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## SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2020 LETTER

The Doldrums is a term used by sailors to describe the equatorial belt where there is no wind. In the days of sail you could become becalmed there for days at a time. Hence the expression "*in the doldrums*" meaning a period of stagnation, or being in low spirits.

In our present quiet times life has become becalmed. For some this means life has simply settled into a gentler rhythm, but for others life has lost its purpose, there is nothing to do, there is no wind.

Now some of us can treat life as a journey with little consideration of destination or direction. We sit on the banks of the river of life and watch it flow past us, fascinated but with little inclination to swim. Others need to have direction, goals to achieve, boxes to tick. For them, life is all about the destination, not the journey.

For such people, having little to do is a recipe for depression. Having no work can take away your sense of purpose and identity, as well as leaving you struggling to pay the bills. You switch into survival mode, and it can be grim. You're in the doldrums, no progress, no moving forward, no sign of change, no hope of continuing towards your destination.

Not only this, but many are now living full-time with families or partners with similar problems. Now there is no rhythm to govern our lives, no-one else to help us rebound, no reunion, no cheerful presence at the end of the day. Life becomes a struggle.

Isolation makes this worse. Other people can be a refreshing force, and often a comforting and strengthening one. We live for relationship, and find ourselves without contact, or stifled by an unrelenting contact with those we care most about - we can feel we're being sucked dry by those who are normally our rock of strength. How can we escape?

We're very lucky in the villages to have lots of wonderful open spaces, woodland and parkland, pond, lake and stream. Most of the houses around the villages have gardens - and estate agents tell us that there is a sudden surge of demand for houses with gardens. A sizeable garden can be an escape, a playground, a project. We need all these things more than ever.

We need space, purpose and relationships.

Modern technology allows us at least some contact with those we can't hug yet. Use it, count your blessings, and be there for those who are struggling to see blessings in their lives. We need each other more than ever.

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Foreign holidays for most of us have been a “no” “no” this year, but as mentioned previously in this magazine, we live in a beautiful part of the country so it is easy, for those who are able, to get out and enjoy the countryside.



### **Fund-Raising for St.Catherine’s Hospice**

Barbara (Alderson) is still making cakes, chutneys, jams etc., for sale in aid of St.Catherine’s. Also, she is still accepting good as new clothes and items for sale in their charity shops.

### **Eco Church**

Last autumn Becky and Viv were trying to encourage us all to reduce our use of ‘single use plastic’. Understandably through lockdown and subsequent months this is likely to have gone to the bottom of our priority list. However maybe it’s time to take up the challenge again. Next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 9.00pm on BBC 1 Hugh and Anita are continuing their programme ‘War on Plastics –the fight goes on’ – worth a watch.

## Great Green Bush Cricket - Michael Blencowe -Sussex Wildlife Trust

### The sound of silence

I'm a huge fan of sci-fi B-movies and they don't come any better (or worse) than 1957's *Beginning of the End*. It's the usual story; overeager government scientists intent on increasing crop yield inadvertently create giant irradiated grasshoppers the size of double decker buses, which set about destroying Chicago. There are some similar creatures lurking around Sussex. OK, they're not going to come stomping around Sompting any day soon but they're still mighty impressive. The Great Green Bush Cricket can claim to be Britain's biggest insect. Yet this Godzilla of the undergrowth is surprisingly hard to see. Its long, leaf-like body blends in amongst the brambles rendering it almost invisible. Bug eyes, impressive jaws and twirling antennae give it some monster movie credentials but there's nothing to fear from this harmless native.

There are about 35 species of crickets and grasshoppers (Orthoptera) in Britain. Crickets differ from grasshoppers by having much longer, thread-like antennae and they 'sing' by rubbing their wings together (while grasshoppers rub their legs against their wings). This song, or stridulation, is the male's way of romancing a female – who, if interested, will reply. The best chance of finding the Great Green Bush Cricket is to head out on a warm August evening and listen for their down-land duets – a loud, incessant rattle. Imagine an enthusiastic maraca player.

