

View from Three Villages

**August/September/October
2008**



Includes new competition inside!



News, updates and stories from
Westerton, Westhampnett and Maudlin.
Keep up-to-date with neighbourhood news,
stories and local issues.

Contact list

Please remember that members of the Parish Council can always be contacted on the telephone if there is anything going on in the Parish that gives you concern: -

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St Peters Church services

- First Sunday - 8.00 BCP Communion
- 9.45 Family Service.
Refreshments served after
the service. The produce stall
will also be open for business!
- Second Sunday - 9.45 Parish Eucharist
with Sunday School (from
September)
- Third Sunday - 8.00 BCP Communion
- 9.45 Family Service
- Fourth Sunday - 9.45 Parish Eucharist
with Sunday School.

Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October, 9.45am.

Other dates

- 19th, 20th, 21st Sept Goodwood Revial
- 13th October 6.30pm Parish Council meeting-
includes drink and nibbles. Come and see plans of
proposed community hall. March School.
- 17th October Community Barn Dance

Where is this?



Have you any idea where this photo was taken?

If you can, you might win a crisp £5 note.

If you can identify exactly where it is, either e-mail Claire.mcleish@tiscali.co.uk or telephone on 779553. Please make sure that you leave your name and contact details. Ed's decision is final!

The answer and winner will be revealed in the next issue.

Nature Notes

August the silent month, very little birdsong apart from the occasional Wren or a startled Green Woodpecker uttering its laughing call as it darts away with a looping flight.

Its time to moult those worn out feathers grow the new winter plumage build up fat reserves either for migration or for a long cold winter, although these are a rarity these days.

Locally butterflies have been conspicuous by their absence. Holly blues were quite plentiful in May as were Orange tips, but I've yet to see a Painted Lady or Clouded Yellow and Peacocks and Red Admirals are few and far between, but we may see a late hatch of these in early September.



I've always liked grasses, I grow the ornamental varieties in the garden and we have got our fair share of native species around the parish along footpaths, road side verges and fields boundaries. Many are food plants for the butterflies like the Small and Large Skippers which can be seen in varying numbers about the parish most years. Some grasses are notoriously difficult to identify you almost need a degree in botany but I know some of the more common ones, and they have lovely English names. Meadow Foftail, Yorkshire Fog, Lesser Cats tail, Coltsfoot and Crested Dogs tail are a few that come to mind.

Many parts of our parish are noisy either from road traffic, aircraft, or new building sites and where I live is no exception. There are times though when the world slows down and you have a heightened awareness of what is going on around you in the natural world. Late July we sat out in the garden at that very special time we call twilight. A light north wind was blowing taking away the noise from the A27, Bellway had long gone home and Goodwood was silent. A Heron flew low over the field on heavy dark wings towards the gravel pit. A flight of Mallard came over heading in the same direction their wings whistling in the cool evening air. Pipistrelle bats flew above our heads feeding on moths and gnats drawn by warm air radiating back from the house. Two Oyster Catchers, piping to keep in touch with each other flew high above us, quickly followed by two Shell Ducks. All I needed was a tawny owl or a fox to round off the evening but all I got was the sound of a hedgehog snuffling in the undergrowth.

Bob Holman



A Keep Britain Tidy Campaign

Get involved!

Every year, we try to get a group of people together to tidy up part of the parish. This year we have been invited to take part in the BIG TIDY UP. If we get involved and register our interest, we will be supplied with all the equipment necessary for the clean-up:- bags, gloves, hi-visibility jackets etc. It would be great if we could arrange to concentrate on a few areas of the parish, maybe an area of Westerton, Westhampnett and Maudlin. Ideally the tidy up should be in September, but can be anytime.

I have registered on the website and aim to organise a clean up for Maudlin on 13th September. If you would like to get involved, please let me know so that I can arrange to order the correct number of clean-up kits. It would be great if someone in Westhampnett and Westerton would volunteer to organise a clean-up in their area.

Please let me know if you can help, children welcome, on 01243 779553 or claire.mcleish@tiscali.co.uk.

Rolls Royce prize

Here's a photo of me and my brother Ewan, enjoying my March School summer raffle prize when I won a trip in a Phantom Rolls Royce.



I was a bit worried that it would be a very short trip as the prize was a chauffeur driven trip to and from school and we live very close. We were collected from home by a chauffeur driven Phantom Rolls Royce and were taken on a short trip before being delivered to a cheering school! After school, the chauffeur

Rodney Drake took us and Mum and Dad to West Wittering, (where Henry Royce lived and died) and had a picnic there.

It was a really cool day out and I've decided that I need to work really hard to earn loads of money so that I can afford my own Rolls Royce.

Chairman's jottings

The last parish council meeting was held on the 14th July- it was good to see both Messrs Hall and Smith, our County and District councillors in attendance. Apologies were received from our PSCO Jason Lemm who sent a written report. He reminded us to call him and leave a message (contact details on back page) if we see anything suspicious.

