

# East Hoathly & District Preservation Society



The East Hoathly Wassail Bowl

New Year 2019

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Additionally, we thank Linda Allsop, Fred Carter, John Deane, Kate Richardson, Jane Seabrook, 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 hosts expert speakers, outings, monthly guided walks and issues seasonal newsletters.*

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Toni

Greetings,

I hope you have enjoyed our various activities in 2018 and look forward to another eclectic selection for our collective enjoyment.

For those who joined us for the November walk to Mount Caburn, what a treat. A clear sky gave us the most amazing views across the surrounding area and Jenny thoughtfully brought along some delicious cake from the Glynde tea rooms, which was shared whilst resting on the strategically placed benches.

I hope you agree that our social evening in November was both great fun and also very informative. Thank you to everyone that made it possible



Jan bought her father's (Lt. Col.) cavalry officer's military chest with lots of fascinating contents from the days of the Raj. The personal letters and the notes made as battles progressed took you straight back in vivid detail to that bygone era. It's frightening to envisage being a cavalry officer when faced with machine guns, this surely must have been one of the last times that our troops were organised in such a way.

Our ladies in the kitchen, Nov, Sue and Linda (our very own mince pie queen) did us proud with lots of beautifully presented culinary fare. Q's lovely wedding display brought the competition to life. Thank you to all who shared their photos on the night and gave an insight to their special day.

Julie Biggs kindly let me use her lovely quiz on Cakes and Puddings.

Chris edited the film on stiles and what was shared was surprising, even a little risqué! Our gates and stiles theme leads on to paying tribute June for all her past endeavours as we will be contributing to the cost of the new gate on the Wealdway at the Churchyard entrance in her memory which should be installed by the end of the month.



Fred and Richard expertly manned the bar, such a key role! Food and drink do seem to be a key ingredients for this society and I have once again incorporated them in 2019!

Thus, on Sunday 11th August a maximum of 24 persons will enjoy an illuminating talk in the RNLI boat house, Newhaven and the potential of a riverside pub lunch beforehand.

Look forward to seeing you all on Fri 8th Feb, when Janie Ramsay will be telling us about the Duchess of Windsor's jewels, a very sparkly affair!

Kind regards  
Toni

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Peter Brooke

Firstly a big thank you to all those members who renewed their subscription at the social evening - it really helps to receive them in good time.

The surplus for last year was very much as predicted, unfortunately so are the increases in speakers fees for the coming year.

I am now preparing the draft accounts for 2018 and the accounts are looking healthy - further news when all the figures are finally agreed.

Regards Peter

## MEMBERSHIP – Jenny Pellett

So far, for 2019, we are very pleased to welcome new members Jenny Weldon, Jan Stericker and Marc Tomlinson to the society.

Jenny is a long term resident of Chiddingly. It was Jan who brought along her father's trunk from his time in India to the social and Photos and anecdotes are promised for the next newsletter about Marc's Grandfather who was Rector of East Hoathly in the 1930's

It is good to see our membership increasing- if we could all encourage friends and neighbours to join that would be marvellous and would enable us to expand and develop our programme & future plans.

There is a membership renewal form accompanying the newsletter, prompt payment of subscriptions is appreciated as we look forward to an exciting year of talks, walks and other events.

Jenny Pellett                      Membership Secretary

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## COVER PICTURE – The East Hoathly Wassail Bowl

Extract from "The Sussex Garland".

We find in Horsfield "History of Lewes" an engraving of an ancient bowl in the possession of Mr Wisdom, of East Hoathly, singularly decorated with an immense pair of horns, remarkably fine and tipped with gold. It is regarded by the owner as the representative of the silver or oaken Wassail



bowl of our saxon ancestors. In religious houses at certain seasons of the year, the wassail bowl was placed at the upper end of the table of entertainment, within reach of the abbot, who drank his *poculum charitatis* to strangers, and to his fraternity, who willingly then followed the good example of their spiritual head, by drinking the was-heil to each other.

**PAST MEETINGS – 12<sup>th</sup> October – FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE - Leycester**

Following on from the improvised talk about bees came something of a complete contrast; a tale of what it was like to visit Moscow and St. Petersburg in early spring (2015).

Toni & Leycester had ventured there for a 3 day tour of each location with a train trip between the current and former capital city. Arriving at the airport, getting through immigration with the hassle of overbearing taxi touts, on a train to the Metro was the easy part. Coping with the sheer volume of passengers in the Metro at 4pm on a



Friday was a nightmare, with Toni managing to get onto the tube train but Leycester (with all the luggage) getting cut off by a rush of people as the doors closed, to be left on the platform. That triggered 2 hours of cat and mouse chases through the labyrinth of tunnels and up onto the surface, where it was dusk and sleeting.

Despite that setback, Toni was, with the very helpful staff, able to locate the hotel. It was only after some time spent wandering around in the gloom and sleet that Leycester recognised from the original travel brochure the illuminated numbering on the building adjacent to the hotel. Upon approaching the fateful dual carriageway to reach it he encountered a very relieved Toni who wasn't quite sure whether to kiss him or hit him. Thus ended the first adventure in Moscow.

After that, the holiday progressed without further (major) mishap, but the sights and places visited were most interesting. Central Moscow is quite compact for a city of 5 million, with the Bolshoi, the KGB HQ, the current military HQ, the remnants of the old 12th century city wall, the original palace of the Romanov family etc. all within easy walking distance of the Kremlin, the last European citadel. The hop-on hop-off bus was very useful for getting initial bearings and a brief history.

Rural Russia appeared desolate by comparison, with rough wooden houses and poor roads to be seen from the German built high speed train speeding west to St. Petersburg. The low angle of the sun and the thin layers of snow

gave a savage beauty to the bleakness of the birch forests and the wide valley vistas.

The heart of St. Petersburg is in some ways more magnificent than Moscow with the Winter Palace the crowning glory along the sea front. The opulence is overwhelming, even from

our 21st century perspective. The peacock clock, made by the noted English automaton builder James Cox in 1777 for Catherine the Great is an engineering wonder. We must admire the 18th century architects and builders for their imagination and creativity; grateful too to the 20th



century revolutionaries for not destroying it. The hop-on hop-off bus proved its worth and gave us more insight to the city and things to view, such as the Eliseyev Emporium, whose food hall is reminiscent of Harrods, but on a more personal level. The final wonder was a visit to the Faberge museum, a private enterprise incorporating the old Forbes collection and has 9 of the 43 surviving eggs (52 were made but the last 2 weren't delivered because of the revolution), only the Armoury at the Kremlin has more, with 10.

Both cities have superbly run and clean tube systems, Moscow has the edge in terms of architecture and one could spend a whole holiday just admiring the different styles. It was one of Michael Portillo's programmes about continental train travel in the Moscow Metro that piqued Toni's interest for exploring it.

Our abiding impression of Russia was one of contrasting wealth and opulence in the major city centres, with rural poverty. Many younger people spoke good English and almost without exception, everyone was kind and helpful. As with so many things, the perceptions portrayed by the media are at odds with reality.

**PAST MEETINGS – At The Social : INDIA - Janet Stericker**

My father Lt. Col Hugh Dalrymple-Hay DSO was born in 1900. He joined the 2nd Lancers after Staff College at the age of 22. He was an excellent polo player and represented the regiment winning them the much sort after Calcutta Cup.



My Father is second right.

