

EAST HOATHLY & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Summer 2015

The Society is:

Associate Member of Action in Rural Sussex

Affiliate Member of the CPRE

Member of the Sussex Federation of Amenity Societies

Associate Member of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Associate Member of the Woodland Trust

Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS Mervyn Barnes

..... Jenny Pellett, Vic & June Tideswell

Additionally, Kate Richardson and Fred Carter write reports and have input regarding hedgerows and wildlife. Jane Seabrook and Gill Ford have volunteered their services to manage the Russell Room and archives.

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - Toni

Note from the Chairman

Hello,

At the time of the AGM we had 82 paid up members, 40 of whom joined us for an excellent meal and good company. A very enjoyable evening and thank you for making it so. This was my first AGM, first year as Chair and my first role was to thank Mervyn for all his endeavours on behalf of the society.



A good attendance at the AGM helps ensure the viability of the Society by shaping its future direction as well as enjoying ourselves. Can we beat that excellent turnout next year? We have already asked Denise to put the date in her diary!!

The Society also urgently need some new members to serve on the committee, especially the Treasurer and any other help you can offer.

I hope you are enjoying this year's programme of activities, so do please let me know what you would like included in the future.

Some subscriptions are still due: we all mean to get round to things and forget, so please don't be embarrassed, just let Peter have your money!

Jane has been busy collating the archive material and is still hunting for those missing items and new items of interest.



Rediscovered Roman Road at Barcombe

On Sunday 2nd August we are privileged to have a guided visit to the Culver Archaeological Project, which is being organised especially for us. We do need to give them a notice for numbers. Application form is at the end of the newsletter. They are reliant on fundraising, so all monies raised are for their coffers. Do hope you can support.

Then, on the 11th September, we have the talk entitled "Behind the scenes at the National Gallery".

Look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards,

Toni

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TREASURER'S REPORT - Peter

The accounts for 2014 distributed at the AGM show the society in a stable position. However, at the moment we are about £60 down on subscriptions this year and although there is a steady trickle of new members we need your support.

If you have friends or neighbours that may be interested in the aims and activities of the society please encourage them to come along to our meetings.

As said before and at the AGM I will stay on as Treasurer until 31 Dec, the end of the Society's financial year, unless a suitable someone comes forward before then.

Next year therefore I will no longer be a member of the committee but I would be able to support the Society as a 'special interest' member (akin to John Deane or Kate Richardson) in specific areas.

We are, as ever, very grateful for your continued support.

Peter Brooke Hon. Treasurer

A VIEW OF HALLAND

Halland has always been a bit of a mystery. It has a strange name, apparently derived Richard atte Halle of Lullington who acquired the land in 1343 hence Hall Land and was formerly associated with nurseries providing fresh fruit and flowers for Londoners.



It was a benighted village with much drunkenness and many young fellows standing about around the public house laughing at people who were on their way to church or chapel in East Hoathly.

In 1882 Mr Mathews bought a house and grounds at Halland and started his nurseries. Saddened by the godlessness of the village people he responded by opening a Sunday school and in 1886 the Calvinistic Independent Cause at Halland.

Within living memory Halland was more like a village; having a village shop, post office, two green grocers/ garden centres, two public houses, a garage, deliveries of milk, bread and the Evening Argus!



The two roads A22 and B2192 with modern traffic have seriously upset the life of residents in Halland. Both roads are dangerous and have speed limits which are totally ignored. The speed camera on the A22 is the most famous in England with last year's income exceeding £1million, but unfortunately not for road or parish improvements.



During the War....

Focke Wulf 190 fighter bombers came in low over the coast of Newhaven one day in January, 1943, hedge-hopped up the Ouse valley, released bombs on Lewes and then headed up

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the Broyle towards Halland where Wyndham Gould was clearing undergrowth in a plantation.

Wyndham didn't take much notice as low-flying aircraft were almost a daily occurrence. He took uncomfortable refuge in a bramble patch.

What happened next was recounted by Wyndham in the Uckfield and District Preservation Society's magazine Hindsight.

"Up at Croxted Green Farm, Mr and Mrs Venner were finishing their midday meal when one of the German aircraft opened fire, spraying a sheep lodge stocked with young calves.

None were hurt. But four cannon shells were also sent through the farmhouse roof. John, the Venner's son, had fallen in a puddle that morning and had changed his trousers in the bedroom. When the Venners regained their composure they went upstairs in fear of what they might find.

