

# PARISH ST. MARK'S HADLOW DOWN Magazine

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Children take the lead by creating a film for the Campaign to Reduce the Speed in Hadlow Down

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## A Message from the Rector

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Yours in Christ's service

**John**

The Rev John Challis ~ The Rectory ~ Church Road ~ Buxted  
St Margaret's ~ St Mary's Buxted ~ St Mark's Hadlow Down

Jenny, Josie and I would like to thank everybody who has sent their love and greetings upon her early arrival. The lack of sleep is shocking. As I write she is twelve days old and I feel I have lost twelve nights and days of sleep. So if I seem more grumpy than usual please forgive me! Everyone says it gets better but I know that the time that she eventually falls asleep now will be the time that I will have to collect her from parties when she's older! I can not wait for the middle bit! One wonders what sort of world Josie will grow up into. One frightening statistic is that near enough 70% of all jobs that today's primary School children will do have not yet even been invented. Why? Because they will be using the latest technology that in itself has not been invented yet! Now that's a scary thought. How we are meant to keep up to date the mind boggles. One thing I know will not change is God however; I might have to learn new ways of retelling the message...

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

A while ago I wrote about the difficulties that St Mark's Church faces with regards to its running costs. I mentioned that the loss of the Church in the village would be I think, very sad for the community. In one sense whether people attend the Church or not the Church is always there for them. That is the role of the Parish Church. So I am delighted to find that some people have started to make donation to St Marks. One lady has collected £25 of 20p pieces. It may seem small but it is huge in the life of St Mark's and I thank her and other most deeply. If everyone were able to make such a small effort yearly St Mark's would be much better placed to serve the community of Hadlow Down. Thank you and may God bless you.

Rev John Challis

## **CHURCHWARDENS NOTES - September**

**Welcome and Congratulations** We're sure that everyone in the village will join with us in welcoming *Josephine Emily Challis* into this world and to congratulate Jenny and John on their great fortune in becoming parents. We send all three our love and very best wishes for the future and assure them that we pray for their continuing good health and happiness.

**United Parish** The three PCCs of the United Benefice have been working towards uniting the three parishes of Buxted and Hadlow Down into a single ecclesiastical parish. This will have very little impact on the day to day activities of St Mark's, but will make significant savings in administration costs and time, and particularly ease a lot of the time pressures of our rector. The Church Commissioners of the Church of England have to approve the change, in the form of a Pastoral Scheme. Before doing so, they are required by law to allow anyone in the parish to object. A Statutory Notice to this effect is now displayed on the notice board by the church door and a copy of the draft Scheme is in the church. Any representations have to be received by the Church Commissioners by 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Although approved by the Commissioners, the Scheme cannot be implemented until those on the electoral roll of the three parishes have voted to approve the change at a Special Parochial Church Meeting, to be held later this year. Parishioners will receive full details of how the changes will affect all the parishes and there will be a meeting(s) when questions and queries can be raised and answered. In the meantime, anyone with any particular questions may contact one of us or Revd John.

**Church Self-Help Day.** As noted last month, the Quinquennial Inspection Report has highlighted quite a number of remedial maintenance tasks which could be fixed by self-help. We hope to hold a Church Work Saturday in early October when we will be seeking volunteers for a number of tasks, including cleaning out the Bell Tower, which is full of old birds nests, clearing some of the gullies, window cleaning inside and out, painting the gates, and various tidying tasks in the church as well as the churchyard. If you could help with any of these things, please let Revd John or one of us know and we will contact you later to discuss arrangements. We hope we can make it a family day and there will be refreshments and something for the children to do as well.

**Ride & Stride** The annual bike ride and walk in aid of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Dates for your Diary.**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

Sussex Historic Churches Bike Ride

Concert for Hospice at St Margaret's

Animal Service at St Margaret's

Harvest Supper

Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunch

for those not going to the Harvest Supper

3M's Fair.

Craft Fair in St Mark's Church

Anne Yarrow

Mike Ford

## FRONT PAGE STORY

What an extraordinary week it has been for the children of St.Mark's Primary School in Hadlow Down. It has been a real privilege for the children of the School because for a whole week they had at their disposal an entire professional film crew and equipment to make a very special film on 'living in a village on the A272 - a children's eye view'.

What is so special? It is so special because the children 'wrote the script'.

It is so special because the children did the directing

It is so special because the children did the acting

It is so special because the children did ALL THE CAMERA WORK

It is so special because the children did absolutely everything themselves

It is so special also because we now all know just exactly **how these children** feel about speeding uncontrollable traffic through their village, and how it affects their lives

Apart from being shown how to work the cameras these primary children did everything themselves – I was witness to that. The making of this film is due to Vicky Richards who has worked TIRELESSLY on the Council for the past FOUR YEARS to get at the very least a 30mph speed limit to absolutely no avail. Along with so many others I applaud you Vicky. You have, along with the Crew and the children, done a fantastic job and we all await to see it on Blue Peter and all the TV networks.

**Jo Dummer**

Last week was very special because I learned how to act and learned about filming too. There were a lot of re-takes but it was fun to be with my friends. I cant wait to see the film!

