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Written no more than fifty years after the events they describe we have an account of St. Wilfrid's mission from the Venerable Bede. He tells us:

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There is a saying 'charity begins at home' which I think has often been misunderstood & misused to imply that charity not only begins but ends here! This tale from Bede has a quaint, homely feel about it & indeed took place only a few miles from here in the vicinity of Selsey. Bede's account isn't however just a poetical echo of the Gospel story, but a practical application of it that is appropriate just as much today.

So at harvest time our generosity overflows as it did last month with gifts of produce for the needy on our doorstep served by Crawley Open House. As global villagers we also support annually the poorer dioceses in Africa which have long standing links with our own Diocese of Chichester.

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A huge thank you to all those who supported our annual fundraising event this year, in aid of Age UK Horsham District at our September Cuppa & Chat. Many brought produce to share with other villagers & others purchased them; some did both! It was a jolly occasion with a good turnout as always & a good way to catch up with village events.

If your aim is to 'Love Later Life' & if you want information to achieve this then Sarah-Jo, your Age UKHD Village Agent, is here to help & is contactable on 07591-049042 or 01403-751322.

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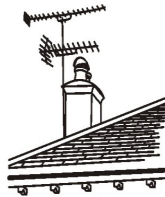
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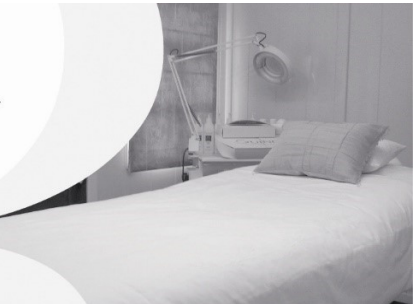
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Equinox & there is much to do to cut back fading summer growth & prepare for winter. Hydrangeas & other sturdy summer favourites will continue to colour the garden. But weeds need to be pulled up & roses should continue to be deadheaded to stimulate autumn flowers. The wisteria should be trimmed & tied up where it has fallen away from the house. Virginia creeper produces its vivid fall colour & below the lawn the trees are turning. Mowing is less frequent but lawns need to be kept tidy & their edges defined. It is time to think about planting bulbs for spring. Terrace planters can be cleared out & soil changed in readiness for winter planting. Rhododendron & laurel hedging should have been trimmed so as to allow new growth to harden off before winter.



Brush up trees & bushes & cut back overgrown specimen rhododendrons & azaleas, keep paths open & maintain or restore sightlines. Pull up brambles & other unwanted summer growth. Citrus trees summering outside need to come back into the orangery. The vegetable garden has been in full production. The freezer carries beans & tomatoes & potatoes have been lifted for storage. It has been a good year for spinach & root crops, & surprisingly, yellow & green courgettes grown outside including in containers. Globe artichokes were again very successful earlier this year & new offshoots will need watering & feeding to provide fruit next year. Raspberries need to be root-trained back to their original rows. Figs have produced generously, but apples disappeared in the August absence on holiday. Lay in firewood for colder months. The days are shortening & there is talk of a hard winter to come.



An autumn visit to Scotland's far north suggested a slow change of season this year. Foliage has been slow to turn & with no significant frost, midges were much in evidence. Highland gardens have continued to flourish, the rowans are laden with berries & the hills have retained their purple heather in the softening daylight.

Meanwhile in Sussex it is time to restock the birdfeeders. Protect them from sparrow hawks & squirrels. Remove rotting vegetation from the fish pond & continue to feed until the cold sets in.

Quercus



Colgate Village Dance



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Saturday 24th October

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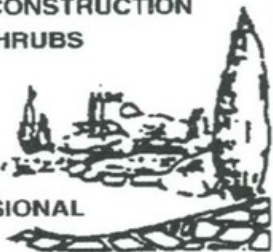
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November 2015

Sunday	8th	10:30	Remembrance Service
Sunday	22nd	11:00	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.

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Colgate Parish Council News.....

