

# The Valley Diary

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

thevalleydiary.org ~ August 2025 Edition

## OTTERS & EELS!

### Protect the Water of the South Downs National Park

**The water of the South Downs is an incredibly valuable natural asset for our region. Not only does the chalk provide filtered drinking water to over a million people across our towns and cities, but the rivers provide a home to important wildlife species and could support many more.**

Water quality in the South Downs is showing signs of improvement. We've seen the return of otters to some parts of the National Park and, while there is a healthy population of eels (a favourite food source for otters), there is still some way to go on seeing a full recovery for both of these species.

We've also been working with partners to address the threat to our groundwater. The Aquifer Partnership is bringing together key agencies and landowners to enhance the water quality in the Brighton Chalk block, to ensure it can remain a sustainable resource for public water supply.

To mark World Water Day we're sharing our top six tips of what we can do as individuals to help protect and enhance the water of the South Downs.

- 1. Buy less plastic, and if you must buy it – recycle or bin it!**
- 2. Save water**
- 3. Remember the toilet is not a bin!**
- 4. Keep out oils, fat, or grease from the sink**
- 5. Reduce chemical use in your garden**
- 6. Use your car less**

**South Downs National Park, [southdowns.gov.uk](https://southdowns.gov.uk)** - Read the whole expanded article at [tinyurl.com/222ououn](https://tinyurl.com/222ououn)

## SHAPING WEST SUSSEX

**A local government reorganisation engagement survey is now live at [shapingwestsussex.org](https://shapingwestsussex.org)**

Major changes are planned to councils across West Sussex as part of the biggest shake-up of local government in more than 50 years. The Government has asked councils to explore how local government reorganisation could work in the area, with the aim of replacing the current county, district and borough councils with a new unitary council or councils responsible for all local services.

Residents, businesses and community groups across the county are invited to share their views about where they live or work, the council services they use, as well as their thoughts about how their council could be structured in the future. Please make sure that you have your say.

The website also contains lots of background information and FAQs about local government reorganisation and what it means to our area. The survey is open until 11.59pm on Wednesday 13th August.

If you have any questions or if you need the survey in a different format, please email [LGRquestions@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:LGRquestions@horsham.gov.uk)



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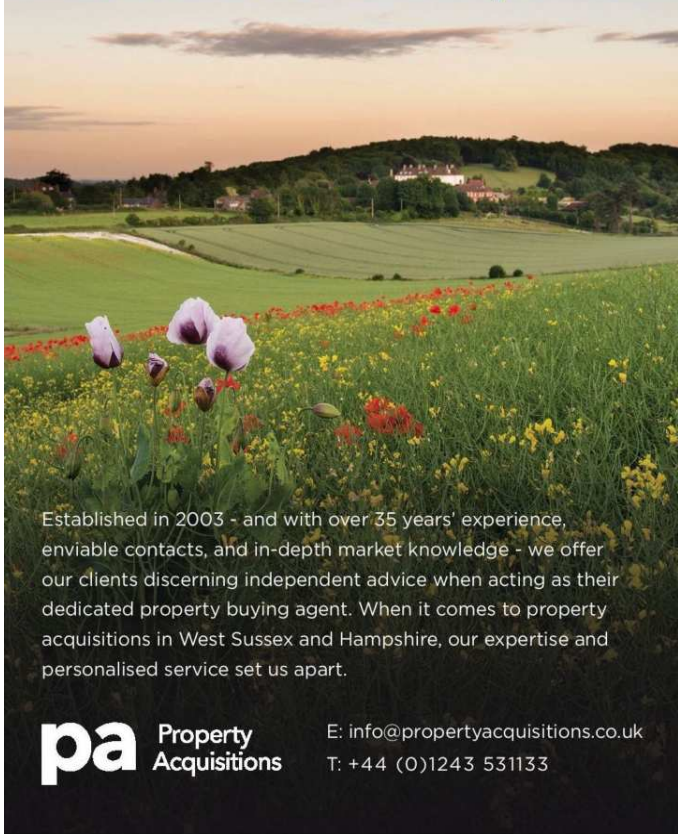
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**Explore local folk and ritual through interactive workshops, traditional storytelling, and hands-on folk-art demonstrations. See demonstrations on the art of wood block printing in Sole Street, with folklore inspired prints. Express yourself by making a folk-inspired floral headdress to wear as you celebrate all things Folk! Explore folklore and myths with Medieval Tales and Local Legends with Ian Pycroft, founder of Black Knight Historical. Meet Molly Housego, from Black Knights Historical, as she demonstrates how a wise woman of a Medieval village was an integral part of life in the 14th century. Meet the Green Man and Fairy Queen who will be out and about around the Museum. Hear the sounds of Historical Music specialist Jez Smith, from Playing in Time, as you can enjoy acoustic music being played on traditional instruments. Enjoy acoustic music on a range of instruments being performed in Titchfield Market Hall. Join in and have a go at folk dancing with Folk Dance Remixed.**

