

Rudgwick

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From the Vicar

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Dear Friends

Have you been for a walk along the local footpaths recently? One of the wonderful things about this time of year is the way nature re-emerges after winter. In April we delighted in walking through bluebell woods and now we are revelling in the garden springing to life. Last month our magnolia looked magnificent and recently we have been enjoying ranunculus, the ‘Persian buttercup’. If you have not come across them before (they are a new addition for us in the Vicarage garden) they are a remarkable rose-like flower with densely packed, paper-thin petals. What makes them so distinctive is the sheer number of petals on a flower – I have not counted but Google informs me that they have between 100 and 130 petals!

It reminds me of David’s words in the Psalms, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*” In other words: look at creation, look at nature and see how amazing it is! See the splendour and beauty of it and all that God has made. David goes on explaining that whilst nature cannot speak “*yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.*” The sheer beauty and wonder of it all speaks to us of God’s handiwork.

So the next time you go for a walk, the next time you sit in your garden, the next time you look at the night sky and see the vastness of the universe with its billions of galaxies, take a moment to ponder. Consider the glory which they declare and the one whose work they proclaim and say ‘thank you’ to the one David addresses as my “Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer”!

Every blessing

Martin King

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THE PARISH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

30 May Isaac BATE & Abigail KING

INTERMENT OF ASHES

15 April Nanette KINSEY-JONES

15 April Melindi KINSEY-JONES

Book Exchange Plant Sale



Thank you to all the plant lovers who brought, bought (mainly both!) plants to our sale in April. You helped to raise £900 for the Rudgwick Scouts. If anyone feels they would like to be rid of any plant pots please leave them at the Book Exchange between 10 and 4 (Wednesdays only) as Kate Robertson needs to renew her stock for next year's sale!

Holy Trinity Church Office

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including Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

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- 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

Roll up, roll up! It's Tombola Time!

The Ellens Green & Rudgwick Tombola will be up and running at the Summer Show on 4th July and once again we would be very grateful for your support. Have you got any (unopened) bottles, cans, jars? We would love to have them as prizes. Have you got a stash of unwanted Christmas or birthday presents such as cosmetics, creams, gadgets etc? They would all make splendid donations to be won as prizes. Tins of biscuits, packets of crisps children's toys (new), notebooks, pencils... The list is endless and so is the fun on the day when the lucky dippers win with their Tombola tickets.

We can pick up from you or you can deliver to us: Gay Buckley 822255; Judy Martin-Jenkins 822625; Kate Robertson 07747 843536; or leave at the Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall, Church St between 10am and 4pm on Wednesdays.

Thank you!

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.

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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.



Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening
Association

Summer Show

Saturday 4th July 2026

Rudgwick Village Hall, Buck Green

Show opens: 2pm with prize giving
and raffle draw from 3:30pm

Rudgwick Photo Group

Our next Summer outing is to Holmbury St Mary on Wednesday June 17th.

According to the web:

*Holmbury St Mary is nestled within a valley on the eastern side of **Holmbury Hill**. Surrounded by sloping hills and jaw-dropping scenery, it's frequently praised for being one of **the most idyllic villages in the country** – and it's certainly not difficult to see why. Holmbury St Mary is believed to be the inspiration behind the fictional village of **Summer Street** in E.M. Forster's notable novel, *A Room With A View*. But the village's claims to fame don't end there. **Holmbury St Mary** is also where you'll find **Honeysuckle Cottage**, the exact cottage that inspired the iconic home of Kate Winslet's character in *The Holiday*.*

Meet on the green outside the church and the Royal Oak at 18.30.
Everyone welcome

David Buckley
rudgwickphotogroup@gmail.com



CRANLEIGH LIONS CLUB

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Coffee & crafts at the Chapel

This month: basket weaving

Thursday 18th June 2026

10.30am-12:30pm

Rudgwick Chapel

£3 per person (includes drinks and snacks)



Basic basket weaving for beginners!

