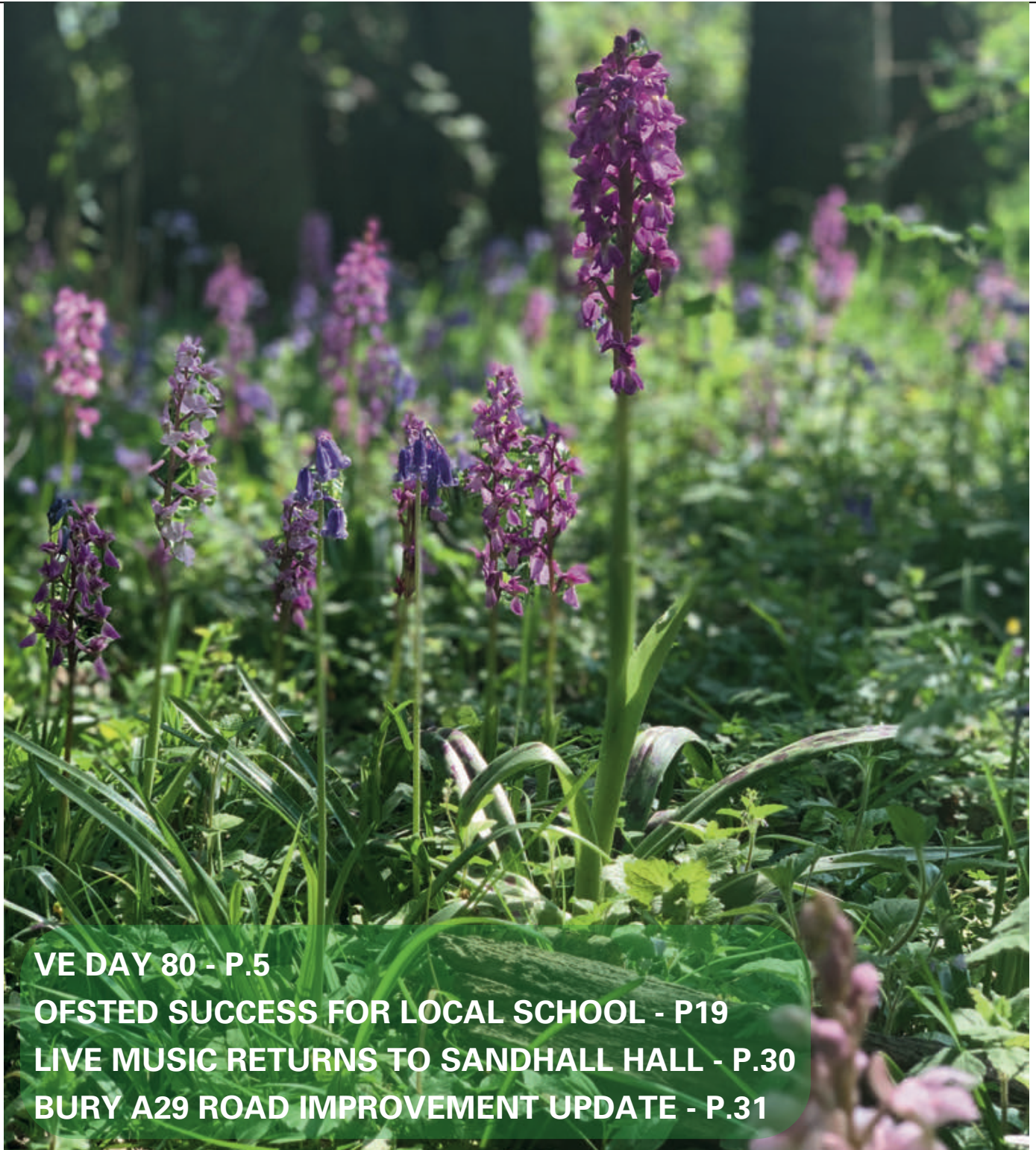


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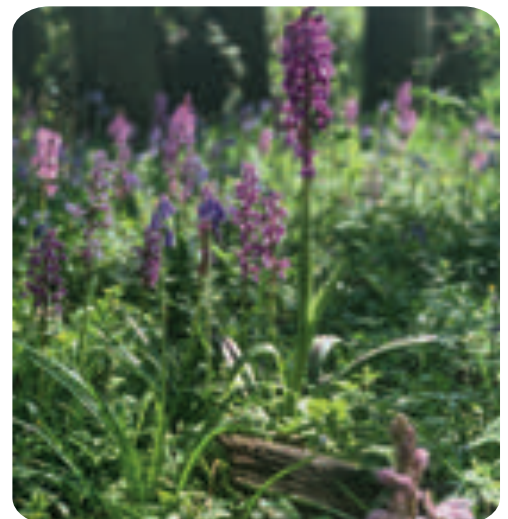


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EDITORS WELCOME

On May 8th the country commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Allied victory in Europe otherwise known as VE Day (Victory in Europe). Later, on the 15th August, VJ Day (Victory over Japan) is commemorated, remembering those who fought and died so bravely in the Far East. National and local events are planned to celebrate these important milestones. The celebrations start on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May with the Cenotaph in London dressed in Union flags, a Military procession from Whitehall to Buckingham Palace followed by a flypast of historic and modern military planes. Look out for adverts inviting you to local "street parties", barbeques or other community events which are hoped will echo the parties and get togethers of 80 years ago when millions celebrated the news that the war in Europe had ended.



*Taken at the Black Dog and Duck Public House Bury.
Local Land Girl Rosalind Cox shows off her Women's Land Army armband to farm labourer Sam Scott*

If you are in London why not make your way to the Tower of London where the ceramic poppies will once more be on display resembling a "wound" as a poignant reminder of the lives given and sacrifices made by so many during these and other military conflicts.

On the 8th of May a service will take place at Westminster Abbey both as an act of remembrance and a celebration of the end of the war. Another service will take place on the 15th August at the National Arboretum to remember and honour those who fought and died during the War in the Far East. The VE Day celebrations end on the 8th May with a concert at Horseguards Parade telling the story of the Allied victory and the legacy of the Second World War in Europe. It is a time for us all to reflect and hope that in 2025 conflicts may be brought to and end throughout the world.

