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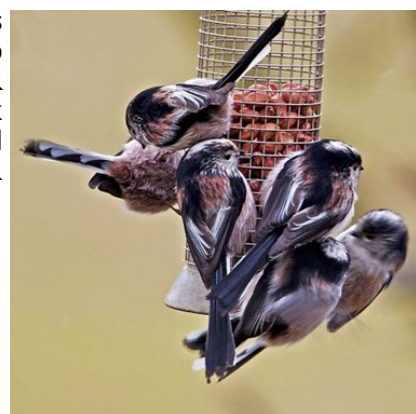
## Gardener's Journal.....

The warm & stormy weather lasted well past Epiphany before giving way to January's typical snow & frost. Many spring flowerers, camellias & early rhododendrons among them, were lured into some quite spectacular midwinter displays. Hopefully spring bulbs, such as daffodils, crocuses & bluebells have not been too confused. Mowing continued into December & even now, but for the sodden turf, mowers would be in use. Keep lawns tidy & properly edged. Repair storm damage, brush up trees & bushes & use the winter months to cut back overgrown specimen rhododendrons & azaleas. Keep paths open & maintain or restore sightlines. Pull up brambles, nettles & other unwanted late autumn growth. Autumn raspberries, roses & fuchsias can be cut back. Citrus trees should be putting on new growth & fruit inside the conservatory, with periodic helpings of fertilizer. The vegetable garden remains in production with carrots, frost sweetened parsnips & leeks. Repair raised beds. Clean up & add mulch to strawberry patches. Add manure & compost to vegetable beds & remember to rotate crops next season. Sweet peas & tomatoes can be started from seed in the greenhouse but protect them from the mice. It is time to buy seed potatoes & onions, & to look at the catalogues for next summer's harvest.



Rotting lily leaves & other vegetation need to be removed from the fishpond. Feeding the fish can continue but keep the net on to protect from opportunistic herons. In the woods deer are regularly seen & pheasants can be heard cocking up as they roost.

The birdfeeders are coming into their own, & this year a flock of long tailed



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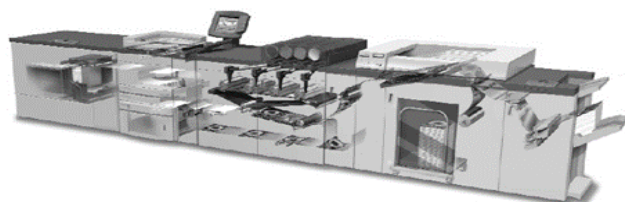
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## Community News.....



# Cuppa & Chat

First Monday of each month



**Monday 1st February & 7th March 2016**

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Happy New Year to all the villagers in Colgate & Faygate. Cuppa & Chat continues for a 5th year providing a fantastic way to meet fellow residents in a great atmosphere.

Last year saw the average monthly numbers increase to our highest ever. We also had a record number of villagers of all ages along for a Christmas get together at the Dragon Pub with very positive feedback. We must be doing something right!

Our chosen charity for our annual fundraiser this year was Age UK Horsham District, where the £76.62 raised is helping the support network of services behind the role of our Village Agent. Cuppa & Chat has been an opportunity to meet key figures within the community including our PCSO Tracy Bicknell, Village Agent & Nick Flint.

Sarah-Jo's year covering maternity leave as Village Agent for Rusper & Colgate with Age UKHD is shortly coming to an end. She has thoroughly enjoyed being able to meet & provide support for villagers & addresses issues they have highlighted. She would like to extend a warm thank you to all the villagers she has come into contact with. The Village Agent role will continue, so please carry on using the service designed to enable everyone to 'Love Later Life'. 01403-751322 or 07591-049042. [www.ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk](http://www.ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk)

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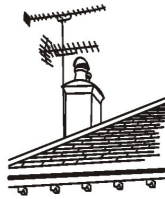
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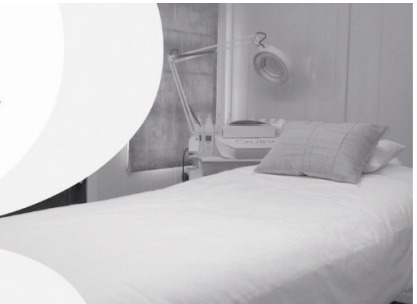
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# News from the Rev. Nick Flint.....