Her son's discarded trousers were the only casualty, hit by a red hot splinter from a cannon shell.

Added Wyndham: "What could have been a tragedy turned into a comedy. Most people thought it hilarious that thankfully John wasn't wearing the trousers at the time."

And the Black Lion, not content with having the Channel 5 "Restaurant Inspector" programme visit in 2012, Landlord Nigel followed it up with Channel 4's "Four in a Bed" in 2013



<http://www.channel4.com/programmes/four-in-a-bed/on-demand/57155-016>

PAST MEETINGS - Leycester Whewell

From Motorina to racing driver (up to 1960)

Presented by Joe Mendell

Fri 10th Apr 2015



The speaker, Anna Aston, was unfortunately unable to give her presentation but luckily her partner, Joe Mendell, was able to step in.

Despite historically sexist attitudes, women have in fact had a major role in the development of the internal combustion engine powered motor car, since its introduction in the 1880s. The first recorded leisure trip made by a lady was made in 1885, a distance of 65 miles that took 10h to complete. Given the environment of un-metalled roads, no service stations, vehicles without suspension, gravity fed fuel systems for engines that generated just 2-3HP, no lights or protection from the weather, this was a monumental achievement. The lady in question was Bertha Benz, wife of the prestigious car developer.

Her journey highlighted the social, physical and infrastructure problems that prevailed in the pre Great War era. Roads at that time served predominantly horse drawn traffic, with a few steam powered vehicles, so adverse cambers and sharp bends presented additional hazards. Early cars were open to the elements, which meant that leather weatherproof clothing was essential. This created opportunities for the fashion industry.

The mobility that cars offered enabled some ladies to trail blaze; Camille du Gast took part in the 1903 Paris to Madrid rally that witnessed the tragic death of 14 participants.

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Ladies also came up with practical developments of the car:

In London, Dorothy Levitt was a pioneer of female independence and was the most successful lady racer in Britain. She also wrote "The woman and the car" to encourage those ladies who wanted to drive. It contained practical tips such as carrying a hand mirror, which could be held up to enable to see what traffic was behind. This came 7 years ahead of the introduction of the rear view mirror in 1914. The American Mary Anderson came up with the idea for the windscreen wiper after witnessing the struggle that car drivers had seeing through their windcreens on a snowy day in New York.

Florence Lawrence came up with the idea of the brake light at the back of the car.

Violet Cowdray came up with the idea of the spare wheel and spare petrol can.

The Great War saw a great number of women driving ambulances etc. Afterwards, they continued to race and demonstrate what they are capable of. Marketing of cars developed too, using women to incorporate fashion, colour adverts, sponsorship, the concept that driving is fun and significantly, that women buy cars and men pay for them!

In WWII, over a million women in uniform were driving in the WRVS, ATS & WAAF. The resulting spread in opportunity allowed new entrants into the world of racing, with ladies like Pat Moss and Sheila van Dam reaching the top.

The talk and accompanying slides left no doubt about the significance of women in driving.

Rudyard Kipling

Presented by Peter Wellby

Fri 8th May 2015



When a talk is given, we've generally come to expect a set of slides to illustrate the topic being presented. That certainly wasn't necessary when Peter Wellby spoke of the life of Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936); his knowledge, passion and clarity of diction negated the need for any visual aid.

Peter played Rudyard Kipling in a Lewes amateur dramatics performance and in order to learn more about his subject, he read three biographies about him. They weren't the first books he had read about Kipling, having been presented one of his books as a school prize and another, a couple of years later, as a Christmas present.

The talk was specially created for the evening, at the behest of a friend, so we are very grateful for all the effort he put into its preparation.

A clear insight into the life of Kipling was given, how he had ended up living in four continents and the impact it had upon him. Events in early childhood contrasted greatly; from the happy days living in India until he was six years old, followed by a period of being fostered in England whilst his parents were back in India. This was a terrible time for him as he felt utterly abandoned and desolate, yet at the age of 11 he (and his younger sister) re-joined them in India for another happy period. "Family square", as they referred to themselves.

Kipling spoke Hindustani as well as he did English and the people that he met and his environment provided much inspiration for future writing. That started with the school magazine and later through work on a newspaper in India. He always slept badly and while living in Lahore he would often go out late at night and talk to the locals, with whom he was familiar. A great characteristic of his was the ability to talk to all people, from the poorest to the nobility.

