

Views from Three Villages

Maudlin, Westerton and Westhampnett

February 2008



Competition
to win £50
included
inside!



Dates for your diary

St Peters Church Easter services

Sunday March 2nd - **Mothering Sunday**, 9.45am Family Eucharist

Sunday March 16th - **Palm Sunday**, 9.45am Family Eucharist with Palm Procession.

March 20th - 6pm. **Maundy Thursday** Eucharist

March 21st - 3pm **Good Friday** - Family Service followed by Hot Cross Buns

Saturday 22nd March - 8pm **Easter Vigil**, starting outside the church with bonfire, the first light of Easter.

Sunday 23rd March - **Easter Day** 9.45am Family Eucharist, followed by Easter Egg Hunt.

Everyone welcome at all services.

Monday 5th May, 2-6pm

Grand Village Fair

Live music, tug-o-war competition, Men-at-arms demonstration

Goodwood dates 2008

Sunday Breakfast Club

First Sunday in month from May to October.

Vintage Fly-in

27-28th May mostly pre-1966 aircraft

Festival of Speed

*11-13th July

Glorious Goodwood

28th July-1st August

Revival meeting

*19-21st September

* Subject to change if clash with Grand Prix schedule.

Ed's notes

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 June 2ndnd 2008. Thanks once again to Rolls Royce for their support in publishing this newsletter.



This Spring our Parish Church is hoping to draw to Westhampnett one of its biggest crowds for many years, as plans for a on the Spring Bank Holiday gather pace. It will be in the grounds of the Westhampnett Private Nursing Home next to the church between 2.00 & 6.00 pm on Monday 5th May.

It promises to be a wonderful day out for all the family - many attractions are already booked, from live music to a tug-of-war competition (ring Father James on the number below if you wish to enter a team!) and men-at-arms demonstrating archery & fencing (with opportunities for trying out!), games for the children, teas and refreshments of all sorts (including beer for thirsty competitors!), and ever popular stalls for cakes, plants, ice-cream, tombola and many others.



Our local schools have already launched on a painting competition on *The Village Fair*, and there is also an open Photography competition on *Springtime in Sussex* (entry forms can be downloaded from the website below or removed from the back of this magazine).



Both competitions will have expert judges and attractive prizes. There will many other



opportunities to win prizes including lucky number programmes, and an upmarket raffle.

We are hoping that readers will come and celebrate a real event for everyone in Westhampnett, Maudlin and Westerton, knowing they will be contributing to the Appeal for vital work to St Peter's Church Roof. Further information may be had from Anne Parker (Tel: 01243 536080), Father James (Tel: 01243 783010), or visit St Peter's new website on <http://westhampnettchurch.googlepages.com>.

Chairman's Jottings

A few notes on the Parish Council meeting of 14th January. It was good to see that our two councillors Andrew Smith (CDC) and Mike Hall (WSCC) continue to support our meetings- we are very fortunate to have two so active representatives. Also were pleased to see our Police Community Support Officer (PSCO) Jason Lemm at the meeting.

Jason informed the meeting of various break-ins in Singleton in December and added that anyone seeing anything suspicious should note the event and report on one of the phone numbers on our contact list (at the back).

Mike Hall informed the meeting that the WSCC Budget had been fixed at an increase of 4.9% and Andrew Smith was still pressing for the promised tree planting to be carried out at the Amenity Site.

Mark Porter reported on the progress of the Community Hall. Basically we have the land - we have a cover of something like 25% of the cost and all we need now are willing hands to push the project on. Could anyone willing to be actively involved in this project contact either Mark or me- support from the parish is essential.

The rest of the meeting passed fairly uneventfully- Goodwood Airfield seems to be quiet- except for the helicopters over flying Westerton!!

The Budget was approved and the meeting closed at around 8.45 pm.- the earliest for some time!!

