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The days are shortening, but there has been a prolonged Indian Summer & growth has continued. The raspberries have continued to fruit though an unwelcome incursion of deer has stripped the leaves. Hydrangeas & other sturdy summer favourites such as dahlias & fushias continue to colour the garden. Acers & abelias are a mass of brilliant reds & orange. With consistent deadheading roses look tidy & continue to flower. But weeds too have grown & need to be pulled up. Fading hostas & fallen cecrosmia can be cut back & removed.

Autumn crocuses produce the odd splash of pink. 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. 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 should be back inside the conservatory, with a helping of fresh soil & appropriately dosed with fertilizer, Epsom salts & so on.



The vegetable garden remains in production with beetroot, parsnips & spinach. Outside, courgettes are nearly done & medlar apples, winter squash & pumpkins decorate the dining room table. Tomatoes are still coming in from the greenhouse. Figs have produced generously, but now need a major trim & tying back to the wall. Lay in firewood for colder months, & enjoy those summer vegetables stored in the freezer & perhaps a little blackberry cordial



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 the fallow are rutting while at night the owls are calling all around the house.

It is time to restock the birdfeeders. Protect them from sparrow hawks & squirrels & watch the pheasants scurrying across the lawn to pick up fallen grains,

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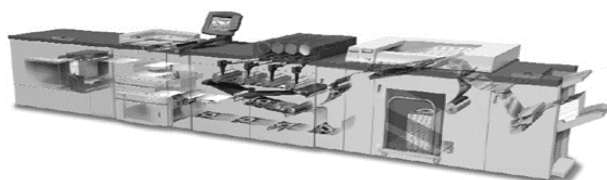
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Community News.....



Cuppa & Chat

First Monday of each month



Monday 2nd November & 7th December 2015

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

At Cuppa & Chat last month we began to think about Christmas! There was a lot of interest shown in us getting together for a flexible lunch, to suit all budgets, in December. A provisional date has been suggested for the second Monday in the month, 14th December. We will be looking to book once we have a rough idea of numbers so please let Sarah-Jo know either at Cuppa & Chat or on her Age UK number if you would like your name to be added to the list. All are welcome & we may be able to offer help with transport on request.

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

Colgate Memorial Hall Management Committee

The Management Committee have a vacancy for a Secretary to take the minutes of the meetings.

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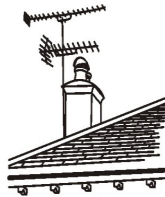
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News from the Rev. Nick Flint.....

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Blessed are the Merciful.....

When the Church of England launched a new prayer book at the Millennium, one of the subtle changes in the calendar was the adoption of the Feast of Christ the King for the Sunday before Advent each year. Being a Roman Catholic feast it was just a little sign of the ecumenical relations & aspirations between our divided churches. There is still along way to go in that direction & Pope Francis' style of leadership is an encouraging indication of what might be possible in the future.

Francis has announced, to coincide with the beginning of the new church year, a jubilee 'Year of Mercy'. The Biblical jubilee was about a fresh start, liberation from the past & all that enslaves us. The symbolism at the heart of this year is the opening of doors, to let others in & allow ourselves to get out, perhaps of some fixed ways of thought & action. Mercy is at the heart of the Christian faith, but in practice I wonder if it has been allowed to be overshadowed in the church.

I was just sitting down to reflect on this very theme for the magazine when I heard that the Bishop of Chichester has embraced the opportunity by designating 2016 a year of mercy in our own diocese & in conjunction with our Roman Catholic sisters & brothers. The practical focus will be for our two churches to be partners in an active response to the growing migrant crisis.

For the moment, the effects of that crisis may seem a little distant from our immediate experience. No doubt that will change in the months & years ahead, but in the meantime there are other areas where we can cultivate an attitude of mercy, an attitude that is after all one of the 'beautitudes'. Specifically, I have in mind the church's crusade against historic sex offenders. There have been unspeakable crimes & terrible failures. Instead of calling for truth & mercy there have been shrill demands for some offenders to be punished & punished again, as though such actions will purify the church. Police & the judiciary have in some high profile cases applied the legal processes in such a way that they have been bent out of any shape recognisable as justice. For all those rightly convicted there have been too large a number of innocent targets whose lives have been messed up by suspicion & smear. Showing mercy is not about letting people off, still less to re-offend. Rather, it is about recognising our common frailty, seeing that the stranger, be they a foreign refugee or even the apparent monster in our midst, is a person created in the image & likeness of God. Let's open ourselves to God's mercy & extend it to others.



