

**BMW Group**

# Views from Three Villages

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## RAF Westhampnett c 1940



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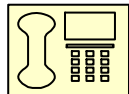
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For up-to-date news on all information in the area, visit our new website:- <http://westhampnettpc.co.uk>

Have you any old photographs or negatives of the area that we could include in future issues? It would be fascinating to see how the area has, and continues to change.

## Useful contacts



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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### Dates of events at Goodwood during 2009 are as follows:-

Festival of Speed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> of July.

Glorious Goodwood 28<sup>th</sup> July- 1<sup>st</sup> August

Vintage Flying Weekend to be confirmed

Revival Meeting 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> September.

March School Fair—Saturday 11th July



## The vicar's 'rabbiting' again.

A while ago I was talking to a lady in the grave yard at St Peter's who was diligently caring for a loved one's grave, keeping it tidy and placing fresh flowers on the site. She asked me if I knew why the flowers she set down were always ruined and apparently decapitated within days of her placing them. I had, of course, seen with my own eyes the reason why. If you sit quietly on the north side of St Peter's church for any period of time you will most likely see some rabbits jumping up onto the north wall from out of the jungle of nettles, trees and impenetrable foliage that lies beyond, and over into the cared-for graveyard. Once in, they head for the flowers and have a feast and play & then head back into the chaotic camouflage of their home. They are opportunist to the extreme helping themselves to goods prepared by others for others, without replacing or acknowledging the gifts. However, they are rabbits! Although, we humans are often-times no better whether we be MPs or anyone else. Living as part of a creation that gives us all that we need to survive, it is always going to be a temptation to store up things we understand to be ours, but which we cannot in all fairness lay claim to. St Francis had it right when he gave gifts to the poor. He said he was only giving them what was theirs anyway. He meant of course that we must first of all understand the gifts of creation –that is everything we possess and all that we do not - as God's, and if God's then rightfully to be shared by all. In sharing we comprehend the true value and potential of the gifts of creation and to truly share we must first of all acknowledge that what we share is not in fact our own. For this reason Christians and many other religious communities should first of all give thanks to God so that, hopefully, we are not caught sneaking over the wall, taking what isn't ours and denying others the benefit of its fullness. One might say that we have been behaving like rabbits with regard to our environment for some time, but also of course, in recent times we have become aware that we behave like that to one another too. I think, the worship of God, thanking Him for all that has been given and all that is, offers us a real chance of behaving differently. To treasure what we own or what we have been given as if it belongs to someone else is the essence of responsibility. It is this responsibility that primarily urges us to church in order to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, body and strength.

I wish you every blessing for the coming summer and the months ahead and hope that the riches of creation will benefit you all. This is my last month as Assistant Curate in the parish as my family and I move on to Exeter this summer. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve at St Peter's and to meet so many of you and I hope the community continues to thrive into the future – the St Peter's May Fair is already being planned for May 2010! So be prepared!



I am writing this article by way of introduction as the new Head teacher of The March School.

My name is Christopher Todd and I am delighted to lead this vibrant and successful school, working with a strong team of staff, governors and parents in order to build upon the many strengths of the school. I have taught in West Sussex for over 20 years and bring a wide range of experience to this post which I hope to put to good use in order to maintain and enhance the current high standards here. For many years I have been aware of the high regard in which the school is held locally and I believe this is well deserved and should be celebrated widely.

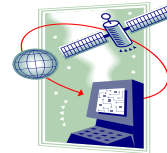
Speaking personally, I have a strong faith, which has informed my choice of profession, and has instilled my core belief that a good education, within a community which is distinctively Christian yet inclusive by nature, can have a real impact upon a child. I have a determination, based on moral purpose, that all children can make progress in their learning and that high expectations are the key to high performance. I also believe that children need to be valued as individuals and given the opportunity to develop their artistic, spiritual, musical and sporting prowess as well as learning to be a responsible member of the wider community. For me it's about raising people to distinction and I see it as a real privilege to be in a position to influence young people's lives in this way.

However, no school operates in isolation but is part of a community and the March C.E. Primary School is no different in this respect. This school enjoys the support, encouragement and challenge of the Local Authority, the Diocese and the Governing Body. We also have strong links with the local area which have developed and grown over time and provide a bedrock of support for the school. We are very grateful for this strong partnership.