Contact rudgwickchapel@btinternet.com
to book your place

RUDGWICK CHAPEL CALENDAR

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)
9	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
14	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service – Peter Taylor (including <i>Lighthouse</i> children's group)
16	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
18	Thursday	10.30 am	COFFEE & CRAFTS AT THE CHAPEL – BASKET WEAVING (see opposite page for details)
21	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service, Communion – David Ansell (including <i>Lighthouse</i> children's group)
23	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
28	Sunday	4.00 pm	<i>No morning service</i> Joint Villages Service at Cranleigh Baptist Church
30	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
JULY			
5	Sunday	10.30 am	ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE - James Clarke (followed by lunch – all are welcome to stay)
<i>For more information please see previous page or phone 01403 822938 or 07840 537039 www.rudgwickchapel.org.uk</i>			

Rudgwick Preservation Society - Rudgwick Walks for June 2026

The programme (with thanks to Geoff Ayres):

Tuesday	Start time	Leaders	Starting at
June 2 nd	7.00	Steve Kenward	Memorial Hall (Ellens Green)
June 9 th	7.00	Cliff Walton	Scarlett Arms (Walliswood)
June 16 th	7.00	Adam May	Sidney Wood Car Park (Dunsfold Road)
June 23 rd	7.00	Stephen Chandler	Punchbowl (Okewood Hill)
June 30 th	7.00	John Connold	Sussex Oak (Warnham)

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

At The Scarlett Arms, park in the car park opposite the pub.

Sidney Wood Forestry Commission Car Park (free) is at GU6 8HU (marked on google maps); whatthree words: tips.slams.workflow. Entrance not signed, so look left for vehicular track in trees after passing canal work site. Only 10-12 minutes from Rudgwick.

At The Punchbowl, park either in the car park behind the pub, or in the lay-by opposite.

At The Sussex Oak, park in the pub car park.

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.



**The Surrey Hills choirs present
their annual summer concert on
Sunday 28 June, 7pm at
St Nicolas Church, Guildford.**

This year features Vivaldi's Gloria with string quartet, oboe and trumpet, performed by both the Surrey Hills

Singers and Chamber Choir to reflect its original female-led and mixed-voice contrasts. The programme also includes Karl Jenkins' Adiemus and Benedictus, plus folk songs, musical theatre pieces and works by Palestrina, Will Todd, Greg Gilpin and Bob Dylan. With previous concerts selling out, early booking is advised. Tickets available from 8 May at singsurreyhills.com, £20 adults, £5 under-16s.



Gardening Tips



Flaming June! Either the weather has gone to pot or the drought continues. Whatever the weather has decided, the garden needs gardening, especially if it is still the tip that was supposed to have been sorted by now. June, with its long hours of day light (nearly 18 hours in the north of Scotland, that is one hour more than Sussex), encouraging everything to grow. With spring behind us and the full colours of summer beginning to bloom, everything looks like it's coming up roses, especially the roses.

Tempting as it is to sit back and admire your parterre, enjoying the al fresco lifestyle provided free courtesy of global warming, sharing a bottle or two with friends and family, there is still much to do in the garden, so, let's get to it.

The kitchen garden

Weeding, watering, harvesting, repeat. There should be enough produce becoming available from the garden that the veg aisle in the supermarket can be skipped for the next few weeks, just as the prices come down!

Those of you who planted early potatoes should now be rewarded with a new-season crop. Same for peas, broad beans, onions, beetroot, and salads, all providing they were planted early enough. Fruit such as strawberries, gooseberries and cherries will be abundant, just as well as the birds appreciate our hard work in providing them with an open larder.

Have you a fruit tree that refuses to produce any fruit? I have a plum tree that was planted many years ago and has never fruited; two autumns ago I mulched around the tree with a deep covering of manure, last autumn I dug in a heavy covering of blood, fish and bone. This spring: loads of blossom and now it is covered in tiny fruit. Too early to know if it will all set but I'm always hopeful. From now on, I will be feeding fruit trees every autumn.

Sow a few beetroot seeds every two weeks and lift them when still small or let them grow large for baking. Sow broccoli for late autumn picking or overwinter them for picking next spring; this is especially good for purple sprouting broccoli, always very expensive to buy in the spring but costs next to nothing to grow your own. That really applies to planting anything in the kitchen garden: grow your own and save your money. Must be the best incentive as well as growing interesting varieties that are seldom available in the shops, see Tomatoes.

Tomatoes

Garden centres are getting a bit more adventurous with the variety of tomato plants and seeds for sale. Any variety with the word 'Crimson' in their name are resistant. Crimson Crush tomatoes were developed in 2015 in Bridlington with help from Bangor University, so a British invention to combat a fungal infection that can be prevalent in damp summers. There are hundreds of tomato varieties to choose from if buying seed. Be adventurous; I always plant some beefsteak varieties, small varieties, some blight resistant varieties and quite often, seeds saved from a supermarket purchase that were unusually tasty.

The flower garden

Foliage from daffodils that have started to yellow can be removed; same for tulips and other spring bulbs such as Leucojum (Summer Snowflake – look like very tall snow drops, an exceptionally easy and prolific white flowering bulb for early to late spring).