Food and drink will be available into the evening, set against the scenic beauty of our open-air site. Our folk festivities run until 8pm, with something for all ages to enjoy! **Book your ticket at [tinyurl.com/22ebjnzg](http://tinyurl.com/22ebjnzg)**

**1st... Derek and Paula Speer, East Dean  
2nd... Nichola Ansell, West Dean  
3rd... Kathryn Manouch, Singleton**

# 100 CLUB

Many congratulations to our July winners, sharing prize money of £105. As the majority of members already know, reminders for the renewal of their membership of the 100 Club are currently in circulation. We are so close to reaching 230 numbers sold which would be a great achievement and also mean there is a slight increase in the prize money. Please, please continue to support this fund-raising initiative as all of the money raised goes to the Fabric Funds of our three churches. It is incredibly important that we continue to raise monies to enable urgent works on both West Dean and East Dean churches. The next draw will be on Sunday 3rd August in East Dean Church. **Wendy (01243 811608)**

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George and Chantal will spend a couple of hours giving you expert insight into the running and management of key areas of the Garden. Seasonal highlights will be explored and explained, including the Walled Kitchen Garden, Victorian Glasshouses, Orchard, Dry Meadow, Edwardian Pergola and Sunken Garden, as well as a behind-the-scenes look at our new market gardens where a greater emphasis is

put on producing seasonal food for our visitors and students at West Dean.

After a tour of the Garden, you'll be hosted by George and Chantal in Oak

Hall, which is not usually accessible to the public, to relax in the opulent surroundings of the College with a cream tea.

**Tour and cream tea tickets cost £30 and will run on various dates until October 2025.**

**26th August 2025  
3rd September 2025  
7th October 2025**

**Booking: [tinyurl.com/27gm3ey8](https://tinyurl.com/27gm3ey8)**



## Open Air Screenings return to kick off Chichester International Film Festival 2025

Chichester International Film Festival returns launching with the highly anticipated Open Air Screenings in Priory Park. Running from 8th - 10th August. Filmgoers can enjoy a weekend of iconic screenings in a picturesque outdoor setting. From timeless classics to enjoyable family entertainment, there is something to suit all audiences.



**Walk the Line (12A)** - Friday 8 August at 7pm: Celebrating 20 years since it was first released, enjoy this compelling biographical drama that captures the tumultuous life and enduring legacy of Johnny Cash.

**Wicked (12A)** - Saturday 9 August at 4pm: Perfect for family audiences, get swept away in the prequel to The Wizard of Oz. Screening just over 100 days ahead of the Wicked: Part Two premiere, it's the perfect opportunity to catch up - or relive the magic before the story continues.

**Bridget Jones - Mad About the Boy (15)** Saturday 9 August at 8.45pm: Gather your girlfriends – Bridget is back! Sit back under open skies and enjoy a witty, heartfelt journey through love, loss and self-discovery - with a little help from the swoon-worthy Leo Woodall.

**Top Gun (12A)** - Sunday 10 August at 4pm: Feel the need for speed all over again. Relive the rivalries, the romance, the sky-high action with Maverick, Goose and Iceman.

**Bob Marley: One Love (12A)** - Sunday 10 August at 8pm: Celebrate the life and legacy of the legendary reggae icon, showcasing his music, passion, and enduring message of unity.

**All the screenings take place under the skies in the beautiful surroundings of Priory Park. Bring a blanket, grab some snacks, and enjoy unforgettable films in a truly magical setting. For full event details and to book tickets, visit the official Chichester International Film Festival 2025 website at [chichesterfilmfestival.co.uk](https://chichesterfilmfestival.co.uk)**



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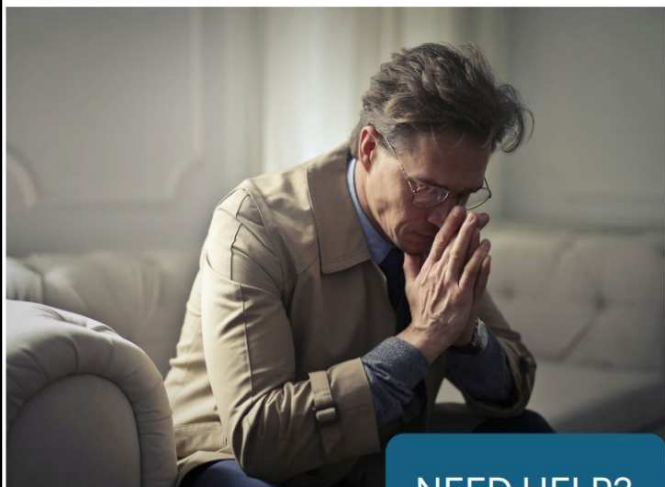
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Please note, applications can only be considered from people and groups from Singleton and Charlton.

