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DEADLINE - The 18th OF THE MONTH PLEASE

DIARY DEADLINE – 17th of The Month - To Mr Mike Ford - Kismire Hyde (Opposite The Church)

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FRONT COVER - PETER GORNALL'S WATER LILY

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A Message from the Rector

A friend from my days in the photographic industry contacted me a few weeks ago with a dilemma. His sister, with whom he has never been on good terms, was dying and wished to see him. His problem was that they had fallen out and he had vowed never to speak with her again! Perhaps the answer is simple, yet it is so often said that the longest journey is from the head to the heart.

And so it was that I found myself leading three others on a journey up Blencathra, one of the Lake District's and Alfred Wainwright's more famous mountains. One part of the mountain has the name "Sharp Edge" because the path turns to rock and narrows to only a few feet in width with a sheer drop of some distance on either side. It is amazing how concerns and worries flee away and the challenge of crossing the Edge concentrates the mind. I am most likely a fool, for my three companions decided not to cross the path but to exit the mountain via the gully on their posteriors; so I stood on the edge and watched them slide down. The day was stunning, the air cool yet warm, and in those moments of watching to make sure my party was safe I had time to think. It is funny that in this modern world we live so fast – yes, even the clergy – that we have so little time to think. My mind ran through my three years here in the Benefice. The good times, the bad times, things I would have done differently, situations handled better with hindsight, the things I have said, the things I should have said or done! When safe, I crossed Sharp Edge with my heart beating just that bit faster and rejoined the group.

Upon returning to Buxted, I had two days left of my holiday and decided, with Jenny back at work, that I would ride my motorbike to France. Tunnel ticket booked, I set off. Then the nightmare struck. Riding down the M20 I felt something was wrong with the bike but couldn't see what. After stopping in a place called Detling just off the M20 for petrol I tried to rejoin the motorway but they were cleaning the slip road of all things! So I followed the diversion. Then at forty miles an hour the back tyre came off the rim and sent me sideways skidding down the road. Amazingly, I re-righted the bike and stopped with very little damage to me or the bike - just my pride deeply hurt.

I am not convinced about coincidences. I am sure they can be rationally explained and yet sometimes they happen in such a way that we can choose to ignore them or, alternatively, heed them. Sometime I think they are better described as God-incidences. We have the free will to listen and watch and God does talk and communicate with us today, yet we often prefer to ignore Him. I struggle with my own views here for there are many dangers in believing that everything that happens is God talking, so when bad things or things that we perceive are bad happen, we then blame God for not being there or question where is God?

There is an old joke of a man who set sail in an inflatable boat. He said he believed in God and God would always look after him. The man in the shop said: "Don't buy this boat; it is not seaworthy", but he didn't listen. The lifeguard said: "Don't go to sea", but he said: "Trust in God always". The lighthouse keeper and the captain of the Royal Navy ship also tried to stop him when he was putting out to sea. Finally, the man died from drowning in the boat that was indeed not seaworthy. In heaven he complained to God that, whilst he trusted in Him, where was God when he needed Him? And God replied: "I sent my prophets: the boat salesman, the coastguard, the lighthouse keeper, the Royal Navy captain - but you didn't listen to Me!

Upon my return home I called my friend and he is still unable to talk with his sister. They have a few weeks, maybe days, left and nothing will move him to agree to speak with her. Sometimes we have to listen to that small voice of God. It is our choice what we do but he does offer us opportunities, God-incidences.

Yours in Christ's service

John

PS I now have two motorbikes for sale...if anyone is interested - and I will be in the market for a Land Rover...they're much safer!!

*The Rev John Challis ~ The Rectory ~ Church Road ~ Buxted
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It is with great sadness that we have to inform you of the death of Glenis Pitson, who passed away in the early hours of Thursday 21st June. She bore her illness with great fortitude & humour. During visiting yesterday someone commented on how Glenis never had a bad word to say about anyone. She would always greet you with a ready smile and a cheery word. We shall all miss her. Our prayers and condolences go out to her husband Ted and son Matthew.



NEWS FROM ST MARK'S



This month I have received a delightful set of notes from Mrs Rivers. They take the form of a diary of a typical week in the life of the School. I can do no better than reproduce them here.

It is interesting to think about a week in the life of St Mark's School and all that happens in such a short time.

Monday – began with a superb storyteller relating amazing Asian tales to spellbound children, one class at a time. The children began to plan stories of their own connected to the stories they had heard.

Tuesday – assembly was taken by an excellent R.N.L.I. volunteer called David, who gave us all a taste of what it would be like to man a lifeboat. What to do in an emergency near the sea and how to stay safe by the sea. Particularly funny was a race between Miss Kately and Miss Powell to see who was the fastest to dress for lifeboat action – the real crews only have 90 seconds. That was followed by a creative art day where Carol Harvard demonstrated screen printing, and then each child had a chance to make their own on paper using themes from the storytelling.

Wednesday – was the Village Schools' Swimming Gala and we had an enthusiastic team of girls and boys. The conditions at the pool were not ideal as the temperature was high and the atmosphere 'steamy' to say the least! Our stalwart team, however, swam their best and managed to complete the distances they had been asked to swim with calm determination. I felt extremely proud of them.

Thursday – well, that is today, (the time of writing) and Carol returned to screenprint on fabric. The whole school had French and Miss Powell as it is her last day, organised a fun rounders event for Class 3 (The Red Admirals).