Garden centres are a riot of colour again, this must mean all the summer bedding is in stock and as always, it will be selling fast. Buy all you need in one go and plant out now the risk of frosts has gone.

Water garden

This is my yearly reminder to refresh the water in the garden pond. Stored rainwater is best but tap water can be used providing you don't have koi carp. Replace a few full watering cans and if you have a pump with a filter, now is a good time to give it a clean. I know the bio filters should be left alone but if they clog up like mine, clean them.

Lawns

Lawns appear to be managing better this year when compared to last, rain in May seemed to do just enough to keep the grass looking green. To help grass through the summer months, don't cut too short; longer grass means deeper roots so more chance of finding water.

And finally, an early plug for the EGRGA Summer Show: date for your diary 4th July, Rudgwick Village Hall and King George V Playing Field. If you want to enter any of the show classes, the deadline is **25th June**. (See notice on page 5 of this magazine).

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 Ringed Plover Performance

Big eyes, short legs, and frequently described as ‘rotund’, there’s no denying it. Ringed Plovers are adorable. Our UK residents are joined by over-wintering migrants and can be found all around our coastline and some estuaries, in shingle and wetland habitats.

These charismatic waders possess spectacular acting talents. Little orange feet stamp sandy ground to mimic falling raindrops, tempting out tasty



Ringed Plover © Alan Price

subterranean crustacean snacks. Mates are wooed with marching high-kick dance routines. Shingle nest preparation involves an umbrella of wings and much flinging of shells in a dramatic ceremony.

Being masters of disguise, Ringed Plover nests are inconspicuous, with both dappled eggs and fluffball chicks seamlessly blending into their sand and stone surroundings. This is optimum for ground-nesting predator

evasion, and chicks will freeze, Jurassic Park style, should a marauder enter their midst.

Hiding in plain sight, however, leaves the species incredibly vulnerable to disturbance, especially on our over-populated and well-trodden coastlines. Eggs can easily be crushed under the flimsiest of flip-flops, and chicks are hard to spot until very close by. And a bigger problem still: free-roaming dogs.

It doesn’t matter if your beloved pup is the best-behaved boy in town, with great recall and no prey drive. Domestic dogs replicate natural predators, and even if they aren’t likely to take a chick or investigate a nest, they can easily and unintentionally cause disturbance when off the lead.

Ringed Plover parents are fiercely committed to nest protection, even theatrically feigning a broken wing to lure predators away from their precious offspring. But feisty though they be, they weigh only 65 grams -

no match for a snuffling hound.

An increase in these acts of disturbance, habitat loss and climate change have contributed to a significant decline in numbers of UK Ringed Plovers since the mid-1980s, and the species is now on the UK Red List.

To help, you can keep your dog on a lead whilst walking around our coastlines, especially during March to August, the breeding season for these, and many other bird species. You can keep your distance: good practice for all wildlife watching, but especially with ground-nesting birds. And you can tell other people, to help raise awareness of the otherwise unknown perils of simply letting your dog off the lead.

In highlighting these issues, we hope the Ringed Plover performance may long continue. They just need less audience interaction.

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

BOOK EXCHANGE

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

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

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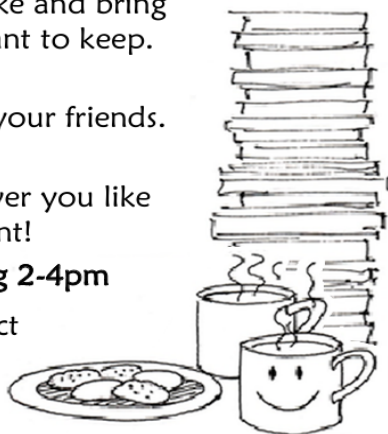
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Knitting and nattering 2-4pm

For further information contact
Marilyn Quail on 822766



Get out for the Butterfly Count

The environmental charity, Sussex Green Living, is teaming up with local conservation group, Wild About Warnham, this summer to celebrate Butterfly Conservation's **Big Butterfly Count** with a free guided walk in the Warnham Butterfly Fields on Sunday 19th July.

The Big Butterfly Count is an annual survey of the UK's butterflies when everyone is encouraged to get outdoors on a sunny day to count the butterflies they spot in a fifteen-minute period. Counts can take place in your garden, in your local park or in the countryside. This year's count will run from 17th July to 9th August.

The Count provides vital information to help Butterfly Conservation assess the fortunes of the UK's butterflies and your findings will help guide future conservation action to help boost butterfly numbers.

Sadly, of the UK's 59 butterfly species, 33 have been in decline in recent years, with favourites like the once common Small Tortoiseshell on the brink of disappearing altogether in parts of southeast England.