Any individual or group wishing to be considered for a grant should contact the trustees at [trusteehenrysmithsc@gmail.com](mailto:trusteehenrysmithsc@gmail.com)

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Our main attraction is a **Birds of Prey flying display** in the central arena. There's also a static display where you can get close to these incredible birds. Our **Fun Dog Show** is always a big draw and a lot of fun, along with **Pony Rides** for the under 12's. We will of course have all the traditional stands people love - **Bric-A-Brac, Tombola, Jewellery, Nearly New Clothes** and **Cakes & Plants**. For our younger visitors we also have **Face Painting** and lots of **Games and Challenges**.

Peckish or thirsty? We have a **BBQ, Cream Teas, Ice Cream Truck** and **Licensed Bar**.

We have invited some charities to take a stall to tell you about their work as well as raise funds. This year we also introduce local commercial stands. You will find Honey, Home Grown Produce, Author **Niall Edworthy, Southern Water, Enzo's Workshop, Woolcrafts, Stained Glass Maker** and **Botanicals**.

**We still need your help too.** Can you bake something for our Cake stall? Any spare Plants or Bric-a-Brac? Maybe some Nearly New Clothes? Our website has full details of how you can help and how to get it to us - Thank you!

Full details of what's on, full list of stalls, Silent Auction and Raffle Prizes are on our website and social media - Do have a look...

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## Museum announces an extraordinary summer with six weeks of play, imagination and discovery

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Toys Through Time is an exciting programme of activities designed to spark the imagination of families and children. Running until Saturday 2nd September, visitors are invited to experience how toys and games have evolved through the ages and how children once played, from Medieval times to the Victorian era.



Throughout the summer, visitors can explore the outdoor play zone and take part in traditional garden games, including a hobby horse assault course, croquet and cornhole. There will also be an indoor toy making station and play barn every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the holidays with fun and creative activities. At the weekends, families can borrow one of the Museum's popular Nature Bags and set off on an outdoor adventure. Children are also invited to take part in an interactive trail around the Museum, discovering how playtime has evolved through puzzles, clues and challenges across the grounds.

Families can enjoy the extensive grounds, wander through woodland trails, and discover nature-inspired play areas as well as exploring the historic buildings, and meeting the Museum's resident farm animals, including heavy horses, pigs, sheep and chickens. Don't forget to stop by the Museum shop to buy some grain to feed the ducks on the mill pond. For those who are feeling peckish after a day of exploration, visit the Museum's Waterside Café for lunch, cakes and hot drinks or enjoy your own picnic at one of the many picnic areas.

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## Summer Highlights from CCDT: Play, Create, Connect!

As summer rolls in, our community is buzzing with life, creativity, and connection!

### ParkPlay Saturdays

Come rain or shine, Emily and Ben bring the joy of ParkPlay to Havenstoke Park every Saturday morning. It's free, it's for everyone - no kids required - just bring your love of laughter, movement and meeting new people! Want to help bring the fun? We're looking for volunteers - email us at [info@thepavilionchichester.com](mailto:info@thepavilionchichester.com)

### Friday Evenings at The Pavilion

Unwind at the end of the week with live music, good food, and scenic views. Join us on the decking from 6-8pm for free performances by brilliant local musicians.

### Summer Fun at Graylingwell Chapel

Free weekday kids' activities from 12-2pm - LEGO, arts & crafts, movies and more. Plus, our School Uniform Swap Rail will be running all summer - donate or pick up what you need!

### Free Fitness for Teens

We're running free boxing and multi-sport sessions throughout August for 11-18s. Great for burning energy, making friends and building confidence. Details on The Shed's page on [www.chichestercdt.org.uk](http://www.chichestercdt.org.uk)

**Save the Date** Friday 6th September for our CCDT Community Day. A celebration of everything we've built together - and a look ahead to what's next.



**Sussex  
Police & Crime  
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## Hot-Spot Policing: Home Office's Safer Summer Streets

**This national campaign includes police, councils, schools, health services, businesses and transport – working together to tackle anti-social behaviour, particularly in town centres during the busy summer period.**

In Sussex, our Force will use a strategy known as 'hot spot policing' to gather evidence and tackle crime in specific areas. Hot spots are identified areas with persistently high levels of crime or disorder. Every county has hot spots and, quite often, they're in high footfall areas, like town centres but they can also include specific buildings, certain roads or even particular addresses.

Hot spot policing involves using an increased, frequent, visible policing presence, because evidence shows this not only deters criminals but also minimises the crime opportunities for offenders.

Our partners (listed above) also have a key role to play in ensuring safety this summer, with involvement in projects such as improved lighting, public engagement and working with police to manage large-scale summer events.

I look forward to seeing more positive results from our Force and partners throughout the summer months and hearing how the campaign is landing in other parts of the country.

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



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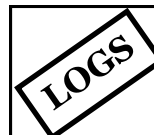
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Sunday 10th August

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All Welcome

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### Country Music Club

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Friday 8th August

7.30pm – 10.30pm

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## Wayfinding Advice Bus – increasing access to dementia support

Dementia advice will become more accessible and reach more people across Chichester and Arun Districts, with the launch of Sage House Tangmere's new Wayfinding Advice Bus. Sage House, a local and independent dementia charity, is launching this innovative new service to help more people access face to face dementia advice and emotional support.