Your Editor,
Fiona

Last date for submissions for the June – July edition is the 15th May 2025 and should be sent to The Editor at: thelinkburyandcoldwaltham@gmail.com

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VILLAGE DIARY AND WHAT'S ON APRIL - MAY 2025

Community

3 April Community Minibus to Rustington - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15.
3 April 10am and Every Thursday in April (10, 17, 24) and May (1,8,15,22, 29) Sandham Hall Coffee Shop Take a little time to catch up with your friends and neighbours. See coldwalthampc.org.uk for details
5 April 10:30am - Bury Village Hall Coffee Morning Hosted by Janet Matthey at Bury Village Hall. Offers to bake a cake or raffle donations always welcome Contact: John Labarte 01798 831174
10 April Community Minibus to Chichester - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15.
17 April Community Minibus to Storrington - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15.
24 April Community Minibus to Chichester - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15
1 May Community Minibus to Rustington - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15.
3 May 10:30am - Bury Village Hall Coffee Morning - Bring & Buy Plant Sale at Bury Village Hall. Details above
5 May Bury Parish VE Day Community Picnic - Bury Green. Details to follow
8 May Community Minibus to Chichester - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15.
15 May Community Minibus to Garden Centre - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15.
22 May Community Minibus to Storrington - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15.
29 May Community Minibus to Chichester - Journey departs Pulborough at 08.45 and Bury at 9.15
All Community Minibus journeys cost £5 except those to Storrington which cost £4.
For more information on the Community Bus Service see page 34

Clubs and Societies

1 April Arts Society West Sussex 1:15pm for 2pm The Subtle Science and Exact Art of Colour in English Garden Design Speaker: Timothy Walker. Gertrude Jekyll was an accomplished watercolour artist as well as a garden designer and so familiar with the principles of colour. This talk will look at these principles in designing a border. Fittleworth Village Hall RH20 1JB. Tea & coffee afterwards. Visitors welcome - £10. For details contact Gilly Myers on 07805 731663 or email westsussex@theartsociety.org
2 April First Wednesday Group Arundel Walking Tour 2pm Norfolk Arms - For information please contact Janet Matthey 01798 839122 (janet_richard@btinternet.com) or Margaret Mogford 07788 926895 (mjmogford@gmail.com)
2 April The Arts Society South Downs 10.30am for 10.45 am Charles 1 - King and Collector. Speaker: Barbara Askew. By the end of his reign Charles had amassed over 2000 works of art but in doing so he had bankrupted England and most of the collection was sold. Fittleworth Village Hall. Doors open 09.50 am for coffee. Members free and non-members £8. (No booking required.) Contact Jane Allison on 01798 813314 www.theartsocietysouthdowns.org.uk
3 April 7:30pm and every Thursday in April and May Coldwaltham Table Tennis Club Fittleworth Village Hall For further details please contact: Michael Ryan 07789 068632 or 01798 873939
4 April 10am and every Friday in April and May Table Tennis at Bury Village Hall - For more information please contact: Barbara Rudd 01798 831500
15 April 7pm for 7.30pm West Chiltington Floral Club "Growing Dahlias the Withypitts Way" Talk by Robin Ramsay. West Chiltington Village Hall, Mill Road, West Chiltington RH20 2PZ. Refreshments Raffle and Dahlia plants for sale. Visitors are most welcome - £7.00 For more information, please contact: Brenda on 01798 813712 or Carol on 01798 813608 Email: wciltfloralclub@gmail.com
6 May Arts Society West Sussex 1:15pm for 2pm Paul Cezanne - The Painters' Painter Speaker: Ian Swankie. A talk looking at his life, his mind bending still life paintings, his depictions of his beloved Provence, and his portraits. Fittleworth Village Hall. For more information see advert above.
7 May First Wednesday Group Guided Tour Bosham Church - for information see above
7 May The Arts Society South Downs 10.30am for 10.45 am - Elisabeth-Louise Vigée Le Brun: Trailblazer Speaker: Lois Oliver. Vigée Le Brun was Queen Marie-Antoinette's favourite portraitist and became one of just four women elected to France's prestigious Académie Royale de Peinture et de sculpture. See previous advert for more details.
15 May Arts Society South Downs visit to Sir Harold Hillier Gardens - See advert P.30 for details
20 May 7pm West Chiltington Floral Club May Workshop with Graham King Visitors must please book in advance cost £7 and contact Carol or Brenda for the worksheet regarding materials for the Workshop West Chiltington Village Hall. For more information please see details above.

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Farmers Market and Fayres

19 April & 17 May Arundel Farmers' Market 9am - 1pm. Arundel High Street

26 April & 24 May Pulborough Village Market 9am - 12pm Pulborough Village Hall

26 April & 24 May Petworth Farmers' Market 9am - 1pm Market Square Petworth

26 April Slindon House Wedding Showcase 11am - 3pm - for more information see advert Page 8

16-18 May Petworth Park Antiques and Fine Art Fair - for details see <https://petworthparkfair.com>

Open Gardens

23, 30 April & 7 & 14 May Fittleworth House 2pm- 4pm- admission £5, children free. Home made teas in aid of Cruse Bereavement Support

11 May Champs Hill 11am - 5pm - admission Adults £6, children free. Home-made teas. <https://thebct.org.uk>

13 May Bignor Park 2pm - 5pm - admission £5, children free. Home-made teas

16 May The Cottage, Potts Lane, Pulborough 16 (6pm - 8pm) & 17 May (11am - 5pm) - admission £9, children free. Pre-booking essential. For more details on all Open Gardens see <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk>

Events and Activities At Petworth House

5 to 27 April Spring Festival at Petworth House - activities include Makers Market, Garden Talks, Herbal Foraging Walks, workshops and evening cabaret. For details see: <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth>

Health & Fitness

3 April and Thursdays in April and May 09:30am Pilates with Kersti - Bury Village Hall. For more information contact Kersti on kersti@kerstivicaripilates.co.uk 07512 353153

4 April and Fridays in April and May 09:30am Pilates with Kersti Sandham Memorial Village Hall. Contact Kersti as above

7 April and Mondays in April and May 09:30am Pilates with Kersti - Sandham Memorial Village Hall. Contact Kersti as above

7 April and Mondays in April and May 11:40 Chair Pilates with Kersti - Sandham Memorial Village Hall. Contact Kersti as above

10 May 10.30am - 1:30pm Rother Valley Croquet Club Taster Session - Loaning you all the kit you need to play – just bring your flat-soled shoes – free parking, tea and coffee. Find out more at: rothervalleycroquet.co.uk or email rothervalleycroquet@outlook.com

Music

25 April 8pm - 10:45pm Doors open 7:30pm Live Music Sandham Hall. See advert on Page 30 for more details. Tickets £13 and available on line from sandhamhall.org.uk or by email at sandhamhall@gmail.com

25 April & 9, 23 May 7.30pm Champs Hill music concerts at Champs Hill, Coldwaltham - Pre-booking essential via website. Visit www.thebct.org.uk for details of each concert, and to secure tickets.