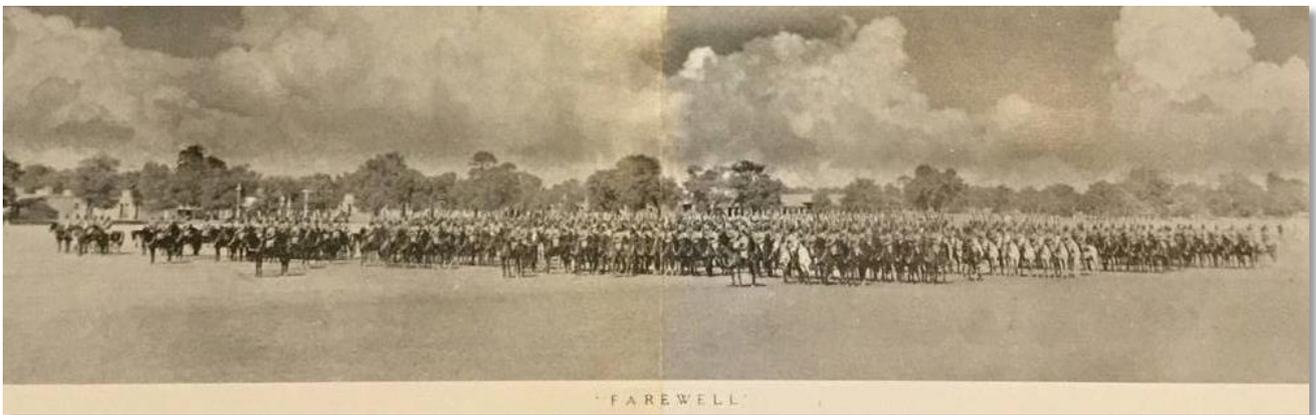
Not long after he joined the army the regiment was chosen as the host regiment to escort the Duke of Windsor, who was representing the King. Because of this honour the regiment was thereafter renamed 2nd Royal Lancers. Needless to say such an honour came at a price. All buttons and insignia had to be changed at considerable cost to the regiment and the officers.

The mess kit that was worn by the officers on mess night whatever the weather was quite spectacular. My father must have been one of the last

serving British Officers to have worn a pugaree. Sadly I never learnt to tie one.

His military chest came back from India with us and resided in our attic unopened until my Father's death in 1987. His love of India was such that he simply couldn't bear to be reminded of it and his military career, prisoner of war camp, escape and the subsequent awarding of the DSO were never talked about.

As a small child I was sure the chest was the coffin of either our Bearer or my Ayer or both! Thankfully this was not the case and my Mother and I had a rather tearful opening of it revealing all the memorabilia within. The smell of camphor and Neeme leaves was overpoweringly evocative, and still is.



Second photo is farewell to the cavalry before they became motorised. 1936- 1938

F.O.S.A.K.....Friends of St. Annes, Kalimpong

Being the fifth generation born in India and growing up with wonderful memories of that diverse country, I was drawn towards being one of the founder members of a group of old India hands in Suffolk.

We started a charity helping Dalit (in my India days these people were called untouchables) children. Since coming to Sussex I have, with a hard working team, formed a further group known as F.O.S.A.K.....Friends of St.

Annes, Kalimpong. We raise money for the school and sponsor individual children to go on to secondary education.

I am deeply grateful to The Preservation Society for their donation.

Jan

## East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership

The press coverage of an East Hoathly man who lost £9000 to a professional scammer just before Christmas highlights the need to be savvy and vigilant, but also to not be embarrassed, when caught out by fraudsters. Because the sad fact is that ALL of us will be targeted by fraudsters to some degree at some time, and MOST of us are vulnerable and likely be caught out and lose out, to criminals.

The Preservation Society has the opportunity to sign the charter and subscribe to [The East Sussex Against Scams Partnership](#).

ESASP is a county-wide partnership committed to helping protect residents against fraud through raising awareness about the different types of scams. It is a partnership of organisations - businesses, charities, clubs, community enterprises, councils, societies, voluntary groups and other partners - committed to taking a stand against scams with the aim of making East Sussex a scam-free county.

The commitment by the Preservation Society would be to hold a community event in the near future and to distribute good advice out to everyone. It would become an ongoing aspect of our society and for the communities we serve.

The existing committee are keen but, looking realistically, overstretched.

Is this something you could do?

If so just contact one of the committee.

The East Sussex Against Scams Partnership has the support of

The National Trading Standards (NTS) Scams Team

All of the Local Council Authorities and specifically through initiatives such as the Safer Wealden Partnership

Sussex Police

And over sixty local community organisations.

Scams are fraud, and fraud is a crime... Don't ignore them, report them to [Action Fraud](#) (Tel: 0300 123 2040)

## FUTURE MEETINGS

2019

Fri Feb 8th	Duchess of Windsor's Jewels: Janie Ramsay.
Fri Mar 8th	Story of English Freedom: Andy Thomas.
Fri Apr 12th	The wonders of water - How otters can keep us healthy: donation to the Sussex Wildlife Trust, Fran Southgate.
Fri May 10th	A History of Herstmonceux Castle in Pictures: Melinda Stone.
Fri Jun 14th	AGM & dinner. *
August	RNLI at West Quay, Newhaven and pub lunch *
Fri Sep 13th	Bumble Bees, Honey Bees & Solitary Bees: Michelle Ernoult
Fri Oct 11th	Milly, Mog and Gug. Three remarkable women of Chiddingly Donation to the church, David Burrough.
Fri Nov 29th	Social Evening

*\*Details to follow*



The Duchess of Windsor Collection reached the highest world record for a single-owner jewellery sale ever conducted. Ever! This royal assemblage on the list of famous collections was originally sold in 1987, by Sotheby's in Geneva for the record price of \$53.5 million dollars. The Wallis Simpson jewellery collection consisted of 214 pieces.

The Duchess of Windsor jewels was unique for the record price they sold, and because they grew out of the most controversial love story of modern times.

## BADGERS

Most of us see more dead badgers than live ones, and the cow/badger TB debate remains contentious. So with a totally different take on the animal:

In J K Rowling's Harry Potter each Hogwarts house has its own animal to represent it.

The other houses' mascots make sense:

Lions represent bravery, snakes represent cunning, and eagles have a refined quality about them.

But what exactly does a badger symbolize?

A badger is the emblem of Hufflepuff House in all the Harry Potter books and films.

From the Hufflepuff welcome letter:

Hufflepuffs are trustworthy and loyal.

"We don't shoot our mouths off, but cross us at your peril; like our emblem, the badger, we will protect ourselves, our friends and our families against all-comers.

Nobody intimidates us."

The Hufflepuff common room and dormitories have never been seen by outsiders.

Like badgers, Hufflepuffs know exactly how to lie low – and how to defend themselves.

Badgers are amazing animals.

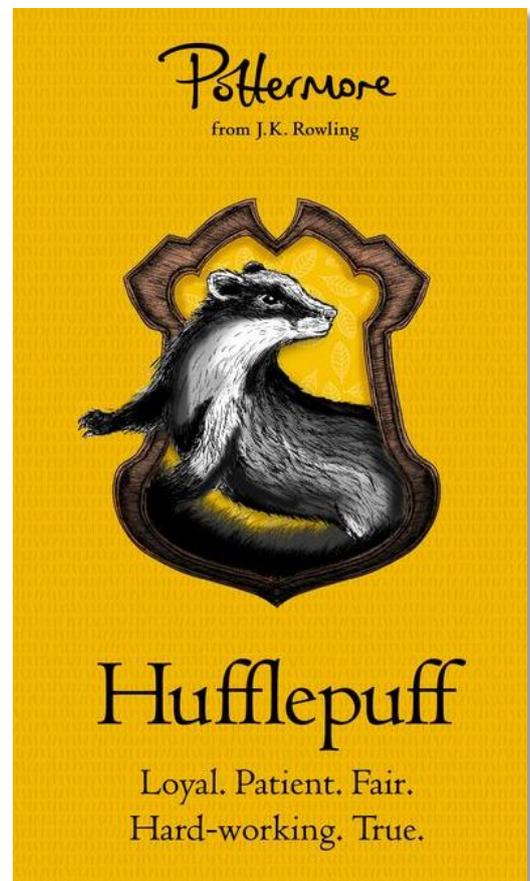
The badger is known for having a gentle nature and has come to be the symbol of love and loyalty;

Badgers represent hard work.

