

Rudgwick

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From the Vicar

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Dear Friends

I wonder what the weather is doing as you read this? A week or so ago we were all sweltering in temperatures of 30°C plus – the hottest May on record with 35.1°C recorded in Kew Gardens. This week it is wet, raining and cold – barely 14°C. Earlier today the rain was pouring down but now, as I write, the sun is shining again.

Being obsessed with the weather is one of those caricatures of the British. Unlike many places in the world, our climate is unpredictable – it feels like winter and summer in one day! Although Oscar Wilde said conversation about the weather was the last refuge of the unimaginative, the reality is that it plays a big part in our lives and what we do.

As I walked through the driving rain today, huddled under an umbrella, I wished it was dry, sunny and warm. However, I know we need the rain and without water we cannot live.

Jesus used this metaphor when he stood up in Jerusalem and invited anyone who was thirsty to come to him and drink, adding “*Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.*” John then explains that Jesus was referring to the Holy Spirit when he spoke of ‘living water’. Just as water sustains life physically, so the Holy Spirit sustains spiritual life. Sadly, so many miss out on this ‘living water’ thinking that Christianity is about earning our salvation by being good, rather than having this living water flowing in us, which helps us to do good. Whatever weather we experience over the summer, I hope you will experience the living water of the Holy Spirit for yourself.

Every blessing

Martin King

THE PARISH REGISTER

WEDDINGS

13 June - Kurt RICHARDSON & Demi BASLEY

20 June - Ben LOW & Sharna BOTTING



July 2026 at RYC

Join us during term time this July 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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Holy Trinity Church Office

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Traffic Calming Update

Church Street Traffic Calming

Despite sporadic communication with WSCC Highways, we are assured that the scheme design will be finalised by this September so that it can be included in the WSCC's annual procurement exercise. Scheme delivery will then be sometime in the financial year 2027/2028. The details that we have at the moment were presented at the Annual Parish Meeting in April, but if you missed it, you can view the presentation at the Rudgwick Parish Council website (rudgwick-pc.gov.uk) under the Community Tab and select 'Traffic Calming'. Updates will be posted there as further details emerge.

Bucks Green Housing Estate – Application DC/25/1269 approved 28/4/2026

We always hoped to achieve some traffic calming measures on the A281 in Bucks Green consequent upon an approval to build new housing there. So, when Sussex Police said that they would object unless a fixed speed camera was installed and paid for by the developer, this seemed a good solution. We were therefore dismayed that subsequently Sussex Police withdrew that requirement and said they would simply be content with the provision of a reserved parking space for the mobile enforcement unit when deployed. Even worse, they failed to secure even that paltry request from HDC Planning by a poorly presented case and also the nomination of a totally unfeasible location. We are now therefore 'encouraging' both WSCC and Sussex Police to simply reserve a bay in the A281 lay-by (opposite James Paul Motors) for that purpose. Somewhat remarkably, WSCC are currently blocking this low-cost proposal and so we have escalated this to our new county councillor, Colin Minto.

Downslink Crossing Scheme

This is now confirmed for implementation in 1Q2027, over 6.5 years after the cyclist fatality in July 2020. We can only keep fingers crossed that there are no more serious incidents there before this improvement scheme is finally implemented, and that it actually does improve safety. You can find the final construction plans for the Downslink crossing enhancements on the Rudgwick Parish Council website (rudgwick-pc.gov.uk) under the Community Tab and select 'Downslink'. Part of the scheme includes moving the start of the 40mph limit (from Horsham) to be in the Swaynes Farm area i.e. well away from the crossing itself. The parish council had formally requested this previously via three Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) over recent years but each time we got the response 'the manual says NO'. Thankfully WSCC has finally seen the sense in this change but even then there was one public objection raised with WSCC about the TRO. Can you really comprehend that?

Rudgwick Parish Councillor, Paul Kornysky

Games every Thursday Jubilee Hall from 2pm



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

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(Term Time)

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For babies, Toddlers and their parent or carer.

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Rudgwick*

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CLOSING DATE:
10 JULY 2026



♥ Together we learn, grow and thrive ♥





Rudgwick Chapel



Church Street, Rudgwick

We are an evangelical church that meets on Sunday mornings at 10.30 am. We give you a very warm welcome to join us. Our music is a mix of traditional and contemporary. During the adult talk, our *Lighthouse* children's group meets for their own teaching.

