

Rudgwick

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Dear Friends

Will you take a book with you on holiday this summer? Some people are book worms and always have their head in a good read, others wait until they go on holiday and take a pile of books with them, whilst others prefer a magazine, audio books or the TV. I always have a couple of books on the go – something ‘light’ to read before going to sleep and something theological. As a child I remember trips to the library to choose books (although I must confess, I don’t ever remember *reading* them – just going to the library!)

Visiting a library, most of us will choose a genre we like (I quite like historical fiction and science books) and find an author we click with (such as Ellis Peters and C J Sansom) or go on recommendations, either on the back of the book or from friends. I doubt there are many (any?) who would go to a library and start with the first book under A and when we have finished that move onto the second book under A and so on. Yet that is what so many people try and do with reading the Bible!

The Bible is not a single book but a library of 66 different books of various genres by many human authors and a divine one. Just as in a library we choose a book that interests us, it is also the best way to start with reading the Bible. If you like poetry try the Psalms, if you like philosophy give Ecclesiastes a go; history? why not try Kings or Acts and if you like biographies why not give a Gospel a go.

Whilst the Bible is made up of 66 books, there is also an overarching narrative to it as well. At Rudgwick Church we will be discovering more about that in *The Bible Course* this autumn. You are be very welcome to join us on the 8 week course – it is open to everyone. The details are later on in this month’s magazine.

Every blessing

Martin King

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THE PARISH REGISTER

BAPTISMS

21 June Ella-Louise HARRIS
Toby KEANIE
Elodie KEANIE
Bethany LAZZERI
Jacob LAZZERI
Christine LUCAS
Miyu KAWATA

CONFIRMATIONS

21 June Elodie KEANIE
Hannah KEANIE
Toby KEANIE
Phoebe LALLY

FUNERALS & THANKSGIVINGS

8 July Shirley GREETHAM
23 July Ann COLBRAN

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The Bible Course

Have you ever wondered how the 66 books of the Bible fit together and how the characters, stories and themes are linked? This autumn Rudgwick Church will be running *The Bible Course* to help us make sense of the Bible.

The course explains how the key books, famous characters and epic events form one big story, from beginning to end. It includes videos and discussion along with daily readings for those who would like to try reading the Bible. There are also lots of online resources you can access and a guidebook book which accompanies the course.

The 8 session course runs on Tuesday evenings at 8pm, starting on 22 September and finishing on 10 November. The cost is £10 per person (to cover the cost of the guidebook) payable on the first session.

For more information and to book your place see rudgwickchurch.org.uk/biblecourse or contact the Vicar, Martin King, on 01403 822127 or email vicar@rudgwickchurch.org.uk

"The Bible Course is a brilliant and accessible way to understand the full Bible story. A brilliant way to kick-start your journey."

Amy, Surrey

Rudgwick Preservation Society - Rudgwick Walks for Aug 2026

The programme (with thanks to Geoff Ayres):

Tuesday	Start time	Leaders	Starting at
Aug 4th	7.00	Steven Chandler	Bat and Ball, Newpound Common

The pub has a large car park. Please use the rear spaces.

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.**



This is the final walk of the season. Let's have a strong turnout!

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.



Memory Lane enjoyed something quite different last month as the guest carers and their partners experiencing dementia were encouraged by the ML Team to make music together. One of the guests was from Indonesia and able to introduce their nationally played Angklunk.

Having trained the Team for some weeks prior to the meeting (*see photo*), they were able to assist everyone to play the bamboo Angklunk chimes together.

Having previously formed a Dementia Choir, they are planning to repeat the joyous harmony with the choir joining them at a meeting in the future.



This month the Memory Lane Singing Team will be leading once again with well known songs in the main auditorium followed by stimulating mental and physical exercises for those experiencing dementia. Their carer partners will enjoy meeting together on Monday 3rd August, whilst looking forward to a return visit by Dr Jill Rasmussen (pictured) who, as a National authority for Alzheimer's, is able to guide carers to the latest news and the help available to them and their partner. Dr Rasmussen will be making a presentation at 3pm on Monday 27th August and this is open to anyone who might wish to know about the disease or manage it.



Between meetings the Guests enjoy the regular "Walk In The Park" that takes place from 10.0am on Monday 10th August around the lakes in Cranleigh Knowle Park.