Friday – will be our Family service at church and then later in the day preparations will be made for the Village Fayre.

In addition there have been normal lessons, rehearsals for our musical production and a variety of after – school clubs and activities, such as cooking, country dancing, basketball and karate. And all this happened in just one week!

As I read this I thought that it was a wonderful example of the vibrancy and diversity in the life of St Marks. How fortunate we are to have such a school in our village.

Mavis Farrar

CHILDRENS

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Class 2 have been writing limericks and riddles in their literacy lessons.

There once was a pirate named Fred
Who had a big bang on the head
It went fiery red
So he sat on his bed
The silly old pirate named Zed
By Archie Sherwood Year 3

There once was a pirate named Zed
Who stood on a sharp pencil lead
He cried out loud
In front of a crowd
The silly old pirate named Fred
By Adelaide Barden Year 3

I am made of wood and I have four arms.
I can be found on walls and always in church.
I can also be seen outside too.
I represent someone special.
What am I? - A cross
By Dominic Pereira Year 3

Here is a riddle – a riddle me shout.
What has legs but cannot run?
Do you know, can you guess? - A chair
By Jennifer Sutton Year 3

Hadlow Down Summer Fayre - 16th June

Well, we were so lucky with the weather, never has the met forecasts been so avidly studied. We decided to erect the canvas marquees ahead of schedule and despite small showers we managed to finish the job by ten in the evening. Thank you to all the volunteers who turned up at a moments notice.

I am sure everyone had a good time at the Fayre, there certainly was plenty to do and see. The birds of prey were beautiful and drew a lot of interest. Wizard Zong appeared as if by magic in the nick of time and judging from the shouts and cheers from the marquee, the kids were having a great time. There were several new games to try out this year and as ever the coconut shy and crockery smash did a roaring trade.

Thanks to the ladies running the tea tent and supplying us all with delicious home made confections and good strong tea. The Pimms as ever was popular and the ice cream stall did a steady trade (a big thank you to Marion for preparing the home made ice cream).

So, time to pack away the bunting and reflect on what needs to be improved. If you have any comments or ideas you wish us to consider, please do not hesitate in contacting any member of the committee.

Enjoy the summer months ahead and look forward to seeing you all at the Winterfest!!!

Kathy Cracknell ~ Hadlow Down Village Fayre Committee.

*I thought the Fayre was wonderful - Well done to all the organisers and helpers!
Wendy - (Editor)*

THE GARDEN IN JULY

Now that most of our second-hand bookshops are no more, the Internet has become a main source for out-of-print treasures. Someone mentioned a gardening book, 'Four Hedges', published in 1935 by Claire Leighton. I already knew her as a gifted printmaker and since she had illustrated the book I sent for it. The pictures were stunning – I have substituted one of her illustrations for the Bewick woodcuts I usually use - but she also writes with a passion about gardening which many of us lost souls will recognize. I was particularly struck by a sentence when she likens digging potatoes to 'the exciting uncertainty of a treasure hunt' – perhaps only those who have grown their own vegetables will realize how apt this analogy really is. It also reminded me that I need to dig a few potatoes now to make room for the leeks which are bursting out of their pots and a tray of peas which would like to get their feet into some soil. The potatoes won't be very big but they'll go well with some mint and our first dish of peas. Yum.

A combination of sun and rain has sent the tomatoes and runner beans rushing up their supports, the former making sideshoots faster than I can pick them off while the beans are climbing out of the reach of all but the most determined slugs. I tried two varieties of tomato, 'Galina' and 'Latah' as they were described as 'super early', but so far they've been beaten to it by 'Potato Leaf White', a tomato whose leaves and fruit are accurately described by its name. The peppers in the polytunnel are in flower and the basil at long last has stopped sulking and started growing. Herbs dill, parsley, leaf and seed coriander, chervil, as well as the more usual chives, thyme and rosemary are all flourishing and together with the leaves and flowers of nasturtium and the petals from day-lilies and marigolds pep up our summer salads (must stop writing about food).

Plants growing much more than a metre (3ft) high will normally need staking, and this is best done early – looks terrible at first but the supports will soon be hidden. However, a supply of pea sticks, canes and string can still augment your supports if the plant grows higher or becomes top-heavy. Kiftsgate garden uses old gas pipes in its famous rose garden; these are virtually unobtainable now but recently I struck gold when I found a vanload of marquee poles about to be dumped and a driver only too happy to load them into my car instead. These are ideal, especially in the vegetable garden – if the peas grow higher than the poles, since they are made to be fitted together another one can simply be clicked in – brilliant!

The RHS magazine recently had an article showing that while dividing perennials is usually a job for spring or autumn, for some, summer division is better – *Iris lazica*, for one. The writer experimented with easy subjects such as *Geranium*, *Ophiopogon* and *Sisyrinchium striatum* as well as more demanding subjects such as *Hemerocallis*, hellebores and peony. Some bulked up well, others hardly moved and the paeony looked dead. However, despite fierce summer heat and less than ideal after-care, 90 percent survived including the beloved paeony. Well worth a try.

Ken Mines



The Variety Club

The Variety Club at present is waiting for new producers, directors, choreographers, writers, etc. to help it to rise like a phoenix from the waves. We were fortunate to have some offers of assistance following our quiz night several weeks ago, but lots more commitment is needed both on stage and behind the scenes.



Anyone who can offer that positive commitment should contact me on 01825 830504. Time is running very tight for a production this year, so something in 2008 could be a possibility. Thank you.

