

Rudgwick

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From the Vicar

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Dear Friends

When was the last time you went to a wedding? I am sure it will not come as any surprise that, as a Vicar, I attend lots of weddings. However this year is a little different as not only am I officiating at a number of weddings, but we also have a family wedding. They are great times of celebration and rejoicing, not only as two people are united but as two families come together as well – it is always a privilege to be involved at the heart of such days.

The Bible often takes earthly things and uses them as a metaphor to help us understand God. We call Him Father; it talks about Him as our shepherd and it uses marriage as another image.

I think it is very easy to assume that God takes something earthly and human, such as fatherhood, shepherding or marriage, to explain something spiritual. However, I think that is putting the cart before the horse so to speak. Rather, I think God has given us such things as a reflection of a spiritually reality.

The Bible talks about the wedding of The Bride and The Lamb – The Bride being the Church and The Lamb being Jesus (the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world) – the picture is that at the end of time the Church will be united with Jesus as a man and woman are united in marriage.

So the next time you attend a wedding, why not take a moment to reflect on that heavenly wedding and whether you will be in attendance.

Every blessing

Martin King

THE PARISH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

11 April - Tosin COKER & Katie BURSE

FUNERALS & THANKSGIVINGS

31 March - Vera CLARKE

INTERMENT OF ASHES

13 April - Timothy CLAY

In Memory

My father Alan Clarke died peacefully at home on Thursday 26 March. He lived in the village for 50 years and was much loved by friends and family.

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Holy Trinity Church Office

Church Gate House, Church Street

For all enquiries

including Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

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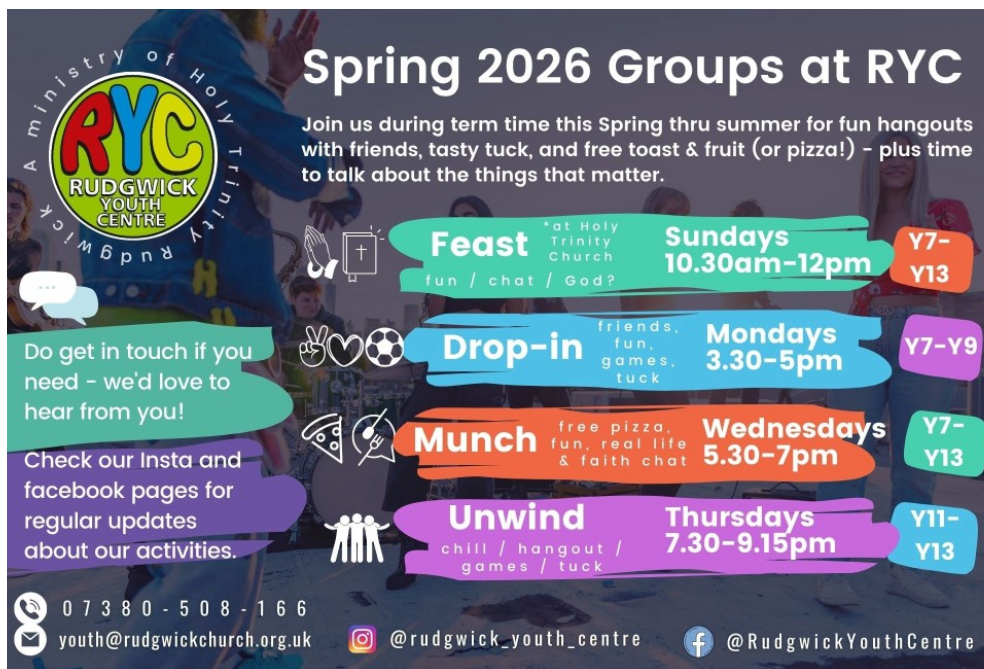
Magazine Advertising Secretary

We are looking for someone to take on the Parish Magazine Advertising Secretary role. This is a key role as our parish magazine is paid for mainly through the advertising. The voluntary position involves:

- Finding new advertisers
- Managing and arranging the advertising space
- Advert changes
- Sending off advertising copy for printing
- Maintaining details of advertisers
- Attending Magazine committee meetings (usually once a year)

**To find out more please contact me on 822127 or
vicar@rudgwickchurch.org.uk.**

*Martin King
Vicar*



Spring 2026 Groups at RYC

Join us during term time this Spring thru summer for fun hangouts with friends, tasty tuck, and free toast & fruit (or pizza!) – plus time to talk about the things that matter.

Feast *at Holy Trinity Church
fun / chat / God? **Sundays 10.30am-12pm** **Y7-Y13**

Drop-in friends, fun, games, tuck **Mondays 3.30-5pm** **Y7-Y9**

Munch free pizza, fun, real life & faith chat **Wednesdays 5.30-7pm** **Y7-Y13**

Unwind chill / hangout / games / tuck **Thursdays 7.30-9.15pm** **Y11-Y13**

Do get in touch if you need - we'd love to hear from you!

Check our Insta and facebook pages for regular updates about our activities.

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Games every Thursday Jubilee Hall from 2pm



No charge. Just drop in or call
Barbara on 823741 for more information

ROMPERS

Every Monday

(Term Time)

10 - 11.30am

in Holy Trinity Church

For babies, Toddlers and their parent or carer.

