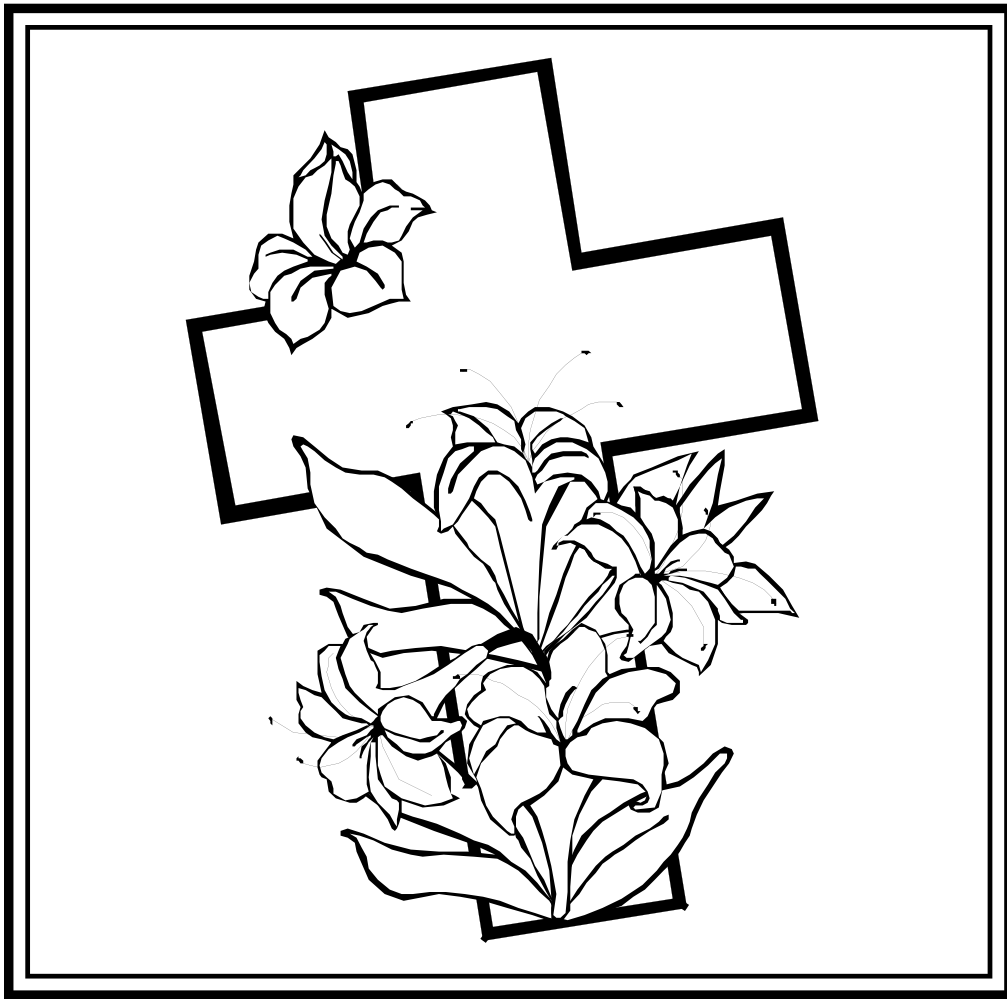


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'It can prove quite difficult locating the original owners of some of these graves.'

Does Easter sound too good to be true? We shouldn't think of the Resurrection in narrow terms of a consolation prize with the catch being that you have to be dead. It is possible of course to be living yet somehow not fully alive, to be blessedly healthy and rich yet be in the grip of an experience that is death. Resurrection is for here and now, known to those who joyfully, riskily embrace dying to selfishness.

We struggle to find the words to describe the experience. That effort has been mirrored in the Lenten discipline of Six Word Sermons. Some who were afraid of what this might entail found they were enriched by taking part in the exercise and we all benefited from the contributions of others. As you read this, Lent will be giving way to the journey of Holy Week, the highs and lows and the joy of Easter. Between them, the Gospel writers suggest Jesus gave not six but seven short sermons or 'words' from the Cross. Perfection, resolution, completion; these are all suggested by the number seven. The annual journey of HolyWeek is at the heart of the faith lived by Christians and whether established or newcomer we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



