

# The Valley Diary

Binderton ~ Charlton ~ Chilgrove ~ East Dean ~ Singleton ~ West Dean

[www.thevalleydiary.org](http://www.thevalleydiary.org)

More of what you're looking for. Locally.

April 2024

## NOT LIKING SPIKING

**Sussex Police has a good understanding of this dangerous form of assault and is working closely with partner organisations, bars, clubs, door staff, universities and colleges in order to raise awareness and let victims know there is help and support available.**

Through the organisation 'Stamp Out Spiking' we have already purchased anti-spiking StopTopps which protect drinks from any unwanted substances and distributed these across our county. We have recently commissioned a further 250,000 to ensure we continue supplying local pubs, clubs and venues with the essential tools to keep their customers safe.

Several initiatives are being implemented so that police and partners do not become complacent in addressing this abhorrent crime. These included the police's use of dogs to sniff out drugs when people are queuing to enter night-clubs; increasing engagement through our mobile Police Hubs; and initiatives that we have supported with funding,

like our ground-breaking Night Marshals.

Through the online portal Safe Space Sussex, we now have a host of services available to support anyone who has been unfortunate enough to be a victim of a crime in Sussex, including spiking.

You can find out more about the visit and Sussex approach online via [tinyurl.com/28h99tr5](http://tinyurl.com/28h99tr5)

**Katy Bourne**  
**Sussex Police & Crime**  
**Commissioner**



## LADIES NIGHT

**Star and Garter**  
**East Dean**  
**Tuesday 9th April, 7pm**  
**All Welcome!**

### FETE SEASON!

East Dean's is on...Saturday 29th June  
2.30pm at The Old Vicarage, East Dean  
**See Page 4...**

**St Wilfrid's Hospice Moonlight Walk 2024.**  
**You gonna' have a go? See Page 16...**



Mark Astley, MNAEA  
Director

Curious about the **value** of your property?

**JACKSON-STOPS**  
PROPERTY EXPERTS SINCE 1910

To book your free, no obligation market appraisal contact Mark Astley on **01243 786316**.

[chichester@jackson-stops.co.uk](mailto:chichester@jackson-stops.co.uk)  
[jackson-stops.co.uk](http://jackson-stops.co.uk)

# The home buying experts for West Sussex



Established in 2003 with over 30 years' experience, enviable contacts and in-depth market knowledge, we offer our clients discerning independent advice acting on their behalf as their dedicated property buying agent. We are the best-kept secret in West Sussex.

jh@propertyacquisitions.co.uk  
01243 531 133

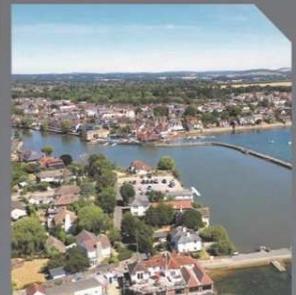
**jh.** Jennie Hancock  
Property Acquisitions

# EXPERT LETTINGS AGENTS IN SOUTH DOWNS & CHICHESTER HARBOUR PROPERTY

At Borland & Borland, Every Landlord's an Individual!



- > Flexible or Tailor-made Lettings Service
- > Fully Managed, Rent Collection, Introduction Only
- > Independent, Local, Professional & Knowledgeable



Contact us today for **FREE LETTINGS ADVICE!** Call 01243 379000, email [lettings@borlandandborland.co.uk](mailto:lettings@borlandandborland.co.uk) or visit [www.borlandandborland.co.uk](http://www.borlandandborland.co.uk)

**Borland & Borland**  
Independent Estate Agents

50° 50' 40.2" N 0° 56' 14.7" W

6 High Street, Emsworth, Hampshire PO10 7AW



Let's make financial advice *personal*

Adam Smith

Wealth Management

We recognise that talking about money and finances can be tricky. It's a personal topic. So it's reassuring to know there's someone on hand who can help you address your needs, understand your goals and realise your dreams.



Our friendly and approachable service is backed by the strength and security of a FTSE 100 company, St. James's Place Wealth Management. What's more, being local means we're here to help whenever you need us.

Get in touch for a chat

**Adam Smith** 07803 794376  
Dip CII adam.smith@sjpp.co.uk  
Principal www.adamsmithwm.co.uk

Associate Partner Practice



Adam Smith Wealth Management is an appointed representative of and represents only St. James's Place Wealth Management plc (which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) for the purpose of advising solely on the group's wealth management products and services. More details of which are set out on the group's website [www.sjpp.co.uk/products](http://www.sjpp.co.uk/products). The St. James's Place Partnership and the title Partner and Partner Practice are marketing terms used to describe St. James's Place representatives.

SJP Approved 27/02/2022

© 2022 St. James's Place

# QUIZ NIGHT

TUESDAY 30TH  
APRIL

@ The Fox Goes Free organised by the Singleton PTA  
7pm onwards  
£6 per person teams of six or less.  
Funds are being raised for school equipment and an outdoor shelter.

To book, please ring or message Emily on 07919430624.



**Stockley**  
Outdoor & Equestrian

**THE SUSSEX HOME OF OUTDOOR AND COUNTRY CLOTHING.**

10 North Street  
Midhurst GU29 9DJ  
01730 814779

Riverside Ind Est  
Littlehampton BN17 5DF  
01903 732392

@stockley\_outdoorequestrian  
STOCKLEYONLINE.CO.UK

## THE SELSEY ARMS

West Dean



**PUB \* DINING \* ACCOMMODATION**

- 5 en suite bedrooms
- Open All Day
- Spacious dining room seats up to 48
- Light & airy conservatory seats up to 24
- Catering for parties of up to 100
- Bespoke events catered for
- Serving Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
- Large patio & courtyard Garden
- Dog Friendly

Please call to book 01243 811465  
THE SELSEY ARMS  
WEST DEAN PO18 0QX  
Located on Centurion Way in the heart of the  
Lavant Valley  
[www.selseyarms-westdean.co.uk](http://www.selseyarms-westdean.co.uk)

## I'm all Ears, Grief Counselling

When we endure loss, something profound happens inside us. As if our world has been turned inside out and nothing makes sense.

Don't suffer alone. Get help!

I work with grief & loss, relationships issues, depression and anxiety.



### Vipassana Meditation at New Park Community Centre

To develop discernment, clear insight, focus and energy in the body.

Every 3rd Sunday from July 21st, 11am -1pm

Mindful sitting, walking and standing meditation, and discussions

To book a counselling session or a place in the meditation group, contact me, William via...

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

**07802 841444**

## Personal Assistant/ Companion/Carer

### Could you do with a bit of extra help at home?



**HELPING HANDS**  
Companion / Personal Assistant / Carer

**Midhurst Area**  
Kind, Experienced, DBS checked, Fully qualified graduate  
Melanie Griffin **07845 997416**

# GET THRIFTY

6 & 7 APRIL

Join us as we explore  
the art of thrift!

mending | upcycling | swapping



Find out more at [wealddown.co.uk](http://wealddown.co.uk) | 01243 811363



## Money saving and sustainability tips at the Get Thrifty Weekend

Patch it, fix it, reuse it and get the most out of it! This is how rural communities once lived to survive - there is lots we can learn from them today, to not only reduce waste but also save money and become more sustainable.



Demonstrations and interactive activities, including traditional soap making, thrifty printing workshops, the art of natural dyes and no-waste woodland management, as well as looking at the art of thrift in our Tudor Kitchen, repairing and reusing clothing 500 years ago and gardening tips. To find out more and book tickets see advert, above.



## EAST DEAN CHURCH FETE

Saturday 29th June

2.30pm

The Old Vicarage, East Dean

This year's 40th anniversary Fete is a few weeks later than normal so save the date in you diary and get ready to have a fun day in the sunshine.

As always, we welcome donations of gifts, bottles, pre-loved good condition, sellable, household items, books, clothes toys and games. There will be plant and home produce stalls and all the traditional fete stalls and attractions – all good quality contributions will be very much appreciated.

Contact Sam 07887 562473 or Susie 07825 336689 for more information!

Reminder for East Dean Residents: Our house-to-house collection will be week beginning 17th June (day to be finalised)



## CELEBRATION OF MOTORSPORT AND CAR CULTURE!

Held in the parkland surrounding Goodwood House, the **Festival of Speed** is motorsport's ultimate summer garden party. Nowhere else will you get so close to the cars and bikes as they blast up the hillclimb track; nowhere else will you enjoy such unrestricted access to the machines and the drivers who made them famous.  
[goodwood.com/motorsport/festival-of-speed](http://goodwood.com/motorsport/festival-of-speed)

## PESTFORCE

PEST & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SERVICES



For a professional, reliable and experienced service please call Lance on 07799695603 or 01243 624525  
Residential, Commercial and Agricultural  
Locally based

## Gleam Team for a Dream Clean

Call the Gleam Team for Complete House Spring Cleaning, 'New Build' Cleans or Sparkle Cleans - carried out Weekly/Fortnightly

Ironing service a speciality

07860 604849  
07825 618121

References/  
recommendations  
available on request





**SUNDAY CARVERY**  
at The Griffin

**COWDRAY PARK GOLF CLUB**

*Try our fabulous Sunday Lunch menu  
created from seasonal local produce.*



Served between 12 and 3pm  
every Sunday throughout the winter months  
Please call 01730 813599 to book your table.



**Celebrating Art and Agriculture**

Zimmer Stewart Gallery present a unique  
exhibition and talk at South Stoke Barn in  
collaboration with The Sussex Snowdrop Trust.

