

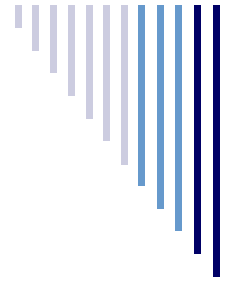


They were hobbies, pocket peregrine falcons the only British bird of prey able to fly down a swift and regularly pluck dragon flies out of the air and eat them on the wing. They have narrow sickle shaped wings which allows them to follow the tightest twist and turns of their prey. The hobby is a summer visitor to the UK, breeding mainly in the southern counties. Their numbers drastically declined in the 50s and 60s but are now slowly increasing. I have only ever seen one other pair of hobbies in our parish and that was almost 20 years ago. The buzzard had obviously strayed into what they perceived as their territory and by the ferocity of the attack would have had eggs or even young in their nest and another bird a prey was not going to be tolerated.

Points of interest

Mistle and song thrushes start singing on fine days in late November joining the robin already singing his wistful little winter song. Look out for redwings and field fare as well as waxwings seen feeding on the abundance of berries we have this year. Waxwings have often been seen feeding on the white beam berries in Waitrose's car park. Also drawn to our bird tables in winter are siskins, like a miniature green finch, and it's good to see the coal and long tailed tits returning in numbers.

Bob Holman



BMW Group

Views from Three Villages

Winter 10 edition

2010



The snow comes early in Maudlin!

Have you any old photographs or negatives of the area that we could include in future?



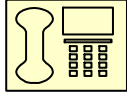
If you wish to include anything in the next edition, at claire.mcleish@fiscali.co.uk.

Thanks to Rolls Royce for printing this issue.

For up-to-date news on all information in the area, visit our new website:-

<http://westhampnettpc.co.uk>

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:

Henry Adams	01243 773513
Guy Knight	01243 773897
Ken Franklin	01243 786109
Peggy Wood	01243 782596
Mark Porter	01243 789773
Bob Holman	01243 774381
Claire McLeish	01243 779553
	Clerk
Erika Benackova	01243 823520



The Revd. Ann Waizeneker 01243 536280

Neighbourhood Watch 0116 2710052 www.neighbourhoodwatch.net

Chichester District Council 01243 785166/www.chichester.gov.uk

West Sussex County Council 01243 777100/www.westsussex.gov.uk

PCSO Carly Churchill-Wright 0845 6070999 ext: 27942

email: carly.churchillwright@sussex.pnn.police.uk

www.cdnwa.org.uk - Chichester & District Neighbourhood Watch Association

www.chichester.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=5282 - Chichester

Careline & Keepsafe 01243 778688

www.crimestoppers-uk.org/ - Crimestoppers 0800 555 111

www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/trading-standards/ Trading Standards 01243 777100

Nature Notes

While walking in the northern extremities of our parish where the boundaries of Boxgrove, Eartham, East Dean and Westhampnett all come together I was witness to a rather unusual event. I had parked by Combine Alley, a local name for the track running down to Open Winkins, which incidentally to new members of our community is carpeted with bluebells in the spring, and later if you have a mind to walk the trails at twilight you may hear owls, nightjars and woodcock and in early July see glow-worms. It was a warm July morning, with little or no cloud, perfect weather for a walk through the woods.

A buzzard made lazy circles in the summer sky enjoying the thermals rising up from the downs, when what appeared to be out of nowhere a bird about the size of a collared dove swooped at the buzzard causing it to cry out in alarm. Its flipped on its back presenting talons to its attacker which was joined by its mate uttering loud ke, ke, ke calls as they both harried the beleaguered buzzard desperately trying to avoid their murderous attack. It brought to mind scenes from the Battle of Britain with Spitfires swift and deadly against lumbering German bombers. The buzzard tried frantically to gain height but was no match for the two wizards of the airways who are built for speed and manoeuvrability and continued to mob it unmercifully. This carried on for a couple a minutes before the buzzard folded its wings and plummeting to the sanctuary of the woodland canopy chased all the way down by its persecutors who chanting their triumph wheeling around each other as they did so.

News from the WI

Our summer social held at Mary and Sally's home was a mixture of sun and showers. We came inside during showers for a very good tea and managed the draw of the raffle in the garden during a sunny spell! A good afternoon was enjoyed by all with profits going half to charity and half to WI funds.

October was our Annual meeting and once again Ruth Hughes was elected president.

In November, Mr David Allport, MBE came with excellent slides and talked to us about the Solent, giving us a history of the forts in Solent and the buildings on land.



Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm is party time when we will be entertained with songs and monologues. Anyone wishing to come along to the Christmas party would be most welcome- just ring Pat Adams on 01243 773513.

Autumn edition Chairman's jottings

The Autumn Parish council meeting was held on Monday 24th October.



Prior to the meeting, The March C.E. Primary School's Head teacher, Peter Edgington, gave a presentation in which he informed us of various changes that the school would like to make to the Sports hall. These changes will allow more flexibility for groups to work in at school. No-one at the meeting foresaw any particular problems with these suggested changes. It is always good to see the head teacher at these meetings and we wish Peter well.

Our two local authority representatives, Andrew Smith, C.D.C., and Mike Hall, W.S.C.C., were both present as was the Revd. Ann Waizeneker and Martin Bennett of Westhampnett P.C.C. together with Alun Rees of Goodwood.

