note draft minutes from the Committee held on the 10th October 2023 The minutes were noted.

ii. Approve the Terms of Reference for the Advisory Committee The Terms of Reference was agreed.

iii. Approve the Clerk to undertake new registry searches It was agreed that the Clerk would undertake these searches and the cost will come out of unallocated reserves. **Action 6.**

185. LOWER PLAYING FIELD – ML explained that the boundary ditch works resulted in a large hole on the playing field that needed to be made safe whilst discussions were held on how to proceed. Fencing has been erected and discussions are being held with the drainage team at ESCC and the new Community Centre Committee [HDCC]. A report was given to Cllrs to agree a way forward, there were 2 options tabled. 1 to continue with the proposed plans on installing a chamber and silt trap connecting to the existing pipes with an associated headwall. The costs of which would be absorbed by HDPC. Option 2 was to refer the issue to the Advisory Committee to see whether the works could be done in conjunction with the works needed by the HDCC to obtain extant permission and money could be saved for both parties. BF proposed that the Council proceed with option 2. This was agreed by all.

PW expressed his thanks to the Chair and Clerk for the amount of work they have both undertaken on this issue.

ML reported that the Advisory Committee are next meeting on the 21st November so it is hopeful a report will come back to Council for the December meeting. The Clerk reported that the fencing is on loan from Crowborough Town Council (CTC) but now it is required for longer there will be a cost implication. CTC are proposing the same hire rate as local companies so £2+VAT per panel, per week. It was agreed to reduce the panels on site to 6 panels from the 13th November and the final invoice will come out of unallocated reserves. All Cllrs agreed and thanked CTC for their assistance in this matter.

186. CONSIDER PARISH COUNCIL IT REQUIREMENTS Clerk reported that the existing hard drives are full and need replacing, PW recommended some new ones but a resident present at the meeting may have some so discussions will take place before any are purchased. The Clerk reported that the PC laptop is very slow and ML agreed with this, discussions will be held with PW and a resident to see if anything can be done to speed it up and it will be discussed as potential budget item for next year at the finance meeting next week. The Clerk reported that the email server offers 5GB of data on the email system which is not a lot so this needs to be looked into further and see what options are available.

187. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

i. Email of thanks from resident following recent boundary works on playing field. This was noted.

ii. Email from ESCC regarding Urban grass cutting options for 2024. DW proposed that HDPC continue with option 1 which is standard where ESCC undertake two urban verge cuts as no cost to the Parish Council. Clerk to inform ESCC. **Action 7.**

iii. Request for memorial bench in burial ground. Clerk reported that a request has come in for a memorial bench in the burial ground where a bench has recently been removed. BF believes that bench is being returned after maintenance works but will find out and report back to Clerk. **Action 8.**

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

DM reported there is a blocked drain in Hastingford Lane. PW reported that there has been a lot of trouble with the second SID. Clerk to chase them regarding the warranty. **Action 9.** BF reported that more field shelters have been added to Gingers Patch and he has had 3 residents speak to him about the excessive amount of horse boxes at Lynx House Barn and it is believed a business is running from there. It was agreed that the Clerk would refer this to enforcement.

Action 10.

189. BURIAL GROUND:

i. Update on clearing the extension to the burial ground. BF reported that he has prices for digger hire and the Clerk reported that we are awaiting approval from the Diocese. ML reported that need to wait until the ground is not so wet. **Carry forward.**

ii. Update on transfer of ownership and additional inscription. Clerk reported that there have been two requests to transfer ownership of two burial plots and to add additional inscriptions but both had to wait for probate. Clerk has sent the necessary paperwork and is having a final handover with her predecessor next week to have a better understanding of the burial ground processes.

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190. RISK ASSESSMENTS

i. Quarterly Risk assessment – review findings: PW has done the assessment and everything is to be monitored.

191. CLERKS MATTERS:

i. Clerks hours October 2023 This was agreed.

ii. Locum hours October 2023 This was agreed.

iii. To approve the appointment of an interim audit by Mulberry & Co This was agreed and will be booked in.

192. **BANK RECONCILIATION – 25TH OCTOBER 2023 TO BE SIGNED.** PW and DM approved and signed.