But there are lots of ways we can all help our butterflies thrive. You can get involved by volunteering with a local conservation group such as Wild About Warnham, or your local branch of Butterfly Conservation. Or why not take some simple steps to make your garden more butterfly-friendly?

Butterflies will visit any garden, however small, if it contains some nectar-rich plants to attract them. But don't forget if you want butterflies to breed in your garden, you should also include plants and shrubs on which their hungry caterpillars can feed. As many butterflies lay their eggs on different grasses, just allowing an area of your lawn to grow long and wild will do the trick!

How about a stroll to discover the butterflies fluttering around in your area? The Big Butterfly Walk will take place in Warnham, West Sussex and will be all about spotting the local species and learning about their needs and habitats. Everyone welcome.

Free Sussex Green Living Big Butterfly Walk – book your ticket:

[SGLbigbutterflywalk.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/SGLbigbutterflywalk)

More info on **Big Butterfly Count**: butterfly-conservation.org/how-you-can-help

Volunteer with **Wild About Warnham**, email: wildwarnham@btinternet.com

Contact **Sussex Butterfly Conservation** for other local events and conservation work parties: sussex-butterflies.org.uk/index.php

Parish Prayer Page

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all
your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13 NIV)

I stray, lost in the clatter, the chaos of this world. I cannot see the
good, seemingly drowned out by the noise of the bad.

Where is the voice of God? Surely His voice is big and loud.
Unmistakable in its awesomeness. |

Like a powerful wind, or the crack of an earthquake.

Or the rage of a fire.

Yet, the voice of God is but a gentle whisper. (see 1 Kings 19:11-13)

Help us to seek you Lord, to be attuned to your ways

May we make space and time, to be renewed and refreshed

In solitude and silence, to hear your quiet and gentle voice

Amen

Street by Street Prayer
Bridge Road, the Marts & Thurne Way



This July, Billingshurst Dramatic Society is joining forces with Lights & Bushels Theatre Company to premiere a brand new comedy.



The Clemsworth Retainers, written by Rudgwick resident Kathryn Attwood, details attempts by the owner and a group of volunteers to save a crumbling stately home from ruin.

Visitors to (the entirely fictional) Clemsworth House are few and far between, preferring its much grander West Sussex neighbour, Petworth House. But in the 1700s Clemsworth was home to the fabulously wealthy (and also entirely fictional) Sir Robert Neville and his beloved bride Lady Julia, to whom he once gave the largest sapphire in the world as a love token. By 2026 however, the wealth and sapphire are long gone and the only treasure left is a Gainsborough portrait of Lady Julia, which Sir Robert's descendant Basil Neville refuses to sell. Meanwhile his ancestral home is falling down around his ears. The volunteers – the faithful retainers – are hoping for a miracle. Or failing that, a lottery win. But Basil has an even more far-fetched plan up his sleeve...

Can anything save Clemsworth House? You'll have to buy a ticket to find out!

Performances are at The Women's Hall on 9th, 10th and 11th July at 7.30pm. Doors open at 7.00pm for pre-show drinks from the licensed bar.

Tickets are £15, available online from www.billingshurstdramaticsociety.com or www.lightsandbushels.com or in person from Mansell McTaggart in Billingshurst High Street.



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HOLY TRINITY AND VILLAGE CALENDAR

JUNE		
1 Monday	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
	2.00pm	Friendly Club, Rudgwick Hall
2 Tuesday	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS Walk, Memorial Hall, Ellens Green
3 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
4 Thursday	10.45am	Arts Society, Rudgwick Hall
	2.00pm	Games Hub at the Jubilee Hall
5 Friday	7.30pm	Choir Practice
7 Sunday Trinity 1	8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service* with children's and youth groups
	6.00pm	Evensong
8 Monday	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
	7.00pm	Parish Council meeting, Rudgwick Hall
9 Tuesday	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS Walk, Scarlett Arms, Walliswood
10 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
11 Thursday	2.00pm	Games Hub at the Jubilee Hall
12 Friday	7.30pm	Choir Practice
14 Sunday Trinity 2	8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service* Holy Communion with children's and youth groups
15 Monday	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
16 Tuesday	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS Walk, Sidney Wood Car Park, Dunsfold Road
17 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
	1.45pm	Rudgwick Wives, Parham House
	6.30pm	Photo Group, outside the church/Royal Oak,