26 April 7pm Arundel Cathedral The Leconfield Singers Handel's Messiah - Tickets £15 - £30. Under 18's half price. For information and tickets: www.leconfieldsingers.co.uk/events

Theatre and Cinema

Windmill Cinema Littlehampton. See website for details www.windmillcinema.co.uk

Leconfield Hall Cinema Petworth See website for details www.leconfieldhall.org.uk

Chichester Festival Theatre See website for details www.cft.org.uk

Children's Activities

5 to 21 April 10am - 5pm Family Trail "Ben Plants a Butterfly Garden" trail to explore the Pleasure Garden at Petworth House and discover fun games and activities along the way. Free with admission.

11 April Look What I found in the Woods: 11am & 1pm Author Moira Butterfield leads families on a one-hour nature treasure hunt around the Pleasure Garden at Petworth House, inspired by her book Look What I Found in the Woods. Booking essential. £13 per child including a copy of the book, £5 without the book.



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BURY PARISH COUNCIL



SDNP LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Six sites in the parish area were considered in the South Downs National Park's Draft Local Plan (DLP). One site, CH003 (Land to the east of Coombe Crescent) was designated as having 'potential'. This means it will be seriously considered for inclusion in the final Local Plan. The others were either 'rejected' (meaning they had been visited and assessed) or 'excluded' (meaning that, for planning reasons they were dismissed and neither visited nor assessed). Unless representations are persuasive, these 'rejected' and 'excluded' sites would not be given further consideration.

SDNP asked BPC to respond to its Draft Local Plan by the deadline of the 17th of March 2025. It examined all six sites and agreed with the initial assessment of four of them but resolved to look in more detail at two and decided to make representations on both. The first, CH003 (Land to the east of Coombe Crescent) because it has been designated as having 'potential' - a designation that BPC has a responsibility to evaluate. The second, CH192 (Bury Manor Farm) because it has come to light that it was wrongly assessed in the draft local plan and, in the interests of fairness, ought to be properly reviewed.

BPC submitted a Response to SDNP consultation, which can be viewed at the Home page on our website, under recent documents. <https://buryparishcouncil.org.uk>

COMMUNITY LAND TRUST (CLT) -

A small group of Parish Councillors have formed a steering group to investigate how Bury Parish might benefit from forming it's own CLT with regard to the affordable element of any future housing development. We will update you when we have news.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY (PROW) -

BPC is working with SDNP, WSCC and local landowners to promote upgraded accessibility to the PROW within the Parish. In addition to the new footway within the Recreation ground (RG), the roadside footway north of the RG has now been repaired and cleared of vegetation. We hope to make some further announcements soon.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Parish Meeting - Monday 28th April from 6pm at Bury Village Hall - followed by complimentary drinks. Plans for the evening are well under way, keep a look out for the agenda.

VE Day Celebration picnic - Bank Holiday Monday 5th May on Bury Green - Save the Date
Bury & West Burton Volunteers will announce details shortly.

Bury Summer Party 2025 - Save the Date - Saturday 28th June on Bury Green

Free entrance, all Parishioners welcome. Last June saw more than 100 of you join us at our Bury Summer Party. We would love to see you again this year. More details to follow!

We kindly ask that you leave your dog at home when attending events on Bury Green as it is a dedicated children's playground where dogs aren't allowed. Thank you for your cooperation!

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COLDWALTHAM, HARDHAM & WATERSFIELD PARISH NOTES



We hope that, by the time you are reading this, some of the items below will have moved on with positive steps. See below. In such 'small' operations as a PC, big outcomes take some time to emerge, and small gains in the meantime sometimes have to be viewed with care and reserve. So it is this month.

Bury PC and Coldwaltham PC have now both submitted Traffic Reduction schemes for the two sections of the A29 between Bury Hill and Pulborough. Bury seemed to be further ahead, but their proposals are now out for public consultation, and Coldwaltham's proposals are out for a 'feasibility study' over the summer months. One might be forgiven for asking why, in the face of extremely complex and comprehensive submissions from both Bury and Coldwaltham, there is now another extensive round of inquiries, that further delay the expected outcomes, across another summer of speeding road users and dangerous driving. We seek to support WSCC Highways in whatever way we can, but such extended timeframes try our patience, and often lead to public disillusion. We would like to resurrect our Speedwatch group, so please get in touch if interested.

It is hoped that, on a meeting that has now taken place on 19th March with the CEO of the Post Office, our proposals for a balanced and equitable support of our local PO have been listened to attentively. You will have read the previous Link, where we set out the impact on the local "Precept" for 2025/2026, and since then we have circulated details of how we would like to promote the fundraising campaign to support the PO over the coming year(s). At this stage, at time of writing, we are assuming that we must raise, at least, £5000 to support our current offer. If events go in our favour, and the PO agrees to further funding, then monies raised will allow us to extend coverage into the future. You can find a copy of the "flyer" elsewhere in this Link (Page 13), and there is also a copy on the Coldwaltham Facebook Page. There is even a "jar" on the counter at the PO for contributions – so, large or small, it all helps – so please help this cause.

The South Downs National Park has been consulting over the winter about land and building development within the Park. The work has now started on the small development at the foot of the Lodge Hill land. The SDNP still has the land to the South/East of Brookview listed as a potential development site. Coldwaltham PC has made a set of observations about this possible development, not least concerning the loss of yet more 'green space'. However, we do need more mixed housing in the Parish. It is noteworthy that the SDNP has now identified a third category of housing, namely, designated as "first-time buyer" possible. This would certainly give greater support to a range of locally based generations. Such new housing is important to support the existence of the School. The proposed creation of a village shop is a significant step, and would help reduce car journeys to Pulborough, for many items that 'we cannot do without'!

All is not perfect however, and the access to such land is currently proposed as being direct from the A29. This would further impact on some of the traffic issues, as noted above, so we would expect WSCC Highways to have views on this. The proximity to both waterworks and protected habitats is also noted as priority for consideration.

The first Bank Holiday weekend of May will be a significant anniversary date for many people, as VE (Victory in Europe) Day is celebrated. It is hoped that we can all celebrate this in whatever way we can, to mark 80 years of peace, and anticipate peace will continue in Europe.