The main talking point with our two local authority councillors was the future of St Richards Hospital. Andrew Smith says that the changes are unlikely to be implemented for three to five years and Mike Hall reckons that a political decision was made some years ago, which ensured that Worthing would win. It seems that most of the committee responsible for making the ultimate decision on which A and E department would survive lived in or around Worthing- little surprise then that Worthing won it! Might there not have been

Young Folk's Etiquette for the Table

In silence I must take my seat,
And say my grace before I eat:
Must for my food with patience wait,
Till I am ask'd to hand my plate.

I must not speak a useless word,
For children should be seen - not heard;
I must not talk about my food,
Nor fret if I don't think it good.

My mouth with food I must not crowd,
Nor while I'm eating speak aloud;
Must turn my head to cough or sneeze,
And when I ask say "If you please,"

When told to rise then I must put
My chair away with noiseless foot,
And lift my heart to God above,
In praise for all His wondrous love.

Nursery Card c. 1890
Museum of Childhood, Edinburgh

With thanks to Mrs R Hewetson

some conflict of interest, which should have been declared? In this 'politically correct' world in which we live even parish councillors have to declare an interest to avoid debating a subject in which they have a particular interest, which, if they were to take part in the debate may prejudice a fair and proper *decision being made*- I personally do not yet feel that all is lost as far as A & E at St Richards is concerned.

The rest of the meeting passed smoothly finishing in record time by about 8.30pm. We missed Tony Maybury of Rolls Royce at our meeting and understand that he is unwell- we wish him a speedy recovery.

Community Hall

I am delighted that someone living in the parish with experience of project management has come forward to help in this project. Mark and I have a meeting scheduled with our architect in early September, when hopefully we can go a stage further.

Help please!

We desperately need people to help in the organising of this project. Would anyone interested please contact me or Mark Porter (details on back). I would hate to see the community money being generated by the large development in Westhampnett being lost to the parish because we are asleep.

Goodwood

The Festival of Speed passed without any particular problems, as did Glorious Goodwood and I am sure that the Revival Meeting will do likewise.



The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 13th October when we invite all parishioners to come along and have a drink and nibbles with us at 6.30pm at the school when we can discuss all matters of interest in the parish and we can give you all an update on the Community Hall project, hopefully with some up-to-date plans.

Please come and have a chat with us as parish councillors rely on members of the parish for ideas as to what should be happening in the Parish- this is your opportunity to tell us what **you** want.

Henry Adams
Chair

We were able to raise about £4,000 which was shared between the roof fund for St Peter's and the charities currently supported by the church: Chichester Christian Care Association and Save the Children. Many of you will have noticed the continued work on the roof of St Peter's as well as the splendidly crafted wooden cross that now graces the roof of the east facing nave wall. Most of the repairs to the roof are now complete and we await the start of works to the drainage which, we hope, will encourage the damp away from the inner walls of the church. Our fundraising operation continues as we seek to reach the £70,000 necessary to cover the full cost of the work and as we look to prepare our historic church for the demands of those who will succeed us.

With an ever-increasing congregation, particularly young people (we have just started a youth group), it is especially important that we secure our church for the future and look after the ancient building we have been granted. This may well entail updating the facilities and thinking about extra space, an exciting prospect indeed. If you have thought about coming along to a service, or if you haven't been for a while or are just a bit curious, then you are most welcome at any time and at any of the services (see times of services in this magazine). On Sunday 28th September we are issuing a special invitation to anyone who doesn't normally come to church or who might have done so in the past, to come along and see what it's like. It is also worth noting the date of the Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October, 9.45am. Alternatively, you might want to sit quietly in the church without distraction or perhaps simply wish to talk to me. If so, I try my best to be in the church between 4 and 6pm every Friday. And please do let me know if you wish me to visit or if you know someone who is in need of a visit. My contact details are elsewhere in this magazine.

Wishing you a sun-drenched Autumn and may the Lord bless you,
Fr James

Westhampnett W.I.

Our July meeting was members evening, after the business, taken by our President, Ruth Hughes, we sat down at tables and had a merry beetle drive which was followed by an American supper. In August we hold a garden party in a member's home at Halnaker with any profit going to charity and our funds. Also in August we are having a trip on the Chichester canal.

Our September meeting will be held at the school on 18th when our speakers are talking on Sussex windmills.

If you would like to join you will be made most welcome. We meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at the March school at 7.30pm.

LOCAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Do you know of any outstanding volunteers giving their time and talents for people in your area? Chichester District Council has launched its first Volunteer of the Year Awards, and is looking for nominations from across the District.

The awards, a District Council initiative supported by 'Chichester in Partnership', will be held in the autumn. They specifically aim to recognise the achievements of people, including volunteers who are members of, or provide unpaid work for, a recognised voluntary or community group in the District. They will also celebrate the achievements of local groups and are intended to be opportunity to recognise the wealth of voluntary activity going on across the District.

The categories include:

Volunteer of the Year Award - for volunteers over 25 years of age who have made an impact or shown particular commitment and dedication to a community group, association or voluntary organisation;

Young Volunteer of the Year Award - for volunteers up to 25 years of age;

Buy with Confidence

Rip-offs, scams, cowboy tradesmen - consumers are right to be wary when buying goods or services. Can you ever trust a double glazing salesman? Can you buy a second hand car with confidence? "Yes" thanks to a West Sussex County Council Trading Standards initiative.