Badgers represent indomitable spirit and can cause even a mountain lion to back off.

Hufflepuffs share these traits.

The Badger is no ordinary animal.



## BEYOND HALLAND – HAMILTON PALACE

As we changed the venue for the December walk the opportunity to venture along footpath Framfield 9, towards the largest country house to be built in the UK for over 100 years (albeit unfinished) was lost.

Nicholas Van Hoogstraten said he would open the doors for just one party, his wealth displayed in fine paintings and antiques. There after no one would enter without his permission.



“There will be frescoes on the ceilings, the columns will have to be painted in gold, there will be tapestries on the walls”



This view looking South East towards East Hoathly is therefore for the privileged few.

Back to walking:

The famous footpath issue resulted in the Highways Obstruction by Body Corporate Act 2004 which enables fines to be collected from Directors, and after lengthy proceedings the footpath reopened on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2003, mainly because of the relentless work of, and so many thanks to, [Kate Ashbrook](#)

**CHIDDINGLY'S OLD ORGAN – Frederick Jones - written in 1929**

Richard Grant of East Hoathly, a master- hand in repairing the grandfather clock or the old “turnip” watch\*, and a bit of a musician, couldn't resist buying the barrel organ from Chiddingly Church when the new finger instrument came, although it nearly filled his cottage parlour!

Told that his recent purchase was out of tune by a visiting gentleman, he permitted this amateur tuner to put the organ right. The visitor began by cutting down most of the metal pipes filling the dear old clocksmith with doubt, culminating in dismay.

After doing lamentable destruction the incompetent self-appointed organ tuner gave up in despair. It took poor old Grant over a month of spare time to solder on again the pieces cut from his treasure.

I well remember the smiling face of the old gentleman, his countenance beaming with satisfaction as he turned the barrel of his precious instrument, when the Coronation Anthem welled out loudly, by kicks and jumps (a few of the pins of the barrel still absent). May I be forgiven for complimenting the dear old fellow, although it was a difficult matter to restrain my merriment.

\*Turnip Pocket Watch

[At risk of dropping into Blackadder, it's a pocket watch that's shaped like a turnip. The case is unusually thick, relative to its diameter.- Ed]

**CHIDDINGLY'S new 1874 ORGAN**

Made originally by J. Walker, London.

The organ was previously in the "Iron church" in Eastbourne, East Sussex. It was bought by Chiddingly Church in 1906 for £75.00 and brought to the Church in pieces on a farm cart. The case was assembled by a village carpenter. The pipe work and action was put together by Mr Herbert Richardson an amateur organ builder. It was moved to its present position in 1985.



Between 1982 & 85 there was a full restoration by J W Walker, Brandon, Suffolk and the organ was brought forward in front of the North aisle arch with the front pipes protruding forward. One stop was removed (name unknown) and the Fifteenth added. Tuner is Mr P M W Christian, 6 King George VI Drive, Hove, BN3 6XF. Tuner's notebook dates from 11th December 1985 to 26th March 1999. On 12th June 1986 the rear

rank of the Fifteenth was replaced following a theft. (The restoration took 3 years - organ dismantled and kept in storage by Walkers until sufficient funds available.

## WASSAILING BEES

Old Christmas, or Epiphany, was the season for the Wassailers to make their rounds of the parish, to be rewarded for singing carols, and at farms to serenade the apple and other fruit trees, and the beehives, to assure fertility and a good crop in the coming year.

### Wassailing Bees

Bees, oh bees of Paradise,  
Does the work of Jesus Christ,  
Does the work which no man can.

God made bees,  
And bees made honey,  
God made man,  
And man made money.

God made trees,  
And trees made branches,  
God made young men,  
To love little wenches.

## & WASSAILING AT THE STAR WALDRON



Dancing by the [East Hoathly Morris](#) and the Winter Solstice Morris started the proceedings at [the Star](#) on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January, followed by a Mummers play and wassailing of the apple tree in the pub garden as has been the tradition for over 25 years.

Weas hal was a greeting wishing your friend good health and peace of mind.

The reply to it was Drink hal, implying that the act of drinking, from your own cup or from a communal bowl, symbolized the taking in of health and wholeness from the environment.

In farming communities the same wholeness was wished to the animals and crops and from thence the custom of wassailing began.

Apple trees were wassailed because they were the source of valuable drink – cider – the main drink of the working community in apple growing areas.



## PERMACULTURE

Permaculture is defined as a self supporting sustainable agricultural system.



The [Brighton Permaculture Trust](#), based at Stanmer Park is probably best known for its Apple Day and its orchards are an excellent example of agricultural permaculture in action.

But Permaculture goes beyond that to include building complete sustainable communities.

Every gardener knows that in order to grow healthy plants we need to build healthy soils; to have a healthy body we need a similarly healthy environment.

And so it is now widely recognised that permaculture can be applied to our homes and buildings, our health, how we trade, etc., as well as the natural environment and restoring nature.

Buying local is probably the easiest way to start becoming part of a self supporting system. All of our communities' shops; Loughton, Halland, Waldron, Chiddingly and East Hoathly aim to supply locally sourced produce when they can.

Efficient low cost sustainable housing is the goal of the [East Hoathly with Halland Community Land Trust](#), conforming to permaculture principles.

Locally we are extremely lucky to still have agricultural land that is not intensively farmed and woodland that is being restored and maintained with minimal intervention. Lets celebrate it!

**BRIGHTON PERMACULTURE TRUST - Sussex Apple Varieties**

 <p><i>Forge</i></p>	 <p><i>Alfriston</i></p>	 <p><i>Coronation</i></p>
<p>Sussex Forge is an excellent cooking apple that ripens to a lightly aromatic eating apple. It was widely grown near the old iron forges around East Grinstead and was a well-known variety in 1850.</p>	<p>The Alfriston apple was first grown in late 1700s by Mr Shepherd of Uckfield. Originally named Shepherd's Pippin. In 1819, it was renamed Alfriston by Mr Booker, who lived in the village.</p>	<p>First grown at Buxted Park, the Coronation commemorates the coronation of Edward V11 in 1902. It is a large handsome eating apple with a sweet light taste.</p>
 <p><i>Crawley Reinette</i></p>	 <p><i>Doctor Hogg</i></p>	 <p><i>Golden Pippin</i></p>
<p>Crawley Reinette is a medium-sized cooking apple that becomes sweeter after storage. The variety was first grown by J.Cheal &amp; Sons of Crawley in the early 1900s.</p>	<p>Doctor Hogg was first grown by Head Gardener Mr S. Ford of Leonardslee, near Horsham. Named in honour of the Victorian pomologist Robert Hogg. A very large apple with yellow It is a first rate baking apple.</p>	<p>Although it is claimed that Golden Pippin was first grown at Parham Park, Arundel, in 1629, the origin of the apple is uncertain. It has a lemon tang which becomes sweet and rich when cooked.</p>
 <p><i>Saltcote Pippin</i></p>	 <p><i>Egremont Russet</i></p>	 <p><i>First and Last</i></p>
<p>The Saltcote Pippin was first grown near Rye in 1928, overlooking the Rother estuary where salt was collected and dried.</p>	<p>First grown at Petworth by Mr Slater and Lord Egremont. The Egremont Russet was first recorded as a variety in 1872. Its flavour is often described as nutty.</p>	<p>The great apple expert Thomas Hogg wrote in 1851 that the First and Last is "much grown in the northern part of the county about Horsham and sent to Brighton market".</p>