John Evans



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CHICHESTER DISTRICT COUNCIL



Last month I gave a brief update of the fast-moving Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation work that the Government has demanded of Tier 1 (County) and Tier 2 (District Council) of local government. I make no apology for continuing the conversation, as very little appears in the national news and press about this issue. Yet this is the most fundamental change to local government since the early 1970s and will affect us all.

A week after the Governments own deadline, we finally heard that Sussex (East and West Sussex and Brighton and Hove) are included in the nine chosen fast track candidates, moving to a Strategic Board with elected Mayor by 2028. Whether we like it or not all counties and local authorities will have to go down this route, the advantage of being in the first tranche is that there is funding to help in the transition.

Being in the fast track for the Strategic Board, means that district councillors will automatically be fast tracked into unitary authorities. As I said last month these unitary authorities should have at least a population of 500K. Chichester has roughly a population of 125,000 so we will have to merge with three or even four other district councils. So, conversations between the district councils are now commencing and we have a little over five weeks to conclude. This conversation cannot be finalised because there remain many questions that the government need to address. Hopefully, in the next week we will have the answer to those questions, and we can proceed.

The government in the wake of the announcement, that we are in the fast-track group, also postponed the May 2025 County Council elections. In law you can only postpone elections a year at a time, but if the elections are going to be cancelled this year, then they will probably be postponed in 2026 and in 2027. County Councillors are elected for four years, and its likely their elections will be postponed by three years. District Council elections that are due in 2027 are also likely to be postpone for a year, as district councils will become Unitary Authorities a year later. Needless to say, the governments postponement of the County Council elections for potentially three years has been called anti-democratic. This time next month we shall know what our Unitary Authority will look like.

John Cross
Fittleworth Ward
Chichester District Council

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL & SANDHAM MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO KEEP OUR POST OFFICE OPEN

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- A direct debit / Standing Order (minimum £5 per month)
- One off, or regular, contributions to a "crowdfunder"
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COLDWALTHAM VILLAGE HALL & POST OFFICE UPDATE



Make 2025 a Bumper Year for The 100 Club!



Times are tough but we can all make a small difference – and our hall is busier than ever, bringing activities and services right into your community. There are 420 households in our villages and each year we try to rally at least ONE HUNDRED to buy one or more fund-raising tickets for our monthly draw. Half of the funds raised go out in prizes – the rest helps keep us going! sandhamhall.org.uk/support-us/100-club

There is now something for everyone at the Village Hall – from Post Office to Pilates, from Music to Mobility Equipment, Cubs, Scouts, Ballet and Coffee Shop - not to mention free school drop off... and yes, resurfacing

the car park will be our next big project! You will have noticed our new safer storage facility going up to accommodate all these new demands and we extend thanks to our volunteers, The Labouring Man and to Platinum SML Health & Safety consultants. Thanks to all for your care and patience while building continues: we hope to finish by April!

Get your LIVE MUSIC tickets now for 25 April!



Coldwaltham is really getting into the swing of live music! Word is getting around and in February gig number 4, featuring Bruce Knapp and David Soothill, sold out with 10 days still to go. To see real talent, up close and personal, in a unique setting with great acoustics, come to Sandham Hall! Dates for your 2025 diary are: Fridays 25 Apr, 27 Jun, 22 Aug & Sat 25 Oct. **Next up is A3A - Americana For The Third Age** with Kevin Barber, Eddie Armour and our own Jon Wigg.

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Westminster meeting with the acting CEO of Post Office Limited (POL)

With amazing community support, we won the battle to get our Post Office re-opened but the funding conundrum continues! We want a fair and sustainable partnership with Post Office Limited. At the moment, POL cover the staffing costs of just two of our six hours of opening each week, with the balance of the costs falling to the community. We are grateful to our MP for arranging a meeting at the House of Commons with acting Post Office CEO, Neil Brocklehurst, on 24 March. Our pitch? The POL has called for innovation and new thinking to maintain the network but when a community like ours demonstrates just that, we are pushed back into the existing 'outreach model' of just two hours a week – far too limiting for a busy venue like ours. We hope to persuade POL that they should pay for one day a week while the community pays for the second, developing a model of true partnership working between communities and POL: "the Coldwaltham Model". Watch this space.

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In November 2023, very sadly one of our pupil's parents, Laura Everest, died. Mrs Everest was not only a parent of one of our pupils, she also attended our school as a pupil herself. Through discussion with her husband, Lawrence and her daughter, Amelie we decided to mark Mrs Everest's memory with something positive that Amelie could see each year. With the kind help of the Bury Horticultural Society, we sourced a variety of Narcissi (Daffodils) that would act as a memorial each year. By locating them on our school field, the aim was to create a growing memorial that would come up each spring and would build up over time. It would also be visible from outside of the school which means that Amelie could come and have a look at any time she wanted even long after she has left Bury School.

We chose to plant the bulbs on the anniversary of Mrs Everest's birthday. Mr Everest said a few words before Amelie and Lawrence planted the first bulbs. Other members of Laura's family and then all of the children and staff at school each planted a bulb.

As the days have a got a little brighter, the bulbs have started to make an appearance. A quick glance into our school field and you will see a cluster of yellows, creams and oranges gently swaying in the breeze. Over time, we hope that this builds into a sea of colour and provides a smile on the faces of everyone who glances over to have a look.

If you are passing the school, do take a moment to stop and glance across. Pause for a second and be thankful for all of the little things that make you smile. If you knew Laura, take the opportunity to stop and enjoy a little memory of her.



BURY AND WEST BURTON CRICKET CLUB

With the Spring upon us and April approaching, Bury & Westburton CC are preparing for the forthcoming season! We have a full fixture list of Sunday friendlies, starting on 27th April with a visit to Walberton.

But first we have three practice net sessions booked at Arundel Castle on the evenings of Friday 4th, 11th and 18th April. If you would like to join us you are more than welcome. List of forthcoming fixtures below.

Sunday 27th April	Walberton	Away	1:30pm
Sunday 4th May	Slindon	Home	1:30pm
Sunday 11th May	Ferring	Away	1:30pm
Sunday 18th May	Fernhurst	Home	1:30pm
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- **Quality of Education;**
- **Behaviour and Attitudes;**
- **Personal Development;**
- **Leadership and Management;**
- **Early Years.**

I cannot commend our school community highly enough for the hard work that has led to this outcome. The staff team has worked relentlessly to ensure that we were prepared for the inspection and they are a credit to the school - in verbal feedback, the inspectors praised the school for the highly significant improvements that have been made since the previous Ofsted inspection, noting the hard work that has been put into reading (particularly phonics), SEND, subject leadership and Early Years, supporting children to come on in 'leaps and bounds'.

