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**All contributions may be edited slightly for clarity and accuracy.**

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# SERVICES

## MARCH 2023 – SERVICES AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BURWASH

Date	Service	Time	Led by
Thursday, 2nd March	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham
Sunday, 5th March	Holy Communion BCP	8.30 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham
	Family Service	10.00 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham
	Evensong	6.00 p.m.	Christo Corfield
Thursday, 9th March	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham
Sunday, 12th March	United Benefice Service Etchingham	11.00 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham
Thursday, 16th March	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham
<b>Saturday, 18th March</b>	Families @ 4	4.00 p.m.	
Sunday, 19th March	Family Service for Mothering Sunday	10.00 p.m.	Val Stevens
Thursday, 23rd March	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham
Sunday, 26th March	Family Communion Service	10.00 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham
Thursday, 30th March	Holy Communion	10.00 a.m.	Rev'd Thomas Pelham

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### Baptism

22nd January Arthur Waters

### Funerals

13th February Lesley Woodburn

15th February Ruth Wiltshire

## MASS AT CHRIST THE KING

### Roman Catholic Church, Burwash

Mass 9 a.m. Sunday

Mass 10 a.m. Tuesday

Mass 10 a.m. Friday

Please contact Father Brian Lowden for information on 01435 862191.

## THANK YOU

### Lesley Woodburn

I would like to thank all those who have sent cards and letters of sympathy to my family and me following Lesley's untimely death on 13th January. Your concern and kind thoughts have touched us all and we thank you very much for them.

**CHRIS WOODBURN**  
883196

## FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Friends,

I am sure you are all aware that we are trying to install some facilities into St. Bartholomew's Church. In particular, we are hoping to have an accessible toilet and a kitchenette placed at the West end of the North aisle – on the left after you have entered the main body of the church through the porch.

Progress has been gradual since I mentioned this at the last AGM, but we are approaching a point where we will be sharing our plans more widely with the statutory stakeholders, such as Historic England and the Parish Council. I thought I would write to update you on the project so far.

Putting anything into a Grade 2 \* Listed Building is something of an ordeal: we have to be very careful with the beautiful fabric of the building that we have inherited – and we must be sure to preserve the unique features of St. Bartholomew's. As a church we do not follow the usual planning permission system, but rather we use one which is designed for historic yet working buildings, and it is run by the diocese – specifically the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) who report to the Chancellor of the Diocese – a legal figure with wide ranging powers.

We have been working closely with our architect, Tim Wells, of John D. Clarke Architects, Eastbourne. At first we thought that a 'minimalist' design might be appropriate, and looked at placing a 'pod' in the West end of the north aisle, containing a small kitchenette and a toilet. Also on our minds was improving the accessibility of the church in general, including a flat entrance through the north door, and removing the trip hazard lip left from when the pews were removed in the north aisle.

The DAC had an informal look at the plans and suggested that we also look at other potential designs: there were a number of good points about the 'pod', not least the light touch – but there were also some potential problems such as ventilation. So we went for a road trip around East Sussex, looking at toilets and kitchenettes in Hastings, Laughton, Pyecombe and Hurstpierpoint. All of these contributed something to our thinking, so we called the architect back to the church and outlined a far more ambitious project: not just a toilet and a kitchenette but a flexible, separately and efficiently heated space taking up almost all of the north aisle, separated out from the main building with glass walls, and folding 'concertina' style doors which would allow the room to open fully into the main church for large services, or be closed off for meetings, hospitality, children's groups and smaller services through the winter months. As part of this ambitious project, we will look at the suitability of the pews in this space, and examine possible replacements, such

## THE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

You have until the 19th March 2023 to submit a recipe for inclusion in the BURWASH CORONATION COOKBOOK which will be launched on the 6th May 2023 to coincide with the Coronation of HM King Charles III.

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as movable benches (with back rests and book holders!), which would look similar but enable us to both modernise the heating in the whole church, and have a truly flexible space for all to use (and remove the trip hazards of the lip around the pews). The pews in the south aisle chapel will be unchanged and remain a link to the Victorian reordering of the church.

The DAC reviewed these plans in a site visit, and they have given them informal approval, so we are moving forward with these (with some slight amendments). The latest work in the project has been to commission a company to help us phase and cost this large and ambitious project.

Plans will be available to view in the church as soon as I have the latest drawings from the architect. In the meantime, my most heartfelt thanks to the committee of the PCC which has put a lot of time into the project already, and to the Spencer-Wills Trust which has contributed a substantial sum to 'startup' costs for the project.

Every Blessing,

**TOM**

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEATHFIELD & DISTRICT

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Saturday, March 11th

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CHURCH

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CLOSING DATE 19TH MARCH 2023

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E-MAIL: SINGFORJOY2022@GMAIL.COM

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

These short meetings will be held in church on Sunday, 26th March at approximately 11 a.m., following the morning service.

Civil electors (most village adults) can vote in the election for churchwardens.

Only members of our church electoral roll can vote on the other motions, so now is the time to get yourself listed on the roll. You need to be 16 or over and baptised; you also need to be a member of the Church of England or a church with similar beliefs. For an ongoing healthy church, we need numbers on the electoral roll.

Forms are in the church leaflet rack to the right as you enter the main door: they explain more fully.

**Any questions to 01435 882556 please.**

**RICHARD HARDEN**

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BURWASH

**Charity No. 1133028**

### CELEBRATING THE CROWNING OF HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

#### A NOTE FOR YOUR DIARY

After the crowning ceremony in the morning of Saturday, 6th May, St. Bartholomew's invite you to a tea party at 3.30 - 5 p.m. in the Church.

Come and see the beautiful flowers, have a delicious Coronation tea (small charge) and join in our special raffle.

The Coronation Cookbook will be launched at this event!

**DIANA WORKMAN - 01435 882528**

**MAUREEN JENNER - 01435 882045**

## Christ the King and St. Bartholomew's LENTEN LUNCH

At Burwash Village Hall  
Thursday, 9th March 2023  
12.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.

£5



Come and enjoy delicious homemade soups and tasty bread.

Have a Go on the Raffle

### Everybody Welcome

The money raised will go to DEC Turkey-Syria Appeal  
(Disasters Emergency Committee)  
and to Burwash Village Hall.

## COME AND JOIN US

### World Day of Prayer 2023



#### Faith in Mission

Led by Rev Jim and Mary Smith from St Philips and Ghana

**Friday, 3rd March 2-3 p.m.**

St Philips Church, Burwash Weald, TN19 7NA

Contact: Jane Woodgate 01435 882856

[dr.jane.woodgate@btinternet.com](mailto:dr.jane.woodgate@btinternet.com)

**A warm welcome to all**



## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S EASTER LILIES



We will be decorating our Church for Easter on Saturday, 8th April 2023.