The exhibition 'South Stoke Idyll - A view from the barn' is  
open from **23rd to 27th  
May, 11am - 6pm.**

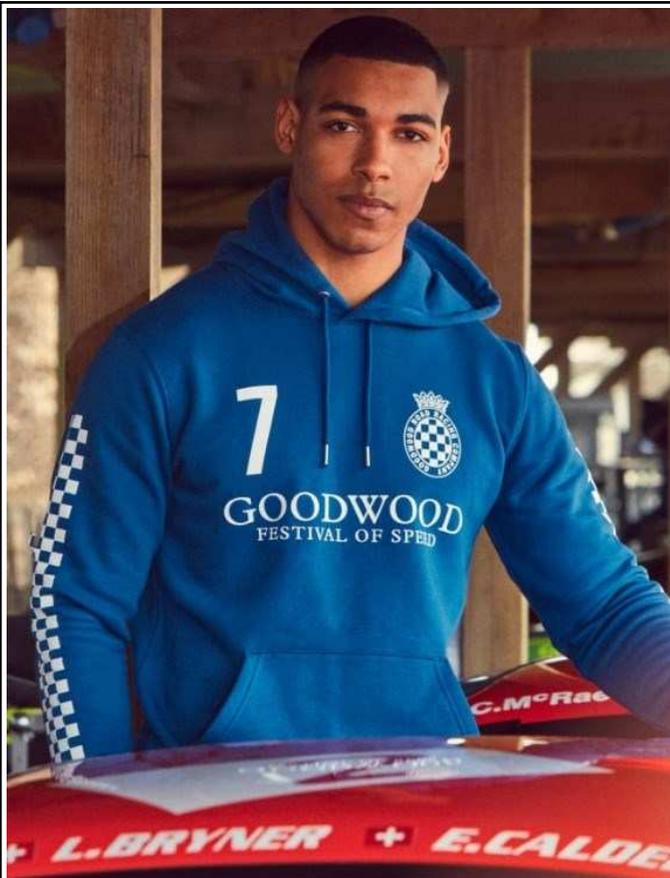


On **Friday 24th May at  
6.30pm** there will be  
a talk by Ryan Haydon,  
farmer and Adam Stead,  
artist, agriculturalist and  
researcher, with a panel  
discussion including artists

Matt Bodimeade, Nick Bodimeade and Emma Hurst, led by  
James Stewart from the Zimmer Stewart Gallery. Tickets £15,  
to include a glass of Digby Fine English fizz on arrival.

On **Sunday 26th May**, The Sussex Snowdrop Trust invites  
you to South Stoke Barn to view the exhibition and find out  
more about the farm. **Bring a picnic** - tea and cakes are  
provided from 3-5pm for a donation.

**South Stoke Barn, near Arundel, BN18 9PF**



**SPRING SALE AT THE GOODWOOD SHOP**  
SAVE UP TO 75%  
[shop.goodwood.com](http://shop.goodwood.com)

**THE VALLEY DIARY**

Published every month,  
serving the residents and  
visitors to our lovely corner  
of West Sussex with it's  
rolling hills and beautiful  
sights.

An A4 24-page magazine, printed  
professionally with lots of colour for  
all-but 20 years now.

**Regular features of local  
interest for residents and  
visitors.**

**Promoting local industry and people.  
Inviting local advertising at discounted rates.**

***Do you have something to advertise?  
We can do it for you, so why not get in  
touch. Our rates are published on our  
website and we'd be happy to talk with  
you about a free introductory month.***

So, what are you waiting for? Do get in touch! Call  
**David Mather on 07973 820877** or email...

**[editor@valleydiary.org](mailto:editor@valleydiary.org)  
[thevalleydiary.org/advertising](http://thevalleydiary.org/advertising)**





## AS GOOD AS NEW CLOTHES SALE

**Saturday 20th April  
10.30am - 2.30pm  
East Dean Village  
Hall**

**Brand new, barely worn, pre-loved and some vintage clothes along with fabulous accessories and some menswear.**

Great selection of dresses, jackets, coats, skirts, tops and trousers - all sizes - plus hats, shoes, bags etc. Many great labels. Come along on the 20th and you will definitely pick up a bargain. Cash and cheques accepted.

Entrance is £3 per person which includes a Glass of Prosecco.

Tea/Coffee, Homemade Cakes and Light Lunches will be for sale.

Even if you don't want to buy, come for a browse and a chat

Proceeds to East Dean Village Hall and local charities.

We will also be collecting for the local Foodbank so please bring along items that are in date and unopened.

## Easter at Weald & Downland Living Museum...

**Join in an Easter Egg Trail around the Museum's 40-acre site, running from now until Sunday 14th April.**



Knucker the Dragon family activities return on Tuesdays to Thursdays with Easter themed crafts, games and the chance to learn more about the history of Easter. There will also be a medieval puppet show on Monday 8 April - Friday 12 April, where families can see the story of Knucker the Dragon.

Don't miss out on hearing folklore stories about chaotic chickens and gingerbread houses from a storyteller in Walderton House and discover the Cabinet of Curiosities, where you can find all kinds of interesting items and hear about their stories.

Finally, Easter wouldn't be complete without some delicious baked treats! Watch the Museum's bakers demonstrate their skills in the historic bakehouse over the Easter weekend. There will be an opportunity to enjoy freshly baked traditional Hot Cross Buns!

**Activities vary daily. Pre-book online to save...  
[wealddown.co.uk/events/easter-holiday-activities](http://wealddown.co.uk/events/easter-holiday-activities)**

## Singleton Cricket Club - Juniors



Starts: **Saturday 11th May**  
(SCC, Sheepwash Meadow, PO18 0EX)

**Dynamos 9.30am - 10.30am - All Stars 9.45am - 10.30am**  
Sign up at [www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/register-interest](http://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars/register-interest)  
(any problems: Juniors@singletoncc.co.uk)



**GRANDWOOD  
FURNITURE**

*Visit our new showroom*

Units 2 & 3 Chilgrove Business Centre  
Chilgrove Park Road, Chilgrove PO18 9HU  
T: 07718 161009 E: [jan@grandwood.co.uk](mailto:jan@grandwood.co.uk)  
[www.grandwood.co.uk](http://www.grandwood.co.uk)

*New opening times*

Thursday and Friday 9am to 3pm  
Saturday 9.30am to 4pm

Or by appointment with Jan Palmer 07718 161009

**Brent Lodge  
Wildlife Hospital  
INSIDE THE  
WILDLIFE  
HOSPITAL IN  
APRIL**



As we enter April, our 'baby season' is well and truly upon us. As well as plenty of adult patients, we have many babies who have been found without their parents and are too young to look after themselves. We always make sure that people have double-checked over a period of time that the parents are not returning before intervening and bringing them to us, whether they've stumbled upon a nest whilst gardening or just found them out in the open. If something similar happens to you, please call for advice first.

**HELPING BRENT LODGE  
WILDLIFE HOSPITAL**

To help support the many animals in our care, we are always in great need of wet cat/kitten and dog/puppy food, newspapers (non-shiny), bird suet or seed, large black bin liners and puppy pads for our particularly young patients. Donations can be dropped off at our hospital, our charity shops, Westbourne Animal Feeds or Creative Spaces in Aldwick. Thank you.

**Please always feel free to call us if you need any advice/ assistance with wildlife enquiries or how to support us - brentlodge.org - 01243 641672**



**The Swirling Wish**

I sold a wish to the Wind, who carried it South on swirling gusts. She told the Sea who swept it away East on grey tides. The Sea gave it passage to the Depths, who pulled it down deep, and whispered it in the ears of the old gods. They pondered and partied on it, letting it fill them like sweet summer wine. There my wish lies, held close in safe-harbours, waiting for the day it is ready for the Wind to carry it back to me, where it will breathe life again into my dreams. *Jess Ashworth*

**what3words**

**Have you heard of what3words? Here is how this app helps Chichester Police.**

what3words has given every 3 metre square in the world a unique identifier made of 3 words - making the location of any emergency (999) or non-emergency (101) incident very easy to describe and share.

**To tell us the location of an incident using what3words**

1. Download the free what3words app from <https://tinyurl.com/y48cwjvk>
2. When you are at the location of the incident open the app and tap the arrow icon (iOS) or compass (Android) for your current location.
3. Dial 999 (emergency) or 101 (non-emergency) and read the 3 words displayed at the top of the app screen to the call operator.

**THIS SPACE COULD  
BE YOURS!**

£175 per year, which works out at less than £15 per month.

**Advertise your business?  
Your Service?  
Your ongoing Events?**

...and support The Valley Diary to keep going into the bargain!

**Phone David on 07973 820877 or email [editor@valleydiary.org](mailto:editor@valleydiary.org)**

**RIDEA TECHNOLOGY**  
HOME AND OFFICE TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

**Having trouble with your tech? Ed can help...**

- Desktop & Laptop PC Repair, Maintenance & Upgrade
- Home network setup and security (wired & wireless)
- Remote Support
- Virus Removal
- Training
- New & Refurbished Computers
- Laptop Screen Replacement
- Audio Visual Configuration

Tel: 01243 216121  
Email: [help@ridea.co.uk](mailto:help@ridea.co.uk)  
[WWW.RIDEA.CO.UK](http://WWW.RIDEA.CO.UK)

[www.facebook.com/rideatechnology](https://www.facebook.com/rideatechnology)  
[twitter.com/rideatechnology](https://twitter.com/rideatechnology)

**MILESTONE  
GARAGE  
COCKING  
SERVICING - REPAIRS  
MOTs - TYRES  
CAR SALES  
Courtesy Car Available  
01730 813148**

**Francis Ward**

**Plumbing & Heating Engineer**

Qualified, Registered and fully insured in

Oil boiler servicing & maintenance  
Oil tank installation  
Heating system design and install  
Swimming pool oil boilers

Solar heating systems  
Servicing  
Maintenance

Gas boilers  
Cookers  
Swimming pool gas boilers  
New installations servicing and maintenance

All aspects of heating and plumbing covered  
Electrical works undertaken by fully qualified Part P registered engineers  
Commercial & Domestic Spas and Swimming Pools service & repairs



**Bletchley Spas & Pools: Brightside, Singleton, West Sussex, PO18 0EX**

**Phone: 01243 811960**

**Mobile: 07941 039378**



## Should Have Gone To...

### A Poem by Francis

I knocked on Mr Ewc's door,  
And asked, are you Mal?  
A man pushed rudely past me,  
Not happy I could tell.

But his name was on the door,  
So maybe he's not in.  
Then another chap came out,  
Who could not help but grin.

I said, "Hello Mr Ewc,  
Or may I call you Mal.  
I'm told there is a loo near by,  
I'm desperate so please do tell."

"You've found it," said the chap,  
"Now come in and listen to me.  
There is no Mal. There's no Mr Ewc,  
The door says, MALE WC.!"

### Recipe Struck Off in a Heartbeat

#### Another Poem by Francis

We thought our veggie soup healthy,  
But the doctor seems to disagree.  
He removed some key ingredients,  
Taking the pulses from her and me.