On the first Sunday of each month, we have an All-Age Family Service, which is usually led by our Community Pastor, James. After the service we invite everyone to stay for lunch.

At 6 pm on Tuesday evenings we meet at the Chapel to study the Bible together – anyone is welcome to come along.

You can find details of our services and other events in the calendar on the next page.

If you would like to find out more about us, please go to our website

www.rudgwickchapel.org.uk

or get in touch

Phone: 01403 822938 or 07840 537039

Email: rudgwickchapel@btinternet.com

RUDGWICK CHAPEL CALENDAR

JULY			
5	Sunday	10.30 am	ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE - James Clarke (followed by lunch - all are welcome to stay)
7	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
12	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service - Simon Loveless (including <i>Lighthouse</i> children's group)
14	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
19	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service, Communion - Chris Papworth (including <i>Lighthouse</i> children's group)
21	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
26	Sunday	10.30 am	Main Service - Keith Varney (Mission Aviation Fellowship)
28	Tuesday	11.15 am 6.00 pm	Online Prayer Meeting Bible Study
AUGUST			
2	Sunday	10.30 am	ALL-AGE FAMILY SERVICE - Charlie Sanders (followed by lunch - all are welcome to stay)
<i>For more information please see previous page or phone 01403 822938 or 07840 537039</i> www.rudgwickchapel.org.uk			

RPS Walks for July

The programme (with thanks to Geoff Ayres):

Tuesday	Start time	Leaders	Starting at
July 7 th	7.00	Malcolm Francis	The Fox (Bucks Green)
FRIDAY July 17 th	7.00	Geoff & Jean Ayres	The Blue Ship
July 21 st	7.00	John Connold	Whitehall Layby, Cranleigh
July 28 th	7.00	Geoff & Jean Ayres	Near The Mucky Duck
Aug 4 th	7.00	Stephen Chandler	Bat & Ball, Newpound Common

At The Fox, park in the A281 layby.

The Blue Ship walk is on Friday when the pub is open. Park on the lane beyond the pub.

Whitehall Layby is on the road from Ellens Green to Cranleigh. Park in the layby.

At The Mucky Duck park along the roadside on the side road off Loxwood Road.

At The Bat & Ball (off the road from Loxwood to Billingshurst), park in the rear of the 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.

Rudgwick Photo Group

Summer visits continue with an outing to
Ebernoe Nature reserve and Holy Trinity Church (GU28 9LD)
on Wednesday July 15th at 17.30.

Ebernoe is managed by Sussex Wildlife Trust who state:

Ebernoe Common is dominated by old wood pasture where Commoners would have turned out their cattle or pigs to graze and browse on young trees and scrub, Beech mast and acorns, or on the grassy meadows in glades and clearings. Grazing stopped by the middle of the 20th century and the wood pasture became more and more overgrown. When Sussex Wildlife Trust bought the reserve in 1980, great effort went into opening up glades and rides, and restoring grazing to the reserve.

Everyone welcome!

David Buckley
rudgwickphotogroup@gmail.com



Gardening Tips



If you are reading this article before 2pm on 4th July (by the way, Happy Semiquincentennial Independence Day to my American reader) you still have time to come along to the gardening association's annual Summer Show at Rudgwick Village Hall, Bucks Green (see www.gardenreg.org for details).

If you are reading this article after 4pm on 4th July, you missed another terrific show, however, it is not long until our Autumn Show on 12th September. All our shows are open to everyone, you do not have to be a member so come along and join in, you are all very welcome.

Last year I mentioned that "June got off to a damp start ...". This June has also got off to a damp start, just a bit damper with 45mm of rain in the first 3 days of the month, the same amount as fell in the whole of March, April and May combined. A welcome break from the scorching 35C at the end of May, the rain certainly needed by farmers, I just hope it was the right sort of rain.

Last June's article was all about mulching and after the rain in June there is no better time to get mulching just in case the weather does take a turn for the better and we end up with a steaming hot sunny summer.