Andrew Smith and Mike Hall made their reports to the meeting. Alun Rees said that the lawyers were finally moving themselves on the Community Hall proposed site. Since the Parish Council meeting, this has been confirmed and we have had a meeting with the Planning Officer, which was helpful. I leave Mark Porter to say more on this subject in his report.

At a meeting of Goodwood Airfield Consultative Committee, which I attended, it was reported that there were very few complaints about aircraft movements. I would urge anyone who is disturbed by the operation of non-military aircraft in the area, should ring 01243 755162 to register their displeasure. The remainder of the meeting passed uneventfully.



I am sure that Bob Holman will have a piece in the newsletter but I thought that I would touch on a couple of points on the Autumn.

What a wonderful time it has been for the Autumn colours- who needs to go to New

England for 'The Fall!'

Also what a good time it was before the cold snap for winter digging. This is a pastime that I can thoroughly recommend- much better than gym for improving fitness and it does the ground good as well !!

Another year has gone by- it is quite incredible how quickly the years go by the older you get. The population of the parish has increased dramatically during the year- we welcome our new parishioners in their new homes and look forward to seeing them at a function during 2011 or at one of our Parish Council meetings the next of which will be @ 7.00pm on 10th January.

Here's a New Year's resolution for you. How about a resolution for us to MOVE ourselves and make sure that the Parish gets the benefit of the of the £120,000 or so awaiting our pleasure in the coffers of the C.D.C. The survey we conducted some years ago said that our community had NO CENTRE. So let's get a move on and do something about it.

I wish all the readers of this newsletter, the compliments of the season..

Henry Adams

29.11.10

ST·PETER'S·CHURCH



WESTHAMPNETT

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 12th

9.45am Family Eucharist

Wednesday 15th

3 pm Carols & Eucharist

Westhampnett Nursing Home

Sunday 19th

8.00am Holy Communion

9.45am Family Eucharist

4.00pm Family Carol Service and Blessing of the Crib

(followed by Seasonal refreshments)

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.45am Family Eucharist

Sunday 26th

9.45am Family Eucharist



Carol Singing round the Parish

Friday 17th December

Maudlin & Westhampnett

Meet at Council car park, Halnaker Rd, Maudlin
at 6.00pm

Saturday 18th December

The Mill & The Sadlers at 4.45pm

and

Sainsburys (main door) at 7.00 - 8.00pm

Tuesday 21st December

Westerton

Meeting at Richmond Road, 6.00pm

Everyone is invited to join in!

*The proceeds from our collections will be divided
equally between*

Save the Children & St Peter's



I have been at scouts for about two years and I still really enjoy it,

As matter of fact I think it is a brilliant organization. It gives both boys and girls new skills to learn, best of all experiencing the great outdoors and also working in a team.



It allows you to practice diverse experiences; in June we packed and carried food, clothes, tent and water and navigated our way over the Downs during a 22km hike in 25°C temperatures compared to our recent 'Jamie Oliver' cook-off when we had to cook pasta recipes outside in freezing temperatures.- cold but tasty! All I'm trying to get across is that its great fun and very rewarding.

If any one would like to have a go, have a look on the national scout website, for your nearest branch. Go to www.scoutbase.org.uk/.

Our troop meets at Tangmere Primary School each Thursday at 7pm. Have a go!

Cameron McLeish



I would like to introduce myself as the new headteacher of The March Church of England Primary School. My name is Peter Edgington and I have taught for 13 years - beginning in south London and then Selsey and Chichester. I have a passion for learning and believe that every child should be valued for who they are - God's unique work of art.

I am delighted to be leading such a vibrant and successful school which is such a part of the Westhampnett and Oving communities. Whilst deputy headteacher at my last school, St Richard's, I introduced an international aspect to the curriculum. I hope to do this at The March to widen the children's understanding of the world and of their own country.

As a staff we have recently discussed the school's Christian ethos and agreed a Mission Statement:

We believe that, as God's creation, He has entrusted us to be a compassionate, loving and forgiving community.

We grow and learn in His peace.

Governors, parents and the School Council were involved in the choice of words and this reflects our ethos accurately. We are building on strong links with the parishes of St Andrew's and St Peter's and Rev. Ann and Fr Ian are regular visitors to the school. We have even established a chaplaincy for staff, parents and pupils.

I would like to thank many members of the local community who have made me feel so welcome and I look forward to meeting more of you in the future.

Peter Edgington

Village Hall Update



Progress towards providing Westhampnett with a village hall has been stalled whilst we await legal clearance for the proposed Claypit Lane site to be released by Bellway.

This is apparently in hand. To move matters along a meeting was held with the project architect, Richard Atkinson and the planning officer responsible for our parish, John Saunders. Having had the general proposal for the hall explained and having viewed the revised plans for the village hall it was felt that there were no obvious planning barriers. It was agreed that the project would be best served by submitting a planning application. Richard Atkinson, who has been involved in many successful village hall projects in this area, is currently preparing our application.

If planning permission is granted it will be at this point that fund raising will become a priority along with establishing an organisational structure for building the hall and managing it when built.

Anybody who would like to participate in our efforts to provide a village hall to serve Westhampnett, Westerton and Maudlin would be more than welcome, just contact me or one of the other parish councillors (contact numbers listed in this newsletter).

Mark Porter