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Armistice Day—the clocks have changed & falling leaves twist & curl across the lawn, beaten down by Storm Abigail & her successors. But the autumn has been mild, & exceptionally colourful, & a number of summer bloomers continue in full flower. With still handsome terrace planters this has presented a quandary: empty them out anyway & replace with spring bulbs & planting, or leave them until the inevitable onset on cold weather removes the choice?

Mowing had nearly finished for the year but there has been late growth, & lawns need to be kept tidy & properly edged. Raspberries have continued to fruit. Hydrangeas & other sturdy summer favourites such as dahlias & fuchsias continue to colour the garden. With consistent deadheading, roses have produced an attractive late display. But weeds too have grown & need to be pulled up. Finished hostas & fallen cecrosmia should have been cut back & removed. Autumn crocuses produce the odd splash of pink. Plant bulbs for spring colour in visible sites. 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 summer growth. Citrus trees should be back inside the conservatory, with a helping of fresh soil & fed with fertilizer, Epsom salts & so on. From being rather sclerotic, the lemon tree is suddenly showing greener leaves & a healthy number of new flowers & the orange tree should follow suit.



The vegetable garden remains in production with beetroot, carrots, parsnips & spinach. Pumpkins that have decorated the dining room table now go into that Thanksgiving pumpkin pie. Tomatoes from the greenhouse have only just finished. Bring in firewood for the wood stove, & enjoy those summer vegetables stored in the freezer & freshly made jellies & chutneys.

Rotting lily leaves need to be removed from the fishpond. Feeding the fish can continue. Keep the net on to protect from opportunistic herons. In the woods deer are regularly seen & have been spotted in the middle of Pease Pottage.

The birdfeeders are coming into their own. Protect them from sparrow hawks & squirrels & in the early evenings listen to the pheasants calling as they roost.



Quercus



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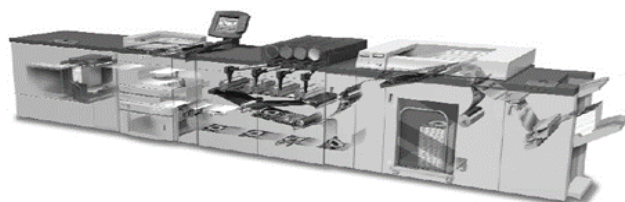
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Cuppa & Chat is a place where friendships are formed with a real sense of community spirit.



A large group of us will be meeting at the Dragon Pub on Monday 14th December for a meal together at midday. Let us know via the numbers below if you would like to join us.



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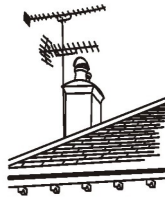
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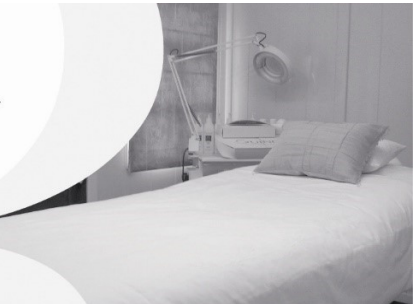
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Wondrous Words.....

The baby's first spoken word is a great moment in any family. I don't know if St. John had a family, but he understood that small words can have big meanings & in his Gospel he uses them a lot. Light, life, joy for example are apparently simple terms that carry so much more than three or four letters on the page suggest.

I recently heard that the legal document drawn up to enforce the use of plain English is in such convoluted legal jargon that it actually succeeds in breaking the law on the use of plain English! Thank goodness then for plain talking John. The introduction to his Gospel is at the heart of the Christmas celebration. 'In the beginning was the Word...'



Inside the Church of the Nativity Bethlehem

John's introduction is partly a meditation influenced by Greek philosophy on the ancient creation document known to us as Genesis. Maybe he went back to the foundation document for inspiration because he felt that the Christmas story of Jesus' 'wondrous childhood' just wasn't big enough, didn't have the universal scope that he believed needed to be heard.

He shows how big ideas & lofty concepts can be contracted into something which we can all hold onto with a grip as firm as that of a newborn infant's hand curling around her father's little finger.

Every childhood should be wondrous, & they say 'Christmas is for the children.' I'll agree with that but only on the condition that we remember we are *all* children of a Heavenly Father!

Have a wonderful Colgate Christmas.