 <p><i>Aldwick Beauty</i></p>	 <p><i>Golden Bounty</i></p>	 <p><i>Eastbourne Pippin</i></p>
<p>The Aldwick Beauty was grown originally by Mrs DM Alford, Aldwick, Bognor Regis and assessed by the National Fruit Trials in 1969</p>	<p>The Golden Bounty apple variety originates at Scutes Farm near Hastings. This variety is a cross between Cox's Orange Pippin and Early Victoria.</p>	<p>The Eastbourne Pippin was first grown in Eastbourne during 1930s. It is a large golden yellow apple with sweet and creamy flesh.</p>
 <p><i>Hawkridge</i></p>	 <p><i>Mareda</i></p>	 <p><i>Nanny</i></p>
<p>The Hawkridge is a large, sweet, early September apple from Hawkridge Farm, near Herstmonceux.</p>	<p>The Mareda apple variety was first grown in 1926 at Scutes Farm near Hastings from the pip of an American variety Winesap.</p>	<p>Nanny is a large dessert apple with a rich flavour, described by Robert Hogg in 1851 as growing on the Sx/Hampshire borders.</p>
 <p><i>Edmund Jupp</i></p>	 <p><i>Tinsley Quince</i></p>	 <p><i>Wadhurst Pippin</i></p>
<p>The Edmund Jupp apple variety was first grown in the Horsham area from at least 1862.</p>	<p>The fruit is greenish yellow, with a quince-like smell when ripe. The Tinsley Quince is from the Crawley area</p>	<p>Grown in the Wadhurst area since the early 19th century. It is a very good cooking apple with a savoury, spicy taste.</p>

Illustrations and descriptions are kindly supplied by Peter May of [Sussex Apple Trees](#) Tel: 07421464540

Peter is a fruit tree grower and orchard advisor. He runs courses in orchard planting, orchard care, as well as fruit tree grafting for Brighton Permaculture Trust and Plumpton College. He is a contributing author for [Apples & Orchards in Sussex](#), a cultural history of apple growing in Sussex. Peter has spent the last 14 years growing, researching and planting apple varieties which have a close link to the county of Sussex.

## GODFREYS COTTAGE 100 Years Ago – Eric Vinall's memories



*GODFREYS, Halland Park*

“There was a vacant cottage available which meant that my wife and self could set up housekeeping on our own for the first time.

A very old four room cottage, one of two, formed by putting division walls in

what had at one time been a farmhouse and consisting of a kitchen-sitting room, and a washhouse – bakery – scullery, with a small pantry and a bread oven. An outside earth toilet some half chain from the back door and water from a well common to both cottages. In the kitchen a small range with an open basket with an oven at one side. Our fuel; faggot wood.

Uncultivated “waste” undergrowth was cut down at between fourteen and twenty-one years and produced hop poles, fence rails, bean poles, cask hoops (hazel), fencing pales (chestnut), and the tops would produce pea boughs. And with the leavings of the larger stuff, house faggots and kiln faggots. A house faggot consisted one hundred pounds weight of six foot long refuse bound up with withies. These faggots were sold by the cord equal to a stack six feet long and six feet high. Every cottager had its faggot stack.

A faggot was rammed into the bread oven, set light and the opening closed with an iron plate, when the upper brickwork was oven white the ashes were racked out, and the bread loaves placed on the oven floor with a wooden paddle called a peel.”

**VERT WOODS COMMUNITY WOODLANDS - Sue Redshaw**

There has been a lot going on in the Community Woodland over the last few months. Harvesting of the poorly-grown Pine in the North East section of the woodland, with extensive ride widening. The harvested timber has mainly gone to the processing plant in Sandwich, Kent, for bio-fuel. The brash has been piled high! Some of this will be retrieved for more bio-fuel and some will be stacked into mounds for wildlife habitat. Due to the browsing of deer, there is little understory for birds, insects and small mammals, so the brash piles are acting as an alternative home for these creatures. Over the winter months the deer are being culled to keep their numbers to manageable levels and keep the woodland in good heart.

In the North West corner of VWCW, a forest road has been constructed so that the timber lorries can get into the woodland and extract the timber. This has been paid for partly by the income from the timber itself and partly by grants obtained from the Forestry Commission.

Also, in that sector, we are in the process of creating a 'Discovery Trail', which has been funded by Tesco's Bags for Help scheme. Thanks to the many people who put their blue tokens into our slot!

Tom has been busy preparing larch logs for Kew Gardens. This involved stripping the bark from 6 foot lengths of timber – not an easy exercise! We have yet to see photos of the resulting construction at Kew. We have also supplied logs for habitat piles to a school in Dulwich.

The first Members Meeting for Vert Woods Community Benefit Society (the Governing body) was held in November. There will be further opportunities to join the CBS in the New Year.

We have been gifted some disease resistant Elms and these will be planted with other trees in a tree-planting event in the New Year. We are planning several other public events for 2019.

Follow us on Facebook – Vert Woods – A Community Woodland. There's a great film of Vert Woods to watch and also there's lots of information at [www.vertwoods.co.uk](http://www.vertwoods.co.uk).

### **VERT WOODS - During the War - Wyndham Gould**

A narrow plot below the pond was used for planting fir seeds collected in cones by the bailiff. When they were about 3" high they were planted out in long rows. When they were 18" high they were ready to be planted in the plantation. We would clear a large area of broad leaf trees and undergrowth and enclose it with netting. The trees were planted in lines at fixed distances. In those days lily of the valley grew in large clumps in many places. The Estate had its own railway with a diesel engine. It ran from the sawmill in the wood straight for about half a mile then turned left at right angles, to go right up through the centre of Vert Wood. A German bomb landed on the rail junction, blowing it to smithereens & making a great crater. I learnt to swim in it, having a long rope tied to a tree stump. One day I lent my trunks to a lad who wouldn't get in the water without them. Some ladies came along and sat down. They asked if we had trunks on and I said "Yes" so had to remain submerged till they departed.

**INTERESTING INSECTS – elephant hawk moth**

The elephant hawk-moth is so-called not because of its size but because the caterpillar resembles an elephant's trunk. The caterpillar also has two enormous, black eyespots towards the head. When disturbed, they swell up to show these spots and scare off predators.

The caterpillars feed on willow herbs, fuchsia and bedstraw, the adults on the nectar of night-scented flowers such as honeysuckle.

The adult elephant hawk moth, easily identified by its olive and pink colouring, has incredibly sensitive eyes that allow it to see colour even at low-light. In fact, it was one of the first species in which nocturnal colour vision was documented in animals. The moth is also known for its hovering capability, which it utilizes when feeding on nectar from flowers.

There is a small elephant hawk moth which, not surprisingly, is smaller but it also lacks the pink stripe down its back.

We thank [Audrey Haney](#) for this wonderful photo

Audrey is also a talented artist and wonderful poet

## WRAS – Trevor Weeks

Trevor's birthday fundraiser for [East Sussex WRAS](#):

“For my birthday this year, I'm asking for donations to East Sussex WRAS.

I hope that you'll consider contributing as a way of celebrating with me. Every little bit will help”.



All WRAS casualties are treated in conjunction with veterinary surgeons who advise and help assess casualties.

East Sussex Wildlife Rescue was formed in the mid-1990s as a voluntary group. Up until then, I, Trevor Weeks, was paying for veterinary bills out of my own pocket and as ESWR became better known, the number of calls became greater and the cost of rescue work grew.

It was not until 2005 that East Sussex Wildlife Rescue and Ambulance Service (WRAS) was formed with its first group of trustees and directors.