Joan Wiltshire



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Greek Pasta Salad

This is a traditional Greek salad with the addition of pasta, which makes it a substantial lunch dish.

300gr/10oz pasta – fusilli is good
250gr punnet of cherry tomatoes – halved
225gr/8oz feta cheese – broken into chunks
crusty bread to serve

100gr/4oz black olives
225gr bag of baby spinach leaves
3 tablespoons olive oil

Cook the pasta for about ten minutes. Throw in the spinach and boil for another 2 minutes. Drain and leave to dry. Tip the tomatoes, olives and cheese into a bowl, grind some black pepper and then drizzle the oil over them. Toss in the drained pasta and spinach and serve with crusty bread.

Parish Emergency Plan

As promised in the June edition of the Parish Magazine you should find the Hadlow Down Emergency Plan leaflet delivered with this months copy. If it is not received or you need extra copies please e-mail TrainingSussex@aol.com or telephone **Eddie Westfield on 01825 830661**.

Over the next few months we are planning to introduce the emergency 'Green Cross' medication identification system for the vulnerable into our community, details will be published in the August edition of the Parish Magazine. We also plan to publish evaluated comparisons of emergency items such as wind-up torches, wind up radios and emergency ration packs later in the year.

If you have any queries regarding the Parish Emergency Plan or any ideas you may think helpful please use the e-mail address or 'phone number above.



DOG TAILS FROM A LOCAL BEHAVIOURIST

Should the owners always be blamed for their dog's bad behaviour?

Whenever there is an incident involving a dog there are always cries from the public and the media that it is the owners fault. Sometimes this is the case, but this is not necessarily so. There are many reasons why dogs behave badly, or demonstrate what we now have to call "unwanted behaviour"! A lot of people are bombarded with often conflicting and very bad advice on training and "punishment". This can be very confusing, especially for the new and inexperienced owner. It is bad enough people suggesting very harsh outdated methods, but it is much worse when it is the trainers at puppy parties or instructors at dog training classes who actually cause a serious behaviour problem. Sometimes they insist on removing the dog from its bewildered owner to demonstrate a training method, or show how to punish it. For example one young dog was taken to a new training club when his owner moved. He had been happy and relaxed with both the members and instructors at his last club but was very worried when confronted with strange dogs and a different hall. The new instructor took the nervous dog away from his owner and tried to force him into the "down" position which the dog resisted. Panicking, the frightened animal then growled, whereupon he was hit and pushed violently to the floor hitting his head. This experience for a young dog was traumatic and he became aggressive with strangers, and after biting someone who put their hand out to stroke him was very sadly put to sleep.

Sometimes it is circumstances beyond the control of the owner that triggers unwanted behaviour such as illness or depression. One lady I helped had put her little terrier into kennels for two weeks while she had a holiday. It had a kennel and run attached to live in. It was a young and very lively dog. Normally a couple of weeks kept in these conditions would be fine but the owner did not return to collect her dog for six months as she was taken seriously ill on holiday. Needless to say this little dog was really wild and out of control when it returned home. Another lady had recently bought a Spaniel puppy before she sadly had a stroke which left her with speech and mobility problems. I always remember her being very upset and saying how she had failed her dog because she had not trained it as well as she would have liked.

Moving house, changing jobs, changing partners or adding new human or canine members of the family can seriously upset some dogs. They then show they are stressed by barking when left, causing problems with neighbours, pooing on beds, wetting on carpets and often chewing up sofas, especially where their favourite person sits as the comforting scent helps relieve their stress.

Dogs from within the same litter can have a wide range of temperaments. I know a family where the son had one Labrador puppy and his mother had another from the same litter. They lived close by and both dogs had the same upbringing. The mother's dog was quiet and placid; the son's dog's aim in life was to attack other dogs! Another interesting case was where two people in the same road had puppies from the same litter. Both were well socialised but one was very timid and nervous with people. The other puppy in the road had a similar background but was bold and outgoing! It can be quite a shock for someone if they have always had biddable easily trained Labradors to discover that their new puppy is more like a devilish fiend than an angelic Andrex puppy! When people have children they quite accept that their offspring will have totally different characters even though they are reared in the same environment with the same house rules. Dogs can have similar natural variations of temperament which can lead to behaviour problems if not taken into account.

Hazel Carter

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The Rudes will be touring to venues across Southern England from Fri 8th June to Bank Holiday Monday 27th August our new play 'Five Get Famous'. It's, of course, a spoof Enid Blyton style mystery with the Five, Julian, Dick, Anne, George and Timmy the dog, having an exciting adventure! The characters are all played by adults in our white-faced cartoon-ised and very physical *commedia dell'arte* style with live original music and songs - and is aimed at adults, although some children (especially those with open-minded parents) will enjoy it too.

It's set in 1940 and the Barnard children have been evacuated to Kirrin Cottage to escape the Blitz. Uncle Quentin is working on a secret project for the Special Operations Executive, while in the village Lady Lurcher is casting for the forthcoming production of Macbeth by the Shakespeare Society. When a toff, Albert Bounder, arrives in the village in a sports car hearts begin to flutter. Simultaneously inexplicable events begin to occur. Menacing snippets from the script are found pinned in unusual places. Lady Lurcher's chickens go missing. Shadowy figures are seen climbing out of Uncle Quentin's study window - and on top of that Cecily, George's older sister, has fallen for the dashing young pilot, 'Bunny' Rabbett, who is about to depart on a secret mission and may end up done in by Jerry. The Five, of course, get to the bottom of it all.