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	<b>Easter Day</b> 20th	9.30am	Holy Communion CW
	Sunday 27th 2nd Sunday of Easter	9.30am	Morning Prayer
<b>May</b>	Sunday 4th	9.30am	Holy Communion BCP

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## News from St Saviour's

Bishop Martin of Chichester kindly took time out of a busy schedule to visit St Saviour's on Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Weekday though it was, eighteen of our congregation were there to meet him and share thoughts on the opportunities and problems facing our small church. A visit from our Bishop is a rare but welcome event and conversation was wide ranging. In response to concerns expressed regarding financial challenges he was frank in his message that money will follow a successful mission. Warm thanks are due to Marian Radford and Elsiedale Armstrong for their provision of tea and coffee, brownies, cookies and shortbread and a thank you to Mary Godard and other helpers in the clean-up.



Lent is well under way and the rector's introduction of six word soundbites based on the selected lessons in our services has proved an interesting innovation.

Meanwhile a date for the diary is Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, when the Holmbush gardens will put on their annual display in aid of St Saviour's. Early spring blossom suggests this will be another colourful year. Look out also for details of this year's Divine Swing for which planning has commenced.

PCC members expect to meet on March 26<sup>th</sup> and the AGM is scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup> during the morning service, as was done with success last year. Any comments or suggestions will as always be welcomed.



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Our April Cuppa & Chat is upon us but we would like to give you plenty of notice about our next charity fundraising event.

Our May Cuppa & Chat will be raising money for the **British Heart Foundation**. Many of us have a lot to be thankful for with the good work done by this charity and we felt it was an opportune moment to support them. As the first Monday in May is a bank holiday, Cuppa & Chat will be on **Monday 12 May** and we look forward to seeing you there for this special event.

Happy Easter to all.

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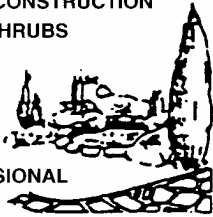
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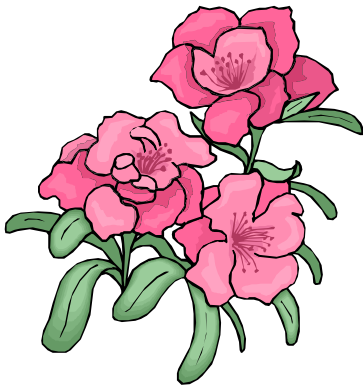


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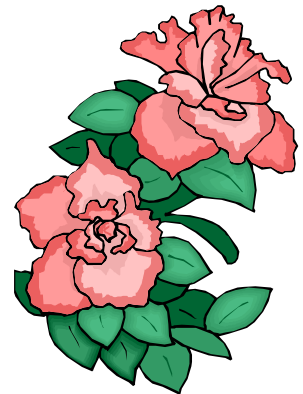
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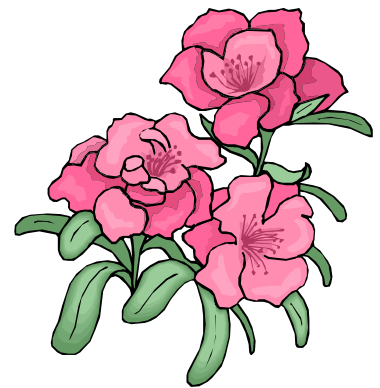
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## Colgate Parish Council Newsletter March 2014

### Annual Meeting

On 10<sup>th</sup> March the Parish Council held its Annual Meeting where the Clerk gave a brief review on the year 2013/14. A copy of the report can be found on Community21.

### Council Meeting

This was also held on 10<sup>th</sup> March. The main points on the agenda were speed and the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors will be seeking the opinion of residents along Forest Road in an attempt to understand the resident's views on the speeding issue.

In respect of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Councillors would be pleased to hear from any residents who would be interested in helping develop a Neighbourhood Plan in partnership with the council. If you would, please contact the Clerk on [colgateclerk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:colgateclerk@hotmail.co.uk)

The Council will organise a meeting for residents to help understand what a Neighbourhood Plan is. A date for this will be publicised nearer the time. More information on Neighbourhood Plans can be found on Horsham District Council's website.

It was noted that new dog fouling signs had been erected opposite the school to encourage dog owners to remove their dog's mess.

The hedge had been replaced at Colgate Village Hall.

Faygate Village Hall has applied for a grant to redecorate the Village Hall in Faygate. Colgate Parish Council supported this application and advised Horsham District Council accordingly.