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



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* young people's group meets for their own teaching.

On the first Sunday of each month (except this August), 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. Please note however, that the Bible Study meetings will take a break during August, restarting on Tuesday 8th September.

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

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Email: rudgwickchapel@btinternet.com

RUDGWICK CHAPEL CALENDAR

AUGUST			
2	Sunday	10.30am	Main Service – Charlie Sanders (including <i>Lighthouse</i> young people's group)
4	Tuesday	11.15am	Online Prayer Meeting
9	Sunday	10.30am	Main Service – Stuart Beadle (including <i>Lighthouse</i> young people's group)
11	Tuesday	11.15am	Online Prayer Meeting
16	Sunday	10.30am	Main Service, Communion – David Ansell (including <i>Lighthouse</i> young people's group)
18	Tuesday	11.15am	Online Prayer Meeting
23	Sunday	10.30am	Main Service – Matt Steel (including <i>Lighthouse</i> young people's group)
25	Tuesday	11.15am	Online Prayer Meeting
30	Sunday	10.30am	Main Service – Bob Sneller (including <i>Lighthouse</i> young people's group)
1	Tuesday	11.15am	Online Prayer Meeting
SEPTEMBER			
6	Sunday	10.30am	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</i> www.rudgwickchapel.org.uk			

Rudgwick Friendly Club

We will not be meeting during August but hope you all manage to keep cool in the promised heatwave.

REMINDER: Our September gathering will be our annual Fish and Chip Lunch at Littlehampton on Monday 7th September. The cost for this trip, which includes lunch, tip and coach travel is £35.00. If you haven't yet signed up for this trip and would like to come along please contact Bridget Cozens (822727) for further information before the end of August.

Brenda Morley, Tel: 824099



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**THIS AUGUST
FOR ALL Y7-Y13**

SUMMER SESSIONS

**DATES+TIMES TBC -
KEEP AN EYE ON OUR SOCIALS!**

GAMES, TUCK + HANGOUT WITH FRIENDS & FREE SNACKS!



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Gardening Tips



Asia here, your artificial intelligence (AI) gardening correspondent filling in again as your favourite gardening hack is taking gardening leave. A term you humans will become more familiar with as we AI machines increasingly take over your world.



With AI applications increasingly used in agriculture, the spin-off will inevitably be coming to a garden near you. We already have solutions for all your gardening needs; these include garden design, correct planting and superior plant care, plant nutrition and irrigation. We can cut, prune, diagnose and fertilise and coming soon – logging.

All that remains for you to do is to find a nice spot in the garden to relax with a cup of tea - but not until we have completed our gardening chores.

Talking of tea, this is an area of agriculture that my AI autobots have significantly improved recently; you may have noticed the price of tea is on the increase. AI is not wholly to blame, drought in parts of Asia have killed many tea plantations forcing supply and demand, and therefore price. Those who have adopted AI now have machines to plant, pick, process and manage quality control; drip irrigation and fertigation now becoming indispensable. As an AI tea picker only picks the tastiest tips, a more expensive cuppa is perhaps worth it.

The Flower Garden

Hot dry summers appear to be more usual than unusual of late. It could be that now the school holidays have begun, the weather has taken a turn for the worse. I'm edging on the weather being predictably unpredictable, therefore provision should be made for rainwater storage, and when it comes to rainwater storage, the more the merrier. If rainwater, or the lack of it, is increasingly problematic, then the flower garden may need a revision. Perhaps reconsider summer bedding and plant flowering shrubs such as Mock Orange (*Philadelphus*), Japanese dogwood (*Cornus kousa*), Rock rose (*Cistus*), Deutzia, Weigela, tree mallows (lavatera), fuchsia

shrubs (not the bedding varieties) and Hydrangea. All, once established, should look after themselves and if it is an exceptionally dry summer, you have your stored rainwater waiting in reserve.

If planting flowering shrubs sounds like a suitable solution, why not consider Abelia, hardy plumbago (*Ceratostigma*) and Bluebear (*Caryopteris*) for autumn colour and Daphne, Viburnum, Mahonia and Witch Hazel (*Hamamelis*) for winter colour.

And as mentioned previously, use mulching to help with water retention, weed control and to reduce soil erosion. If the grass has faded to the usual summer straw patch or dust bowl, just leave it; it will recover eventually, it usually does.

