

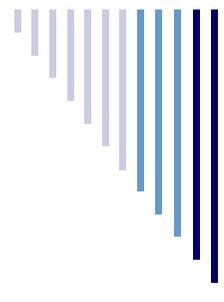


I'm sure that most of us who live in the parish of Westhampnett are familiar with the call of the tawny owl immortalised by William Shakespeare in his poem When icicles hang by the wall, "the starry owl to-whit to-who, a merry note." Its the whooooo that we hear most of the time the to-whit being of the call of the female. They "sing" in from November to about the end of June and lay their eggs as early as mid February. A tawny owl who

lives in the oak trees along Claypit Lane is regularly seen on roof tops around the cross roads and is probably the same bird who sits in our ash tree and serenades us on winter nights. We have three of the five species of owls native to the UK in our parish the other two being the barn owl and the little owl both of which can occasionally be seen between Maudlin and Westerton but more frequently sitting on a the fence posts going up Hat Hill. Land owners including our neighbours at Rolls Royce put up owl boxes to encourage these night hunters who take large number of mice small rats and voles. The short and long eared owls so called because of tufts of feathers giving the impression of ears can be seen in and around Chichester and Pagham Harbours during winter months, the last short eared owl I saw in our parish was about fifteen years ago in the woods at Goodwood.

In Robin Pages country diary in last Saturday's telegraph he asks a very pertinent question "is it time to cull some of the predators." Magpies, crows even sparrow hawks and buzzards which we regularly see over Westhampnett and until fairly recently were a rare sight. Populations of predatory birds such as those mentioned above have increased dramatically in the last thirty years while the opposite is true for most of our once common garden birds, Magpies. jays, carrion crows and grey squirrels are all great robbers of nests and arguably are a greater threat to dwindling populations of song birds than hawks and buzzards the latter whose diet includes rabbits, rats mice and carrion, but whatever the rights and wrongs of the argument I wouldn't like to be the one who has to make the decision either way.

Bob Holman



BMW Group

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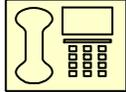
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Thanks to Rolls Royce for printing this issue.

For up-to-date news on all information in the area, including meeting dates when planning matters are heard, visit our 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:

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ST-PETER'S-CHURCH



WESTHAMPNETT

Christmas 2011

Sunday 11th December, 4.30pm at St Paul's - Christingle Service.



Friday 16th and Tuesday 20th December - Evening Carol Singing round the Parish. (please contact Revd. Ann on 01243 536280 or email ann@stpeterswesthampnett.org for exact times. Please do come along and sing or if you have an instrument that you would be able to play.

Sunday 18th December, 4.00pm - St Peter's Crib and Carol Service, with mulled wine and mince pies.

Monday 19th December, 4-6pm at the Vicarage - Children's Christmas Party

Saturday 24th December, 11.30pm Mid-night Mass St Peter's

Sunday 25th December, 9.45am Parish Eucharist



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WESTHAMPNETT

Sunday 13th November 9.45am Parish Eucharist with Sunday-School,
Remembrance Sunday and Act of Remembrance

Sunday 20th November 8.00am Holy Communion
Christ the King 9.45am Parish Eucharist **No Tea-time Worship this month**

Sunday 27th November 9.45am Parish Eucharist with Sunday School
Advent Sunday

Morning Prayer takes place every Wednesday from 9am – 9.30am. All welcome.

Wednesday mornings, 10.30 to noon, Dovecote View Residential Care Home weekly open house coffee morning.

Autumn edition Chairman's jottings

Our editor, Claire's Mum, has been seriously ill for some months, and this is the reason why no newsletter has been published since the Spring. I am pleased to say that Claire's Mum is steadily improving now so Claire has the time available to produce the newsletter.



So what's new in the world? New housing, changes to planning laws– National Trust up in arms and other national organisations suggesting that England's green and pleasant land will disappear. It certainly seems so in Westhampnett Parish if the land owners (with the exception of the Goodwood Estate) within the parish have their way as most of them have ideas of building houses–
MANY, MANY HOUSES within our Parish,

Chichester District Council are in the process of preparing the structure Plan up to 2028 for new housing and have invited the public to participate. Ideas had to be submitted to CDC by 23rd September. Both the Parish Council and the Goodwood Estate put in robust returns to defend the parish against invading development.