## Chichester Harbour Rotary Club CALL MY BLUFF CHARITY WINE TASTING

Friday 10th May  
7pm - 9.30pm  
Westhampnett Community Hall

A fun and probably competitive evening blind tasting several wines to raise funds to support Sage House Dementia Hub and Rotary Charities. Enjoy a lively evening raising money for great causes.

£15 tickets include Ploughman's supper. Tickets from Jean Hardstaff..

[jeanhardstaff@btinternet.com](mailto:jeanhardstaff@btinternet.com)  
**01243 773485**

## ADVERTORIAL

We accept Advertorial from our valued advertisers, so do email in up to 250 words and we'll fit it in as and when we have space. Let's work together!  
[editor@valleydiary.org](mailto:editor@valleydiary.org)



## MOLE CATCHING

"NO MOLE, NO FEE"

## WASPS / HORNETS

CONTACT ANGUS ON  
**07828 134086**  
[WWW.ASCOUNTRYSIDESERVICES.CO.UK](http://WWW.ASCOUNTRYSIDESERVICES.CO.UK)



THE BRITISH MOLE  
CATCHERS REGISTER  
SUPPORTING TRADITIONAL EXPERTISE AND SKILLS

## TRADITIONAL

### TIMBER

### WINDOWS

Bespoke,  
hand crafted  
windows  
made here in  
the Valley



**07973 399487**

**07881 940057**

[valleytraditionalwindows@gmail.com](mailto:valleytraditionalwindows@gmail.com)

## WEST DEAN STORES & TEA ROOM

Fresh local produce to eat in or takeaway

Order when you arrive, or pre-order by phone

Local deliveries available - please contact us for more details

Bread, cakes and sandwiches • Hot and cold drinks • Fruit and vegetables • Milk and eggs  
Honey and jams • Newspapers and magazines • Greetings cards • Household essentials  
Logs and kindling • Pet foods • Card payments only



## Opening Times

Mon - Fri 08:00-17:00 Sat & Sun 08:00-16:00 Bank Holidays 08:00-16:00

West Dean Stores Ltd, West Dean, Chichester, PO18 0QY Tel: 01243 818222

[stores@westdean.org.uk](mailto:stores@westdean.org.uk) | [www.westdeanstores.co.uk](http://www.westdeanstores.co.uk)

## LAVANT MEMORIAL HALL ACTIVITIES

### LAVANT FRIENDLY CLUB

1st Wednesday at 2pm. April 3rd: Scam Presentation + Shirley Sings

### COUNTRY MUSIC CLUB

Concert 2nd Friday at 7.30pm: April 12th Capricorn (Band) £9  
Dance at Mundham: 4th Saturday 7.30pm: April 27th Hombro (Solo with backing) £7

### SHORT MAT BOWLS

Thursdays 7pm & Sundays 3pm.  
Equipment Supplied. All Welcome

**527439**

[tonybleach@talktalk.net](mailto:tonybleach@talktalk.net)

## LAVANT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY MEET IN LAVANT MEMORIAL HALL

**Wednesday 10th April** A talk by Stephen Harmer 'The Arts and Crafts Movement and its Gardens'. Pre-talk refreshments at 7pm

**Sunday 12th May** - Annual Plant Sale starts at 2pm. Come early to get summer colour for your garden.



## DID YOU OR ANYONE IN YOUR FAMILY GO TO WEST DEAN SCHOOL?

With the help of the school, local archivists & West Dean College, I am researching the history of West Dean School from the 1830s until the present day.

**Does anyone have any memorabilia from their time at the school which I could copy?**

I would like to collect any memories such as those of teachers, notable occasions, Christmas parties or sports days, lessons, school meals, wartime, school trips or journeys to school.

Thanks, Wendy Goacher  
[wendygoacher@yahoo.com](mailto:wendygoacher@yahoo.com)

## GIVE SOMETHING BACK? YOUR TIME. LEND A HAND AND STRETCH YOUR LEGS!

Can you help? A Distributor is needed to cover Bankside in Singleton. This would involve delivering 31 copies each Month starting from the School end. If you can help, please contact **Chris on 01243 811833**

## Sussex Wildlife Trust

**EBERNOE COMMON GU28 9LD:**  
Varied ancient wood pasture under conversion back to pasture

**IPING AND STEDHAM COMMONS GU29 0PB:** Some of the best reserves

[sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/](http://sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/)  
visit

**LOGS** Seasoned Firewood  
Cut and split to your requirements

**LAWN MOWING  
HEDGE CUTTING  
GARDEN CLEARANCE**  
*Personal service from a local family business*

**KEITH GOACHER**  
**01243 811746**  
**07976 740748**

**A1 autocare**  
All Aspects of General Vehicle Maintenance

Units 1 & 2, Lavant, Chichester PO18 0BW  
**01243 532630**  
[www.a1autocarechichester.co.uk](http://www.a1autocarechichester.co.uk)

**Singleton Playschool**

We are a small playschool in a beautiful rural location with access to Levin Down.

Open 8.30am – 3pm  
Term Time Only  
[www.singleton-playschool.co.uk](http://www.singleton-playschool.co.uk)  
[contact@singleton-playschool.co.uk](mailto:contact@singleton-playschool.co.uk)  
07519 913406

**JANE WALKER FORGE FLOWERS**

- Flowers for all special occasions
- Wedding and event floristry specialist
- Large selection of fresh flowers always available
- Order service available
- Local, national and international delivery service
- Christmas Wreath Workshops

[janewalkerforgeflowers.co.uk](http://janewalkerforgeflowers.co.uk)  
[forgeflowers@gmail.com](mailto:forgeflowers@gmail.com)  
01243 788484  
Stane Street, Hainaker, Chichester, PO18 0NQ

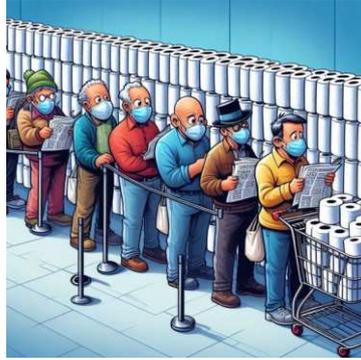
**LOLLIPOP**  
A TREAT TO PRINT  
PRINTING, DESIGN & SIGNAGE

**Business Stationery** - Letterheads and Business Cards  
**Promotional Displays** - Banners and Site Signage  
**Marketing Products** - Leaflets and Brochures  
**Transactional Items** - Books and Pads

5 Phoenix Business Centre, Spur Road, Quarry Lane, Chichester PO19 8PN  
01243 78 22 99 [chichester@lollipopprint.co.uk](mailto:chichester@lollipopprint.co.uk) [www.lollipopprint.co.uk](http://www.lollipopprint.co.uk)

## STRANGE TIMES...

March 20th 2024. Four years ago today was the last evening drinking in the Star and Garter before lockdown started. Naturally we all took it very seriously and did our level best to drink the place dry! At any rate those of us that were in there did; some people were taking it seriously, and so weren't in there. As we tipped out the last toast that evening was "See you on the other side!" Deliberately ambiguous; did we mean the other side of lockdown or the other side of the veil? Remember, at the time no-one was sure whether this was the start of the new Black Death or a lot of fuss about a nasty cold.



A couple of weeks before that the Prime Minister was not taking it seriously, at first making a point of continuing to shake hands with people before conceding to theatrically nudging elbows in greeting. Boris, who'd been elected three months earlier as a cavalier libertarian who liked to get things done (with "no more dither and delay!") was forced to rule as a killjoy puritan, telling everyone they had to "stay at home". To emphasise how serious it was, he took to doing nightly addresses to the nation, flanked by Chris Whitty and Jonathan Van-Tam, deferring to them as we were now being "led by the science". So some of the nation responded by stripping the shops of toilet rolls, pasta and tinned tomatoes - keep calm and carry on it wasn't!

Then came markers outside of shops at two metre intervals to keep people an entirely arbitrary distance apart; in East Street Chichester there were green dots to mark the queue for Marks and Spencer, although the line had to kink into the middle of the road to avoid clashing with the red dots for the Halifax queue next door, but not so far across as to bump into the blue dots for Barclays, opposite. People were encouraged to go out for a walk each day (but only one) although officials taped off park benches to stop them sitting down. The Police moved people on who dared to sit on the grass; in the Peak District two people were arrested for driving out into the countryside to walk their dog, well away from anybody else!

After closing the catering industry the government then decided to reopen it, and so came "Eat Out to Help Out" whereby if you went out for dinner they'd pay half the bill! Jolly good idea, except it led to a spike in infections (the R rate - remember the R rate? Everyone used to talk about the R rate) which led to a second lockdown. And then came the final absurdity; it was decided that it would be ok to have a drink in a pub as long as you had a substantial meal with it. Cue an argument as to whether a Scotch egg constituted a substantial meal, with one government spokesman saying it did and another one saying it didn't!

And then came the vaccines, for once a genuine British success, marred only by a few people who got it into their heads that the whole thing was an elaborate ruse by Bill Gates to inject everyone with microchips. Why he want to do that was never explained, but it doesn't seem that far fetched, given all that stuff that had just happened! **Tim Weeks**

## THIS SPACE COULD BE YOURS!

£175 per year, which works out at less than £15 per month.

**Advertise your business?  
Your Service?  
Your ongoing Events?**

...and support The Valley Diary to keep going into the bargain!