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

The Harvest festival was a huge success & a good supply of provisions was picked up by Open House. Their needs are year round & it is pleasing to report that St. Saviour's collects steadily for them nearly every month of the year.

The next big service is Remembrance Sunday on November 8th. It will be led by our own John Stoddart & all our welcome.

The PCC will meet on November 4th. The Agenda will include consideration of the following:

- Deanery contribution for 2015.
- The copying of the Parish Registers.
- Work needed on the back of the church.
- The services scheduled for Christmas.

More on this next month.

Remembrance Day



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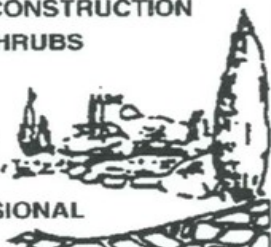
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November 2015

Sunday	8th	10:30am	Act of Remembrance
Sunday	2nd	11:00am	Christ the King

December 2015

Services for December are being finalised & will be in the December/January magazine.

There will be carols in the church on Sunday 13th December at 4:00 pm.

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.

St. Saviour's Church

As treasurer I have received notice from Lloyds Bank that they will only accept cheques that are made payable to: -

Parochial Church Council of Colgate

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Pat Stillwell

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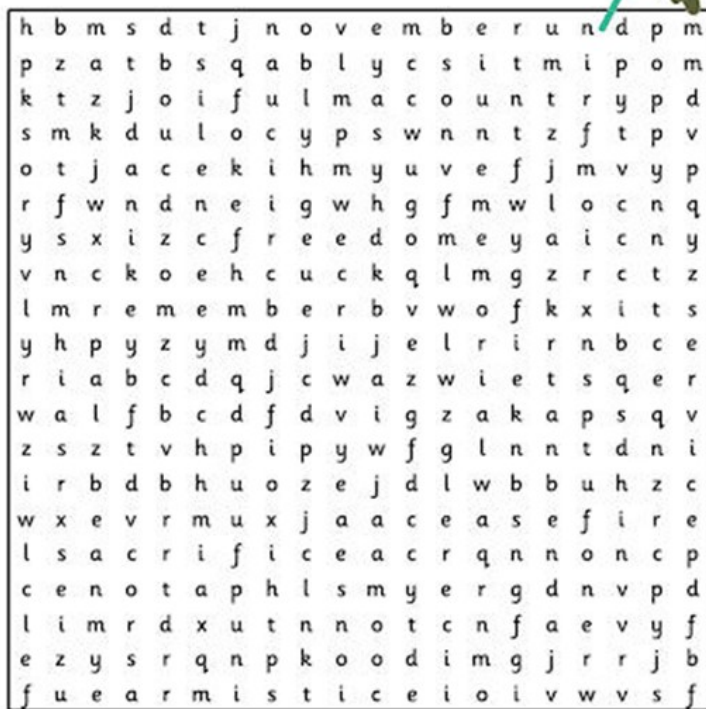
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Puzzle Page.....

Remembrance Day Word Search



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 remember November armistice war memorial
 peace sacrifice freedom service country
 silence Cenotaph

How many words can you make from the letters in the wheel?

