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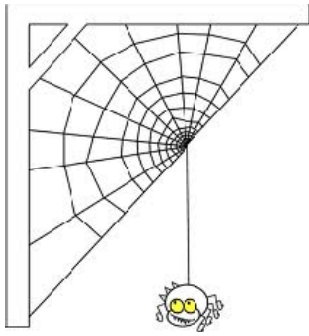
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A FRIGHTFULLY BUSY MONTH

Did you know that October is designated National Pyjama Month, that the 10th is Bring Your Teddy to Work Day, the 14th Be Bald and Be Free Day and the 12th International Moment of Frustration Scream Day [Only once a year ?—surely some mistake *Ed.*]



These red letter days may have passed you by or perhaps they have simply been overshadowed in recent years by the growing popularity of Halloween. While I understand why many are cynical about the way this celebration has become a major Trans-Atlantic import and opportunity for tacky merchandising I am not personally anguished by the profusion of pumpkins, black hats or other paraphernalia which some equate with the occult.

Strictly speaking occultism is the abuse of power by secret knowledge. It is a subtle and dangerous trade plied by any who want to feel superior because of something *they* know and *we* don't. Sadly it is just as likely to be practised within the structures of the church as anywhere else - no profession or institution is immune. If you've ever been kept deliberately in the dark you know how destructive a force that can be. Such evil, by definition doesn't advertise itself with a broomstick or horns and hooves!

One of the greatest spiritual weapons against such devilry is a sense of humour, a bit of a scream. No -one can take seriously the caricatures of spooks, witches and demons who parade around at this time of year and surely that is the point; Satan's sin is pride, he [better to say it] can't bear being ridiculed. So I say 'bring on the ghosties and....' you know what I mean!

Of course the 'hallowed' of Halloween are actually the holy, that is, saints and it so happens that one of the greatest medieval saints is celebrated with a feast day at the beginning of October. St Francis of Assisi is an enduringly popular character of widespread appeal.



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AT COLGATE

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Trinity 16

Sunday	12 th	11:00 am	Morning Prayer
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Trinity 17

Sunday	19 th	9:30 am	Morning Prayer
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Trinity 18

Sunday	26 th	11:00am	Holy Communion
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Last Sunday after Trinity

November

Sunday	2 nd	9:30am	Holy Communion BCP
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Clergy Days Off

Nick is here to serve the needs of the community. He is pleased to hear of new people moving in who may need visiting and welcomed by the the Church.

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He tries to take just one day off each week and it would be appreciated if he is not contacted on a Thursday.



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News from St Saviour's

The PCC met on September 3rd and enjoyed an interesting dialogue with the new editor of the Parish News, Julie Stace. A number of ideas were discussed regarding format and content, and enthusiasm reigned.



Other topics covered included ongoing work on the church roof, visiting in Kilnwood Vale and Faygate, the baptismal roll, Christmas services, finances and progress on a new service book.

The Songs of Praise service on August 31st was the 21st since the inaugural service ten years ago. This relaxed, informal service takes place on the last Sunday of any month carrying five Sundays. Suggestions ahead of time for hymns, prayers and readings are welcomed and these services have come to be enjoyed by all.

We offer a warm welcome to new arrivals Alarna Willow Tuck and Emily Louise Anne Stoddart, both baptized in St Saviour's over the last few weeks. We wish them and their families every happiness.



Cuppa & Chat

Every first Monday of the month

Monday 6th October 2014

Any time between 10:30-12:00 at St Saviour's Church, Colgate.

Runner beans were in abundance at the last Cuppa & Chat. Thank you to those who brought their home grown produce to share with neighbours, they were much appreciated by those of us who are not clever enough to grow our own. As usual we had a really good turnout from the very young to the young at heart, all enjoying each others' company. Cuppa & Chat is now a well-established meeting place for our village with new faces most months who are made very welcome. Do join us.

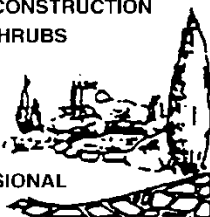
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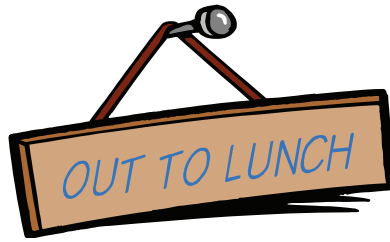
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Tickets £10.00 each

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Soft drinks are included, but please bring your own wine and glasses.