**Harry Boorman**

We took part in making a film about road safety and the speed of traffic passing through the village. We had great fun acting, filming, making props and we look forward to our film (hopefully!) being shown on the BBC production 'Blue Peter'.

**James and Elizabeth Turner**

We didn't know what to expect at the start of the week. Vicky and John introduced us to Meg, Anthony and Max who were going to help us make a film about slowing cars down in Hadlow Down. We talked about road safety and started planning the story line. We were divided into Artists, Actors and Camera crew. We practiced our lines and how we would work with the cameras. When the filming started the camera crew was split into two groups (girls and boys), the girls filmed an old fashioned car and the boys filmed us crossing the A272. We shot 6 scenes. After each days filming we watched the rushes and laughed to see the funny mistakes made while filming.

I enjoyed every single bit about the week, and am very glad that John and Vicky arranged for Meg, Anthony and Max to help us create a film. I can't wait to see the whole film.

**Abby**

## BATTLE OF BRITAIN

This is an article written by Richard Boswell for the Parish Magazine in September 1976 when he was 10 years of age.

To me the Battle of Britain is just history but there must be many people in Hadlow Down who remember it very well. I am, however, very interested in this so, as September is the anniversary month, the Editor asked me to write about my discoveries which I found out by talking to local people who were here at the time.

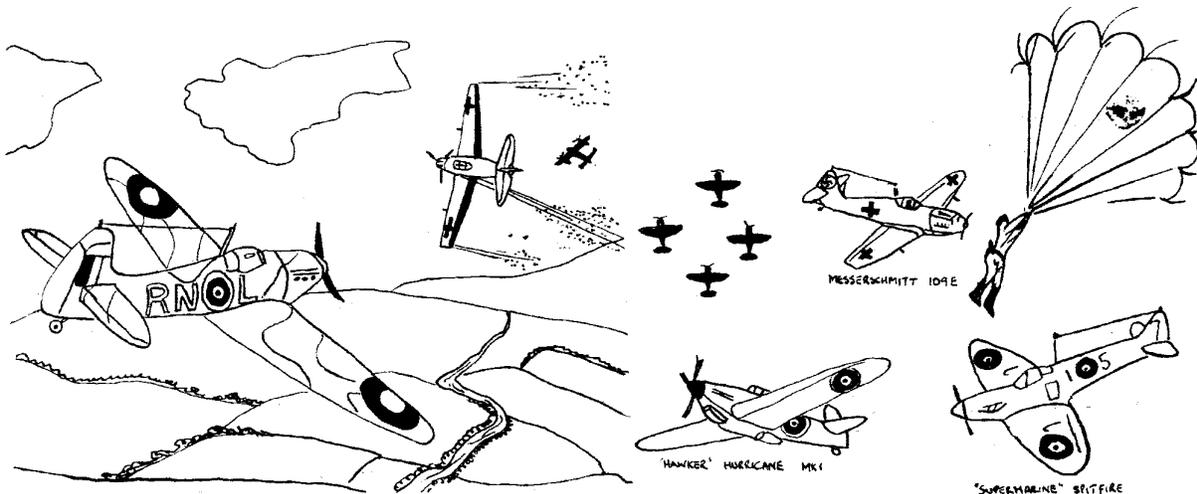
The battle didn't really start over Hadlow Down until August 1940 when the Luftwaffe attacked the fighter stations in the South East, but odd Dorniers on reconnaissance could be seen in late July. It is believed the first bombs in the district fell on Jarvis Brook. A lull then occurred before the attacks on fighter sector stations though the attacks on the coastal radar stations could be heard from here.

The first big dog fight was on August 15<sup>th</sup> over the Hadlow Down area during which one or two bombs were dropped on Buxted. On the following day the battle continued and a bomb fell which killed two farmer's sons at Socus Farm (now Rostrons Carnation Growers). This landed in the farmyard in front of a cow shed killing the men and some cows and extensively damaged farm buildings. At the same time, bombs fell in Hadlow Park (now part of Hadlow Farm) and again several cows were killed.

On August 30<sup>th</sup> at approximately 11.50 am a Heinkel 111 crashed in what was then Roy Hill Holiday Camp, occupied at that time by the East Lancashire Regiment. This is now a fir tree plantation behind Shepherds Hill Fruit Farm. The two crew members were killed and are buried in Uckfield cemetery. On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September a Spitfire was shot down at Howbourne Farm. It apparently power dived into the ground so deep that it was never fully recovered. The pilot was killed and it is said that there was only sufficient of his body to put into a sandbag.

Dog fights continued virtually daily then until late October. On October 6<sup>th</sup> a ME 109 was shot down at Mayfield Flat. The pilot, Unterofficer P Lege was killed and is buried in the Hadlow Down Churchyard. I have searched through the gravestones to find the grave but could not do so. I imagine the grave is unmarked but if anyone can tell me where the grave is, I would like to know. I have been told that his body may have been taken back to Germany and I would like to know what actually happened.

I have been to Biggin Hill several times on Battle of Britain Day and I especially like to see the Spitfire and Hurricane and listen to the sound of their Merlin engines.