I recently went for a walk through the flower-rich meadows of Sussex Wildlife Trust's Southerham reserve. I was blown away by the wall of sound created by hundreds of crickets and grasshoppers but it became apparent that not everyone could hear this orthopteran orchestra. The sad truth is that as we get older our ears can't tune in to the higher frequencies produced by these insects and species by species they fall silent. I have a compilation CD of the chirps and buzzes of Britain's crickets and grasshoppers – a sort of 'Now That's What I Call Stridulation'. I played it this morning and track 24 had gone. It was there a few years ago but now... silence. I've started to lose my crickets. The beginning of the end. It isn't just me who will be hearing less wildlife in the future. Our countryside is becoming quieter as crickets, bees and birds vanish. Wildflower meadows, the home to crickets and grasshoppers, have been lost and the wildlife that depends on them have silently disappeared. The 'Silent Spring' predicted by Rachel Carson in 1962 has seeped across every season. This August, get out and listen to the sounds of summer before they fade.





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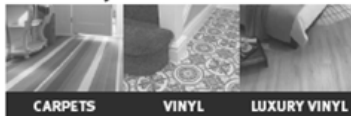


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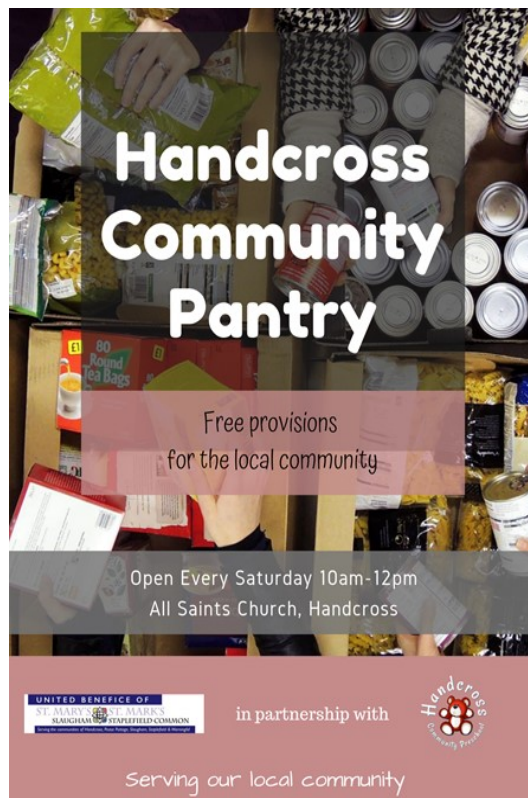
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## September garden notes

What a scorcher the first two weeks of August were with temperatures in the 30C's. Lawns brown, hydrangeas, laurels and other shrubs looking very droopy and, premature leaf drop on trees particularly shallow rooted beech trees, leaving a carpet of green and brown beneath. Some fruit trees have also suffered stress with apples and pears dropping off early. Thunderstorms thankfully brought welcome and much needed rain so plants are perking up and temperatures back to the low 20C's.

September is hedge cutting month - yew, holly, beech, privet, hawthorn, leylandii and mixed ones, since the birds have stopped nesting and there will be minimal regrowth so hedges will stay neat and tidy over the winter.

Continue with dead heading in herbaceous borders and pruning of shrubs such as Escallonia, Spirea, Weigelia, Olearia, Ceanothus and others after flowering. Also prune back Buddleias by a third to half to reduce wind damage in the autumn/ winter. Tie in and prune climbing/rambling roses, also Jasmine, Clematis and Honeysuckle before the autumn winds blow.

Bulbs are out now so buy and hope the ground softens considerably before planting unless you're putting them in pots/tubs. Empty and clean out pots and tubs when summer bedding has gone past it's best before planting autumn/ winter bedding and bulbs. September can be warm and dry too so don't rush out to buy new shrubs, wait till October when the ground temperatures are still high enough to allow plants to establish a little before winter. If you do water shrubs, direct it straight to the roots rather than on or around the leaves. Divide herbaceous plants if you wish more plants elsewhere in the garden or rejuvenate by throwing away the older middle sections, retaining the outer parts. Crops of tomatoes, cucumbers, beetroot, onions, brassicas and potatoes have been good with the super summer we've had. There are plenty of blackberries in the hedgerows so enjoy the free fruit whilst it's there.