WRAS covers a large area and works with 11 different veterinary practices. One of WRAS's main concerns about veterinary practices is the stress levels of wildlife whilst they are admitted. Dogs, cats and parrots to name a few of the animals which can cause noise as well as humans activity which causes stress to wildlife casualties which are trying to rest, relax and recover from their injuries or illness. However this recovery will be slow in such stressful environments. To counter this stress WRAS has set up a Casualty Care Centre at Whitesmith on the A22 between Hailsham and Uckfield. Equipment in this unit was part funded by the Sussex Community Foundation.

Over the years WRAS has also provided three large out door rehabilitation pens for rearing gulls and other birds at Lower Dicker, a fox rehabilitation and release pen at Hailsham and Bexhill, a holding shed at Seaford, Peacehaven and Eastbourne. WRAS has also funded the start of the National Gull Rescue & Protection group providing them with over £2,500 as well as numerous cages, medication, food, aviaries and other items.

WRAS has four veterinary ambulances. These vehicles move around but are normally based at Eastbourne, Bexhill and Uckfield. At least two of these vans are available at any one time. These vehicles are currently only available 4-5 day a week on a rota basis throughout the week. WRAS is working on developing a new rota and additional volunteers so that these vehicles can be available 7 days a week. Unfortunately the three large pens at Lower Dicker, worth over £800 each were stolen at the beginning of 2007. In the Autumn of 2009 we erected a new aviary at Hellingly and additional aviaries are planned including a new test flight aviary.



Six weeks ago this buzzard was delivered to WRAS with a very nasty double break to its radius and ulna. Recovery wasn't plain sailing but he has now recovered sufficiently to be taken back to Friston forest where he was found and he was released back in to the wild. An incredible

achievement for all those who rescued him and were involved in his care.

On average it costs WRAS £65 to be on call for and respond to a call-out. The vans, the mobile phones, veterinary bills, equipment stored in the vans etc. are expensive and need replacing on a regular basis. This is why we need your help. <http://wildlifeambulance.org/donate/>

**CPRE**

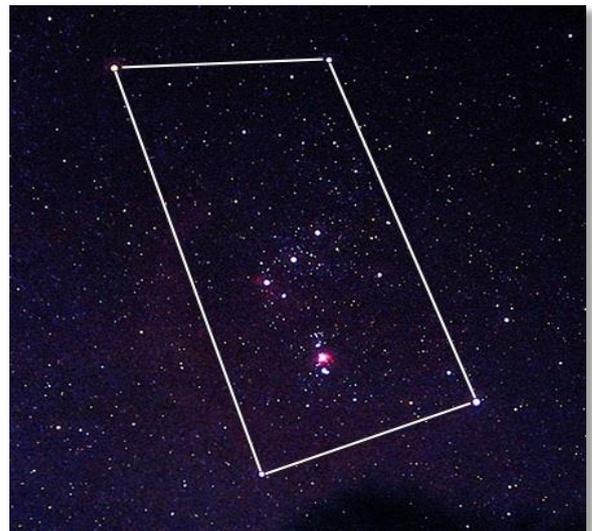
Here's a good one for kids

Dark, starry skies are one of the most magical sights the countryside can offer. But light pollution means many of us can't see the stars. We want to reconnect people with the wonder of our glorious night skies. Help us map light pollution by taking part in [StarCount2019](#), and ensure more of us can experience this natural wonder.

Our Star Count will take place throughout February, the best nights being 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> as the moon is smallest so the skies are darkest. We'll be accepting results taken from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February until Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, and the results will help us to create a new map to show how light pollution affects everybody's views of the night sky.

Look south into the night sky, find the Orion constellation, with its four corners and 'three-star belt'.

Take a few moments to let your eyes adjust, then simply count the number of stars you can see within the rectangle made by the four corner stars. You should not count the corners, but you can count the three stars in the middle – the belt.



Count and make a note of the number of stars seen with the naked eye (not with telescopes or binoculars) and then simply complete the online survey form at.

Check back to see the national results and see how your area compares to the rest of the country! [www.cpre.org.uk/starcount](http://www.cpre.org.uk/starcount)

## WILDLIFE REPORT - Toni

### Facts about honey bees

- 1 Honey bees are super important pollinators for flowers, fruits and veg. This means they help other plants grow.
- 2 Honey bees live in colonies. The members are divided into three types, queen, workers and drones.
- 3 Most famous for producing honey. They produce 2-3 times more than they may need.
- 4 If the queen bee dies the workers create a new queen by selecting a larva and feeding it "royal jelly". This enables them to develop into a fertile queen.
- 5 Honey bees are fab flyers at a speed around 25km per hour and beat their wings 200 times per second.
- 6 Each bee has 170 ordant receptors which means they have one serious sense of smell!
- 7 The average worker lives for just 5-6 weeks and produce a 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey.
- 8 The queen bee lives up to 5 years. Busiest in the summer when she can lay up to 2500 eggs a day!
- 9 They perform their "waggle dance", a figure of eight type of performance to indicate the direction of food.
- 10 Sadly, over the past ten years, colonies have been disappearing.

We can help them by planting plants rich in nectar, such as lavender and bluebells and help ourselves by choosing local English honey as it has unique medicinal qualities.

Whilst looking further afield Australia and New Zealand produce Manuka honey, which has even more amazing antibacterial qualities which is critical in the treatment of wounds, burns, ulcers, and MRSA. It helps with skin regeneration and cell renewal because of its major anti-bacterial factor, Methyl Glyoxal. But beware as it is the most counterfeited food on Earth, ahead of virgin olive oil!

Also, these amazing bees are really good for the wine industry hence wineries either keep hives or employ bee keepers to manage the hives for them. They help pollinate the surrounding vegetation too, which in turn gives the soil much needed nutrients. Better diversity in the field helps produce healthier vines, higher quality grapes and therefore higher yields. Overall, vineyard pests also go down as the bee buzz goes up!

A truly knowledgeable Michelle Ernoult will be with us in September, when she will be telling you all about Bumble Bees, Honey Bees & Solitary Bees.

Regards  
Toni



[Paula Barker Photography Ripe](#)

Paula Barker has been kind to supply several photographs for our newsletter, she is based at [Martins Wood Farm](#), Ripe Lane, Ripe BN8 6AR which of course is well known for its chickens!

**SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST – Ronnie Reed (Volunteer)**[SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST](#)

Perhaps wassailing is important because it says something about our relationship to nature. The rituals are a link with the past, a past when people were much more connected to the natural world around them than we are today. They depended on the soil, the rain, the wind, the sunshine for their food not the bulging shelves of a supermarket. They watched it growing, knew where it came from. They lived with the changing seasons, not isolated by concrete and glass from heat and cold. They rubbed shoulders with a host of animals and plants that many of us can no longer name and because of our ignorance no longer care about.

Maybe, although we no longer believe in evil spirits living in trees, we still need to feel a link with the natural order in which we live. Maybe in our consumer driven, technological, virtual reality world it would not hurt us to get back to where we came from, to reconnect with nature and rethink our relationship with everything around us.

We still depend on nature for our existence in the same way as our ancestors did. We also need the natural world for our own psychological wellbeing. There is a growing awareness that we have moved away from important roots and need to return to them. We are starting to talk about wellbeing through nature, ecosystem services, the economic value of nature.

We need nature and perhaps we need traditions like wassailing that rebuild our threads to a past where we were more closely connected to it.

Standing in the dark, under a moonless sky, listening to the wind and feeling the soft dampness in the air, surrounded by young apples trees, it is possible to feel that cord that reaches down and anchors us to the earth beneath our feet.

And maybe believe in evil spirits in trees!



[Rachel Burge](#)

## PARISH COUNCIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - Peter Brooke – Dec. 2018



The [East Hoathly and Halland Neighbourhood Plan](#) Group are now beginning to prepare key policies to support the draft vision for our villages. It is proposed that in line with the emerging Wealden Local Plan only limited housing should be built in East Hoathly and Halland; policies are required to define what type and fashion of housing may be required and how we can best maintain or enhance current infrastructure and also

preserve the green surroundings that we have around us.