These drawings by Richard have been reduced from the originals to fit into the space available



# THE GARDEN

While gardeners will happily join with Keats to celebrate the season of mellow fruitfulness, they're not always so keen on his enthusiasm for mists. For mists mean damp, and damp weather which is also warm is not good news for tomatoes. Many growers this year have seen the tell-tale signs of tomato blight – yellowing and browning of the leaves, followed by browning of the fruits and stems. There's no cure – all one can do is to remove the affected portions of the plant and hope. Blight appeared on our tomatoes in the polytunnel as early as mid-July. Without much hope the plants were sprayed with a solution of copper sulphate – we knew it wouldn't cure already diseased plants but hoped it might just prevent it spreading. Alas, as always, it didn't. I started to cut out diseased foliage, but as I worked it was clear that it was so widespread that all the leaves had to come off. These gone, I now saw that blight had spread to some of the tomatoes and stems, so with a heavy heart all the plants were removed and taken to the dump (never composted, of course – the disease would survive composting). However, I noticed that three plants seemed to be unaffected and already bore some large tomatoes, so as an experiment these were left. Three weeks later, the tomatoes were still unaffected and ripening – it seems possible that this variety, 'Carlton', may be resistant to tomato blight. Here's hoping.

Blight's not the only success story of 2007 – gastropods (slugs and snails) are also booming. They enjoy the wet, of course, but since they were already at plague proportions earlier in the year during a drought it's likely that our increasingly mild winters are to blame. Go out after dark with a torch if you want to see them come out to play and take up their dinner reservations among your crops. What you do then is up to you, but leaving them to their midnight feasts probably isn't a good idea. Chickens will eat them, otherwise a quick chop with the side of a trowel is a quicker and more humane ending than sprinkling them with salt. Don't just chuck them into the hedge or into your neighbour's garden – that's anti-social and anyway they have remarkable homing instincts – like King Arthur or Arnie, they'll be back. I can also report that the shallow open box with copper tape stuck all around its edges which I made last month has kept both slugs and snails off young kale plants replacing those which had been scythed to the ground overnight by these slimy chompers. Now that the plants are big enough to look after themselves the box will be moved to protect a sowing of pak-choi (gastropods just **love** pak-choi).

Several of our old-fashioned roses are enjoying a late flush, but most are over, so it's time to deadhead faded blooms and shorten long stems to reduce wind rock. Any pruning around 30cm long could be used as hardwood cuttings if you need to increase your stock – they take about a year to make roots. Lavender bushes also need pruning when their flowers fade, but don't cut back too far into old wood. Plants need to flower in order to survive, so if you cut off those that have faded the plant will often produce more. Keep an eye on any tender plants you want to save for next year and pot these later in the month so that they are established when you need to bring them under cover when the weather turns colder, if possible (written in late August).

There's just time for outdoor sowings of lettuce, salad leaves, winter spinach, turnips (for their tops) and spring cabbage. A cloche cover will help germination. Plant pots and borders with wallflowers and check that you've got some tulips to go with them. It's **always** cheaper to buy these mail order than from garden centres – Parker's for me, as usual.



**Ken Mines**

## TIMES PAST

The New Inn did not really have much of a chance when fire broke out in the early morning of Saturday December 13 1890. There was nobody in the building. The licensee Frederick Winter was apparently living elsewhere. The nearest fire brigade was at Uckfield, several miles away, and there were no telephones. When the alarm was raised at 3am the pub was well and truly alight.

A messenger set off for Uckfield but by the time enough firemen were assembled and the horses rounded up and harnessed to the fire engine it was 5am. When the fire brigade reached Hadlow Down the New Inn was gutted. The roof had fallen in. Valiant efforts had apparently been made to save some of the furniture but much of it was burnt.

Determined to do what they could after coming all that way at that hour, the firemen set to work. Two small ponds were pumped out in their battle with the flames but they then ran out a hose to a large pond in private grounds 200 yards away. With the aid of this plentiful water supply and by cutting away the floor of part of the building, they succeeded in saving one room and the stables.

Mystery surrounded the cause of the blaze although there was talk of very large fires being made up on the previous evening. But a number of suspicious circumstances came to light when the luckless Frederick Winter underwent a public examination in bankruptcy before Mr Registrar Stone at Tunbridge Wells, five weeks after the New Inn had met its fiery, if temporary end.

It appeared that Winter had moved to the New Inn from the Eight Bells at Buxted about nine months previously, in debt to the tune of about £200. He hoped to recover his fortunes at Hadlow Down, but instead he got into further difficulties. His takings were about £6 a week, yielding a profit of just over £2.

Mr C Bodkin asked if it was true that he had removed some of his furniture in a wagon very early in the morning, "long before daylight", two days before the fire. Winter denied this but when the Registrar asked if anyone else had done it on his behalf or at his direction, his reply was evasive: "Not that I know of. Not to carry them away". Mr Bodkin pressed him: "He was seen to do it. Did any wagon come up to your house that morning?" Winter replied: "It might have done. It might have gone by".