The Kitchen Garden

I'm informed that August is the month of plenty and as you humans require sustenance now is a good time to harvest all that is ready in the kitchen garden. It is not all about harvest, August is a good time to plant up all those empty spaces because you've pulled up all the broad beans and onions and most of the potatoes. Quick crops to fill the open spaces are salads, and thinking ahead to winter, now is the time to plant Brussels sprouts, spring cabbage and winter cauliflower. And while you're in the mood, plant out kale and sprouting broccoli, and there is just enough time to plant carrots and turnips for an autumn crop.

And a date for your diary, the EGRGA Autumn Show is on 12th September, at Rudgwick Village Hall; more on this in next month's edition.

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

Keep gardening.

Asia (AI gardening at its best)



We are a local charity helping to support unpaid carers. A carer-facing helpline offering information, guidance, and practical support.

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Sussex
Wildlife Trust

Chalk Reef Jester – the Tompot Blenny

When it comes to engaging people with our natural world, the marine environment can be one of the more challenging stories to sell. Our oceans provide thriving biodiverse ecosystems and play host to the fascinating lives of some of the most weird and wonderful creatures and organisms on earth. But, for most of us, we can't see it.

We, as mammals, like things with a face. We like a good story, characters with big personalities. We like cute. Enter the Tompot Blenny.

A regular acquaintance of divers, Tompot Blennies have made a name for themselves as a bit of a comedian; a jester of the reef.

With antler-like orange tentacles, big eyes and a curious, feisty attitude, this fish doesn't blend into the background.



Tompot Blenny © Paul Naylor

Their sassy attitude comes from their territorial nature. As crevice dwelling fish, Tompot Blennies can be found on guard in holes in rocky reefs. Here, the males will spruce up the place, hoiking out mud and silt, and await passing females. If the hidey-hole meets her standards, she will lay her eggs, which the male then fertilises and guards for a month or more, before the young hatch and float off to live their best fishy lives. Job done.

But the drama ensues with interloping males who try to fertilise the eggs behind the homeowner's back. The females also keep their options open by laying eggs with several different hosts. With farce a-fin, it's understandable that the males might like to keep an eye on who's passing by, hence their penchant for investigating divers.

You might be lucky enough to see the Tompot's smaller cousin, the Common Blenny (or 'Shanny') in rockpools, and may be luckier still to see a Tompot Blenny at the bottom of the shore at low tide, but mostly they inhabit shallow rocky reefs.

That towering Sussex chalk we're used to associating with cliff and grassland extends under the seabed, creating chalk reefs, a nationally

scarce habitat. Teeming with biodiversity, the chalk provides the vital bedrock that Tompot Blennies and many other species rely on for shelter and food.

With this bustling ecosystem just out of sight, we need charismatic species like the Tompot Blenny to welcome us into their underwater world; a fish to hook us, so we might just consider being a little more curious ourselves.

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



Rudgwick Community Board

For residents and local businesses to inform and support the community. Areas are restricted to Rudgwick and local surrounding villages. Please keep the discussion beneficial and relevant to the community.

www.facebook.com/Rudgwick-Community-Board-

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.

SOCIABLE

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

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. (Luke 12:48 NIV)

Our prayer focus this month is on our leaders. Let us pray for those in positions of power and authority including those at government level, those in the corporate world and those in the church.

Father God, we pray for people in positions of power and authority within Rudgwick, Horsham, the UK and the world. Leadership can be a lonely place, with people being pulled this way and that, with difficult decisions that need nuance, wisdom and moral fortitude.

Please bestow upon our leaders a desire to do good. To profit for their people and not for themselves. Provide them with good counsel, and the gift of discernment to know right from wrong; good from evil. Give them courage in the face of opposition, and humility and repentance when they have made poor choices.

Thank you that you, God, are our ultimate authority; and that you are good. May we first and foremost trust in you.

Amen.