Planning application received:

- DC/13/2446 - Land South of Buchan Hill Reservoir Buchan Hill Pease Pottage  
Erection of 50 new dwellings (including 22 affordable dwellings) including access, parking and landscaping (Outline Planning)  
Objected as per the original application.
- DC/14/0026 - 2 Garden Cottages Forest Grange Horsham  
Single storey and two storey extensions to property  
No objection but the council wanted it noted that the footprint of the property has been increased
- DC/13/2429 - Kilnwood Vale Crawley Road Faygate West Sussex  
Temporary use of Plots 1 to 4 as sales area, comprising temporary sales office and show homes with associated temporary landscaping and parking  
No objections
- DC/14/0064 - White Herons Farm Forest Road Colgate Horsham  
Demolition of existing commercial buildings, stables and associated hard standings and the erection of one detached chalet style dwelling with integral garaging  
No objections but would like it noted that this is an area of Natural outstanding area of beauty. Since the property will replace all existing buildings on the site and will hopefully result in less traffic on Forest Road.
- DC/14/0194 - The Workshop Woodlands Farm Old Crawley Road Faygate  
Erection of a single storey oak framed structure to form an open storage facility for storage of dry timber  
No objection.

### Horsham District Council decisions:

- DC/13/1437 - Kilnwood Vale Crawley Road Faygate  
Engineering operations associated with landfill remediation and associated infrastructure including pumping station  
permitted
- DC/13/2447 - Southover Springfield Lane Colgate  
Conversion of existing triple garage to gym and replacement of first floor into habitable space, and extension to existing first floor balcony to house  
permitted

The next council meeting will be **12<sup>th</sup> May at Faygate Village Hall** and everyone is welcome.

## Gardener's Journal

Two or three weeks of warm dry weather followed months of rain. It has been mild and early blossoms have not suffered the usual, teasing late frosts – so far. Pink cherries and camellias are flowering freely and the first of the rhododendrons, Christmas Cheer, has been in blossom since January. Others are following. Pieris White Pearl is a particularly fine sight this year. Primroses, forsythia, camellias and daffodils have been looking terrific in both our villages. Lawns have received their first mowing and paths wind through the daffodils and bluebells. Flowerbeds have received their winter clean-up and a bolstering of leaf compost and a little fertiliser. A head start on weeding now will save much trouble in summer. Be ready to discourage moles, spot weedkill to catch dandelions at an early stage and feed as desired. Dahlias are coming up in the greenhouse. All fruits should have been pruned by now, but they will survive late attention. In the vegetable garden some of last year's crops – parsnips and swiss chard - are still coming in, while purple sprouting broccoli planted experimentally in containers are harvesting nicely. As beds are emptied manure and/or compost should be added in preparation for the coming season. Rotate crops from year to year and pay heed to the merits of companion planting as a natural check on pests. Onion sets and garlic are starting to grow. Peas and potatoes should be in the ground or try them in containers. Rhubarb is ready for a first picking. Broad beans from the greenhouse can be put in their seasonal location and supplemented by direct sowings. Containers generating their own micro-climates can be sown with carrots, beet, spinach, parsnips and so on. In the greenhouse lengths of guttering have been used for sowings of parsnips, leeks and lettuce. Tomatoes are coming up. At the end of the month runner and pole beans can be started in the greenhouse.

The equinox has passed and the gardener's chores are multiplying. Look out for pests such as small rabbits that wriggle under the fence. Keep the bird tables well stocked. The rising dawn chorus heralds support for dealing with unwanted bugs and slugs. By the front door the nesting box is in active occupation by a pair of blue tits. And listen out for the first cuckoo.



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If there is a problem with dog fouling you will need to contact your local District Council who are responsible for the removal of dog excrement.

It is an offence under the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 to allow a dog to attack or chase livestock. Dogs must be kept 'on a lead or otherwise under close control'. A landowner can also shoot or injure a dog that is apparently out of control and worrying sheep or other livestock, and the dog's owner will not be compensated.

### **When cutting your hedges this spring/summer please be aware that you could be committing an offence if you were to damage or destroy a birds nest.**

Under Section 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), wild birds are protected from being killed, injured or captured, while their nests and eggs are protected from being damaged, destroyed or taken. In addition, certain species such as the barn owl are included in Schedule 1 of the Act and are protected against disturbance while nesting and when they have dependent young. Offences against birds listed on Schedule 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) are subject to special penalties.