18 Thursday	2.00pm	Holmbury St Mary Games Hub at the Jubilee Hall
19 Friday	7.30pm	Choir Practice
21 Sunday Trinity 3	8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service* with baptisms, children's and youth groups
	6.00pm	Deanery Confirmation Service
22 Monday	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
23 Tuesday	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	The Punchbowl, Okewood Hill
24 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
25 Thursday	2.00pm	Games Hub at the Jubilee Hall
26 Friday	7.30pm	Choir Practice
28 Sunday Trinity 4	9.00am	Traditional Holy Communion with Choir at Holy Trinity
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service* with children's and youth groups
29 Monday	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
30 Tuesday	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS Walk, Sussex Oak, Warnham
JULY		
1 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
2 Thursday	2.00pm	Games Hub at the Jubilee Hall
3 Friday	7.30pm	Choir Practice
5 Sunday Trinity 5	8:30am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service* with children's and youth groups
	6.00pm	Evensong
<i>* This service will be live-streamed at www.rudgwickchurch.org</i>		

Rudgwick Primary School

Celebrating The Arts

Each class at Rudgwick Primary School experiences a rich art curriculum, which starts as soon as the children enter the Reception class. This half-term the Reception children (Africa class) have been learning about the life and art of Claude Monet. They have particularly enjoyed looking at Monet's bridge paintings and chose to create their own pieces of art inspired by 'The Japanese Footbridge 1899'.

Their creations involved learning how to mix white paint into colours to create paler shades. Fingerpainting was used as a technique to create impressions of trees and water, and rectangular pieces of card were used to form a bridge. The children will be proudly displaying their artwork at Rudgwick Village Hall over the next few months, as part of their journey towards an Artsmark Award.

Clare Worth



Claude Monet



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Rudgwick Friendly Club

**MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2026
RUDGWICK VILLAGE HALL AT 2PM**

**LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH SCAM AND NUISANCE CALLS OR
MESSAGES**

Sadly, nuisance and scam calls and other types of fraud are slowly becoming a fact of life for most of us nowadays. Daniel Sykes from West Sussex Police Force will be joining us on 1st June to give us advice on how to recognise, avoid or deal with this problem. This should be a very informative and useful talk for us all to hear as modern technology is often a mystery to many of us.

Visitors are very welcome to join us for this talk especially if you have been affected by this problem.

Brenda Morley, Tel: 824099



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OPEN STUDIOS IN RUDGWICK

JUNE 2026

Just a reminder that Jane and Helen very much look forward to welcoming you to our respective Open Studios in a week's time!

We hope you will be able to visit us on one of our open days, which are the same dates for both studios. (see below)

We are now part of a new Surrey/Sussex Border Trail, comprising 10 artists' studios within easy reach - please ask us for details when you visit. All work, including greetings cards, is for sale at both venues and there will be refreshments on offer.

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 17th June A VISIT TO PARHAM HOUSE 1.45pm

A slightly different meeting this time which hopefully members will enjoy. Following our talk in May about Parham House last month we will be visiting the house and garden to see it for ourselves. Not a guided tour, just wandering round ourselves.

Entrance is £12.50 (garden only) or £16.50 to include entrance to the house (or free for anyone who is a Historic Houses member). CARD ONLY.

Having made your own way there, (big car park) please meet near the pay desk at the entrance at 1.45pm and buy your own ticket, then we can wander round individually or in small groups and maybe meet up for a cup of tea at some point. The property closes at 5pm.

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



June 2026 at RYC

Join us during term time this June 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

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



Drop-in

friends, fun, games, tuck

Mondays
3.30-5pm

Y7-Y9

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



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



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The Memory Lane Team and their guests are still recovering from "Musical Memories" they performed at the end of April with the help of a new Dementia Choir this year. The audience were delighted with the joyful concert and kindly contributed to a generous £350 donation to Alzheimer's Research.

This month starts with a talk to Carers by Rosemary Hurtleley entitled "What Makes You Tick" at 2pm on Monday the 1st June. This presentation is addressed specifically to all the guests who care 24/7 for their partners who are experiencing dementia; so enabling them to rediscover life energy and vitality through health conditions. Whilst their Carer Partners are having this session (*giving them a two hour break!*) those guests experiencing dementia will be entertained and stimulated by the Memory Lane Team led by Liz Westaway, who will have recovered from all she did in forming a Dementia Choir and producing Musical Memories.

Memory Lane had their usual meetings during May in the Cranleigh Arts Centre and a refreshing Walk Around the Park to keep up with nature and the fresh wildlife this year. Further excitement next month when on the 6th July, all the guests and volunteers will each be led in playing Indonesian Anglunge together, led by Kundi Scully, one of the Memory Lane Guests.