Following on from the Council Meeting on 14th September at Faygate Village Hall I can report the following:

Despite many attempts to set up the Community Speed Watch it seems the police budget cuts have meant that it is unlikely that the Parish will be offered assistance in setting up this scheme. Many thanks to all those who offered to be a volunteer for the scheme & I will contact you should the position change.

It is also disappointing news from the Highways department too. At this moment in time no infrastructure to slow traffic down on Forest Road can be considered by WSCC & I quote the Highway team's reply: *'The manner in which community issues are considered & prioritised is currently under review. At present there are significantly more requests held on record than there is resource to deliver, & concerns have been raised at how this can be effectively managed. Furthermore, there is also a review taking place of how S106 funding is prioritised for spend, as again concern has been raised that available money is being over committed, & where the authority to sanction spend sits. Without a feasibility study it is difficult to confirm..... On this basis, I currently do not have a mechanism to take schemes forward that are not already in the programme of works, so can really only add this to the list of requests for future consideration, & as soon as we know how future works will be prioritised I will let you know the outcome'*.

This also applies to Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) too which means our efforts in restricting large vehicles along Park Lane in Faygate has also been thwarted. WSCC commented that: *'Whilst it is inappropriate for larger vehicles to be using Park Lane, without a prohibition there is no action possible to stop them. A weight or width restriction would require a Traffic Regulation Order, which you may be aware is subject to a legislative process & quite resource hungry. Again the process for delivering TROs in West Sussex is currently under review by Members at the request of the Cabinet Minister for Transport, with a recommendation / decision due by the end of October. It is likely the process to deliver TROs will be quite stringent & therefore I cannot indicate whether something of this nature would meet the criteria. Of course, even if a TRO was in place, it would still need enforcing. Unfortunately installing measures to narrow the carriageway is likely to prevent legitimate access, such as refuse collection & delivery vehicles, so I don't think this is going to be possible.'*

If you want to contact the Highways dept. to discuss the speed on Forest Road or the large vehicles using Park Road then please contact them on highways@westsussex.gov.uk

All concerns with the highway can be reported on this e-mail address including reporting potholes, drainage problems & overgrown shrubbery.

With winter just around the corner I want to remind you that Colgate Parish Council does have a Winter Maintenance Plan in place. Details can be found on the website. If you would like to volunteer as a snow volunteer please drop me a line. All the salt bins have a good supply of salt should you need it to clear pavements & roads during adverse weather conditions.

The annual accounts were signed off by the accountants, Littlejohns. A copy can be found on the notice boards & website in due course.

We still have a vacancy on the Parish Council. Would you like to get involved in the shaping of the Parish's future? If so give me a call or drop me an e-mail to discuss further. Training is given & you will become part of a friendly team who welcome new members & their ideas.

The next Council Meetings are:

9th November 2015 - Colgate School

11th January 2016 - Faygate Village Hall

14th March 2016 - Colgate School (Annual Parish Meeting)

9th May 2016 - Faygate Village Hall

18th July 2016 - Colgate School

12th September - Faygate Village Hall

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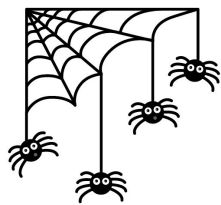
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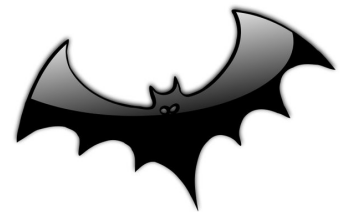
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The puzzle below is a combination wordsearch and crossword.
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words by blocking out the incorrect letters. The completed
pattern will be symmetrical. Use this fact to help you decide

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Answers next month....have fun!!!! ☺



News from PCSO Tracy Bicknell.....



Lets Keep Halloween & Bonfire Night Safe & Fun



October & November sees the Halloween & Bonfire Night period & there is often a rise in reports of anti-social behavior & criminal damage. Horsham police would like to remind everyone to stay safe, have fun & celebrate considerably.