& the girls



Amendment to the details of last month's Baptism

Esme Rose Bennett was baptised on Sunday 18th October. Her godparents are: -

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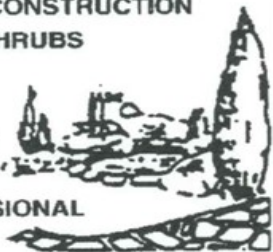
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Sunday	27th	11:00am	Joint Service at Colgate

January 2016

Sunday	10th	11:00am	Morning Prayer
Sunday	24th	4:00pm	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.

News from St. Saviour's.....

The PCC met on November 4th, subjects discussed included services scheduled for Christmas where we should see both some innovation & pleasing tradition, the project to revamp & refurbish the back of the church for which quotes have been sought, the Parish Magazine with its wonderful insights into local village life & the parish contribution to our Deanery, which the PCC felt should be as large as we can reasonably afford.

A sizable congregation celebrated Remembrance Sunday on November 8th, with a traditional service focussing solely on remembrance & led by our own John Stoddart. Beautifully decorated with a profusion of poppies, St. Saviour's joined churches up & down the land in remembering the fallen from wars great & small, as well as by name those lost from our own villages & families. Hymns long associated with this day were sung with feeling & as sadness ebbed were followed by Gerald Taylor's classic rendering of Nimrod.

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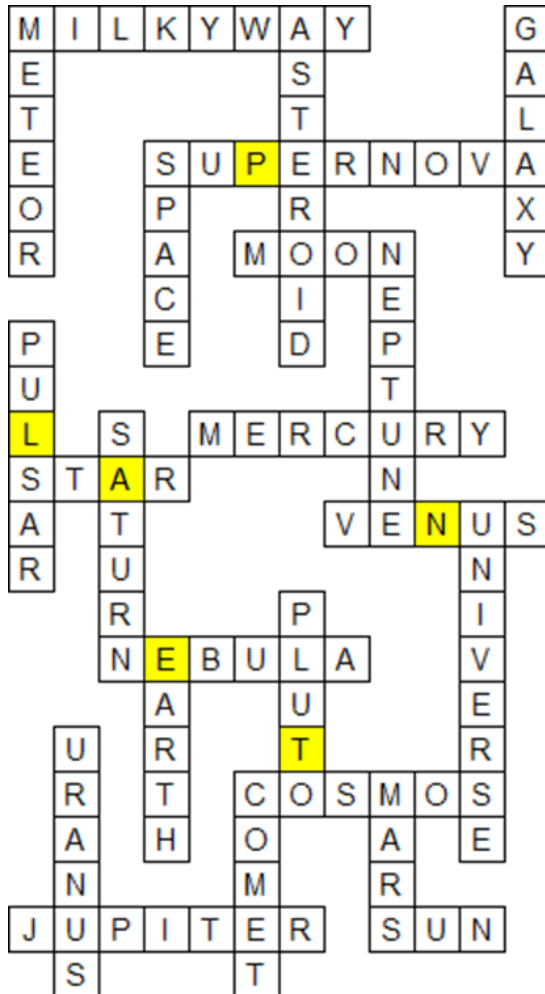
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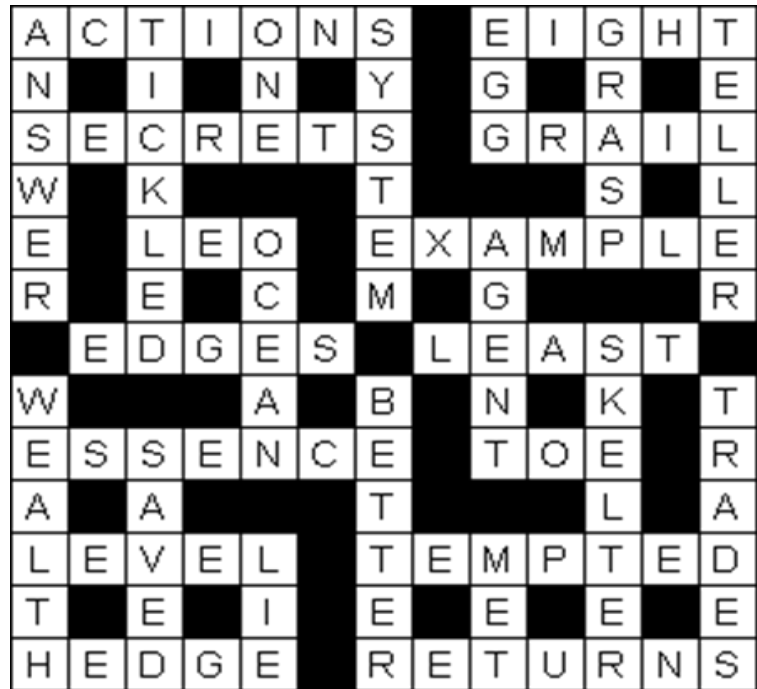


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Colgate Parish Council News November 2015.....