As always we would like as many lilies as possible, to beautify our lovely Church especially after Lent. If you would like to make a donation for them, in memory of a loved one or just to help with the cost, we are always very grateful.

We are also really pleased with any foliage or spring flowers from the garden that you can share with us.

If anyone would like to come along and join us to decorate our beautiful Church, please let me know.

### **You would be most welcome.**

Donations can be given to myself.

Thank-you so very much.

Church Flower Guild

**DIANA WORKMAN (01435 882528)**

## LADIES @ 2.30

### **Matthew 7: "Ask....., seek ....., knock ....."**

The next meeting of Ladies @ 2.30 will be on Wednesday, 15th March 2023 from 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.

The group meets at Shirley's home - Bowzell, 3 Garston Park. If you need directions, please do contact me or Shirley Viney on 882497.

Shirley has also kindly offered to provide tea, coffee and a tasty biscuit.

Please join us for an hour of fellowship, friendship, fun and laughter.

Unfortunately, we do not have facilities for children, but there is the Burwash Village Playgroup at Swan Meadow Pavilion on Tuesday mornings from 10.00 a.m.

If you would like any further information on either group, please contact Val Stevens on 0787 585 4709.

**VAL STEVENS**

**MARCH 2023**

## IN AID OF THE GET TOGETHER LUNCH

You are all invited to our

### **SAUSAGE & MASH LUNCH ON THURSDAY, 23RD MARCH AT BURWASH VILLAGE HALL 12.30 P.M. FOR 1.00 P.M.**

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### **Sausage & Mash Lunch on 23rd March**

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Contact no.:

Number in party:

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Plain sausage

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Potato wedges

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**MARY TAYLOR**

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in St. Bartholomew's Church.

Our next two meetings are on the 1st March and 5th April.

We meet to pray for the Ministry of our Church and our Community.

The Prayer Group is a combination of spoken and silent prayer: how we pray is very personal. Some of us are comfortable with spoken prayers whilst others prefer to pray silently.

If you enjoy being in a calm, peaceful and beautiful building with like-minded people, then please do come and join us. You will be very welcome.

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The new year has brought many new members to our branch, which is exciting, although of course there is always room for more. There is plenty to get involved in, from Philosophy to Table Tennis, and also free access to virtual talks on a wide variety of topics from head office.

Our talk on the 16th February was about the Secrets, Sex, Scandal and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court, given by Sarah Slater. It was fascinating, as obviously nothing changes with time!

**On March 16th, Trevor Weeks will be talking about the East Sussex Wildlife Trust in the Five Ashes Hall, starting at 2.15 p.m.**

**ANNA THOMPSON**

**p.s. Meanwhile, I can entertain you with our January Talk Report, written by one of our members:-**

## **THE ROARING TWENTIES - A TALK BY DELIA TAYLOR**

The first talk of 2023 in the new venue of Five Ashes Village Hall on the 19th January was well attended. Delia Taylor gave a most enjoyable talk on the Roaring Twenties with slides, film clips and music illustrating her themes.

The catalysts for the era, which became known as the Roaring Twenties, were the end of World War One and also the end of the Spanish flu epidemic. There was a feeling amongst survivors and young people that life should be enjoyed while it could be.

The talk focused on Fashion, Flappers, Fun and Films.

For women it was out with the corset and in with camisoles, out with bloomers and in with French knickers. Dresses became much looser with no constricting waists. A short film showed the various fashions ranging from sportswear to a short wedding gown.

The discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb inspired designers to create the Egyptian look for fashion and jewellery.

Flappers had bobbed hair, short skirts and disdained the norms of acceptable behaviour. They began to wear make-up, not previously used by 'nice' women and brands such as Helena Rubenstein, Elizabeth Arden and Max Factor all were founded in the 1920s. Advertising for make-up brands began.

Flappers used their own slang: eye opener for marriage, manacle for wedding ring, rock of ages for women over 30. In the USA there was a dedicated magazine, The Flapper, with the latest fashion and gossip.

Travel became popular; trains, planes, motorbikes and cars. In America 15 million of the Model T Ford were sold and, in the UK, there was the Austin 7. The increase in traffic led to the invention of traffic lights, appearing in London in 1925.

Other inventions during the Twenties, led by the desire to listen and dance to music, were the radio (the BBC was formed in 1922) and the gramophone.

The 1920s became known as the Jazz Age in America and its popularity was helped by the introduction of radios. Dances such as the tango, the shimmy and the Charleston were introduced. The Jazz Age overlapped with Prohibition and jazz music flourished in the illicit speakeasies.

Films were all the rage. The first film to win an Oscar in 1929 was the silent film Wings with Clara Bow and Gary Cooper. The first talking picture to win an Oscar was Broadway Melody of 1929. Films made matinée idols of their stars; Douglas Fairbanks, Errol Flynn, Roland Colman, Rudolf Valentino, Greta Garbo and Clara Bow.

However, it was not all fun. The Ku Klux Klan made an appearance in 1925. Organised crime used prohibition to set up speakeasies and evade taxes.

The Roaring Twenties came to an end with the Wall Street Crash in America which was followed by The Depression of the Thirties.

Delia ended her talk with a film clip of Bing Crosby and Louis Armstrong singing Now You Has Jazz.

It was a most enjoyable and informative talk.

**JANE URQUHART**

## PARISH MATTERS

### Car Park and CCTV

Now that the Parish Council has taken responsibility for the Car Park and Public Conveniences, work has to be done to bring about improvements, including re-marking the parking spaces, tidying the boundaries, removing the clothing recycling bins and maintaining the lighting. In order to carry out the marking of car parking spaces, the areas will first have to be cleared of leaves and other detritus. This will mean areas being out of use for short periods of time and we will let you know when this is taking place. The new parking spaces will provide for more dedicated areas near the surgery and, in the next phase, for the future installation of charging points.

The management of the boundary trees will take place later in the year.

To improve security, we are arranging to have Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) installed. The purpose of this is to:

- Ensure the personal safety of users of the car park, parishioners, staff and visitors
- Reduce the fear of crime
- Protect the Council buildings and its assets
- Support the police in a bid to deter and detect crime
- Assist in the prevention and detection of criminal activity and vandalism
- Protect members of the public and private property
- Assist in managing Burwash Parish Council
- Assist law enforcement agencies in apprehending suspected offenders
- Provide a safe and secure environment for the workforce and visitors

Councillors have agreed a policy to regulate the management, operation, use of the system, storage and disclosure of CCTV at the Council. This Policy can be seen on the Burwash Parish Website: [burwashparish.org.uk](http://burwashparish.org.uk).