The vision and supporting policies will be made available for consultation during mid 2019 in both East Hoathly and Halland to ensure that there is broad agreement on how the villages will look and feel over the course of the next 10-15 years.

The Preservation Society are aware that consideration of the history of our parish and communities is essential to the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Pelham family; Thomas Pelham b.1653 being Baron Pelham of Halland, and father to Henry, prime minister and 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Newcastle is worthy of greater recognition. Halland Park, later diminished to Halland Park Farm was the lynchpin of Halland, Laughton and East Hoathly, a source of much employment, wealth and generosity.



It's thought the Pelhams at one time lived at Peckhams in Knowle lane, Halland, certainly Charlie Watts of the Rolling Stones did.

## VILLAGE CONCERNS

Watch this space.



<http://villageconcerns2016.co.uk/about/>

## PLANNING – Chris Pellett

Wealden District Council have, at last, submitted their Local Plan for independent examination. The submission documents can be viewed in the [Wealden Local Plan Submission Library](#).

It is however expected by many to be rejected.

Further information relating to the examination will be published in due course and any queries should be addressed to the Programme Officer Lynette Benton at [lynette.benton@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:lynette.benton@wealden.gov.uk) "

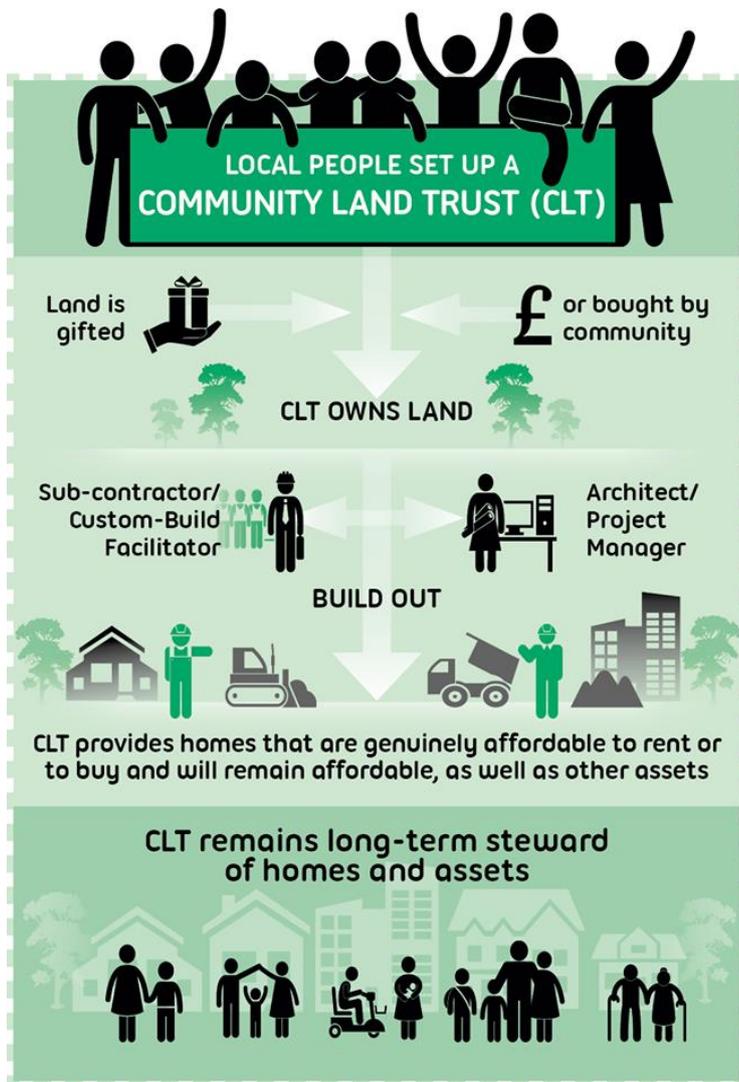
Right on queue the application to build up to 205 new houses on Hesmonds Stud land in East Hoathly has been re submitted but surprisingly with a very welcomed amendment, in that it is no longer a hybrid application including development on Ailies Lane. [See here](#)

Other applications are expected to follow

**EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND COMMUNITY LAND TRUST**

Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 3 PM – 8 PM East Hoathly Village Hall

An information event where you can come and find out more about the formation and vision of the CLT who hope to provide a small scale community housing project for local people by local people



**Our Vision**

We are a community-led organisation seeking to develop innovative, affordable housing to be held in perpetuity for the people of the parish of East Hoathly with Halland.

Our aim is to create an exemplar zero-carbon housing development in keeping with the historical heritage, local landscape and vibrant community fabric of the parish.

With shared values of community, companionship and ecological responsibility at its heart, the Community Land Trust will create high-quality

sustainable homes within a financially empowering model. This ensures a future-proof legacy of affordable homes for those who can demonstrate an ongoing link to the local area, but who may not be able to otherwise afford a property in the local area, young families, downsizers, co-housers, alongside the provision of work-space appropriate to the heritage of the parish.

## Why Land Trusts?

- Land Trusts offer a model of development that serves the local community as opposed to the bank balances of developers
- Community led - building homes that serve the village for the future
- Financially empowering model
- Equitable development allowing sustainable growth
- Work with Parish and District Councils as opposed to against them
- Ensure the future of affordable homes in the village

## Homes for People Not For Profit

East Hoathly with Halland  
Community Land Trust



## A development the community can be proud of

Flexibility is key: the scheme is site specific, offering a range of owner/occupier, leasing, social housing and co-housing options. Our mission is to initially develop a pilot scheme of 4-6 properties while in tandem consulting with the wider community to draw out the outline of a more comprehensive scheme

We are working in conjunction with the Sussex Community Housing Hub  
For more Information or to contact us please see our website:

[www.easthoathlywithhallandcommunitylandtrust.com](http://www.easthoathlywithhallandcommunitylandtrust.com)

Or our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/EHHCLT/](http://www.facebook.com/EHHCLT/)

**EAST HOATHLY BIRDS – Fred Carter**

## The Moorhen



Paula Barker Photography

The bird's name dates back to the days when a moor was any type of waste land, unsuitable for cultivation: thus on some soils the "moors" would be ill drained, semi marsh with more or less permanent pools, and these would be the haunts of the moorhen!

The alternative name of water hen is nowadays more apt, but the quantity of water needed to form the basis of a moorhens territory may be surprisingly small, a village duck pond, even smaller pool in woodland or a dew-pond. These are all examples of the minimal requirements which are enough for one pair of birds. It has been noted on old gravel pits. Like others of the rail family, coots, corncrakes and water rail, the moorhen performs its migratory movements by night, having been noted on old gravel pits, refuse dumps and sewage farms, all attractive as winter haunts for large moorhen assemblies.

Of all the rails, the moorhen is the least specialised and therefore the most versatile! Its toes have developed slight edging membrane as an aid to swimming, yet it swims as freely as the lobed footed coot. Its extremely long toes are efficient for walking on mud as are those of the water rail, it can elongate its body and thread its way through dense vegetation as rapidly and as rat like as either water rail or corncrake, and, an achievement which sets it apart, it can exploit higher levels of vegetation, for not only may it sometimes roost and nest high in a hawthorn hedge, but also it may walk along that same hedge to feed on haws!

The birds build a nest of solid construction using reeds and rushes with well formed cups at water level among aquatic plants or in cover on the ground at water's edge. It may also build a similar nest on old nest foundations and can also build its nest in trees!