It is with great sadness to announce that Councillor Ken Johnson passed away in October, Ken served on the Council for 3 years & helped develop the Parish Council website. He will be greatly missed & our thoughts are with his wife & family at this sad time.

With winter just around the corner I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind you of some useful contacts: -

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11th January Faygate Village Hall 7:30pm

14th March Colgate School (Annual Parish Meeting) 7:30pm

9th May Faygate Village Hall 7:30pm

18th July Colgate School 7:30 pm

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Colgate Weather - August to October 2015.....

August was unsettled & cool as we were often under the influence of areas of low pressure from the Atlantic. Temperatures struggled to reach average let alone give us prolonged spells of "beach weather", & there was only one really hot day all month. It began well, with a sunny & hot weekend, & the temperature reached 77F before dropping back to 68F & there were showers on the 3rd & 5th. However another sunny weekend on the 8th & the 9th lulled us into thinking that summer was really here to stay, but it was not to be. The mild gentle south-westerly breezes changed to north-westerly, bring cloudy days & increasing amounts of rain, with 0.14" on the 10th, then 0.12", 0.32", 0.78" & 0.30" each succeeding day, also a thunder storm on the 13th to add to the miserable conditions. It was warm at 64-68F, but certainly not hot, before a drier 4 day spell saw it get even cooler & this was followed by 0.38" of rain on the 19th. There were to be only 3 further days of dry weather in the month but we were treated to our one really hot day on Saturday 22nd when it was hot & humid & 83F (28C) was reached. Therefore there were successive frontal systems from the Atlantic bringing periods of heavy rain every day, or so it seemed, & temperatures were stuck at 64F. Total rainfall was 4.75", the most I have recorded in August in 25 years, but having said that, it is the 7th August with over 4" of rain that I have recorded in that time-it is not a good time to holiday in this country! June is the driest summer month on average, followed by July & August is a poor third, in fact it is one of our wetter months of the year. The Met Office put this all down to the El Nino effect which occurs in the Pacific every 2 to 7 years as east to west trade winds drop, so that ocean surfaces heat up & this triggers global weather changes like the ones this summer & could herald a bad winter.



September started showery for the first 3 days, with a north-westerly cool breeze bringing the temperatures down to 59F, but then it brightened up & was dry for most of the second week of the month. The wind swung round to the southwest & there was a brief Indian Summer as 70F was



reached on 10th before the inevitable breakdown to cooler, cloudy conditions & then periods of heavy rain, giving 0.35" on the 13th followed to 0.23", 0.10" & 0.68" on succeeding days. Temperatures were between 61 & 64F except for a much cooler 55F on the 16th before we had a warmer & drier weekend on the 19th-20th. However, there was a day & night of heavy rain on the 21st, giving 0.83", the heaviest of the month, with 0.19" & 0.13" on the next 2 days, but the final week of September was dry & reasonably warm at 64F on most days with long spells of Autumn sunshine every day. Inevitably this led to further mentions in the press of "Indian Summer". This term does not come from India but was first used in the midst of the American War of Independence by a traveller

describing the weather of the Mohawk country of the eastern US "Sometimes the rain is followed by an interval of calm & warm which is called the "Indian Summer". Total rainfall for the month was 2.67", just about average, but it is one of those months of the year where amounts vary considerably, for example last year it was only 0.53".

October started bright & sunny with a mainly easterly airflow & temperatures around a very pleasant 63F despite a little early morning fog. However this all changed on the 5th when Atlantic low pressure introduced a day of heavy rain, giving us 0.99" the heaviest of the month, & it was another wet day on the 6th which produced 0.42". However by then we had received half our months total & there was only one further day of very heavy rain to come, but of course this was not known then! The middle two weeks of October saw a return to an easterly airflow & although the temperatures were a little lower at 55-59F, it was mainly dry & there was a lot of Autumn sunshine, allowing those who needed it a pleasant period for gardening as it much drier underfoot. On the 21st it rained for most of the day, giving 0.34" & it was then more unsettled for the rest of the month with heavy showers in the day & overnight on the 24th & 27th, giving 0.18" on each occasion before the last heavy downpour of the month on the 29th gave us 0.60". The total for the month was 2.99", about average in the long term but half the amount that we have had in the past 3 years. The month ended with a lovely warm & sunny day but it is not unusual for us to benefit from very mild winds from Spain & Portugal at the end of October. Remember that last year London hit 73F (23C) on Halloween, the warmest ever recorded for the day!