193. OTHER FINANCE MATTERS:

i. Quarter 2 Reconciliation – to approve. Cllrs noted and approved the Q2 report.

ii. Acknowledgement of receipt of final instalment of precept for 2023 and interest on savings account of £400.37. Noted.

iii. Payments for ratification: Payment to HMRC for Q2 2023/24 at £122.92 (UT ref 335777785). Noted.

iv. Ratify approval for amending SO date for Vicki Rutt from last day of the month, to the 28th of the month.

v. To discuss and agree how to proceed with 2024 tender for maintenance and verges. Cllrs agreed to go out to tender but it was agreed the wording would need to be carefully reviewed. Time scales were discussed as would be good to agreed a contractor at December meeting so the contract can be included in the budget for 2024-25. **Action 11.**

vi. Unity Trust Bank – mandate to remove access. All signed and noted.

194. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT (UT ref = Unity Trust Bank reference number)** - DM and PW will authorise.

Samantha Weatherill consultancy fees - £113.19 (UT ref: 705289911)

Vicki Rutt salary end November - £920 paid by SO

Vicki Rutt salary - £479.15 (UT ref:648959799)

Lucy McConachie Play area inspection Oct - £40 (UT ref:644404257)

Village Hall for hall hire - £40 (UT ref:333087114)

Reimbursement to Cllr Lunn for grass seed - £75 (UT ref:215291002)

Wealden District Council for May 2023 election - £551.43 (UT ref:145299772)

Daren Spillane for boundary ditch works - £1000 (UT ref:984453787)

Mr Denzil Fears for contract 2023 - £2050 + VAT £410 (UT ref:436310630)

195. **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 Section 17** – nothing raised.

196. **DEFIBRILLATOR BATTERY** – this had been checked on 7th November 2023.

197. ITEMS TO GO ON NEXT AGENDA:

- Probationary period review of Clerk

- Co-option of 2 new Cllrs.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 20:30.

Were you frustrated by the lack of water earlier in the year?

If so please attend the....

PUBLIC MEETING WITH SOUTH EAST WATER

Monday 30th January 2024 at 7pm in the

Hadlow Down Village Hall

All villagers are invited to a presentation and questions and answers session with the Chief Executive of South East Water.

This is your opportunity to raise any concerns you may have over the water shortages in your village and the surrounding area.

Any questions please contact the Clerk on clerk@hadlowdown.org

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Community Recycling

I have learnt that all 17 community recycling centres are being closed. I have personally objected to the one being closed by Wilderness Wood but I have been told there will be no consultation. It has also been suggested by Cllr Gareth Owen Williams who is the portfolio holder for waste and recycling that this decision was taken by the previous administration. It is true that some problem sites (where flytipping was present) were closed under the old administration but this was on a case by case basis and in consultation and agreement of the local parish/town council. It is disappointing that local opinions are not being considered. The savings across the district is predicted to be £50,000.

Local Plan

The Cabinet are moving ahead with a new local plan. It is scheduled to be released for consultation in early part of next year. But the devil is within the details, and specifically the housing numbers. The process is quite complex and compromises will need to be taken into account. I will try to explain this in person at the Parish Council meeting.

Enforcement Matters - Drakes Den – these matters are ongoing. I believe it's been nearly a year now since this was first raised. Issues of longstanding vehicles at Wilderness Wood suggest that these have been moved on by the owners.

A number of significant **planning appeals** are ongoing across the District. The latest was Bird in Eye housing development which was refused by the planning inspectorate which was a significant win for the Council. Others are ongoing.

Michael Lunn—Councillor – Representing Hadlow Down and Rotherfield Wealden District Council

County Councillor – Bob Standley Report to Hadlow Down Parish Council November

Adult Social Care - Robotic pets bring comfort to dementia sufferers. A mechanical pet project to help people with early-stage dementia has been launched in East Sussex. The county council's RoboPets scheme aims to support clients living with the early stages of the condition by giving them a robotic cat or dog which acts as a positive distraction for them. The automated pets help with anxiety and ease the pressure felt by carers by providing companionship.

Since the project's launch in April, 50 companion pets have been homed across the county, with carers seeing positive health and wellbeing benefits for the people they care for. When the project ends in April 2024, the council will evaluate the benefits of the pilot scheme to establish whether the pets should be made more widely available to eligible residents across

Help for the vulnerable - The County Council approves use of funding to support vulnerable households. At a meeting on 15 September 2023, the Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health agreed to approve the use of £2,000,568 from Round 4 of the Household Support Fund to provide support to pensioners, households with a disabled person and other vulnerable households between 1 October 2023 and 31 March 2024. The scheme provides a further opportunity to extend the support to vulnerable households within East Sussex who are experiencing financial challenges.