When asked by Mr Bodkin if he had removed his wife and family from the Inn a day or two before the fire, Winter said that one of his creditors had put in a bailiff and his wife did not want to stop there. He denied that on the Thursday before the fire he had supplied free beer to his customers and given them bottles of spirits to take away. Mr Bodkin: "A customer of yours tells us that he received them and others had the same. How did he come by them?" "He stole them if he had them", retorted Winter. Replying to further questions, Winter said he left the pub at 10pm Friday night and returned between 5am and 6am. He denied that he had already arranged to file a petition in bankruptcy and said he did not know there was a fire in the taproom, which was not often used.

Mr Winter, his public examination concluded, disappeared from public view. The New Inn was rebuilt and when it was featured on a picture postcard in the early 1900's it was owned by the Southdown and East Grinstead Brewery Company and the licensee at that time was J Marwick.

# DOG TAILS FROM A LOCAL BEHAVIOURIST

## NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB WATER TRIALS SUMMER 2007



Connie my Newfoundland, that I have written about before, will be two this September. She is still busy with all her work as my assistance dog, (luckily not needed at the moment!) home help, assistant gardener and assistant cook. She is continually learning new skills and we are refining and polishing all the other tasks she all ready knows.

This year I decided to enter the Newfoundland Water Trials, unfortunately it had not been possible to give her much early water training so she had to have a crash course in just a few weeks.

There are various events; puppy and veteran swim, Beginners' water trials, Advanced water trials, Beginners' obedience, Open obedience, Working carts and Decorated carts. I decided to enter the beginners' water trials and the open obedience. For the beginner water work the dog has to swim 30 yards out to the boat and tow it into shore a total of 60 yards. Retrieve a provided floating object. Rescue a "drowning" stranger (for full marks) or half marks for owner, distance 20 yards.

How do you train a Newfoundland to do water work? Most Newfoundlands have a natural instinct for water as you quickly find out when they dig in their water bowl then pick it up and tip the water all over the floor when they are puppies! They have webbed feet and thick waterproof coats. To train for the retrieve in water I start by doing retrieves on land before progressing on to water. Connie had to sit and stay while I threw a water toy, she was then sent to fetch it As soon as she reached it I would call her and give hand signals so she know where to bring it out .On reaching the bank I would say "hold" then "give" so she was trained to hold onto the object until I had it. The next command I give is "shake", If not taught this way round they shake and drop the article into the water where you can't reach it or in a convenient patch of brambles on the bank. Teaching a dog to tow a boat to shore takes a different technique.

Usually in training, a dog it is taught to fetch an article, come to its owner and gently "give", but now Connie must learn to grip a boat fender attached to a rope and "pull" as she moves a way from me. This is done first indoors then in the garden. The next step is to attach the rope to the boat, my husband holds Connie on the bank while I row away shouting and splashing the oars to keep her excited and interested. She is then sent to the boat as I keep calling her. All the training worked and Connie swam straight to the boat gripped the fender and pulled me into shore, holding on until my husband had the rope. The last exercise to practice was the "rescuing a drowning stranger" The most difficult part of this was persuading our two sons to strip off and plunge into a cold lake to see if Connie would rescue them! She did this nicely the first time but left them to "drown" on the second attempt. I solved this by throwing her favourite water toy to the "drowning" son, so she happily swam back and towed him in as she wanted her toy back!!

The day of the Newfoundland Water Trials arrived. I had not been for many years and although the tests were the same, the way in which they were done was totally changed, mainly due to the dreaded Health and Safety regulations and insurance problems. The boat was huge and very heavy and was paddled by two huge men. She had to be sent out to the boat from the water not the bank and there was no fender on the rope for her to pull on.

I went out in the boat with a heavy heart. I thought she would never manage with every thing so very different, and such a long swim however I called to her excitedly, to my amazement she kept coming right up to the boat, grabbed the rope and pulled two men, a heavy boat, and proud owner back to the bank. She then did her water retrieve and attempted to rescue the stranger, she swam quite close had a good look and left her to drown!! She was not placed in this event but worked very well. We then worked in the obedience class which we won! What a day and how pleased I was of my hard working well behaved Newfoundland.

**HAZEL CARTER**

## Hadlow Down and Moulsecomb Wanderers CC v. Twineham CC

An idyllic scene of a game of village cricket on a glorious sunny Sunday in August – not the Oval – but Hadlow Down Playing Fields. The wicket prepared by Stuart Cardew was as hard as the Test wicket and many more runs were scored in an afternoon than in SW London – in fact a total of 487 by both sides.

Winning the toss on this track was crucial but captain Danny Sherwin conceded to the visiting side and we spent a long gruelling afternoon in the field. An early wicket, from a superb delivery from Tyron Branford, gave the side a great deal of encouragement, but it was short lived, as the second wicket partnership amassed a total of 106 and by 4.00 p.m. Twineham had 164 for 2 on the board.