The two other notable periods of happiness in his life were after marrying Carrie Balestier, which gave him emotional happiness in an otherwise sour marriage, and the first ten years living at Batemans. Of two daughters and one

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son, one daughter died whilst he was in America and then the son died during the Great War, a loss from which they never recovered.

His work had been greatly admired until the end of the Great War but a change in attitudes against his jingoism and some racial attitudes led to his work falling out of favour, which is still the case today. Despite that, his entries in the Oxford Dictionary of quotations occupy twice the space of Oscar Wilde and Winston Churchill combined. Several attempts were made to knight him but he declined each time, fearing that it would upset his creativity.

This short summary certainly does not do justice to Kipling, or to Peter's enthusiasm and ability.

Leycester Whewell, EH&DPS secretary,

CHIDDINGLY ORAL HISTORY GROUP

Meetings of the Chiddingly Oral History Group have continued with talks on Farley Farm and the Six Bells:

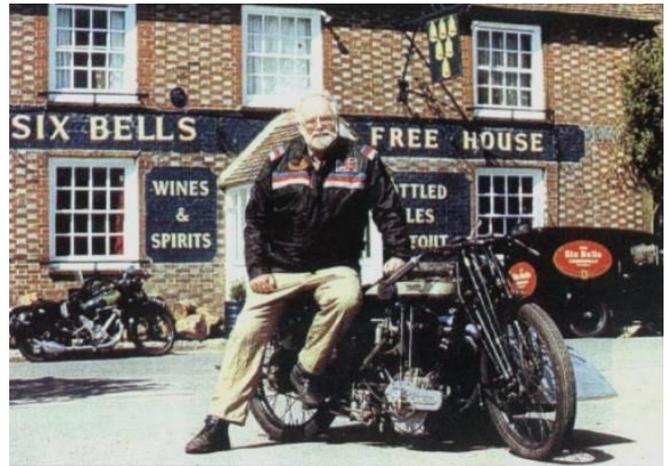
Farley Farmhouse.



Farley Farm House was probably not originally intended as a farm house. Archaeologists tell say that the configuration of the house with its bold road frontage and its good security make it likely to have been the home and office of a merchant or money lender in about 1730, when it was given its most ambitious makeover. The only clue to the oldest part of the house - the left hand ground floor room, now the dining

room, remains as its dimensions which correspond to a medieval timber framed hall. The inglenook fireplace was added to this room, and then as a result of the prosperity of the area in the early 18thC additional floors and the brick facades would have been built on to what is essentially a timber framed house.

The Six Bells



The May 18th meeting of the Chiddingly Oral History Group was held at The Six Bells, hosted by Jacquie Newman, with special guest Ken Boulter.

The first licence for the Six Bells was granted in 1772 to a Mrs Grey aged 60, who had married in Chiddingly Church a man 30 years younger than herself.

The Bells was first named 'Bells House', which was probably a bush beer house, where they used to hang out a bush from the upstairs window to let everyone know that a good brew was ready. The name was later changed to 'Six Bells Inn' to reflect the six bells then in the Church. In the early 1900's it was also called the Six Bells Hotel. Chiddingly and the surrounding area used to be an iron work area and many iron workers lived in the area around the Six Bells. Both the Six Bells and The Gun are named after iron castings.

Since the first licence in 1772 there have been 14 landlords or landladies of The Six Bells and a full list of these can be found in the Lewes Archives. Ken Boulter purchased the Six Bells in 1970 from Beards the Brewers and refurbished it. He added the Edwardian Porch and started the food service with an emphasis on home cooking. In 1980 Jacquie and Paul became his tenants and the licensees and have run the pub ever since.

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The Six Bells held one of the earliest music licences in the area and has developed and maintained a live music tradition. A few of the bands performing in the Six Bells later became famous including Keith Emerson of Emerson Lake and Palmer, a one time resident of Stonehill House.

During one of Picasso's many visits to Farley Farm he arrived at the pub with no money and his offer to draw a quick sketch for a pint of beer was refused by the then publican!

The Six Bells was also the venue for the arraignment of the last woman to be hung in public (at Lewes in 1852), Sarah Ann French. French and her lover James Hickman were arraigned by magistrates and sent to the Crown Court from the Six Bells. Hickman was found not guilty but French was hung for poisoning her husband with an onion pie.