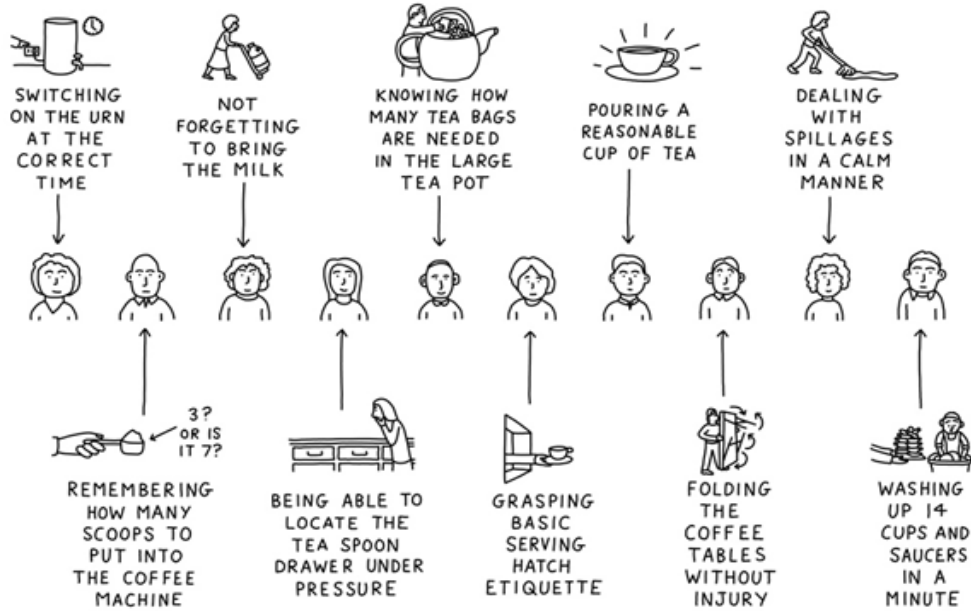
Harvest pumpkins, squashes, marrows and any potatoes remaining in the ground before the end of the month and likewise apples and pears. Place nets over ponds to catch falling leaves before autumn sets in.

Enjoy the autumn colours as they begin.



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**Tawny Owl** - Michael Blencowe of the Sussex Wildlife Trust  
*Not what they seem*

Once upon a time, we were terrified of Tawny Owls. They were a portent of evil in fairy tales, folklore and just about every scary story, film or poem that needed a creepy cliché, but in today's crowded marketplace of international terrorism, climate change and saturated fats the owl's powers to scare us are fading. Recently, it appears this spokesman of the supernatural has got itself a new publicist. Its modern image is one of a cuddly pin-up, more Harry Potter than Hammer Horror.

Stand in the woods on a moonlit night and listen for an unseen owl's ethereal call. It's an ancient, unnerving sound that still speaks to something buried deep within us and ignites a primeval fear. The Tawny Owl is the largest and commonest of our island's five owl species, typically nesting in holes in old trees in our remaining woodlands. What is it about this bird that has given us the willies throughout history? Let's start with those huge, lifeless black eyes that seem to stare into your very soul. An owl's eyes are not spherical but tubular like two telescopes and give amazing vision at low light levels. However, the eye's stretched shape and position on the owl's face presents a narrow field of vision. To compensate, a Tawny Owl has special bones and blood vessels in its neck so it can perform that freaky, exorcist-like head twist. This gives the bird the ability to scan all around without having to move their bodies and arouse detection by prey.

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### **Freddy's Hearing**

Freddy goes to the church and listens to the preacher. After a while, the preacher asks anyone with needs to be prayed over to come forward. Freddy goes up and the preacher asks, "Freddy, what do you want me to pray about for you?" Freddy says "I need you to pray for my hearing."

The preacher puts one finger in Freddy's ear and he places the other hand on top of Freddy's head and prays.

After a few minutes, the preacher removes his hands and stands back.

"Freddy, how is your hearing now?"

"I don't know, Reverend," says Freddy. "My hearing's not until next Wednesday."

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### **The kind hearted Hubby !**

My wife and I walked past a swanky new restaurant last night.

"Did you smell that food?" she asked. "Incredible!" Being the considerate person I am, I thought, "What the heck, I'll treat her!"

So we walked past it again.

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### **No Parking**

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a ticket from a traffic warden along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job.

Lead us not into temptation."

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### **Breakable Packages**

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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