It is thought politically correct for developers wishing to build houses these days should approach the Parish council before submitting a planning application. For this reason, a development team made a presentation before our recent parish council meeting held on 23rd September, showing ideas for the redevelopment of Maudlin Nursery. Anyone wishing to know more about this development should contact a Parish Councillor who would be pleased to discuss this.

The Parish Council Meeting itself followed its normal pattern. Andrew Smith, our Chichester District Councillor, said that the CEO of CDC was retiring at the end of the year. Mike Hall, our West Sussex County Councillor, thought that the brief put forward by CDC for the Structure Plan, could have been more straightforward—I agree.

Andrew Ball of Rolls Royce, said that sales were being maintained at last year's levels with 17 cars being produced per day (mostly Phantoms and Ghosts) and that Rolls Royce was investing up to £10 million on improving the plant.

Committees for the Community Hall project and Planning were set up. New Parish council notice boards have been erected at Maudlin, Westhampnett and more recently, at Westerton. Many thanks to Bob and Andrew for their labour. These boards have details of parish council meetings and other items important to the parish so keep checking them.

The proposed dates for Parish Council meetings for 2011/12 are:-

Wednesday 23rd November 2011

Tuesday 28th February 2012,

Tuesday 14th May 2012,

Tuesday 17th July 2012,

Tuesday 16th October 2012. our



Please note that we have had to change the days for our meetings to Tuesdays because the school could not accommodate us on Mondays.

May I remind you that you are all welcome to attend our meetings which normally start at 7.00pm.

Since the Parish Council Meeting, I have attended a Goodwood Aerodrome Consultation Committee meeting. Movements of aircraft are still well down on the 1989 total when there were 53,000 movements. So far this year, there have been 22578. Good news, the Harvard pilot has been told to do 'silent' take offs when safe to do so. If anyone has a complaint about aircraft at Goodwood please ring the Complaint **line 775162**. The next meeting will be on 18th April, so let me know if there is anything you would like raised.

In my last notes, I asked if we were going to have a dry summer. HA HA- but until this week (end Oct) we have had a dry Autumnn!!

My compliments of the season to you all,

Henry Adams 27.10.11

Be prepared for bad weather

WSSC have issued the following guidance for the winter period. Further details are found on its website.

Clearing snow and ice yourself - the 'snow code'

There's no law stopping you from clearing snow and ice on the pavement outside your house or from public spaces. If you have cleared it carefully, it's unlikely you'll be sued or held legally responsible for any injuries on the path. Remember, people walking on snow and ice have responsibility to be careful themselves.

If your neighbour has difficulty getting in and out of their home, please offer to clear snow and ice around their property as well. Please check on any elderly or disabled neighbours when we experience cold weather.

Clear the snow or ice early in the day

It's easier to move fresh, loose snow in the morning. If you remove the top layer of snow in the morning, any sunshine during the day will melt any ice beneath. You can then cover the path with salt before nightfall, to stop it refreezing overnight.

Use salt or sand - not water

If you use water to melt the snow, it may refreeze and turn to black ice. Black ice increases the risk of injuries because it is invisible and very slippery. You can prevent black ice by spreading some salt on the area you have cleared. You can use ordinary table or dishwasher salt - a tablespoon for each square metre you clear should work. Don't use the salt found in salting bins - this will be needed to keep the roads clear.

Be careful not to spread salt on the plants or grass, as it may cause them damage. If you don't have enough salt, you can also use sand or ash. These won't stop the path icing over as well as salt, but will provide good grip under foot.

Your winter checklist

Make sure you don't get caught out when severe weather strikes.

- Check and service your vehicle
- Make sure your car is roadworthy and carry with you a spade, blanket, map, torch, first aid kit and emergency food and drink in case of breakdown or travel issues.
- Check screen wash levels & ensure the windscreen wipers and tyres are in good condition.
- Defrost the windscreen and windows thoroughly before you drive.
- Leave more time for your journey, & drive slowly, leaving a good distance between your vehicle and the one in front.

Always carry your mobile phone with you and make sure it is fully charged.

