East Hoathly and District Preservation Society

New Year 2017

The Society is:

Associate Member of Action in Rural Sussex
Affiliate Member of the CPRE
Associate Member of the Sussex Wildlife Trust
Associate Member of the Woodland Trust

Committee

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Additionally, we thank Kate Richardson, Fred Carter, John Deane, Jane Seabrook, Gill Ford, as well as many others who all assist with different aspects when needed

The Society aims to promote the preservation of the amenities of the village and its surrounding area, its heritage, historic buildings and footpaths. The Society issues seasonal newsletters and there are monthly guided walks

Website address:

www.easthoathlypreservation.org.uk

SUSSEX DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR by Ian Everest

Using period photographs, a look at aspects of daily life in front-line Sussex – a county within earshot of the guns on the Western Front.

A time when the county became a warfare supply depot for the front line and a reception centre for the wounded.

Friday 10th February 2017 at 7.30pm East Hoathly Village Hall

ADMISSION IS FREE TO MEMBERS VISITORS VERY WELCOME @ £4

Toni Whewell 01825 872460

EAST HOATHLY & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Toni

Hello Members,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you to all of you who made our social evening in November such an enjoyable event. A good turnout of 42 always makes all the hard work worthwhile.

Games galore! There was Q's beautifully hand crafted toad stall filled with yummy chocs; Chris and Jenny's games from a bygone era such as toad in the hole, bagatelle and shove ha'penny, run by Rob & Verne, and those fascinating antiquities both displayed and explained by Alan and Marion. A laden raffle table along with prizes for the games meant that in addition to full tummies, many left the hall with more than they came.

There was a virtual walk though East Hoathly's winter wonderland and a thought provoking display of the potential impact of planning on the village. Along with display boards crammed with a range of associated activities.

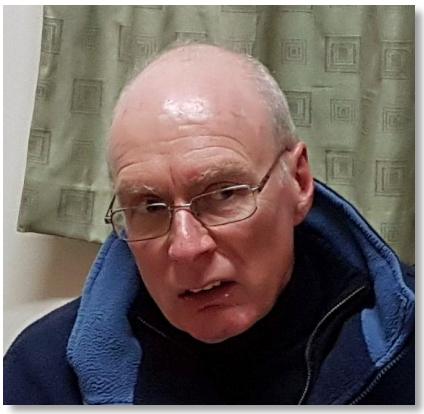
Fred and John manned the bar with bartenders ease, culinary delights including Linda's scrumptious homemade mince pies were served by Nov, Val & Moll. Then Chris' quiz had us all guessing! Some of us even denied recognising a pub or two!!

Next year's programme awaited collection on the night for the princely sum of £12 and £20 for single and joint membership respectively and a healthy interest ensued. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see we have another eclectic mix of speakers and activities planned. On the 10th February we start the year with Ian Everest telling us about Sussex during the First World War. As always, this will be a really interesting talk and not one to miss out on. Our outing is to the Giants of Brede, another fascinating trip so do mark up your diaries accordingly!

I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year and hope you have [had] a festive and fun filled Christmas.

Toni

TREASURER'S REPORT – Peter



The various outgoings of the society increase every year and in order to maintain the high quality of speakers, the committee rightly anticipated a need to increase subscriptions for 2017.

It is hoped that the programme of events and our involvement with other challenges facing the preservation and wellbeing of our communities will make your membership worthwhile.

A good number of you renewed at the social evening in November and at the moment our finances are in reasonably good order, but this is the time of year when the society has to pay out in anticipation of receiving your subscription. Payments should be made to EH & DPS c/o Jenny Pellett although, if easier, you can pay me or other members of the committee.