Thank you to every single one of our staff team for their commitment to and passion for our school, not just during the inspection but every single day.

The children were an absolute credit to both the school and you, their parents/carers. In feedback, we were told that the children were respectful, keen to articulate and talk about learning and demonstrated warm relationships with each other. The lead inspector described the school as having a 'climate of kindness'. Congratulations to them for being so amazing, not just during the visit but all the time!

We are so blessed to have fantastic parent/carer support at the school; the inspector reported that the parental responses were positive and the overall feedback was that parents feel their children are happy and flourishing. We are always truly grateful for the support of our families.

Please do read the report on our website at: <https://www.st-james-coldwaltham.w-sussex.sch.uk/OurSchool/OfstedReport/>

If you have a child of primary age and you would like to arrange a visit to come and see the school, please do not hesitate to contact our Office to arrange an appointment, either via email: office@coldwalthamschool.com or by phone on **01798 872196**.

Mrs Lizzie Martin,
Executive Headteacher,
Arun Villages Federation

NEWS FROM DORSET HOUSE

The spring term is the shortest, but we seem to manage to cram plenty into it! Our Pre-Prep (Reception to Year 4) kicked off with a collaborative project, 'Up, Up and Away' – based on Miranda the Explorer by James Mayhew.



Meanwhile, our Year 8 children were in Dorset on a geography field trip where they studied geology but also enjoyed plenty of hot chocolate!

Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the Rainbow Theatre who brought their topic, The Great Fire of London to life. They built Tudor house models and enjoyed setting fire to them during a forest school session.



A major highlight was the Arun Valley Netball Tournament where we welcomed teams from Amberley, Ashington, St James', Coldwaltham, Petworth, Slindon, St Philip's, Arundel and West Chiltington for a fun afternoon of sport. We are looking forward to the cricket event in the summer term and all local schools are welcome.

We also hosted 9 schools for a cross-country event which took place following lots of rain. Well done to all the teams who braved a LOT of mud and puddles.

There were activities throughout the week for Children's Mental Health week which culminated in every child in Years 3 – 8 running a mile and a group of staff and parents running 10K to raise over £2000 for Young Minds.

St David's Day was marked in style with daffodil, leek and dragon hats worn to a special assembly.

The inter-house pancake race was won by Munro and the whole school came out to watch.

We end the term with the Inter-House Music Competition final which comprises a serious element with our top musicians going head-to-head following extensive heats and then a fun element where our four houses battle it out for winning house song. The theme this year is Oasis and the outfits and songs were brilliant. The winners were Sims with their brilliant rendition of 'Don't look Back in Anger'.



SLINDON HOUSE WEDDING SHOWCASE

Slindon House wedding venue invites you to join their annual wedding showcase on Saturday 26th April. Nestled in the South Downs National Park countryside 5 miles from Arundel, this unique venue is set in a peaceful 14 acre rural location on the edge of Slindon village. With breath-taking uninterrupted views over historic parkland to the coast, the striking Georgian style manor house will help you to create an elegant atmosphere for your special day. There will be a selection of our trusted local wedding suppliers exhibiting an array of services from flowers, cakes, venue décor, bridalwear, photography etc. This is an ideal opportunity to chat with these professionals to get to know the people behind the creativity who can help bring your wedding vision to life.

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Your financial support helps us to remain agile, quickly able to adapt to emerging needs and deliver critical lifesaving support.

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A key part of our work is fostering aspiration and opportunity to restore lives. Our partnership with the University of Chichester Adversity to University bridging course has opened doors for those who have faced barriers, 37 have completed the course and many have now completed degree-level study. This initiative demonstrates our commitment to not just helping people survive but empowering them to thrive. Donations of money, food, goods, and time are invaluable in ensuring we can continue to provide life-changing services in challenging financial times.

Currently, 100 dedicated volunteers work alongside our 100-strong staff team, yet we are always looking for more people to join us. Volunteers play an essential role and together, we can change lives for good. To learn more, volunteer, or donate, visit www.stonepillow.org.uk, contact us at spadmin@stonepillow.org.uk, or scan the QR code provided.



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The artist, Peter Iden was the most inventive recent interpreter of the South Downs – the landscape that surrounded him throughout his life (1945-2012).

On various dates between the 6th and 15th May, Champs Hill will present an exhibition of 40 of Peter Iden's late paintings, none of which have been shown since the major retrospective of his work at the Otter Gallery, University of Chichester, in 2013. 'Seeing the Downs' offers a rare opportunity to revisit Peter's striking abstracted landscapes.

This body of work demonstrates immersion in, commitment to and intimate conversation with Peter's native Sussex landscape. Peter the visionary invites us to journey with him – Amberley, Goodwood, the Arun, Didling Church, Halnaker Hill – both mapping and sensing the terrain.

Peter Iden held over 30 one-man exhibitions in Sussex and elsewhere. He was one of a very small number of artists who managed to make a living entirely from their painting; he had no agent, received no grants, and never did any teaching. Although Peter's work has been shown in venues such as Pallant House, the Royal Academy and Messum's, he never received the recognition in his own lifetime that this remarkable body of work deserves. Sussex people know this and many still hold a residual love for these paintings. The estate of Peter Iden has retained a significant number of the greatest of the late paintings and thanks to Mary Iden, Champs Hill is able to open up the collection for this exhibition in May.

These works really do stand up. We are invited to rub our eyes and to see and feel the Downs again.



Downland with oilseed rape by Peter Iden, 2006

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The exhibition is open to the public for three weeks in May on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Dates and times below:

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BURY GARDENING CLUB



I am writing this in good, warm sunshine and this could easily give us a bit of a false sense of security, as we can easily get more cold, frosty weather, please don't get too advanced and put out those tender plants early, or at any rate be prepared to put them away again quickly.

April and May are both busy months in the garden. Our garden is based on clay, in spite of being so close to the Downs, and this means that we get a lot of moss in our lawns. So April will start with a few sessions of moss removal – watering with Sulphite of Iron and scarifying, before giving the lawns an overall feed. Also I will be pricking out very many flower and vegetable seedlings, which were sown in March, in order to prepare them for the May Plant Sale. Also as the weather generally warms up, it will be very important to keep a close eye on any Box Bushes you may have; the caterpillar will soon start to get active, so be ready to pick them off, or deal with them in some other manner. Also you could consider getting out and cleaning any garden furniture, in the hope that you will be able to spend time outside, admiring the work you have done in the garden, as all the plants begin to grow and flower. We will be going around the garden to check that we have done all the necessary pruning, especially on the Hydrangeas, and splitting any herbaceous plants that have got too large for their allotted area.