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



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Dear Friends,

April has been a busy and uplifting month for Family Support Work (FSW), our supporters, volunteers, and families alike. We began the month with Easter activities, bringing families together for connection and enjoyment. Our Dalesdown weekend was another highlight, many families coming along to enjoy a restful and fun time, supported by our dedicated practitioners and volunteers.

The Bluebell Walk was a wonderful success, welcoming almost one thousand visitors. We are so grateful to the many volunteers and staff who worked to support the event, as well as those who came along and who helped raise valuable funds to support FSW families – by purchasing delicious food and drink at the café, thank you! We were also delighted to celebrate a special milestone as Elaine, Director of Services, marked her 20th work anniversary at FSW, an incredible achievement!

A family we support who fled their home country last year, have worked closely over the past 6 months with our practitioner Becky as they begin to rebuild their lives. Following a recent move into an empty property, they were left without essential items. Thanks to the generosity of our donors and funders, we have been able to provide key household goods, making their house a home.

The family continue to face significant challenges. English is their second language, and the mother is experiencing anxiety, low mood, and isolation. The father is also managing ongoing health concerns, including chronic back pain and a suspected stroke. Their youngest child has a heart condition, adding further worry for the family. With extremely limited finances, support has been vital in improving their wellbeing and sense of security; extremely grateful for all the help FSW has been able to give them. Your support is making a real difference as the family moves toward a more stable future.

Please be praying for: This month's case story - the new accommodation is the fresh start they need.

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

*Hannah Rothwell
Digital Communication & Fundraising*

Collecting vinyl – a phoenix from the ashes story

From the early 1990s vinyl records were consigned to lofts, charity shops and even landfill, as compact discs and then music streaming services became the norm.

Yet vinyl has made a remarkable comeback, with a new generation of collectors driving demand. Vinyl records are once again being pressed in huge quantities. For many, however, the true joy comes from collecting vintage vinyl: the original pressing, special edition boxsets and reissues on coloured vinyl.



The result is a flourishing collector's market. Records by The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd remain wildly popular, with early pressings commanding high values. Conversely, if you're looking to sell your collection of big band or easy listening music (think Glenn Miller and the Carpenters), demand for these records is very low indeed. Perhaps their day will come again too.

Many vinyl owners have no idea that their old records hold more value now than ever before, and unfortunately vast numbers are still being thrown away. So, if you haven't looked at your collection for a while, now might be the time to do so. Of course, condition is key. A record in near mint condition that plays without any background noise will be of far greater interest and value to the collector than a record scratched beyond recognition. Unfortunately, whilst the music of the 1960s, 70s and 80s may have been superb, the technology was not. Many a collector has pulled a record from a sleeve in fevered anticipation, only to find that the original owner's stylus had long ago rendered it utterly unplayable. But therein lies one of the most exciting aspects of the hobby. Record collecting is like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get!

Mark Wood

Mark is a record collector from the local area who buys and sells vinyl collections. If you're considering selling your record collection and would like a free expert consultation, you can contact Mark on 07966556532.



Rudgwick Scout News

1st Rudgwick Scouts Group

Registered Charity Number 305898

The leaders and young people at the 1st Rudgwick Scout Group would like to thank everybody for their fundraising efforts this year.

The group have been raising funds to purchase a box trailer to help with transporting kit to camps. The young people enjoy several camps throughout the year and a box trailer will make the trips more economical and more environmentally friendly.

All the young people in the scout group from Squirrels to Scouts, Beavers to Cubs were each given the challenge of raising £20.26 as part of the 2026 challenge. The young people were encouraged to be inventive with how they raised the money and hosted fund-raising events ranging from lemonade stands to car washes, sponsored bike rides to selling bird boxes and of course there were some much loved cake sales.

In total the young people from 1st Rudgwick Scout group raised a staggering £1548 through this challenge.

1st Rudgwick Scout Group would like to extend a particular thanks to the Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association who chose the Scout group as the recipient of their plant sale proceeds in April. The sale raised a spectacular £798.60 and the 1st Rudgwick Scout group are enormously grateful for this generous donation.

Thank you to everyone, young people and adults who have contributed to the fundraising efforts this year.



St George's Day

On Sunday 26th April the 1st Rudgwick Scout Group joined over 1400 young people marching through Horsham as part of the annual St George's Day celebrations.

The young people marched from North Street, through the town centre and ended at The Carfax proudly carrying flags. On arrival at the Carfax, the young people were joined by Horsham MP John Milne.

St George's Day is the most important day in the scouting calendar. At the end of the march all Scouts from Squirrels to the adult volunteers publicly renew their scouting promise that connects them to the worldwide movement.