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### • Westhampnett Parish Council– Chairman's Jottings

- In my notes to the Spring edition of the newsletter, I suggested that all 'bad' things had passed and that 2009 would be better than 2008. That was before the Daily Telegraph's expose on M.P.'s expenses!! I can safely say that no Westhampnett Parish councillor has ever claimed any expenses and I hope that may long continue.
- The Annual Meeting of Elections and the first parish council meeting of the new session were held on Monday 11th May. The first council meeting is when new council members can be elected and when new chair, vice-chair etc can take office. No nominations were received so the members of the Council are as before. The total number of people living in the Parish will have increased considerably by May 2010, so it may be thought right at that time for some changes to be made.
- The two meetings went off peacefully. At the electors meeting, it was my job to thank those who had helped the parish in the past years. The councillors Andrew Smith and Mike Hall, our District Council and County Council representatives respectfully; Rolls Royce; Police representatives and particularly our hard-working and efficient clerk, Erika.
- Nigel Carter of Rolls Royce, told us that the Rolls Royce Mk. 4 model will be called the Ghost and told us that production had dropped a bit in the current crunch but that Rolls Royce had not suffered as badly as some manufacturers.
- Our police representative is now Carly Churchill –Wright whose contact number is on the list of contact details. She urges everyone who sees something suspicious to report it.
- Andrew Smith updated us about the National Park and said that the sewage works at Apuldram was nearing capacity so adhering to Central Governments edict on numbers of houses is difficult and that the community bus funding is also difficult because of central government's cut-backs– so what's new?!!



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- Mike Hall told us that St Richards still has a long way to go before it is resolved– watch this space!! He said that it may be that Development Control, about which there has been much discussion, may unlike other national parks, may be delegated to the local authorities. Central government, unsurprisingly, has again cut the grant to W.S.C.C. to the minimum!! What's new? Mike says that W.S.C.C. are making a determined attempt to get up-to-date with pot holes.
- Other matters discussed included on-street parking on Stane Street when the District Council, having followed the Central Government's guidelines for parking on the Bellway development, now say that there is nothing that they can do. We shall have to prove to W.S.C.C. that the parking is a danger to the general public to get anywhere on this one.
- Goodwood Airfield Consultative Committee– most complaints are about the Harvard.
- Community Hall project delayed because Environmental Agency have still not made a final decision on drainage. To be reviewed in 3 months.
- Parish Notice boards replacements– to be looked at by Messrs Franklin and Adams.
- I wish all you all a peaceful, happy and enjoyable summer.

Henry Adams,

24/5/09

I grow foxgloves in my garden not just because they are one of my favourite flowers but for the bees, to be more precise, bumblebees. I never tire of watching the large bumblebees, affectionately known by my children when they were little as yellow, white or ginger burred bees, depending on the colour of their posteriors) squeeze into the bell like flowers and come out with a dab of pollen on their heads to take to the next plant. Some years ago I took a macro photo of a bumblebee entering a foxglove and when I viewed it on the screen there, where the bees land were a cluster of tiny hairs to aid the bee as it makes its way to the nectar. Myth and legend abound, the name foxglove some believe may be a corruption of folks -glove the glove of the wee folk, the fairies who were thought to inhabit the woodland glades where of course foxgloves grow in profusion. Other folk names include fairies fingers, fairies gloves and fox bells.

Over the past couple of weeks there has been an invasion of painted lady butterflies. A migratory species crossing from mainland Europe on the warm southerly winds which we have recently been having. A fast flying insect about the size of a red admiral pale orange in colour these migrants will breed this summer laying their eggs on Spear Thistle and or Burdock. The butterfly emerges in August and September where they can be seen feeding on Buddleia and rotting apples. Many will migrate south but most will die during the winter months. There was a good hatch of orange tips this spring around the parish but fewer holly blues than there were last year.

Common Terns can once again be seen on Westhampnett gravel pit. These most graceful of sea birds often called sea swallows because of their distinctive flight and forked tails are a joy to watch swooping and diving taking small fish from the surface of the lake.

Cycling around the parish the other day I was amazed at the number of places that you could hear skylarks from. The fields around Old Place Farm, Westerton and Maudlin, Rolls Royce and Westhampnett itself all have populations of these iconic birds. Surely one of the most beautiful pieces of English music was written in its honour The Lark Ascending by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

#### **FOXGLOVES by Mary Webb**

The foxglove bells, with lolling tongue.  
 Will not reveal what peals were rung  
     In faery, in faery,  
     A thousand ages gone.  
 All the golden clappers hang  
 As if but now the changes rang;  
     Only from the mottles throat  
     Never any echoes float.  
 Quite forgotten, in the wood,  
 Pale, crowded steeples rise;  
 All the time that they have stood  
 None has heard their melodies.  
     Deep, in wizardry  
 All the foxgloves belfries stand.  
 Should they startle over the land,  
 None would know what bells they be.  
     Never any wind can ring them,  
 Nor the great black bees that swing them-  
 Every crimson bell down-slanted,  
     Is so utterly enchanted

## Do you want to be famous?

A BBC TV series is to help regenerate six villages by encouraging residents to set up innovative rural businesses.