The Wayfinding Advice Bus has been designed to bring the charity's unique Wayfinding service to local communities, through a mobile consultation room offering private dementia advice appointments and drop-ins. Sage House's free of charge Wayfinding service provides both practical advice and emotional support to make sense of the journey ahead. Their team of Wayfinders provide appointments and follow-up support in-person or over the phone. Families speak to the same Wayfinder every time - providing a familiar voice from someone who understands their specific needs.

Purchase and conversion of the vehicle was entirely funded through grants from SGN, Clothworkers Foundation and the Friends of Midhurst Community Hospital, enabling the launch of this new service. Alongside attending the charity's six Outreach venues across the two districts, the Wayfinding team will be popping up at different locations across the county, including GP Surgeries, Village Fairs, Cafes and other community venues locally. A full list of locations is available monthly from [www.dementiasupport.org.uk/bus](http://www.dementiasupport.org.uk/bus)

The launch of the new service is just one of the ways in which Sage House continues to respond to the growing need for dementia support in our local community. As a charity, Sage House relies on donations, grants and fundraising to continue providing a range of innovative services. With the launch of the new advice bus, the charity is reaching out to the local community to raise much needed funds towards their Wayfinding service. The service is entirely funded through donations and receives no statutory funding. Visit [www.dementiasupport.org.uk/support-us](http://www.dementiasupport.org.uk/support-us) to find out the different ways you can get involved.

## The Sussex Yeomanry Association Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 9th November at 10.45am

Sussex Yeomanry Memorial at Charlton.

All are most welcome to attend.



## PAGING LOCAL ARTISANS!

East Dean's Christmas Crafts Fair at East Dean Village Hall is set for Saturday 15th November, from 10am to 3pm.

Always a lovely community event, showcasing local artisans and a great opportunity to do some Christmas shopping and enjoy some homemade food.

We are keen to find new local artisans to take a table so if you are interested, please do email [vmv@vickymudford.com](mailto:vmv@vickymudford.com) with details and photos of your work. The Hall can only fit 14 tables - tables are 6' x 2.5' and cost £20 each which includes free teas/coffees for stallholders. The Village Hall Committee will be running the Kitchen selling teas, coffees, homemade cakes and light lunches.





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## Services and Events

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17 <sup>th</sup> August	10am	Holy Communion West Dean
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# 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.*

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## August 2025

**Tue 29th (Jul) - Sat 2nd** Goodwood Horse Racing

**Sat 9th** VGC Annual Show: Petals, Produce & Pimms! 2.30pm: East Dean Village Hall

**Sat 9th** Roots & Rhythm: Weald & Downland Museum: 10am - 8pm

**Sun 10th** Ploughman's Lunch & CREAM Teas: Singleton Village Hall: 12noon-4pm

**Mon 11th** Singleton Community Cafe: 10.30am - 12noon: Singleton Village Hall

**Tue 12th** Ladies Night: The Star & Garter: East Dean: 7pm

**Sat 16th** Vintage Market: The Kennels, Goodwood: 10am - 5pm

**Sat 16th** Singleton Village Fete: 12noon - 4pm, Singleton Cricket Pitch

**Sun 17th** Ploughman's Lunch & CREAM Teas: Singleton Village Hall: 12noon-4pm

**Fri 22nd - Sun 24th** Goodwood Horse Racing

**Mon 25th** The Valley Diary Copy Deadline: 12noon

**Mon 25th** Live Music on Bank Holiday: The Fox Goes Free: 5pm

**Sun 31st** Ploughman's Lunch & Cream Teas: Singleton Village Hall: 12noon-4pm

## September 2025

**Tue 2nd** Goodwood Horse Racing

**Fri 12th - Sun 14th** Goodwood Revival

**Mon 15th** Singleton Community Cafe: 10.30am - 12noon: Singleton Village Hall

**Wed 17th** Singleton & Charlton Parish Council Meeting: Singleton V/Hall: 7pm

**Thu 18th** Singleton & East Dean WI: East Dean Village Hall: Andrew Humphris: 7pm

**Tue 24th** Goodwood Horse Racing

**Sat 27th** Clay Shoot: The Fox Goes Free

## October 2025

**Sun 12th** Goodwood Horse Racing

**Mon 13th** Singleton Community Cafe:

10.30am - 12noon: Singleton Village Hall

**Thu 16th** Singleton & East Dean WI: East Dean Village Hall: Suzanne Bolter: 7pm

**Sat 18th** Clay Shoot: The Fox Goes Free

**Mon 27th** East Dean Parish Council Meeting: East Dean Village Hall: 7.30pm

## November 2025

**Mon 10th** Singleton Community Cafe:

10.30am - 12noon: Singleton Village Hall

**Sat 15th** East Dean Christmas Crafts Fair: 10am - 3pm

**Sat 15th** Clay Shoot: The Fox Goes Free

**Wed 19th** Singleton & Charlton Parish Council Meeting: Singleton Village Hall: 7pm

**Thu 20th** Singleton & East Dean WI: Fox Goes Free, Charlton: 110th WI Birthday Dinner: 7pm

## December 2025

**Mon 8th** Singleton Community Cafe:

10.30am - 12noon: Singleton Village Hall

**Thu 11th** Singleton & East Dean WI: East Dean Village Hall: Mulled Wine and Mince Pies: 7pm

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*Please let us know...*

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## Raising awareness about online grooming