One of my pet hobbyhorses of the moment is litter. I wrote in this publication some time ago asking for volunteers to come forward so that we could do a regular clean-up- NOT A WORD from anyone- BUT more litter. As far as litter is concerned, this country is worse than Italy was 40 years ago- thank God Italy has got its act together and cleaned itself up- let us start to do the same. I am very pleased to say that one of our public spirited Westerton residents has already started his own campaign against litter- let more of us do the same- please.

Finally what a wonderful spell of weather - in February- I am sure that Bob Holman in his piece will be talking of the exceptional weather and its effect on planet and animal life- including ourselves- a bit of sun and we all feel better.

Henry Adams
Chairman Westhampnett Parish Council
February 2008

Westhampnett Women's Institute

It was with great sadness that we heard at our November meeting that Shirley Russell had passed away. She was a tremendous supporter of our W.I. and will be greatly missed.

At our December meeting we had Circle dancing, mulled wine and Christmas cake, and a present each from Father Christmas! January saw the HR Ken Arkle give an interesting talk with slides on the Meon Valley.

In February we celebrate our 29th birthday with a talk on 'The Topic of Jazz.' Do come along and join us- you will be most welcome. We meet at the March School hall, Westhampnett at 7.30pm. Hope to see you there!

Pat Adams

THE SNOWDROP

Three softly curved white petals veined
with light,
Three green-lined sepals, guarding frugal gold,
And all so strong to fold or unfold,
Snow thunders from the bending pines. How slight
This frail, sheathed stem, Yet all unbent it springs,
So swift in stoopings and recoverings.

In the pale sunshine, with frail wings unfurled,
Comes to the bending snowdrop the first bee.
She gives her winter honey prudently,
And faint with travel in a bitter world,
The bee makes music, tentative and low,
And springs awakes and laughs across the snow.

Mary Webb.



Nature notes

Early February, evenings are lengthening, on fine days there's warmth again in the sunshine enough to entice bumble bees to forage on early flowering shrubs such as Mahonia Japonica as well as snowdrops and hellebores.

In the 1920s when Mary Webb wrote her poem winters were indeed harsh snow was inevitable in her native Shropshire as were frozen pipes and skating on village ponds.

In West Sussex 2008 and in particular our parish, snowdrops have been blooming for a month or more.

Bird song can once again be heard in the woods and fields of Westhampnett. Song and Mistle Thrush's are in full swing, the great tit with a voice like a bell has started his see-saw song while the robin has been tuning up since mid December. The Mistle Thrush can be seen on highest branch of the tallest tree defying storm and tempest declaring to the world this is my patch, hence its colloquial name storm cock.

Coltsfoot is in flower on sheltered banks and hedgerows, It's flowers appear long before the leaves hence one of it's local names son- before- father. It was a major constituent of herbal tobacco years ago and an excellent medication for troublesome coughs.

The other day while walking around hat hill I noticed two black headed gulls in full breeding plumage, their chocolate brown heads marking them out against the other dozen or so gulls still in their winter attire. Not

far away five buzzards wheeled in the weak winter sunshine mewing or calling a sound so evocative of our part of Sussex.

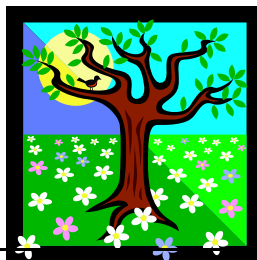
So signs of spring are all around us, but beware winter hasn't done with us yet.

The Miracle.

Come, sweetheart, listen, for I have a thing
Most wonderful to tell you- news of spring.
Albeit winter still is in the air,
And the earth troubled, and the branches bare,
Yet down the fields to-day I saw her pass-
The spring-her feet went shining through the grass

.She touched the ragged hedgerows- I have seen
Her finger- prints, most delicately green;
And she has whispered to the crocus leaves,
And to the garrulous sparrows in the eaves.
Swiftly she passed and shyly, and her fair
Young face was hidden in her cloudy hair.
She would not stay, her season is not yet,
But she has reawakened, and has set
The sap of all the world astir, and rent
Once more the shadows of our discontent.
Triumphant news- a miracle I sing-
The everlasting miracle of spring.