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Communities will be invited to apply for lottery funding to help create new jobs and improve the quality of local life.

Eighteen villages will be shortlisted to receive a development grant of up to £10,000 and will choose a "village champion" to advance ideas. Six projects will be awarded lottery funding of up to £400,000 in May 2010. Their respective village champion will then move into the village for a year to help turn business ideas into reality.

The BBC will follow the stories of the six new rural enterprises from start-up to trading for a TV series to be broadcast in winter 2010. The six-part series will follow the ups and downs as communities work to get their business off the ground. Village champions will be recruited through a nationwide search.

Champions could be anyone with a successful track record in business, such as a banker, baker or builder. But they must have the drive and charisma to launch a new venture, and the desire to live and work in a rural village for a year. The initiative aims to fund three awards in England and one each in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Eligible villages will have population of up to 3,000 people.

Big Lottery Fund chairman Sir Clive Booth said: "While rural village life is in decline we believe that many villages are sitting on a range of untapped potential." The initiative would leave a genuine legacy for each of the villages involved, he added.

The TV series will be presented by Sarah Willingham, who helped turn the Indian restaurant chain The Bombay Bicycle Club into a hugely lucrative catering business. She said: "It will help regenerate rural villages and will hopefully be a great example to village communities across the UK." The series would inspire people to think about ways rural residents can turn local resources into thriving businesses.

A major learning campaign alongside the TV series will encourage other villages to start new businesses that will regenerate their own communities.

The grant applications process and BBC search for village champions will close on 14 August 2009. Full details can be found at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos>.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a national debt counselling charity working through a network of centres based in local churches. CAP offers hope and a solution to anyone in debt through its unique, in-depth service.

Our service is practical, long-term and freely available to anyone, regardless of age, race, religion, disability or any other factor. We work with clients until they are debt free, offering a holistic approach that tackles more than just their financial status. Our budgets and plans are manageable and sustainable and we place particular emphasis on saving for the future too. This empowers and enables clients to pay their rent on time and in full. For example, last year alone, we saved over 300 families from eviction.

CAP aims to show God's love in action by providing sustainable poverty relief through debt counselling, advice and practical help. CAP's unique 'hands on' approach empowers people to help themselves out of poverty and be released from the fear, oppression and worry generated by overwhelming debts. We are providing sustainable poverty relief as our service teaches clients vital budgeting skills that will last a lifetime.

The charity operates through a growing network of over 100 UK centres, all opened in partnership with a local church. CAP began in 1996 when John Kirkby, armed with a £10 donation, started to help people in his local community who were trapped in debt.

The charity is now a fast-paced, growing organisation whose vision is to answer the national problem of debt in the UK by having at least one CAP Centre operating in every major town and city by the year 2021.

Chichester Baptist Church hosts the new CAP Centre at 124 Sherborne Road, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 3AW. Colin Clark is the Chichester Centre Manager and can be contacted on telephone number 0781 5561 868 for more information.

#### How does it work?

A person in debt phones to seek help

- Home visit 1 is arranged to assess and gather information so CAP HQ can set up a budget by prioritising essential bills and deal with the creditors by negotiating affordable payments and stopping unfair interest and charges. We offer to pray with the client.
- Home visit 2, 7-10 days later for the client to check the proposed budget and sign off the agreement Home visit 3 to finalise and check progress
- Ongoing support and friendship offered for as long as it is required

CAP at Bradford:

- Provide the expertise and liaison with creditors
- Set up a CAP client account
- Deal with all correspondence – red letters, phone calls etc
- Will assist with insolvency/bankruptcy if debts unable to be cleared in around 5 years
- Organise client events and breaks

**For an appointment phone free on 0800 328 0006**

#### Westhampnett W.I.

Our March speaker gave us a most interesting insight to her trip to North India as an embroidery workshop talk showing some of the work that she brought back and the some work that she made herself. She was a member of the Chichester Embroiders Guild.

The Careline speaker in **April** was very informative.