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## **Archdeacon Alfred.....**



A faded photograph gives us a glimpse of Colgate's second vicar, who led an adventurous life during a much travelled ministry in which two years at Saint Saviour's were a short interlude. Alfred Cecil Wright came of a long line of clergy. In 1878, two years after ordination he set sail for New Zealand with his wife Emily & three young children. Here he served a succession of churches in Christchurch & Nelson. He showed himself a vigorous campaigner in the cause of temperance supported by the Band of Hope. After 10 years, with Emily suffering from diphtheria the Wrights returned to England for the next five years, coming to Colgate in 1890 & staying until 1892. He returned on another long sea voyage to New Zealand, becoming in due course, the Archdeacon of Waimea.

Based at St. Barnabas Stoke, his work was demanding, travelling around his sprawling parish by horse & gig, going into Nelson for other meetings. Times were hard. There was the financial struggle that the church endured at that time & which lasted all through his ministry to the

area. Unemployment was widespread, & the whole country in a state of depression. His daughter Muriel often recalled how her father would come home from a vestry meeting saying he had put his salary back on the table, & the family would manage on money her mother received from England. Alfred's story reminds us that no single parish is isolated from the Catholic Church but that we are part of a worldwide Anglican Communion, within the universal church. In every parish, parishioners come & go, the clergy serve for a while & then pass on to other spheres, but the Church of God remains.

The voyage in 1902 to his next post on Norfolk Island was stormy, taking seven days. In 1907 the already arthritic priest suffered a stroke after holding a service at Cable Bay, yet ill health only forced him finally to retire the following year aged 60. The Nelson Gazette said after his death in 1909 that the Archdeacon was "of a friendly nature & endeared himself to all with whom in came in contact".



## **Colgate Memorial Hall**

**Please make a note of the following dates:**

### ***Jumble Sale on Saturday March 12th at 1:00pm***

If you have any unwanted items please bring them along to the hall after 10:00am.

If you have large items that need collecting please ring David Stillwell on 01293-851275.

### ***Village Fete on Sunday June 26th at 1:00pm***

Although this seems a long way ahead we are open for ideas for some new stalls & side shows. Offers of help would also be greatly received.

May I remind everyone that the village hall car park is for the use of Hall & Church Patrons only.

**Thanks, Pat Stillwell**

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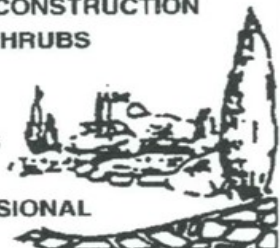
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**February 2016**

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1st Sunday in Lent	14th	11:00am	Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday in Lent	28th	11:00am	Holy Communion

**March 2016**

Mothering Sunday	6th	11:00am	Family Service
Palm Sunday	20th	4:00pm	Liturgy of the Psalms
Good Friday	25th	2:00pm	The Way of the Cross
Easter Sunday	27th	11:00am	Holy Communion

**Clergy Day 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 Church.

Holy Communion can be arranged for the sick or housebound.

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 January 19th & will meet again with the Archdeacon, on February 1st. A major topic for discussion will be the proposal from the Deanery that St. Saviour's should end the association with Rusper & enter a new one with Roffey. The A264 has long been recognised as to great a divider for the existing united benefice to operate satisfactorily. Roffey on the other hand renews an old association & perhaps rural Colgate would serve to compliment Roffey's urban characteristics. There will clearly be much to discuss between the churches & with the Patron prior to implementation.

Other subjects to be discussed will include services, the project to revamp & refurbish the back of the church where quotes have been sought, ongoing external repairs, the Parish Magazine with its wonderful insights into local village life & the parish contribution to our Deanery. All comments & suggestions welcomed.

Advent & Christmas services were well attended. The church was beautifully decorated thanks to the generous gifts of time & supplies from many of the congregation. Mention must be made of a very festive service on Christmas Day when a full church was treated to the organ played by Mel Curwood-Moss & singing from choir members from Cottesmore school. Our thanks to the school for a great treat!