If you have questions then please feel free to contact PCSO Tracy Bicknell on 07825431676 or email [tracy.bicknell@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:tracy.bicknell@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

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**Tuesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> April 9:30 am: Buchan Country Park**. A 2 mile walk in a largely wooded area with some open heathland, meadows and ponds, easy walking with well-defined paths. There is a Nature Reserve area and the Countryside Centre may be open. (First timers and families welcome). Meet at car park (RH11 9HQ) off the A220 Crawley to Horsham side of the dual carriageway. **Leaders: Richard 01403 230293 or Emmy 01403 255517**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 10:00 am: The White Horse, Maplehurst**, 4¾ mile, mostly flat, circular walk across farmland around the village. Good views of the South Downs. Good real ale and food in this Free House. Meet in pub car park (TQ 190246 RH13 6LL). No dogs. 2½ hours. **Leaders Geoff 01403 258180 or Pat 01403 240654**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am: Chesworth Wander** A 4½ mile walk towards Chesworth. We travel various pathways around Chesworth Farm, returning to Hilliers. Refreshments are available in their cafe. Park at Hilliers Garden Centre on the gravel away from the entrance. **Leaders Richard and Doreen 01403 230293**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods**, various 2 to 3 mile generally easy circular walks, some gentle slopes. Suitable for new walkers and families most welcome. Meet in the **Leechpool Wood car park off Harwood Road (B2195), Horsham (TQ 194313)**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1 to 1½ hours. **Leaders Margaret 01403 262311 or Emmy 01403 255517**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10:30 am: Horsham Going South**, a 5 mile, mostly flat, circular walk from the historic Causeway, past the elegant spired 13<sup>th</sup> Century Church of St Mary the Virgin, over the meadows and gentle wooded slopes of Denne Park, to Coltstaple Lane, Southwater, and back along Pedlar's Way via Chesworth Farm. Some stiles. Lovely views of Horsham. Meet in front of St Mary's Church. No dogs. 2½ hours. **Leaders Daniela 01403 276973 or Alex 01403 273751**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 10:00 am: Star Inn, Rusper**, 5¼ mile circular walk, some inclines and stiles, from the highest village in Sussex along the Sussex Border Path through woods and farmland to Friday Street, then turning south past The Nunnery and Baldhorns Park. Meet at the Star pub car park in the centre of Rusper (TQ 206372 RH12 4RA). No dogs. 2½ hours. Good beer and food in the Star. **Leaders Geoff 01403 258180 or Pat 01403 240654**

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April 10:30 am: Colgate**, a 6 mile circular walk through woods and heathland, some stiles and hills. Meet in the Dragon Pub car park (RH12 4SY) Dogs allowed on a lead. 2½ hours. **Leaders Pauline 01403 240419 or Jane 01403 261672**

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 10:30 am: Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods** Meet at Leechpool Wood car park, Horsham (TQ194313), off Harwood Road (B2195). Lovely woodland 2¼ mile walk, taking 1¼ hours, generally following main paths and easy under foot, although a small part of the walk will be on narrower paths with tree roots, stumps and uneven ground. Some inclines. Could be muddy in places. A sensible pair of shoes would be advisable. **Leader: Armelle 01403 260342**

## **Colgate Memorial Hall**

### **The Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March.**

The Chairperson gave a brief report on the past year's income and expenditure. The main expenditure being resurfacing the side pathway and some cosmetic work on the level of the bottom step.

Income was generated from the hire of the hall and boosted from the entertainments committee events which included the summer fete, a dance, two book fairs and a jumble sale. Thanks were expressed to Dave Elder who has been Entertainments Coordinator for the past 12 years. He has worked tirelessly organising and overseeing the numerous events but has decided the time has come to 'retire' from the post.

Thanks were also expressed to Mrs Julie Stace for her keeping of the accounts as Treasurer for the past 10 years.

The following officers were elected:

Chairperson: Mrs Pat Stillwell  
Hon. Secretary: Mrs Alison Knight  
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Lynn Rowlands.  
Trustees: Rev. Nick Flint, Mr John Sired.