### Down Meadow and the Flower Planting Project

Improving the natural environment of Down Meadow in Burwash Weald is to be given greater priority, through a programme of clearing the bracken, grass cutting and managing the Meadow. This will give the wild flowers and herbs a chance to grow and make it better able to support insects and other wildlife. Much work has been done in the past by those living close by but a new management plan is being drawn up that will ensure the site is well maintained into the future. The initial work will be carried out and paid for by the Council but it is hoped that the ongoing management of the area will be in the hands of volunteers. If you want to know more about how you can help, contact Emma.

The purpose of the Flower Planting Project is to provide a splash of colour to visitors to the area and to those who live here. Three areas have been identified: the bank at the top of Bateman's Lane, the verge beside the bus stop at Hornbeam and the bank behind the Armistice Centenary bench opposite Garstons. We would like to include areas adjacent to main routes into and out of Burwash Weald and Common as well and are looking for possible sites: please let the Council know if you have a suggestion as to locations. The work is being carried out by SowWild, a local company, who have undertaken similar projects elsewhere in Sussex.

### Progress of the Traffic Calming Programme

It has been very disappointing that there are further delays to the High Street traffic calming programme, as East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is developing another set of plans and taking these out to consultation before the Parish Council is able to comment. We have also been told that the cost has risen considerably and could be in the region of £170,000, which would take the Council's contribution way beyond what was originally budgeted for. There are further discussions to be had with ESCC but this is a setback to a project that Burwash has been working on for many years.

The 20 mph programme for Burwash Weald is not affected by this, although it now seems likely work will not commence until the next financial year.

### Employment of a Handy Person

The Council would like to employ someone who would carry out straightforward maintenance tasks in the Parish. They would be employed for 5 hours per week at £18 per hour. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact Emma, the Parish Clerk. Contact details are at the end of this Parish Matters.

### Looking Ahead

Every 4 years you have the opportunity to vote for who you want to represent you on the Parish Council and the next election will take place on 4th May. We will be publishing a

Newsletter in April which will outline the process but if you would like to become a councillor, please contact Emma for further information about what is involved and how you can get elected. There is also helpful information on the National Association of Local Councils website at [nalc.gov.uk](http://nalc.gov.uk).

With the next Newsletter, which will be posted to every householder in Burwash, you will be given the opportunity to tell us what you regard as being the three top priorities for the next 4 years. You can tell us your vision for Burwash. Following the last consultation, the traffic calming project, the car park scheme, improving communication, more provision for young people and many other ideas have been incorporated into the Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan and are at various stages of implementation. We now need to be thinking and planning for the next four years.

### **The Burwash E-bulletin**

Don't forget you can keep up to date with Council and local news via the e-bulletin, which is sent direct to your email in-tray at least weekly. Go to the Burwash Parish website on [burwashparish.org.uk](http://burwashparish.org.uk) to sign up.

### **The next Full Council Meeting is on Tuesday, 14th March 2023 at the Parish Room in Burwash Village.**

You would be very welcome to attend. If you would like to comment on any of the above items, or would like to receive printed copies of Parish Matters and Council Minutes, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk: Emma Neil at Burwash Parish Council Office, High Street, Burwash, Etchingham, TN19 7EU.

Email: [parishclerk@burwashpc.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@burwashpc.org.uk) or telephone 07375 809 660.

**COUNCILLOR BRIAN NEWMAN**



We are a very friendly group, meeting in Heathfield Community Hall, with ample parking. We have a very varied programme for 2023. Make new friends and expand your horizons maybe?

### **At our next meeting on Tuesday, 14th March 2023 our speaker is Jackie Marsh Hobbs.**

**She will be speaking about 'A Passion for Piers: A Delightful Look at Pleasure Piers'.**

This talk takes a delightfully entertaining look at the history of pleasure piers, covering over 200 years, from the first pier in the Regency period up to the present day. Almost 100 pleasure piers were built around our coastline: diverse in design and some crowned with exotic palaces or pavilions. These elegant structures bear witness to the remarkable skills of the Victorian engineers and are an important part of our social history, symbolizing the nation's love of days out and summer holidays at seaside resorts.

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

On Tuesday, 11th April 2023 the speaker will be Mark Lloyd on 'How Napier Became the Art Deco Capital of the World'.

**Please do come and try us out.**

[www.theartsocietywealden.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietywealden.org.uk)

**PRISCILLA RAWLINS**  
*Chair*



## **BURWASH PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION**

### **BPFA 100 PLUS CLUB DRAW**

Here is the result of the February 100 Plus Club Draw on the 11th February 2023, drawn at The Bear by Mrs Theresa Fox. There were 270 balls in the Draw (26 balls up on last month).

Congratulations to the winners!

<b>1st Ball</b>	<b>Number 157</b>	<b>Claudette Neville</b>	<b>£65</b>
<b>2nd Ball</b>	<b>Number 79</b>	<b>Mrs Anne Gray</b>	<b>£40</b>
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## NOT-SO-YOUNG GROUP

On 16th February the Not-So-Young Group went on a magical trip with Mr. Ray Young to the Kruger South African Game Park. After our usual business of the day a large audience welcomed back our good friend Mr. Young, who has been our travel companion on many exciting trips.

This one had been in November 2003 with his wife and daughter who featured in the slides.

He provided us with background information which was in itself interesting. The South African flag was one of the only ones with six colours, Pretoria is the capital and although eleven languages are spoken English predominates. The principal exports are minerals especially precious stones like beautiful diamonds, gold and platinum. The Kruger Park is named after Paul Kruger and 'Safari' is a Swahili word for journey. In the park the journey is within your own vehicle, which you are forbidden to step out of. The roads are really paths with occasional stopping points and the Park covers ten thousand square miles, so it is possible to travel for a whole day without seeing another visitor. His opening slide was down a Jacaranda lined boulevard full of lilac blossom. On entering the Park it is necessary to learn the rules, which are designed for the tourists' safety: the obvious about being protected by your vehicle and a second about not being later than 6.30 p.m. back to base camp. You will be looked for once but should you repeat the 'offence' you will be escorted out of the camp. So you risk only being rescued once!

Then we saw a large variety of wildlife in an amazing array of colours - Antelope and Bustard (which have been re-introduced to the United Kingdom). The Zebras were

beautiful and we learnt that as well as by scent, babies recognised their Mothers by the pattern at the top of the front right leg - each are quite individual. The Greater Kudu is a larger woodland antelope with extraordinary horns, which make them vulnerable to poachers. We viewed so many animals it was almost unreal. There were also birds, both flightless and winged. Some were similar to our own birds yet still very different: Starlings that shone with iridescent blue and Doves whose neck plumage had a dark ring rather than the familiar white, white-backed Vultures and Lapwings - plus too many others to list but many tame especially at the 'stopping points', where visitors tempted them with crumbs. The flowers were also beautiful, considering the dry conditions. Giraffes eighteen feet tall were magnificent but comical as they knelt to drink with a somewhat ungainly gait at water holes. He explained the protocols among all creatures when taking moisture - none of the human rush we see but patiently waiting in turn: White Rhinoceros, prides of Lions, Elephants and Baboons. We also viewed Millipedes, which are meat eaters and use a deadly venom to take their prey, and enormous Termite Mounds, probably made by the most successful insects on earth.