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## Colgate Parish Council - January 2016.....

Good news! The WSCC mobile library is coming to Durrants Village every Tuesday at 3:30-4:00pm starting on 5th April 2016. It is open to all members of the community.

After several months of discussion with WSCC the shrubbery obscuring the bus stop on the A264 has finally been cut back so passengers & the bus drivers can now identify the bus stop.

The Parish Council is also working with WSCC over the flooding at the bottom of Tower Road/A264 & Blackhouse Road.

Any issues with the Highway including potholes & drainage can be reported directly on this e-mail address: [highways@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:highways@westsussex.gov.uk)

Colgate Parish Council are pleased to announce that the precept will remain the same in the year 16/17 so residents should not see an increase in their Parish Council portion of the Council Tax. For more information on the budget 16/17 please refer to the website ([www.colgatefaygate.com](http://www.colgatefaygate.com)).

There is a consultation on the changes of election boundaries which will bring changes to the Colgate Parish Council. If you want to comment on this, details can be found on: <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk>

Watch out for details about the new Parish Council website. Whilst the new one is under construction the old website will still be updated ([www.colgatefaygate.com](http://www.colgatefaygate.com)). Please let us have any comments & ideas you might have or items you would like to see on the new website. Do you have any photos that we can use on the website that reflect the heart of Colgate Parish Council.

All Council & Planning meetings are available on the website.

The next meeting will be held at:

14th March at Colgate Village School at 7:30pm - this meeting will include the Annual Meeting where we will review the year, our successes & celebrate working with our partners.

We look forward to you joining us. Everyone is welcome.

Further meetings will be held as follows:

9th May Faygate Village Hall 7:30pm

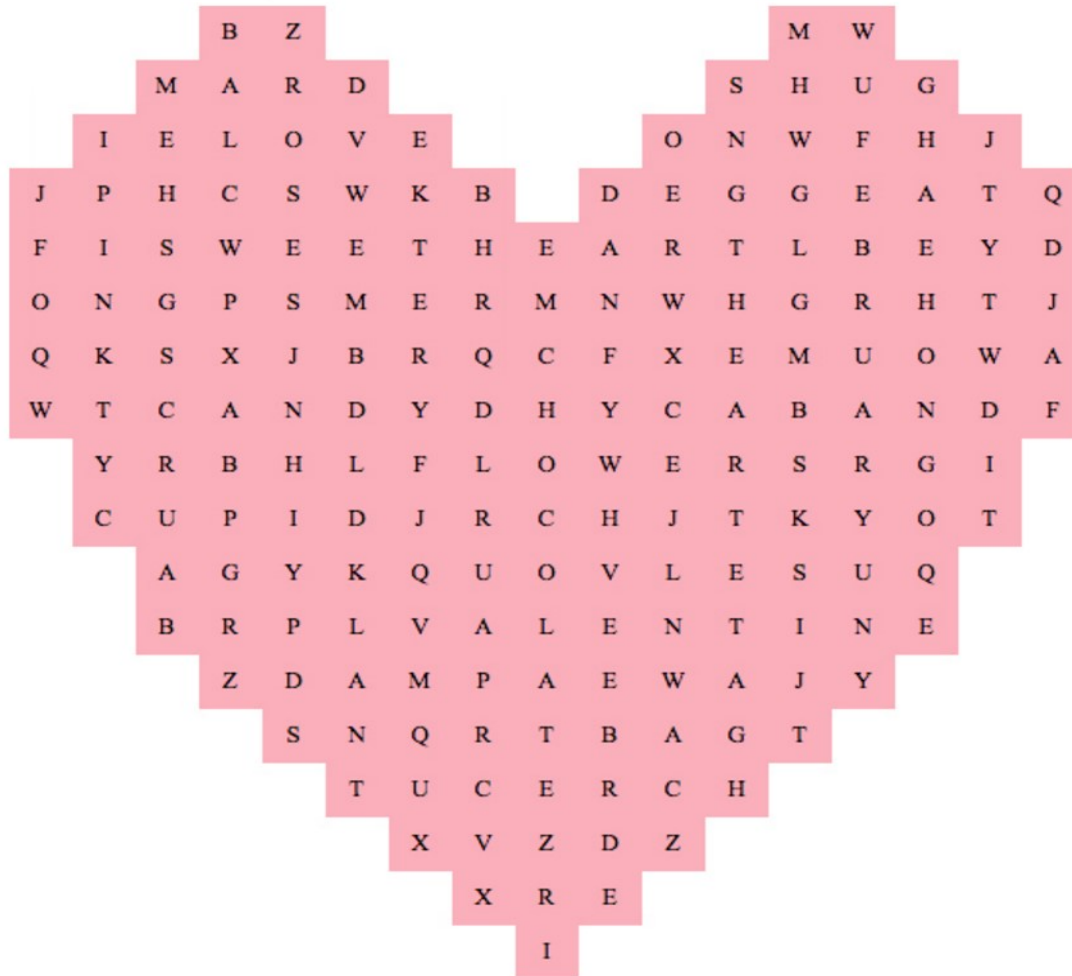
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# News from PCSO Tracy Bicknell.....