Tips for a Happy Halloween

- ◇ If you don't want trick-or-treaters coming to your door display a sign prominently in a window. "Sorry **NO** trick or treat" posters are available at police stations or community hubs.
- ◇ Arrange for friends & family members to phone before visiting.
- ◇ Use a spy hole or window to see who is at your door before answering & don't answer to anyone you don't know.
- ◇ If you must open the door to a stranger, put the door chain on first (if you have one) to limit the gap that the door can open.
- ◇ Arrange for a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on you & your home during the Halloween period.
- ◇ Consider inviting a friend over for dinner on Halloween itself to take your mind off the prospect of unexpected calls.

Advice for Parents

Sussex Police ask that if your children are to go out 'trick or treating' you, & they, abide by these simple guidelines.

- ◇ Do not visit the elderly or other vulnerable members of your community, especially those displaying "Sorry **NO** trick or treat" posters.
- ◇ You should know where they are at all times.
- ◇ Knocking on strangers doors is unwise & could put them at risk.
- ◇ Do not let them go trick or treating alone. Perhaps organise a party with your neighbours & friends.

Big? Clever? Illegal! - Firework Facts

- ◇ It is an offence for any person under the age of 18 years to possess a firework in a public place.
- ◇ It is an offence to use any firework between the hours of 11:00pm & 7:00am. However, this curfew varies on 5th November (midnight) & New Year's Eve, Chinese New Year & Diwali (1:00am the following day).
- ◇ It is an offence to supply fireworks to persons under the age of 18 years.
- ◇ It is an offence for any person to throw, cast or fire any firework into any highway, street, thoroughfare or public place.



Thank You for your Support



If you need any further crime prevention advice then please feel free to contact PCSO Tracy Bicknell either via e-mail at tracy.bicknell@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call on my mobile 07825-431676.

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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 3rd & 31st October 10:00am: Roosthold (2) – Park in the **Forestry Commission** car park on **Hammerpond Road, RH13 6PG (TQ208298)**. This 3½ mile walk, taking 1¾ hours, will most likely be muddy & slippery. The damp conditions will hopefully bring out some interesting fungi. The walk is through open paths & wooded areas with some steep inclines to increase your heart rate. We may encounter dogs & horses. Well behaved dogs on a lead are welcome. **Leaders Liz 01403-263920 or Simon 01403-260599.**

Tuesday 13th & 27th October 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 **(RH11 9HQ)** off the **A2220 Crawley to Horsham** side of the dual

Tuesday 13th October 10:00am: 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 & food in this Free House. Meet in the **Pub Car Park (TQ190246, RH13 6LL)**. No dogs. 2½ hours. **Leader Geoff 01403-258180.**

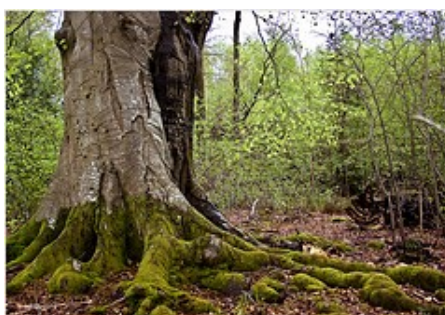
Wednesday 21st October 10:00am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods – various 2 to 3 mile generally easy circular walks, some gentle slopes. Suitable for new walkers & families most welcome. Meet in the **Leechpool Wood car park, (Roffey End) off Harwood Road (B2195), Horsham (TQ194313)**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1 to 1½ hours. **Leaders Margaret 01403-262311 or Emmy 01403-255517.**

Monday 26th October 10:30am: Warnham Circular – meet at **St. Margaret's Church Street, RH12 3QP**. This 2½ mile walk taking 1½ hours, takes us past some pretty houses in Warnham & through the Deer Park. It will be muddy. Some stiles. No dogs please. **Leaders Jill 07780-701184 or Jean 07734-323321.**

Wednesday 28th October 10:00am: Rookwood Golf Course, Horsham – park at the far end of the car park **(TQ162318)** & meet at the car park entrance. A 4 mile flat circular walk to Broadbridge Heath via the "Riverside Walk". Refreshments available at Rookwood at the end. 2 hours. No dogs please. **Leader Michael 07719-467861.**



Buchan Country Park



The Roosthole



Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods

To all our Readers.....