The pub has also been seen in two films: Nicholas Nickleby and A Piece of Cake.

Details of their future meetings can be obtained from

<http://www.chiddinglyshop.org/>

FUTURE MEETINGS - Toni

Guided site visit of the Culver Archaeological Project

Sunday 2nd August 2015 2pm at Bridge Farm, Barcombe Mills



The Culver Archaeological Project began in 2005 with a simple programme of field-walking, survey and trial trenching in the hope of identifying further archaeological sites within the landscape around Barcombe Villa. "Little did we know back then that we would not only find an unknown Roman road but a sizeable undiscovered Romano-British settlement, both of which would lead to large area excavations."

SPRING 2015

The farm is virtually opposite to the Barcombe Mills public car park and we shall be meeting there at 1.45, for a 2pm start.

Admission is £3 (£5 non-members) and the visit is expected to last about an hour.

There is a booking form at the end of the newsletter
Enquiries: Toni Whewell 01825 872460.

Closing date: 19th July 2015

Please put the dates in your diary for future reference.

MEETING DATES 2015	
Sunday Aug 2nd	Outing: CULVER ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT*
Friday Sep 11th	Behind the Scenes at the NATIONAL GALLERY by Sara Berry
Saturday Oct 10th	WRAS East Sussex Wild Life Rescue and Ambulance Service by Trevor Weekes MBE.
Friday Nov 27th	SOCIAL EVENING In the Village Hall

Meetings begin at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Members are not charged and visitors are welcome for a modest charge of £3 per person. To help subsidise the cost of speakers Toni is kindly organising raffles. Please do buy a ticket if you can and stop for a coffee/ tea and biscuits after the talk and catch up with the various activities and opportunities that our society affiliations offer.

PAST WALKS - Chris 'n' Jenny

SUNDAY 19th APRIL - Royal Oak Barcombe



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We never know quite what we are going to see on our walks, and in April when we were over at Barcombe we had a couple of unexpected sightings. The first was a red kite with its prey that we disturbed as we crossed an open field resulting in a dramatic close up flying display. The other was simply strange - a Nissan Micra perched on top of a metal pole presumably a bizarre alternative tree house!

SUNDAY 17TH MAY

The Yew Tree, Chalvington

In May our walk took in the beautiful area around Chalvington and the Upper Dicker. This was a superb and very varied walk with some surprising views though rather a lot of stiles. Being a warm afternoon on getting back to the pub it was good to relax and chat over a drink in the garden and enjoy the late afternoon sunshine.

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE - The Star, Old Heathfield



Real Spider Orchid?

Having cancelled this walk in previous years due to heavy rain we were pleased to finally walk the meadows and woodland in glorious sunshine with the faint hope of spotting the extremely rare spiked rampion. Although the rampion remained elusive the most stunning display of orchids we had ever seen more than made up for it.

FUTURE WALKS - Chris'n'Jenny

PROPOSED WALKS FOR 2015

EVERYONE WELCOME

For further details please contact Chris & Jenny Pellett 01825 872830

Usually starting at 2pm after lunch in the designated pub

SUNDAY 19TH JULY - Kings Head, E. Hoathly

Retracing T Turner's journey to Lewes

SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST - Hartfield

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER - Roebuck, Laughton

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER - Arlington Reservoir

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER - Wessons Café, Horam

SUNDAY 20TH DECEMBER - Lewes (Streetwalk)

EAST HOATHLY RIGHTS OF WAY GROUP - John Deane



MID WEEK WALKS exploring all the footpaths and bridleways within the parish boundary and beyond. From humble beginnings this resulting in a number of fault reports being submitted to the county website advising of obstructions and damaged stiles, gates, missing signs etc.

The County reply was always sympathetic but did not produce a material response due to the priority

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system for assessing the importance of notified faults. Thus, where only an occasional fault report was submitted, which did not have a safety implication, it was effectively placed upon the back burner. The explanation, as you will probably guess, is lack of funding and a shortage of manpower brought about by a series of budgetary cuts.

At this point I became aware of a scheme to harness volunteers to monitor and repair Rights of Way structures, update way marking and report obstructions. Shortly afterwards the East Hoathly Rights of Way Group was officially set up.