A bit about roses

Plants that do enjoy a bit of summer heat are roses, perhaps not surprising as they originate from Asia. According to Greek mythology, Chloris, the goddess of flowers created a new flower by breathing life into a woodland nymph who had died. Dionysus, the god of wine and plant life gave it a beautiful perfume, and Aphrodite, the goddess of beauty and pleasure, gave the rose its name by rearranging the letters of Eros, her son and the god of love and desire. Eros later gave a rose to Harpocrates, the god of silence as a bribe to ensure he kept the indiscretions of the gods to himself. Hence, the rose became symbolic of secrecy, silence, and love. This story was carried on into Roman mythology, with the protagonists replaced by their gods, Flora, Venus, Cupid, and Bacchus et al.

The association with secrecy led to the rose becoming a visual symbol of the need for discretion. Roses were carved into the ceilings and walls of public rooms in grand houses, courtrooms, and Catholic confessionals as a reminder that all conversations should be kept confidential. From the Middle Ages, a rose was often suspended from the ceiling of a government council chamber

to ensure the secrecy of proceedings. Therefore, sub rosa ("under the rose") became a quasi-legal term still in use to denote something that is best kept under wraps.

From being purely decorative, roses gradually took on a more symbolic significance when they started to appear in the emblems of nobility. In the 13th century, the white Rosa alba was the badge of Eleanor of Provence, wife of Henry III. Her son Edmund, Earl of Lancaster, adopted the red Rosa gallica from his wife Blanche of Artois (my 21st great-grandmother. And no, no known relation to René Artoir from Allo Allo) when they married. This established the red rose as the mark of the House of Lancaster.

More than 200 years later, Richard, Duke of York, chose the white rose as his badge. The right to the crown was disputed by the House of Lancaster and the House of York between 1455 and 1487, during the War of the Roses. The resolution of that civil war resulted in the Lancastrian Henry Tudor being crowned King Henry VII. He married Elizabeth of York and united the symbolic white and red roses to form the Tudor rose. The form of this double rose can be seen carved into Tudor buildings and furniture and painted into portraits of the time, symbolising for all time a united country (if only).

Roses even make it into song. Can anyone remember the inventors in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang singing "The Roses of Success"? For up from the ashes, up from the ashes, grow the roses of success! Grow the Roses ... &c.

Roses have also been around in one shape or another for 30 million years so it's about time they learned to fend off black spot, mildew, mosaic virus and those pesky thrips and greenfly.

If a fragrant rose is needed, which one to go for? The showier and therefore more cultivated a rose the less perfume it carries. Not necessarily true but a useful rule of thumb, I find the sniff test a valuable tool when buying roses. For fragrance go for an English or Old variety; shrub roses and climbers are also a worthy choice. A good choice for a hedge is Rosa Rugosa (the wrinkled rose); prune with vigour using a hedge trimmer after flowering and be amazed that it comes back year after year full of blooms, an often-overlooked hedging plant.

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

Hummingbird Hawk-Moth

The Hum Of Summer

Nature is full of confusing naming conventions, throwing many of us into temple-rubbing identification exasperation. Dark Green Fritillary butterflies are mostly orange. Bearded Tits are actually moustachioed Reedlings. And don't get me started on Slow Worms.

The Hummingbird Hawk-moth, however, satisfyingly does what it says on the tin. The species has developed similar abilities to its avian namesakes, especially the hummingbird. It's an example of convergent evolution, where different species evolve to have the same techniques despite not being related: think the ability to fly in both bats and birds.

Whilst resting, the Hummingbird Hawk-moth looks quite unassuming; mostly grey in colour and blending in with muted surroundings. But in flight is where the glorious hummingbird transformation happens.



Hummingbird Hawk-moth © Andrew Holloway

The moth's wings beat at an astonishing 80 times per second, so fast that their orange underwing colouration appears to merge with their overall form and they look brighter. Their long, curled proboscis, a straw-like mouthpart resembling a swirl of black liquorice, is unfurled and prepped for nectar-slurping, à la hummingbird beak. Large eyes help perfect their proboscis precision. The moth flits between flowers, zipping about in expert hover so quick that its wings emit an audible hum.

They can be found in a variety of habitats, including our gardens and urban green spaces; anywhere they can get that proboscis stuck into nectar-rich plants like Honeysuckle and Buddleia. The caterpillars feed on plants from the bedstraw family, so females will lay their eggs on the flowers of these plants.