**In 2014, a young boy called Breck was tragically murdered after being groomed online by an 18-year-old man who ran the internet gaming server that he and his school friends used every day.**

Following this tragedy, his mother Lorin was determined that no other family should suffer the same fate, so she set up the Breck Foundation.

The Foundation visit schools, community groups, conferences and corporate companies to share Breck's story and educate people about online safety.

Sussex Police will be funding The Breck Foundation to create a county-wide Youth Ambassador Project to raise vital awareness about the threats of online grooming.

From September, the ambassadors who are aged 13-18 will be in place in their school or college to deliver sessions to other students to help protect them from dangers they might encounter online.

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

## LAVANT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**9th July** 'From Cutting to Garden Centre' is the subject of Graham Spencer's talk. The Hall opens at 7pm for refreshments, guests £3.

**2nd August** The Annual Flower Show opens at 2pm. Come and see the variety of flowers, vegetables and fruit on display together with home produce, flower arrangements, handicrafts and photographs. Relax over tea/coffee and cake. Full details of this and all our events at [lavanthortsoc.org.uk](http://lavanthortsoc.org.uk)

# WI Report

**Once again, the sun shone for the Annual Summer Party for the ladies of the Singleton and East Dean WI.**

We met at East Dean Village Hall on Thursday 17th July to celebrate and catch up with the wonderful women who are a part of this amazing group.

As at most of our parties, everyone brought a dish of something delicious to share. There was fizz poured and glasses filled. We started the evening with a rousing version of Jerusalem, and as this was purportedly penned only a few miles along the valley, we really did find ourselves in England's green and pleasant land.

We had two guests join from West Sussex Federation WI. I am always so proud of our WI when others come to join. The friendship is shared immediately and freely and I know both ladies felt incredibly welcomed.

We take August off as many are away but meet again on September 18th, when Andrew Humphries will be speaking to us about the Beautiful Gardens of Parham. If you are keen to come along and join us, please drop me a note [zk.mann@icloud.com](mailto:zk.mann@icloud.com). Have a fabulous summer. **Zoe Mann**

## NEXT UP: GOODWOOD REVIVAL!

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# THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have sent me some wonderful cards and good wishes for the future and to all of you who helped me celebrate Elaine's life on the 25th July. And to all those who helped with the food. I would also like to mention my Grateful thanks to Tim Weeks for the writeup and to our Editor Ted Salmon for making the space on page 10 in last month's copy of The Valley Diary. Thank you all. **Chris Kelly**

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# Name That Pub

## A Poem by Francis

She talks in a jumbled way,  
Which causes much distress.  
But when it comes to barmaids,  
Anna is up there with the best.

And she is very ambitious,  
Wanting pubs of her own I believe.  
Being so good at what she does,  
It shouldn't be hard to achieve.

Well, it wouldn't be that difficult,  
But now I am having doubts.  
Because the pubs that she wants,  
Are several hereabouts.

And she's going to rename them,  
Yes, three of our village's inns!  
A bit of a worry I think,  
And where will she begin?

She says my friendly local,  
Is top of her list of stats.  
And she will change its name to,  
'The Darn Great Rats'.

She'll then move down the lane,  
Bless her cotton socks.  
And that busy pub will become,  
'Geese For The Fox'.

The march ends half a mile on,  
For this public house invader.  
Where that pleasant old hostelry,  
Will become 'The Pig Trader'.

I'm sure you can work it out,  
It's not hard to follow her plan.  
For she mixes words on purpose,  
Does that wordsmith, Anna Gram.

**...oh look - a bonus, too...**

## A 'Parting' to Remember.

We would never call our Dad 'bald',  
Of that word he was not fond.  
But he hadn't a hair on his head,  
So we called him the 'Eggshell Blonde'.

## VINTAGE MARKET

The Kennels, Goodwood  
**Saturday 16th August**  
**10am - 5pm**  
**Free!**

## Ploughman's and Cream Teas

### Singleton Village Hall

**The ever-popular series of Ploughman's and Cream Teas arrive again in August. This annual fundraiser is vital for the upkeep of the hall, but also serves as a great local feature and meet-up point.**

Sundays (10th, 17th and 31st, 12-4pm) there are Ploughman's lunches, Quiche Salads, delicious Cream Teas and homemade cakes, along with an assortment of drinks. See you there!