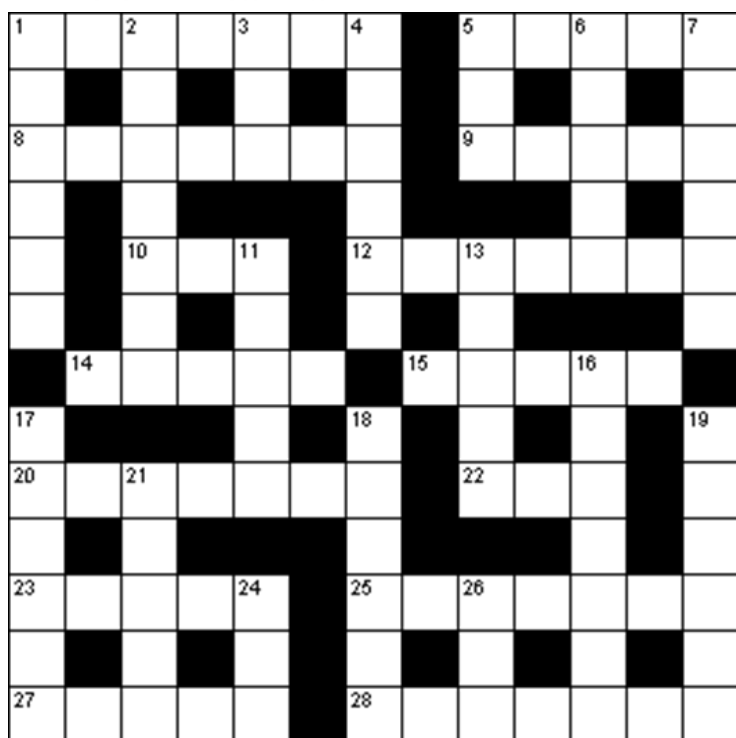
Each word must contain the hub letter **I**

Can you find a 9 letter word & at least 20 other words of 5 letters or more?

You can't have proper nouns



REMEMBRANCE
DAY



Across

1. ___ speak louder than words (7)
5. Pieces of ___ (5)
8. Trade ___ (7)
9. The Holy ___ (5)
10. ___ the lion (3)
12. Lead by ___ (7)
14. A little rough around the ___ (5)
15. Last but not ___ (5)
20. Time is of the ___ (7)
22. Tic-Tac- ___ (3)
23. A ___ playing field (5)
25. Sorely ___ (7)
27. ___ your bets (5)
28. Many happy ___ (7)

Down

1. Question and ___ (6)
2. ___ pink (7)
3. The ___ and only (3)
4. You can't beat the ___ (6)
5. Chicken and ___ (3)
6. ___ the nettle (5)
7. Fortune ___ (6)
11. A drop in the ___ (5)
13. Secret ___ (5)
16. Helter ___ (7)
17. Health, ___ and happiness (6)
18. ___ late than never (6)
19. Jack of all ___ (6)
21. ___ by the bell (5)
24. Let sleeping dogs ___ (3)
26. ___ his match (3)

Answers next month....have fun!!!! 😊

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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 3rd & 17th November at 7:30 pm

Whist Drives

Friday's from 7:30 pm

Calling all knitters!



Age UK Horsham District is calling on nimble-fingered knitters throughout the Horsham District to get creative and knit little hats for Age UK and innocent's Big Knit and help older people keep warm and well in winter.

Age UK Horsham District is calling on local knitters to get as many hats as possible to them by 27th November 2015 and needs knitters and those wanting to give it a go to help make this a reality.

This is currently a free space...which is not good for the magazine!!

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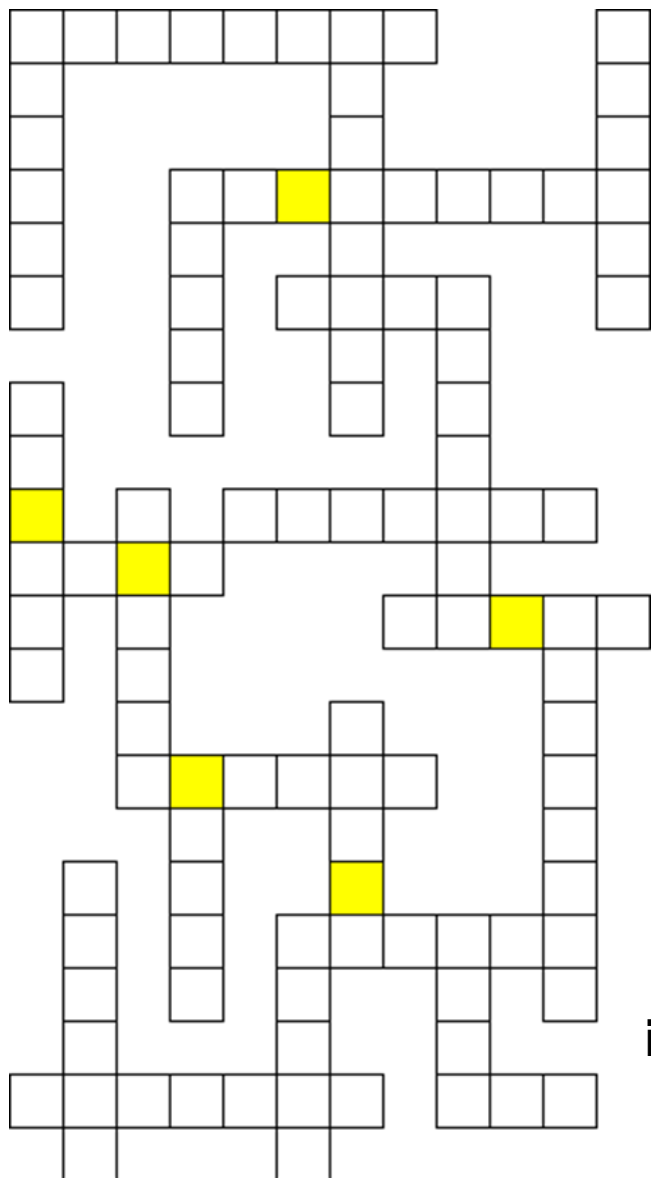
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Answers to last months Sudoku puzzle.