*Holy
Trinity
Rudgwick*

A friendly toddler group
running every Monday,
10:00-11:30 (term time
only) in the church.

Crafts, toys, songs and snacks,
no charge and everyone welcome.



8.30am Saturday 16 May

The Fox Inn

"Life Outside the Boat"

Debbie Flood

Olympic Rowing Medallist



BOOK NOW



£10 per ticket



women@rudgwickchurch.org.uk



Vicky Allen 07979 640758



Coffee & crafts at the Chapel

This month: Cupcake Decorating

**Thursday 14th May 10.30am – 12.30pm
at Rudgwick Chapel**

Lydia (thecraftycupcakecompany@gmail.com), will be teaching us how to make a range of fondant cupcake toppers, plus piping skills to beautifully decorate 4 homemade cupcakes.

£5 per person (includes drinks and snacks)



Contact rudgwickchapel@btinternet.com to book your place

RUDGWICK CHAPEL CALENDAR

MAY

3	Sunday	10.30 am	ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE - James Clarke (followed by lunch - all are welcome to stay)
5	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
10	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service - Steve Pigott (including <i>Lighthouse</i> children's group)
12	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
14	Thursday	10.30 am	COFFEE & CRAFTS - CUPCAKE DECORATING (see opposite page for details)
17	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service, Communion - Alan Rigby (including <i>Lighthouse</i> children's group)
19	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
24	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service - Timothy Reynolds (including <i>Lighthouse</i> children's group)
26	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
31	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service - Trevor Smetham (including <i>Lighthouse</i> children's group)

JUNE

2	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
7	Sunday	10.30 am	ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE - James Clarke (followed by lunch - all are welcome to stay)

*For more information please see previous page
or phone 01403 822938 or 07840 537039
www.rudgwickchapel.org.uk*

We're delighted to welcome Year 6 to Rudgwick Youth Centre (RYC) from Mon 1st June 2026!

Our Monday Drop-in sessions are open to everyone Y7-Y9 - a great opportunity straight after school (3.30-5pm) for young people to relax, have fun, and spend an hour and a half to free-play & socialise with friends. Y6 can join from Mon 1st June.

There's plenty to do with games like pool, mini-basketball, magnetic darts, nail painting, bracelet-making and table football, as well as sports out on the field, a range of board games, cards and other craft activities - all in a safe and friendly space.

We provide free fruit, toast, and biscuits (and sometime other tasty treats, including cake decorating), with additional tuck available to purchase by cash or - more recently - contactless card payment.

Looking ahead to September, once children move up to Year 7, they'll also be very welcome to join our Wednesday MUNCH group (Y7-Y13, 5.30-7pm). These sessions have free-time at the start as well as some organised games, but essentially offer a space for young people to explore the bigger questions of life and faith in a relaxed and open way (we are a church-run youth group, supported by the parish council and members of the local community who volunteer). Plus we offer free food (pizza, dessert etc)! Again, all youth of any faith or none are most welcome as we take time to talk about things that matter, in an inclusive and accessible way.

Always at RYC we aim to create a warm, welcoming space where every young person feels included and valued and has the chance to grow, connect, and enjoy themselves. As youth get older, they can come along on Thursday evenings too (Y11-Y13) for our Unwind open session (much like Drop-in).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch - we'd love to hear from you.

Warm regards,

Jonny Fossey

RYC Youth Pastor & Team Leader



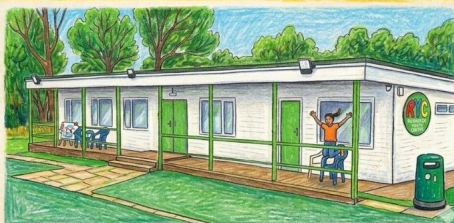
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Gardening Tips



Longer, warmer days, it must be May, two bank holiday weekends, ideal for getting gardeners into the garden – gardening. Which will come first, the sound of the first Cuckoo or the first hosepipe ban of the year, whatever the weather (whoever said that?) there is no time to wait, your garden needs you.

I was speaking to a venerable doyen of the neighbourhood in the pub the other day. He informed me that his garden was a tip and needed some attention. There is no easy way of saying this but, that tip of a garden isn't going to clear itself. This does raise a very important question; not everyone has the means or ability to keep on top of all the gardening jobs therefore it could be a case of getting the family and friends to help or employ a professional.

On the upside, the garden tip is a blank canvas with great potential only requiring time and effort and there is no better time to get started. However, what can be done if there is no garden, perhaps a balcony or just a windowsill?

Windowsill and Container Gardening

Sunny windowsills are useful places for growing herbs in small containers which are best stood on a windowsill tray or individual saucers. Suitable herbs include,

Cress, scatter seeds into wet kitchen paper and keep damp. For a more intense taste, plant in a pot of compost and cut the small plants when about 10cm tall.

Pea shoots, scatter a handful or dried peas (pre-soaked in water overnight) onto a layer of compost, cover and keep watered. Harvest when shoots are about 6 days old (any older and they get bitter), the cut shoots will regrow.

Basil, parsley, mint, scatter seeds onto compost and cover with just enough compost, keep watered, pick off half of the leaves from each plant when about 6 leaves tall.

Sage and Thyme, drought tolerant so less watering required, plant in a mix of compost and sand for added drainage. Cut as needed.