'Buy with Confidence - Trading Standards Approved' is a scheme launched to promote and support the good, reliable tradesmen and retailers of West Sussex, whilst in turn increasing consumer protection by providing an approved trader list. At this time of year, with frozen pipes and boilers breaking down common casualties of cold weather, it's more important than ever to know that the person you've called for help is reliable, trustworthy and able to do the job well.



Only if businesses pass stringent checks can they display the partnership logo. Details of firms you can trust are available on the website www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk You can also call 01243 642124 for more details.



Church News

It is wonderful to be able to report that the St Peter's May Fair was a great success. We were able to welcome approaching 1000 people into the beautiful Westhampnett Nursing Home grounds, where they were able to enjoy fine weather and a creative display of stalls and activities whilst supping a beer or Pimms alongside a cream tea! It was very generous of Mrs Davies to allow us to use the grounds of the Nursing Home and we are enormously appreciative. The entire event was created and staffed by the members of St Peter's, young and old, and it was truly special to see so many of the parish supporting the event. I hope that you agree that it was worth the time and effort of all who helped to

organise the fair and that it created a special atmosphere at the heart of our villages- perhaps another one in the not too distant future??

Voluntary Organisation Achievement Award - for the organisation (group or team) that has responded to an identified local need and provided the most innovative and creative solution in the past 12 months. Nominated volunteers do not need to live within the District but their work must benefit those who do. Nomination forms are available on the Chichester District Council website (www.chichester.gov.uk) or from Council offices. The closing date for nominations is September 8th 2008. For more information, contact Chlöe Williams, Community Liaison Officer, Chichester District Council, on community@chichester.gov.uk.

Thanks to all the contributors for their input in this issue. Come on, if you have any stories, articles, jokes, photographs or any comments about this issue, please send them to me at claire.mcleish@tiscali.co.uk or 01243 779553 by 1st November 2008. Thanks once again to Rolls Royce for their support in publishing this newsletter.

For sale



2 captain's chairs (Ikea) £5 each



Little Timber GT mountain bike with 20" wheels. Reasonable condition £10 claire.mcleish@tiscali.co.uk

If you have a service to advertise or something to sell, send in details.

Is there anything that you think needs to be discussed? Send me an e-mail and we will include it in the next issue.

Apart from keys, pens and the suchlike there were a large number of coins of all values littered all over the rear floor area so, for safety reasons, we stopped whilst the various items were replaced in the handbag and it was finally returned to its owner.

At the end of our journey together the front seat lady turned to me and said

"Thank you very much driver for a most pleasant trip. I would like to give you a tip but I don't have any change"

Videte

The Music Man

Me and my brother, Cameron, went to two auditions for The Music Man at Chichester Festival Theatre, last April. We had to sing a song from the musical, called The Wells Fargo Wagon.

Imagine our surprise when we both got a letter saying that we had passed the audition and were going to sing, dance and act alongside professional actors including Brian Conely.

We had a few trips to London's Hendon studios and on nearly every trip we had birthday cake from one of the cast. We went through a few songs and dances then got measured for our costumes.



Finally we got to go to the Festival Theatre where we did more rehearsals. On June 23rd, I felt really proud when I stepped on stage and even happier when all the audience were on their feet cheering, clapping and giving us a standing ovation.

I am really enjoying it and have made lots of new friends. I think that in the future I might be an

actor!

This was written by Ewan Mcleish;

WESTHAMPNETT
BARN DANCE

**At The Community Hall
The March School
Westhampnett**

Friday 17th October 2008

Time TBC

Ticket prices £5 per adult & children £2.50,
Includes a buffet supper & drink.



Tickets in advance from
The March School Office

Mystery Address

Having collected a fare at the London taxi office I enquired as to her destination and was informed Aldwick.



Little

We proceeded down the Bognor Road until "The Pink Pub" and turned right into Chalcraft Lane when my passenger said hers was the first turning on the left! When we had gone into this road she apologised and said it was the next one which also proved to be incorrect.

This was not surprising as by now we were still nowhere near Aldwick.

At this point I suggested that if she tell me her full address I could either drive directly to it, if I knew where it was, or alternatively look it up in my West Sussex Atlas.

The lady now sat forward in her seat and with a long sigh put her forehead on her hand and said "It will come to me in a minute"

Do I return her to the taxi office or take her to a police station? Searching a passengers' handbag for their address without a witness is not permitted for obvious reasons.

However in due course her memory returned and I was able to escort her safely to her front door somewhere in Aldwick.

Mystery Gratuity

A couple of years ago I had occasion to collect a lady with her brother and sister from the Witterings and drive them to a small village near Leatherhead. This party were regular customers and as the lady walked with the aid of a stick it was usual for her to travel next to me with her brother and sister in the rear seats.



On this particular trip the sister happened to be carrying the lady's handbag which when asked for, was passed from back to front and in the course of this manoeuvre became upended and emptied its contents onto the cab floor!