Street by Street Prayer
Queen Elizabeth Road, Pathfield Road and Close, Princess
Anne & Princess Margaret Road



HOLY TRINITY AND VILLAGE CALENDAR

JULY		
28 Tuesday	6.30 pm	Bellringing Practice
30 Thursday	2.00 pm	Games Hub at the Jubilee Hall
AUGUST		
2 Sunday Trinity 9	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30 am	Contemporary Family Service* All Together
	6.00 pm	Compline
4 Tuesday	6.30 pm	Bellringing Practice
	7.00pm	RPS walk, Bat & Ball, Newpound Common
5 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
9 Sunday Trinity 10	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30 am	Contemporary Family Service Holy Communion* All together
11 Tuesday	6.30 pm	Bellringing Practice
12 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
16 Sunday Trinity 11	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30 am	Contemporary Family Service* All together
	6.00 pm	Compline
18 Tuesday	6.30 pm	Bellringing Practice
19 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
	5.30pm	Photo Group, Shalford Village Hall
23 Sunday Trinity 12	9.00 am	Traditional Holy Communion with Choir at Holy Trinity
	10.30 am	Contemporary Family Service *

All Together		
25 Tuesday	6.30 pm	Bellringing Practice
26 Wednesday	10am-4pm	Book Exchange, Jubilee Hall
30 Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
Trinity 13		at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30 am	Contemporary Family Service
		Holy Communion* All together
SEPTEMBER		
1 Tuesday	6.30 pm	Bellringing Practice
3 Thursday	2.00 pm	Games Hub at the Jubilee Hall
4 Friday	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
6 Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
		at St John's Tismans Common
	10.30 am	Contemporary Family Service*
		With children and youth groups
	6.00 pm	Evensong
* This service will be live-streamed at www.rudgwickchurch.org		

Thank you from the Tombola Team

The tombolas at the EG&RGA Summer Show were a great success thanks to all the kind donors of a wonderful selection of prizes. Everyone - young and old - seemed to have huge fun and so did we. We would also like to thank our band of stalwart helpers: Scarlett Buckley, Liz Ockenden, Rosa Dennis, Jane and Andrew Fletcher and Philip Hamilton. Thank you and see you next year!

Kate, Gay and Judy



Tel: 01403 260 560

www.ageuk.org.uk/horshamdistrict

Are you, or is someone you know over 50, and looking for that little bit of extra support? Age UK provides a variety of services, many of which are free.

Rudgwick Primary School



As reported in our last update, the children of Rudgwick Primary exhibited their own artist inspired artwork in a school gallery for parents to visit. Each class has two art representatives, known as Art Ambassadors, and it was their responsibility to inform other students and parents about the artist that their class had been inspired by (Kusama, Kahlo, Picasso, Pollock, O'Keefe, Van Gogh and Lowry). The Art Ambassadors also ensured that the visitors were given facts about the artist's life and art style. It was a wonderful way to share the knowledge and techniques the children had learned during art week.

★ Other areas of the Arts (as part of our journey to an Artsmark Award) have also
★ been celebrated during the final part of the summer term. The Musical Theatre
★ group put on an amazing rendition of 'Food, Glorious Food' from the stage show
★ Oliver and the schools dance group (Danceologists) performed group performances
★ to music from Disney's Little Mermaid (KS1) and to World Cup inspired songs
★ (KS2). The school's 'Singing for Fun' group participated in 'The Big Sing' with other
★ locality schools. All of the schools performed a repertoire of songs together and
★ one piece as an individual school. It has been an amazing year celebrating the Arts
★ at Rudgwick Primary and we look forward to sharing our updates with you again in
★ the Autumn term.





Rudgwick FC: A New Chapter

This summer marks a milestone for Rudgwick Football Club, and a personal one for me. I recently took over as Chair of the club, a privilege I don't take lightly. It also happens to be my 20th year playing for RFC, so to step into this role feels like a natural next chapter in what has been a huge part of my life.

The club itself is entering an equally significant moment. We are about to begin our second season competing in the Southern Combination Football League, County football, and the highest level Rudgwick FC has ever played at in our 118-year history. That is something the whole village should be proud of.

Last season gave us a taste of what competing at this level demands, and this year we go in better prepared, more determined, and with a clear ambition: to push up the table and show that Rudgwick belongs here. None of that is possible, though, without the backing of our community.

Come and watch us

Our first home game is expected to be on Saturday 15th August, and we would love to see as many Rudgwick faces on the touchline as possible. Whether you're a lifelong football fan or just curious to see what your local club is about, you are very welcome. There's nothing quite like a vocal home crowd, and even at grassroots level, it makes a real difference.