In the vegetable garden we will be starting to sow various root crops, like carrots and parsnips, but please remember that they do not like too rich a soil, so avoid any area you may have covered with compost.

As May comes along and we find that there is not so much to do, except mow the grass and cast your eyes around all the beds to check on any weed growth, have a thought for all the good pollinating insects and if you have the necessary space, ensure that at least a small area of the garden is allowed to grow wild. Also carefully check any bird feeders, you may have. The young fledglings will need extra food to grow, but please keep all those feeders clean and give them frequent good washes to remove any viruses that might linger.

Looking forward to a pleasant Spring and good gardening. **Don't forget the May Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in Bury Village Hall on Saturday 3rd May.**

Richard Matthey (839122)

FIRST WEDNESDAY GROUP

In March we had a very successful trip to Shoreham Airport. In all 24 of us heard about the history of the Airport and then we were shown around, including a visit to one hanger which houses a selection of very expensive helicopters, plus a few 'kit' planes and an old Chipmunk. Unfortunately the weather was not kind and it was very misty. This meant that there was no aircraft movements during the visit, but a good time was had by all of us.

Our forthcoming events are:-

Wednesday 2nd April – Arundel Walking Tour, visiting some lesser known attractions. Meet 2pm at the Norfolk Arms.

Wednesday 7th May – Guided Tour of Bosham Church.

Wednesday 4th June – Talk and Tour of 'The Nest', Chichester Festival Theatre.

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The First Team have gone from strength to strength in the league and currently sit top of the West Sussex Football League. This is a position we have never found ourselves in and one we are looking to capitalise on. The top of the table is extremely close and with many teams in the top 5 still to play each other, there is a long and tough way to go. The Firsts have 6 games left starting on March 15th with an away trip to Billingshurst. Hot off the press, this ended in a solid 1-1 draw which keeps us well on track and the target in sight! Every match will matter now as the Firsts look to make sporting history for Watersfield! The last two games of the season will be in April, at home, so please do come and support your village team. “COME ON WATERSFIELD FC”

In other news, the Playground will be having its annual ground force morning soon. Date TBC so look out for it on social media as the more hands at the pump the better. Normally we spend about 2.5 hours strimming, cutting back and generally tidying ready for the warmer days when families start to enjoy the park.

We appreciate feedback, so any comments or issues, please do not hesitate to write to us.

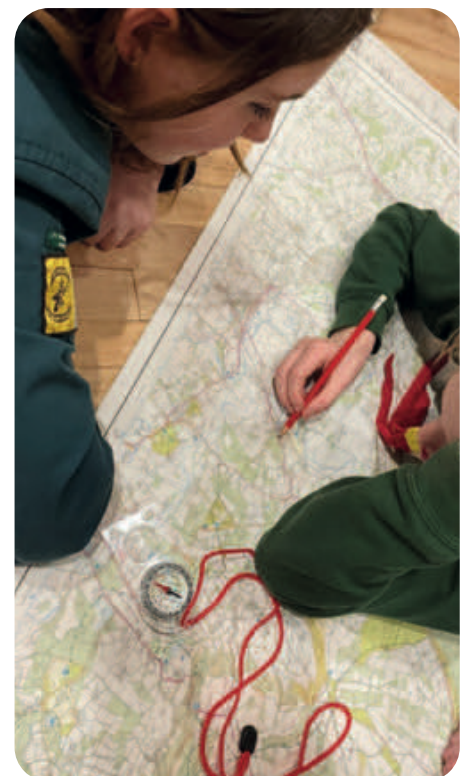
BURY SCOUTS

The Bury Scout group has had an action-packed few weeks, filled with adventure, creativity, and skill-building. They've been putting their navigation skills to the test, plotting hikes around the local area using bearings and maps. Their creative side has also been on display as they crafted intricate die-cast models of planes and cars.

Alongside these hands-on activities, Scouts have been sharpening their minds with intense number games, challenging each other in fun and strategic ways. A highlight of their recent sessions was a lively pancake night, where they cooked up tasty treats and enjoyed a well-earned feast.

The excitement didn't stop there—true to their adventurous spirit, the Scouts also braved the outdoors for a thrilling night hike along the South Downs Way, experiencing the landscape in a whole new light (or lack thereof!).

With so much packed into just a few weeks, the Scouts are proving that learning, teamwork, and adventure go hand in hand. Here's to more exciting challenges ahead.



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Of the fifty articles I've written for the Link about Bury Cubs, it's rare that distinct themes emerge, mostly because the programme of activity we offer is so varied. January, February and March (so far) are proving to be the exception to that rule though.

After starting term with a couple of old favourites (pioneering and night-hiking) we learned about and celebrated Chinese New Year. The theme of understanding about other cultures is one of the two themes that has shone through this term. Certainly, the Cubs enjoyed the Chinese food, games and traditions that we laid on for them back in January. More than that though, two new Cubs have joined us, one of whom is staying with his Ukrainian family locally – we are really blessed to have him in our midst during his stay. In March we welcomed the mum of another Cub who came to help us with our World Faith badge by sharing her Hindu faith with us. It was really interesting to hear about this welcoming religion's temples, Gods and celebrations like Holi, the Festival of Colours, celebrated in spring.



The second theme that we have spent time on this term has been animal care. This has been a badge that we have always struggled to offer because not every Cub has a pet, which helps to demonstrate an understanding of the subject.

Recently though, the Scout Association has struck up a relationship with the retailer Pets at Home, so we went to their Chichester store to hear about how to care for rabbits, rats, hamsters and fish. It was a novel evening for us all, and the staff there were clearly dedicated to their furry and scaly charges! Then we had a visit from local dog trainer Mark, from Bone Canis. He brought his own immaculately behaved dog Bear, so the Cubs got to learn about dog body language at very close quarters.

Then to round things off, we went on another outing to Brinsbury College to see live lambing. Seeing different types of animals and learning how they are best cared for is a valuable life skill that we all benefitted from.

These two themes about understanding people and animals brought to mind Baden-Powell's reflections on helping young people consider what's around them, "Look wide, beyond your immediate surroundings and limits, and you see things in their right proportion. Look above the level of things around you and see a higher aim and possibility to your work."