In addition, I had approved in September £1.896 in assistance to those families allocated FSM.

Highways - I have e-mailed County Clean with reminder that their vehicles should not go past the school but use Five Chimneys Lane. I have re-reported the bollard broken at the A267/A272 junction and also the drainage issue

Reading Challenge - I have reported previously on the Children's summer reading challenge which concluded in early September. Over 6000 children took part over the summer and completed the challenge of reading six books over the holiday period.

Peter Weston – Activity Report for November 2023 Meeting

Quarterly Risk Assessment: Carried out quarterly risk assessment - see separate agenda item.

Footpaths and Roads: Various matters reported (including apparent changes to footpath 3b) and a further evening commuter vehicle count carried out on Spring Lane (few vehicles counted, but data said to be anomalous by local residents).

SID: Routine battery changes and data download (every two weeks). The Village funded SID (SID 2) has experienced some technical problems but now appears to be fully functional; it has been re-sited to the A272 adjacent to Wilderness Wood (capturing eastbound traffic). SID 1 has been moved to the A272 adjacent to the Church, capturing westbound traffic. [Many thanks to Steve Godfrey for his help with all the moves, battery changes, etc].

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SID Data: The most recent data collected is summarised below and again shows that the majority of drivers ignore the statutory speed limit. Data for August and for School Lane is also available – please email me if you would like copies.

A272 Westbound (Wilderness Wood site) September 2023

Range	0-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Totals
Vehicles	12590	26449	32278	21827	7866	1794	356	54	9	3	103226
%	12.20	25.62	31.27	21.14	7.62	1.74	0.34	0.05	0.01	0.00	100.00
All vehicles: Over 30 mph = 62.18% and over 35 mph = 30.91%											
Working Days	10009	20728	24545	15950	5461	1208	238	35	8	1	78183
%	12.30	26.51	31.29	20.40	6.98	1.55	0.30	0.04	0.01	0.00	100.00
Working Days: Over 30 mph = 60.69% and over 35 mph = 29.29%											
W/E & B/H	2581	5721	7733	5877	2405	586	118	19	1	2	25043
%	10.31	22.84	30.88	23.47	9.60	2.34	0.47	0.08	0.00	0.01	100.00
Weekends and Bank Holidays: Over 30 mph = 66.85% and over 35 mph = 35.97%											

Time Range	00.00 to 03.00	03.00 to 06.00	06.00 to 09.00	09.00 to 12.00	12.00 to 15.00	15.00 to 18.00	18.00 to 21.00	21.00 to 24.00
Vehicles over 30 mph	475	1,497	14,199	12,549	11,222	14,191	7,795	2,259
% of all in 3 hour slot	84.82	90.24	62.58	58.38	59.10	61.04	67.48	74.41

A272 Westbound (Wilderness Wood site) October 2023

Range	0-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65+	Totals
Vehicles	13306	28375	34086	22061	7213	1561	287	44	6	0	106939
%	12.44	26.53	31.87	20.63	6.74	1.46	0.27	0.04	0.01	0.00	100.00
All vehicles: Over 30 mph = 61.02% and over 35 mph = 29.15%											
Working Days	10981	23017	26565	16488	5184	1101	210	27	5	0	83578

Time of Day Analysis – Vehicles Travelling 30 mph or more in August 2023

Time Range	00.00 to 03.00	03.00 to 06.00	06.00 to 09.00	09.00 to 12.00	12.00 to 15.00	15.00 to 18.00	18.00 to 21.00	21.00 to 24.00
Vehicles over 30 mph	436	1,512	14,554	12,936	12,454	14,395	6,817	2,154
% of all in 3 hour slot	83.69	88.16	60.70	58.18	60.50	59.72	62.73	73.32