## Weald & Downland Living Museum

### Through The Lens - a Photographic Exhibition Celebrating the Museum's History In Pictures

Running until 31st August, this unique exhibition showcases a stunning collection of photographs that capture the Museum's formative years during the 1970s and 1980s, offering visitors an opportunity to step back in time and see the story of the Museum unfold.

**The exhibition can be found in the Museum's Longport Gallery. Find out more and book tickets: [wealddown.co.uk](http://wealddown.co.uk)**

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**The Chichester International Film Festival is delighted to present a rare screening of Sunrise, one of cinema's most celebrated masterpieces, accompanied by an original score played live, at St John's Chapel on Tuesday 19th August 2025.**

Directed by the iconic F.W. Murnau (Nosferatu), Sunrise (1927) tells a deeply moving story of love, betrayal, and redemption, set against the transformation of a tranquil rural setting into chaos. With its groundbreaking cinematography and enduring appeal, the film was recently ranked 11th in Sight and Sound's poll of the greatest films ever made. Despite its accolades, it remains unseen by many passionate film lovers.

This special screening will be brought to life with live musical accompaniment by renowned silent film musician Stephen Horne, who will perform on piano, flute, and accordion, alongside award-winning harpist Elizabeth-Jane Baldry. Their unique blend of improvisation and composition promises to heighten the emotional resonance of this timeless cinematic classic.

Walter Francisco, Festival Director of the Chichester International Film Festival, says "We are thrilled to screen Sunrise as part of this year's Festival. It is a film that unites cinema, music, and history in one of Chichester's most beautiful historic venues. This is a chance to see one of the greatest silent films of all time as it was originally meant to be experienced."

The screening of Sunrise takes place at St John's Chapel in Chichester, offering a perfect backdrop for this enchanting tale. With its breathtaking visuals and Janet Gaynor's Oscar-winning performance, Sunrise continues to captivate audiences nearly a century after its release.

The 2025 Chichester International Film Festival runs from 8-24 August, featuring 15 days of exclusive premieres, iconic screenings, and extraordinary live events. For tickets and the full festival programme, visit [chichesterfilmfestival.co.uk](http://chichesterfilmfestival.co.uk)

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# **Blasts From the Past**

**In the recent heatwave I've heard weather forecasters say things like "The mercury's going to hit the 30s again today across much of England!" Tell me, when were thermometers last made containing mercury?**

I can remember having a thermometer put under my tongue as a child, and being told not to bite it because of the combined danger of:- a) swallowing shards of broken glass; and b) washing it down with highly poisonous quicksilver, but I think that just possibly my family's medicine cupboard was not stocked with the most up-to-date equipment, even by 1960s standards.

Also, when thermometers did generally contain mercury they were calibrated in Fahrenheit not centigrade, so if the forecasters want to be consistent in their anachronisms they should say "The mercury's going to hit the 80s again, so you may need to consider taking your jacket off and even loosening your tie. And maybe roll up your trousers, but only if you're on the beach – we can't let all our standards slip!"

Meanwhile politicians of all parties love to tell us what effect their tax policies will have on people's wage packets. Again, when was the last time anybody actually got paid at the end of the week with notes and coins in a small brown envelope? The 1970s? I've heard of people getting handed quite substantial sums in envelopes (although I have no experience of such things personally of course) but I'm pretty sure they don't

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It is important to be aware that there is very worryingly a rise in cases of **animal cruelty** against wildlife in the local area, mainly with the use of **slingshots and catapults**, which is not only utterly barbaric, but wholly illegal too. Please report any suspicions, sightings or discovered victims of this to 101, as the police cannot act with any reports made via social media. Please also bring us any victims still alive as soon as possible and we will do our utmost to help these poor precious creatures. Thank you.

**We will be at several outreach events this month, including Bracklesham Barn's Family Picnic Day (2nd), Aldingbourne Country Centre workshops (7th & 30th), Singleton Fete (16th), Emsworth Show (25th) and Hunston Family Fun Day (31st) – please do pop down to say hello and see what wildlife goodies we have to raise money to help the animals in our care!**

For more information and tips, please visit our website or contact us.

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have a table on the front detailing how much has been deducted for tax and national insurance. No, pay packets are a thing of the past, and with them has gone that popular crime, the wages heist!

Thinking of getting a bit of a wiggle on? Be careful if you're out on the road, you may get caught by a speed camera using the latest video technology so you can't even hope that it may have run out of film. And how will you be warned of this digital sneak? With a sign showing the side view of a Brownie Box camera, made popular by Kodak in the 1920s! Has anyone under 50 even seen one of those? I can remember actually using one in the 70s; even then the film was hard to find and you only got eight photos on it. At least on the continent they use an image of a camera made after WW2, so a bit more recognisable for people that think of 35mm film as something their parents had, along with Raleigh Choppers and Angel Delight. Go the whole hog I say: let's have speed camera warning signs that show a box on a tripod with a lens sticking out the front, and a bloke under a hood changing the glass plate negative at the back.