The Group usually meets twice each month to check the condition of the Parish footpaths and bridleways. Once that task has been completed the Group will enter into neighbouring Parish territory where there is no Rights of Way group to monitor the situation. The work undertaken is not heavy and tools and safety wear is supplied by the County.

These activities quickly led to the discovery of a series of obstructions at Blackberry Farm, designed to prevent any use of the footpath concerned. Having followed the usual reporting procedure it became apparent that this was unlikely to produce an early reopening of the footpath. As the footpath formed part of an attractive circular walk from the village it was deemed important to hasten the reopening, so it was decided to raise a petition.

A talk at the Village Preservation Society was followed by the introduction of a Village Petition, which called for the reopening of the public footpath No. 20. This footpath crossed Blackberry Farm. Some years ago the owner chose to padlock a gate, remove a stile and build several new fences, in an attempt to permanently close access to this public right of way.

For several years the Wealden District Council were aware of the situation but because of financial constraints the matter was awarded a low priority and no action was taken to reopen the footpath. Thankfully many people signed the petition and once the district council became aware of the strength of local feeling, prompt action to regain access has followed. Once this footpath has been restored there will again be a circular walk route available to the south of the village.

If you have an interest in this type of voluntary activity please contact me at dixiewalks@hotmail.com

With my good wishes,
John

Volunteer Footpath Maintenance

As a Right of Way (ROW) assistance group the Mid Week Walkers have had positive effect all round: Used by the County Council as an example to encourage other parishes, hands on action in removing brambles, briars and nettle, and of course instigated the reinstatement of lost RoWs.

If you would more details on, either his walks, or, helping maintain the local paths, you can email John at dixiewalks@hotmail.com or ring him on 01825 841385

WILDLIFE REPORT



The Spiked Rampion is one of the UK's rarest plants and only came to our attention after accidentally coming across a number of odd looking plants in a thankfully carefully managed area at Abbots Wood. A bit of botanical detective work revealed to us their identity as twelve of the last two hundred remaining examples known to exist at just nine UK sites; all in East Sussex.

By coincidence two of the other sites were close to the route of our June walk, but despite a detour, we sadly didn't find any.

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Busiest Evening Ever For WRAS.

Volunteer rescuers from East Sussex Wildlife Rescue & Ambulance Service have had their busiest evening of rescues ever in their history.



On June 10th between 6pm and midnight their rescue line received over 35 calls, resulting in 14 casualties needing rescuing and admitting for care - the other calls were either out of WRAS's area, or advisory calls like concerns over fledglings.

Thursday 18th June Rescuers from WRAS were called out to Lewes Castle after members of the public grew concerned for the welfare of a fox on the roof.

Rescuers visited the Castle Thursday afternoon and discovered the fox curled up in the shade asleep.

Rescuers were able to scale an embankment and climb onto the roof, but the fox quickly jumped up and ran across the roof.

"As I approached the fox ran along the roof out of site, then was seen running over the top back towards the Castle Embankment where it ran across the slope and out of sight" said Trevor.

"The fox was clearly the King of the Castle on this occasion and felt relaxed enough to enjoy a snooze on the roof believing it was not going to get

disturbed. We were able to see that the fox was fit and well when it got up and ran off" added Trevor.

"We get a lot of calls from people who see Foxes out during the day or asleep on flat roofs, people think foxes should be nocturnal but it is normal for them to come out during the day and night and they love sun bathing!"

WRAS has been exceptionally busy this month with rescuers rushing round and working over 17 hours days frequently. They are desperately in need of support both financially and voluntarily to help with orphan rearing, feeding and cleaning, rescuers and receptionist, if interested please e-mail Kathy@eastsussexwras.org.uk or go to their website

Trevor Weeks - East Sussex WRAS
01825 873003 or 0793 152 3958

HEDGEROW SURVEY - Kate

East Hoathly Preservation Society agreed to work with the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre on the Sussex Hedgerow Inventory Project. The study is being undertaken in co-operation with a research project at the University of East London. The aim of the project is to gather information on the history, length, management and species content of Sussex hedgerows. Information is gathered by volunteers, sent to Sussex Biodiversity Record centre where the information is digitised. Each hedge is given a unique Digital ID. A group of people have been gathering and recording information in the Parish of East Hoathly since 2009. Peter Challis from the Sussex Biodiversity Centre gave initial training to a small group and has continued to support us. We have now surveyed several hedges in the East Hoathly Parish. A map of the Parish will be produced by Peter Challis showing the hedges we have surveyed with their digital ID.