For larger containers with a bit more space such as a balcony,

Kale, (but I don't like kale, try this, it may surprise you) sprinkle seeds onto 6cm deep compost and cover, keep moist and cut leaves when about 6cm long.

Beetroot, in a large pot filled with 15cm compost, plant seeds 3cm apart and cover with 3cm of compost. Pull out some seedling for edible leaves leaving some to grow on to produce beetroot.

Chives, scatter seeds onto a plant pot almost full of compost and cover with 1cm compost, keep moist, cut as needed, they keep regrowing.

The Kitchen Garden

Knowing what to do next is the gardener's conundrum in May. Any winter/spring veg will be past its best and the space can be made ready for summer crops, remember crop rotation. Sowing seeds under cover is the usual way to avoid late frosts but one can always take a chance or sow directly into carefully prepared soil, frost protection can always be provided to protect tender plants if necessary. If seeds have been planted inside, they need hardening off before planting out. Sow sprout, cauliflower and cabbage seeds for a crop this year. Chillies, peppers and cucumber seed to be sown indoors, they need heat to germinate. Courgette, pumpkin and other squashes sow indoors for a better chance of germination, plant out the seedlings next month. And lastly weeding, don't forget the perennial challenge, weeds love May but a hoed weed quickly dries and shrivels away under the May sunshine.

The Flower Garden

Plant of the month is the Marguerite daisy (*Argyranthemum*), there are hundreds of different varieties ranging in colour and size, they look good in the borders and hanging baskets. The plant catalogues usually comment that marguerites are "hugely generous with flowers".

Beware the garden centres full of summer bedding. By all means purchase summer bedding but have you anywhere to keep it protected in case of late frosts? Hardening off is the gradual customisation of tender plants from the growers heated greenhouse, via the covered garden centre displays to somewhere sheltered in the garden before deciding to risk it and plant out.

The same advice applies to hanging baskets. If making your own, always use a good quality compost, add slow-release fertilizer and more importantly than ever incorporate water retention gel or crystals. Peat-free compost is free draining, hanging baskets don't like drying out so try to prevent this happening. If this does happen, put the hanging basket in a bucket of water to allow the compost to absorb water to recover.

And finally, don't forget it is World Naked Gardening Day on 2nd May, please don't send pictures to the editor.

For previous editions of gardening tips, membership details and to ask garden-related questions please go to **www.gardenreg.org**.

*Richard Haigh
EGRGA Communications*



Sussex
Wildlife Trust

The Sussex Kelp Recovery Story

Five years ago, the Sussex Kelp Recovery Project was born. The story starts with seaweed.

Kelp; a large brown seaweed, used to be plentiful off the Sussex coast. Imagine this forest of the deep, creating a habitat for marine wildlife. Black Sea Bream would dig and spawn in gravel nests. Blue Mussels would provide a grounding for the kelp to attach to, and engineer further resources for others, like Starfish and Plaice.

The chalk reef outcrops would writhe with life; scuttling Spider Crabs, swaying ethereal-looking Piddocks and the occasional fin-flap of an Undulate Ray. Seals would benefit from these supreme hunting grounds. From above, Gannets would spear the surface to take their fill of the abundant beneath-the-waves buffet. And so, safely and sustainably, could we.



Spiny Starfish on kelp © Paul Naylor

In the 1980s things changed. Storms, marine heatwaves and poor water quality had a negative effect, and persistent damage has been caused by intensive trawling for commercial fishing. This indiscriminate practice decimated the biodiversity of the seabed. By the end of the century, 96% of Sussex kelp was lost, and with it, a whole ecosystem wiped out, in repeated, traumatic acts of destruction. All happening under the waves; beneath our noses, yet out of sight.

But some people did notice. Sussex IFCA formed a case for a Nearshore Trawling Byelaw, and production company Big Wave created *Help our Kelp*, a film narrated by Sir David Attenborough. Other organisations joined the fight, and a campaign of the same name was launched.

It worked. In March 2021, trawling was prohibited from 304 square

kilometres of the Sussex coast. The byelaw is one of the largest in the UK. The collective became the Sussex Kelp Recovery Project; twelve organisations*, co-ordinated by Sussex Wildlife Trust, who have continued to monitor and advocate for the recovery of our seabed.

Benefits are underway; Black Sea Bream and Blue Mussels are on the increase. But nature takes time to recover. These five years have been focused on laying the groundwork to enable the steady return of these great forests and their inhabitants. Rewilding our ocean, piece by piece. With patience and collaboration, the story of our Sussex shores gets wilder each year. Although it started it all, really, kelp is just the beginning.

** Sussex Wildlife Trust, Blue Marine Foundation, Zoological Society of London, Queen Mary University of London, University of Brighton, Adur & Worthing Councils, Sussex Underwater, Big Wave Productions, Sussex IFCA, University of Exeter, University of Sussex*

*Kerry Williams, Communications Officer - Conservation
sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/wilderhorshamdistrict*

BOOK EXCHANGE

Jubilee Hall, Church Street
Every Wednesday 10am to 4pm

FREE

Borrow any books you like and bring others you no longer want to keep.