Ray and Alysoun have raised so much money for the Air Ambulance Charity from their talks so we look forward to seeing their next presentation on another occasion.

At our next meeting we will hear from David Hatherell of Bexhill Museum, who will tell us all about the courageous Emily Wilding Davidson on 16th March at the Village Hall at 2.15 p.m.!

**VERONICA FARLEY**

## EDITORIAL

A tiny bluetit has been singing madly just outside my kitchen window ever since I walked home from work. When I went to throw a plastic bottle in the recycling bin, the tiny tit did not fly out of the hedge next to me and continued to sing. It was so goldy-yellow, so small, yet the song was so powerful that my spirits rose. The lambs' tails of the hazel catkins were blowing in the wind, matching the blue tit's breast and a few celandines and primroses had come into bloom, to join the solitary bright yellow daffodil - the first of many to come. Spring is on its way!

The next Issue of the Magazine will be for April and Easter, but what a huge amount of things you all have to do, if you so wish before then. March is a busy month in Burwash and the surrounding area: lunches, coffee mornings, talks, meetings, workshops, markets - The March What's On (page 21) scarcely fits on one page!

Make time, however, for the simple things in life and enjoy the beauty around you. One tiny, fluffy bluetit has made my day. Relish your beautiful village and embrace change.

**THE EDITOR**

## **CEDRIC AND OTHERS (MR RED RAG PHEASANT)**

I am sitting looking at a marvellous birdfeeder with a diverse menu on board in the houses just before the railway crossing at the bottom of Shrub Lane. Bev and Janice decide to fatten me up as well as the birds with a shortbread (or two). As I sip my tea a Nuthatch appears, a Bluetit, a pair of Goldfinches, a few Great Tits and a Blackbird .....but I'm here to hear about Cedric and Mr Red Rag To A Pheasant.

Cedric was a beautiful cock pheasant, who came to see their garden as home for a few years, becoming remarkably tame (I could become tame too, if I was given another shortbread). Basically, he knew a good thing when he saw one and moved in his hen bird (or two) and reared chicks. Sadly the chicks were predated rather rapidly, much to the sorrow of my hosts and their immediate neighbours.

However, this year a cocky new upstart had already appeared, lacking in Cedric's charisma. He thought the garden was his territory, as well as the neighbouring gardens and the property just to the south, where he would also strut and make a mess under their birdfeeder. My hosts had summoned me to fill me in on his subsequent antics ..... mess under the bird feeder, coming too close for comfort and finally attacking Bev's ankles .....Bev was now an intruder in his own garden as cock pheasants become territorial as the mating season begins. Rule One: keep bird feeders very high at the beginning of the pheasant breeding season as food is still scarce and a cock pheasant will be attracted to this area as a ready-made food source!

Worse was to follow .....the red car in the adjoining house became Public Enemy Number One, simply because it was red and therefore presented as a competitor.

Cock pheasants spar and fight to acquire their hens and their dominant territory and they react to the red markings on their opponents (rather the same as red rag to a bull). Rule Two: do not wear red at the beginning of the pheasant breeding season unless you wish to be attacked!

Such was this cock's ferocity that Bev and Janice thought it wise to advise the neighbours to keep their young children out of the garden until such time as his hormone levels returned to normal.

However, Mr Red Rag made it into the garden to the South again, chased the lady of the house, while she was clearing up his mess, and forced her to run for cover to her own front door. Such was his fury that she ran, slipped on the steps and seriously injured her wrist and face.

Mr Red Rag had now become too much of a good thing and was clearly thinking that he was the King of the Castle, so it was decided that he should be exiled to bird heaven, for the

safety of the genuine residents of the said territory. Catching the culprit on the hop (wings flappy) proved no mean feat (feet with long claws), large beak issuing threatening calls, etc. but with a real countryman on his case, Bev was victorious! The red car just has scratches, the children are safe, Bev can wear red socks if he chooses and the poor victim will recover in due course.

Type in Aggressive pheasants on Google and you will see many examples of cock pheasants attacking people and things.

**EDITOR  
(TALE AS TOLD BY BEV AND JANICE)**



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## COUNTRYSIDE NOTES

I had been lying in bed fretting: "What was I going to write about this month?" After icy weather and gales even I had retreated to the warmth of the kitchen under the pretext of making cakes and hot, spiced red cabbage. The house was scented with a marvellous wine-like scent with undertones of vanilla from the baking, but this was not going to help with the Countryside Notes.

In the morning I finally managed to force myself out of bed to see what a shot of strong French coffee would do for my brain. In seconds all my worries were over because of pheasants not coffee! Two cock pheasants were right outside the kitchen window bobbing up and down, head-to-head, nearly ready to jump up in the air and spar. There was the answer on a plate (so to speak): pheasants! I have never been able to watch pheasants from such close range before. One had lost his tail feathers completely, had enormous fat black legs and his beak had an overbite so it could not close as it should.



### *How A Cock Old English Black Necked Pheasant Should Look*

His beak was ugly, dirty and misshapen, but he was clearly an Old English Black-Necked Pheasant vintage specimen. His markings were not exotic. The top of his head was a mess quite frankly, partly bald and going grey. He looked more like a hen-pecked chicken, than a noble cock pheasant, but he was still prepared to do battle with his more glamorous, youthful adversary who had far more showy colouring as a Ring-Necked "Polish" Pheasant. Neither of them had the stunning colouring and markings of some of the hybrid specimens I have seen over the years in the Rother Valley .... but these were two of the "wild" resident birds, who live here and have escaped the gun for numerous seasons. Likewise, they seem to have made friends with the foxes because they feed right by their earth and neither the dog fox nor the tiny vixen seem to take any notice of them. In fact this cocky lot don't even fly off as the foxes approach. Last summer I saw

them feet apart on numerous occasions. There is also one Melanistic Cock Pheasant, who is almost black, especially when it rains and his plumage is wet. I have discovered that there is no such thing as a "Common" Pheasant anymore: there is a mixture of breeds.



### *Ring Necked "Polish" Cock Pheasant*

The resident cock birds know me and come very close to the house. The plain brown females normally hide in the overgrown hedge by the field, being far more timid. These resident cocks think they own the place: they often sit and call from the top of the gate posts, they sneak into the wood shed, if you forget to close it and they roost in the trees by the front door. If I come home late in the dark with a torch in my hand and disturb them, they fly virtually at me with that awful cackle they make, as if to say "Clear off, you have woken us up. Don't you know it's the middle of the night?"