Hummingbird Hawk-moths are a summer visitor to the UK, migrating from southern Europe and north Africa in variable numbers each year. They can be found any time between May and September and are most commonly spotted around the south of the UK and its coastlines – lucky Sussex.

As a day-flying moth, Hummingbird Hawk-moths give us the opportunity to see them up close in all their glory, and as hummingbirds are restricted to North and South America, for many of us this is the closest we may get to the real deal.

But with these eye-catching insects offering us our own buzzing burst of summer's hum, that gasp-inducing tangerine flash spied on walks or through windows, those mindful minutes gifted by following their floral fastidiousness - honestly, who needs a hummingbird?

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

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For further information contact
Marilyn Quail on 822766



Parish Prayer Page

All powerful God,
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with your peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned
and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty,
not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,
for justice, love and peace.
(a prayer of Pope Francis, *abridged*)

Street by Street Prayer

Gaskyns Close, Station Road incl. Medical Centre, Foxholes



Rudgwick Friendly Club

Monday 6 July
2pm at Rudgwick Village Hall

Harpist - Margaret Watson



This will be our last meeting before our summer break and we will be welcoming back harpist Margaret Watson.

Those of us who have heard Margaret play before will know that this means we will be listening to a wide variety of music from Bach to The Beatles interspersed with amusing tales.

On 7th September we will be having our annual Fish and Chip lunch at the Arun View Hotel at Littlehampton. The cost for this trip will be £35 which includes lunch, tip and coach travel. If you would like to come on this trip would you please bring your payment to the July meeting

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

Rudgwick Primary School Celebrating The Arts

(see centre pages)



This half-term Rudgwick Primary School have experienced an art week. As we continue to work towards an Artsmark award, creativity could be seen in every classroom. Each class focused on a specific artist: Reception - Jackson Pollock; Year 1 - Yayoi Kusama; Year 2 - Freda Kahlo; Year 3 - Pablo Picasso; Year 4 - Georgia O'Keefe; Year 5 - Vincent Van Gogh; and Year 6 - L.S. Lowry. The children learnt about the artist, their style and focused on a specific piece as inspiration for their own representations of the artist's work. The children used a range of art mediums, including poster paints, watercolours, acrylic pens and wax pastels.

To celebrate the children's achievements, each piece of art was framed and put on display as part of an art gallery for students and parents to visit. It truly was a wonderful experience for the school community. The children also got to spend some of the week with Steve Porter, a local artist. The whole school contributed to making a school mural, which will be displayed in the school playground for everyone to see.

The children of Rudgwick Primary School are continually impressing us with their artistic knowledge and skills.

Clare Worth



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.

HOLY TRINITY AND VILLAGE CALENDAR

JULY		
Thursday 2	10.45am	Arts Society Lecture at Village Hall
	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 3	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 5	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Trinity 5</i>		<i>at St John's, Tismans Common</i>
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service *
		with children's and youth groups
	6.00pm	Evensong
Monday 6	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
	2.00pm	Friendly Club at Village Hall
Tuesday 7	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS walk, Fox Inn
Wednesday 8	10.00am	Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall
Thursday 9	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 10	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 12	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
<i>Trinity 6</i>		<i>at St John's, Tismans Common</i>
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service * with Holy
		Communion and children's and youth groups
Monday 13	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting at Village Hall
Tuesday 14	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
Wednesday 15	10.00am	Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall
	5.30pm	Photo Group, Ebernoe Common
Thursday 16	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 17	7.00pm	RPS walk, The Blue Ship
	7.30pm	Choir Practice

Sunday 19 <i>Trinity 7</i>	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 20	10.00am	Rompers at Holy Trinity Church
Tuesday 21	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS walk, Whitehall Layby, Cranleigh
Wednesday 22	10.00am	Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall
Thursday 23	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 24	7.30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday 26 <i>Trinity 8</i>	9.00am	Traditional Holy Communion with Choir <i>at Holy Trinity</i>
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service * All together
Tuesday 28	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS walk, The Mucky Duck
Wednesday 29	10.00am	Book Exchange at Jubilee Hall
Thursday 30	2.00pm	Games Hub at Jubilee Hall
Friday 31	7.30pm	Choir Practice
AUGUST		
Sunday 2 <i>Trinity 9</i>	8.30am	Holy Communion (BCP) <i>at St John's, Tismans Common</i>
	10.30am	Contemporary Family Service * All together
	6.00pm	Compline
Tuesday 4	6.30pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS walk, Memorial Hall, Ellens Green
<i>* This service will be live-streamed at www.rudgwickchurch.org</i>		