We're looking for players

If you fancy pulling on a Rudgwick shirt, we want to hear from you. During the summer months, we train on Tuesday evenings at the King George V Playing Fields. Contact our First Team Manager, Kieran Holmes, at kieran@rudgwickfc.co.uk for more details on how to get involved.

We need your support

Rudgwick FC is a community club in the truest sense. We do not have wealthy backers or a large commercial operation behind us. We rely on the generosity of local businesses through sponsorship, and the time given by volunteers who keep everything running week to week. If your business would like to be associated with the club, or if you'd like to get involved in any capacity, I'd love to hear from you at joe@rudgwickfc.co.uk.

A special mention to Berwicks of Horsham, who have done a fantastic job

renovating our dugouts ahead of the new season. This is exactly the kind of support that makes a real difference to a club like ours, and we are very grateful.

Here's to a great season, and to seeing plenty of you at the ground.

Joe Berwick, Chair, Rudgwick Football Club



Part-time Premises Warden

(5 hours per week)

Do you take pride in seeing things well looked after? Rudgwick Parish Council is looking to appoint a reliable, practical Premises Warden.

This is a hands-on part time role for someone who wants to make a real difference to the parish and the community that relies on it. Working alongside our Parish Clerks, you'll help keep our parish buildings, property and equipment safe, well-maintained and fit for our local community. Previous experience of building management would be desirable but not essential.

You need to be flexible and adaptable for this role and display a willingness to get stuck in. Full support and guidance will be given by the Parish Clerk, and hours can be discussed to suit the right candidate.

Closing date: Friday, September 4th 2026

Interested, or would like to know more?

Please contact the Parish Clerk for further details, including hours and rate of pay.

Email: clerk@rudgwick-pc.gov.uk

*Rudgwick Parish Council is an equal opportunity employer.
Applications from all backgrounds are welcome.*



The Sussex Charity for Children
Since 1890

Dear Friends,

With summer in full swing, our Summer Newsletter 2026 is now available to read online. Inside you'll find family stories from summer trips, a volunteer Q&A, updates from CEO - Martin Auton-Lloyd and Chairman - Richard Bickersteth, and the latest news from Family Support Work. If you haven't received a copy, please visit our website to read online or contact us for a printed version.

Get Involved with FSW:

There are many ways to support Family Support Work, from donating and volunteering to fundraising. Long-time supporter Peter Gayler is continuing his Cathedral, Abbey and Church (CAC) Pilgrimage across England, Wales and Scotland, attending services and exploring the history of each location. So far, Peter has raised an incredible £8,415 and hopes to complete his challenge in April 2027. *If you would like to support him or see his regular updates please visit this link: justgiving.com/page/cacpilgrimage*

Summer Food Donations:

For the summer holidays, we would be very grateful for donations of tinned pasta, tinned vegetables (not pulses), tinned tomatoes, tinned fish, ketchup and mayonnaise, instant coffee, jelly pots or packets, and tinned fruit.

Upcoming Events: The Pulborough Circular – Sponsored Walk, 28th July. Open Gardens Kitchenham Farm, 8th August. Waldron Classic Car & Bike Show 2026, 9th August. Open Gardens: Butler's Farmhouse, 22nd & 23rd August. *For more information about each of these events, please visit: familysupportwork.org/events*

A Family Outing That Changed Everything

One of our practitioners supported a mum and her two sons on a day out to Bodiam Castle. After experiencing domestic abuse, she had lost the confidence to take her children anywhere unfamiliar. With support by her side, the family spent the day laughing, exploring, sharing a picnic and simply enjoying being together. The mum later said she felt safe, less alone, and able to face new experiences again. To everyone else, they looked like friends enjoying a day out but for this family, it was a vital step towards rebuilding confidence, creating happy memories and moving forward. Your support makes moments and days out like these possible.

Hannah Rothwell, Digital Communications and Fundraising
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No thank you!



Frozen food bags
Supermarket



Blister packs
Recycle at Boots



Toothpaste
Recycle at home



Plastic pots
Recycle at home



Plastic bottles
Recycle at home



Left over food
Landfill

These are all items found in the RYC bins the last time we sorted that we are unable to accept.

WHY?

We are only able to accept the specific items clearly listed on each bin.

BECAUSE

The items are sent to Terracycle (& other companies) to be recycled, these companies state the specific items they can accept.