The coffee was cold by the time I drank it, as I was too enthralled by the sparring, but the whole day was a great success. As I cycled to work twenty deer were sitting just the other side of the hedge in the morning sunshine. Later when I returned home a whole flock of long-tailed tits appeared in the bushes around the back lawn. As I walked the dog towards sunset a pair of kestrels flew across Borders Lane from one of the tall, mighty oaks, going in a huge circular flight down as far as the river and back with the pink-grey sky as a backdrop. It was stunning. By the time I reached home, the owls were calling across the valley.

Back to pheasants, however. We have two main types strutting around: the Old English Black-Necked Pheasant and the more common Ring-Necked "Polish" Pheasant. The cock birds here are resident, which is unusual these days, as most birds are bred for the shoot and rarely seen out the season. Nevertheless, some oldies like the one I saw do exist down here: a real rarity! This is the only place also that I have ever seen a hen pheasant lay an egg. About ten years ago we were walking back from work via Etchingham on Borders Lane and a hen bird produced an egg right in front of us on the road surface and then flew off. We took the warm egg

home and kept it in the airing cupboard but it didn't hatch, of course. Now I live only 800 yards from the spot where the egg was laid and I understand why - "wild pheasants". In East Suffolk, huge numbers of pheasants are raised each year for the shoots on the country estates and as children we would regularly find broody hens sitting in metal hatching pens, on top of pheasant eggs. My cousin, who grew up to be an A & E Matron, was regularly lifting the contraptions to let the hens out. Indeed, on one occasion when we were at some beautiful Suffolk country house she let the collection of Golden Pheasants out of the aviary beside the walled cottage garden and the gamekeeper rushed out with a huge net to try and recapture his beautiful prize birds. I remember lying (badly) to the Head Gamekeeper to say that I had no idea how they got out, to save my cousin's hide, but in fact I had watched her bend the door upwards so they could escape from the bottom. Somehow we got away with it: probably because my grandfather appeared and marched us off in a hurry. I can, nevertheless, still remember the anger on the Gamekeeper's face as well as the pure beauty of the prize Golden Pheasants. Near Easton in Suffolk we regularly saw Golden Pheasants free in the estate woods and we would always laugh, wondering if they were related to my cousin's crime. All my cousins on that side of the family still keep fancy chickens, which roam free (apart from under the current Bird Flu regulations), so perhaps it started from this experience as children.



*The head of a Golden Pheasant*

Prior to the pheasant display by my window I had already decided in the spring to buy in some Lady Amersham pheasants and keep them as pets, as pheasants seem to love this garden. This latest episode merely prompted me to actually organise it: watch this space.



*A Lady Amersham Pheasant*

I came to this decision last year when I was reading up about pheasant hybrids, having seen some amazingly marked/coloured pheasants between Stonegate and Ticehurst. Until that research exercise I had never realised that many very young birds (and eggs) are imported from France these days and then raised to be released purely for sport as part of the rural economy: some 12 million birds are released annually. Pheasant shooting defines the management of much of the British landscape, although the pheasant has no place in our natural avifauna. Many of the specimens raised for the shoot are hybrids: thus the amazing variety in colourings and markings in both the cock and hen birds.

Anyway, why can't we raise our own birds, as I saw as a child in Suffolk? If we are going to shoot them, it would be a good idea if more people actually ate them too. I could not eat any of these resident birds because I have become attached to them, so I'll still have to buy a prepared brace now and again. My grandmother always had pheasants hanging in the barn in season and taught me to pluck them, but I was always distracted by the beauty of the feathers, so she was twice as fast as I was at this task. We also had hares, rabbits and pigeons (which were made into an amazing pigeon pie). All this involved skills we are losing. I would never eat hare now because we need every one we can in the fields, as their numbers have declined so much. In those days we saw the March hares all around her village, Charsfield in East Suffolk (the village on which Akenfield, written by Ronald Blythe, was based) but here in East Sussex there are only a few locations where they remain, some of which are within this area. Sadly, for most children these days the only hope of seeing a hare is on a cushion cover or some expensive stationery, when in reality we have done little to protect them or re-establish them.

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| Wednesday, 1st  | St. Bartholomew's Church Prayer Group at 2.30 p.m. at the church.   |
| Friday, 3rd     | World Day of Prayer - 'Faith In Mission' at St. Philip's Church, Burwash Common from 2 - 3 p.m.   |
| Monday, 6th     | 3C's at St. Bartholomew's, 10 a.m. - Noon.<br>(Every Monday thereafter.)  |
| Tuesday, 7th    | Burwash Bumps, Babies & Toddlers Playgroup. Tuesday Mornings from 10 a.m. - Noon at the Swan Meadow Pavilion, Ham Lane, Burwash.                                  |
| Wednesday, 8th  | Burwash & District Flower Arrangement Club Workshop, 'In the Loop' led by Phyllis Stevens at Burwash Village Hall from 10 a.m. - Noon.                            |
| Thursday, 9th   | Lenten Lunch at Burwash Village Hall 12.30 - 2 p.m.   |
| Saturday, 11th  | CTHD Coffee Morning at Union Hall, Heathfield 10 a.m.-12 Noon.  |
| Saturday, 11th  | Farmers' & Makers' Market at King John's Nursery, 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.  |
| Tuesday, 14th   | Wealden Heathfield Arts Society at Community Hall, Heathfield, a talk by Jackie Marsh Hobbs. Subject: 'A Passion for Piers: A Delightful Look at Pleasure Piers.' |
| Tuesday, 14th   | Full Council Meeting at 7 p.m.  |
| Wednesday, 15th | Ladies @2.30 at Bowzell, 3 Garston Park, 2.30 - 3.30 p.m.   |
| Thursday, 16th  | Not-So-Young Meeting at Burwash Village Hall at 2.15 p.m. Speaker: David Hatherell from Bexhill Museum. Subject: 'The Courageous Emily Wilding Davidson'.         |
| Thursday, 16th  | Burwash District Housing Association AGM in the Village Hall back room, 3 p.m.  |
| Thursday, 16th  | Mayfield & District U3A a talk by Trevor Weeks of the East Sussex Wildlife Trust at Five Ashes Hall at 2.15 p.m.  |
| Friday, 17th,   | Burwash Village Hall AGM at 10.30 a.m.  |
| Sunday, 19th    | Deadline for Submissions for Coronation Cookbook.   |
| Thursday, 23rd  | Sausage & Mash Lunch in Burwash Village Hall, 12.30 for 1 p.m.  |
| Sunday, 26th    | St. Bartholomew's Church Annual Meetings at approximately 11 a.m. following the Morning Service.  |

## BURWASH VILLAGE HALL

We plan to hold our AGM in the Hall on Friday, 17th March starting at 10.30 a.m. You are very welcome to join us and hear exciting (big) changes for the future of the Hall.