Regards, Peter Hon. Treasurer

EAST HOATHLY & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP – Jenny

Last year membership remained more or less static at 80 paid up members, there were some sad losses but equally some lovely new faces with a willingness to help out.
As with most societies, gaining new members is a challenge, the pressures, perhaps especially on working families, gives little time to be greatly committed to what is viewed by many as a history society, but visitor numbers have been up at our recent meetings and this year's programme promises to be the best ever. I'm particularly looking forward to Jenny Clark, the bat lady in May.
You will find the Subscription Renewal Form at the end of the newsletter, please renew as soon as you can and see whether a friend may like to join so we can reach 100 members in 2017
Membership for this year is: £12 for single, £20 for joint membership. Guests will be charged £4. Your continued support for the society is greatly appreciated.
Cheques payable to EH & DPS c/o Jenny Pellett, 2 Prices Cottages, Whitesmith, Lewes BN8 6JD

Jenny Pellett Membership Secretary

PLANNING - Chris

The potential changes due to extensive new housing throughout the country, the county and in particular this area of Sussex are of concern to most residents.
Not surprisingly, as the Preservation Society was in essence set up to fight the creation of Susan's Close at East Hoathly with its access directly onto the A22 close to the notorious village corner, and has the remit to promote the preservation of the amenities of the village and its surrounding area, the Society has a role to play in this latest threat to the Sussex Weald.

Susan's Close under Construction 1973

We are reminded that there is a need for new housing and many younger members of our families are struggling with exceptionally high rents and a clear inability to get on the home owning ladder enjoyed by the majority of us.
My personal opinion is that the proposed and submitted plans for sizable developments, regardless of their affordable housing element, appear to have no real benefit to anyone except to the speculators.
The Preservation Society is affiliated to the CPRE, the Sussex Wildlife Trust and the Woodland Trust who all oppose, or have serious concern over, the current emerging Council plan and the various submissions for development.

Locally, Village Concerns is the pressure group fighting to prevent overdevelopment and many of their steering committee are members of the Preservation Society.

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VILLAGE CONCERNS

Village Concerns' is an East Hoathly with Halland Parish Action Group. It monitors new housing proposals for our parish and will seek information to endorse or challenge the plans, so as to ensure that sustainable housing development is upheld in our parish without undue over-development.

Currently there are two applications within one planning application.
The large application for the London/Waldron Roads and a small one on Ailies Lane. You must point out to Wealden which one you are responding to. (You can respond to both).

Village Concerns invite you to:
Attend a Public Meeting on Tuesday, January 10th, 7-9pm in East Hoathly Village Hall

View the Planning Application at www.planning.wealden.gov.uk and voice your objections, remembering always to quote the Reference No. WD/2016/2796/MAO

You can object online following the reference no above, by the 13th of January

You can also object AFTER that deadline in writing to the:
Case Officer Mr C. Bending, Wealden District Council,
Planning and Building Control, Council Offices. Vicarage Lane, Hailsham BN27 2AX
or via email to: mailto:planning@wealden.gov.uk

(though we would advise to object as soon as you can.)

Anyone over 18 can object.

Village Concerns will be happy to collect objections to take to Wealden's offices for you

For more information go to our Blog:
http://villageconcerns2016.co.uk/
Or email: villageconcerns@gmail.com
If you do not have access to a computer, need help with your objection to Wealden or need information, please come to our Village Concerns Surgery at the Kings Head, in the small side room, on Saturday, January 7th 11am - 1pm
We do also advise you to include your personal view of what it means to live in the village, with your objections, if you so wish.

Village Concerns still needs funding as we may need more help from experts.

Thank you for your funding up to date. It is helping a lot.

You can give us a cheque, making this out to Village Concerns and leave it at Bank House, 8 High Street, East Hoathly

HOUSING & the EH & Dist Pres SOCIETY

Before Rectory Close

First of all the Preservation Society encourages members and non-members alike to consider the many aspects of the environment that extensive development would affect and respond

appropriately to the various planning applications as they appear.
Within the parish good advice on this comes from the Village Concerns group which we would like you to support.
Save Wealden from Overdevelopment Team keep an eye on a wider area.
We also encourage you to support, by individual membership, the CPRE which campaigns on our behalf on the wider environmental issues that government policies may have a negative effect on.