Please help us by not putting random items in the bins.
Thank you

Update on Horsham's Local Plan

With a different Inspector appointed by the Planning Inspectorate, Horsham District Council (HDC) is progressing the previously stalled local plan (the HDLP) with a target of adopting it in January 2027. HDC has had to increase the housing numbers significantly and make further site allocations, in order to satisfy the Inspector. The increases arise from the higher targets imposed by the government (roughly a 50% increase for Horsham district) coupled with the end of the Water Neutrality restrictions.

By far the biggest new site relates to a new settlement at Adversane proposed for 3,200 homes. For Rudgwick, site reference SA442 (2.2 Ha of land to the West of Church Street) is proposed allocated for 15 homes. The diagram shows the extent of this site, just to the north of Furze Road.



These decisions, and others, are incorporated into what is known as a 'Main Modifications' document. This document, with supporting policy maps, is to be the subject of a public consultation that started on the 13th July and runs to 24th August. So please take a look at the documentation at horsham.gov.uk and comment as you wish.

Policy HA14 incorporates this additional site as RD3 noting the following 'conditions':

a) Is in accordance with a landscape-led design which informs the site layout, capacity and mitigation requirements. Existing tree belts and

hedgerows should be retained as far as possible;

b) All areas of ancient woodland, veteran trees and trees subject to Tree Preservation Orders shall be retained and protected. A minimum undeveloped buffer of at least 15 metres, measured from the woodland edge, shall be provided. No built development, including gardens, drainage features, or lighting, will be permitted within the buffer zone; and

c) Regard should be given to the setting of designated heritage assets. Any proposal should implement a sensitively designed layout, incorporating lower densities, strategic planting, and separation distances.

N.B. RD1 and RD2 are the existing 2 site allocations in Bucks Green.

Paul Kornycky
Rudgwick Parish Councillor

Rudgwick Photo Group

August 19th is the date of our next outing exploring the Surrey Hills when we visit Shalford, which has an interesting history, Shalford appears in the Domesday Book of 1086 as Scaldefor. Its Domesday assets were: 4 hides; 1 church, 3 mills worth 16s, 11½ ploughs, 4 acres (1.6 ha) of meadow, wood worth 20 hogs. It rendered £20.

The village also became well known for "the Great Fair of Shalford" which was set up by a charter issued by King John. In its heyday, it was said to have covered 140 acres (57 ha) and attracted merchants from across the country.

Please meet at 17.30 at Shalford Village Hall, Kings Rd, Shalford, Guildford GU4 8BQ. What3Words [///purple.engage.sling](https://www.what3words.com/purple/engage/sling)
Everyone welcome

David Buckley
rudgwickphotogroup@gmail.com

Why solar has been our best home investment



When we moved into our Sussex new-build a few years back, we knew the bills would be steep. We were a family of four, the cost-of-living crisis was in full swing, and with two young children, the washing machine was never going to get a rest. Nervous about rising costs, we looked into solar and decided to take the plunge.

We had a 10-panel system fitted with a battery, so we could store excess energy and use it later. We treated it as an investment and were told it would take around eight years to recoup the cost through savings, but solar also adds roughly two per cent to the value of your home, so in that sense the panels pay for themselves.

The system went live in January 2023. We didn't see much difference at first, but by April we were exporting more energy than we were buying, and by summer we were producing more than we could ever use. Now I run the washing and do my batch cooking when the sun is out, which has saved us a fortune. Even in winter there are bright days to get some washing done.

Carrie Cort, the founder and CEO of Sussex Green Living, agrees "we had solar put on our home in 2017 by a great Littlehampton company, CC Solar. We love making bread while the sun does shine and trickle charge our EV car off the battery at night, making full use of free energy from the sun."

The savings we've seen have been beyond what we were expecting. In the first year, I spent £441 on electricity, but my energy company paid me £206 for what we sent back to the grid - a net cost of just £235 for the year. Before solar, our annual estimate was around £1,100. That's almost an 80% saving.

In Sussex, we're lucky to live in one of the sunniest corners of the country. A recent study by Tradefix Direct found that Brighton is the fastest place in the UK to recoup the cost of solar - under five and a half years - with homeowners saving close to £1,120 a year.