If you know a young person that would like a free trial night to see what Scouts OR Cubs is like, please let me know.

Similarly, if you would like to help us out as a volunteer we would love to hear from you. Please email gsl@1stpulborough.org.uk for either.

Yours in Scouting,
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Pre-booking is essential as tickets cannot be purchased on the day.

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BURY A29 ROAD IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE



In the last edition of The Link we provided a progress report on moves to tackle the long-standing problem of dangerous and noisy antisocial driving on the A29 through the village.

The County Council recently launched its formal statutory consultation process regarding the proposed reduction in speed limit from 50 mph to 40 mph for which we have been campaigning for a number of years. When implemented this will apply “from a point 100m south of Field House, southwards to a point 125m south of the South Downs Way trail, a distance of 3.5km”.

This was also publicised in the Bury Parish Council weekly email newsletter on 26th of February and we hope you may have been able to respond in support of the proposals.

The **A29RIC** submitted its response, supporting “unequivocally the County Council’s proposal to introduce a permanent Order which will be extend the 40mph speed limit on the A29 southwards through Bury Village and Bury Hill”.

We have also urged the authorities to install Average Speed Cameras along the length of the carriageway to which the new limit will apply, and have also emphasised the need for the proposed speed limit to be implemented before the busy summer season commences.

The Committee is working in the background on further proposed measures including:

- **Landscaping schemes to emphasise the local community environs of the A29 within the parish**
- **Additional speed indicator devices**
- **Establishing a Community Speedwatch group**
- **Village gates**
- **Seasonal roadside poster campaigns and more**

We hope that as many residents as possible will join us at the **Annual Parish meeting on 28th April**, as part of which we will be giving an update on progress.

This will give an opportunity for you to ask any questions, make any suggestions, and for us to give more detail on future plans, all of which are designed to provide a safer, more peaceful and healthier environment for our parish community.

In the meantime, if you have any feedback, you can email us: **ba29ric@gmail.com**

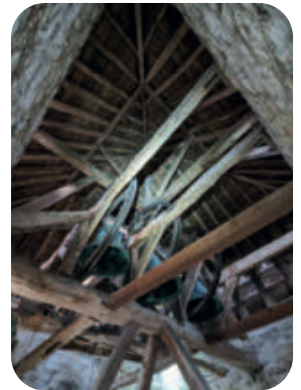
Bury A29 Road Improvement Committee: Martin Botting, Greg Brown, Richard Matthey, Graham Morrison, Rod Pearce, Olivia Pinkney, Barbara Rudd, John Sunderland (Chair), Jess Youngs



Preparations for a Wedding Bells and Bats Included!

I'm a bellringer and live a mere 500yds from St Giles Church, Coldwaltham, built around c1200. In September I was asked by my good neighbour and church warden, "Could I find ringers for a wedding in December?"

St Giles has three bells. The two lighter ones were installed in around 1390, but the tenor is engraved with "1665 Pr (pastor) Thomas Hunter. Church Warden John Hale". 1665 was the year of the plague. Did they pay for the bell, or perhaps an acknowledgement for their work during that dreadful year? The St Giles bells are three Chiming Bells! A bit of a different style of ringing, plenty of time to practice before December. Well, I have never rung Chiming bells and although the ropes were reinstated 10 years or so ago, no one in the village rings them either. Doves says they are un-ringable, no stays or sliders, but they will chime. Why are they un-ringable? I get advice from a number of towers captains and bell repairers and make a plan to have the bells checked.



Meanwhile back in the church, the warden also has problems with bats. I seek advice from a bat rescuer, she can't help but suggests contacting "Bats in Churches"! An email is fired off and all goes very quiet until a phone call "can we come and inspect for bats this afternoon?" The ecologists find around 20 bats in the church. One of the bats could be a rare Grey Long Eared Bat, last recorded in Petworth two years ago. We are awaiting results from the poo to verify the Grey.

Meanwhile I muster a group of willing ringers and we set about practice sessions. The ropes are a bit moth eaten and giants must have rung them in the past. The loan of box risers are required for practice sessions. The treble is a bit moody, one of the band offers to oil the clappers, canons and headstocks. Easier said than done. The fixed, vertical 20ft ladder is only the first challenge, the safety harness as much a challenge as the ladder! In the bell chamber there is an addition extendable ladder for another 12 ft climb to access the bells and frame (amid years of bat poo). But canons and clappers are greased!



Back to the wedding, a plan has been agreed with the ringers as to what sounds best and how to make a break should we need to change ringers. Each chime needs arm muscles to keep the swing and rhythm, the bell doesn't maintain it's momentum as it doesn't swing high enough, unlike conventional ringing. Remember no stays and no sliders so we don't dare ring high. We also found "Changes" a challenge, so just plain ringing is planned, stopping two out of three bells occasionally to change the order of bells and possibly ringers if need be!

This project has been very interesting, widening our local history and ecology knowledge, maybe putting St Giles, Coldwaltham on the "chiming" map.

My thanks to the church warden, various tower captains, Chris from Bridport, Bats in Churches, my ringing colleagues, those who took photos and lastly to the bride who requested bells to be rung at her wedding.

June Somerville

FARMING NOTES

At last, the weather has dried up and work on the farm has been very busy. We have managed to get all our spring barley planted in good time, but it now needs a warm rain to bring it on! The variety of barley that we grow is suited to malting for making beer and much of it is exported through Shoreham port and goes over to Holland for use there or onward shipment down the Rhine into Germany.



The wheat that was planted last autumn looks well and is just responding to its first application of fertiliser as it turns a deeper shade of green. The wheat variety is known as a Group three that is specifically suited to biscuit making in this country. However, it is also well suited to making the type of bread that they eat in Spain and, again, that goes through Shoreham port down to Northern Spain for use in their flour mills.

Most sheep farmers will be in full swing lambing now and what wonderful weather for it. Newborn lambs do not like it wet and cold so the recent sunny weather will be welcomed by shepherds. Our cattle are still in the shed because grass growth has not really got going but I guess they will go out in early to mid April to spend the summer at grass before coming in to be finished on silage next winter.

I am not going to dwell on the actions current government because I have covered some of it in earlier pieces and it has been well documented in the national press, but it really seems that they care little about British food and farming and the rural way of life that flows from it. After the inheritance tax bombshell there have been more announcements that contradict everything that they said before the election which will make the economics of producing food even harder than it is now.