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3	8	9	5	2	4	1	6	7
8	9	1	2	3	7	4	5	6
4	7	5	1	6	8	9	2	3
6	2	3	9	4	5	7	8	1
1	3	4	6	7	2	8	9	5
9	6	8	4	5	1	3	7	2
7	5	2	8	9	3	6	1	4



Can you fit the words correctly into the grid? The letters in the yellow boxes will spell out another word.



3 letter word

SUN

4 letter words

MARS

MOON

STAR

5 letter words

COMET

EARTH

PLUTO

SPACE

VENUS

6 letter words

COSMOS

GALAXY

METEOR

NEBULA

PULSAR

SATURN

URANUS

7 letter words

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8 letter words

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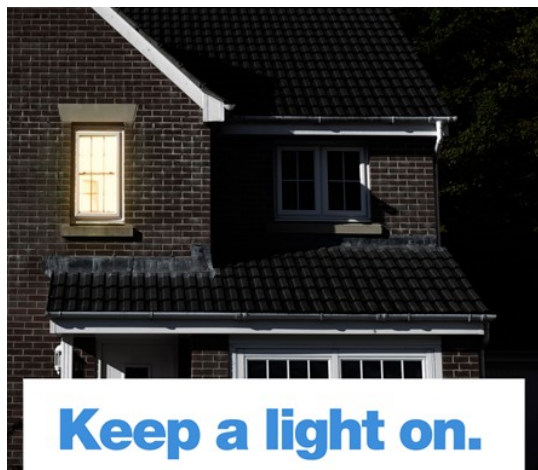
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**Answers in next months
issue.....hope you all have fun**



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Stay Secure

Check the essential home security tips overleaf.



**How secure is your home?
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Do you pass the burglary prevention test?

Daily Security

- ◇ Keep all wallets, credit cards & car keys out of sight & out of reach.
- ◇ If you leave your house empty, even if you are in the back garden, lock all the doors & windows.
- ◇ An intruder alarm can be an effective deterrent against burglars, seek advice to ensure it is the most suitable for your needs.

- ◇ Make it a habit to mark your valuables by using your postcode & house number or name.
- ◇ Some articles are unsuitable for marking so photograph them next to a ruler.
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After Dark

- ◇ Leave some lights on if it will be dark before you get home.
- ◇ When you go out in the evening, always leave a light on in a room that cannot be peered into from the road.
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Front Door Security

- ◇ Don't let anyone into your home that you don't know. Always ask for identification—official visitors won't mind being asked for ID.
- ◇ Fit a door chain or bar &, if you have a solid front door, a wide angle door viewer.

In the Garden

- ◇ Ensure that gates or access to the rear of the house are locked & secure.
- ◇ Trim overgrown plants—don't give burglars a hiding place.
- ◇ Secure garden tools & ladders in a locked shed or garage to prevent them being used to break in to your home.

The best defence against burglary is prevention

For more advice on crime prevention visit www.sussex.police.uk or phone 101 and ask for your local Crime Prevention Officer.

In an emergency, or if you see a crime in progress, always dial 999.