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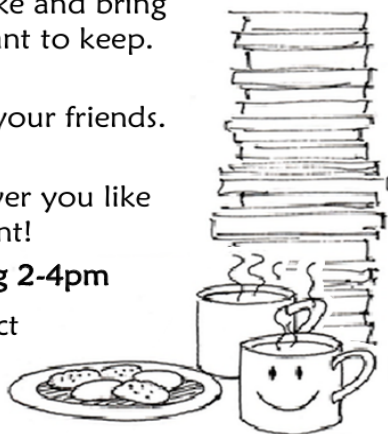
Enjoy tea or coffee with your friends.

FUN

Just come along whenever you like
- no commitment!

Knitting and nattering 2-4pm

For further information contact
Marilyn Quail on 822766



Parish Prayer Page

Rudgwick is a village where children and young people can thrive! Groups including Rompers, Tots & Toddlers, Scouts, our Sporting Associations, Rudgwick Youth Centre and our schools all provide children and youth with many opportunities. Let's pray for our children and young people as they grow.

We thank you God, for the blessing of children and young people in our village.

We are so thankful for the volunteers and staff who ensure our wonderful groups continue to operate.

We pray that all children and young people in our village are well cared for, welcomed and encouraged, and that healthy friendships are formed and remain for a lifetime.

And we pray a prayer from the Bible over our children and youth:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26 NIV)

Street by Street Prayer

Church Street south of the roundabout including Kings Road,
Jubilee Road, the shops and Furze Road



Rudgwick Friendly Club

Monday 11 May (please note change of Monday)

2pm at Rudgwick Village Hall

Multi-Sports Afternoon

Paul from Horsham and District Sports and Leisure Department is paying his annual visit to lead us in an afternoon of indoor sports.

This is always a fun afternoon as he brings along various sports with something for everyone whatever their ability or mobility. There is plenty of laughter as the competitive nature of our members rises to the surface.

Please come along and join us and see if you can improve on your scores from last year!!

We look forward to welcoming any guests who would like to come along and take part.

Please note that our June meeting will be on Monday 1st June when we will be learning how to avoid the various scams and other cyber crime we have to deal with.

Brenda Morley, Tel: 824099



Ewhurst Bridge Club

We have moved to Ellen's Green Memorial Hall on Thursday mornings with arrival from 9.15am and play starting at 9.45 am.

We are welcoming New Members and Visitors in Pairs
(All Levels Welcome).

For further details please contact Susan Kariuki on 01483 271684 or
Susankariuki1943@gmail.com

New Guidance On Bird Feeding From RSPB

Research has shown a worrying decline in some of our much-loved garden birds due to a disease called trichomonosis, a highly contagious disease that can spread where birds gather in large numbers such as at bird feeders.

To reduce this disease, we all need to make some urgent but simple changes to how we feed our garden birds.

1. Feed seasonally

- **STOP feeding birds seeds or peanuts from 1 May to 31 October.**
- You can continue to offer small amounts of mealworms, fatballs or suet.

2. Keep feeders and feeding areas clean

- **Clean bird feeders** and water baths at least once a week.
- **Move bird feeders** to a different spot every week. This will help to prevent any build-up of potentially contaminated debris underneath.
- **Don't use bird feeders with flat surfaces**, such as bird tables, window feeders and feeders with trays. There is a higher risk of disease spreading on flat surfaces, where contaminated food can collect.
- **Change water in bird baths daily.** Only offer water if you're able to change it every day and make sure it's tap water.



You can find more RSPB recommendations on bird feeding, including on types of food and how to clean your feeders and bird baths, here:

www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/feeding-birds-near-you



Friends In Rudgwick

A friendly village page with useful village information.

www.facebook.com/groups/friendsinrudgwick

HOLY TRINITY AND VILLAGE CALENDAR

MAY		
Friday 6	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 3 Easter 5	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>at St John's, Tismans Common</i>
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service * with children's and youth groups
	6.00pm	Evensong
Monday 4		<i>No Rompers - Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 5	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS walk, Fox Inn
Wednesday 6	10.00am	Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall
Thursday 7	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 8	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 10 Easter 6	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>at St John's, Tismans Common</i>
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service * with Holy Communion and children's and youth groups
Monday 11	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
	2.00pm	Friendly Club at Village Hall
	7.00pm	Annual Meeting of Parish Council at Village Hall
Tuesday 12	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS walk, Onslow Arms, Loxwood
Wednesday 13	10.00am	Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall
	12.30pm	Book Exchange Lunch at Jubilee Hall
Thursday 14	10.45am	Arts Society Lecture at Village Hall
	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 15	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 16	8.30am	Women's Breakfast at Fox Inn
Sunday 17 Easter 7	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>at St John's, Tismans Common</i>
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service * with children's and youth groups
	6.00pm	Evensong with Holy Communion
Monday 18	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday 19	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice

Wednesday 20	7.00pm 10.00am 2.00pm 8.00pm	RPS walk, Red Lyon, Slinfold Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall Rudgwick Wives at Village Hall Photo Group at Jubilee Hall
Thursday 21	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 22	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 24 <i>Pentecost</i>	9.00am 10.30am	Traditional Holy Communion with Choir <i>at Holy Trinity</i> Contemporary Family Service * All together
Monday 25	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday 26	6.30pm 7.00pm	Bellringing Practice RPS walk, Pephurst layby, Loxwood road
Wednesday 27	10.00am	Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall
Thursday 28	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 29	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 28	8.00am	RMen Big Breakfast at the Fox Inn
Sunday 31 <i>Trinity</i>	8.30am 10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>at St John's, Tismans Common</i> Contemporary Family Service * All together
JUNE		
Monday 1	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday 2	6.30pm 7.00pm	Bellringing Practice RPS walk, Memorial Hall, Ellens Green
Wednesday 3	10.00am	Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall
Thursday 4	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 5	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 7 <i>Trinity 1</i>	8.30am 10.30am 6.00pm	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>at St John's, Tismans Common</i> Contemporary Family Service * with children's and youth groups Evensong
<i>* This service will be live-streamed at www.rudgwickchurch.org</i>		

Rudgwick Primary School

Celebrating The Arts



This month at Rudgwick Primary School we pulled out all the stops with a wonderful showcase of our arts-based clubs and groups. The showcase was performed to the school and families and began with the junior group of Danceologists. This term the Danceologists have been creating dance routines to songs from the movie Shrek. The schools Musical Theatre club also performed songs and dance routines from Shrek The Musical. There were multiple performances from the musicians in the school, including: piano, guitar, ocarina and woodwind instruments. Other highlights included a poetry performance from the poetry club, and a beautiful song sung in French which was taught to the children by Madame Kent during French choir club. The schools Singing for Fun club also performed a lovey rendition of the song 'Free'. The showcase ended on a high with the senior group of Danceologists also performing routines to music from Shrek. It was a truly wonderful showcase and we are happy to be able to share some photos from the event. As part of our Artsmark journey, we are prioritising providing opportunities for our children within the Arts and are very proud that more children take part in extra curricular Arts now than ever before, with 99 of our children performing in the show.

Clare Worth

Junior danceologists



Musical theatre



Piano

Go Greener Rudgwick



Medicine Packaging

There are two types of blister packs: foil-based; plastic-based. Only one can be placed in your blue-lidded kerbside recycling bin at home!

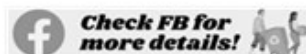
Foil-based: these are all made of foil, both top & bottom. Foil-based blister packs can be placed in your **blue-lidded kerbside recycling bin** at home. Ensure they are empty and clean.

Plastic-based: these have plastic tops. The bottoms may look like foil but they CANNOT be placed in your home bin. They either need to go to Boots in Horsham, or be placed in your rubbish bin at home.



Boots in Horsham have a collection point located next to the in-house pharmacy (back left of the store).

For any queries, please send a message to:
gogreenerrudgwick@gmail.com



OPEN STUDIOS IN RUDGWICK

JUNE 2026

We are delighted to be opening our studios again this summer as part of Surrey Artists Open Studios. Our studios are just a short walk apart!

We would love to show you our recent work and hope you will be able to visit us on one of our open days!

All work, including greetings cards, is for sale at both venues and there will be refreshments on offer. We very much look forward to welcoming you!

Helen Melia - Painting and collage at 1, Webb's Cottages, Church Street

Vibrant, abstract paintings with texture and collage, inspired by landscape, both local and remembered. My collages are made with a gel printing process that will be on display in my studio.



Jane Silk - Ceramics and a few paintings

at Lower Kings, Church Street

Hand made unique, quirky, characterful birds, together with coast related sculptural pieces and also a few paintings, inspired by the cliffs when walking the SW coast path.

JUNE - Sat 6th, Sun 7th, Wed 10th, Fri 12th, Sat 13th, Sun 14th
11am - 5pm each day

Rudgwick Wives

Wednesday 20 May
2pm at Rudgwick Village Hall

PARHAM HOUSE AND ITS HISTORY

This month, Lesley, a volunteer at Parham House, the lovely Tudor house near Storrington, is coming to tell us all about its history and the treasures it holds. We are hoping to follow it up with a visit there next month.

If you would like to find out more about Rudgwick Wives please call 823124.

Rudgwick Preservation Society

Rudgwick Walks for May 2025

The programme (with thanks to Geoff Ayres):

Tuesday	Start time	Leaders	Starting at
May 5 th	7.00	David Buckley	The Fox Inn (Bucks Green)
May 12 th	7.00	Brian Allen	The Onslow Arms (Loxwood)
May 19 th	7.00	Clive & Nicky Bush	The Red Lion (<u>Slinfold</u>)
May 26 th	7.00	Geoff & Jean Ayres	<u>Pephurst</u> layby (<u>Loxwood Road</u>)
June 2 nd	7.00	Steve Kenward	Memorial Hall (Ellens Green)

On the first walk, park in A281 layby above the pub. Walkers meet here.

At the Onslow Arms, park and meet in the Wey and Arun Car Park, access through the pub car park.

At the Red Lion, park either in the car park or on the street nearby; meet in car park.

At Pephurst, park and meet in the layby.

At Ellens Green, park and meet in the hall car park (Furzen Lane) or, only if full, on the roadside.

Walks are free, and open to everyone. No charge; dogs welcome on a lead.

Walk at own risk. **Always pleased to see new walkers.** We are a friendly bunch! Walks take up to 2 hours. We walk whatever the weather! Please patronise our pubs!



Any last minute changes will be advertised on our Facebook page and on our website. Full details of the 2026 season's walks are on our website, 'Walks' tab, or use QR code.