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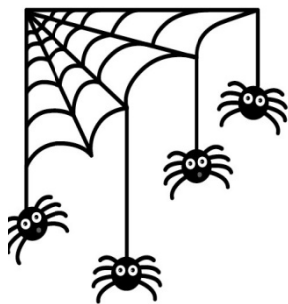
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Gardener's Journal

cecrosmia, flourishing Magellan fuchsias, margarites,



rosarugosa and geraniums provide plenty of colour, and occasionally these are backed by banks of



rhodendron and rowans laden with berries. On the bare moors, the heather and parched grass underfoot is supplemented by harebells, blaberries and yarrow. The landscape is bleak and rocky, and hills rising into grey cloud draw the eye. It's all a far cry from the verdant growth of the Sussex weald, where autumn

challenges lie in wait for the returning gardener.

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Programme booklet containing over 250 walks is available from the Walks Co-ordinator on 01403 215269 or online at www.horsham.gov.uk/leisure/2103.aspx. Beginners are recommended to contact the Walk Leader to discuss suitability. All walks can be wet and muddy in places. Forthcoming walks in the Colgate Parish and neighbouring areas are as follows:-

Every Monday 10:45 am: North Heath, Horsham, gentle 2 mile walk around the riverside. Suitable for slow & new walkers. 1 to 1¼ hours. Meet at the **Sussex Barn pub car park off North Heath Lane. Leaders Ann & John 01403 268885**

Saturday 4th & Sunday 19th October 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, stubs and uneven ground. Some inclines. Could be muddy in places. A sensible pair of shoes would be advisable. **Leader: Armelle 01403 260342**

Saturday 4th October 10:30 am: Chesworth Wander, a 4½ mile walk, taking 2 hours, towards Chesworth. We travel various pathways around Chesworth Farm, returning to the Hillier. Garden Centre Refreshments are available in their cafe. Park at the Hillier Garden Centre on the gravel away from the entrance. **Leaders Jill Shuker 07780 701184**

Thursday 9th October 10:00 am: The White Horse, Maplehurst. A 5 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. **Leader Geoff 01403 258180**.

Saturday 11th October 10:00 am: Roosthole, meet in the Forestry Commission car park on Hammerpond Road, Horsham. 3½ mile various routes, mainly through forest and some open heathland. Some long gentle and short steep hills. 1¾ hours. **Leader Simon 01403 260599**

Tuesday 14th & 28th October 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 **A2220 Crawley to Horsham** side of the dual carriageway. **Leaders: Richard 01403 230293 or Emmy 01403 255517**

Saturday 18th October 10:30 am: Colgate, a 3½ mile circular walk through woods and heathland, some stiles and one long but gentle hill. Meet in the **Dragon Pub car park (RH12 4SY)**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1½ hours. **Leaders Pauline 01403 240419 or Jane 01403 261672**

Wednesday 22nd October 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**



Air Ambulance appeals for volunteers

A life-saving charity providing a Helicopter Emergency Medical Service (HEMS) in the south East is appealing for more volunteers in Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

Members of the public can help out in a number of ways including placing and emptying collection boxes, selling merchandise at fundraising events and representing the charity at cheque presentations.

They can also help raise awareness of the service as public speakers by giving talks to local groups, clubs, schools, societies and other organisations.

Other roles at Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance include store and street collectors, drivers and couriers, and office administration.

Head of Volunteer Resource Amy Hamer said: "As a charity, we cover a region in excess of 3,500 square miles with a population of 4.5million people.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of the organisation and absolutely vital to our operation in terms of raising funds and awareness.

"They can give as little or as much of their time as they like, and all new recruits will receive an induction and training in each of their chosen roles."

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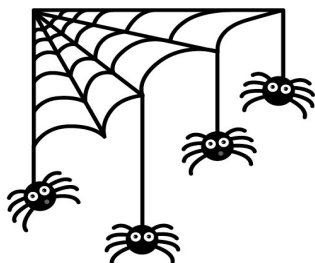
The air ambulance's volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and age groups and include former patients, bankers, teachers, pilots and a magician.