Finally the Society would like you to be involved with the further surveying and recording of our environment so that decisions can be made with accurate local knowledge.

HEDGEROW SURVEY - Kate

For more information
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PAST MEETINGS - Leycester

The Wildlife of the Ouse Valley
Presented by Michael Blencowe.
Fri 14th October 2016

Michael is the Community Wildlife Officer for the Sussex Wildlife Trust and has, over the years, accumulated a vast amount of knowledge of both plants and animals of all types that inhabit the Ouse Valley. His talk focussed on the lowest part of the river, between Newhaven and Barcombe. The accompanying slides were a real eye opener to the things on our own doorstep that most of us pay scant attention to, possibly seeing just a couple of those mentioned through the course of a year.

Water Vole - Pellett

Some of the rarer observations related to us include the fact that female glow worms don't fly (just the males in search of a mate); that common seals venture inland as far as Barcombe and that little egret numbers declined drastically in the late 19th century. Their feathers were used for plumes in ladies' hats but fortunately their numbers are now recovering, which is not such good news for the frogs that they eat.

The changing appearance of our environment was mentioned too, with the startling fact that 97% of South Downs grassland has disappeared, with the remainder requiring sheep to graze it in order to maintain it. There are chalk reserves at Southerham and Malling Down, where the poor and alkaline soils play host to a species rich environment of over 40 plants per square metre.

Whilst most of the audience had heard about most of the species being shown, I don't think that many had appreciated how much wildlife manages to live in that small section of the county. A variety of facts and figures were intermingled with humorous comments and anecdotes which, together with a couple of cartoon slides, made for a delightful presentation. You can also read articles written by Michael in the local Parish magazines.

Leycester Whewell EHaDPS secretary

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SOCIAL EVENING Nov 25th 2016

Social Evening - Lamberty

As well as the usual quiz and games, there were intriguing objects to be identified from Alan Salmon, a chilly reminder of the snow in 2010 by way of Andy Beech's video and brighter views of East Hoathly included from Robert Mills' calendar for 2017.
Displays by Chiddingly, Waldron, Halland, Laughton, the CPRE, Village Concerns as well as the walks and talks we have had over the past year formed a backdrop to the evening, the food was really good and I think a good time was had by all.

Social Evening - Lamberty

FUTURE MEETINGS

Fri 10th February	The Sussex War Years Ian Everest
Fri 10th March	Attempting the Good Life in a Sussex Wood Chris Yarrow
Fri 7th April	Air Ambulance Speaker TBD
Fri 12th May	Sussex Bat Hospital Jenny Clark MBE
Fri 9th June	A.G.M. & Dinner Details in newsletter
Sat 1st July	Outing: The Giants of Brede Details in newsletter
Fri 8th September	Without Reserve Janie Ramsey
Fri 13th October	The importance of Wildlife ponds in our environment Pete the Pond
Fri 24th November	A Social Evening Details in newsletter

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HALLAND

Halland Village Spring Clean - please come along and join us to clean up the village - 4th March 2017. In the Autumn a great bunch of villagers came along and we had a really good time cleaning signs and clearing rubbish. Followed by a drink in the Blacksmiths afterwards!

This is a well-known postcard of Halland crossroads looking from Lewes Road towards Heathfield Road. Who can name the AA Patrolman on traffic duty?

Same view in 1978 (before the roundabout).

CHIDDINGLY ORAL HISTORY GROUP

You may be lucky to get one of the last tickets!
It's worth calling by, just in case:
Chiddingly Village Shop's
BURNS NIGHT *Celebrations*!
Saturday 21st January 2017
7pm Chiddingly Village Hall

Buy from the Shop – £18.00 each

Traditional tipples and toasts

A hearty Scottish supper with complimentary whisky tot

Celtic harp music & Scottish dancing (no previous experience needed!)