## **The Aims of Farm Watch Are:**

- ◇ To reduce opportunities for crime to occur in farming & rural communities.
- ◇ To strengthen community spirit, so that everyone works together to protect their property.
- ◇ To improve communication between the farming community & the police.
- ◇ To encourage people to report suspicious incidents as they occur.

## **The Services Offered by the Farm Watch Scheme Include:**

- ◇ Practical crime prevention advice to farmers & landowners, to help ensure their property & goods are as secure as possible.
- ◇ A property marking scheme to make it harder for thieves to dispose of stolen goods.
- ◇ A text alert service.
- ◇ A new & improved website section to keep members updated with the latest crime trends & prevention tips.

The key aim of Farm Watch is to stress the importance of vigilance & communication - both within rural & farming communities & between rural communities & Sussex Police.

Chief Constable Richards said: "Since it was first set up in the Horsham area in 2003, the Farm Watch scheme has gradually spread across Sussex & is now an established, valuable resource to Sussex Police in our fight against rural crime.

"Sussex Farm Watch already has about 1,800 farmers registered, who provide valuable support & assistance - both to other Farm Watch members & to police officers who deal with rural crime.

"Farm Watch helps reduce opportunities for crime to occur in farming & rural communities. Essential to this is encouraging people to report suspicious incidents to the police as they occur & also share the information with other Farm Watch members. As well as helping to deter crime, this strengthens community spirit, with everyone working together to protect their property.

"Farmers often have a great deal of capital spread over a large expanse of land. Some stock & equipment is portable & can be relatively easy to steal. Whilst property can never be made totally secure, becoming a Farm Watch member undoubtedly reduces the risk of becoming a victim of farming or rural crime.

I'd encourage farmers, or any members of the rural community who feel they may benefit, to sign up to Farm Watch as soon as possible".

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**Question 1** - Which Roman God is one of the symbols of St. Valentine's Day?

**Question 2** - Which male singer has a top ten hit with "Love Train" in 1988?

**Question 3** - What sign of the zodiac would you be if you were born in St. Valentine's day?

**Question 4** - When Marilyn Munroe died, who asked for a fresh rose to be placed on her grave, every week, forever?

**Question 5** - In the St. Valentine's Day Massacre, what were the hitmen dressed as?

**Question 6** - In the episode of Friends titled "The One With Ross' Wedding", which special guest star tells Joey that she thinks his hat is dashing?

**Question 7** - Which Shakespeare character said "Good morrow. 'Tis St. Valentine's Day"?

**Question 8** - Born in Italy in 1895, who was known as cinema's first "great lover"?

**Question 9** - Who played Juliet opposite Leonardo Di Caprio in the 1996 film "Romeo & Juliet"?

**Question 10** - Containing the lines "You're asking me will my love grow, I don't know, I don't know", which Beatles' song did Frank Sinatra describe as the greatest love song ever written?