It will be an hilarious satire of village life, the war years and attitudes to class and gender at the time with complex slapstick and physical routines - Enid Blyton meets Miss Marple meets Dad's Army - but it isn't a mere frolic, nor cheap nostalgia. As usual with our work underneath there will be more to the play, a deeply poetic look at childhood, innocence and a kind of Rupert Bear Annual idealised and magical nature - and by implication the loss of all these things in the modern world. It will also have probably our most tender love story so far.

Jenny Gilbert, 'Independent on Sunday' (The Gold Rush - Sunday 16th July, 2006)

'Consistently captivating even when we spectators' backsides have grown numb from sitting on grass.... (The) the triumph of this vibrant production is the lingering conviction that love, friendship, the stream of life and the human spirit all give Fosca a run for his money.'

Tim Teeman, The Times (The Gold Rush - Top 3 Highly Recommended outdoor summer shows (June 2006)

CHURCHWARDEN'S NOTES - JULY

Summer Fayre The Summer Fayre was remarkably successful despite the weather forecasts. The rain held off and there was a good crowd all afternoon. The tea tent did a roaring trade and the produce and bric-a-brac stalls also did well. The draw was very popular on the day and the proceeds were divided between the Church and the School. Overall, the church funds were improved by something over £800, which was very gratifying. Our grateful thanks go to everyone who helped on the day, contributed cakes, produce, bric-a-brac for the stalls and who patronised all our activities.

Service in the Tent The following morning, we once again had a family service in the marquee on the playing fields, which was a pleasant experience for all, including the children who found the other attractions of the playing fields more appealing at times than our service.

Sea Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday 8th July. Our Family Service will have a nautical theme and the collection will go to maritime charities. Please join us if you can.

Readers and Sidesmen We have had no response to our request for more sidesmen and lesson readers. It is not an onerous task but does help the smooth running of our services. Do volunteer if you can. Please let one of us know.

Ride & Stride The annual bike ride and walk in aid of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust will be on Saturday 8th September. The aim is to get sponsors and to visit as many churches in Sussex (or Kent) as you can on that day. Anyone may join in and half the money you raise goes to a church or chapel of your choice. The rest is used to help with the maintenance of historic churches and chapels of all types. Our own church will be open from 9am to 6pm to receive visitors. Call Mike on 830418 to get the forms, then seek out some sponsors and raise some money for a very worthwhile cause.

Quinquennial Inspection We have now received the report of the Quinquennial Inspection which has highlighted quite a number of remedial maintenance tasks and a further need to update some of our electrics; work should start on these within a few months. However, the architect did say that the time for renewing the shingles on the spire is fast approaching, which will be a very expensive item - well in excess of £50,000 - and the PCC will be considering how to find that sort of money over the coming months.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 11 th August	St Mary's Patronal Festival
Saturday 8 th September	Sussex Historic Churches Bike Ride
Friday 12 th October	Harvest Supper
Saturday 17 th November	3M's Fair.

Anne Yarrow

Mike Ford

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or email sarah.roberts@sussex.pnn.police.uk - for other areas contact your local PCSO on the Sussex Police website <http://www.sussex.police.uk/>

**FOUND – GENTLEMEN'S FRAMELESS SPECTACLES
In a Red Leatherette Case with a Pink Lens Cloth**

Outside the Playing Field after The Fayre



Mediation+ A Charitable Organisation

I am writing regarding Mediation+ a charitable organisation offering mediation to those in dispute. The service covers the Wealden, Eastbourne and Lewes District areas and also incorporates a Time 2 Talk (intergenerational) mediation service.

We last contacted you in November of last year regarding our Service and I would again greatly appreciate it if you were able to display the attached information in your parish circular/magazine, or where appropriate, as part of our aim to raise awareness of mediation and it's benefits to those who may require it and who may find themselves in dispute or conflict.

Pauline Townsend. - Mediation+ Manager - Tel: 01323 442781

HADLOW DOWN PLAYING FIELD



Many thanks to all those who responded to our appeal for junk (I really will have to stop calling it that) **TREASURE**. The rally was another successful event and even the threatening weather behaved itself. The Playing Field team were in action from Friday to Monday and as one member remarked, it was a pleasure to go back to work for a rest. We managed to make enough money to cover our annual costs which was a huge relief, although now we have discovered the pavilion roof is leaking so major expense awaits us there.

It is very heartening to have been offered two lots now ready for next year and we will be collecting and storing those shortly. Anytime during the year we are always grateful for, outdoor/garden/workshop items although white elephant type **TREASURE** does attract the wives and children and is equally welcome. If in doubt please phone **830319** And again THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Peter Gillies

Don't Miss the Show!
Hadlow Down Horticultural Show
Saturday 4th August in the Village Hall

Classes for everyone - vegetables, flowers, cookery,
painting, photography, poetry,
needlework, knitting, flower arranging.
Special classes for men and children.

Photographers: This is your chance to enter the
Hadlow Down Horticultural Show
Saturday 4th August in the Village Hall

Class 68 Photograph – “Garden Shed”

Class 69 Photograph – “Winter Scene”

Class 70 Photograph – “Something beginning with A”

All photographs to be unmounted, unframed and no larger than 7”x 5”



The Hadlow Down Horticultural Show
On Saturday 4th August In The Village Hall

Is Not Just For Gardeners - It Has Something For Everyone
Flower Arrangers – Photographers – Poets – Cooks
Artists – Men - Women & Children
So There Must Be A Class For You.
Do Please Enter This Friendly Competition.