**May** was a Resolution meeting. The resolution being 'SOS for honey bees.' Honey bees play a vital role in the pollination of food crops and in our environment. The resolution will be voted on at the AGM held at the Albert Hall in June.

We then had the pleasure of hearing John Clegg tell us how he started in the theatre and the chance meeting which led to him playing in 'It 'aint Half Hot Mum!'

At our June meeting, the speaker is Mrs Sylvia Endacott, on 'A Little Piece of Cardboard.' Why not come along and hear about it?

In July, Mrs Monica Lewis will show us ways of making a 'Bee and Butterfly garden'.

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at The March School. Our social event in August is a tea party held at Mary and Sally's home at Halnaker on Saturday August 15th at 3pm.



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#### Anyone who can knit or sew

Children from the March School have been invited to take part in the Goodwood Revival this September.

They will be in period dress so we need anyone who can knit a plain girl's cardigan or boy's tank top. We also need volunteers to sew simple dresses.

If you feel that you are able to help, please contact the school office on 01243 783987.

Thank-you.

## Neighbourhood Policing Chichester Rural June 2009

After the last Neighbourhood Management Panel, new priorities have been set.

### Local Priorities for Lavant ward

Find out here about local priorities in your area, and what is being done about them .

#### Priority 1

**What you said** – you told us that residents were concerned with the number of off road bikes in New Road, East Dean and East Dean Woods. (Set at the Neighbourhood Management Panel 18/05/09)

**What we did** – I have been conducting patrols of the area.

**What Happened** – Ongoing work to tackle this problem.

#### Priority 2

**What you said** – Residents were concerned by a vehicle driving with excess speed in Newhouse Lane and Pilleygreen Hill, East Dean. (Set at the Neighbourhood Management Panel 18/05/09)

**What we did** – Patrols in the area and checks made on the vehicles registered owner.

**What Happened** – On going work to tackle this problem.

#### Youths Sentenced for Burglary.

Aaron Dunsby aged 19 and Max Smallwood aged 18 years appeared at Chichester Crown court on 18/05/09 and were sentenced for two dwelling burglaries, one non-dwelling burglary and an aggravated vehicle theft. Dunsby asked for 4 other offences and Smallwood asked for 6 other offences to be taken into consideration.

DC Kim Clinch from Chichester CID, who led the enquiry said “These offences were all committed in the East Wittering and Bracklesham Bay areas earlier this year. An appeal to members of the public proved very useful and I wish to thank those who assistance led to this successful prosecution”

Both Dunsby and Smallwood had pleaded guilty to all offences and were sentenced to 12 months in youth custody.

#### Raves in rural locations

With the warm weather now with us, can I make you all aware of the fact that raves can often take place in rural areas.

Can I ask that everyone is vigilant during the coming weeks, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of early intervention at these gatherings. Once a rave is set up with the large numbers that attend, it can be impractical to close it down. Closing these incidents down before they get established is the best method for all concerned. The impact on the quality of the lives of everyone in earshot is immense.

If you see or hear any activity that suggests that a rave may be in the process of being set up, please call Sussex Police and quote **serial 740 of 5/4/09**. Early intervention of these activities can prevent a long weekend of disruption.

Alternatively, if you wish to know more then please speak to me when you see me out and about and I will be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

#### **Operation Grouse**

I am hoping to set up ‘Operation Grouse’ with the help of my Neighbourhood Watch members. Operation Grouse is a Sussex Police initiative to tackle the theft from motor vehicles occurring at beauty spot car parks.

Historically there have been a high number of thefts from vehicles parked at rural beauty spot car parks during the summer months. This is due to the owners leaving their vehicles unattended for long periods of time, often with insecurities owing to the hot weather. Many of the car parks offer an ideal environment for criminals to operate owing to their isolated locations. It is our aim to deter this activity with the assistance of the Neighbourhood Watch, providing the presence of Neighbourhood Watch members whilst gathering intelligence relating to offenders and their vehicles and liaison with members of the public that will include crime prevention advice.



## GOING HOME WITH SUPPORT FOR CARERS VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED

**Children in school? Retired? Time on your hands?**

**Are you looking for a way to support others in the community?**

**Then you may be able to help us!**

**We are looking for caring and responsible volunteers, to support people following hospital discharge. Full training will be given, travel and out of pocket expenses are paid.**

**Volunteers can give as much or as little time as they have to spare.**

**For further information on how you can become a volunteer for Carers, contact the Service Co-ordinator on**

**01243 870757 or 07709 406 472**