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.**

Monday 9th November 10:00am: Kingsfold – A 5 mile circular walk, mostly flat but one short steep hill & some stiles, through fields & woodland which should display an assortment of flowers in Springtime. Good views in all directions. Park at the **Owl Public House, Kingsfold (TQ168364, RH12 3SA)**. Good beer & food available. No dogs. 2¼ hours. **Leader Mike 01403-242546.**

Tuesday 10th & 24th November 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. **Leader Emmy 01403-255517.**

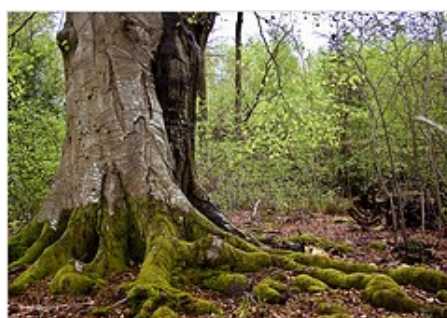
Sunday 15th, 22nd & 29th November 10:30am: Leechpool & Owlbeech Woods – A lovely woodland 2¼ mile walk, taking 1¼ hours, generally following main paths & easy underfoot, although a small part of the walk will be on narrower paths with tree roots, stubs & uneven ground. Some inclines. Could be muddy in 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.**

Tuesday 17th November 10:30am: New Walk Rusper Round – Meet at the car park next to the church in the **High Street, Rusper, RH12 4PX**. This is a pleasant walk of 3 miles, taking 1½ hours, starting from the village centre. We walk on the road for a short way. We follow the Sussex Border path which is very pretty. It will be muddy. Some stiles. No dogs. **Leaders Jill 07780-701184 or Jean 07734-323321.**

Wednesday 18th November 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.**



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 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 Wednesday 18th November.

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**.

All donations will be gratefully received.

Thank you.



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Sussex
Wildlife Trust

Celebrating the Natural World

By Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

I was lucky enough to spend a few weeks in Canada the summer & while travelling between Vancouver Island & Jasper National Park we had an overnight stop in a small town called Brackendale. Following a very nice meal we took an evening stroll along the River Squamish & came across an area of elaborate interpretive boards proudly proclaiming 'Brackendale, Eagle Capital of the World'.



From November through to February, bald eagles gather in large numbers along the river, a record count of 3,796 was noted in 1994, to feed on the salmon carcasses brought down from the spawning grounds once they have laid their eggs, so very much part of the natural recycling processes of the ecosystem there. What so impressed me about this was the real local pride that the community felt in that they hosted this great natural event & it was celebrated every year, recognising the importance that their town played in the life cycle of this majestic bird.

The interpretation boards were superb in conveying the natural history of the eagle & the link between them & the salmon, also about the threats & efforts needed to conserve them but also the historical & cultural links to the local community particularly highlighting the importance that bald eagles play in First Nations American culture. A festival is held every year to herald the arrival of the birds that attracts thousands of visitors to the town providing an economic boost in the cold winter months.

Without wishing to appear like Michael Palin, I experienced a similar feeling a few years ago when travelling in California & came across Pacific Grove, 'The Butterfly Town of the USA'. Here monarch butterflies on their journey south descend on the town in their millions &, as with Brackendale, it is a cause of great celebration, a pride in the fact that these wonderful butterflies have chosen out town to rest in. They also had brilliant interpretation throughout the town, events are held, again it attracts visitors & the monarch is the symbol of the town, images are everywhere & the whole community is aware of the important role they play in the amazing life cycle of this butterfly.



Just one other example of this connection that communities have with their wildlife is in Hornborgasjön in Sweden. Here, every year in spring, they hold the Festival of the Dancing Cranes to celebrate the return of thousands of common cranes to their breeding grounds & where they perform their exquisite mating dances to great numbers of admirers.

These are all heartening examples where communities understand local wildlife & celebrate the importance & the role they play in the natural world. It



would be wonderful to think that some towns & villages here in Sussex could embrace the variety of wildlife that surrounds us.

Individually, many of us cherish the return of the swallows each year or our



superb bluebell woods but it would be so good to collectively acclaim the wildlife with which we share our little patch of the planet.

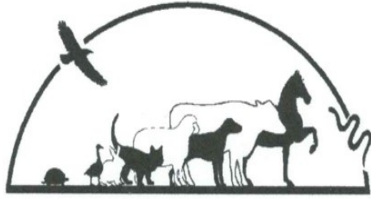
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