Regrettably, Mary Taylor is retiring from the Management Committee after many, many years of sterling service and fund-raising. We shall miss her but she is happy to continue with her fund-raising for the Hall, so we shall not lose her totally!

Peter Angove will be retiring from his Bookings role for the Hall – again after many years of dedicated service. More news on this very soon! Please contact me in the meantime until a new system has been set up: Shirley Viney on 01435 882497 or at [shirley@bowzell.co.uk](mailto:shirley@bowzell.co.uk)

I shall do my best to help with any booking enquiries, although I can't promise to be as efficient as Peter!

There will be an Easter Hamper Raffle on the High Street in aid of Hall funds. So far no date has been set but there will be plenty of advertising!



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Eight of us had a very enjoyable dry walk on a pleasant day with only one slippery section. Guess who told everyone to be careful, and then ended up falling over himself!

The March walk will be on the 1st of the month and will start from the Bear Car Park at 9 a.m. Any queries, please ring me on 01435 882045.

**IJON JENNER**

## BURWASH AND DISTRICT FLOWER ARRANGEMENT CLUB

Our AGM was held on Wednesday, 22nd February. I will report on that next month.

Our next event is a workshop on Wednesday, 8th March from 10 a.m. till noon entitled 'In the Loop' led by Mrs Phyllis Stevens. The cost will be £15. Please telephone Maureen Jenner on 01435 882 045 for further details. There are a limited number of places, so best to ring soon.

Our next demonstration is on Monday, 17th April in Burwash Village Hall, starting at 2.15 p.m. Our demonstrator will be Robin White, National Demonstrator and gold medallist, so look forward to a treat. He will be working to the title 'Art is the Flower'. Non-members are very welcome (the entrance fee is £6.00) with the chance to take a display home afterwards.

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## BURWASH WALKING FOOTBALL

League fixtures were coming thick and fast last month with the Burwash Old Boys having to play three matches in ten days. Not so bad if you are a Premier League footballer earning £3million/hour but for us it was a struggle to recover from one game before the next one came along! In the event it didn't turn out to be a great month...

We met our match against Old Bexhillians going down 4-1 to the unbeaten league leaders.

On the positive side, we scored a goal against a team not used to conceding and what a goal it was - playing out from defence involving everyone before Peter Henley smacked it into the goal to level the scores at 1-1. We were (genuinely) unfortunate to go 2-1 down before half time, when they had a lucky break from a tangle of legs and feet to leave their man one-on-one against Tim in goal.

With it all to play for in the second half we fell to a classic sucker punch. Their forward got away and, with just Tim to beat, our illustrious Chairman scythed him down from behind to deny him a goal scoring opportunity, concede a penalty and get sent off to boot! 3-1 from the penalty but we managed to restrict them to just one further goal even though we were a player short.

If you are that way inclined, here is a video clip of some of the match showing our wonder goal about two and a half minutes in. <https://youtu.be/3DuEdqmSRHo>

A few days later we travelled to Battle for our second game of the month and third away game on the trot. Selection problems for this game meant that we had to start with a novice goalkeeper and an injured defender. We conceded early on against a very defensive Battle side and it became clear we would find it difficult to score.

Changes were made at half time and we were generally on top but without threatening their goal. A second mistake and goal gave us little chance of coming back from 2-0 down. We played well but we know we can do better.

To cap off a miserable month we played second-in-the-league Hastings United at home. Determined not to end up on the wrong side of a thrashing, we played defensively first half and whilst restricting them to just a single shot it sailed

over our goal-keeper and straight into the back of the net! 1-0 down at half time.

Generally Hastings were finding our defence quite resilient and when they did manage to fashion something Laurence in goal was up to the task of keeping it out. Pushing further forward in the second half Peter Manning found space on the left to loose off a shot which beat their 'keeper but came back off the inside of the post to fizz across the face of goal without going in. One nil at the final whistle was a result we would have been happy with before the start but, having contained them so well and been so close to scoring, we all felt a bit deflated - but onward and upward to the next game!

Another video showing some second half action.

<https://www.facebook.com/HastingsWalkingFootball> You will have to scroll down - the game was played on 30th January.

But it doesn't end there.....

Footy players and WAGs tried a new sport mid-month: Pickleball! It's played indoors on a court similar to badminton but with a net like tennis and with bats like table tennis - something for everyone!



We were guests of the Etchingham Pickleball Club. Like walking football, it is a new and fast growing activity that can be played by all ages. The ball is hollow plastic, something between a tennis ball size and a ping-pong ball, and is perforated so although you can give it a good hard whack it quickly slows down (a bit like a shuttle-cock) so there is time to get into position and whack it back.

We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and several of us have been back to play again. If anyone out there likes the sound of it, get in touch and we will forward your details on to the Club. They play on a Wednesday evening at Robertsbridge.

Contact Steve 'Minty' Mintram on 01435 882444 for more information.

[www.burwashwalkingfootballers.co.uk](http://www.burwashwalkingfootballers.co.uk)

**LAURENCE WORTON**

# Wild about Burwash

As we move into March the signs of Spring are starting to show themselves with grasses growing, leaves returning to trees, blossoms blooming .....

In the same vein, Wild About Burwash has been springing into action. We started February with our AGM and Quiz at the beginning of the month, followed by a talk from our MP Huw Merriman and the inaugural High Weald Dark Skies festival. The WAB team ran two of the events locally, an evening of dark skies talk at Batemans and a planetarium event at Etchingham Village Hall. As these events occurred after the copy deadline for the magazine, we may give you some additional updates in next month's Magazine, if necessary.

As spring is springing we are encouraging everyone to start logging wildlife that you spot in and around Burwash. If you have a mobile phone with a camera, you can take photos of all wildlife that you see locally and log it with a location, either by using the iRecord app or by logging on to the [www.irecord.org.uk](http://www.irecord.org.uk) website. The photos will be verified by experts and will help build up a picture of the wildlife that we have locally. The larger the number of verified sightings we have locally will help to build a greater picture of our local biodiversity and protection of our local environment. iRecord is a great tool to help us log the biodiversity locally. If you have any questions, please let us know. We will be arranging some local walks to show iRecord in practice. We will be letting members know about these via our emails and via WhatsApp. Let us know if you would like to join us.

We are working with the Save Our Fields group in discussions with National Rail to encourage them to reduce the lighting at Etchingham Station as the levels of lighting have been having a detrimental effect on the local environment - we'll let you know how these discussions progress. It has been good to see that the dark skies word is spreading further afield as well, as there are now plans to get buildings in London and other cities to reduce their lighting overnight.

Several of you have asked about hands on activities that you can do to help protect our environment locally. Some of the more hands on plans we have for the early part of 2023 include group events to stop invasive species, so we are looking at clearing Himalayan Balsam from footpaths, fields and riverbanks + managing bracken to stop it outcompeting other plants, by stomping and pulling some of the new growth.