You should of course always slow down when passing a school, and you'll know when that is because there'll be a sign showing two children hurrying along, wearing caps and blazers and carrying a satchel. Just like in the Janet and John books of my innocent infant days, which also featured illustrations of father washing the car and mowing the lawn (helped by John)

whilst mother got the Sunday lunch on. It would be either roast beef or lamb or chicken but it would definitely have gravy with it, which lucky Janet would be helping to make. Exactly how many children trot off to school wearing caps and blazers these days? About as many as there are teachers wearing gowns and mortar boards! Surely a modern school sign ought to show a fat kid, smoking a vape and looking at their phone. Or is that a step too far? **Tim Weeks**

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**Petworth Late: Chichester Pride** Thursday 21 August, 7pm – 10pm: An evening of performance, creativity and celebration of LGBTQ+ history at Petworth House, curated in collaboration with Chichester Pride. £15 per adult. Booking recommended.

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## Singleton and Charlton Parish Council

### Summer!

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing the leavers of Singleton village school the very best of luck at their new schools in the autumn. Let's hope that the weather is kind over the school holidays!

### Parish Party

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners enjoying the sun, the band, wonderful BBQ and all the donated salads and cakes. A huge thank you to all of those involved in putting it together. We're sure it is not normal to get an MP, member of the County Council and member of the district council at a parish party but we did - and would like to thank Andrew Griffith, Jeremy Hunt and Henry Potter for coming along.

### Village Maintenance

We are currently compiling a list of regular maintenance that needs doing around the parish. If you have anything that you think needs doing please can you send an email to Viv at the address below.

The next Parish Council meeting is **Wednesday 17th September** at **Singleton Village Hall** which you are all very welcome to attend and let us know whether you have any issues, complaints or suggestions for the parish.

### Viv Nuttall (Clerk)

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## Why village life in West Sussex is more popular than ever...

The first thing most buyers say to us when they start their property search, is 'we really want a nice village'. The fact that people can do their jobs and live the rural dream at the same time has opened up the countryside, and over the last few years we've seen a huge rise in young couples and families in their 30s and 40s moving into villages and embracing everything they have to offer with infectious enthusiasm.

With the village fete season now upon us, we look at the many charms that draw buyers to West Sussex villages - and the factors they may need to think about before making their move.

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While there are practical considerations - from commuting routes and school catchments to garden upkeep and broadband strength - for most people, these are outweighed by the richness of village life. For buyers seeking a quieter and gentler pace of life, a traditional West Sussex village is hard to beat. **Jennie Hancock - Property Acquisitions, [jh@propertyacquisitions.co.uk](mailto:jh@propertyacquisitions.co.uk)**

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## THE DEAN: AWARDS AND NEW HORIZONS

**We held our end of season awards at The Star and Garter. We would like to thank Jim and his team for looking after us.**

The awards went to the following people. Sports Clubman: Peter Kearvell; Player of the Year: Olly Goff; Players Player: Dave Knight; Mick Andrews: Zane Williams; Managers Player: Ash Carter; Top Goal scorer: James Crane; Miss of the Season: Jason Houghton; Goal of the Season: Martin Lawrence; Special Mention and thanks: Andy Pett.

As the new season is now quickly upon us, we are pleased to announce that we have appointed Ben Kemp (photo) as our new manager for the coming season.

In what was a difficult year on and off the field (which saw the club relegated to Division two), we feel that with Ben's connections across Sussex football and experience in coaching he can bring stability in the club - and that winning feeling back.

We caught up with Ben after training on Tuesday and asked him about his thoughts on the season ahead. "Firstly,

I'd just like to recognise what happened last year in terms of the big loss of Tim Calloway. An absolutely lovely man and a true credit to West Sussex Football who will always be remembered. Unfortunately, the season didn't go as was originally planned. However, last year's relegation has brought us a new opportunity to reset and stabilise with a view to rebuilding and future success. We've got a great group of lads here and with the right commitment - and with the new faces coming in - I can assure you that we will stabilise and really build moving forwards. Pre-season is fully underway and with our first friendly on the horizon, I'm extremely confident in this group as individuals and as a team. I'm looking forward to building a team that can represent the fantastic committee and structure that we have already within the club and hopefully bring us the success of winning on the pitch."