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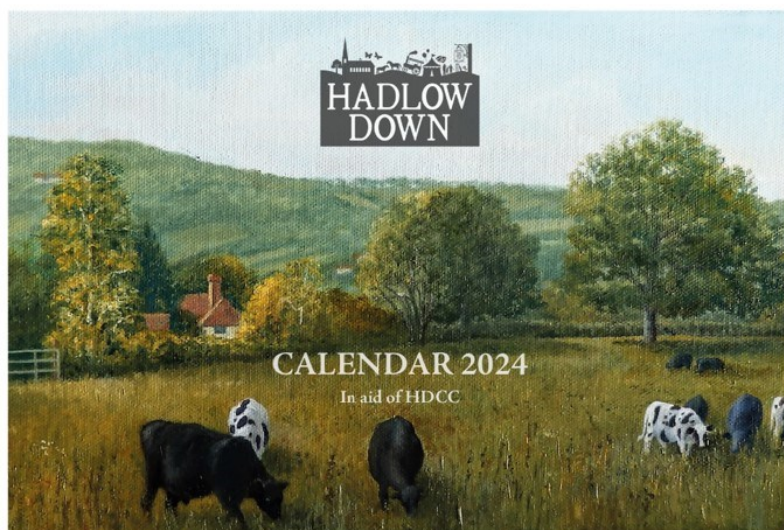
The very first Hadlow Down Calendar has been created and will be available to buy at the end of November.

A limited edition, featuring photographs and paintings, all celebrating life in our village.

The calendar is A4 in size and will be sold for £10 per copy, all profits will go to HDCC as part of their ongoing fundraising activities.

A special thank you is owed to John Eliot, who has very generously allowed us to feature several of his paintings, including the lovely cover image, *"Cows Grazing on Waghorns Lane, with Castle Hill in the background."*

You can reserve your copy by contacting Sarah, sarahprall@btinternet.com or by calling Glenys on 01825 830857



HDCC would like to wish you a very "Merry Christmas!" And take this opportunity to thank **everyone** who has supported our project this year – through your volunteering, donating, completing our questionnaire, attending our public meetings and fundraising events. THANK YOU!

Distributors Wanted

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Nus Ghani—Wealden MP

As the year begins to draw to a close, please allow me to reflect on some of the local successes and work that has been done to support Wealden throughout the past year.

I am incredibly proud to have helped secure over £2m Government funding for building safety improvements at two fantastic Wealden schools, Beacon Academy in Crowborough and Uplands Academy in Wadhurst. This is an amazing result for Wealden and comes in addition to the £1.3m that Beacon Academy secured in 2021, and further support that Hailsham Community College and St Mary's School in Maynard's Green were awarded last year.

Following the completion of multi-million-pound step free upgrades at Eridge station last year, I was delighted to officially open Crowborough train station which has undergone similar improvements as part of a £4.7m investment from the Department for Transport's Access for All scheme, including the installation of two lifts and a brand-new footbridge. We've also had a great success in Horem, where Phase 1 of the Get Active Pathway was completed in the autumn, increasing opportunities for physical activities such as cycling, scooting, walking and enabling those with mobility issues to have better access to exercise locally. This is a fantastic result for Horem and I'm pleased to have supported its delivery.

Since the beginning of the war, Wealden has led the way in providing support to Ukrainian families arriving to East Sussex. I continue working with volunteer groups in Mayfield and Hellingly and I'm immensely grateful for the kindness and hospitality of Wealden residents involved in local support. But I also appreciate that some Ukrainian families may now wish to move on into their own accommodation and I'm pleased that Wealden was supported by over £418,000 from the Government's £150 million fund to help Ukrainian guests find employment and long-term suitable independent accommodation.

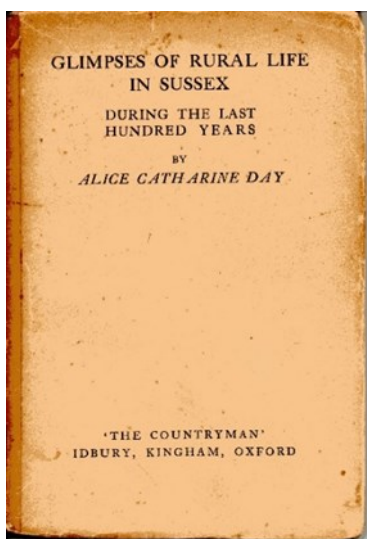
As part of The Coronation celebrations of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla in May, we paid tribute to all volunteers across the nation, and I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank just a few of the many Wealden groups and charities whom I had the pleasure to support this year and whose work is invaluable to so many local residents. MAYFACS, who continue to lead the support for Ukrainian families in Wealden; Rotherfield St Martin charity who support people living with dementia; Nutley windmill volunteers who carry out a huge amount of restoration work; Kinship Carers in Hailsham who run a fantastic support group; and the Uckfield Volunteer Centre, who are a great resource for advertising available roles and coordinating volunteer-led efforts locally.