Tim Lock
March 2025

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ARUN CHURCHES SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY



Sun 6th April	09.15am - St Botolphs 10.30am - St Johns	Cannon John Bundock Cannon John Bundock	
Sun 13th April	10.30am - St.Giles	Fr Russell Dewhurst	Palm Sunday
Thurs 17th April	19.00pm - St.Botolphs	Cannon John Bundock	Maundy Thursday BCP
Friday 18th April	12.00pm - St.Giles 14.00pm - St.Nicholas	Fr Russell Dewhurst Fr Russell Dewhurst	Good Friday Evensong
Sun 20th April	09.15am - St.Botolphs 10.30am - St Johns	Fr Russell Dewhurst Fr Russell Dewhurst	Easter Sunday
Sat 26th April	14.00pm - St.Johns	Rev Dr Jack Mulder	Wedding
Sun 27th April	10.30am - St.Giles	Rev Charles Hadley	
Sun 4th May	10.30am - St Botolphs	Led by Congregation	
Sun 11th May	10.30am - St Giles	Fr Russell Dewhurst	Followed by APCM
Fri 16th May	17.00pm - St Johns	Cannon David Twinley	Dorset House Assembly
Sun 18th May	10.30am - St Johns 12.15pm - St Johns	Cannon Bruce Ruddock Cannon Bruce Ruddock	Baptism
Sun 25th May	10.30am - St Giles	Rev Charles Hadley	
Thurs 29th May	09.30am - St Giles		Ascension Day
Sunday 1st June	09.15am - St Botolphs 10.30am - St Nicholas	Fr Russell Dewhurst Fr Russell Dewhurst	
Sunday 8th June	No service in parish	Chichester Cathedral for service	Pentecost

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Sequestrator: The Revd Russell Dewhurst

Sidesmen: Ellie Coleman, Sue Musham, Diana Rowsell, Elizabeth Rolleston, Rosemarie Glithero, Michael Ryan, Hugo Merison, Jeannie Farmer.



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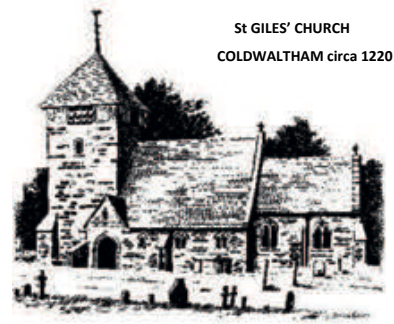
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ARUN CHURCHES REPORT

ARUN CHURCHES PARISH GIFT DAY

We wish to thank all of you who have generously donated to the Parish giving. As we have previously highlighted, balancing the books is not at all easy and these donations really do help keep the parish and churches functioning for the benefit of the whole community, now and for future generations. In previous years, we have delivered gifting envelopes through every door but, this year decided to try and save costs by appealing through The Link – this is a policy that we will need to review as the response has been disappointingly lower than we had hoped. There is still plenty of time to donate if you feel able, with all donations gratefully received.



GRAVEYARDS

Every year we have at least two work parties to try to keep on top of the work that is needed to keep the graveyards tidy. Despite our endless hard work very sadly this year we have had comments from families that have their loved ones buried in St Giles and St Johns that they graveyards are not tidy. Whilst some relatives do indeed volunteer to roll their sleeves up, others do not and as the graveyards are an integral part of our villages, they need to be kept in order. **PLEASE** can you spare a couple of hours to help. Please bring secateurs, wheelbarrow, rake, loppers, scrapers etc.

Saturday 5th April

St John's Bury

10.00 to 12.00

Saturday 12th April

St Giles Coldwaltham

10.00 to 12.00

At these times we will also undertake brass cleaning for anyone who would like to help with perhaps less strenuous work in the comfort of being in doors. You will be very welcome and refreshments will be provided. This is a great opportunity to meet neighbours and join in village community activity. We are grateful for all the help you give to support our 4 beautiful churches. Please contact Rosemarie 07519 511651 if you can help.

Frustratingly there is still nothing of note to report from our ongoing endeavours to attract a new incumbent vicar however, there seem to be some positive signs and we remain optimistic. In the meantime, we remain extremely fortunate to benefit from the support of Fr Russell Dewhurst who leads us in the majority of our services whilst recently having been appointed as acting Archdeacon.

We continue to also enjoy the support of retired priests from Billingshurst, Storrington and Adversane who additionally have to spread their availability across many neighbouring parishes also in interregnum.

The organist at St Giles is recovering from illness and therefore we would be very grateful if there is anybody who could stand in on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, either playing the organ or the baby grand piano.

Our thanks to Belinda and the team at The Labouring Man who generously donated £100.00 from their first quiz night to pay for the piano at St Giles to be properly tuned, which will be done in time for our first wedding of the year in April.

We thank you for your support and we wish you all a **VERY HAPPY EASTER**

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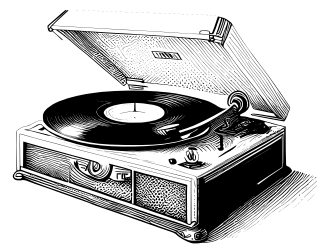
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May

Thurs 1st	RUSTINGTON	£5.00
Thurs 8th	CHICHESTER	£5.00
Thurs 15th	GARDEN CENTRE	£5.00
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Thurs 29th	CHICHESTER	£5.00

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FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL COMMUNITY BUS USERS

As usual there is a timetabled visit to a garden centre during May but many people have requested a visit to Horsham so a survey will be taken during April to see if that is the preferred option.

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WEATHER REPORT

The end of January turned cold which has continued through February and into early March with the rainfall being fairly low with a splash of 60mm over the last week of January and another 70mm again in the last week of February with no measurable rainfall in the first 17 days of March!

Too cold to have planted out anything in the Kitchen Garden as yet! Clothed the rhubarb to get early pink stems! Apple and pear trees pruned, tidied orchard, replaced rotten chicken fence posts checked fencing is fox proof! All in a day's work. And we have all had some lovely sunny days to enjoy.

Year / Month	Rainfall mm	Rainy Days	Max.Ave. Temp C	Hottest Day	Min.Ave Temp C	Coldest Day
Dec 2024	84	14	11.4	14.9	6.4	0.3
Jan 2025	133	13	8.7	12.7	1.6	-4.2
Feb 2025	95	10	9.5	15.2	2.6	-2.1
Mar 2025 17 days	0	0	13.2	18.2	1.4	-2.7

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