Keeping warm at home

- Keep your curtains drawn and doors closed to block out draughts.
- Set your thermostat to around 21C (70F) and heat all of the rooms you use during the day. Heat your bedroom before going to bed.
- Rather than turning up the temperature higher, set the heating to come on earlier than normal.
- Make sure any electric blankets have been recently checked and are safe to use.

If you use a fire or heater in the bedroom, open the window or door a little bit to allow for ventilation.

News from the WI Westhampnett.

In August, we held our garden and cream tea at a members home.



We made a profit of £280, of which half went to the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice and the other half to our funds.

In July, we had our funniest speaker so far, Mel Rees. His talk was entitled 'Brought to Book- That's Life' and he managed to find a funny side to most things in life. His stories about his mother are familiar to us all.

We held a silent auction which raised money for our funds. It was most enjoyable seeing members trying to outbid each other in order to obtain the object that they liked!

In September, Fiona Perriman spoke about eyes and how amazing and precious our eyes are to us.

October brought our AGM when we elect a new committee. Next year we will have a new president. Our present Chair and committee were thanked for all their hard work to make our meetings so enjoyable and interesting.

Please come and join us at The March School on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30pm, where the speaker is Steve Harris with 'Manner's Mother and the Milkman's Horse.' The Christmas party will be on December 15th so do join us.

Pat Adams.



Gerald Brockhurst on Pathe News

The front cover features Gerald Brockhurst of Everymans Garage starting on Pathe News some years ago with his pony, his father and his father's taxi.

This footage can be viewed once more as it is available on the Pathe News website. Entering 'pony' and 'taxi' in the search window will bring you to the film.

Maudlin features strongly as the taxi-borne pony and Gerald head off to West Dean to the farrier. The beginning of the clip is missing because at some point the first few frames of the film were given to Gerald as a souvenir and thus were unavailable to be posted on the online archive.

Village Hall Update

As Chichester contemplates a strategy for the future provision of housing in the Chichester District speculative proposals for specific developments in Westhampnett have been made. These proposals have incorporated the provision of a village hall. As yet these proposals have not been put forward for planning permission and it is by no means certain that they will.

Given this uncertainty the parish council has agreed that it will proceed with the original plan of applying for planning permission for the village hall on the site to the east of Claypit Lane. This application continues to be delayed by the non-completion of the legal process to remove this site from its retention by Belway.

We are assured that this situation is being resolved and that in due course we will be able to submit our application.

Mark Porter



The Friends of the March are still busy fundraising. On top of the bigger events, there is 'business as usual' for us, such as **Cake Sales, 2nd Hand Uniform Sales, our fundraising website, and a new addition – The Costume Exchange!**

Please don't forget that all the money we raise goes directly into buying extra items and equipment for the children at The March School, hopefully enhancing their experiences there! As I'm sure you're aware, we are currently raising money for an outdoor classroom which will cost in the region of £8000 once it's complete. **The good news is we're well over half way there – but there is still more fundraising to be done!**

With this in mind, please make a note of the following dates, as by supporting these, not only will the kids have a good time – but we will reach our target sooner! It would be great to have the outdoor classroom in place ready for next spring/summer!



Christmas Fayre – Saturday 3rd December from 11 am til 2 pm – Including the usual attractions of drink and chocolate tombola, toys, books, crafts to do, hot food and mulled wine and hopefully even some carol singing. The big attraction is meeting Santa himself in a rather nice grotto!

Christmas Disco – Friday 9th December – tickets will be on sale soon.

Many thanks for all your on-going help and support!

Rachel Bryan, on behalf of The Friends of the March.



The March CE Primary School

Children from The March Church of England Primary School have recently prepared their own services to celebrate at St Peter's. The

first service, held just 3 weeks ago, was a very spiritual and moving occasion. Year 5 children aged 9 and 10 years old walked to church with Year 2 children, aged 6 and 7 years old. There were a great many parents at the service who joined in with the hymns and prayers. Most of the children and parents are not regular church-goers, but in that twenty minutes there was a strong feeling of the reality of Jesus' promise: 'For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The first theme was 'Service' and, in mid November, Years 1,3,4 and 6 will celebrate the theme of 'Respect and Reverence'. It was decided to hold services for two classes at a time because if the whole school attends together there is no room left for parents! The children are delighted to have this opportunity to share a time of peace and meditation with their families.