We are also looking at ways of starting a community composting scheme in Burwash. A few of us are working with other local groups and we hope to be able to develop a Burwash community compost scheme that we can all use moving forward. We'll let you know more details as we get them.

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Could you join the team and be part of this? We would most certainly welcome you.

**KEITH LLOYD  
PRESIDENT AND CHAIR**



## BURWASH BROWNIES AND GUIDES

### We've had plenty to do over the first half term of the year!

Both the Brownies and Guides spent some time celebrating Chinese New Year with a Rabbit theme. We've tried Chinese food (seaweed never proves popular, even for those brave enough to give it a try!), made lanterns, good luck boxes, and various related craft activities.

The Brownies have had lots of fun learning some "new", old traditional Brownie games, playing some of the Leaders' favourites from years gone by! We did have to make some small changes, just to make them more relevant to the girls of today!

Guides have had a night of games as well, but board games and the Monopoly got particularly competitive for those with houses and hotels on their properties. We also held a self-care night, where the girls tried some relaxation techniques with hand massages and face masks, and made their own lip balm too.

After our half term break, we are looking forward to celebrating Thinking Day with other local units, and the Guides are going to be cooking pancakes on tin cans, which should be very entertaining!

The Guides are also starting to think about camp, and we have been invited to go with a couple of other local groups, to help us get ready for the County International Camp next summer.

It's all great fun and excitement at the moment!

Spaces in both Brownies and Guides are available, so if you know of any girls aged 7-10 (Brownies) or 10+ (Guides) who be interested in joining us, please register their interest at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

It would be great to have some more new members to join in the fun, and increase our opportunities for all our members!

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### Sussex Police Warning:

Police type scams are on the increase.

Someone claiming they work for the police makes contact.

They say that someone has been arrested while trying to use a bank card or cloned bank card in your name. They may ask you to call back via 999 or another number to confirm who they are. Don't be fooled - they stay on the line and whatever number you dial goes back to them! If you want to check, it's best to use a different phone.

A police force would never ask a member of the public for their bank details or for money over the phone. If you receive a similar call, the advice is to hang up immediately and report it.

If you are not confident that a person claiming to be a police officer is genuine, ask to take their details and then end the call. Wait for at least five minutes for the call to clear and then contact 101, or 999 in an emergency. A call handler will be able to verify whether your caller was genuine. Never hand over any money, or other items, to a courier after receiving this type of call. Other forces are warning of this too!

## Contacting the Police:

### Call 999 if:

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Or text on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

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- at the station on the wall outside the Bistro's gate.
- on the wall at the Post Office.

# CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

## SPORT AND FITNESS-RELATED

### Burwash Cricket Club:

Village club playing on Sundays.

**Contact: Paul Morgan-Jones on 882832 or pmorganjones@holmewoodhouse.co.uk.**

### Burwash Lawn Tennis Club:

With two courts in Swan Meadow, the club encourages people of all ages to play tennis.

**Contact: Sue Findlater on 01580 880628 or findlater.susan@gmail.com.**

### Burwash over 50's Walking Football Group:

Meet every Tuesday evening for a kick-around. Age is no barrier as we currently range from 51-78 years of age.

**Contact: Steve Mintram 882444 for more information.**

### Burwash Playing Field Association:

Bringing sport, fitness and wellbeing to the community of Burwash.

**Contacts: Chair: Fiona Hosein  
Treasurer: Oliver Blaydon  
Booking Secretary for field and Sports Pavilion: Julie Chambers.**

**All enquiries and bookings: bpfaswanmeadow@gmail.com or see Julie in the Tea Rooms.**

### Burwash Short Mat Bowls Club:

Informal, friendly evening at Burwash Village Hall every Monday from 6.30 p.m. If you fancy a try, come and join us. We can supply bowls to beginners.

**Contact: Mary Taylor on 882107.**

### Burwash Snooker Club:

Plays in Burwash Village Hall. New members welcome.

**Contact: Mike Hill on 07518 914391 or Ron Allen on 09760 094334.**

### Kipling County Carriage Driving Group:

Carriage driving for the disabled.

**Contact: kiplingcounty@aol.com.**

### Seagulls over Burwash

Burwash Brighton & Hove Albion supporters club.

**Contact: Simon Forster on simon.forster@seagullsoverburwash.co.uk.**

### Walks for Strollers:

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**Contact: Ijon Jenner on 882045.**

## FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

### Burwash CEP School

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**Contact: 882440.**

### Burwash CEP School Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA):

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**Contact: Lindsay McFarlane on macfarlanelindsay@gmail.com**

### Burwash Guides and Brownies:

Meet in the Burwash Common guide hut.

**Contact: Beverley Boakes on 883473.**

### Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers:

Meet at the scout hut, Bear Car Park.

**Contact: Cliff Wilson on 882126.**

### Musical Theatre:

Musical theatre classes from 4 -19 years, Saturdays in Burwash Village Hall.

**Contact: Jonny or Sandra Ball on 882946 or burwashmusicaltheatre@hotmail.com**

### St Bartholomew's Families@4

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**Contact: Revd Thomas on 07856 256 174**

### Broad Oak Preschool:

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**Contact: 01435 864326 or email office@broadoakpreschool.co.uk**

### Burwash Village Playgroup

Stories, singing, toys and crafts. Tuesday mornings 10am-12 in The Pavilion, Swan Meadow.

**Contact: Jo Murrells on 07747 806 191**

### St Bartholomew's Tuesday Drop-In:

Meet in church every Tuesday in term-time from 8.30 a.m. for children to have a snack on their way to school. Mums/Dads/ Carers and pre-school children come in afterwards for coffee and a chat.

**Drop in or contact: Joanne Brown on 01435 830869.**

### St Philips Parent and Toddler Group:

Meet every Thursday 10 - 12 p.m. in the Burwash Common Pavilion.

**Contact: Anne Everall on 883247.**



# ND OTHER CONTACTS

## SUPPORT GROUPS AND

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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#### **British Red Cross:**

British Red Cross Local Services (Red Cross Week, first aid group equipment and wheelchair loans).

**Contact: 0800 0280 831.**

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#### **Royal British Legion:**

The active Burwash Branch supports the Legion in supporting ex-Servicemen.

**Contact: Charles Merchant on 882360, Frank Sanderson on 882345 or Fred Marshall on 884298.**

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#### **Neighbourhood Watch:**

**Contact: Steve Mintram on 882444.**

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#### **Admiral Nurses:**

Helping to support and co-ordinate care for people with dementia and their carers.

**Contact: Ruth Tomkins on 01580 200743.**

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#### **Burwash Parish Council:**

Meeting on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Contact: Emma Neil parishclerk@gmail.com.**

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#### **Rother District Council:**

Town Hall, Bexhill on Sea, TN39 3JX.