Raffle and bar

Please come dressed to celebrate all things Scottish! (prize for best dressed guest)

If you've bought tickets and want a vegetarian option, please let us know by email to caroline@chiddinglyshop.org

This is the annual fundraising evening for Chiddingly Community Shop Ltd

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BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SUSSEX BRANCH

Red Underwing moth – Michael Blencowe

Here is a recipe for attracting an Old Lady, a Red Underwing and other moths not attracted to light:

Ingredients:
454g Tin of Black Treacle
1Kg Brown Sugar (the darker the better) 500ml Brown Ale or Bitter (fizzy drink like cola will do as an alternative),
Paint brush.

Slowly heat the ale (or cola) in a large pan and simmer for five minutes. Stir in and dissolve the sugar, followed by the treacle and then simmer for two more minutes. Allow to cool before decanting into a container. A drop of rum stirred in just before use is recommended but not essential. Paint the mixture about eye level onto 10-20 tree trunks or fence posts just before dusk and check for moths by torch-light for the first two hours of darkness.

Moth traps will attract the greatest variety of moths, but not all moths are equally attracted to light. Some can be observed using sugary bait instead. Moths come to "sugar" because they feed on nectar, sap and honeydew, all of which are unrefined sources of sugar (however, some moths do not feed as adults, and therefore will never be seen at sugar sources). The success of the technique is variable - warm humid nights with a light wind are best for sugaring (as they are for most forms of mothing), but the technique will also work on far from ideal nights, and not work on nights that seem good for no apparent reason.

Conservation work parties
Volunteers are always welcomed for scrub clearance and coppicing throughout the autumn and winter months. We meet on the second Sunday of each month, starting at 8.30 am and continuing until lunchtime. You are welcome to come along for as much or as little of this time as you wish. Work will be with hand tools only, which will be provided, but please wear stout footwear and bring work gloves and protective glasses if you have them.

For more information contact
swheatley@butterfly-conservation.org.uk
www.sussex-butterflies.org.uk/

VERT WOODS A COMMUNITY WOODLAND

VERT WOODS: Past, Present and Future

Vert Wood Family Day

Come and hear what is going on in the Community Woodland

Friday 3rd February 2017 7pm at Laughton Parish Hall

Below is an outline of the evening but more is likely to be added:

PAST: Hilary Hinks will give us a potted history of Vert Woods, including social history obtained from interviews with people who have lived here all their lives:

PRESENT: representatives from Plumpton Agriicultural College will explain what the students are achieving in the woods and provide an insight into deer management;

Sweet Chestnut Coppicing Course – Video clip illustrating the sort of courses being run in Vert Woods;

Marina Robb will talk about Circle of Life activities and how Nature Connection benefits families and children; an introduction to Forest Schools.

FUTURE: Christine Meadows will present the Vert Woods Management Plan; Stuart Boyle will talk about the Community Benefit Society (CBS) being set up to manage Vert Woods and what this means for community involvement.

The Vert woods Community Woodland Steering Group will be on hand to field questions and there will be information boards with photos and background material.

THERE WILL BE A SHORT INTERVAL WHEN REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

A small admission fee will be charged to include refreshments.

Contact Sue Redshaw for more information smredshaw@btinternet.com

THE WOODLAND TRUST

Fill your head with wildlife in 2017
From badgers to bats to butterflies to botanical illustration; we have everything covered in our 2017 wildlife courses programme,
Our education courses typically consist of an indoor teaching session followed by a chance to get out 'in the field' with an expert and experience some amazing wildlife. There are courses to suit everybody from beginners to amateur naturalists. Almost all our 2016 courses sold out (some very quickly!) and hundreds of people learnt about, experienced and enjoyed the wildlife of Sussex.
For people wanting to just get closer to some of our most amazing species we offer the chance to hear nightingales singing on a summer's evening, the song of the dawn chorus at sunrise, walk on the South Downs at night looking for the lights of the incredible glow-worm or sit in a Sussex woodland watching badgers emerge from their setts at dusk.
This year we've added a number of exciting new courses too. Best-selling author Tristan Gooley teaches you to guide yourself through the countryside by reading nature's signposts in his natural navigation course (7 July). Learn how to 'read' spider's webs, trees and sheep to find your way across Sussex. We also have a regular navigation course (9 September) for those looking to learn to navigate with maps and a compass.
https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/