Bryan Radford



News from PCSO Tracy Bicknell.....

Christmas Crime Prevention Advice



Whilst gathering your shopping this year, take some time to consider those who may be looking to steal a better deal this Christmas.

It's an unfortunate fact that for some Christmas provides a number of opportunities for criminals to benefit from the good will of others. Sussex Police would like to offer a few tips to help you remain vigilant & reduce the

chances of being affected by Christmas & New Year crime, whether on the High Street, on a night out or at home.



Protect Yourself

- ◇ Walk confidently & be aware of your surroundings.
- ◇ Avoid using a personal music player or mobile phones.
- ◇ If carrying a bag, wear it with the flap facing you & with the strap over your arm & head.
- ◇ Never leave a club or pub alone & always let people know where you are. Make travel plans beforehand & try to arrange a lift from someone you know.
- ◇ Have a taxi number on you & try to use pre-booked taxis rather than hailing one down. Always sit in the back, behind the driver.
- ◇ On public transport, sit close to the driver or guard & also near to CCTV. Avoid empty areas & if you feel unsafe contact a member of staff.
- ◇ If you have no choice but to walk, never walk along dark shortcuts & always face oncoming traffic.

Protect Your Car

- ◇ Park in a well-lit, busy area & ensure you close your car windows, lock the doors & use a steering lock.
- ◇ Never leave valuables in your car. The glove compartment is likely to be the first place thieves will look. The cost of replacing a smashed window can often cost more than the valuables themselves.
- ◇ Park somewhere that you will feel safe walking back to, remembering that it gets darker much earlier during the winter months.
- ◇ Keep purchases out of sight when in the car or at home if they can be seen they can be stolen.
- ◇ Leave your keys in a secure place. Keys can remain visible in a coat pocket or open bag & are easily snatched from them.

Protect Your Home

- ◇ Ensure doors & windows are locked at all times & remember to use your alarm if you have one.
- ◇ Keys, money & phones are a burglar's dream. Keep all such items well out of sight & reach of doors, windows & letterboxes. Intruders sometimes use rods to reach bags & keys & use them to enter your home with ease. In one third of burglaries, the thief didn't have to force entry into the home.
- ◇ If you like to display your Christmas tree in your window remember to keep the presents away from prying eyes. Just like anyone else, thieves like to window shop before obtaining their goods.
- ◇ Make your home look occupied by using timer switches on your lights & radios so people think you are in. If you don't have them, ask your neighbours to keep an eye on your home & draw your curtains if you are away.
- ◇ Dispose of packaging carefully. Empty boxes awaiting collection & bins full of packaging are a perfect advert for burglars.

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Every Monday 10:45am: 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 5th December 10:15am: Colgate – A 4½ mile circular walk through wood & heathland, some stiles & one long gentle hill. Meet in the Dragon Pub car park **RH12 4SY (TQ229327)**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1¾ hours. **Leaders Pauline 01403-240419 or Jane 01403-261672.**

Sunday 6th & 13th December 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.**

Wednesday 16th December 10:00am: Rookwood Golf Course Horsham – The 5½ mile walk taking 2½ hours, is either a clockwise or an anti-clockwise circuit via Warnham, passing 'Field Place', 'Warnham Manor' & the deer park. Please park at the far end of the car park, & meet at the car park entrance. After the walk we return to Rookwood for refreshments. Boots are advisable as the route can be muddy. Sorry, no dogs. **Leader: Michael 07719-467861.**

Regular activities 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 1st, 15th & 29th December 2015 & 12th & 26th January 2016 at 7:30 pm

Whist Drives

Friday's from 7:30 pm



Colgate Village Hall Wild West charity dance

The Wild West dance held in the village hall in October was a huge success with a full house having a great time dancing away the evening or just enjoying the music provided by our live band, 'Forever Young'. Many came dressed for the occasion with numerous cowboys & girls, native Americans in full dress & we even had a Mexican dancer as well! Not only did everyone enjoy themselves with some superb music & food, but we also ran a raffle & all the proceeds from the evening were donated to the Chestnut Tree Children's Hospice, who received a cheque for £250. This is our chosen charity & we could not think of a more worthy cause, at this time of the year more than any other.