**Phone David on 07973 820877 or  
email [editor@valleydiary.org](mailto:editor@valleydiary.org)**

THE  
MILK  
HUT  
IDES BARN  
ORGANIC DAIRY



The Milk Hut offers fresh organic milk from our on-farm vending machine. Our milk is gently pasteurised and available in reusable glass bottles. Come and visit us and enjoy fresh organic milk and milkshakes, open 7am - 7pm every day. We look forward to seeing you. Ides Barn, Droke Farm, East Dean



The Internal Athlete™

training body and mind for life

private tuition, classes, workshops  
& retreats

Antonia: Body Control Pilates®  
matwork master teacher, Back4Good®  
practitioner

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

Sam: Tai Chi, Qigong, meditation  
and martial development

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

**Home**  
IS WHERE THE

**Bespoke Care**

IS

**Affordable personal care in your own home**  
**Provided by a small team of experienced carers.**  
**Tailored to suit your needs.**

For more information please call Victoria on

**07733449433 or 01243811340**

# The Valley Parish

[www.thevalleyparish.org](http://www.thevalleyparish.org)

[www.facebook.com/ValleyParish](https://www.facebook.com/ValleyParish)

## Children's Church



Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

11am at West Dean

Inc. Bible Story, activities and music.  
Coffee and Cake available before the  
service

## Times and Places

7<sup>th</sup> April 10am Holy Communion  
from the Book of  
Common Prayer  
(Said service)  
East Dean

14<sup>th</sup> April 10am Holy Communion  
Singleton

21<sup>st</sup> April 10am Holy Communion  
West Dean

28<sup>th</sup> April 10am Said Service of Holy  
Communion  
West Dean

11am Children's Church  
West Dean

## STANDING THE TEST OF TIME

### Preserving our Heritage

Look out for regular updates in the Valley  
Diary, as well as details of forthcoming  
events.

Although we have raised enough to restore  
the windows in Singleton, we still need  
funds to repair and restore the churches in  
East Dean and West Dean.

### Contacts -

**Parish Priest** – Rev Sarah Manouch: [priestvalleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:priestvalleyparish@gmail.com), 07468 854864  
(principal working days are Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Not available on Thursday)

### Churchwarden

Mrs Wendy Goacher – 01243 811641 / [wendygoacher@yahoo.com](mailto:wendygoacher@yahoo.com)

### PCC Secretary

Susie Holmes - [pccsecretaryvalleyparish@gmail.com](mailto:pccsecretaryvalleyparish@gmail.com)

# The Diary

Here's a quick overview of what's actually going on, in and around the villages of the Lavant Valley in the coming months. Do please let us know if we've missed anything and we'll add it next time for the benefit of all.

## www.thevalleydiary.org

### April 2024

**Sat 6th & Sun 7th** Get Thrifty Weekend: Weald & Downland Museum

**Mon 8th** Community Cafe: Singleton Village Hall: 10.30am

**Tue 9th** Ladies Night: Star & Garter: 7pm

**Wed 10th** Live Music at The Fox Goes Free: Willie Austin: 8pm

**Mon 15th** East Dean Parish Council AGM: 7pm, Meeting: 7.30pm: East Dean Village Hall

**Wed 18th** WI: Nicola Court on Madge Turner: Singleton Village Hall: 7pm

**Sat 20th** As Good As New Clothes Sale: East Dean Village Hall: 10.30am - 2.30pm

**Sun 21st** Season Finale Pub Quiz: Star & Garter: 7pm

**Mon 22nd** The Valley Diary Copy Deadline: 12.00hrs (Noon)

**Sat 27th** VGC Spring Show: East Dean Village Hall

**Sun 28th** Tom Brown Gardening Event: Upwaltham Barns: 2pm

**Tue 30th** Singleton School Quiz Night: The Fox Goes Free: 7pm

### May 2024

**Mon 13th** Community Cafe: Singleton Village Hall: 10.30am

**Tue 15th** West Dean Parish Council Annual Meeting: 7pm, AGM: 7.30pm

**Wed 16th** WI: Rachel from Carruthers Waste Prevention: East Dean Village Hall: 7pm

**Sat 18th & Sun 19th** GoodWoof 2024

**Thu 16th** VGC East Dean Garden Safari

**Mon 20th** Singleton & Charlton Parish Council Meeting & Annual Meeting: Singleton Cricket Club: 7pm

### June 2024

**Thu 6th** D-Day 80th Anniversary Tea Party: West Dean

**Mon 10th** Community Cafe: Singleton Village Hall: 10.30am

**Wed 20th** WI: Tractor & Trailer Ride: East Dean Village Hall: 7pm

**Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd** The Power of Plants & Flowers: Weald & Downland Museum

**Sat 29th** East Dean Fete: The Old Vicarage: 2.30pm

### July 2024

**Mon 8th** Community Cafe: Singleton Village Hall: 10.30am

**Thu 11 - 14th** Goodwood Festival of Speed

**Mon 15th** East Dean Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm: East Dean Village Hall

**Wed 18th** Singleton & Charlton PC Meeting: Singleton Hall: 7pm

Deadline for the...

### May 2024 Edition

All information for to arrive by **12.00hrs (Noon)** please on...

### Monday 22nd April

**editor@valleydiary.org**

*Submissions, news, reviews, event information, photos and anything you have to share with your community should arrive **as soon as possible**.*

## The Team

**Ted Salmon, Editor & Accounts**  
editor@valleydiary.org, 07903 017910

**David Mather, Advertising**  
davidmathero@gmail.com, 01243 774385,  
07973 820877

**Chris Kelly, Distribution**  
chriskelly7043@yahoo.co.uk, 01243 811833

### The Distribution Team

**East Dean:** Tim Weeks, Wendy Heather  
**Charlton:** Penny Buchan, Valerie Tapley  
**Singleton:** Penny Spence, Jane Penny, Elaine Kelly, Judy Fathers, Gay Godfrey, Vicky Gillespie

**West Dean:** Tony Boxall, Sandra Muggerridge, Micky Johns, Carol Corbett

**Binderton:** Barbara Boxall

**Goodwood:** Tony Boxall

**Lavant:** Sheila Sims

**Chichester:** Penny Buchan

**The legal bit:** We (The Valley Diary Team) make every effort to ensure the accuracy of entries & adverts in The Valley Diary (TVD). Content is based on the latest info at the time of printing. This may change. Every effort will be made to circulate info as soon as possible in subsequent editions. This edition will not be reprinted and re-circulated if any details change during its period of validity. In no circumstances can TVD accept any liability for loss and damage which may arise or result from any error in or omission of any entry or advert whether relating to wording, space, position, artwork, or telephone number. TVD is not an agent for any Business or individual within its pages and is unable to vouch for advertising claims, professional qualifications, trade certifications, membership of trade association or content of web sites whose addresses may be shown in individual entries or adverts published anywhere within its pages. TVD advises readers to satisfy themselves as to the type of goods or services offered or qualifications held by the businesses or individuals appearing in its pages. In short, we're grateful to advertisers for providing funds to keep The Valley Diary going but cannot be held liable in any way by readers if advertisers don't live up to their claims and we won't get involved in any dispute between advertisers in TVD and their customers. Lastly, we don't publish anonymous submissions and contributor articles remain exclusively the views of the author. They are not endorsed by, and don't necessarily reflect the views of, the volunteer editorial team at The Valley Diary.

**Got something to add to the Diary? Please let us know.**

*Lots more dates and events can be found in the Diary Online at...*

...thevalleydiary.org/  
diary

**J W SMITH**  
**CHIMNEY &**  
**LOG BURNER SWEEP**

CHIMNEY SWEEPS (Power Sweep & Vacuum System)  
CAMERA SYSTEM USED | BIRD NEST REMOVAL  
STOVE MAINTENANCE FULLY INSURED AND CERTIFICATED  
CALL NOW **07769 211143** **NCSSA**

www.jwsmithchimneysweep.co.uk

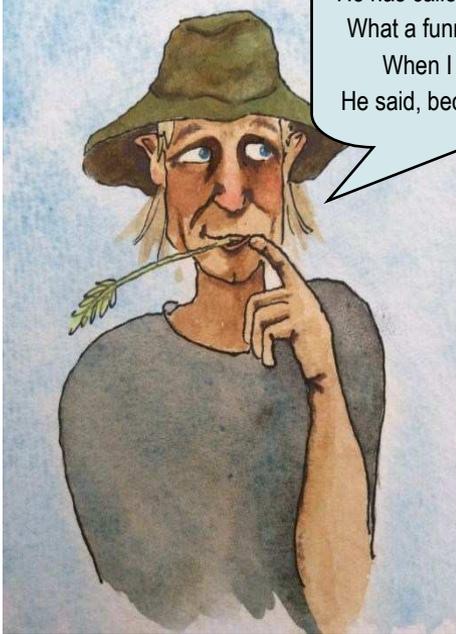
# Useful Telephone Numbers

CDC Councillor, Henry Potter	07792 857973
East Dean Football Club	07944 036709
East Dean PC Clerk	07712 647511
East Dean Village Hall	07785 740625
Goodwood Security	07909 876823
Lavant Road Doctors Surgery	01243 527264
Lavant Road Pharmacy	01243 380185
Local Police	101
Singleton Fete	01243 818037
Singleton Parish Clerk	07702 240126
Singleton School	01243 811679
Singleton Tearooms	01243 811899
Singleton Village Hall	TBA
Weald & Downland Museum: Office	01243 811363
Weald & Downland Museum: Shop	01243 811020
West Dean College	01243 818300
West Dean Fete	01243 811247
West Dean Gardens	01243 818318
West Dean PC Clerk	07596 884847
West Dean School	01243 811247
West Dean Stores	01243 818222

# Lineage Ads.

**FOOTPATH WARDEN** Clive Jackson, 07740 308125  
**HOME FOOT CARE** 01243 811442.  
**DOG GROOMING - SMART DOGS** Lesley Pollard 811805  
**PILATES CLASSES** Jo, 07917 177404  
**FERNS RESTORATIVE YOGA** 818058  
**STANDBY NANNY** Josie, 07747 867652  
**PAINTER AND DECORATOR** Arthur, 07936 082626  
**YOGA WITH CARA** 07787 512283  
**YOGA WITH JACQUI** 01243 535223, 07854 441010  
**YOGA WITH KATIE** Tel. Tel 07918 757758  
**REGISTERED NURSE** Dawn, 07876 796034  
**PAINTER** Shaf 07706 105526  
**PLUMBER** Peter 07825 268317  
**DOG GROOMING** Leandra 07944 788727  
**BUILDER** James 07788 532135  
**TAXI** 778499  
**REGIONAL GARDEN TIDYING** Please call 08000 468137  
**MOBILE CAR WASHING SERVICE** Stuart, 07568 377302, stuartburn@icloud.com  
**SEAMSTRESS** Sewing, repairs and Alterations. Melissa Hillman 07391 184605, 936304. Please ask for a quote  
**IRONING SERVICE** 531138 or 07773 009241  
**FETCH DOG WALKING** Canine specialist dog Walker, Helen Ferrell, 07765 577290

## Albert says...



He has called his house Lautrec, What a funny name to choose. When I asked him why, He said, because it's got 2 loos.