For Entry Forms & Details, Please Ring Barbara Ball - 830231



Are You Or Is Anyone In Your Family Under 14 Years?
Be A Winner At The

Hadlow Down Horticultural Show
Saturday 4th August In The Village Hall

(No Entry Fee For Children's Entries In Any Classes In Show)

Classes 75-77 To Be Judged In 2 Groups: Under 8 Yrs And 8-14yrs)

Class 75 Make Something Out For Fruit And/Or Vegetables

Class 76 A Sandwich For Lunch (On Own Plate)

Class 77 Birthday Card For A Friend

Please Contact Barbara Ball 830231 For Entry Forms

HORTICULTURAL SHOW Saturday 4th August

SECTION 1 – Vegetables

1. A garden **trug** of mixed vegetables (excluding herbs) to be judged on contents, quality and general presentation. Maximum length of **trug** 24”
2. Four potatoes - one variety - White
3. Four potatoes - one variety - coloured
4. Three onions
5. Four shallots - pickling or large
6. Three Bulbs Garlic
7. Four carrots - one variety
8. Six runner beans
9. Six French beans
10. Six pods of peas
11. 10 mange-tout
12. Two heads lettuce
13. Six Salad Radishes
14. Six cherry type tomatoes (or small plum)
15. Four standard tomatoes
16. Three globe beet
17. Four courgettes not over 6”
18. Two cucumbers
19. A mis-shapen vegetable
20. Any vegetable not covered in schedule
21. Collection of **five** culinary herbs, named - one stem of each only - small pots provided.
22. **Five** unusual Herbs, named - one of each only - pots provided.

SECTION 2 –Fruit

23. Ten bilberries
24. Six strings blackcurrants
25. Six strings currants - red or white
26. Ten gooseberries
27. Ten soft fruit
28. Any other fruit (one)
29. A Bunch of grapes

SECTION 3 - Flowers

30. Single rose - one specimen bloom
31. Cluster-flowered rose - one stem
32. Flowering shrub - three stems, one variety **excluding** hydrangeas
33. Three heads hydrangeas - mop head type
34. Three heads hydrangeas - lace cap type
- Five sweet peas - mixed
35. Three stems dahlias - one variety
36. Vase of herbaceous perennials one or more varieties, four stems only
37. Vase of annuals - one or more varieties, six stems only
38. Lilies- one stem
39. One Stem Penstemon
40. Fuchsias - two stems, one variety
41. A pot plant (see rule 2)

SECTION 4 - Domestic Classes

42. Five fruit scones
43. A loaf of bread (not using a bread maker)
44. A Carrot cake
45. Six Cheese Straws
46. Novelty Cake(judged on decoration only)
47. Five pieces shortbread
48. Three Chocolate muffins
49. Cheese and broccoli Quiche
50. Jar of marmalade
51. Jar of chutney or pickle
52. Jar of jam – soft or stone
53. Small jar of jelly – fruit or herb
54. A lemon drizzle cake (**Men only**)

SECTION 5 - Flower arranging

55. “Gone Fishing” 24”Allowed
56. “Wooded Glade” (foliage only). 18”Allowed
57. My favourite Vase or Container. 12”Allowed
58. “Petite Arrangement”. 9”Allowed

SECTION 6 - Craft & Photography

(Items not previously exhibited at this show)

59. A hand knitted garment
 60. A Hat.
 61. An article of patchwork
 62. A Poster for the 2008, Hadlow Down Horticultural Show (A4 Size)
 63. An item of embroidery (finished work)
 64. Canvas embroidery (finished work)
 65. Article of craft in any material (i.e. wood metal clay)
 66. A Poem ”The Village Fayre”(A4 Paper, name on back)
- All photographs to be unmounted, unframed and no larger than 7”x 5”
67. Photograph – “Garden Shed”
 68. Photograph – “Winter Scene”
 69. Photograph – “Something beginning with A”

SECTION 7 – Art

70. A Portrait in any medium.
71. Still Life in any medium
72. A Landscape in any medium
73. An Abstract any medium

SECTION 8 - Junior classes

(14years and under on day of show)

(No entry fee for children’s entries in any classes in show) Classes 75-77 to be judged in 2 groups, under 8 yrs and 8-14yrs

74. Make something out for fruit and/or vegetables
75. A Sandwich for Lunch (on own plate)
76. A Birthday Card for a friend

Please contact Barbara Ball 830231 for entry forms.



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL
Held in the Village Hall, Hadlow Down at 7.30 pm on Tuesday April 3rd
2007

Present: Cllrs Paul James, David Walker, Jo Dummer, Graham Terry and Marian Wilson. Also in attendance were PC Steve Etherington, Joan Wiltshire and James (Courier) and Jean Holmwood (Clerk)

Paul opened the meeting by passing on condolences to Vicky for the death of her father.