Wayne Harris, however, provided two humorous moments during what was becoming an 'uphill slog'. Firstly, the first ball of his bowling spell was a full toss, the batsman so surprised duly hit the ball straight back to the bowler, 'diving' to his right held on to dismiss the other opener. The second incident was considerably even more humorous, in fact had someone had a video camera, the club would probably be £250 better off, featuring the clip on 'You're Being Framed'. Wayne chasing a ball to the boundary, realising the ditch surrounding the outfield was looming large, took evasive action, scaled the ditch and in an attempt to hold on to something on the far side, found nothing and disappeared out of sight into the ditch, along with the ball. Laughter followed from his team mates but still no sign of Wayne - eventually after what seemed like an eternity, his head appeared above the 'parapet' of the ditch.

A champagne moment!

By tea-time the visitors had amassed a respectable total of 254 for declared. To match that total would require a number of large innings and Syd Branford 83, Kris Radmall 87 not out and Paul Browder 35 not out, took us very close to the Twineham total.

However, time wasn't on our side, although the last 20 overs produced 131 runs we fell short by 21 runs, finishing on 233 for 3.

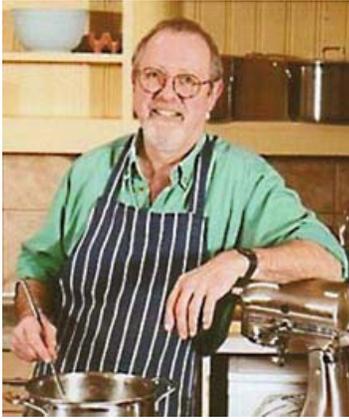
The game was very enjoyable for the players, the 4 spectators and the couple taking their dogs for a walk, but sad that the groundsman and myself were the only Hadlow Down residents involved in the game.

**Surely, there are others of you out there who could or would like to play. The team members are a friendly, enthusiastic group and as a new member this season myself, I have been made to feel very welcome. So why not consider getting those 'whites' out and joining the team.**

For more information contact – Andy Fowler 01435 865686 or  
Stuart Cardew 01825 732459

## COOKERY DEMONSTRATION

You are invited to a cookery demonstration to be held in the Village Hall on Saturday, September 15th at 7pm.



We are fortunate that [Ian Dowding](#) has been able to fit us into his busy schedule of lectures and demonstrations. He has worked in the restaurant business for 35 years, has previously owned his own restaurant in Seaford and was previously the head chef at the Hungry Monk in Jevington. This is where he invented the now famous [Banoffee Pie](#). Ian also writes articles for the national catering press. He is very modest about his creation of the Pie:



Banoffee

“I don't talk about it much these days in case I sound like one of those old rock stars who only had one hit and insists on telling everybody at every opportunity. But if I'm asked, I usually say this, which I happen to believe is true: nobody ever invents dishes - they evolve”.

He will be demonstrating three dishes during the evening, two of which will be included as prizes in our special raffle. Guests will be able to sample one of the dishes he will be cooking and Ian will also supply the relevant recipes.

Tickets for this special event are available at the door on the evening costing £10 which will include light refreshments.

## THE VARIETY CLUB

On Monday, September 10 at 7.30pm there is to be a meeting in the Village Hall for everybody who expressed interest in putting on a Variety Club production later this year. All funds raised will go to [Macmillan](#) Nurses.

The date will be Saturday, December 8 – make a note in your diary now, to remind you nearer the time. We look forward to seeing all those who signed up at our Social Evening earlier this year i.e., Peter Gillies, Kathy Cracknell, Conchita, Yon Smythe, John and Clara Thompson, Wendy, Nia and Carys Coleman plus Natalie, Janet, Vicky, and anyone else itching to either tread the boards, work behind the scenes, be a waitress and lots more. For those who were unable to attend that meeting please come along in any event to lend your support. Don't be shy - it's great fun - and you make lots of new friends and keep the spirit of the village alive.

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW

A very special person was one of the many visitors to last month's Horticultural Society Annual Show. Three-week old Josephine Challis made her sleepy debut in a carrycot with her proud parents, the Rev John and Jenny Challis. Congratulations on such a beautiful baby.

The entries in the flower and vegetable classes were outstandingly good despite worries about wet weather during their growing periods. The hall was packed with visitors who enjoyed refreshments on a lovely sunny day both in and outside the Hall. Penny Eliot who organised the event remarked that a bigger hall might be required in the future to accommodate all the entries and visitors.

The cups were handed out at the end of the afternoon, with the mystery of the whereabouts of one of the larger cups still unsolved. Penny was a little embarrassed at her husband John being awarded so many cups for his entries. Wonder which of them will be doing the polishing?

## JUMBLE SALE

On Saturday, September 22 there is to be a bumper Jumble Sale in aid of Variety Club funds starting at 2pm in the Village Hall. Entrance is free and refreshments will be available. Anyone with Jumble should contact 01825 830504 for storage.