It's Ben's first step in Management but we have some very experienced people around him that he can lean on and he has a great club with everyone's support. We wish him all the best for the season ahead. We had our annual Work Party at the ground recently and would like to thank all the volunteers that came and helped. We are always looking for more volunteers and/or players, so do get in touch if you would like to get involved. **Peter Kearvell, General Manager**



## Chichester Dragon Boat Challenge 2025

**The annual Chichester Dragon Boat Challenge made a triumphant return to the Chichester Canal Basin on Sunday 22nd June 22nd drawing large crowds and spirited competition. Organised by the Rotary Club of Chichester Priory with generous support from the Rotary Club of Chichester and Chichester Harbour, this much-loved community event brought together local organisations, volunteers, and spectators for a day of thrilling races and fundraising.**

Twelve teams took to the water in traditional 16-paddler Dragon Boats, racing in over 20 heats leading up to exhilarating adult and youth finals. Each team sponsored their boat, with individual paddlers raising funds through personal sponsorships. This year's participating teams included: the Army, Chichester Chamber of Commerce, Chichester College, James Todd & Co, Military Police, Liberal Democrats, The Teak Men, CancerWise, 1st Westbourne Scouts, 1st Wickham Scouts, 12th Chichester Scouts, and 1st Barnham Scouts. The adult final was won by **The Teak Men** with an impressive time of 56.66 seconds, while the youth final was claimed by 1st Westbourne Scouts in 57.96 seconds. All winners received Gold Medals, runners-up took home Silver and both winning teams were awarded glass trophies. A special prize was also presented to **Cancerwise Corkers** as the best-dressed team, adding a fun and festive touch to the day's events.

For those inspired to get involved, Rotary welcomes new volunteers and supporters. Visit [www.chichesterdragonboats.org.uk/volunteering](http://www.chichesterdragonboats.org.uk/volunteering) to learn more. *Images by David Richardson*





**Cereal harvest began on the 12th July, at least 2 weeks ahead of a normal season owing to the unusually hot and dry weather conditions.**

# John's Farm Diary

At Goodwood, the heritage wheat and oats have been cut while at Droke we have harvested our spring barley (see photo of Sam and Alex combining our barley on High Down). The wheats have returned rather disappointing yields while the oats and barley have performed well.

At Droke, we are gearing up for the start of our calving season beginning in August with 240 cows due to calve over a 12 week period so "all hands to the pump" as they say.

Summertime brings sheep shearers back onto our farms which will be a great relief for the ewes in this hot weather. Although grass is slow growing this year, the lambs are growing well and benefitting from the warm sunshine.

At Ides Barn, close to the Milk Hut, we have recently installed a Padel Court in our old grain store as a form of farm diversification. This is a new, fast-growing sport which resembles tennis but played as doubles inside glass walls and can be booked online by visiting [punkpadel.com](http://punkpadel.com) - it's great fun for all ages including 'yours truly', very social and easy to pickup.



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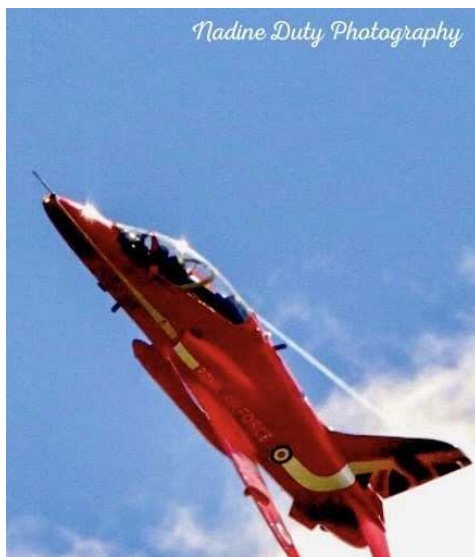


# Red Arrows over Singleton

Nadine Duty has been out taking some glorious shots of the famous RAF Aerobatic Team during their display in the skies for Goodwood's Festival of Speed. Great photography as always from local Nadine.

The Red Arrows were formed in 1964 to represent and showcase the skills and values of the RAF, support British industry, assist in defence diplomacy and help with recruitment. Another splendid turnout.

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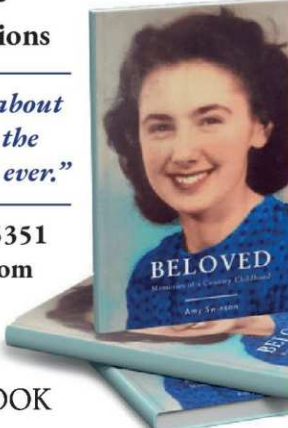
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**People's Choice Awards** will be given in each of five categories, voted on by visitors. Come and celebrate everything we grow, make, and love in our gardens and homes.

There are 20 classes, ranging from: A collection of 5 vegetables or fruit, Funniest looking vegetable or fruit, Vase of mixed garden flowers, Vase of roses, Miniature fairy garden, Tray of tea for two, My garden - photo, painting or collage, Funny face made from anything found in your garden or allotment ...and many more!

The full programme, including timings and entry forms, is available from any VGC Committee member or can be found on the VGC website. Entry fees are £1 per class, but free for Juniors (14 and under). Prizes include rosettes, sweets, and of course - eternal glory!

At 3pm, the doors will open for visitors to view the exhibits and cast their votes. Homemade cakes will be served, along with tea and Pimm's. At 4pm, we will hold the prize-giving, raffle and a sale of selected exhibits. Miranda Mayne

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