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Ascension tide &, subject to a late cold snap, a brilliant spring unfolds around us. Camellias have been glorious. Below them daffodils have produced a truly wordsworthian display, only ending as they give way to bluebells.

There have been other surprises: fritillaries have been prolific & magnolias, led by stellata, have so far escaped the frost & delight the eye as one drives through the village. Primroses line hedgerows & banks & pink bleeding heart flourishes under the wild rose.

Mowing is up to once every two weeks already. Keep lawns tidy & properly edged & use the mower to mark out paths through the bulbs. Add compost & manure to flower beds & sprinkle with fertilizer.

Pruning of autumn flowerers can continue, e.g. the vigorous abelia.

Rhododendrons are slipping into flower, some hardly seen in the woods, & azaleas are not far behind. In the vegetable garden last year's harvest is over but this years potatoes are already above ground. Clean up & add mulch to strawberries & raspberries, & try to curb the latter's tendency to sprout everywhere. Parsnips & spinach are coming up in lengths of guttering in the greenhouse.

Terrace planters have blossomed with white & pink tulips. However they will be short-lived & thought should be give to replacing them with geraniums, lobelia, daisies & other summer favourites.

> Under the rhodies in a sunny spot lurks a large grass snake, often only heard as it rustles away. The birdfeeders remain active & the nesting boxes are steadily filling up, led by busy bluetits. Long tailed tits are nesting in the bushes by the house. The dawn & evening chorus is mounting - when will the first cuckoo

be heard?





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Community News.....



Cuppa & Chat

Second Monday of the month when there is a bank holiday



Monday 9th May & 6th June 2016

Anytime between 10:30 - 12:00 in St. Saviour's Church, Colgate

Our Easter Cuppa & Chat brought a few new faces including some youngsters & small Easter eggs were enjoyed with a cuppa.

We will be getting together next on the second Monday of May due to the first being a bank holiday. Join us to catch up with the local news & there is also an opportunity to purchase tickets to join the Queen's 90th birthday celebrations in the village hall on 21st May (even if you won't be dancing!).

'Like' us on Facebook: Colgate and Faygate Cuppa & Chat

Check out local information & events on our web site: http://colgateandfaygate.community21.org



Holmbush Gardens Open Day

Sunday 15th May 1:00-5:00pm

There will be a plant stall & teas.

Entry by donation, all proceeds in aid of St. Saviour's Church, Colgate.

Donations of plants & cakes would be most gratefully received.

Colgate Memorial Hall Please make a note of the following date:

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

With the fete not so far away now we are open for ideas for some new stalls & side shows. Offers of help would also be greatly received.

Thanks, Pat Stillwell

Colgate Memorial Hall Management Committee



Colgate Community Notice Board....

If you would like to advertise a local event please provide a hard copy of the advert to: -

Ms Lindsey Williams @ 2 The Winches, Colgate.

To all our Readers.....

Note from the Editor...

Could I please request that articles to be included in the joint June/July issue are e-mailed to me at the following: - cfparishnews@gmail.com, by Monday 16th may.

Thanks, Julie

Bus Services on the A24 & A264

Following a serious accident that involved one of our buses on the A24 in Washington, West Sussex County Council has carried out a safety review on all bus stops on the A24 & A264.

The safety review concluded, given today's traffic conditions, these bus stops are a road safety risk.

The County Council has taken the difficult decision to temporarily suspend all those stops on the A24 & A264 where buses have to stop on the inside lane & has taken effect from **Monday 25th April 2016**.

This will affect 3 stops in the Faygate/Colgate area towards Crawley only:

Cherry Tree

Park Road

Holmbush Farm

Please be aware we are trying to the Cherry Tree stop moved on to the slip road which will enable us to re-open this stop.

The County Council are working with us & the other bus operators to identify alternative arrangements where possible.

The County Council & Metrobus understands that these changes may have an adverse impact on some bus passengers.

However, reducing the road safety risk to the travelling public has to take precedence.

Over the next few months the County Council will be consulting with local communities to understand the impact of suspending the bus stops.

The consultation results will be used to determine what, if any, measures should be considered to resolve any issues or concerns that are identified.

Beverly Clayden

Clerk to Colgate PC

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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.

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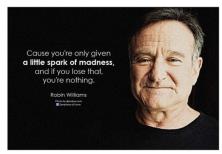
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News from the Rev. Nick Flint......