In April Memory Lane performed “Musical Memories” which was enjoyed by a full audience in the Cranleigh Baptist Church. Amongst the guest artists a new Memory Lane Dementia Choir was introduced having not appeared in their previous “Joy in Music” production. This included amongst the singers, a Clarinettist and Guitarist still able to

perform well despite memory loss.

Following May Bank Holiday, Memory Lane take their guests on their regular walk around Knowle Park on 11th May, before meeting back in the Cranleigh Arts Centre on Monday 18th May. Then with no more Bank Holidays, Memory Lane Team & Guests look forward to the start of June, when on the Monday 1st everyone will welcome the return visit by Dr Jill Rasmussen who, as the National authority for Parliament and GP’s, gives their members an update on the disease and what help is available for people experiencing dementia and those who care for them.

Memory Lane meet at 2.15pm in the Arts Centre every 1st & 3rd Monday each month. Walk in the Park is every 3rd Monday around Knowle Park Cranleigh.

For further details on all Memory Lane activities please telephone 01483 274398 or Email mamwild@aol.com



BOOK EXCHANGE LUNCH

**Wednesday 13 May
12.30 - 2.00**

Jubilee Hall, Church Street



Soup, sandwiches and something sweet.

All are welcome to these lunches, there is no charge, though donations are always appreciated.

You don’t even need to bring a book!

If you need a lift please let us know:

Barbara Kenward 01403 822090 or Kate Robertson 07747 843536



Dear Friends,

As we look ahead, we remain mindful of the challenges many are facing. Rising fuel costs and global events continue to put pressure on household budgets, making your ongoing support all the more appreciated. We are grateful that, despite this, our income remains stable. Your generosity continues to shine, with Easter eggs in April, books for World Book Day and Mothering Day gifts in March. Thank you for everything you do.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to Becca Carter and Gill Sutton for their outstanding contributions. Becca's 17 years of dedicated support across several communities, and Gill's tireless work in the Rye Deanery over the past five years, have made a lasting difference to many families. As Becca moves on and Gill begins her retirement, we wish them both every happiness for the future.

Jane, a single mother of three, was referred to Family Support Work following domestic abuse and separation from her partner. She faced significant challenges, including debt, poor mental and physical health, housing difficulties, and supporting her children's additional needs. Over the past year, we have provided intensive support, helping Jane stabilise her finances, access benefits, manage debt, and navigate essential services. We also supported her through a move to safer, more suitable housing, providing practical help to set up a stable home for her family.

Alongside this, we have offered ongoing emotional and safeguarding support, particularly around difficult contact arrangements with the children's father, including involvement with Children's Services and family court. We have also worked with Jane to build her confidence and independence, supporting her access to therapy, strengthening her parenting, and helping her take steps towards future employment. While challenges remain, Jane is now more confident, better supported, and increasingly able to advocate for herself and her children thanks to FSW and the practitioner who has worked closely with her.

Get Involved with FSW! There are many ways to support Family Support Work, whether through donating, volunteering, or attending our events. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! We have lots of exciting fundraising events coming up which are perfect opportunities to

bring friends and family and make a real difference for the families we support.

Upcoming events: The Old Rectory, 6th June – Open Gardens:
Kitchenham Farm, 9th & 10th June - Open Gardens: Butlers Farmhouse,
14th June – Open Gardens: Seaford Gardens.

For more info, email admin@familysupportwork.org.uk or see our
events calendar: familysupportwork.org/events/

*Hannah Rothwell
Digital Communication & Fundraising*



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Ellen's Green Memorial Hall

AGM and Committee meeting

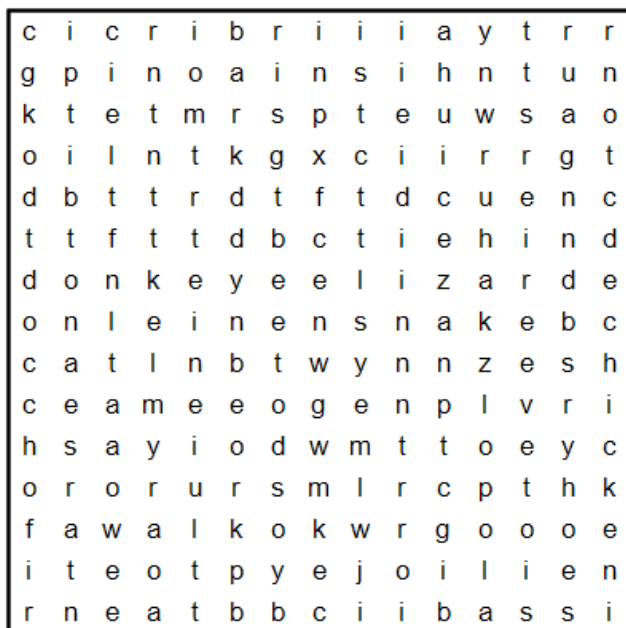
Monday 11 May at 7.30pm

All welcome

Katy Rapley, 07729 333482

PUZZLE PAGE

WORD SEARCH



Can you find these words relating to pets?