### Food & Drink Anagrams....

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CAR DUST (7)

AWFUL RECOIL (11)

RE A JUG ON ICE (6,5)

ORDER PIG (8)

IN REAL EGG (6,3)

EMU LEG (6)

PAST EIGHT (9)

A MOTTO (6)

EAT (3)

CRACKPOT INLAW (5,8)

CRIED (5)

COOL CHEAT (9)

CHEAP (5)

RICH EAT OK (9)

REGAL (5)

A TROPIC (7)

CHANGE MAP (9)

PUB TUNE TREAT (6,6)



**Answers next month.....have fun ☺**



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## Local Health & Leisure Walks

All welcome to guided, **FREE**, sociable, HDC walks led by trained volunteers; no need to book, just turn up at the starting point. Programme booklet containing over 250 walks is available from the Walks Co-coordinator on 01403-215284 or online [www.horshamhealthwalks.co.uk](http://www.horshamhealthwalks.co.uk). Beginners are recommended to contact the Walk Leader to discuss suitability. All walks can be wet & muddy in places. Forthcoming walks in the Colgate Parish & neighboring areas are as follows: -

**Every Monday 10:45am: North Heath, Horsham** – Meet in car park of the **Sussex Barn Pub**, off **North Heath Lane**, at the junction with **St. Mark's Lane, RH12 5PJ (TQ181328)**. Walkers can choose to walk for 30 or 75 minutes. Gentle up to one hour fifteen minute walks, up to 2 miles around the riverside in the North Heath area. Suitable for slow or new walkers & also those who wish to enjoy a regular easy walk. Refreshments & toilets are available in the pub after the walk. **Leaders Ann & John 01403-268885.**

**Tuesday 2nd & 16th February 9:30am: Buchan Country Park** – A 2-3 mile walk in a largely wooded area with some open heathland, meadows & ponds, easy walking with well-defined paths, taking 1 hour. There is a Nature Reserve area & the Countryside Centre may be open. (First timers & families welcome). Meet at the car park (**RH11 9HQ**) off the **A2220 Crawley to Horsham** side of the dual carriageway. **Leaders Richard or Emmy 01403-255517.**

**Sunday 7th, 14th & 28th February 10:30am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods** – A lovely woodland 2¼ mile walk, taking 1¼ hours, generally following main paths & easy underfoot, although a small part of the walk will be on narrower paths with tree roots, stubs & uneven ground. Some inclines. Could be muddy in places. A sensible pair of shoes would be advisable. An optional short 30 minute walk is always available. Meet at **Leechpool Wood Car Park (TQ194313)**, off **Harwood Road (B2195)**. **Leader: Armelle 01403-260342.**

**Thursday 11th February 10:30am: New Walk Worth Park Wander, Crawley - Snowdrop Walk** – Join us for a delightful guided walk around the beautiful restored garden, very easy flat walking. This is level 1 pace, 1½ mile walk, taking about 1 hour. Meet at **Worth Park Visitor Centre, Crawley RH10 3DH**. Limited parking, which can be accessed from **Milton Mount Avenue**. **Leader Edwina Livesey 01293-438027 & 07826-917846.**

**Wednesday 24th February 10:00am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods** – various 2 to 3 mile generally easy circular walks, some gentle slopes. Suitable for new walkers & families most welcome. Meet at **Leechpool Wood Car Park (Roffey End)**, off **Harwood Road (B2195) Horsham (TQ194313)**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1 to 1½ hours. **Leader: Emmy 01403-255517.**

## Regular activities held at the Colgate Memorial Hall

### Yoga

Monday's 7:30 to 9:00 pm

Tuesday's 10:00 to 11:30 am

The above sessions are run during school term times.

For details please contact Marian Radford on 01293-851223.

### Bingo

Tuesday 9th & 23rd February 2016 at 7:30 pm

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## To all our Readers.....

### ***Note from the Editor...***

Could I please request that any articles to be included are e-mailed to me at [cfparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:cfparishnews@gmail.com), by Monday 15th February.

Thanks, Julie

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### **New shops open in Colgate & Faygate**

After many years of not having any local shops, Colgate & Faygate now have a Farm Shop & a Village Store.

**New House Farm** - selling all kinds of locally sourced produce. While you're there you could stop for lunch in the Tea Room or for a cake & cuppa in the afternoon.