## Register of Local...



**Trundlers** Charlton - ask another Helen 01243 811686  
**Hunters Lodge**, Lavant - or indeed another Helen! 01243 532415 - 07788 663712  
 B&B - Ring **Sophie** on 01243 811465  
**The Folly**, Charlton on 01243 811307 - ask Joan or David  
**Harper's Cottage**, East Lavant. Ring Caroline 01243 278659  
**Flint Cottage**, 47 Mid Lavant, Lavant Road, PO18 0AA: Sue Kemble 01243 785883 / 07814903541  
**The Shepherds Barn**, Chilgrove: Lucy 07775 934999  
[www.shepherdsbarnsussex.co.uk](http://www.shepherdsbarnsussex.co.uk)  
**The Blue Bell**, Cocking: 01730 239669  
**The Nest**, Singleton: Self-Contained Accommodation: Julie 07887 943523  
**Barnfield**, Heyshot, Tessa: 07789 888004



THE  
**STAR & GARTER**  
 COUNTRY INN WITH ROOMS  
 EAST DEAN

The Star & Garter is a gorgeous country inn, which nestles in the South Downs National Park, at the heart of the Goodwood Estate.

FOR TABLE BOOKINGS AND ROOM RESERVATIONS CONTACT:

**01243 811318**

INFO@THESTARANDGARTER.CO.UK  
 WWW.THESTARANDGARTER.CO.UK

f t i #followthestar





**Chichester Fringe announces its 2024 line-up!**

The Fringe is back! This year, the Fringe will be packing 70+ performers and over 50 shows into 2 weeks, from Friday 31 May to Saturday 15 June. There will be an exciting range of performances, from circus, theatre, music, comedy and musicals, through to drag and cabaret.

This year's fringe programme kicks off with the return of New Theatre Night, at One-O-Four, The Hornet, on 31 May featuring 4 short theatre pieces including Kitchen Sink Productions, Emma True, Steven Finley and Jack Stone. Brand new shows also take over New Park Centre's Studio throughout the Fringe, from poetry to drag, as well as stand up comedy from comedians including: Farah Sharp, Phil Green, Natalie Bryce, Ben Ashurst and more. In the Roundhill Picture Palace, a magical 13 seater space, witness some unique magic from The Crooked Croupier and Mark Flynn on various dates throughout the Fringe!

Chichester City Arts Centre will host a variety of shows between 8-9 June and back by popular demand is Epic Comedy and The Chichester Fringe New Comedy Act of the Year Competition 2024! 20 comedians from Sussex, Hampshire and Surrey will be competing to become Chichester Fringe's New Act of the Year!

4 new venues have been added this year: New Park Centre, The Picture Palace, The Taco Box, The Guildhall in Priory Park (run by The Novium Museum) and The Old Court Room in the City Council Building. The ever-popular Chichester Canal Cafe, Richmond boat, Draper's Yard, Chichester City Arts Centre and One O Four, The Hornet are all returning this year for a host of exciting events throughout the Fringe, totalling 10 venues across the city.

Tickets for Chichester Fringe go on sale soon, with prices starting at as little as £5, and some events are free: [chichesterfringe.co.uk/whats-on](http://chichesterfringe.co.uk/whats-on)

**CHICHESTER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

**CHICHESTER** Wednesday 3rd April: Illustrated Talk by Michael Blencowe on 'The Log Walk Home' at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester: Entrance members free/visitors £2: 01243 786079: wheelchair access

**RSPB Zoom Meeting**

Thursday 18 April: Hilary McGuire on 'RSPB Forest of Bowland Wader Conservation Project: Meeting starts at 7pm: The talks are free to all RSPB Chichester Local Group members and £4 each to non-members. Places are limited, so please book your place in advance: Rob Yarham: 07545 376074: [chichesterbirds@gmail.com](mailto:chichesterbirds@gmail.com)

**The MULBERRIES**

**PAGHAM** Saturday 27th April: The Mulberries present Sweeney Todd a 50's - 00s tribute band, at the Pagham Village Hall, Pagham Road, Pagham at 7.30pm: Tickets in advance £9 on 07833 971620 or 01243 262833: Bring your own food and drink: Wheelchair access: Proceeds to local charities

**Maria Wildman**  
01243 262833  
[thewildthings2@outlook.com](mailto:thewildthings2@outlook.com)

**Jonathan Rogers, NDH  
WOODLAND AND  
GARDEN WORKS**

Over forty years' experience in all aspects of soft landscaping, from one off garden renovation to regular garden maintenance. I have recently moved to the area and would be happy to discuss and quote for your garden needs.

**07790 622128**  
[clarejon.rogers@gmail.com](mailto:clarejon.rogers@gmail.com)

Full Public Liability Insurance.  
References Available on Request.

**PRIVATE LIVE-IN  
CARER AVAILABLE**

**Fully Trained  
17 Years Experience  
DBS Checked  
Driving Licence  
References**

**07851 632614**  
[charmaine\\_belcher@yahoo.com](mailto:charmaine_belcher@yahoo.com)

**Peter Roberts CTA ATT**  
Chartered Tax Adviser

*Formerly a Tax Adviser for a local leading firm of Chartered Accountants for many years, now a sole practitioner providing:*

- Personal self-assessment tax return completion
- Personal tax reviews
- General personal tax compliance
- Quick, efficient and personal service including home visits at no extra cost

Telephone: 01243 773580  
Mobile: 07939 819364

Email: [prpersonaltax@btinternet.com](mailto:prpersonaltax@btinternet.com)  
Website: [www.prpersonaltax.co.uk](http://www.prpersonaltax.co.uk)



**An award-winning Chartered Building Company with a well-deserved reputation for professionalism, reliability, high quality craftsmanship and project management skills.**

**Experienced in all types of building projects, from large commercial to sensitive renovation of listed buildings, bespoke new-builds, extensions and refurbishments.**

Hungerdown, Brittens Lane, Fontwell,  
West Sussex BN18 0ST Telephone 01243 542056  
Email [martin@msbc.uk.com](mailto:martin@msbc.uk.com) [www.msbc.uk.com](http://www.msbc.uk.com)



**Funeral Service • Memorial Masons**

For more information please contact James or Stephen Reynolds:

43 Spitalfield Lane  
Chichester PO19 6SG  
Tel: 01243 773311

27 - 31 High Street  
Bognor Regis PO21 1RR  
Tel: 01243 864745

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



**Global Accessibility Awareness Day: Raising the Profile With 4Sight Vision Support...**

Learn more about digital accessibility while celebrating Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD) on Thursday 16th May. The purpose of GAAD is to get everyone talking, thinking and learning about digital access and inclusion, and the more than one billion people worldwide with disabilities/impairments.

The GAAD Foundation's mission is "To disrupt the culture of technology and digital product development to include accessibility as a core requirement." They demand that "Someone with a disability must be able to experience web-based services, content and other digital products with the same successful outcome as those without disabilities. This awareness and commitment to inclusion is the goal of Global Accessibility Awareness Day (GAAD), a global event that shines a light on digital access and inclusion for people with disabilities."

4 Sight Vision Support has a dedicated Accessible Technology Specialist who supports and advises visually impaired clients on how current technology such as smartphones, computers, tablets, and smart speakers can be made more accessible. Advice can also be provided about the digital services available that can assist with day to day life.

To find out more about digital accessibility for you, or someone you know, call 4SVS on 01243 828555 or visit [www.4sight.org.uk](http://www.4sight.org.uk) For more details about GAAD visit [accessibility.day](http://accessibility.day)

The meeting of the Singleton and East Dean WI was held on Thursday 21st March in East Dean Village Hall. The March meeting is usually our Annual General Meeting, which aside from official business matters, gives us all the chance to reflect on the previous year and look forward to the next.

# The WI Report

Over the past 12 months we have had some fascinating talks, fabulous outings (Windsor just after the coronation being a particular highlight) and two amazing parties. We adopted our accounts for the year and said goodbye to our Treasurer, Sue Farman, who has held the role for a number of years; which she has managed with supreme patience and grace! Sue will remain very much an active part of our WI, but we are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed. We move forwards with a strong committee, a healthy bank balance and, as the oldest WI in the country, a healthy membership of ladies in the valley (and beyond!)

If you are thinking of joining (or coming along to see what we do) then I can let you know that we have an wonderful line up of speakers in the next 12 months (including subjects - as a sneak preview - such as, Plants to Stay Well, Historic Ship Commanders and Henry James's Mexican Home - as well as a trip to Bletchley park and our summer and Christmas parties). A special mention to Janet Holt for her hard work and dedication in planning our wonderful diary. Please do get in touch if you would like to come along and be a part of the largest women's organisation in the country.

In the meantime, I would personally like to thank every one of the ladies of the Singleton and East Dean WI for their dedication to the teas, the baking, the birthday posies, the hearty singing and for being a part of one of the most fabulous groups of women I know.  
**Zoe, [zk.mann@icloud.com](mailto:zk.mann@icloud.com), 07770 822067**



## MOBILE POST OFFICE

**THE SELSEY ARMS at WEST DEAN**

**MONDAYS: 12.30pm to 2pm  
THURSDAYS: 12.30pm to 2pm**

**THE PARTRIDGE INN at SINGLETON**

**MONDAYS 2pm to 3.15pm**

*Mobile Postmaster, Operating from Grayshot, 01428 604401 - 07484 526779*

## ROGER GUNN

**Garden Machinery**

**Sales & Service Specialist**

Showroom & Workshop

Located at Binderton Nr Lavant

**Main dealers for many makes**

**Fast reliable service**

**Advice & Discounted machines**

**Part exchange taken**

**Collection & delivery offered**

See website

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

**01243 786003**



**GOSS MINI SKIPS LTD**  
**[skiphire@live.co.uk](mailto:skiphire@live.co.uk)**



Skips delivered and collected on small lorries to access most properties. Friendly and reliable local drivers.



If you require help or advice on you waste needs or requirements call Godfrey on the number's below he will be happy to help.

**Local family run waste transfer station, based in Duncton.**  
**Mini & Midi skips available, prices on request.**

**Call us – tel 01730 817750 – mob 07979 820932**

## THE BOOK SHED

*Singleton Village Hall*

Now Open...