Bark

Bowl

Chicken

Donkey

Kitten

Lizard

Rat

Snake

Vet

Walk

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Lions Host Free PSA Test Day in Billingshurst



Billingshurst & District Lions Club are hosting another event for the Charity, PCaSO, (Prostate Cancer Support Organisation), offering a Free Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA) screening test, for men between the ages of 40 and 80 years.

**Saturday, 20 June 2026 at the
Billingshurst Community Centre
Roman Way, Billingshurst, RH14 9QW**

1 in every 2 men will have a health problem with their prostate at some stage of their lives. It could be an infection, enlargement - or cancer, which when caught early, can have dramatically improved cure rates of over 80%.

If you recognise any of these symptoms:

- Frequent need to urinate, especially at night,
- Bursting to urinate,
- Slow flow, difficult or painful to do so,
- Stop/start and dribbling, or
- Blood in the urine.

**You can book a test online after 1st April at:
pcaso.org/psa-testing**

- Register an Account,
- Select 'Billingshurst' from the 'events' menu,
- Book an appointment time and
- Enter your details.

A PSA Test is a simple blood test that measures the amount of antigen, produced by the prostate, entering the blood. It is *not* a direct test for cancer, but a moderately raised reading can indicate a prostate problem, with a high reading suggesting further tests and possibly treatment.

**Enquiries only (not bookings) phone 01926 419 959
(Mon to Fri 9am to 5pm)**

Taking the blood sample is free, but analysis incurs a cost, so donations on the day would be gratefully accepted.

**Further information can be found on our Facebook and Website
billingshurstlions.org**

Rudgwick Arts Society

**Our next lecture will be on Thursday 14 May
at 10.45am in Rudgwick Village Hall.**

Jonathan Foyle

On

Canterbury Cathedral: Through Three Lives

Foyle has written many scholarly papers and additionally contributed articles for several newspapers and popular magazines. He is perhaps best known as a communicator on history. He has taught and lectured in Britain and around the world and has appeared and presented a number of television programmes. Since 2002, he has presented films for Channel 4, the BBC, the History Channel, ITN, Lion and Discovery Channels. In 2009 he presented a series on Henry VIII as art patron. In 2010 he presented the television series 'Climbing Great Buildings.'

Free coffee/tea is available from 10am

**Guest visitors are very welcome with an £8 donation
to support our charitable status.**

**Please email Anna Trenter on Anna.trenter@fastnet.co.uk
as seating can be limited.**



Rudgwick Photo Group

After our first outing of the season to Ockley we are back in the Jubilee Hall at 8pm on Wednesday May 20th to see what pictures we took.

Everyone welcome!

David Buckley
rudgwickphotogroup@gmail.com

Rudgwick Preservation Society

www.rudgwick-rps.org.uk



Rudgwick's past, present and future, N° 201

Do you know much about The Haven? I suspect many readers will not, if only because it is not close to Rudgwick village. Nor does it have a central area; it is a very dispersed community, but quite a large area of the parish. I wish it were called just Haven, as it was for several centuries! I also wish it did not have a postal address of Billingshurst, but there we are, neither of these is going to change.

You may well drive along Haven Road to Five Oaks and Billingshurst. You begin to go through The Haven once you have climbed the gentle slope from the river bridges in Bucks Green, passing Collins Cross junction. Haven Road is a very old road, as is the narrow Okehurst Road which starts at The Blue Ship and meanders quietly towards Okehurst in Billingshurst. There are several other narrow lanes such as the one to Gibbons Mill and Morgans Green, and the one to Howick and Garlands (Rudgwick's only II* Listed house, photo). All of The Haven is south and east of the River Arun. So, is there a central point? The Blue Ship is about all there is, but years ago there was a local shop/ post office (The Old Post House) nearby on Haven Road, and a bakery too.



Garlands

In this area there are two cottages (one older, one new, replacing two old ones) once known as Haven Cottages, with fields behind them of the same name. it seems likely this was the origin of the name for the whole area.

The Billingshurst boundary is at the solar farm, the last field in Rudgwick. Few today would know that there used to be a small 'parochial' school on the other side of the road in what is now a small field on a bend (and in Slinfold parish). The school was built in the 1860s to serve these outlying parts of Rudgwick, Five Oaks and Slinfold by Major Bunny of Slinfold Lodge. The school survived well into the 20th century, before becoming a

private house, but this was demolished. Whilst on schools, did you know that Pennthorpe was evacuated from Chislehurst Kent in 1939 to The Mill House at Gibbons Mill, only moving to Church Street in 1948?

The Haven never had the big 19th century country houses found on the ridge in north Rudgwick. The available viewpoints were few, stations were distant, and the area felt, I suspect, too remote. However there were some major absentee landowners who did not live here, for example in 1900, the Simmonds family, wealthy from flour milling on the Lambeth Thamesbank, who had Garlands estate for much of the 19th century. Several farms owned by the Locke King family, who developed Brooklands racing circuit in Surrey, included Hope, Muttons (now demolished), Cousins, Bignor, and Shortlows. Hope is in a good setting on the river bluffs and was a manor house with the ‘profits of ye fair’ once held annually in Rudgwick village. The biggest landowner was Major Bunny who had large holdings in Bucks Green and Slinfold as well, including Tittlesfold, Hurstlands and Marshalls (Rudgwick’s only moated house). Through family inheritance the St John family followed the Bunnys, but their ancestors were one of Rudgwick’s oldest families, the Naldretts.