Why Survey Hedgerows?

Hedgerows play a crucial role in the rural landscape and its history. They are the most common form of field boundary in Britain. They have a central place in English culture, have given their name to numerous plant and animal species, hedgehogs, hedge sparrows and form phrases in our language, hedging their bets, etc.

Above all hedges are vital to wildlife conservation. In a countryside which is, for the most part intensively farmed, hedges provide a place where plant and animal wildlife find shelter and are able to survive.

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The hedges also form corridors along which wildlife can move and colonise. Hedges promote Biodiversity Why Survey Hedges In East Hoathly?

Our surveys so far have shown that the parish has a wealth of biologically diverse hedgerows which are an important part of our history. The wildflower surveys particularly show species indicating ancient woodland. The group and many East Hoathly parishioners would wish to preserve our hedgerows. Sadly a biologically diverse and ancient hedgerow was grubbed out at the side of the new school playing field. The irony is that a new hedge has now been planted.

We hope that if a situation arises again where a hedgerow is to be removed that the status of the hedge is carefully considered first and consultation with the Hedgerow group takes place before a final decision is made wherever possible.

Next Steps

We hope to continue our surveys, recording the hedgerows of the Parish. This is a long term project and we welcome new volunteers.

We wish to raise people's awareness of the importance of hedgerows by making the survey known to the Parish Council, and Sussex Wildlife. We will also prepare a display for the Preservation Society and do a report in the Parish magazine.

We are now going out on training expeditions to help in identification of different species including the use of various apps. We also hope to look at the Parish boundaries to see whether any hedges still exist.

Kate Richardson

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SOLAR FARMING - Chris PROPOSED SOLAR FARM AT BENTLEY ESTATE

As you may be aware, Lightsource Renewable Energy has been working on a proposal for a solar farm on land at Bentley Estate. On 28th August 2014 their planning application for a 24.8 hectare solar farm was refused by the Planning Committee, revealing concerns of how the solar farm's size and scale would sit visually within the landscape.

They have since worked to propose an alternative, much smaller scheme. The revised proposal, contained within one well-screened field of 9.1

hectares, with the other three fields from the original application remaining in sole agricultural use, has been approved by Wealden District Council and materials should be arriving on site around now.

The scheme is scheduled to be up and running by the end of October.

The proposed solar farm now sits within one well-contained, well-screened field Maximum height of the panels has been reduced from 2.5m to 1.93m to further reduce potential visibility. The solar farm will still accommodate sheep grazing and biodiversity enhancements to enhance prospects for wildlife.

THE REVISED PROPOSAL
Application Reference: WD/2015/0193/PA "Land at Bentley Estate, Little Horsted, TN22 5QP"

Lightsource RENEWABLE ENERGY LIMITED

HOW WE'VE LISTENED

Since the committee's decision on our previous application, Lightsource has worked to propose a significantly smaller scheme which will avoid one of the four fields previously proposed. The proposed solar farm is now contained within a single well-screened field, which is further away from the A22 and footpaths.

Here are some of the key revisions made to the design in response to the comments of the Committee, and local feedback during the consultation process:

- Reduced scale**
3 of the 4 original fields have been removed from the application. The remaining 1 field has been reduced in scale to 9.1 hectares (1/3 the original).
- Height of panels reduced to 1.93m**
To further reduce the potential for visual impact, the maximum height of the panels has been reduced to 1.93m, compared with 2.5m in the previous application. This was achieved by using a different panel and between the panels for sheep to graze the field.
- Woolfing with Parish Councils**
Little Horsted Parish Council did not oppose the original application and East Hoathly Parish Council actively supported it. Both Parish Councils continue to be consulted on the project. Although the smaller scheme is now contained within one of the four previously proposed fields, it will be subject to a Community Benefit fund to support local projects.
- Community Benefit**
In line with Lightsource's current community benefit policy, the benefit offers have been amended from a one off payment following construction, to a long term fund to support projects in the local area. Lightsource has offered the Parishes a Community Benefit as follows:
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<http://www.lightsource-re.co.uk/pdf/lightsource-proposed-solar-farm-at-bentley-estate.pdf>

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR - Chris

This quarter's newsletter has a deliberate bias towards Halland.

The Autumn newsletter will focus on Laughton as an ongoing bid to promote the "& District" part of the Society.