**Tuesdays and Thursdays  
10am to 4pm**

Access is through the side gate and is the first shed on the right.

The books are free for you to keep or return.

If you have any books you wish to donate please place them on the shelves.

## Moonlight Walk 2024

Take on a walk to remember this June! St Wilfrid's Moonlight Walk returns this June 15th for the local community to get involved and raise funds for their local community hospice. This event sees hundreds of people gather on Chichester College playing field, donning the Moonlight Walk event t-shirts and enjoying a great atmosphere. Walkers then take on a 5 or 10 mile walk around the local area, under the moonlight. By taking part and fundraising, you will help raise vital funds to allow St Wilfrid's Hospice to continue providing expert palliative care and compassion to local lives suffering with life-limiting illnesses. Get your tickets at [www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight](http://www.stwh.co.uk/moonlight)

## More than a Shop

Want to make a purchase that actually makes a difference to the local community? St Wilfrid's Hospice has 12 shops and an online shop that offers affordable, pre-loved items. By purchasing from one of their charity shops, you will be helping fund the end-of-life care provided by the Hospice, making a difference to local lives in the community. Whether it's refreshing your wardrobe, looking for some new furniture or simply buying a few trinkets, whatever you purchase from a St Wilfrid's shop will help give care to someone in need. Find your nearest shop at [www.stwh.co.uk/shops](http://www.stwh.co.uk/shops)

## Gifts in Wills

Did you know, gifts left in Wills pay for 1 in 4 of St Wilfrid's patient's care? As an independent local charity, St Wilfrid's only receives a small amount of funding from the NHS, so the majority of the Hospice running costs are paid for thanks to the generosity of our local community. Leaving a gift in your Will, whether big or small, helps the Hospice to continue providing expert care and compassion to local lives suffering with a life-limiting illness. Learn more about leaving a gift in your Will at [www.stwh.co.uk/gifts-in-wills](http://www.stwh.co.uk/gifts-in-wills)

## The benefits of acting quickly in the popular South Downs...

**The property market is still in demand in the South Downs, but there is a lack of available stock. This has resulted in property owners being aware of the benefits of having a "chain free buyer", which I will explain in this blog post.**

If buyers are able to purchase a home without the need to sell another, they would be considered to be a chain free buyer. Many require a mortgage however, but as buying agents we act for the best purchasers who are cash rich or with no related sale.

Now four years on from the pandemic where the market was exceptionally buoyant with a rush to the countryside, we are still finding there is an enormous draw to the South Downs National Park. Demand is outweighing supply once again as we head to the traditional busy spring market.

We believe we are seeing a change now because competition for good quality country houses in sought after villages has gone from strength to strength. In the thirty plus years that I have been involved in the industry, we have not seen anything quite like the shortage of available properties.

In order for buyers to strengthen their position, buyers are realising they become very attractive to sellers especially if they do not need to sell first or raise funds, putting them at an advantage over other purchasers.

**Head for [tinyurl.com/actquicklysouthdowns](http://tinyurl.com/actquicklysouthdowns) for the rest of this article from Jennie Hancock of [propertyacquisitions.co.uk](http://propertyacquisitions.co.uk) where she sites some reasons why sellers prefer chain free buyers.**



## Kingley Vale Lime and Flint

Suppliers of lime, flint and specialist building materials

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

[info@kingleyvallimeandflint.co.uk](mailto:info@kingleyvallimeandflint.co.uk)

01243 767828/07557 515314

## L. WEST & SON

CARPENTRY & JOINERY SPECIALISTS

We deal with all aspects of carpentry & joinery, including bespoke windows, doors, staircases, cabinets & more. Please get in touch to discuss your requirements.

*New Barn, Newhouse Lane, East Dean, Nr. Chichester, PO18 0NJ*

Tel: 01243 811354 E-mail: [sales@lwestandson.co.uk](mailto:sales@lwestandson.co.uk)

Website: [www.lwestandson.co.uk](http://www.lwestandson.co.uk)



## Eliminate Moss Mould Lichen

For FREE visit and spraying service quote

Contact: Max Thompson

Mobile: 07570 599501

email: [maxthompson1@gmail.com](mailto:maxthompson1@gmail.com)

NO pressure washing

NO lasting damage to surfaces

For use on:

Concrete, Paving, Wooden Decks, Fences, Roofs, Exterior Cladding & Marine (any external surface)

*Ideal spraying times, Spring & Autumn*  
We spray using a natural ECO-friendly product

Contains NO bleach or caustic materials

NOT poisonous to plants or animals  
(UK approved)

# West Dean Parish Council

## March Meeting Summary...

### HIGHWAYS

We have ongoing issues regarding the **deterioration and erosion of the road edges on Grinch Lane** (road to Colworth Farm). This is now in the hands of WSCC Highways due to both us as a Parish Council and the Fire Service agreeing that, in bad weather, a full-size appliance would not be able to reach properties and businesses at the top of the road.

Grant funding of £20,036.32 has been received from Operation Watershed to carry out the next phase of **drainage works on the B2141** (Chilgrove Road).

### COUNCILLORS' REPORT

A summary of reports from our District and County Councillor are available on our website.

### TRAFFIC/ROAD UPDATE

The **SID** was in its new location and has captured the usual high speeds of 60-80mph in the 30mph zone. Members discussed that Singleton PC was lobbying for a 20mph zone on the A286; we are waiting for an update.

The **Traffic Regulation Order consultation** has ended for Binderton. The new speed limits should be operational any time now. The size of the new signs was discussed as was the hope for new line markings being painted as part of the scheme.

### CEMETERY

It was agreed that an independent Memorial Stability Tester would be contracted to carry out work at the Cemetery and St Andrews Churchyard at a cost of £425 + VAT. This work is valid for 5 years.

### D-DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY

It has been agreed to celebrate this important day on Saturday 8th June at The Selsey Arms. As well as an afternoon tea party the event will include various activities, competitions, fun and games. It was agreed that a flag and pole would be purchased to commemorate this event; discussions about where it could be flown are still to be finalised.

### CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed to **apply for a portrait** of King Charles III.

It was agreed that the **bus shelter** was structurally sound but that the surrounding area needs tidying up and the bench will be replaced.

A request for **village maps**, identifying house numbers, has been agreed. New maps will be placed outside West Dean Stores and at each of the bus shelters.

### DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15th May 2024 at West Dean College, starting at 7pm with the Annual Parish Meeting, including representatives from West Dean CofE Primary School, followed by the Parish Council Meeting and AGM at 7:30pm. All members of the public are welcome.

## Forward to, That Pesky Fly

### By our Poet, Francis

Despite the age we've reached,  
Every year we make time,  
To fit in, at least once,  
A Christmas pantomime.

And we have noticed of late,  
What makes us laugh so merry,  
Is that ridiculous sound,  
Of blowing a loud raspberry.

This brought to mind a rhyme,  
That I definitely did not write.  
Performed by the late Milligan,  
A hero of mine was Spike.

So, \*\*\*\*\* is a blown raspberry,  
Which you must do I pray.  
Blow as hard as you can,  
When the following verse you say.

### That Pesky Fly

*There was a little fly,  
Who lived in a grocer's store.  
He \*\*\*\*\* on the ceiling,  
And he \*\*\*\*\* on the floor.  
He \*\*\*\*\* on the bacon,  
And he \*\*\*\*\* on the jam.  
And he \*\*\*\*\* on the head,  
Of the little grocer man.*

*The little grocer man,  
Got out his spraying gun.  
He said, "I'll get that fly,  
Before the day is done."  
But before you could count,  
From one to ten.  
The little fly went \*\*\*\*\*  
On the grocer man again!*

I will give a free copy of my book, **Down on Red Bucket Farm** to the first person who spots me out and about, (not at home) before 30th April and quotes to me, word perfect, The Fly poem.

**Francis**



**Dismantling & Felling  
Crown Thinning & Reducing  
Removal of Deadwood  
Pruning  
Hedge Cutting  
Stump Grinding**

*Full public liability - Certified Arborist  
Free Estimates and Advice*



brushwoodtreeservices@gmail.com

**07763 844422**

**Oh look - here's another one...**

**THIS SPACE COULD  
BE YOURS!**

£175 per year, which works out at less than £15 per month.

**Advertise your business? Your Service? Your ongoing Events?**

...and support The Valley Diary to keep going into the bargain!

**Phone David on 07973 820877 or  
email editor@valleydiary.org**

## PETWORTH HOUSE

### Spring Festival

Spring Festival at Petworth continues, with talks, demonstrations, art and craft workshops, family activities, a community art installation and an enhanced display of radiant daffodils. The festival runs until 14th April. Normal admission applies. Details of talks and workshops can be found on the website.

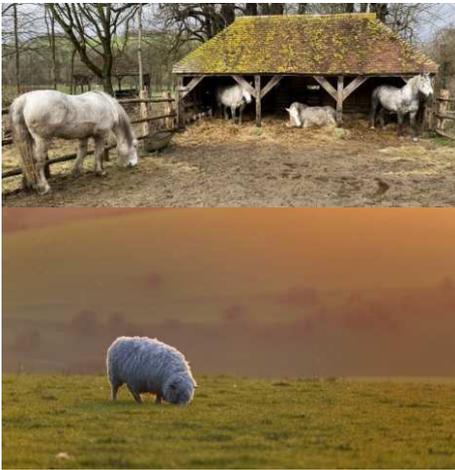
### Spring Family Trail

Discover games and activities for all ages along the buggy-friendly paths of the Pleasure Garden on our family trail and look out for six sculptures inspired by nature. Until 14th April. Pick up a free map on arrival, normal admission applies.

### Drop-in Family Crafts

Join us in the Battery House any time between 10.30am - 3.30pm for spring-themed craft activities: **Wednesday 3rd – Saturday 6th April:** Design your own mini spring wreath. **Sunday 7th – Wednesday 10th April:** Design your own Cherry Blossom greeting card or bookmark. All materials will be provided. £3 per child.

[nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/petworth](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/sussex/petworth)



### LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME (FOR A DONATION TO CHARITY)

Beautiful wooden beehive compost bin. Help save the planet by recycling your kitchen and garden waste in this 3281 capacity bin.