**Contact: 01323 787000.**

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#### **East Sussex County Council:**

County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes.

**Contact: 0345 6080190.**

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#### **Sussex Police (non-urgent):**

**Contact: 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk, or call 101 (101 calls cost 15p from landlines or mobiles) or online at www.sussex.police.uk/contactus.**

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## VILLAGE LIFE

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#### **Bateman's:**

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**Contact: 882302 or www.nationaltrust.org.uk/batemans for more details.**

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#### **Burwash Amateur Pantomime Society (BAPS):**

Annual production involving all ages!

**Contact: David Cowell on 883615 or Jane Lloyd on 883264.**

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#### **Burwash Bonfire Society:**

Fundraising and organising the Bonfire Night firework display.

**Contact: Natalie Crabtree at natcooper13@hotmail.co.uk.**

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#### **Burwash Common Pavilion:**

**For bookings contact: Alison Hayes on 882650 or bcpavilionbar@gmail.com.**

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#### **Burwash Common After Eight Club:**

Meets monthly, open to all ladies for talks, outings, theatre and dining.

**Contact: Jan McCartney on 882117.**

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#### **Burwash Community Fund:**

**Contact: Rod Clifton on 883656 or Halina Keep on 882183 or email 2012bjcf@gmail.com.**

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#### **Burwash Defectives:**

Murder Mystery Evenings, fund-raising events for your own cause. For details and to book a date.

**Contact: Del Smith Tel 07543 665532 or email dellights@btinternet.com**

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#### **Burwash: Save Our Fields:**

Set up to oppose inappropriate development of new houses in Burwash Parish in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

**Contact@burwashsaveourfields.org.uk**

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#### **Wild About Burwash:**

Community group focusing on the protection and appreciation of the natural environment of the Parish.

**Contact: wildaboutburwash@gmail.com**

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#### **Burwash Village Hall:**

**For bookings contact: Shirley Viney on 01435 882497.**

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#### **Fairfield Surgery:**

Open Mon-Fri 8.30 – 6.30 p.m. (Phone 111 when surgery closed.)

**Contact: 882306 (fax 882064).**

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#### **Friends of Burwash Surgery:**

Help less mobile people travel to appointments and collect medication from the Surgery. They also and deliver them to Etchingham Post Office for patients to collect.

**Contact: Chairman, Frank Smith, on 01580 819326 or Secretary, Sue Mumford, on 01580 819415. Requests for transport or delivery of prescriptions should be made via the Surgery on 882306.**

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# CLUBS, SOCIETIES

## LOCAL CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND OTHER USEFUL CONTACTS

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### **Patients of Fairfield Surgery Participation Group:**

Involving patients and staff to consider and improve conditions in the Practice from a patient's perspective.

**Contact: Claudette Neville on 883043 or [nevilleclaudette@gmail.com](mailto:nevilleclaudette@gmail.com).**

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### **The Barnsley Foundation:**

A trust with limited funds to assist the education of local young people.

**Contact: Joanne Brown on 830869.**

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## **FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS**

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### **Age UK:**

Home from hospital visiting service and a friendly Lunch Club every fourth Monday of the month at the Bear Inn, Burwash.

**Contact: Jean Plummer on 883483.**

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### **Music & Movement Exercises for the over 60s:**

Every Wednesday 10 - 11 a.m. in the Burwash Sports Hall.

**Contact: Isabel Salmond on 882452.**

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### **Not So Young Club:**

Social events and guest speakers, 3rd Thursday each month in Burwash Village Hall at 2.15 p.m.

**Contact: Isabel Salmond on 882452.**

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### **Burwash District Housing Association for the Elderly:**

Providing homes for over 60s in our community.

**Contact: Claudette Neville on 883043 or [nevilleclaudette@gmail.com](mailto:nevilleclaudette@gmail.com).**

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### **Mayfield and District University of the 3rd Age (U3A):**

A full programme of activities and speakers, meeting, 3rd Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. Five Ashes Village Hall, or Zoom, if you prefer.

**Contact: Mary Brentnall on 01435 872289 or email [marybrentnall@hotmail.com](mailto:marybrentnall@hotmail.com).**

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## **HOBBIES**

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### **Burwash Horticultural Society:**

Thriving branch of the society.

**Contact: Richard Maude-Roxby on 882243.**

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### **Burwash Flower Arranging Club:**

A programme of demonstrations, craft clubs and outings.

**Contact: Claudette Neville on 883043 or [nevilleclaudette@gmail.com](mailto:nevilleclaudette@gmail.com).**

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### **Burwash Monday Painters:**

Meet to paint on Monday afternoons in Burwash village hall (Oct to Apr) and at various outdoor locations May - Sept. All ages and abilities welcome.

**Contact: Anne Everall on 883247 or Jenny Pettman, email: [petters5@aol.com](mailto:petters5@aol.com)**

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### **Burwash Quilters:**

For all those with an interest in quilting, meet Monday mornings in the Burwash village hall.

**Contact: Julie Lewis on 01580 200280.**

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### **Heathfield & District History Society:**

Meetings are held in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane. Visitors are welcome. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month and start at 7.30 p.m.

**Contact: Peter Thompson, Chairman, on 01435 882856 or Secretary, Nicola Walker, email [nicola\\_walker@live.co.uk](mailto:nicola_walker@live.co.uk) Telephone 07255 172958.**

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### **Heathfield and District Philatelic Society:**

Meets at the Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield TN21 OXG on 3rd Tuesday of the month from September to April.

**Contact: Bob Ely on 01292 852659 or [rdely@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rdely@tiscali.co.uk).**

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### **Jane Coleman School of Dancing:**

Dance classes for young people. In Burwash Village Hall.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

**Contact: Katie Dahlstedt on 01580 200961 or [katiedahlstedt@gmail.com](mailto:katiedahlstedt@gmail.com)**

**or Rachel Elliott on 01580 714442, [rachelelliott21@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelelliott21@hotmail.com)**

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### **The Arts Society Wealden Heathfield:**

Meets at 2.15 p.m. on second Tuesday of the month at Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield TN21 OXG for talks. Visitors welcome.

**Contact: Membership Secretary on 01435 408635 for further details.**

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### **Burwash Pottery:**

Pottery classes for all levels. Small classes with lots of individual tuition and support, concentrating on hand-building and decoration techniques. Also perfect creative parties for both adults and children.

**Contact: Mary Clarke on [mary.clarke1@btinternet.com](mailto:mary.clarke1@btinternet.com) or 07786 422870.**

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### **Burwash Duplicate Bridge Club**

We are a friendly club which meets at 1.45 for 2 p.m. in the Pavilion at Burwash Common. We welcome guests. You do not need to have played duplicate bridge before, but you do need to be able to play bridge.

**Contact: Lorraine Lea on 883785.**

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