HAPPY'S CIRCUS

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**Having trouble keeping up with all the changes at the bins?
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Here is a quick summary of what can be recycled:

- Beauty items: mascaras; lip balms; eyeshadow; tubes; lipsticks
- Biscuit wrappers: sweet and savoury
- Bras
- Bread & all bakery bags
- Corks (no plastic)
- Ferrero Rocher: trays; aluminium wrappers; plastic boxes
- Foil balloons
- Food storage containers & plastic; thick plastic drinking bottles & lids
- Gloves: latex; vinyl; nitrile; polyethylene; plastic packaging
- Inhalers
- Milk bottle tops
- Oral hygiene: toothbrushes (electric & hand); packaging;
- Printer cartridges (no laser cartridges)
- Reading glasses & contact lenses (inc. cases & cloths)
- Stamps
- Water filters: any brand
- Writing instruments: pens; biros; plastic rulers; felt pens

For a more comprehensive list go to Go Greener FB page
or send a message to: gogreenerudgwick@gmail.com





Rudgwick Tennis Club would like to say a big “Thank You” to Horsham District Council’s Community Climate Fund for giving us a grant of £5,000 to help us upgrade our halogen floodlights to LED.

This is a great project in all respects – good for the environment and good for the club as our electricity costs will be significantly reduced. The conversion work is due to take place in August, in good time for the darker evenings of the autumn and winter.

Rudgwick Tennis Club is a fantastic village tennis club that punches well above its weight and in recent years was voted “Sussex Club of the Year”. We are a friendly and welcoming club with a range of social activities throughout the year. Our men’s and ladies’ teams have steadily risen up the Sussex summer and winter Leagues thanks to a solid base of really good players. We have a new Coach, Alex Fox, who is setting up many coaching programmes suitable to everyone – adults with rusty rackets, good players wanting to get even better, through to juniors of all ages.

To find out more please see our website which includes our 2026 Newsletter:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/RudgwickTennisClub>

Membership Secretary: Chris Blizard Phone: 07920150367

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/foxytenniscoaching>

Email: foxytenniscoaching@icloud.com Phone: 07804768570



Rudgwick Scout News

1st Rudgwick Scouts Group

Registered Charity Number 305898

Louise Weatherly, leader of the Little Hawks Beaver Colony in Rudgwick for the past six years, was persuaded to push herself out of her comfort zone and try 'real' caving with the Scouts and Explorer Scouts in May. She writes about her fears and triumphs and her delight at seeing the teamwork and friendships growing among the young people.

As a Beaver leader, part of my role is to plan and organize fun activities for the young people in my colony. Many of these activities are new to them such as archery, climbing, caving, grass sledging etc. This is the early stages of the young people's scouting journey, trying new things, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and facing these challenges among supportive friends.

So, when Si, one of the Rudgwick Scout Leaders approached me suggesting I give real caving a go, I agreed, with some trepidation. However, as the caving weekend approached, I wondered if I had made a terrible mistake. What if I couldn't do it? What if I was afraid? What if I got stuck? What if I made a complete fool of myself?

But there was no backing out now.



Bags packed and off I went to meet 14 Scouts, two Explorer Scouts and three leaders to head off to Wells in Somerset. With the kind and generous loan of the Rikkyo School minibuses, we set off, with spirits high. I wondered if everyone could hear us coming. The volume of the music, giggles and laughter from the buses was set to high.

The West Sussex Scouts Caving Team arrived on the Saturday to get us kitted out with fleece onesies, caving suits, harnesses, hard hats with torches and for the leaders, knee pads which I discovered were absolutely essential. Then we set off to the caves in the Mendip Hills.

We travelled deep underground at Goatchurch Cavern, working our way through narrow passages and wriggling our bodies to squeeze ourselves through the smallest of gaps. I insisted that wherever the Scouts went so did I –

which I soon discovered was an ambitious mistake. At times, I was absolutely exhausted from having to move myself out of areas that I didn't think my body would fit. The feeling when we popped out into the warmth of the Somerset air, after four hours of being underground, was incredible.