We will be organising another dance next year so watch out in the Parish News for more information.

Dave Elder

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, by Monday 18th January.

Thanks, Julie

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.

Faygate - the Village Shop at Durrant's Village will be selling a fantastic range of everyday groceries & fresh produce.

Opening Times: -

Monday to Saturday 7:00am to 7:00pm

Sunday 7:00am to 4:30pm

Jumble Sale next year...

There will be a jumble sale in the Colgate Memorial Hall on Saturday 12th March starting at 1:00pm. More details will follow next year.

Pat Stillwell

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.

Thanks, Julie





Sussex
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Red Revolution in Hastings

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

During September the Sussex Wildlife Trust's WildCall Officer, Jess Price, received a number of calls from people in the county saying that they had seen red squirrels, with a few providing photographic evidence to back up their claim. Now it is well-known that red squirrels have disappeared from the South of England apart from small remnant populations on the Isle of Wight & Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour, where constant battles are being waged against the invasive grey squirrel to keep them out.



So where have these red squirrels come from? The majority of the records that Jess received were from a small area in Hastings. They came from quite a few different people but we're not sure how many actual squirrels there were, whether people were all seeing the same individual or there was more than one of them. However many squirrels there were, it would be interesting to know how they got there. It

is highly unlikely they escaped from their island fortresses, while the nearest mainland populations are in Northern England & Anglesey so again they are not going to be from either of these.

There are some that have been captive bred in Sussex & there are occasional escapees that are reported so this could be the source of the Sussex animals. Or there may be someone who has been captive breeding squirrels then deliberately releasing them into the wild. This does happen quite regularly for a range of animals, plants & birds, usually by well-meaning but sometimes misguided individuals.

Red squirrels are a native species & were once widespread throughout Sussex but the introduction of the grey squirrel & the subsequent expansion of the population has driven the red squirrel further & further north. Conservation organisations are involved in a number of projects in trying to maintain the red squirrel population while curtailing & reversing the spread of the grey.

Releasing or re-releasing species back into areas where they were once resident & common can be a very complex & sometimes costly operation. You really have to know why they disappeared in the first place, you have to assess whether the habitat is still there, whether all the ecological constituents are there for it to at least survive but preferably flourish. With the red squirrel, there is no point in trying to bring it into places where the population of grey squirrels is still high. As well as out competing them for breeding sites, they also pass on a disease to the reds, so they will then just die out again.

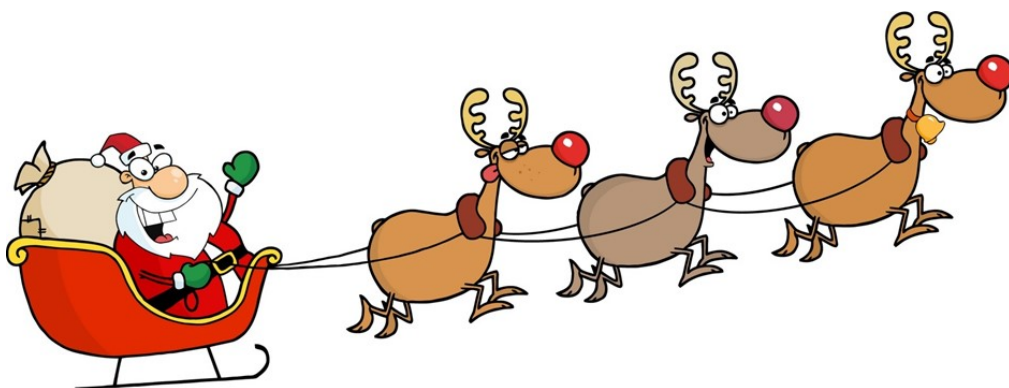
There is an interesting public relations issue also to contend with. While everyone would like to see the red squirrels around again, to achieve this would entail removing the greys & we have become so used to seeing greys around that removal would instigate a public outcry.

So, for the people of Hastings, it has been nice to see the squirrels, but we are still a long way from a population gaining a permanent foothold in the town.

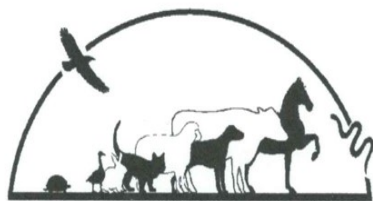


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