**Make a Note in Your Diary!**

**Winterfest, 27th October, Playing Field. More details next months magazine.**



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**Held in the Village Hall, Hadlow Down  
at 7.30 pm on Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup> 2007**

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

Present: Cllrs Paul James, Graham Terry, Jo Dummer, Vicky Richards and Marian Wilson. Also in attendance were Joan Wiltshire (Courier) and Jean Holmwood (Clerk)

1. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** Mr Stokes from Standen Mews spoke about the trees which overhang the road at Standen Mews (see item 15ii on the agenda). The Council advised that there were no TPO's on these trees and that he should check his deeds to see if there were any clauses regarding tree cutting. The Council had no problem regarding the trimming of trees in this location.
2. **PCSO Tam Bennett.** In Tam's absence the Clerk read a report on her behalf. A quantity of York Stone paving slabs and a large slate slab were stolen from a property in Hastingford Lane. Criminal damage was caused to a fishing lodge in Hastingford Lane. A window was smashed causing approximately £400 of damage. On the 5<sup>th</sup> July a road traffic collision occurred on Tinkers lane. 2 cars collided head on causing minor injuries to one person. On the 20<sup>th</sup> July a car collided with an electrical pole on the A272 near the junction with Kennel Lane. The person involved did not suffer any injuries. Green sports car reported abandoned behind the village hall. Driver in a red 4x4 vehicle reported for dangerous driving – being dealt with by way of section 59 and may be having his vehicle seized. Tam also advised that she had been into the New Inn on several occasions and would update the Council at the next meeting. The Clerk also advised of another non injury RTC where a car, which had to pull up because the van in front was turning into School Lane with no indications, was hit by a van from the rear and written off.
3. **APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE:** Colin and David had sent apologies (reasons recorded), Cllr. Tony Reid, Cllr. Norman Buck and PCSO Tam Bennett had also sent their apologies.
4. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were none.
5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** held on July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007 were agreed and signed as a true record. (Previously circulated).
6. **MATTERS ARISING**
  - i. Clerk's update on previous matters. Paul had advised her of a footpath overgrown beside Grange Cottages, and hardcore dumped. Reported to ESCC. She presented details of the comments made to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Cart Lodge. A call had been received from highways about the outgrowing hedge at Hope Farm, which they had dealt with and were making contact with the landowner. A report had been received of a dead deer which had been passed to WDC. The usual "15 day" reply had been received from ESCC regarding the green lane by Lynx House. The pothole reported outside St Mark's School had been dealt with very quickly. The Claude Jesset Trust had responded regarding the overgrown hedge outside Tinkers Park and agreed that it needed attention which they would arrange. An estimate had been received from Phil Anderson regarding the finger posts in the village. Deferred to the finance meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - ii. A response had been received from WDC regarding the tanks at the New Inn. A reply was awaited from the Environment Agency before further correspondence to be taken.
  - iii. A reply had been received regarding the green lanes in the village. The Clerk will forward the correspondence for posting on the website, as it was rather lengthy.
  - iv. A response had also been received from Charles Hendry regarding the green lanes.
  - v. Cllr Tony Reid had forwarded a copy of a message he had sent to ESCC regarding the same matter.
7. **PLANNING** – Planning meetings had been held on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Planning meetings were now being held independently of the monthly Council meeting. This is due to the Government's rules regarding the amount of time allowed to district councils to deal with planning applications. Agendas for these meetings will be placed on the notice boards and on the village website, at least 3 days before the meeting. Interested parties can also contact the Clerk to find out when plans will be dealt with. The minutes from the meetings will also be displayed on the boards and website and can also be obtained from the Clerk.

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 – **The film.** Vicky was delighted to report that the Local Network had donated the full amount needed to fund the film being made by the children. She had also received £1,250 from other donations. The filming will start next Monday. **Highways.** Vicky reported that there were potholes in Five Chimneys Lane. *The Clerk will advise ESCC.* **Rights of Way.** There are lorries going in and out of the bridleway opposite the Church. The Clerk to contact ESCC and perhaps arrange a meeting.
- ii. **Neighbourhood Watch** - Graham advised that the final approval had been received for the signs for the correct sites this time! The cheque had been sent off, so we should see them erected soon. Nothing to report on the **Village Hall.** **The Playing Field Committee** is due to meet this week. Graham advised that the PFC may approach the Council for help to fix a leak in the roof of the pavilion.
- iii. **Burial Ground** – Marian said that the hedge and grass was very overgrown by the gate. It was agreed that this was not the Council's land. *The Clerk will give Marian a list of the jobs that should be undertaken by the contractor.*
- iv. **Village Hall** – Jo reported that Rena had given up her position at the Village Hall. Jo was, however, hopeful that she would be able to replace her. There was an **Emergency Plan** meeting planned for this week, which would be concentrating on First Aid.
- v. **Wealden Association of Local Councils and Safer Wealden Partnership** – No reports in Colin's absence...

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

11. **CLERK'S HOURS** – The Clerk presented her hours with a diary record from July 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be again assessed at the 3 monthly review. The total hours worked were 70. 7 extra hours were partly due to the preparation of the annual accounts and 11 were external meetings. The 11 hours were agreed to be paid, less the over payment from the previous month. Otherwise agreed by all.

12. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT** - agreed and cheques signed.