### More EAST HOATHLY BIRDS - Fred Carter

#### The Green Woodpecker

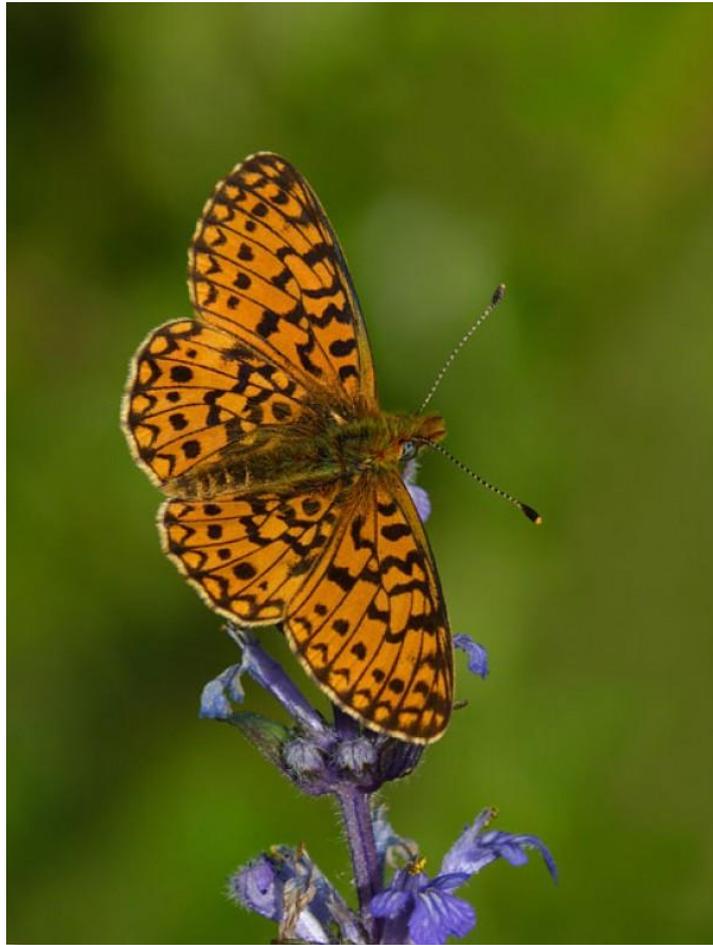


This, the largest of our three woodpeckers, differs from the other native woodpeckers not only in size, but in plumage, voice and habits too! From its distinctive laughing call it has many country names, such as yaffle. In some districts it is also known as the rain bird, and the calls, loudest and most frequently uttered during mild April weather, are taken as “boding rain”! Its most un-woodpecker habit is that of feeding on the ground, probably this source may provide the major part of its diet. Not only does it frequent drier ground in search of ants in the summer, it may also be seen probing in damp lawns and pastures at other times of year eating earth worms and leather jackets.

Should blackbirds or starlings approach, a threat display may be seen; the bird stiffens in an upright position, stretches its neck to an extraordinary extent, bill upwards, and slowly moves its head from side to side! The fearsome performance and sinister appearance of the black moustaches seems quite effective in warning off possible competitors. Since the green woodpecker’s alternative mode of feeding makes it less dependent upon trees, it is the species most likely to be seen in prolonged flight when disturbed from the ground in open country, and this affords the best opportunity for noting the typical woodpecker flight. Progress is a series of bouncing undulations!

There has been a marked decline in numbers of this species, once the commonest woodpecker in England. A possible answer in view of the source of much of its food is that through ants, leather jackets and earthworms it may have accumulated lethal doses of the insidious farm and garden insecticides of modern times. The last time I observed one of these lovely birds being five years ago, walking past my back garden fence.



**BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION**

The last small pearl- bordered fritillary photographed at Park Corner Heath by [Neil Hulme](#)

### [Rowland Wood and Park Corner Heath](#)

Next Conservation work party:

Sunday, 10th February starts at 9.00am and continues until around lunchtime

Tools will be supplied but please bring gloves and any tea / coffee etc. There are plenty of tasks to suit everyone and all help is very much appreciated.

We normally meet on the second Sunday of each month; arrive at 8.30 am for 9.00am, if you want to volunteer,

Contact: Jonathan Squire - Email: [squirejmn@aol.com](mailto:squirejmn@aol.com)

**RIGHTS OF WAY GROUP – John Deane**

If the New Year is a suitable time for confessions, as well as being the occasion for the more popular Resolutions, then I should make my disclosure here.

I have to admit that the local ROW Group has not seen so much action this year. This is partly due to a shortage of overgrown or obstructed public footpaths and bridleways but more often due to the fact that our meetings have become less frequent.

Specifically, we have made two visits to the footpath from Juziers out into Hesmond country, which has a vigorous bramble crop and three visits to the Buttsfield Lane - Blackberry Farm - South Street circuit to finalise signage for the diversion, carry out some occasional trimming and to monitor the two footbridges on the return route, which are both rapidly deteriorating.

We have also carried out some signage improvement at various locations beyond the Parish Boundary, mainly as the result of reports from local walkers, which are always helpful.

The reason behind the less frequent Group outings was mainly because I was otherwise engaged and for this I do apologise and undertake to attempt to put the matter to rights in 2019. By the way, the plan is to return to the Wednesday afternoon meetings.

I can only hope that the loyalty of the original group members is solid and that there will also be a number of new members wishing to join with our efforts in the months ahead. Please spread the word for us.

For more information please contact me at [dixiewalks@hotmail.com](mailto:dixiewalks@hotmail.com)

My good wishes, John

**HADLOW DOWN WALK - Jenny**

October granted us with marvellously mild, perfect, walking weather and at Hadlow Down our walk was very interesting and varied and took us on completely new territory. In places the route was only found by trial and error due to the elusive signage, but by the end of what proved to be a rather long walk, we had passed beautiful rambling homes, eaten blackberries from the hedgerows, seen imaginative scrap metal sculptures, been enchanted by new born calves, taken in stunning views and encountered some rather curious boisterous cows.

**GLYNDE WALK – MOUNT CABURN - Jenny & Chris**

After having enjoyed a wholesome lunch and good company at the [Glynde Tearoom](#) we set off at a relaxed pace to walk to the top of Mount Caburn. At the top we sat on a well-placed bench enjoying shared cake (before the others caught up) whilst savouring magnificent views of the surrounding landscape.



A Giant by the name of Gil is said to have walked the slopes of mount Caburn, and there are two separate legends of buried treasure there, a silver coffin and a knight in golden armour. The Caburn itself is said to be one of the clods of earth thrown afar as the Devil was digging the Devil's Dyke behind Brighton.

Perhaps less fanciful then is the tale by Eleanor Farjeon, who at Laughton wrote of Elsie Piddock of Glynde; Elsie Piddock Skips in Her Sleep -

Elsie Piddock is a poor little girl in the village of Glynde. She skips rope so beautifully the fairies invite her to learn all the different types of skips with their special skipping master, Andy Spandy. He gives her a magical jump rope that has candy for handles — sugardy candy on one and almond rock for the other. She returns to her ordinary life, and to the village's amazement, she can out-skip anyone to the tune of "Andy Spandy sugardy-candy, French almond rock, bread and butter for your supper it's all your mother's got."

She becomes a legend, but as she ages, she disappears from the villagers' view. Industry takes over. A cruel, greedy lord wants to build a factory on Mount Caburn where the children skip, against the villagers' wishes. Elsie, now a 109-year-old woman, tells one of the devastated little girls to make a deal with the lord to allow a skipping contest. He cannot lay a brick for the factory until everyone who has ever skipped on Mount Caburn has had a chance to skip, and no brick should be laid until after the last skipper skips her last skip.

Of course, the contemptuous lord agrees to this request. A skipping contest seems to him like such a trivial thing, a non-political thing. All the little girls of the village take their turn, and then Elsie, tiny and seemingly frail, steps up to take her turn. She starts skipping with the magic skipping rope, and the lord soon realizes his error. A deal's a deal, however, and she skips so long and hard and well, using all the tricks that the fairies showed her, that the factory is never built.