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The late lamented comedian Robin Williams, brought up in the Episcopalian Church in the United States once listed in reverse order the advantages of being Episcopalian, or as we would say Anglican, the equivalent of the Church of England.

Enjoy his irreverent take on our denomination: -

- 10. No snake handling.
- 9. You can believe in dinosaurs.
- 8. Male & female God created them; male & female we ordain them.
- 7. You don't have to leave your brains at the door.
- 6. Pew aerobics.
- 5. Church year is colour-coded.
- 4. Free wine on Sunday.
- 3. All of the pageantry none of the guilt.
- 2. You don't have to know how to swim to get baptized.

And the Number One Reason to be an Anglican:

1. No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Anglican who agrees with you.



At this time of change for our parish I pray above all that the people of St. Saviour's will not loose their humour.

Village Agent Rusper & Colgate

Hello villagers,

I hope now that spring is in sight, this advertisement finds you all well & feeling positive about the better weather that's on its way (hopefully!).

You will have seen, I'm sure, the recent ads that have gone in your Parish Magazines regarding the status of your Village Agent. As you will know Chloe began the role & then Sarah-Jo continued it to cover Chloe's maternity leave. Well, now that both lovely ladies have finished in the role & after covering the role myself whilst a decision was made for the way forward, I am delighted to tell you that I will be taking over the reins permanently.

So a little bit about me. My name is **JANE CULLUM** & I have lived in rural areas of Horsham district for 40 yrs so I understand how lovely it is living in rural locations, but also the frustrations that come with it ie; good public transport, socialising activities & problems severe weather conditions can bring, to name just a few. I come to the role with experience with Age UK Horsham District as Village Agent for Billingshurst & Shipley & co-ordinator for the Home from Hospital & Relative Support services. I have a wealth of knowledge that could be of benefit to the over 50's & their carers'. I am very lucky to be able to say that I have also enlisted the help of a local Rusper Volunteer who is very keen to help out within the area.

I am here to contact for help & advice so please give me a call. I will do all I can to assist not only with any problems but also to offer advice to enable everyone to 'Love Later Life'

Tel: 07591-049042 or 01403-751322. E-mail: villageagentrusper@ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk

I very much look forward to meeting as many of you as possible. I have already been along to **Rusper Chat** & **Colgate Cuppa & Chat** which are both groups which offer an opportunity to socialize & meet new people as well as discuss Village issues. Do contact me if you would like details of these groups (or details should be found in your Parish Magazines).

Very best regards, Jane Cullum

The Village Agent role is provided by Age UK Horsham District & supported & funded by the Hope Keith Villagers Trust.

Services in the United Parishes of Colgate & Rusper

St. Saviour's Church Colgate

A warm welcome awaits you at all our services.

May 2016

Sunday 8th 11:00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 22nd 11:00am Holy Communion, Trinity Sunday

June 2016

Sunday 12th 11:00am Morning Prayer

Sunday 26th 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.

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

Easter services were enthusiastically attended, culminating in hot cross buns on Easter Sunday. We were very grateful to Peter Murray & Alun Mayer for covering our lectern so graciously & to those who decorated the church so beautifully.

Our AGM will take place on April 26th. PCC members will welcome any thoughts or comments.

As we contemplate change in the parish, the needs of Open House remain constant & the box at the back of the church is always there for donations in kind.

With an eye to the future we not the swearing in on April 21st of Roffey's new Assistant Curate, the Reverend Kevin Humphrys, who will join Father Russell in serving the needs of our two parishes.

May Day Quiz

- 1. Which Roman goddess inspired May Day celebrations in pre-Christian time?
 - A. Flora B. Vesta C. Juno D. Minerva
- 2. In the Celtic calendar, May Day is known as which of the following?
 - A. Maius B. Lammas C. Beltane D. Samhain
- Which of the following is not a traditional British May Day activity?
 A. Dancing around a maypole B. Morris Dancing C. Eating a salad of flowers D. Crowning a May Queen.
- 4. May Day is one of several bank holidays in England. How many permanent bank holidays are there in total?
 - **A**. 6 **B**. 7 **C**. 8 **D**. 9 **E**. 10
- 5. With some exception, May Day is typically observed on _____. **A.** The first of May **B.** The first Monday of May **C.** The last day of May
- 6. True or False. May Day (as a spring festival) was originally a pagan holiday?