John Drinkwater.



Contributed by Bob Holman



HOMESHARE SCHEME OPERATING IN WEST SUSSEX

West Sussex is pioneering a scheme in which older people provide a much-needed home to people who give them help and support in return.

There are many older people living alone in the County whose family and friends are too far away to give them the help, companionship and security they need. At the same time the high cost of housing has made it difficult for people such as care workers, teachers or students to find suitable accommodation.

Called Homeshare, this is a scheme where a householder offers a homesharer free accommodation in exchange for an agreed level of help with daily tasks such as cooking, cleaning or gardening as well as companionship. It allows the homesharer to save money by not paying rent and allows them to live in an area they might not otherwise have been able to afford.

Homeshare puts the householder and the worker in touch with each other. Before a match is made and homesharing takes place the Homeshare Co-ordinator interviews and checks both parties. It's only when they are sure that both parties will be suitable for the arrangement that they are introduced to each other.

The co-ordinator also provides ongoing help, support and advice to both parties.

West Sussex is one of only two areas in the country which have been selected for this pilot scheme. The scheme is funded and run by National Association of Adult Placement Services (NAAPS) in

partnership with Adults' Services. It will be evaluated by Oxford Brookes University.

Anyone interested in homesharing or who wishes to gain further information should contact Dawn Blake, the Homeshare Co-ordinator. Telephone 07738 641897 or E-Mail: dawn.blake@westsussex.gov.uk

Chichester Community Transport



Chichester Community Transport offers a Dial-A-Ride transport service for people who are unable use ordinary buses due to a temporary or permanent disability. The service uses two fully wheelchair accessible minibuses which operate in an area from Bosham, Oving, Boxgrove and Hunston. The service can be used for journeys for shopping, leisure and doctor's appointments. Journeys to hospital appointments can be catered for but you should allow enough time for your return journey, to allow for appointments running late. Unfortunately, due to busy bus schedules, we are unable to wait or come back later if you are not ready at the arranged time.

➤ Dial-A-Ride Fares

You can travel anywhere in the area for:

Single	£1.75
Return	£3.50

A companion can travel with you, who will pay the same fare.

Dial-A-Ride is available between 9.00am and 5.00 pm Mondays -Sundays (except Bank Holidays)



➤ Booking your Dial-A-Ride journey

To book, phone **816616** between 9.15am & 11.15 Monday to Friday. You can book up to 3 journeys one week in advance. If the phone line is engaged, please keep trying.

The first time you phone, you will be asked for some details, including name, address and phone number. You will then be registered to use the service. Registration is free and means future bookings are dealt with more quickly.

Useful information

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 Clerk	01243 779553
Erika Benackova	01243 823520

The Revd. James Theodosius	01243 783010
Neighbourhood Watch www.neighbourhoodwatch.net	0116 2710052
Chichester District Council	01243 785166 www.chichester.gov.uk
West Sussex County Council	01243 777100 www.westsussex.gov.uk
Police	Emergency 999
PSCO Jason Lemm	0845 6070999 vm22325

http://www.sussex.police.uk/neighbourhood_policing/transferLocalOfficer.aspx?offId=lemm_jm&npt=Chichester

Goodwood

www.goodwood.co.uk/aviation/tower/default.asp
control@goodwood.co.uk

St Peter's Westhampnett May Fair
5th May 2008



Open Photography Competition
Application Form
(£1 per photo entered)

“Springtime in Sussex”
First Prize £50

All photographs must engage with the title, be a 5 x 7 print, unframed and either colour or black & white.

All photographs will be displayed as a collage on the day, only those shortlisted will be displayed separately.

Name:

Address:

Photographs should be sent with this form & entry fee to:

Steve Dunning, 31 The Sadlers, Westhampnett, Chichester, West Sussex. PO18 0PR, to arrive no later than 27th April 2008.

Unless collected on the day, photographs will not be returned.



**The winning entry will appear in the
Chichester Observer**