PAST WALKS – Chris 'n' Jenny

SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER – Stanmer Park Brighton

The Frankland Monument

The last newsletter included much of what we saw on our walk so I will just add this interesting fact:

In the churchyard is buried a former Vicar, Thomas Felling, who introduced the mangold-wurzel into England!

SUNDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - The Green Man Ringmer

Descending Malling Down

Due to heavy rain in the morning and a less than encouraging forecast for the afternoon this walk was cancelled. However as our dogs still needed a walk and things brightened up Jenny and I did climb to the top of Malling Down.

SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER - East Grinstead (Streetwalk)

Jennings' statue to Sir Archibald McIndoe

We walked down London Road to the corner with the Atrium Cinema and turned into King Street, right into Little Kings Street then onto Institute Walk, a typical Sussex twitten. It continues to Church Lane, where we turned right, and right again into St Swithens Churchyard. We looked at the back of the High Street shops before exiting onto the High Street as it is difficult to appreciate their antiquity from the modern shopfronts. In fact most date from the 1600's or before. The other side of the High Street does not disguise its age and still has the hickledy pickledy attractiveness of centuries old alterations without redress to planning control. We were lucky as steam engines, folk music and mulled wine adorned the street on our walk day. It couldn't have been better.

At the end of the High Street in front of the magnificent sandstone Sackville College is sited the memorial sculpture to Sir Archibald McIndoe, unveiled in June 2014 it rightly honours a great man, his pioneering work during WW2 and the contribution made to the men's rehabilitation by the good people of East Grinstead; the town that did not stare.

2017 WALKS – Chris

PROPOSED WALKS FOR 2017
Usually start at 2pm after lunch in the designated pub

SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY
Vert Wood, Laughton

SUNDAY 19TH FEBRUARY
Arlington Reservoir

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH
T Turner Walk, Kings Head, East Hoathly

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL
Lakeside, Horam

SUNDAY 14TH MAY
Roebuck, Laughton

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE
Middle House, Mayfield

SUNDAY 23RD JULY
Hare & Hounds, Framfield

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST
Ouse Valley TBC

SUNDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER
Buxted

SUNDAY 22TH OCTOBER
Chiddingly

SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER
Rushlake Green

SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER
East Hoathly (Streetwalk)

CONTACT CHRIS & JENNY PELLETT
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Times and details may change but put the dates in your diary
EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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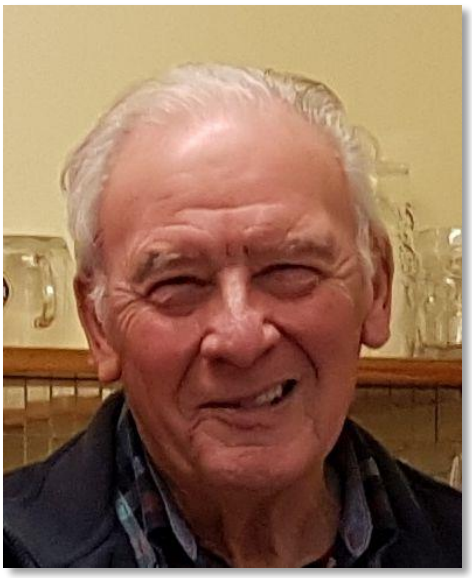
MID WEEK WALKS - John



East Hoathly Rights of Way Group

There are some obstructions, there are some diversions, there is always something rewarding to do done with a pair of secateurs and there will always be some wonderful countryside and footpaths to walk in East Sussex if we look after it.