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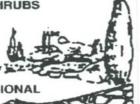
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News in Brief

Finance

- Horsham District Council approved the licence for the Big Kahuna on 4th April.
- ♦ Lindsey Williams of 2 The Winches, Colgate has kindly offered to post community notices on the new noticeboard in Colgate. If you want to advertise a local event please provide a hard copy of the advert to Ms Williams at her home address.
- ◆ The new Parish Council website went live on 13th April, <u>www.colgatefaygate.com</u>. Have a look & see what you think!

New contact details for Highways

Any issues with the Highway can be reported directly to highways on lovewestsussex which can be found on the West Sussex County Council website:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

All Council & Planning meetings are available on the website.

The next council meeting will be held at: -

Faygate Village Hall at 7:30pm on the 9th May. This meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Everyone is welcome.

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News from PCSO Tracy Bicknell.....





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This means using a mix of uppercase & lowercase letters, numbers & symbols;

For example: !AmPr0tectingMyPr1vates

Get security software

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Financial loss of online fraud victims

While traditional crime has been falling, cybercrime has been increasing rapidly as criminals see online fraud as less risky, with victims easier to find.

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PCSO Tracy Bicknell 13375 - Police Community Support Officer - Mobile 07912-893868

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Dates for your Diary.....



Join us in May at the 'The Cherry Tree'

For 'Steak Night'

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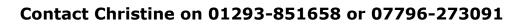
Colgate Village celebrates the Queen's 90th Birthday!

You are invited to Colgate Village Hall for an afternoon tea party to celebrate the Queens 90th Birthday on Saturday 21st May at 3 o'clock.

There will be a family guiz & all the usual birthday party trimmings.

Let's celebrate this great occasion!

Please let us know if you would like to attend to assist us with catering or if you are able to donate cakes, etc.





Colgate Village Dance "The Royal Birthday Celebration" Saturday 21st May



This year we celebrate the 90th Birthday of her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

To mark this special occasion we are holding a Royal Birthday Dance at

Colgate Village Hall on Saturday 21st May.

Our guest band 'Forever Young' will return once again to provide us with an evening of great music & entertainment.

This will be a fantastic opportunity to dance the night away or just listen to some great music.

The evening will have a 'Royal Birthday' theme, so you are welcome to dress accordingly if you would like to do so, but this is entirely optional!

The evening starts at 7:30pm through to midnight with a buffet served during the evening.

Soft drinks will be provided, so just bring your own alcoholic beverages!

Tickets are just £12 per person so reserve yours now.

Call Dave on 01293-851520 / 07917-095350



Christine on 07796-273091





General Information.....







Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance is appealing for local groups, clubs, societies & other organisations to book a talk about the life-saving work of the charity as it takes delivery of a new helicopter.

The Air Ambulance has launched a new presentation including information about how the helicopters are tasked, the aircraft, types of missions, the crew, blood transfusions & night flying.

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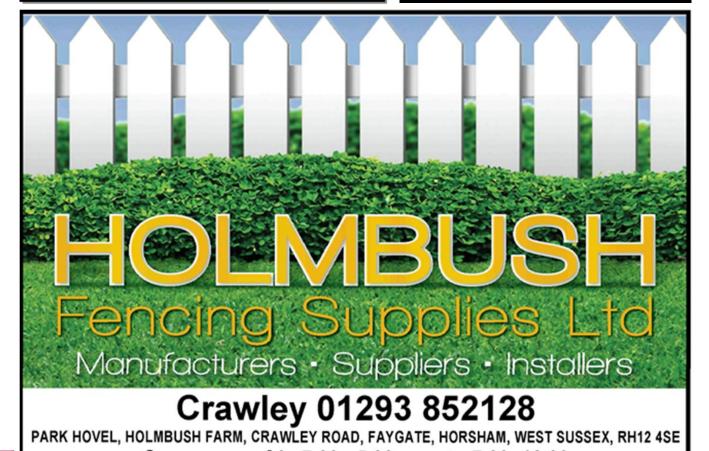


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Every Sunday & Wednesday 2:30pm: Horsham Welcome Walks – A 2 mile walk taking 90 minutes. Meet at the **Museum** in the **Causeway.** Horsham is a lovely place to live but do you know much about its history? Join us for a walk around Horsham centre & learn more about where we live & work. Supported by The Horsham Society & HDC. Please ring for more information. **Leader: Jill 07780-701184**.