Committee Members: Mrs Eva Burdfield, Mr Len Burdfield, Mr David Elder, Mrs Maria Elder, Mr Brian Knight, Mrs Wendy Sloan, Mr David Stillwell

### **Jumble Sale held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

This was well supported with £400 being raised for funds. Many thanks to all who donated the enormous array of jumble and white elephant. The clothes which did not sell were taken to Open House in Crawley.

### **Village Fete on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 1pm.**

Further details later. Any suggestions for stalls, activities etc. and help on the day are always very welcome.



## **Colgate Village Dance**

**“A 60's Revival”**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**



Guest Band 'Forever Young' return once again for an evening of great music in Colgate village hall by some really talented musicians and entertainers. If you were a teenager in the Sixties then you know what a great time it was, but if it was before your 'time' then you just don't know just what you missed. So now is the chance to get those old flares and flower power clothes out of the attic and come along and relive those fantastic years.

The evening starts at 7:30 pm through to midnight with a buffet served during the evening. Soft drinks will be provided, so just bring your own alcoholic beverages!

Tickets are £12 per person in advance so call and reserve yours now.

Call Dave on 01293 851520 or Chris on 01293 851658



## Homage to the Volunteer by Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

A much anticipated package arrived at Woods Mill for me the other week, something I have been eagerly anticipating since 2007 in fact. It was a book; *The Birds of Sussex* produced by the Sussex Ornithological Society (SOS) and is the result of four years surveying birds in Sussex. The surveying was carried out by hundreds of volunteers in the County, and I'm very proud to say that I made my own tiny contribution to this fabulous and informative book.

In fact, this mighty tome is just part of the UK Bird Atlas 2007-2011 a complete survey of the birds of this country and Ireland organised by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO). This four year survey involved collating, interpreting and then producing a definitive Atlas for the birds of the UK at the present time. A staggering one hundred million plus individual records were submitted from over 40,000 volunteers to provide such a complete picture of our avifauna.

So this article pays homage to the wonderful contribution that volunteers play in the conservation of wildlife in Britain, not just with this project but right across the environmental movement. It is this volunteer involvement that underpins the whole of conservation in the UK and really sets us apart from most other countries in the world when it comes to the preservation of our wildlife. All the major conservation organisations in Britain began as volunteer groups and while they have all grown enormously during their lifetime, volunteering is still fundamental to all of them. There is now also a strong professional conservation input but this enables even more voluntary effort to be co-ordinated in the fight to conserve our precious wildlife. The Sussex Wildlife Trust is still very much a partnership of professional staff and volunteers with over 500 volunteers contributing to the work that we do throughout Sussex.

Back to the *Birds of Sussex* and the SOS. This is an entirely volunteer based project and publication, from the hundreds of people going out and surveying their 'patch' and then submitting their individual records, to the people inputting that data, interpreting its meanings, comparing it with information from previous surveys and then producing the maps and text to provide a very informative and meaningful summary of each species recorded in Sussex. In addition, there are also chapters on habitat and landscape, climate change, migration and ringing records and conservation of birds throughout the County. The book has been co-ordinated by a dedicated band of SOS members, and then drawn together superbly by the editor, Adrian Thomas.

It is a book with a much wider appeal than just to birdwatchers. The individual style of the authors and the clear presentation of the information make it very readable, though it is one to dip into rather than read from cover to cover. Just before the book goes into the summary for each individual species, there is a chapter highlighting the winners and losers regarding birds in the county. Not surprisingly, the science confirms the declining species that many of us were aware of, tree sparrow, lesser spotted woodpecker, turtle dove and willow tit that looks to be extinct in Sussex now. To balance things out though, we have gained little egret, marsh harrier, siskin and Mediterranean gull in the last 30 years.

*The Birds of Sussex* is a fantastic achievement and well worth getting hold of a copy, which you can do by visiting the SOS website at [www.sos.org.uk](http://www.sos.org.uk) or ringing their Treasurer on 01903 745166.

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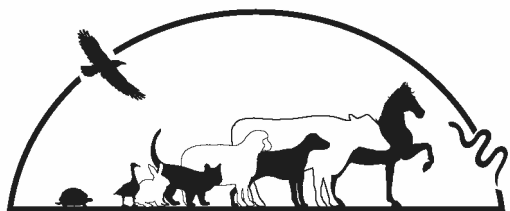
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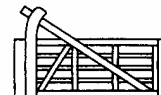
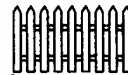
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