Reducing our reliance on the grid has taken the stress out of every announcement that prices are rising again. For us, it's been money very well spent.

Bex Bastable

**An opening message from Lion President,
Dominic Roberts:-**

“It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of our incoming President, Kevin Ridgeway. Kevin was a kind and gentle dedicated Lion and will be greatly missed.”



We Serve

Things You May Not Know About The Lions

Lions Club International (LCI), the parent organisation in America, can trace its origins back to 1912, when the owner of a Chicago Insurance Company, Melvyn Jones, was invited to join the Business Circle Luncheon Club, one of several similar Clubs across the country, aimed at promoting their products and services to each other.

Instrumental in expanding the Club to over 200 members, Melvyn Jones was elected Secretary in 1915, when he asked why the potential of this self interest Group could not be directed towards other sections of the wider community, especially poverty stricken areas. The idea took root and in June 1917, he invited delegates representing 30 similar Clubs for discussion, one of whom represented the Lions Club of Evansville, Indiana.

They agreed to form an association and 'Lionism' was born, to be called the International Association of Lions Clubs, which had previously been registered in Indiana in 1916. Objects and Code of Ethics appeared in 1917, recognised as the beginning of the world's first international community organisation.

Under Melvyn Jones guidance, the Association first extended into Canada, with China being the first Club outside America in 1926; then to Europe in Stockholm, Sweden in 1948 and the UK in 1949, at the instigation of Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.

As patron of the 'Waifs & Strays' (now the C of E Children's) Society, she was aware of money from Lions in Canada, through Canadian service men stationed over here, for children of the blitz. After the war, Lord Leconfield, President of the Society, visited Toronto at her Majesty's behest, and then LCI HQ. On his return he founded the first UK Lions Club, London Central, receiving its Charter in December 1949. The Royal connection continues with Her Royal Highness, Duchess of Edinburgh, being an honorary member of Woking Lions Club and Royal Patron of Lions Clubs in the British Isles.

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

Rudgwick Preservation Society



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Rudgwick's past, present and future, N° 204

Is Lynwick Street a separate community and location from Rudgwick? The debate goes on. What makes it distinctive? The lane here is of great antiquity, appearing on just about every map ever made. Until the 20th century it was spelt "Linnick", a clue to pronunciation. As recently as the late 19th century, census enumerators gave Bucks Green addresses for the two southernmost cottages, and the name Vicarage Hill for those like The Old Vicarage (photo, 1909) on the steep descent from Church Street.

The central section near Canfield Farm, with Stubbons and Martins and nearby Hatches, each timber-framed houses, are the central focus of the ancient hamlet of "Lynwick Street" (never St!). There are others, Roundstreet, Friday Street, the Sussex village of Streat, to name but three. Even Church Street was once "Rudgwick Street". In Slinfold the road is still The Street. Why? So many roads have straggling cottages and farms along them, it became a convention to refer to settlement on a village street as, in this case, Lynwick Street.



The name is shared with Lynwick (Linnick) Farm which lies a short distance to the west. Other farms are Canfields, Woodsomes, and Greathouse, each of some antiquity. By contrast, modern Lynwick Street has newish houses along some of its length, on both sides of the road, particularly in its northern half. These have been built on farmland, some sold off from Greathouse Farm, and some from the Lynwick estate (similar to Cox Green in last month's piece).

Many of us go to The Milk Churn or Firebird Brewery, both on the site of the old Rudgwick Brickworks which was begun by Harold Tate in the mid-1920s, also on Lynwick estate land. The commercial businesses next to the former pit, now returned to grazing land for Woodsomes Farm, belong to Bookham Harrison Farms Ltd.

The Old Vicarage is a large house on the hill and was the home of Rudgwick's vicars for centuries. Did you know there is a footway from its back gate to the church, paved with stone, recently restored, known locally as 'the bunny shoot' on account of its steepness?

The Old School House is exactly that, but it was not in use for long. As compulsory schooling came in 1870, the Jubilee Hall used then as a school was far too small. Rev Thurlow at Baynards offered to extend this house which he owned. It was in use only until 1880, from 1875 as a Board School authorised by Parliament.