It has been a busy year with lots of wonderful news and successes locally, but there is more to be done and I will continue to work hard in 2024 to campaign for more resources for Wealden and to ensure that your concerns are heard in Westminster. If you need my assistance, please get in touch via email nusrat.ghani.mp@parliament.uk. I wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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Alice Catharine Day 1848 - 1930

Alice Catharine Day was born in 1848 to William Day (1787 – 1849) and Anne Elliot Le Blanc (1806 – 1896) of Hadlow House in Hadlow Down which was then a part of the parish of Mayfield. She was baptized in St. Marks Church, Hadlow Down on the 26th. September 1848. Her father within a year of her being born.



*Please note that throughout this article the writer has purposely used Miss Day's correct spelling of her name Catharine spelt with an 'a' and not with an 'e'.

Many Hadlow Down villagers know of Miss Day due to the reproduction of her book *Glimpses of Life in Rural Sussex During The Last Hundred Years*, which was first published in 1927, in the Millenium village book project of 1999. In one of her 'glimpses' she recalls visiting a village family in 1883, there are other dates of interviews with villagers including one in 1922. In her book she says she is 'writing principally of my experiences among them [The Wealden People] during the years from 1874 till 1892', as the book was published in 1927 a few years before her death at the age of 82, when compiling her book she was no doubt drawing on lots of notes made throughout her time living in Hadlow Down as well as her personal recollec-

tions as a young lady.

Alice was not only a keen writer and important social historian but an article in a British Museum Bulletin refers to a work called 'Old Yew Tree in Waghorn's Farm, Hadlow Down, Sussex' which was painted by Alice and presented to the father of Elisabeth Crossland who was staying in the New Inn. An artistic streak seems to have run in the family with her grandfather William Day (1764 - 1807) being described as a 'highly accomplished' & 'somewhat neglected' English watercolourist.

The Day family were a land-owning Sussex family whose association with Hadlow Down can be dated back to at least 1590 with the birth of Bishop Thomas Day and according to Alice, the family estate when she was born comprised some two thousand acres around Mayfield, Hadlow Down, Rotherfield and Framfield with about forty tenant farmers. After the death of Alice's father, according to the 1851 census, the family were still living in Hadlow House, Alice's mother is recorded as being the proprietor of Hadlow House, head of the household, widowed and employing 22 people. William's will is quite difficult to read and make out but it would seem that Anne, his wife was gifted an annuity while the principal beneficiary of the estate and house is presumed to be his eldest son William Ansell Day (1826 – 1886) records show that he was living in Hadlow House in 1856 but in 1858 his brother Francis Day (1829 – 1889) began litigation for the estate in Chancery. The case was resolved in 1860, with court ordering that Hadlow House be sold.

The Village Trust are planning separate articles on Hadlow House, the Estate and the Day family for the future.

On 4th September 1855 Alice's mother Anne Day, re-married at St. Mark's in Hadlow Down to Richard Bramwel, a surgeon from the Isle of Wight, Anne with her new husband and Alice moved to Cambridge Road, Brighton where she is recorded in the 1861 census. By 1871 they had moved to Montpelier Road, Brighton and then in 1881 Alice is recorded as a 'lady of independent means' living as a boarder in Park Crescent, Brighton. Alice herself tells of much of her childhood being spent in Brighton. Her stepfather died in 1878 and her mother is recorded in 1881 and 1891 as living in 'West Hadlow', Hadlow Down.

In one of her 'glimpses' Alice recalls visiting a village family in 1883 and notes dates of other interviews with villagers including one in 1922 although she says that she is writing principally of "my experiences among them [Wealden People] during the years from 1874 till 1892"

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Bishop Farquhar Memorial Chapel in Algoma Diocese where Alice Anderson possibly worked as a missionary.

In October 1890 a pamphlet entitled 'Trip on Board the Bishop of Algoma's Yacht "The Evangeline" by Miss Alice Catharine Day was published by the Colonial and Continental Church Society. Alice had gone to Canada as a Missionary Society Secretary, sometime between 1881 and 1888 living in a house in Algoma Diocese interestingly called 'West Hadlow' the name of an earlier home of her and her mother believed to be in Hadlow Down near 'Hyders'. While there she met and married her husband W M Ausin Anderson. In the book 'Pioneer Work in Algoma' by Eda Green published in 1915 the author mentions Captain Anderson, a Govern-

ment Agent working to improve the lot of the Ottahwabs and Ojibways, two tribes of the Algonquin native Americans ('Indians' as they are referred to throughout the publication.) by a re-location experiment started in 1836. This date would seem to rule out the 'Captain' from being Alice's husband but considering the limited number of people who would be involved in the missionary work at the settlement it seems probable that W M Ausin Anderson was a close relative if not his son. The coincidence of him being from a different family are highly unlikely.