The Scouts were full of tired chatter about their day's adventures. However, after several bowls of delicious chili con carne, which had been thoughtfully cooked for us by one of the leaders, they bounced back and played football and catch in the evening sunshine.

I took time to reflect, enjoying the view of Glastonbury Tor in the distance. The young people were chatting and laughing. It was a real pleasure to watch. Memories were made and friendships grew as the sun crept silently behind the trees.

Sunday, we had been told, was the day we should expect to get wet in the caves. I felt cold just thinking about it. We walked across a couple of fields to find the entrance to Upper Swildons and lowered ourselves down.

The formations were different to the first day, water was rushing around our feet and at times falling over us. The four Scouts I was with realized that encouraging each other really did help us all to go further and a helpful hand was always welcomed to help pull us through those tight gaps.

They supported each other, took turns and sang songs when the caves got tough. True teamwork. Some of the other groups really pushed themselves out of their comfort zones, fully submerging themselves at sump one under water to move between caves which sounded frighteningly awesome, but they just shrugged their shoulders as if it was easy.

We went back to the scout hut for more cake and a tidy-up before we started our journey back home. The idea of a hot shower and a comfy bed was a welcome thought. However, after sharing such exciting, adventurous memories, part of me didn't want to leave. The laughs we had, the teamwork and support that was shown, the bravery and determination the Scouts displayed was inspirational.

Thank you to the Scout leaders for such a fun weekend, it pushed me to do something I had never done before and the support I received was amazing.

If you would like to know more about volunteering, or if you think your son or daughter would like to join the 1st Rudgwick Scout Group, please contact Dan Bowden on glv1rudgwick@horshamscouts.com

Correction

1st Rudgwick Scout Group apologises for the error in the June edition of the Parish Magazine.

Ellens Green and Rudgwick Gardening Association did not donate the proceeds of their plant sale as reported on page 24.

The generous donation of £798.60 to the 1st Rudgwick Scout Group came from the proceeds of The Book Exchange plant sale.

1st Rudgwick Scout Group are enormously grateful for this donation which will be used to fund combined GPS tracking and satellite messaging devices, which allow remote tracking of the young people out and about and a messaging service even without mobile phone coverage.

We will be able to purchase two such devices, Gamin InTouch Mini 2, and the contracts required for their use for the better part of two years.

This is a significant safety upgrade for our young people and something we have never been able to do before.

Rudgwick Wives

**Wednesday 15 July
3pm at 1 Smithers Cottages**

SUMMER PARTY

Vicki has very kindly offered the use of her garden again for our annual summer party. A big thank you to Vicki.

3pm at 1 Smithers Cottages

Please be aware there are a few steps and some patches of uneven ground in the garden.

Please bring your food contribution and also a plate, bowl, glass, cutlery and a chair.

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



Memory Lane, with their newly formed Dementia Choir, performed “Musical Memories” Concert earlier this year to a full audience, so raising £350 for Dementia Support.

As the choir continues, and may shortly visit Care Homes, the Team have been encouraged by one of their Guests to introduce something really new.

Kundy Scully, a Carer Guest who plays in an International Group, has been training a ML Leader Group last month to play the Angklung Bamboo Chimes. This is an Indonesian instrument that Kundy and the team will introduce to Memory Lane at their meeting on Monday 6th July. With 25 instruments, everyone will have a turn at harmoniously playing joyful music together. They will be backed up by the ML Music group on keyboard, guitar, clarinet and choir. This is a first for Memory Lane and a golden opportunity for both Guests and Team Volunteers to enjoy a joyous time together as they learn something new.

Between meetings in the Arts Centre, many of their Guests enjoy the healthy “*Walk in the Park*,” when at 10.30am each second Monday of the month their stroll around the lakes of Cranleigh Knowle Park ends with a sing-song over coffee and biscuits.

The next meetings of Memory Lane will be at 2pm in Cranleigh Arts Centre on the 6th and 20th July, with the walk taking place at 10.30am on Monday 13th July in Knowle Park.