Representing Rudgwick were nine Squirrels, 18 Beavers, 18 Cubs, 13 Scouts and seven Explorer Scouts.

We would like to thank all the young people and volunteers who helped make this important annual event a success.



Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice is excited to share that their Open Gardens are back from May to August!

This loved event gives you the chance to explore over 40 beautiful private gardens across Surrey and Hampshire, with entry fees helping to fund the care the Phyllis Tuckwell provides to local patients and families living with advanced or terminal illnesses.

Some gardens will also be selling refreshments, raffle tickets and plants, raising even more for the charity. Scan the QR code or visit their website to download your brochure! If you'd like a physical copy, please get in touch with the Fundraising Team at support@pth.org.uk or call 01252 729446 and they'd be happy to send you one.



Ingenious Ways To 'Feed the Lions'



Since their introduction, 'Feed the Lions' Collecting Jars have become very popular as an easy way for people to dispose of their unwanted small change and help raise funds for Billingshurst & District Lions Club. But lately, some have found ingenious ways for making those contributions. Lion President Dominic Roberts discovered one of these and takes up the story;

"I recently learnt about Iris who is a Brownie in the same pack as my daughter Mabel. Iris' Mum made an announcement on the Brownie WhatsApp chat, saying that Iris will be selling cakes at the next Brownie meeting to raise funds for the Lions.

"Obviously this caught my attention. So I decided to go along to the next meeting to find out more about Iris' fundraising. After introducing myself to Iris, she very excitedly showed me one of our 'Feed the Lions' jars she was proposing to fill with proceeds of her cake sale. She went on to tell me how much she enjoys visiting our Bookshop in Billingshurst most Saturdays.

"It got me thinking about what a brilliant way to fill one of our jars rather than just filling with loose pocket change. I wanted the Club to recognise Iris' efforts and so on her next visit to our Bookshop, I arranged for her to receive a 'Certificate of Recognition' and a £10.00 Bookshop Gift Voucher in recognition of her initiative.

"Well done Iris - you've definitely thought outside the Jar on this one!"

"On another occasion, we were pleased that some people take things to extremes, as two 5 Litre water bottles full of 1p and 2p coins were recently delivered to the Bookshop!

But, however you choose to donate, all contributions are gratefully received towards the support Lions can provide throughout Billingshurst and the surrounding District.

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

Rudgwick Preservation Society

www.rudgwick-rps.org.uk



Rudgwick's past, present and future, N° 202

Rowhook is the sharp angled junction on Rowhook Road with old Stane Street, which crosses the road by The Chequers Inn. Hook is self-explanatory; Row may refer to roe deer, or to 'rough'. But the modern hamlet is much more widespread and extends into Warnham and Slinfold, broadly speaking along the axis of Rowhook Road and Horsham Road from the A29 to the Surrey border. Rowhook is also within the extensive ancient manor of Dedisham (Slinfold), which was a medieval hunting manor with three parks, one of them in Rowhook – cue roe deer. This section of Stane Street was abandoned in the centuries after the Romans left, but can still be followed on foot from Roman Gate, past Lodge Farm (itself a reminder of the park, along with the lost farm at Parkpin), then on Rudgwick's border with Warnham to Monks Farm (in Rudgwick, just).

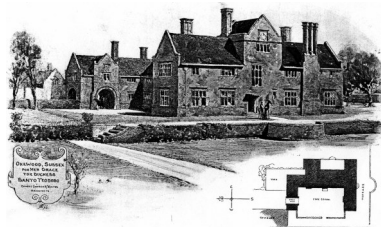
The late 18th century pub may be regarded as the focal point (it was also once a smithy), but for many years there was a 19th century shop at Little Millfields, and a corn windmill at Snell's Farm, all three close to the road, which became a turnpike from Ellens Green to Clemsfold in 1829, linking earlier turnpikes. Rowhook is really the sum of its numerous farms, rather like The Haven, explained last month. In the north were Ridge (or Rudge) and Hitchcocks, the latter now Honeywood House, both demolished. Ridge is an unattractive industrial estate, Honeywood a handsome rebuild (photo, drawing by architect Sir Ernest George). Next, is Millfields, west of the road, and Honeylane, the only jettied house in Rudgwick, to the east.

Honey Lane itself, a bridleway, and the public road from Rowhook to Okewood Hill were twin alternative sections of the 16th to 19th century coaching route from London to Arundel, travelled by coaches which regularly got bogged down in the stiff clay. Hence alternative roads.