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** There were no questions.
2. **PCSO Tam Bennett:** In Tam's absence Steve gave details of the following incidents:- RTC (Road Traffic Collision) with a car on its side – no injuries. A Man with a rifle in Stonehurst Lane. Several units attended but no trace. RTC A272/Tinkers Lane – 2 vehicles with minor injuries. Steve gave details of the tack marking scheme that Tam had told us about. It was now up and running. The PCSO's will come to the tack owner and mark their items with a unique number and the police logo. It is available free of charge to all. Not only does it help to get items returned to their owners but also helps the Police to prosecute the offenders. *(The Clerk will give the details to the Parish Magazine.)* Steve said that Tam would update us next time about the New Inn, the school and the Road Safety film. She would also be in attendance at the Summer Fayre. Steve said that he was now trained with the speed gun. Cameras had been ordered 3 weeks ago but had a 6 week waiting time. Offending motorists can have tickets issued by Steve but the system can also be used locally for advisory purposes. Sussex Police will write to offenders. Graham reported that a vehicle had hit the Summer Fayre sign and also damaged the School Lane sign at the same time. It had been reported to ESCC by a resident.
3. **APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE:** Colin and Vicky had sent their apologies (reasons recorded) Cllr. Norman Buck had also sent his apologies.
4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Paul declared a personal interest on 5 Wheelers Lane under planning below.
5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (AGM)** held on May 8th 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record. (Previously circulated).
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - i. Clerk's update on previous matters. The Clerk reported that Highways had been attending to the matters reported to Andy Brook recently. Cllr Tony Reid had acted swiftly after the AGM by sending an email to various Highways departments. All agreed that the works had made a very noticeable difference to the village. The Clerk will thank Tony for his help and ESCC for their eventual attendance... The Clerk had received an email about fly tipping again in Brick Kiln Lane. She had advised WDC.... The Clerk had received a call from WDC regarding the gullies in Five Chimneys Lane. They had said that they may contact Fiona, who advised that she had not heard from them.... Highways rang to say that they had replaced some of the bollards opposite Jason's Keep and were going to make the hedge safe the next week, as well as infill with tarmac as a temporary measure. They will soon be kerbing it, a job which will need temporary traffic lights. It is on a priority list.... Highways have also marked the footpath in School Lane for re-surfacing, mainly in the vicinity of the Council Cottages.... The Main Road, Wheelers Lane to School Lane, the pavements have also been marked for repair. They will also dig out and take away the surplus (at the Clerk's suggestion). They had asked if householders could cut their hedges back to make the job more accessible.The Clerk also reported that the subcontractors to the Council had all replied with details of their PL insurance.... Andy LeGresley had emailed to said that Mr Hills had agreed to have a dog latch installed next to the site in Waghorns Lane. Hopefully to be erected in the next 6 – 8 weeks.... The hole in the road at Waghorns Lane had re-appeared but the Clerk had reported it and it had been quickly filled again.... Vicky had checked the lists of finger posts as sent by ESCC – the details are incorrect! The saga continues.... WDC environmental health dept had responded about the petrol storage tanks at the New Inn, but the response was not satisfactory. The Clerk will contact them again.... The Clerk reminded all Councillors that their election expenses claim forms should have been returned by now, even zero claims... The Clerk is compiling an up to date list of Councillor's names, addresses, phones and emails which will be circulated soon.... The minutes of the Clerk's review meeting had been circulated and were accepted by all. They would be printed on coloured paper and filed with the monthly minutes, but are private and not accessible to the public.
 - ii. Dogs in Wheelers Lane – a letter had been received from WDC in response to the one sent. The comments were discussed and agreed that they were not satisfactory. A further complaint had been received from a Parishioner who had emailed a complaint and a further email with another complaint had been sent to David. Steve Etherington said that he would make further enquiries and report back to us.
 - iii. Response from ESCC Highways following our letter and Cllr Reid's email. Also requesting a meeting in the village. (This had been covered under the Clerk's report.
7. **PLANNING** –to include any applications granted/denied and new applications (listed below)
APPLICATIONS discussed at planning meeting on May 14th in presence of Cllrs Walker, P James, C James, Richards, Dummer and Terry. *(Note above - Paul had shown a personal interest in 5 Wheelers Lane)*
WD/2007/1180/F The New Inn, Main Road: Conversion of garage building into a detached dwelling and erection of a new dwelling with associated works, including the construction of a new access and a new car park on land adjacent to the New Inn. *This had been deferred for a meeting with WDC planners, but after consultation it was decided to return the same comments as previously sent.*
WD/2007/1181/LB The New Inn, Main Road: Conversion of garage building into a detached dwelling and erection of a new dwelling together with associated works, including the construction of a new access and a car park. See above.
WD/2076/1128/F Laurel House, Wilderness Lane: Extension to rear. *No objections but feel that the house has now reached its full potential.*

WD/2007/1257/F 5 Wheelers Lane: Demolition of existing rear lean-to structure and construction of two-storey side extension and rear porch. **No objections**

WD/2007/1159 Hastingford House, Hastingford Lane: retrospective application for erection of a tree house. *No objections.*

APPLICATIONS discussed at planning meeting on May 29th – in presence of Cllrs. Walker, P James, C James and Wilson.

WD/2007/1037/F The Brooms, Tinkers Lane: New detached garage. New entrance gate and brickwing. *We object to this application on the grounds that we would like to see the garage built to match the house ie. Brick and tiles, and feel that the walls and piers to the drive are too high and intrusive in a rural setting in an AONB.* Note. The owner was at the meeting and advised the Council that the architect had made an error on the plans. The garage is to be brick and tile. He also advised that the gates needed to be as the plan as the bank is falling away. Paul gave him advice about the height of the pillars and suggested that he sent photographs to WDC to explain the problem.