Obstructed Stile

If you feel that you would like to join this Group in our ROW activities please contact me at dixiewalks@hotmail.com You will be made most welcome.

John Deane

CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England)

Sussex under siege – help us save your countryside

We are making an urgent appeal for funds to help fight the onslaught of inappropriate development we are facing across Sussex.

Countryside under threat

An increasing number of local people have told us that development in their neighbourhood is excessive and their voice is not being heard. In order to protect your community and countryside we urgently need more funds. Since major changes to the planning system were introduced in 2012, England has seen a massive increase in greenfield land being permitted for development, while approved sites already in the pipeline, including brownfield sites, lie idle or are developed at a snail's pace. A recent House of Lords Committee report entitled 'Building More Homes' suggests that Developers are sitting on thousands of unfulfilled permissions and we can build at least a million more homes on brownfield sites across England. Once the countryside is gone, it is gone forever. Please make a one off donation to CPRE Sussex today and help us to help local communities.

What do we want?

CPRE Sussex believes in the 'right development in the right place.' We support affordable housing which meets local needs and leads to net gains in biodiversity and a thriving rural economy. It is absolutely vital that we are part of discussions at all levels to get the right outcome for local communities. As a charity, we draw on considerable talent and expertise from a large number of volunteers, however we do also need to pay for technical advice, communications and other overheads to challenge unwanted and inappropriate development. We would like to provide more training and support for our volunteers so that we can reach more of Sussex and attend hearings and examinations where we are needed.

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We are a small but highly effective charity. If you are able to help us with a donation, of any size, it will make a great difference to our work. Please donate on-line today at https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/4826.
Thank you for taking the time to read this urgent appeal.
Yours sincerely
Kia Trainor, Director CPRE Sussex

Kia Trainor

WILDLIFE REPORT – Fred Carter

Birds of East Hoathly.

The Goldcrest.

Not only is the Goldcrest the smallest British bird, it is also the smallest European bird at about three and one half inches long!

Mainly olive green above and dull white below this bird is not easy to spot, particularly in the coniferous woodlands where it forages high in the tree tops, it is rarely seen on the ground. With a repetitive thin, faint squeak, almost on the limit of audibility of the human ear.

The name is derived from the bright yellow, black bordered crest of both sexes, the male having an orange patch in the centre.

In winter the Goldcrest may be found accompanying parties of tits through hedges and deciduous woodlands. Because of its small size the Goldcrest is unable to withstand prolonged spells of intense cold weather, and numbers can be reduced.

Their nests are most intricately formed, slung from the branch of a Fir tree, woven with moss and spiders webs then lined with feathers! The seven to twelve eggs, no larger than peas, are covered with faint reddish brown speckles.

Great Spotted Woodpecker.

Not so long ago these woodland birds were the least common of the three species of woodpecker found in England, the lesser spotted and the green woodpecker being the other two. The greater spotted are now the most common.

Their boldly barred black and white wings also feature a white oval patch on each wing. Under parts are white with a scarlet patch beneath the tail. The male bird also carries a scarlet patch on the nape of its neck. It has the unique woodpecker toe formation, two toes facing forward and two backwards. This produces a powerful grip, even on smooth barked trees and is a unique feature of woodpeckers.

This woodpecker moves vertically, often in a spiral, up the tree trunk looking for insects before flying down to start the process over again!

These woodpeckers are now common visitors to the garden where fat balls and peanuts are their favourite treat. They do not tolerate other garden birds sharing their feeder, and one show

of its formidable beak is generally enough to discourage any enterprising bird from joining them for lunch!

In the spring the male bird produces its familiar drumming sounds to attract a mate, or as a warning to other male woodpeckers to keep away! The nest is drilled into the trunk of a suitable tree where the passage then descends downwards for up to 12 inches. Little or no nesting material is provided. Five to seven creamy white eggs are produced. The eggs are pointed and translucent, stained by whatever colour secretion is courtesy of the tree.