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.

Colgate - Farm Shop open at the Dragon Pub, selling fresh ingredients, vegetables & artisan products. It is open during the week & also sells wine for you take home.

Faygate - the Village Shop at Durrant's Village opens on 28th September & will be selling a fantastic range of everyday groceries & fresh produce.

There is also a shop at 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.

Note from the Editor...

Could I please request that any articles to be included are e-mailed to me at cfparishnews@gmail.com, by Thursday 15th October.

Thanks, Julie

Readers, as you can see there is quite a bit of free space in the magazine this month. Blank pages are not good as they cost us to be printed, so I really need your support & input for any new things that could be included?

Appeal to the villagers of Colgate & Faygate.....Can you help our local animal hospital help the orphan hedgehogs? Do you have any old unused empty pet cages you could donate? Cans of cat food are ideal food & even soap powder as the bedding needs to be frequently changed!

If you can assist with any of these items please call Jane on **07747-038312**.

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Wildlife Terrorises the Nation!

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

There I was, sitting in the garden enjoying a cup of tea & idly watching what was going on around me when I noticed a shimmering in the lawn, literally the earth appeared to be moving. Then the source of this phenomenon emerged, flying ants!

As the emergence increased, winged insects headed upwards towards the sun in a frenzied attempt to find heat & light; it was flying ant day, a day when sexually mature males & females of the common black ant seek to find each other & mate. I don't think I would like to be re-incarnated as a male common black ant as apparently once they have mated, their genitals explode & they die, whereas the female queens live & can survive for another 15 years.

Suddenly the garden was full of activity as excitable house sparrows made pretty poor attempts at being flycatchers & were joined by the local blue tits that were a little more adept at catching the ants in mid-air. This is a real bonus for the insectivores; a bounty that few birds can resist but the sheer quantity of ants emerging meant that despite the hungry predators' presence, virtually no impact is made on their numbers.

Now, as often is the case, this event attracted the attention of the media & inevitably when there are these unusual natural occurrences, reporting was somewhat sensationalised. People were being 'attacked', 'terrified', 'besieged' by these ant hordes. One national newspaper on their website was advising ten ways to kill these flying ants, all very depressing but sadly a very familiar response to short wildlife inconveniences we occasionally encounter.

A similar theme emerged recently when the Argus published a headline 'Warning: Beware of snakes as second dog killed in attack'. The owner of one of the dogs was saying that "Something needs to be done about the danger of these snakes as two dogs have already died". Now, it is heart-breaking for the owners when a dog dies in these circumstances, but it will occasionally happen & I'm not sure what can be done about it. Adders are part of our fauna & perhaps it is down to us to take more precautionary measures ourselves to avoid coming into contact with them. But the headline is far too sensational & misleading;; snakes do not attack; they are far more likely to retreat from you & will only bite in defence when there is no other option. It is interesting the debate that this article instigated on social media, much of it vitriolic, but generally it came down in support of the adders.

I realise that to compare bears with snakes can appear to be a bit far-fetched, but visiting Canada this summer it was interesting to note the difference in approach to potential meetings with the local wildlife. Even outside the National Parks there were warnings everywhere about bears, giving advice about what to do if



you should meet one, on no account should dogs be off the lead. But the clear message was that you are responsible for your own safety & should you get into any trouble, basically tough, you've been given plenty of warning.

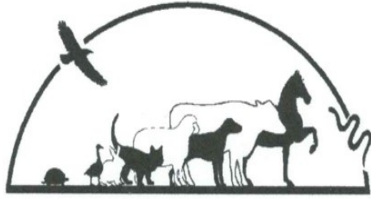
In the UK, there is very little wildlife that can be classed as dangerous; irritating perhaps but in the great scheme of things it really is unthreatening. It would be nice to think that we could have a much more sympathetic less sensational relationship with the wildlife that lives alongside us.

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk

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