WD/2007/1541/OH Buxted 06. Overhead line refurbishment and re-build. No objections.

WD/2007/1474/F Coles Hall Barns, Five Ashes: to replace an existing block of 5 garages with a new block of 5 garages. No objections. *(This application had been added to the agenda on May 19th but was deferred for a site visit. The Council agreed unanimously after the site visit.)*

GRANTED APPLICATIONS

WD/2007/0805/F Fir Tree Cottage, School Lane: Proposed replacement garage

WD/2007/0884/F Hope Farm, Brick Kiln Lane: Garage

WD/2007/0516/F Land at Nashes Farm: Construction of a 50m x 20m outdoor riding arena with surrounding timber fence for private use only.

WD/2007/0602/F Passalls Farm, Wilderness Lane: 2 storey rear extension to form a new lounge and master bedroom suite. New detached garage and log store. Closure of one vehicular access to Wilderness Lane and extension to drive to form a turning area.

8. **REPORT FROM CLLR. TONY REID, EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.** No report in Cllr. Reid's absence.

9. **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS (COUNCIL MATTERS AND OUTSIDE BODIES)**

i. Village Action Plan, Rights of Way, Highways and Footpaths – *(See 16i below)* In Vicky's absence she had sent a letter for the Council's consideration, written by Peter Gornall, to respond to the letter sent by Bryn Kemp of ESCC regarding speed limits. It was agreed to send as written. Vicky will attend a County Roads Assessment meeting on a date to be arranged. Paul suggested that a letter should be sent to Peter Haining, the Rally organiser, asking that they cut back their hedges between Bracherlands and the Rally field before the next meeting. The Council supports the Rally completely but the weather has caused the vegetation to encroach onto the verge which becomes an unofficial footpath on Rally days.

ii. Neighbourhood Watch, New Village Hall Working Party and Playing Field Committee – NHW - Graham advised that there had been no response from ESCC about the wrong locations for the NHW signs. He will keep trying.... New Village Hall – The Trustees have said that they will grant a long lease for the land but it may take time. It was a positive move. Guy has said that he will help with the fund-raising. There is to be a Playing Field Committee meeting this week.

iii. Burial Ground – Marian told the meeting that she had walked round the BG. There seemed to be some litter lying about. She commented that the sides of the lane were overgrown. Paul asked the Clerk to contact Phil and ask him to attend, as usual. Marian commented on the state of the gate. The Clerk had only received one quote, the other company had never replied to calls. It was decided not to replace the gate, as it was never shut. Paul said that he would take the remains of the old one away.

iv. Village Hall Management Committee and Parish Emergency Plan – Jo reported that the toilets in the village hall were leaking, believed underground. The whole system really needs replacing as the pipes are rotten and leaking. The premises license is in the pipeline and a few minor repairs are needed. The risk assessment had been done (the Clerk asked for a copy)

v. Wealden Association of Local Councils and Safer Wealden Partnership – No report in Colin's absence.

10. **FINANCE:** No other matters

11. **BANK RECONCILIATION** – Presented, checked and signed as correct.

12. **CLERK'S HOURS** – The Clerk presented her hours with a diary record from May 9th. The total hours worked were 82 ½. It was agreed, under the revised hours, discussed at the Clerk's review on May 8th, to pay the newly agreed straight monthly hours of 52 plus an additional 6 hours which were incurred attending meetings. The rest would be considered at the 3 monthly review.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT - agreed and cheques signed

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i. **Jean Holmwood. Wages** £ 593.23. **Expenses** £30.00. Total £623.23.

ii. **CAB** - £150. Cheque drawn but will not be sent until the previous one is returned from CAB.

iii. **SLCC** - £70. For the fees for the Clerk's CiLCA course, she will be starting at the end of the month. Agreed in principle at the meeting on December 5th 2006.

iv. **SLCC** - £47. Advance payment for a Clerk's meeting later in the year.

14. **TRAINING:** The Clerk gave Councillors a brief resume of the training day she had attended at WDC regarding the new Code of Conduct

WDC – details had been received of a Clerk's Conference in July. Agreed that the Clerk can attend.

CPRE – skills seminar for Cllrs. on the planning system to be held in October. No-one to attend.

SLCC – details of Clerk's conference to be held in November. Agreed that the Clerk could attend and the fee can be paid in advance.

SALC – details received of a Chairman's training day. Chairman unable to attend.