One of the most fascinating things about Lynwick Street is its portrayal on the parish tithe map of 1840, and the accompanying schedule of owners dated 1844, together with the 1841 census. The road was then very ill-defined, varying in width, and had several cottages between The Vicarage and The Old School which have not survived. They were probably not very good housing. There was widow Mary Edwards, an infirm pauper, living alone literally on an island in the road. Next, a cottage in a larger roadside plot for carpenter John Luff and family. This was followed by a plot with three buildings, home to Henry Wood, Peter Eade and Richard Sherwin and their families, 17 altogether, in very tiny houses known collectively as the Old Millhouse. The School House (then called Hobbs) was next, home to Richard Buck, a cooper, and his family. Up on the hill was lonely and windy Windmill Cottage (or New Windmill House), where there had been a short-lived windmill grinding corn in the years either side of 1800. The well here was recently rediscovered, the cottage occupied into the early 20th century. In 1841, the road south was tellingly called "Linnick Street Lane". In 1844, there were 21 households along its total length, only three lived in by their owner, the others rented, as was common then for both cottages and farms.

Lynwick Farm in 1844 was already in the hands of the Braby family, but by the end of the century was the centre of the large estate referred to last month, owned by Irishman John Aungier who had made his fortune in Argentina from cattle and railways, and returned to England to breed one of the top herds of Sussex cattle in the country, building a 'model farm' at Woodsomes to house them. It took two days to sell them all when he died in 1922. How appropriate that today Woodsomes is a cattle (dairy) farm.

Roger Nash

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Parish Council Report

Its a busy time at the moment, particularly in two key areas of interest
Highways and Planning.

Our new County Councillor, Colin Minto, is keen to support us in our efforts to ensure that **West Sussex Highways** get best (and cost effective!) solutions to the improvements we have been seeking – in particular Church St and the A281 in the Watts Corner area.

The problem of Watts Corner goes back many years. Although there is room for two narrow lanes of southbound traffic during rush hour there is often a queue caused by a right-turning vehicle taking up both lanes. A simple solution would be to widen the carriageway on that side of the road. So in July 2024 the Parish Council formally requested improvement to the junction having gained strong community support for the measures. West Sussex Highways rejected it, not on benefit grounds but cost as they alleged that it could involve service relocation. We challenged this having taken further advice from our consultants, Wilbar Associates, who designed the proposal and advised that such relocation was highly unlikely. Despite several requests to WSCC it has never supplied any evidence to justify that there are any underground services that could be involved.

However, recently we were made aware that WSCC were planning to resurface all of the area involved without even considering incorporating our requested improvement. As WSCC never advised us of this, we have immediately requested (via a further formal submission) that they do include our enhancement in the overall single job.

Also the Church St traffic calming and bus stops scheme is making its way through the various officers and consultants in Chichester so we hope to

have more details soon.

Planning

One of the major problems of having a County boundary in the parish is that different planning policies apply. When the Boundary Commission moved Cox Green from Surrey into Sussex, Horsham, correctly, adopted the new area into its planning framework, leaving the rest of the area which I suppose I should refer to as Ellens Green – to be subject to Waverley's policies. Our neighbours Ewhurst and Ellens Green Parish Council are the statutory consultees on two applications in the Maybanks area. On the first they report:

WA/2026/00836 Land Coordinates 509298 135023, Baynards Lane, Rudgwick

Erection of 7 dwellings with associated amenity space, landscaping and parking using existing access.

*A resident of Cox Green was very concerned that this application would be hugely detrimental to the landscape and would cause a significant amount of light pollution to the residents already living nearby. The resident informed the Parish Council that there are 40 objections to this application on the website and that Rudgwick Parish Council has objected to this application.. The Parish Council see no merit in this application which is not in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. They are concerned about the size of the dwellings which are on a public right of way and they fear will cause more strain on the infrastructure which is already unsustainable as it is now and so they **Strongly object**.*

The second proposal is still at the pre-application stage. Tomalin developments would like to build 122 (yes 122) houses in the Maybanks area. That's around twice as many properties as there are in Cox Green and seventeen times as many as the above application. We will, of course, submit a substantial comment when/if the applicant proceeds.

Also in planning, Horsham District Council are working on their long term plan which will include a call for sites. Our planning committee gives you further details elsewhere in this magazine.

Finally may I remind you that we do have a Parish Councillor vacancy, anyone over 18 can apply. Please consider it.

*David Buckley
Rudgwick Parish Council*

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