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### ***Request for Information...***

A lady called Linda Dunn picked up a copy of the magazine when she attended the Remembrance Day service at the church.

Linda is asking for information about some of her relatives.

Linda is the niece of William Doick, who was known to his family at Billy & who was unfortunately killed during the air raid on Colgate in September 1940, he was Linda's mother's brother. In the copy of his obituary it is stated that among the main mourners was Miss Kathleen Brant, fiancée. Linda has no recollection of her mother Mary Doick, mentioning this & she feels it is strange as he was only 16 years old.

Linda is also looking for contact details for a family named Dugdale who she thinks lived in or near to Colgate during the early 1940s. Linda's mother worked for the family as a Nanny looking after a small boy named David. Linda has some letters written to her by Irene Dugdale after her mother left their service to work in a munitions factory. Linda thinks Mr Dugdale was a politician & one of the letters mentions he was in America "giving a series of lectures to our Allies", the letters were written between November 1942 & February 1944.

If anyone has any information they could share with Linda, could you please e-mail it to me at [cfparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:cfparishnews@gmail.com).

Thanks, Julie





**Sussex**  
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## Warm Winters Not So Hot for Wildlife

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

With editorial deadlines far in advance of when this article will actually appear in front of you, it's a bit of a gamble to predict as to what is happening to our wildlife in February, but this is not going to stop me from having a go. Of course what you see depends on the weather in the preceding months as well as what is being inflicted on us at the time, plus the impact that climate change has on how our wildlife behaves makes the whole business unpredictable.

Over the last 20 years I have kept a record of when the frogs arrive at my garden pond & when the first frogspawn emerges & it is notable that the average date has become earlier in that time. With a couple of exceptions with the cold winters of 2010 & 2011, the frogspawn usually arrives in the first 2 weeks of February now, whereas initially it was towards the end of the month. It is now not uncommon to see



butterflies on the wing on a warm February day, the likely candidates being the red admiral, peacock or the butter-yellow brimstone. If you see one of the first two of

these species, it is likely to be an overwintering insect rather than a freshly emerged adult, again a sign of a slight increase in the average temperature.

In early December it is notable that song thrushes were already setting out their territorial preferences which, though not so unusual as they are usually the first of our resident species to brighten up a winter day with their beautiful song. Of course robins sing throughout the winter but their song has a different purpose, it is to establish & maintain a feeding territory which, as I am sure that many of you have witnessed, they defend very vigorously. Much more unusual though was to hear a blackbird in full song in the first week of December. In my experience blackbirds only get going at the back end of February & the beginning of March, though in contrast to that, I have known a pair of blackbirds to be feeding young at Christmas!



From mid-November, bats should be hibernating, but the incredibly mild autumn we have just experienced saw many bats foraging out in the afternoon, hoovering up the still plentiful insects that were flying. Two of my colleagues were enjoying watching a pipistrelle bat flying around the Woods Mill garden early in December when there was a whoosh & blur of feathers & they watched it disappear in the claws of a sparrow hawk. Meanwhile a number of reports of swallows being received just before Christmas.

Mild winters can be a problem for our resident wildlife, as over thousands of years they have evolved to cope with dealing with the cold. For example small tortoiseshell butterflies are affected in mild winters as they rely on sharp frosts to kill off parasites, so while we exalt at the thought of warm February sunshine, our wildlife is struggling to cope with the changes to their life cycles due to our more erratic climate.

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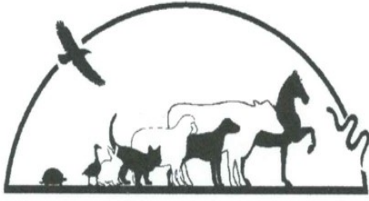
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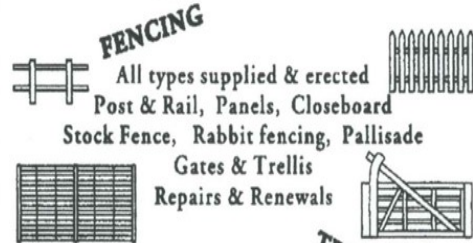
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