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



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**TUESDAY 28TH
JULY 2026**



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For more information and to register:

Please call or email Ann Kaiser: 01798 872819/ann.kaiser@live.co.uk

A Year of Growth and Surprises



Reflections from President, Dominic Roberts

Stepping into the role of President of Billingshurst & District Lions Club has been one of the greatest honours of my life. Following in my dad's footsteps, I intended simply building on his strong foundation, but what emerged was a year of growth, surprises, community connection, and moments that reminded me why Lionism matters so deeply.

One of my personal goals was to nurture a stronger sense of family within our club - among members, partners, friends, and children, ensuring our activities felt open, welcoming, and inclusive. I'm proud how this spirit has taken root, reinforcing that Lionism is not just about service, it's about belonging.

I also wanted to deepen our connection with young people, by maintaining our support for local Pre and Primary Schools and helping local Scouts, Guides and Brownies, boosting our community presence. These young people are the Lions of tomorrow and by showing them the impact of volunteering, gives them values to carry throughout their lives.

None of this would be possible without the collective dedication, teamwork, and enthusiasm of our membership, which continues to grow; we now have Lions, men and women, of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences. Our diversity strengthens us, our shared purpose unites us and our willingness to serve keeps the Club moving forward.

I've enjoyed my year and wish incoming President, Kevin Ridgeway, every success for the coming Lion Year, 2026/27.

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

Rudgwick Arts Society

Our next lecture will be on Thursday 2 July
at 10.45am in Rudgwick Village Hall.

Dr Lois Oliver

On

Rosa Bonheur: Animal Painter

Extraordinaire (1822-1899)



Lois Oliver is an Art Historian with extensive experience as a Lecturer. She spent a decade working in museums, initially at the Harvard University Art Museums, before joining the curatorial team at the V&A and then the National Gallery in London. Currently Associate Professor in History of Art at the University of Notre Dame (USA) in London and a Visiting Lecturer at the Courtauld Institute, she lectures for arts organisations throughout the UK, and writes specialist audio interpretation for clients including the National Gallery, National Maritime Museum, Royal Academy, Royal Collection and Tate. She has appeared on a number of TV programmes for the BBC and Channel 5, as well as broadcasting on BBC Radio 3 and BBC Radio 4. Also a keen violinist, she plays regularly with orchestras including the Endellion Festival Orchestra.

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.**



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Community discussion board for Rudgwick residents

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www.rudgwick-rps.org.uk



Rudgwick's past, present and future, N° 203

Cox Green is an addition to Rudgwick (and to Sussex), made in the mid-1990s. Actually, there is more to Cox Green than the ribbon of houses north of the village. Even the fields behind the houses are not in Rudgwick. Apart from that, there are several houses down Cox Green Road towards Baynards (in Cranleigh), and a whole row of them on Hermongers Lane, not to mention Maybanks, the big house reached from the drive straight on at the very sharp bend by Crouchers, itself the last, and a very pretty, house in Rudgwick. Go any further into Surrey and you will find Ellens Green addresses in Ewhurst parish.

This matters because for centuries the residents of Cox Green, Ellens Green and Baynards have all used the facilities in Rudgwick because it was too far to Cranleigh or Ewhurst, especially on foot. Not least of these services was and still is the church. In the BMDs (births, marriages and deaths) for Rudgwick, numerous entries over many centuries state an address in Surrey. This magazine is distributed widely too. A special hello to you all! Many readers will be supporters of EGRGA, the local gardening association which also includes Ellens Green. It works in reverse when Rudgwick folk use the Ellens Green Memorial Hall. For countless years some Rudgwick and Cox Green children attended school in Ellens Green. Bear in mind that most shops in Rudgwick were once near the church, so close to Cox Green. And our vicars have lived in Cox Green for many years.



Upper Smithy, Turner

How did Cox Green get its ribbon of houses on both sides of the road? In the period after 1922 when the Lynwick estate was broken up, the west side of Cox Green was part of the estate, which stretched all the way to Tisman's Common. The roadside lots were all advertised as suitable for housing. They duly went to developers, some of individual houses, some of several. So, by the Second World War, these houses were all occupied.

On the east side, however, the land belonged to Dukes Farm, itself the first house in Surrey and right next to Rudgwick church. This land was sold piecemeal, some houses pre-war, others post-war. The farm, a grade II Listed house, no longer functions as an agricultural holding. There have also been a number of infill houses built, some very recently.