- i. **Jean Holmwood. Wages** £ 518.12. **Expenses** £40. Total £566.12.
- ii. **WDC** - £123.73 – Litter bins.
- iii. **WDC** – £57.11 - Dog bins.
- iv. **SALC** - £35.25. Clerk's training. (Retrospective)
- v. **May Gurney** - £227.36 – NHW signs (Retrospective)
- vi. **Sussex NHW** - £50 donation – agreed at July meeting
- vii. **AIRS** - £40 – annual subscription

Note: The second cheque recently signed for the donation to the CAB was voided as the first one had now been paid in and appeared on the statement.

14. **TRAINING:** The Clerk requested permission to attend a meeting planned to be held in Uckfield for Wealden Clerks. All agreed.

15 **OTHER MATTERS** –

- i. Following advice from SALC, Jean proposed that the finance committee should be replaced by a finance advisory group. Further discussion was deferred to the next finance meeting.
- ii. The matter of the trees at Standen Mews had been dealt with under public question time, above.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED NEEDING RESPONSE.**

- i. Email from Ch. Insp. Honner, Sussex Police, asking to be kept advised of local policing issues that need action. (*Circulated to all*). The Clerk was asked to write to C I Honner saying that his ideas were good. However while the Council agreed with the concept of PCSO's wholeheartedly, they considered that their inability to act on certain matters, deemed them to lose some of their effectiveness. (e.g. the problems at the New Inn with cars parking preventing safe egress from the road with 19 houses and the village hall.) Speeding was also a constant problem and a general police presence is lacking.
- ii. Email from WDC asking for information of any victims of flooding. (*Circulated to all*). None reported.
- iii. Email from ESCC with notes from the June 25<sup>th</sup> Local Speed Limits meeting. (*Circulated to all*). Noted.
- iv. WDC – invitation to a “Play Strategy Workshop: Rethinking Community Green Spaces” to be held in September. It was agreed that this was not relevant to this Council.
- v. Sussex Police – request for any feedback from the fatal RTC at Maresfield on 26<sup>th</sup> July. No response.

- vi. Request from a parishioner requesting help with housing. *The Clerk was asked to reply, explaining that, unfortunately, the Council had no power to help.*
- vii. Request from Charles Hendry MP, to support a rally backing the Princess Royal Hospital on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of October in Uckfield. The Clerk will send details for publishing on the website. Also write to Mr Hendry giving the Council's fullest support and that Councillors would do their best to attend, diaries permitting.
- viii. WDC emergency planning – advising of forthcoming visits to Councils. Details given to Jo.
- ix. WDC – Blanket testing scheme. Details to be passed to the website and Parish Magazine.
- x. Extra item – Invitation to attend a Sussex Village Halls conference in September. Details given to Jo and Graham.

**17. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – FOR FILING OR DISTRIBUTION**

- i. AiRS directories of East Sussex Support Services plus details of Grants towards building a better Community from defra.
- ii. AiRS – Village Hall mailing + brochure of new anti smoking laws.
- iii. Request for nominations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2008. *(Paul requested the details to be given to him)*
- iv. WDC – details of O2 community grants. *(Passed to Graham)*
- v. Records update from Sussex neighbourhood Watch Federation. *(Forwarded to Graham)*
- vi. Various communications from Maresfield PC regarding NWCTP ( *forwarded to Vicky*)
- vii. Wealden District Commander (Sussex Police) August 2007 message *(circulated to Cllrs.)*
- viii. Heathfield Storage – details of storage facilities. *(Filed)*
- ix. Ashdown Friends of the Earth – recommendations about the Wealden Local Framework. *(Noted)*

**18. ITEMS RECEIVED BY MAIL/EMAIL AND AVAILABLE TO FORWARD OR VIEW.**

- i. WDC – Forward plan. August to November (email)
- ii. WDC – [www.wealden.gov.uk/moderngov/mgListPlanItems.Asp?PlanId=208](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/moderngov/mgListPlanItems.Asp?PlanId=208) . Resurfacing the South Road car park in Hailsham
- iii. WDC. – [www.wealden.gov.uk/moderngov/mgListPlanItems.Asp?PlanID=207](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/moderngov/mgListPlanItems.Asp?PlanID=207) . Private sector house survey.
- iv. Email newsletter from the High Weald AONB.
- v. WDC – forward plan – August to September.
- vi. WDC – copy of a press report regarding transport provision for rural areas in Wealden.
- vii. WDC – Community Grants Newsletter (email)
- viii. Website link to the results of WDC recent report on Open Space, Sport and Recreation Audit

**The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.**

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE  
on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2007 at 7.00 P.M**

*Reply of the ESCC Rights of Way officer to a report by the Parish Council of damage to local "Green Lanes" which are being damaged by the 'invasion' of motor bikes and 4wd vehicles on Sundays turning the lanes into a quagmire, impassable by pedestrians and horses.*

Hadlow Down Byway 22 - Stockland Lane to School Lane  
Hadlow Down Byway 24 - Dog Kennel Lane to A272

The above routes identified by Hadlow Down Parish Council are both public byways. Therefore, any motorised vehicular use by the public is currently lawful. At the time of my last inspection, both routes required extensive surface improvement works to prevent further damage occurring. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources available – at least during this financial year - to undertake such surfacing.