Any contributions are exceedingly welcomed!

I apologise if a few of you did not receive the spring newsletter, if you think you are among them please email ehdps@hotmail.co.uk and I'll resend. If you would like a paper copy call 10825 872830 and I'll post you one.

Many Thanks

Chris

FOSAS

At the last FoSAS meeting it was agreed that due to our inability to recruit committee members, particularly a new chair, that the Society was unable to continue. It was decided to sound out other similar bodies for a possible amalgamation and failing that to wind up FoSAS.

AIRS (Action In Rural Sussex)

The Three Aims of AiRS:

- To reduce the incidence and impact of disadvantage and poverty on people living in rural areas.
- To increase the capacity of rural communities to manage change for the benefit of all their members.
- To inform and amplify the voice of rural communities to influence public policy.

CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England)

Following vociferous local opposition, and objections from CPRE Sussex's John Hurwood, the Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the appeal for developing a campsite in ancient woodland near East Hoathly.

<http://www.cpresussex.org.uk/>

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST

Across Europe, including here in the UK, vital laws protect our most precious wildlife and wild places. It's not just wildlife that depend on them - we do too, for cleaner rivers, vital habitat for pollinating insects and natural places we can enjoy and spend time in. Without these laws our world would be a poorer place.

Right now the European Commission (EC) is reviewing these laws - the 'Nature Directives' - and asking people to give their opinion on them. So it's vital that as many of us as possible say that we feel strongly about this and don't want to see these laws weakened.

http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/defendnature?utm_source=Sussex+Wildlife+Trust+Newsletter&utm_campaign=10d5155101-July15&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_9f7e3b5ad3-10d5155101-292616817

WOODLAND TRUST

Moat Wood.

A classic example of Sussex ancient woodland on the edge of the village of East Hoathly. In May you would have heard nightingales and other birds in full song.

BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION SUSSEX BRANCH

A brief visit to Rowland Wood, at the end of June produced good numbers of Small Skippers and White-legged Damselflies in the rushy area + Ringlets and Small Tortoiseshells elsewhere.

Click on the link for

[Recent Sightings](#)

EAST HOATHLY & DISTRICT PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Guided site visit of the Culver Archaeological Project

Sunday 2nd August 2015

2pm at Bridge Farm, Barcombe Mills

The Culver Archaeological Project began in 2005 with a simple programme of field-walking, survey and trial trenching in the hope of identifying further archaeological sites within the landscape around Barcombe Villa. "Little did we know back then that we would not only find an unknown Roman road but a sizeable undiscovered Romano-British settlement, both of which would lead to large area excavations."

I am delighted that we have arranged for you to hear more about this local initiative during a guided site visit with the founding Director, Rob Wallace or Deputy Director David Millum.

"Site visits are a lottery as we never know what we may find. At Bridge Farm it tends to be soft archaeology i.e. ditches, pits, post holes rather than wall foundations but the finds (pottery, coins etc.) usually make up for the lack of obvious buildings. Given our previous excavations and the incredible geophysics, we are pretty sure we always have something to see and many groups also find the process of excavation as interesting as the results."

To enhance your experience please feel free to checkout their website at www.culverproject.co.uk.

The location of the site is Bridge Farm, Barcombe Mills, Nr Lewes. BN8 5BX. Map reference TQ433145.

There will be basic toilets at the farm for exclusive use of CAP volunteers and visitors.

The farm is virtually opposite to the Barcombe Mills public car park and we shall be meeting there at 1.45, for a 2pm start.

Admission is £3 (£5 non-members) and the visit is expected to last about an hour.

We will need to cancel if weather proves to be diabolical! So please make sure your contact details are correct, ideally via an email.

For those who want to have a pub lunch beforehand the nearest pub to the site is The Cock, which is just off the main Lewes to Uckfield road, just south of the Barcombe Mills turn off. Whilst called Ringmer this pub is closer to Barcombe Mills and our site.

Enquiries: Toni Whewell 01825 872460.

Closing date for booking: 9th July 2015

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Please send applications to:

Toni Whewell, Holdens Lodge, Stalkers Lane, Chiddingly, BN8 6HF
enclosing a cheque for £3 (£5 non-members) per person, made out to:
East Hoathly and District Preservation Society.

Closing date for booking: NOW!!!!

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Telephone number..... Email address.....

Cheque enclosed for £