- SALC – details received of a Clerk's day to cover the new audit requirements. Agreed the Clerk can attend.
- 15 OTHER MATTERS –**
- i. Jo – Emergency Plan – costing of leaflets. Jo advised the meeting that Peter Gornall had offered to print the leaflets that were needed for the Emergency Plan. The anticipated cost was expected to be about £30-40 but no more than £50. The payment was agreed.
 - ii. Jean – asked the Council to consider adding 10 minutes public question time to planning agendas. Agreed.
 - iii. Vicky – had request for a donation for the road safety film project. It was agreed in principle but the final sum to be agreed when details of other funding had been confirmed.
 - iv. Jo – requested that the scale ruler should always be available at planning meetings. Noted.
- 16. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED NEEDING RESPONSE.**
- i. Letter from ESCC regarding changes to speed limits requiring response. Passed to Vicky and copied to all Councillors. (*See 9i above*)
 - ii. Email from Karl Parks of the Wealden Community Support service, offering to come and speak about the work of the service. *The Clerk will find out more about the talk before a decision is made.*
 - iii. Email from parishioner regarding the cutting of hedges in Wheelers Lane. Council not responsible, land owner should be made aware. *Clerk will reply to the informant.*
 - iv. Details of an event for Parish and Town Councils to be held in June for the LDF. Background papers can be viewed from June 1st at http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Planning_and_Building_Control/Local_Plan/ *No-one able to attend.*
 - v. Email from AiRS about Village Action Plans. *Forwarded to Vicky.*
 - vi. Email requiring response before June 8th regarding Emergency Plan. *Forwarded to Jo.*
 - vii. Email from Peter Gornall about the possibility of promoting a local transport scheme. *Noted – the Clerk will reply to Peter.*
 - viii. AiRS – details of an event “Projects for People” to be held in June. *Noted – no-one able to attend..*
 - ix. Email from Maresfield PC about a Volunteer Driving Scheme. *Forwarded to Vicky.*
 - x. Clerks and Councils Direct – offering extra copies for Councillors. *Not needed.*
 - xi. UKVillages Community kitty – details of grants available. *Passed to Graham.*
 - xii. WDC – notes from the recent LDF workshop. *Noted and filed.*
 - xiii. Email from High Weald AONB with details of grants available. *Passed to Graham*
 - xiv. Email advising damage to the School Lane sign and the village banner.
 - xv. Email from parishioner complaining about the dogs in Wheelers Lane
 - xvi. Details of an event organised by AiRS for groups interested in getting things done in the community.
- 17. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – FOR FILING OR DISTRIBUTION**
- i. Matrix magazine received from High Weald. *Noted and filed*
 - ii. Advice of an EASYLINK meeting later in the month *Email forwarded to Vicky*
 - iii. Letter from Social Services with leaflets “Supporting People Programme”. *Poster on notice board – Clerk has leaflets if wanted*
 - iv. AiRS Annual Review. *Noted and filed*
 - v. Notes from the recent Volunteer Driving Scheme meeting received by email. *Forwarded to Vicky.*
 - vi. Wealden Local Strategic Partnership – Tool kit and details from the recent LDF workshop. *Filed*
 - vii. ESCC in Figures Newsletter. *Filed*
 - viii. Minutes of the AGM of the WDALC – (*Email forwarded to Colin*)
- 18. ITEMS RECEIVED BY MAIL/EMAIL AND AVAILABLE TO FORWARD OR VIEW.**
- i. Details of the “Give a Little, Gain a Lot” development project from the Eastbourne Association of Voluntary Services
 - ii. WDC Trevor Scott – Code of recommended practice on Local Authority Publicity and Power Point presentation of the New Code of Conduct..
 - iii. “Fit for the Future” –
 - iv. Report from the Ramblers Association giving results of a recent survey. *To be emailed to Vicky.*

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE on Tuesday 3rd of JULY 2007 at 7.00 P.M.

HADLOW DOWN DIARY - JULY 2007



Every Tuesday at 9.30am	Holy Communion	St Mark's Church
Every Tuesday at 5.30pm	Evening Prayer	St Mark's Church
Every Tuesday at 7.00pm	Short Mat Bowls	Village Hall

1st Sunday **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 9.15am **Parish Communion**
 Readings: 1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Gal 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62

3rd Tuesday 7.30pm **Parish Council Meeting** Village Hall

4th Wednesday 7.30pm **Parochial Church Council** Hadlow Lodge

6th Friday 10.15am **School Leavers Service** St Mark's Church

 6.30pm **Youth Club** Playing Fields

 6-8.00pm **Rose Cottage Garden Open for Charity**

8th Sunday **SEA SUNDAY** (Fifth Sunday after Trinity)
 8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)**
 9.15am **Family "All Ages" Service**

12th Thursday 7.30pm **Concert – Fujita Piano Trio** St Margaret's Church

15th Sunday **SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 9.15am **Parish Communion**
 Readings: Deut 30.9-14; Col 1.1-14; Luke 10.25-37

19th Thursday 1.45 & 6.30pm **School Show "The Button Box"** Village Hall

20th Friday 6.30pm **Youth Club**

22nd Sunday **SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 9.15am **Jubilate Family Communion**
 Readings: Col 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-42

27th Friday 2.45pm **Teddy Bear's Picnic** Wilderness Wood

29th Sunday **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 9.15am **Parish Communion**
 Readings: Gen 18.20-32; Col 2.6-15; Luke 11.1-13

30th Monday 10.30 & 2.00pm **Fairy Gardens** Wilderness Wood

31st Tuesday 11.30am **Castaway** Wilderness Wood

August

1st Wednesday 10.00am **Crafty Stuff - Family Workshop** Wilderness Wood

3rd Friday 10.00am **Survive in the Wild** Wilderness Wood

4th Saturday 2.00pm **Horticultural Society Annual Show** Village Hall

5th Sunday **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
 9.15am **Parish Communion**
 Readings: Eccl 1.2,12-23; Col 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Sidesman</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
1 st	Mr Waddington	Mr Waddington	Mrs Yarrow
8 th	Mrs Jenkins	Mrs Jenkins	Children
15 th	Mrs Yarrow	Mrs Yarrow	Mr Waddington
22 nd	Mrs Jenkins	Mrs Jenkins	Children
29 th	Mr Ford	Mrs Yarrow	Mr Banks
5 th	Mr Waddington	Mr Waddington	Mrs Yarrow