Invigorated by the views from atop this Sussex mountain, and with this timeless message about the strength of communities, our small group of walkers returned to Earth ready to take on the world!

## CHIDDINGLY WALK - Jenny



A change of venue for our December walk saw us starting at [the Six Bells Chiddingly](#). This walk was comparatively short and is a favourite of mine for dog walking, but even on a familiar route you never know what you are going to see

– perhaps an unexpected bird, deer, a fox maybe – but certainly not a polar bear!

Imagine our surprise and delight then, when that was exactly what we came across by the stream in Bolt Wood, as the photo shows!

The land owner had

certainly brought some festive cheer to the walkway with the seasonal addition of tinsel, baubles and a little bear a long way from the snowy arctic.

And if that wasn't enough, right at the end as dusk was falling, we were privileged to watch a barn owl hunting in the field behind the village hall.

A superb ending to our 2018 walks.



## THE BARN OWL TRUST - Online Survey

Founded in 1988, the [Barn Owl Trust](#) is a small national charity working very hard to conserve one of the most beautiful birds on Earth. Anyone who has ever watched a wild Barn Owl hunting at dusk has surely been touched by the experience. Sadly, these magical birds have become increasingly rare – and the reasons are all man-made. Lack of food due to intensive farming, the loss of roost and nest sites, road mortality and rat poison, are the main factors to blame.



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In 2013 the trust launched the UK Online Barn Owl Survey and in 2014, for the first time, data was collated kindly provided by 26 independent monitoring groups and published in the ‘State of the UK Barn Owl population 2013’.

Please report all Barn Owl nests, roost sites, and sightings (dead or alive), anywhere in the UK. Using the link below.

<https://www.barnowlsurvey.org.uk/portal/p/Welcome> It's Easy:

Step One – please check through the quick Owl Identification Guide - just to make sure the bird you saw really was a Barn Owl. Pellet identification and owl sounds included.

Step Two – complete the one-page survey form.

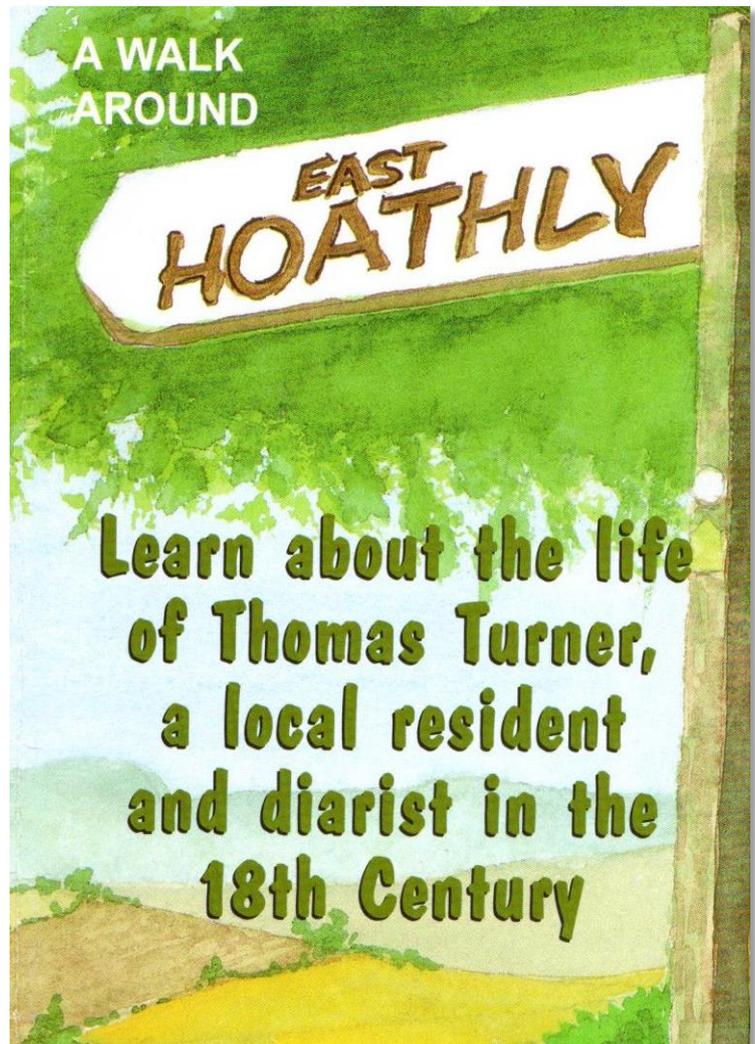
Step Three – create your own log-on to make your future reporting even quicker and view your submissions

**WALKS FOR 2019 - Jenny**

We have looked back on the past ten years of walks and chosen some of the best to do again:

On 20th of January we will be starting from the car park at [Arlington Reservoir](#) at 2pm. If you have binoculars bring them – you never know what birds will be around. Checking the route on Christmas day Chris saw an Osprey! (I was at home cooking dinner and so missed it).

Part of the walk is on concrete pathways but part maybe muddy so be prepared. The refreshment kiosk is usually open for a warming cuppa and cake.



In February we will start with a hearty lunch at the [Smugglers Inn Alfriston](#) before ascending the Downs, where the views are the selling point of the national park. If you would like to join us for lunch please let us know a few days in advance.

The Broad Oak walk in March will be typical wealden rolling countryside, a step back in time after a highly recommended roast at the [Tottingworth Farm Café](#), again let us know if lunching so we can book in advance.

SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	ARLINGTON RESERVOIR meet at the car park <a href="#">KIOSK</a>
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY	ALFRISTON meet at the SMUGGLERS INN
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> MARCH	BROAD OAK HEATHFIELD meet at TOTTINGWORTH FARM CAFÉ
SUNDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	VERT WOOD LAUGHTON meet at Park Lane/Vert Lane crossroads
SUNDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> MAY	SHEEPCOTE NATURE RESERVE BRIGHTON meet at Warren Road Car Park
JUNE	FLETCHING OPEN GARDENS Awaiting details, parking will be as directed
SUNDAY 21 <sup>st</sup> JULY	BARCOMBE meet at THE ANCHOR, another one to book for lunch
SUNDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	FRISTON FOREST Meet at Butchershole Car Park on the Wannock Road
SUNDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> SEPT.	LITLINGTON Meet at the Tea Rooms
SUNDAY 20 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	ABBOTS WOOD ARLINGTON meet at THE OLD OAK
SUNDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> NOV.	THOMAS TURNER WALK EAST HOATHLY meet at THE KINGS HEAD
SUNDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> DEC.	STREET WALK of LEWES Meet at THE KINGS HEAD Southover High Street.

Walks start at 2pm after lunch unless stated otherwise.

**Times and details may change but put the dates in your diary**

CONTACT [CHRIS & JENNY PELLETT](#) 01825 872830

EVERYONE WELCOME

**EDITORS NOTES – Chris Pellett**

The Preservation Society starts 2019 on a sound footing with wassailing to celebrate optimistically the year ahead. We are a history society aware that today is tomorrow's history with the aim that in the future our communities will be as good or better than they have been in the past. Which is a long winded way of saying we care about the environment we all share.

We would like to expand our activities or at least help other local groups with similar aims.

So if you help with a group that you think the Preservation Society could assist, or if you want to help the Preservation Society in a practical way please step forward.

There are lots of ways to help, we just need the volunteers.

My thanks go to the increasing number that have submitted copy for the newsletter. My apologies (again) for it arriving later in the month than we would have liked. Blame it on us having had the best Christmas ever!

The next newsletter is due out at the beginning of April.

Spring (and mud) will be here soon enough!

Chris

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