Every Monday 10:45am: North Heath, Horsham – Meet in the 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.**

Sunday 1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd May 10:30am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods – A lovely woodland 2¼ mile walk, taking 1¼ hours, generally following main paths & easy under foot, although a small part of the walk will be on narrower paths with tree roots, stubs & uneven ground. Some inclines. Can be muddy in places. A sensible pair of shoes would be advisable. Dogs on a lead are welcome. An optional short 30 minute walk is always available. Meet at **Leechpool Wood Car Park**, **Harwood Road (B2195), Horsham (TQ194313)**. **Leeder: Armelle 01403-260342**.

Tuesday 3rd May: Warnham Circular – Meet at St. Margaret's Church, 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. Leaders: Jill 07780-701184 or Jean 07734-323321.

Tuesday 10th & 24th May 9:30am: Buchan Country Park (2) – Meet in the car park off Horsham Road (A2220), RH11 9HQ, on the Crawley to Horsham side of the dual carriageway (entrance TQ245347). A wooded area with some open heathland, meadows & ponds. An easy 3 mile walk, taking 1¼ hours, with well-defined paths. Nature Reserve area with toilets next to the Countryside Centre. No dogs. Leaders Richard 01403-230293 or Emmy 01403-255517.

Wednesday 11th May: Warnham (1) – Meet in Warnham Village Hall car park in Hollands Way, RH12 3RH (TQ156335), for a gentle walk. 2+ miles, $1/1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. No dogs please. Leader: Emmy 01403-255517.

Saturday 21st May 10:00am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods Extended Walk – Meet at Leechpool Wood Car Park, Harwood Road (B2195), Horsham (TQ194313). Lovely 3½ mile woodland walk, taking 1¾ hours which passes a couple of ponds. Some inclines, narrow paths, a bit challenging at times, with tree roots, stumps & uneven ground. Can be muddy. No dogs. Leeder: Armelle 01403-260342.

Wednesday 25th May 10:00am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods (1) – Various 2/3 miles 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 (TQ162318). No dogs please. 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Leader Emmy 0140.3-255517.

Tuesday 31st May 2:30am: North Heath Hall; Labyrinth Walk – Meet at the **North Heath Hall, St. Mark's Lane, Horsham, RH12 5PU**. The labyrinth walk is a metaphor for the journey to the centre of your deepest self & back out into the world. It is a path of quiet reflection & meditation. The 2 mile walk, taking one hour, is guided by Felice Rhiannon, a certified facilitator. **Leaders: Jill 07780-**







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Over Provision of Housing for Common Birds By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

Some of you may have nest boxes in your garden & hopefully by the time you read this they are buzzing

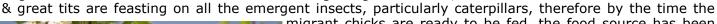
with activity, blue tits or great tits frantically ferrying mouthfuls of juicy caterpillars to the mouths of ever-hungry chicks. It's great to watch this for two weeks or so before the chicks fledge & then they emerge into their world, in a good year this can be up to a dozen or so, & then the parents can relax, job done for another year. Your garden has provided a habitat & conditions where these wonderful little birds can thrive.

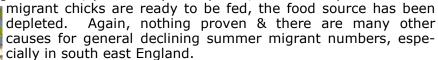
But is it right to provide these facilities on a nature reserve? An interesting debate has been going on at Woods Mill nature reserve, Henfield over the last few years as to whether providing a number of nest boxes for blue & great tits, plus winter feeding, has produced an artificially high number of these two

species. Undoubtedly, when we have done surveys of the populations here they have come out as very dense & have on occasions been questioned when we have submitted them to the British Trust for Ornithology for being unusually high.

Since we set up the nest box scheme blue tit & great tit numbers have continually risen, but in that time we have lost both willow tit & more recently marsh tit while coal tit sightings have declined. It is thought that the blue & great tits are more aggressive & will out compete the other species for nesting sites & also for food put out for them in winter. Undoubtedly there are other reasons why the populations of the scarcer tits have declined & there is no science yet to prove the theory of competing, & it does show that blue & great tits are better at adapting to a changing environment.

But it is not just the scarcer tits that these high populations might affect. One of the advantages of being a resident here is that you get into your breeding cycle early & are well into the swing of it before the summer migrants arrive. So while the visitors are still getting established, the blue







I'm not for a minute suggesting that you stop feeding or remove nest boxes from your garden, they are really important for these birds. In the bigger picture, there are other factors that are the major causes of population declines, but at places like Woods Mill it may be that we, in fact we already have, scale down the nesting population to help more of those species that are struggling to cope in an ever shrinking suitable environment.

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