There was once a gap between Snell Farm and the next farms, but today several properties occupy the roadside. By The Chequers is Stringersland (now Chequered Oak House) and opposite is Rowhook Farm. The latter has

been much enlarged, the house in Rudgwick, but most of its former fields in Warnham. Walk up the lane next to the pub, and you will find Lodge Farm and two lost farm sites, Farthings and Parkpin. Further south is outside Rudgwick. Rowhook is on high ground, where the 'Rudgwick Ridge' has a south-facing spur known as Rowhook Hill, renowned for its accidents since the days when cars had poor brakes.

The northern part of the ridge has encouraged wealthy owners to build fine houses with views. Honeywood is the biggest, first built in 1880 as a home for William Renton (he had just married the Rudgwick vicar's daughter, Mabel Drury); then enlarged for the Anglo-Italian Duchess of San Teodoro, who became Princess Columna by the time she left before The Great War; then for Lady Tredegar, an eccentric Scots-Welsh aristocrat. In 1949, it became a nursing home, which it remains today.



The other large house on the ridge is Bury St Austen's, once called Berrylands Farm. The new house was first built for the yeoman Churchman family who had moved from Slinfold, and who became prosperous farmers, later moving to Maybanks, Cox Green. It was a later owner around the last years of the 19th century who changed its name. George Prevost was from a Huguenot family, coming to England via USA, and chose to name the farm after St Austen, otherwise known as St Augustine of Hippo, revered by Calvinists such as the French Huguenots.

Returning to Dedisham (or Detsom) manor, its history can be traced back to 1171. It had a long association with the Dukes of Norfolk, with another historic manor of Goring, the manors parting company in 1542, but not the link with the Duke. The manorial records of some ten copyhold Rowhook farms are held in the muniment room at Arundel Castle.

Read the book! *The Story of a Rowhook Windmill, Snell's Farm in the Manor of Dedisham*, 2024, includes some history of all Rowhook farms in its 57 pages. **Only £5** from Rudgwick Preservation Society, see our website.

Roger Nash

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Parish Council Report

After the recent **County Council election** we have sent a welcome to new Councillor Colin Minto and our heartfelt thanks to County Councillor Christian Mitchell for all his support during his term of office.

Of immediate importance is the effect on the A281 of the development in Bucks Green which received outline consent from Horsham District Council at the end of April. You will be aware that there still many issues to be resolved (such as drainage, type of housing, landscaping) before the actual development can take place.

The recent election is part of the Local Government Review. As of May 2026, a new directly elected Mayor for the combined region of **West Sussex, East Sussex, and Brighton & Hove** is being established, with elections taking place in May 2026. Currently Horsham District Council is also asking for your views on the boundaries and governance arrangements of **parishes across the Horsham District**.

A Community Governance Review is a legal process where the Council will consult with those living in the area, and other interested parties, on the most suitable ways of representing the people in the area. It provides an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to share their views on whether local parish arrangements continue to reflect the community identity, particularly where there have been population changes or local development.

Ensuring strong local governance will support community cohesion, ensuring residents feel represented and connected to decisions that affect their local area.

To read about the Community Governance Review (CGR) process,

including the parish boundaries and the list of parish councillors, visit Horsham Council's Community Governance Review page. You only have until 22nd June to contribute.

You may also be interested to know that Horsham Council is also carrying out a review of **Rudgwick's Conservation area**. (The area in the vicinity of the Church.)

At the Annual Parish Meeting in April I raised a request for volunteers to establish a **Community Orchard in Churchmans Meadow**. I am pleased to report that there was a good take-up but we do need more helpers –they could be planners, grant explorers, planters, maintenance people, in fact people of all ages and interest. Could you volunteer?

Finally another request to fill our **Parish Council vacancy**. If you are thinking about having an input in the ongoing well-being of the Village please get in touch, your support will be much appreciated.

David Buckley
Rudgwick Parish Council



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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.

Rudgwick Arts Society

Our next lecture will be on Thursday 4 June at 10.45am in Rudgwick Village Hall.



Our speaker will be Gavin Plumley on John Singer Sargent (1856-1925)

Gavin Plumley is a British cultural historian, writer, lecturer and broadcaster. As well as his work for The Arts Society, both at home and abroad, he has lectured at numerous art galleries, museums, opera houses and concert halls in the UK and the United States of America. His first book, *A Home for All Seasons*, was published in 2022, and is an account of his move to an old house in Pembridge with musings about the history of the area and the paintings of Pieter Bruegel the Elder. The book was launched at the Hay Festival and Wigmore Hall.

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. Complimentary coffee /tea served from 10am

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