That is not to say there was nothing in Cox Green. Crouchers, mentioned above, was once a little shop, and much earlier was a wheelwright's shop. There was a smithy on the west side (shown in the photo), now all trace gone. There was a builder's yard at Oakfield for Edwin Reeves, and his partner, William Port of Jasmine House opposite. Sadly, Victorian Oakfield has now been demolished. But the site has an interesting history: at the back are several depressions indicating that there was once digging for clay to make bricks. Next to Jasmine Cottage, itself a very small but older dwelling, is Sailtops, once called Seltops, so not connected to the view of a windmill which was once suggested! It was a small farm. Have you noticed the wide verges here? These may be the remains of Cox GREEN, manorial waste on the roadside, which centred on the junction at Crouchers (some of the garden once roadside waste). Here there was also a stray animal pound, the only local one I know of.

Then there is Maybanks, whose occupants over time have been integrated into Rudgwick society: first the Churchmans, wealthy yeoman farmers memorialised with a cluster of table tombs next to the church tower; then James Braby, father and son, who between them gave Rudgwick its Jubilee Hall, the school in Bucks Green, and the railway station (on their land), and left a legacy of the memorial east window in the church. The younger James also convened the very first parish council meeting in Rudgwick; both of them in turn were lay rectors.

Two timber-framed houses stand at the bends beyond Crouchers, adding charm and history to this corner, which can be thought of as old Cox Green. The lane, not in Rudgwick, to Hermongers, was once known as Lemons Lane (I believe pronounced Leamons).

RPS books to consult or buy:

The Brabys, a Rudgwick Family, £8.00.

Lynwick Through Time, £14.00.

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Roger Nash

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Parish Council Report

We were fortunate to have a special guest at our June meeting, **Martin Boffey, the Leader of Horsham District Council**. He **holds executive power under a "Leader and Cabinet" governance mode and is responsible for political leadership, setting the council's overall policy and budget framework, and steering day-to-day services.**

As the Leader, his specific powers include:

- **Appointing the Cabinet**
- **Executive Decision-Making** - The Leader has ultimate authority over most council operations and executive functions.
- **Policy Direction** - The Leader sets the main strategic agenda, driving major local policies like the Local Plan (which dictates development and land use) and the Council's Corporate Plan.
- **Budget Proposals**
- **External Representation** - The Leader serves as the primary political spokesperson and representative for the district with external organizations and central government.

We wanted to not only thank him for the services provided by the Council but also press him on matters of concern to local residents.

The Parish Council values its positive relationship with Horsham District Council. In particular we welcome the contributions made by departments such as Environmental Health, Recycling, Sport and Leisure, Climate and the Environment and recognise the efficient way in which the Council runs its finances.

However there are concerns about many aspects of **planning – such as:**

- **The Planning Portal.** This is the area on HDC's website that should enable anyone to access comments on a planning application. However the portal is too often problematic which results in frustration when we are required to respond within a fixed time frame. HDC employees are always very responsive when contacted and seem to be aware of its shortfalls. Martin was aware of this issue.
- **Changes to the Planning Committee.** HM government's wish to 'streamline' the planning process could result in applications being approved by the officers with little scrutiny from the committee – especially if the ward member is not on the committee. Martin reported that our feelings and frustrations were also felt by the Councillors and Officers at Horsham.
- **Non-determination of planning applications in a timely manner, leading to the default position of the application going direct to the Planning Inspector as an appeal.** As we have had 2 cases recently we were concerned that it may be repeated throughout the District resulting in planning chaos. Martin assured us that there were only a few cases and often they were quite complex in planning terms. Local residents from Haven Road took the opportunity to forcibly present their views.
- A local resident also raised the issue of **Cox Green Biodiversity and Rural Street scene.** This is a long-running saga about which we have raised two formal complaints, and it looks like we may be heading for a third due to HDC failure to enforce planning conditions relating to biodiversity and landscaping, despite repeated reminders from the parish office over 3 months. Martin agreed to look into this.

We were most grateful for Martin to visit us and hear our points of view.

Thank you.

David Buckley
Rudgwick Parish Council



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Can you find these words relating to fruit and vegetables?

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- Mango
- Onion
- Pear
- Quince
- Spinach
- Yam

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