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Glimpses of Rural Life in Sussex During The Last Hundred Years is an extremely important social history source which tells of very local customs and life. The wearing of and description of clothing including 'soft hats,' 'corduroy trousers' and especially the 'Sussex Smock' is extremely interesting and enlightening as is the description of some 'Hadlow Down' food specialties such as 'Brown George Turnovers,' 'Partridge Pudding' and 'Flead Cakes.' Alice Day stresses that the most notable thing about the village and the times was the friendliness and neighbourliness of the community. In accumulating her collection of anecdotes Alice says she visited 120 homes. Venturing wider than the village proper she took to selling subscriptions for the magazine *Hand and Heart* to introduce herself and start conversations with new acquaintances.



Alice's neglected gravestone.

The Sussex Agricultural Express dated 24th. December 1930 published Alice's obituary recording her death aged 82. She is described as a 'Well known writer' and noting her work in Canada and her meeting with and marriage to her husband saying that they returned to Rotherfield in 1920. In 1894 Alice is recorded as living in Rotherfield, so it is presumed she had returned from Canada earlier before making at least one other trip back again.

Alice's mother Anne died in 1896 whilst resident in the Manor House Rotherfield and is buried at St. Danys Church.

The Sevenoaks Chronicle reports that Alice died on the 17th. December 1930 in Rotherfield and left a total of £3,657 with various bequests includ-

ing £35 in trust for the upkeep of family graves in Hadlow Down. She is buried in St Dunstons Church, Mayfield in the same grave as her brother William Ansell Day and grand-nephew Harold Francis Day

Kent & Sussex Courier, dated 26.12.1930 in a report of her funeral describes her as a 'Local Historian' and that she 'Taught at Bible Classes'

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Poetry Page

Christmas Fairy by Ray Butler

Hello, I'm back again
Your Hadlow Down Christmas fairy
Last year I was a boy called Graham
But now I'm known as Mary

This Christmas fairy lark
Isn't all it's cracked up to be
Spending several long weeks
Stuck up a tree

When they put me on the top
They laddered my tights
Then to make things worse
They singed my hair with the lights

The needles up there
Caused a rash on my thighs
My knickers too tight
Brought tears to my eyes

Uncle Bob throwing peanuts at me
Thank goodness he missed
He had been on the Harvey's
I think he was ... inebriated

After all of this trauma
I looked a bit of a mess
But it didn't stop a boy from school lane
From trying to peek up my dress

But enough of all my whinging
At this time of good cheer
I wish you all a very merry Christmas
And a
happy
new
year



Celebration of a Decade by Mark Dury

(The poem was written to celebrate the TN22
+ Clubs 10th birthday)

Love is the silver thread by which humanity is bound.
In Hadlow Down, a beacon of light, a shining example,
can be found.
The TN22+ is a club providing joy and regular respite
For all those affected by memory loss, dementia, or the
shadow of approaching night.

A glimpse of happiness, seen maybe dimly through a
veil of mist,
Like sunlight breaking through the cloud, the dullness to
resist,
Moments of understanding, kindness and of having fun,
A warm sense of worth and dignity and, most of all be-
longing, is thankfully won.

Those who help create this world, firstly are the mem-
bers, everyone so loveable and fair,
Then, the staff, the management and helpers all, gain
rich reward, humanity laid bare,
Laughter and joy shared throughout in every happy
breast,
"Give" rather than "Take" has its own reward and is
more than doubly blest.

This coming together, dance, music, companionship to
share, expressions of deep concern,
Are something the self-seeking world outside should
mark, digest and hopefully should learn,
So, celebrate the decade gone by, magic moments in
the past,
And may this community spirit both continue to thrive
and to last and last and last.

*Mark Dury, one of our regular contributors, has asked to use
his 'slot' this month to encourage readers to advertise his
new charity website.*

*Mark has set up the website, to which over the next 12
months he is going to add some of his
poems. If you visit the site you are encouraged to contribute
to a variety of his chosen charities.*

*Its Mark's target to reach over 1 million 'hits' for the site over
that 12 month period.*

So, please have a look at www.simplymypoeems.co.uk

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