Paul Skelley, a former business intelligence manager, said: "I've been a volunteer for just over four years and because of my background in training it was an ideal opportunity to use these skills with the air ambulance.

"It's an exciting role and a superb opportunity to do something worthwhile for a very worthwhile organisation."

To find out more about becoming a volunteer go to www.kssairambulance.org.uk/involved/volunteering, call Amy Hamer on 01622 833806 or email amyhamer@kssairambulance.org.uk.

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From the Editor.... 😊

I would like to thank all our regular contributors for all the articles that you send each month to keep the Parish News going. I would like to ask if anyone has any ideas or suggestions on things they would like to see in the magazine? If you or any of the people you distribute your magazines to do have anything please e-mail me on cfparishnews@gmail.com.

Finally.....the answers to last month's quick quiz, I hope you all enjoyed it: -

1. Reverend Robert Hawker's church in Morwenstow is in.... Cornwall.
2. The moon that comes after the Harvest Moon is..... Hunter's Moon.
3. The Greek Goddess of the harvest is.....Demeter.
4. What is special about the harvest mouse.....it has a prehensile tail.





Three of the Best

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

I've been at the Sussex Wildlife Trust for a long time now, in fact this January will see me begin my 30th year with them, by far the longest serving employee the Trust has had. But even my long-term service pales into insignificance to the length of time some of our volunteers have contributed to the Trust.

There are so many people over the years that have helped the Trust develop and grow since its incarnation in 1961, so it seems a bit invidious to single out just a few individuals, but I am going to do that anyway! This summer saw the retirement of one of the great Trust stalwarts, Alf Simpson as our volunteer manager for the Ebernoe Common nature reserve. Ebernoe Common is one of the great gems of the Trust reserves, and Alf has overseen its management since we acquired it in 1980. Alf, along with his wife Iris, has devoted nearly 35 years and has brought his enthusiasm, expertise and drive into making this a wonderful reserve for wildlife and for people.



One of Alf's great strengths has been to gather around him a hardworking and loyal group of volunteers and has now left not only the reserve in great shape but also a band of volunteers who can carry on and build on the foundations that both Alf and Iris have laid. Not only did Alf act as the volunteer reserve manager, but he has also actively taken part as a Trustee of the Sussex Wildlife Trust and given his expertise on our Conservation Committee.

Sadly, earlier this year, the Trust and Sussex lost someone who devoted huge amounts of time and energy to our work. Alan Malpass joined as a Trustee at the same time as I became a member of staff way back in 1985. He immediately threw himself into the role and particularly used his great communication skills to promote us wherever he could. He was equally at home talking to the landed gentry as to small children and used to help me out with my summer holiday programmes for children when I first started as the warden at Woods Mill. I even made him dress up as a badger when we did our Wind in the Willows weekend many years ago!

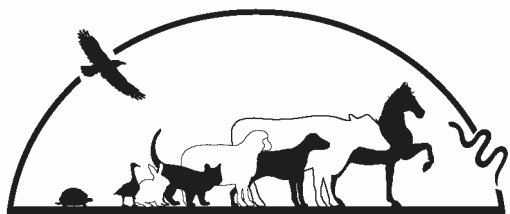
He was Chairman of the Trust during the 1990s, a great period of expansion for the Trust but was also very active on many fronts in and around Bexhill where he lived. Sadly he passed away this summer and will be missed by many organisations and people.

Alan and Alf were high profile volunteers for the Trust, but there are those who beaver away behind the scenes but who make an equally valid contribution but perhaps don't receive the wide recognition they deserve. One such person is Roger French who for 43 years has given up so much time for the Trust in various ways, but his particular contribution has been to set up the communications and computer systems at Woods Mill and our satellite offices. Without him it would have cost the Trust thousands and thousands of pounds.

These three people have been an example of so many people that help make the Sussex Wildlife Trust the organisation that it is today. We now have a large staff, but volunteers still continue to be a vital element to what we do. If I was in the habit of wearing one, I would certainly take my hat off to all three of them and all the other volunteers that support us.

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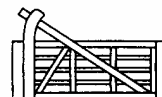
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