A practical garden that provides you with great compost to use in your own garden and vegetable patch.

Opening hinged roof, removable panel at the base to assist compost removal and spaced side slats to allowing excellent air circulation which is important to make good compost. 15mm kiln-dried Fir timber, water proof natural wood finish, 740mm width x 740mm depth x 800mm height Approx 328 litre.

**Clare Bennett**

07771 982631

[clare@tantrumclara.co.uk](mailto:clare@tantrumclara.co.uk)

FINESSE  
WOODEN  
FLOORS



SUPPLY / INSTALL / RESTORE

Specialists in installations of new wooden floors and complete renovation, sanding and re-finishing of existing wooden floors.

M: 07939 254998

T: 01243 681066

E: [info@finessewoodenfloors.co.uk](mailto:info@finessewoodenfloors.co.uk)

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

Local, reliable and friendly service.

Free estimates

PROPER LOCAL RADIO

**V2 RADIO  
SUSSEX**

TUNE IN TODAY

**RADIO FOR  
CHICHESTER**

DAB | APP | SMART SPEAKER | ONLINE

*KLE*

*Decorators Ltd*

*Finest Quality Decorating*

All Areas of Painting & Decorating  
Undertaken.  
Finished to the Highest of Standards.

*Kyle Edwards*

[kledecorators@gmail.com](mailto:kledecorators@gmail.com)

**07880 317071**

### East Dean VILLAGE HALL

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

*Ideal for celebrations, fitness classes, meetings, parties and wedding receptions. Can accommodate 80 standing/60 seated. Fully equipped professional kitchen, outside grass area with stunning views, car park for up to 15 cars. Disabled access.*



SIMON PATERSON

*Furniture Restoration*

Over 25 years  
experience



West Dean College  
Distinction

For confident restoration of  
antique furniture, clocks  
boulle and marquetry

Phone Simon on:

**01243 811900**





**1st Prize... Donated to Church Funds  
2nd... Derek & Paula Speer, East Dean  
3rd... Jim Buckland, Boxgrove**

**100 CLUB**

On a bitterly cold morning in East Dean Church, three gentlemen were the lucky winners in the March draw sharing prize money of £105. The snowdrops in East Dean Churchyard have again been beautiful this year and the spring flowers are bursting with colour which is a very encouraging sign following this very long, wet and dreary winter.

Hopefully the springs will soon subside in the valley and the villages will revert to their picture postcard perfection. The next draw will take place on Sunday 7th April at East Dean Church. **Wendy Heather, 01243 811608**

**Specialists in family law.  
Helping you find the best way forward.**

We are a team of specialist family lawyers and mediators providing you with support tailored to your needs. We assist clients with:

- Divorce and Separation
- Family Mediation
- Financial Issues
- Collaborative Law
- Child Arrangements
- Court Representation

01243 769001 | info@ecfamilylaw.co.uk  
www.ecfamilylaw.co.uk



Chilgrove | Chichester | Petersfield



# THE GARDEN SHOWS 2024

ART, DESIGN, YOUR GARDEN & YOU



15% discount  
when pre-booking online  
excludes  
Stansted Friday am

**19 - 21 APRIL**

AT **FIRLE PLACE**

Lewes, East Sussex, BN8 6LP

Adult £10. Senior £8. Child £4. Family £26

**7 - 9 JUNE**

AT **STANSTED PARK**

Rowlands Castle, Hants, PO9 6DX

Adult £14. Senior £12. Child £5. Family £35

Friday morning (10am-12pm) limited

PRE-BOOK ONLY with no 15% discount

**26 - 28 JULY**

AT **BROADLANDS**

Romsey, Hants, SO51 9ZD

Adult £10. Senior £8. Child £4. Family £26

Specialist Nurseries  
Garden Products  
Artists . Designers  
Fashion . Gifts  
Homeware  
Country Food & Wines  
Children's Entertainment



01243 538456 - [WWW.THEGARDENSHOWS.COM](http://WWW.THEGARDENSHOWS.COM)



# Meet the gardener...

You are invited to spend an afternoon with

## TOM BROWN

Head Gardener at West Dean Gardens

In aid of *The Valley Parish Appeal* to save the three historic Church buildings in the Lavant Valley

Join Tom at this exclusive charity event  
held in the beautiful setting of  
Upwaltham Barns GU28 0LX  
on Sunday 28th April at 2.00pm



*Tom is a regular contributor on BBC Radio Sussex and Surrey, a member of the RHS Herbaceous Committee and an RHS Show Judge, regularly writing for BBC Gardener's World Magazine and Gardens Illustrated*

Tom will give a presentation on his work in these highly acclaimed gardens and his plans on how best to manage our changing climate. He will place particular emphasis on the challenges facing gardeners in our area and the steps we can take in our own gardens

- ★ Welcome drink on arrival and a chance to enjoy the beautiful gardens not normally open to the public
- ★ Luxury Afternoon Tea with sandwiches, scones with jam and clotted cream, and cakes
- ★ Question and Answer session with Tom who will help and inspire you
- ★ Floristry demonstration

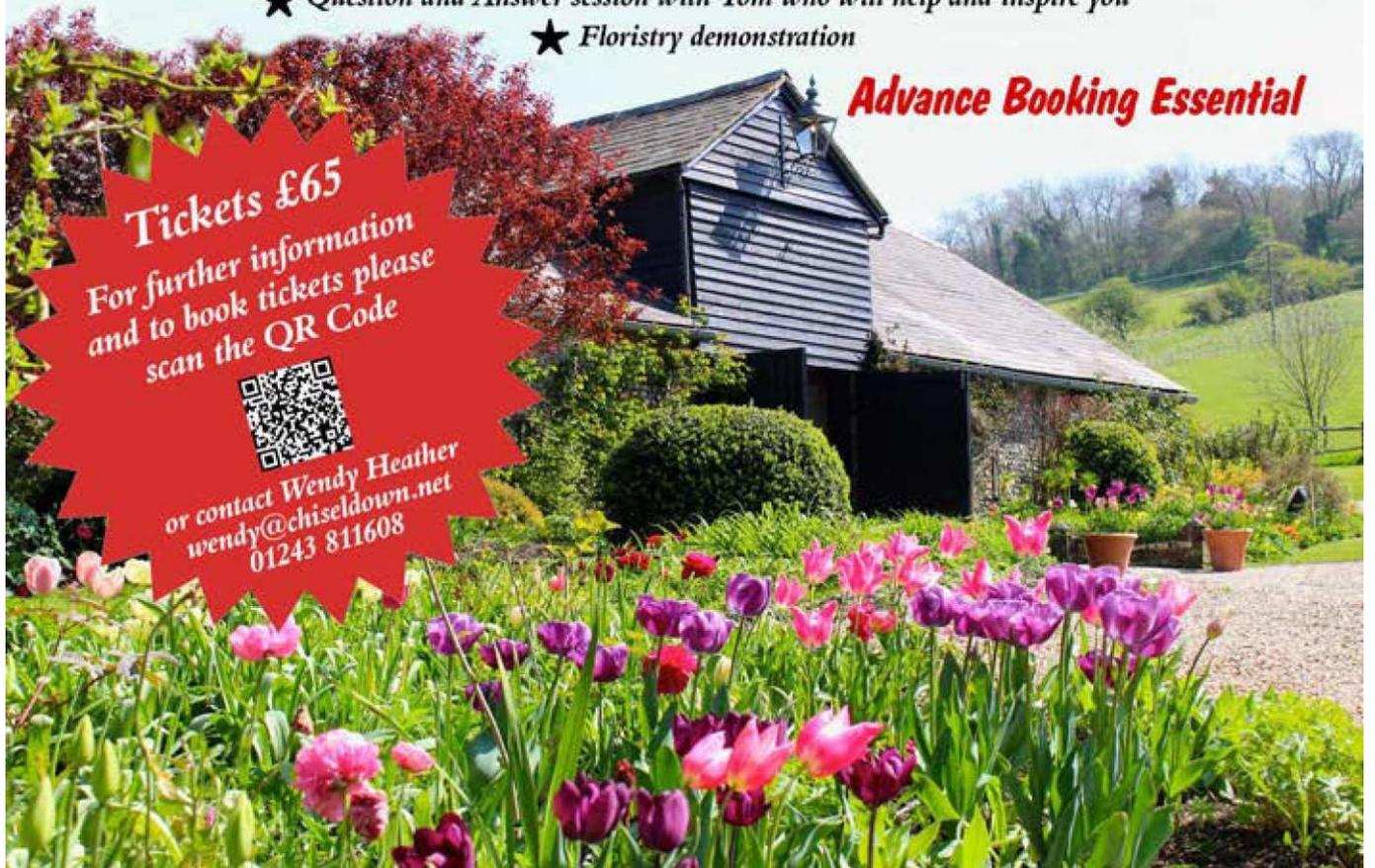
**Advance Booking Essential**

**Tickets £65**

For further information  
and to book tickets please  
scan the QR Code



or contact Wendy Heather  
wendy@chiseltdown.net  
01243 811608



## WEST DEAN COLLEGE SHORT COURSES

We are thrilled to announce the launch of our new programme of short courses running from February to August 2024. Whether you're an avid enthusiast, a seasoned artist, or simply curious about exploring your creative side, West Dean has a course for you.

Our range of short courses covers everything from pottery to printmaking, basketry to blacksmithing. With expert tutors guiding you, you'll have the opportunity to embark on a journey of self-discovery and artistic expression.

At West Dean, we believe that creativity knows no bounds. That's why all our courses not only provide technical expertise but also encourage a spirit of experimentation, self-expression, and collaboration. It's the perfect place to try a creative course, learn a new skill, or develop your creative techniques.

[westdean.ac.uk/short-courses](http://westdean.ac.uk/short-courses)

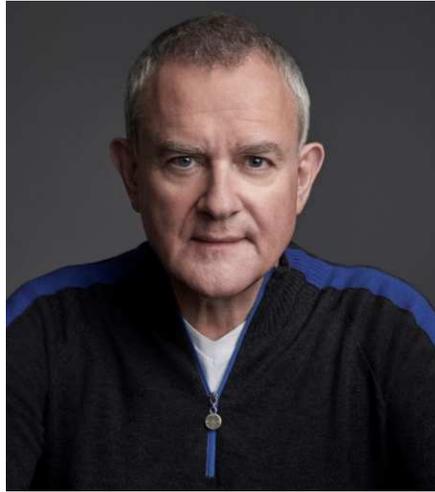
## My Cue to Leave

### A Poem by Francis

I never improve at snooker,  
Mistake after mistake.  
For all the years I've played,  
Eight is still my highest break.