The Haven is rich in old timber-framed house, the oldest being Hoglands (dated 1370), a cottage near Bignor Farm on Okehurst Road. It is often said of Rudgwick that its relative poverty led to the survival of so many old houses, lived in by farm labourers, particularly true of The Haven.

One significant survival is Gibbons Mill, medieval in origin, together with its miller’s house and the 18th century Mill Farm. For many years Mill Farm belonged to the Churchmans, whilst the Bottings had the mill. This little cluster, off the road but accessible to walkers, is a gem. It even had one of the first HEP plants around 1900, after the mill’s closure. The Blue Ship began as a beerhouse in an old cottage, and has recently had additional listing by Historic England for its unusual hatch servery, following Preservation Society research. One family who crop up in 19th century Haven history are the Rudgwick Botting brothers, who were famous for the role of Javelin Men to the Prince Regent in 1827. Their named javelins hang on a ceiling of Okehurst Farm, just in Billingshurst.

You can learn a lot more about The Haven in our book, **THE STORY OF GIBBONS MILL AND MILL FARM**, Roger Nash, only **£11.00**. Orders via our website (see top of this article).

Roger Nash

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Parish Council Report

The April meeting marks the end of the Parish Council year and is an opportunity for the Chairman to report on the work of the Parish Council, explain the financial situation, respond to any questions and to thank people for their support during the year.

The work of the Parish Council and its committees and working groups:

Planning

Difficulties with the Horsham District Future Plan process have caused considerable confusion throughout the District. Our significant one is the proposed development in Bucks Green adjacent to the Pig Farm which has received consent for 6 dwellings. The hospitality sector has also been active with successful proposal for the Mucky Duck, and minor works at The Fox and Blue Ship. Although Horsham declared the Kings Head to be an asset of community value they have now had second thoughts.

Halls

We are progressing our scheme for improvements to the Jubilee Hall which, as its a listed building in the village conservation, needs careful consideration.

Traffic Calming

We are progressing the Church St scheme to introduce 'pinch points' north of the mini roundabout and also hoping to have significant traffic calming measures on the A281 in Bucks Green

Recreation

We are hoping to continue the work started by late Councillor Bob Burse to plant a community orchard in Churchmans Meadow. We will be asking for support from the Village to bring this to fruition

Finances

I have compiled some statistics about Band D council tax which I hope you find interesting. During the 2020s, the Governments measure of inflation (CPI) increased by 31.2 points from 108.3 to 139.5.

	2020/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	2026/27	% increase
Horsham	£153	£158	£162	£167	£170	£175	£180	18
<u>Rudgwick</u>	£71	£71	£72	£75	£80	£84	£88	23.3
W. Sussex	£1,439	£1,511	£1,556	£1,633	£1,715	£1,801	£1,890	31.4
Police	£200	£215	£225	£240	£253	£267	£282	41
TOTAL	£1,862	£1,954	£2,015	£2,116	£2,215	£2,326	£2,440	31

Also for 2026/27 we can look at comparisons with some of our neighbours who could be outside Horsham District and across the border in Surrey.

2026	District	County	Police	Village	Total
<u>Slinfold</u>	£180.10	£1,890.36	£281.91	£79.90	£2,432.27
<u>Loxwood</u>	£192.06	£1,890.36	£281.91	£78.27	£2,442.60
<u>Rudgwick</u>	£180.10	£1,890.36	£281.91	£87.83	£2,440.20
<u>Warnham</u>	£180.10	£1,890.36	£281.91	£107.25	£2,459.62
<u>Billingshurst</u>	£180.10	£1,890.36	£281.91	£122.61	£2,474.98
<u>Ockley</u>	£217.59	£1,938.42	£352.57	£50.13	£2,558.71
<u>Ewhurst</u>	£220.25	£1,938.42	£352.57	£94.56	£2,605.80

Questions included the state of the brickwork on the bridge in Church St, Car parking at the Co-op shops, and full fibre broadband provision.

I would like to record my thanks to the officers and wardens that work for us, the Parish Councillors who give their time freely, Horsham District Councillor Richard Landeryou, West Sussex County Councillor Christian Mitchell and everyone who helps and supports us.

Finally I would like to remind you that there are County Council elections on Thursday 7 May from 7am to 10pm. Rudgwick always has a high turnout – please support local democracy.

Thank you.

David Buckley
Rudgwick Parish Council

Correspondence

Dear villagers,

There have been incidents recently of verbal abuse to local residents in The Sidings from people parking there to go to the Medical Centre.

Can I please ask you all not to swear at the residents who live at The Sidings. All we are trying to do is park outside our homes. We either get blocked in or out. When we try to come down past the doctors to park that is when the problems start. If you are visiting the surgery please park on the hill or in the Medical Centre car park and stop parking outside our homes. It is not nice to be sworn at when all you are trying to do is get home after a day's work. This problem is now getting out of hand with more and more cars and less space.

Your understanding is appreciated.

Lynn Cole



Need A Helping Hand?



Lifeline offers help if you are unable to find a friend or relative to transport you to medical appointments, collect and deliver medication, if you have a one-off shopping need, or other requests from those in need of help.

**Volunteers are here to help - please call us on
07845 948014**

Lifeline would also like to hear from you if you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver.

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