They can and do attack nests and nest boxes in the spring for the juvenile birds within! Fixing steel reinforcing plates are a worthwhile fitment for nest boxes!

Also known as the Pied Woodpecker. In the past they have been objects of worship. The Greeks identified them with Zeus and the Romans with Mars and they were often revered as rain gods!

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST

Typical Greenfield Development – Telegraph Online

Sustainable Development Policies Housing

The change in land use to accommodate new housing and associated infrastructure poses a significant risk to wildlife and the wider environment of Sussex. The population of Sussex has increased from just over one million in 1961 to 1.6 million in 2011, the number of households has been predicted to rise by almost 10% during the next decade.

The national legislation and policy framework requires development to be sustainable and sets out a range of tests to be applied through, for example, sustainability appraisal, strategic environmental assessment, environmental impact assessment and Habitats Regulations Assessment. These are broadly designed to ensure that the likely environmental effects of strategic planning and large development proposals are as well-understood as possible and that the most sensitive wildlife sites, important habitats and species are not detrimentally affected.

The Sussex Wildlife Trust believes that the potential scale and distribution of development, and of new housing in particular, should be planned and delivered in a sustainable fashion, as set out in 'Securing the Future' (the UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy document).

The guiding principles aim to improve the quality of life for all. As a minimum this means avoiding the erosion of our natural capital, including our biodiversity assets. Government's stated policy ambition is to move towards development resulting in a net gain to nature.

Development plans or assessments of development proposals will be based on up to date biodiversity information, in line with planning and impact assessment guidance.

Any strategic plan or specific development proposal will:

Include measures to enhance the coherence of the ecological network of the specific area or location and support the networks within the setting and adjacent areas;

Provide clear evidence of the net benefits to nature that they propose to deliver, including measures to maintain and/or enhance natural capital assets.

The Sussex Wildlife Trust will judge any strategic plans and specific development proposals against these considerations. We will, within the limits of our resources:

engage positively with strategic planning and development management processes to ensure that housing and industrial development in Sussex is sustainable.

AIRS (Action In Rural Sussex)

Rural Housing Enabling Service

Action in rural Sussex employs a Rural Housing Enabling team which provides expert support and independent advice to Parish Councils and rural communities on the provision of affordable housing for local people.

There is a chronic shortage of affordable housing in rural England and Sussex is certainly no exception to this, with houses in many areas costing well in excess of 10 times the average county income.

These trends can make rural areas places which are unaffordable for those in occupations such as nurses, teachers and farm workers. The in-migration of affluent commuters and retirees may create an imbalance in rural communities as young people, families and those on low incomes cannot afford the inflated house prices.

Key services and facilities including pubs, shops and schools may struggle to remain viable as the needs of the population change. Similarly, communities may lose their vibrancy as they become dormitories for those working elsewhere, lead to the breakdown of social and family networks as people cannot afford to live locally and traditional activities such as sports teams struggle for participants.

www.ruralsussex.org.uk

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Chris

I clearly need to spend more time in the pub as I admit to using, at the quiz, an internet picture tagged East Hoathly that was actually taken in the Six Bells at Chiddingly.

Perhaps revues of the local hostelries would be a welcomed regular feature of the newsletter. Anyone like to start with the first round?

Wishing you all a healthy and sustainable new year

Chris Pellett

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PAST PRESENT & FUTURE

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We now have an Archive room within the Village Hall, giving access to all members to the extensive records held.

The Hedgerow survey and biodiversity study with the Sx. Wildlife Trust continues.
Meetings in the village hall are planned for 2017 from February until November.
In addition monthly footpath walks are organised throughout the year.

EAST HOATHLY & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY
MEMBERSHIP or MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION

To: Jenny Pellett Tel 01825 872830
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I enclose the sum of £12/ £20* as my subscription to the EH & D Preservation Society for the year **2017**

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