A bloke watched me yesterday,  
As I played like a big twit.  
I recognised him as the man,  
Who fits new snooker cue tips.

Maybe the cue is at fault,  
Suddenly came into my head.  
So I asked if he had any tips,  
He said, "Take up knitting instead."



*The Snowdrop Trust  
Presents*

## "Prancing around in tights!"

Hugh Bonneville in Conversation at  
Arundel Castle, Lower Lawns, BN18  
9AB, **Saturday 15th June, 7pm**

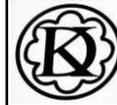
Sparkling wine and canapes

**Tickets £35**

Limited availability

Book early

[thesussexsnowdroptrust.com](http://thesussexsnowdroptrust.com)



## DYSON KING

ARCHITECTURAL  
IRONMONGERS

*25 Years Supplying Fittings  
for Doors, Windows, Gates,  
Locks & Safes.*

*Service to Architects, Builders  
& The General Public*

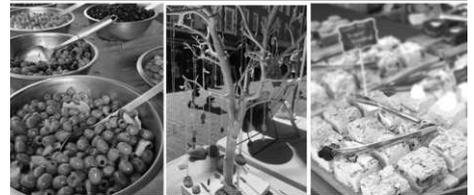
**01243 776739**

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

Provided by



Chichester city centre 9am - 2pm  
1st & 3rd Friday of every month



[www.chichester.gov.uk/farmersmarket](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/farmersmarket)



## Singleton Village Hall

The perfect venue for all sorts of events

Holding 50 seated or 70 standing

Bridge Clubs, Yoga and Fitness

Social Events, Children's Parties etc.

Facilities include Parking, WiFi

and fully equipped Kitchen

Singleton Village Hall could be  
perfect for your event

[SingletonVillageHall.com](http://SingletonVillageHall.com)  
[bookings@SingletonVillageHall.com](mailto:bookings@SingletonVillageHall.com)



## TIM JASPER

KITCHENS, HOME OFFICES,  
BOOKCASES AND MORE

Hand crafted in  
Goodwood since 1981



[www.timjasper.co.uk](http://www.timjasper.co.uk) 01243 774411

[info@timjasper.co.uk](mailto:info@timjasper.co.uk) | The Valdoe,  
Goodwood, Chichester PO18 0PJ

# L. West & Son

## Plumbing & Heating



BATHROOMS,  
KITCHENS,  
CENTRAL HEATING,  
BOILER REPLACEMENT (GAS/OIL),  
UNDERFLOOR HEATING,  
LEADWORK,  
BOILER SERVICES,  
MAINTENANCE



New Barn, Newhouse Lane, East Dean,  
Chichester, W. Sussex PO18 0NJ

Tel: 01243 811354 or

Email: sales@lwestandson.co.uk

THE  
PERFECT  
FAMILY GIFT



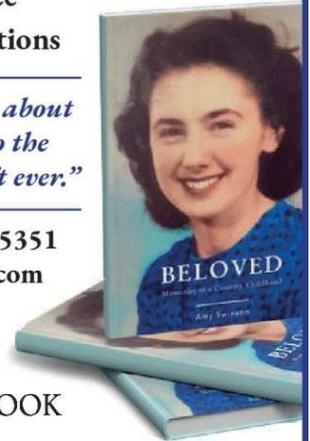
# A BOOK ABOUT YOU

I will turn your unique life story into a beautiful book to share and enjoy with your family and friends.

- Professional biographer
- Friendly, personal service
- Short and long book options

*"Wonderful to have a book about Mum that we can pass on to the grandchildren. The best gift ever."*

Contact Katarina 07982 465351  
katarina@lifestoryinabook.com  
www.lifestoryinabook.com



LIFE STORY  IN A BOOK



- Priority Wood Stove Servicing
- Priority Chimney Sweeps Each Year
- HETAS Annual Sweep Certificate
- Carbon Monoxide Alarm Check
- CCTV Chimney Inspection
- Avoid Wood Burner Downtime
- Avoid Chimney Fires
- Peace of Mind, Safety and Convenience
- Insurance compliance
- Save Fuel with a Clean, Efficient Chimney

Join the Club for an affordable monthly membership and book your Stove Service and Chimney Sweep today.  
(Replacement parts available with upgraded membership)

A friendly service from local company 'West Dean Wood Stoves'.



SCAN ME



## Homeopathy for natural health

A complementary and holistic  
approach

Interested to find out more?

gabbyarthurhomeopathy.co.uk

@gabbyhomeopathy

07738 424818

gabby.homeopathy@gmail.com



# hancock

Lettings & Estate Agents

## Make yourself at home

Buy, sell or let with an independent estate agent – established since 1991

Lettings 01243 531111  
Sales 01243 531155

office@hancockpartners.co.uk  
Hancock and Partners  
5 Northgate, Chichester PO19 1BA

## THE FOX GOES FREE



*Have you checked out our exciting spring menu? Well what are you waiting for? Pop in & awaken your taste buds!*

### Live Music

Willie Austen 10th April - 8pm

### Garden Opening

That time of year will soon be upon us and our lovely garden will once again soon be open – weather dependent obviously. Remember we don't reserve garden tables they are first come first served.

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

**01243 811461**

## MacDonald Oates **LLP** SOLICITORS



Residential Property  
Family Law  
Mediation Services  
Wills, Probate & Trusts  
Litigation & Dispute Resolution  
Employment Law  
Company & Commercial  
Commercial Property

### Leading Client Service

#### Petersfield Office

Tel: 01730 268211 | Fax: 01730 261232

#### Midhurst Office

Tel: 01730 816711 | Fax: 01730 816016



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



## REQUIEM

Gabriel Fauré

## MISERICORDIAS DOMINI

W A Mozart

## AVE MARIA

J S Bach

Saturday 11th May 2024 | 7pm

Arundel Cathedral



The Leconfield Singers  
English Philharmonia  
Conductor | Graham Wili

Soprano | Mia Prideaux  
Baritone | Dyfed Wyn Evans

Adult £15-£30  
Child (under 18) Half price

Box Office  
Scan QR code



or visit  
[www.leconfieldsingers.co.uk/events](http://www.leconfieldsingers.co.uk/events)



Retiring collection in aid of  
Chestnut Tree House



# Tod Anstee

Property Consultants

## 01243 523723

The Old Coach House, 14 West Pallant,  
Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1TB

chichester@todanstee.com

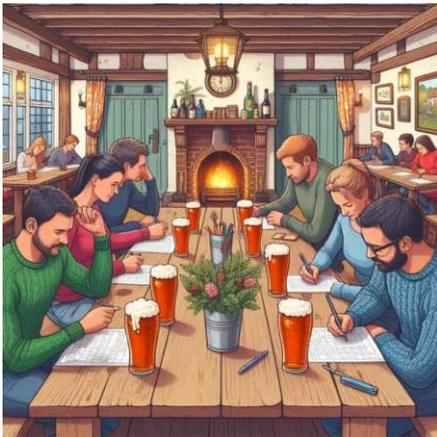
todanstee.com



## Connecting People and Property since 2009

With a wealth of local knowledge, dedicated team,  
and strong connections across West Sussex,  
contact Tod Anstee for exceptional property advice.

Residential and Commercial Sales  
Lettings & Property Management | Rural Estate Management  
Country Houses | Land and New Homes



# WE DON'T KNOW!

“We Don’t Know” knew quite a lot...

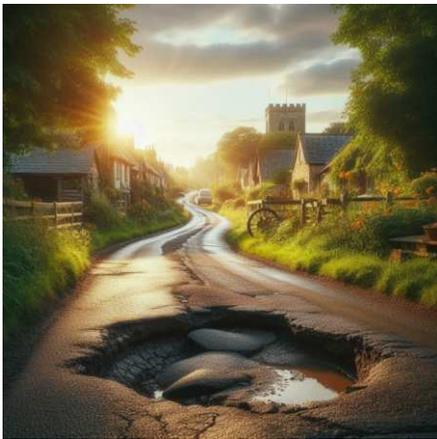
The Star and Garter was packed for the penultimate quiz of the season, with every table taken as nine teams competed for the first prize, dinner for six at the pub. In the end “We Don’t Know” proved their name to be something of an understatement as they came back from fifth position at half-time to clinch victory with 69 points, ahead of the “Southern Water Appreciation Society” on 67 and “Mya’s Mates” on 60, with everyone else tightly packed in the high 50s.

Guest rounds were presented by Deirdre Forman and Maria Davies, with two rounds written by Sarah Mayhead, although she was unable to be with us on this occasion. Supper was a lovely lasagne prepared by Chef Jake and in a spirit of fun and banter we managed to raise £600 for the church restoration appeal! Not too shabby for a little country pub on a Sunday night, thanks to landlord Jim Macdonald donating half the admission money (£425) with the other £175 being raised by the raffle.

The final quiz will be on Sunday 21st April, then we’ll take a break until October whilst the big Goodwood events are on and the pub is buzzing on summer Sundays with live music in the garden and the renowned roast lunches being served. So if you want to be part of it, get your team together and book a table as soon as possible (and definitely by Friday 19th) – it helps a lot if the Chef knows how many he’s catering for!

On behalf of the Restoration Appeal I would like to thank everyone who supported us this time; £600 will not, on its own, pay for the repairs that are so badly needed if we are to keep these ancient buildings open and part of the villages they serve. But it helps enormously when applying for much larger grants if we can show that we have been doing everything we can to help ourselves!

**POTHoles? REPORT IT!**  
**01243 642105**  
**tinyurl.com/29d8hf28**



Painters, poets, weavers, welders, gardeners,  
gilders, calligraphers, conservators...

Whatever your craft, whatever your level there  
is a course for you. Learn from expert tutors in  
inspirational surroundings at West Dean.



Book your course today.

[westdean.ac.uk](http://westdean.ac.uk)

**WEST DEAN**



COLLEGE OF ART, DESIGN, CRAFT AND CONSERVATION