That said, and even if surface improvements were undertaken, the vehicular use of unsealed byways during wet weather is typically likely to result in further surface damage. This is a County wide issue; therefore, we will shortly be drawing up a Byway Management policy to enable us to act consistently and accountably when dealing with such problems. It is intended that this policy will set specific conditions/tests to enable the Council to impose proactive (possibly seasonal) closures on 'problem' byways. Ideally, this policy will be finalised before next winter.

In the absence of such a policy, the Rights of Way Team currently have to address byway problems on a case-by-case basis. Regarding Hadlow Down Byways 22 and 24, I will approach the Land Access and Recreation Association (LARA) to ask that a code of voluntary restraint is put in place on the routes if necessary. This usually involves, for instance, LARA erecting notices on a byway requesting that 4x4 users do not use the route during the winter or, in this case, wet weather. Voluntary restraint has, when previously used around the County, been fairly successful in helping to reduce vehicular damage to byways.

Dependant on the results of any voluntary restraint, the Council could impose other, more restrictive, legal measures to prevent vehicles from using byways (ie Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs)). However, these cannot be considered without first assessing the success of voluntary restraint on the route in question. TROs can also be strongly opposed to by 4x4 user groups who tend to see any surface damage problems as a maintenance issue e.g. the Council has failed in its statutory duty to provide or maintain an adequate surface for public use. Therefore, the imposition of a TRO can often be problematic if no surface improvements are scheduled.

With the above in mind, and once I have evidence of any alleged surface damage/irresponsible byway use, I will contact LARA to discuss the possibility of placing voluntary restraint notices on the routes in question. This will, hopefully, be within the next fortnight or so.

If you need any information in the meantime, please let me know.

### **Wealden Electric Blanket Testing and Advice Sessions.**

Last year 400 blankets were tested in the Wealden area. It might surprise you to know that 45% FAILED the safety tests.

Wealden District Council is holding its annual free blanket testing sessions at the following locations.

Uckfield Fire Station – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – 10 am to 12 noon  
Heathfield Fire Station – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October – 2.00pm to 4.00 pm.

However, also in attendance will be representatives from Age Concern, Care for the Carers, East Sussex Fire and Rescue and the Pensions Service who will be able to give help and advice.

## HADLOW DOWN DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2007

<i>Every Tuesday at 9.30am</i>	<b>Said Communion</b>	<i>St Mark's Church</i>
<i>Every Tuesday at 5.30pm</i>	<b>Evening Prayer</b>	<i>St Mark's Church</i>
<i>Every Tuesday at 7.00pm</i>	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b>	<i>Village Hall</i>

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>		
	9.15am	<b>Parish Communion</b>	
		Readings: Eccl 10.12-18; Heb 13.1- 8,15-16; Luke 14.1,7-14	
4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	9.00am	<b>First day of new School Term</b>	St Mark's School
	7.00pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	Village Hall
8 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	9am-6pm	<b>Sussex Historic Churches Ride and Stride</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>		
	8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>	
	9.15am	<b>Family "All Ages" Service</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7.30pm	<b>Variety Club Meeting</b>	Village Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	7.30pm	<b>Benefice Joint Council Meeting</b>	St Margaret's Buxted
15 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	7.00pm	<b>Cookery Demonstration</b>	Village Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>		
	9.15am	<b>Parish Communion</b>	
		Readings: Ex 32.7-14; 1Tim 1.12-17; Luke 15.1-10	
19 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7.30pm	<b>Parochial Church Council Meeting</b>	Hadlow Lodge
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	<b>SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>		
	9.15am	<b>Jubilate Family Communion</b>	
		Readings: 1 Tim 2.1-7; Luke 16.1-13	
29 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10.00am	<b>Woodland Fungi – death or dinner?</b>	Wilderness Wood
30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>		
	9.15am	<b>PARISH COMMUNION</b>	
		Readings: Amos 6.1,4-7; 1 Tim 6.6-19 Luke 16.19-31	
<b>October</b>			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	7.00pm	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>	Village Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	10.00am	<b>Fungal Fry-up</b>	Wilderness Wood
6 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	10.00am	<b>"Sort out your Woodland"</b>	Wilderness Wood
	7.30pm	<b>Parikian Orchestra &amp; Chorus</b>	St Margaret's Buxted
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</b>		
	9.15am	<b>Parish Communion</b>	
		Readings: Habakkuk 1.1-4,2.1-4; 2 Tim 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10	
	2.00pm	<b>Follow-up Fungus Hunt</b>	Wilderness Wood
	3.00pm	<b>Pets and Animals Service</b>	St Margaret's Buxted

### Church Rotas

<u>Date</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Sidesman</u>	<u>Offertory</u>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mr Waddington	Mr Waddington	Mrs Yarrow
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Yarrow	Mrs Yarrow	Mr Jarvis
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mrs Jenkins	Mrs Jenkins	Children
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Yarrow	Mrs Yarrow	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mr Waddington	Mr Waddington	Mrs Yarrow