

# PLUMPTON & EAST CHILTINGTON NEWS

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# EAST CHILTINGTON



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## The Rector writes ...

The visit of Sister Christobel on 10<sup>th</sup> September was a wonderful occasion. She has this amazing ability of bringing her work to life and she really encouraged us. She told us of her history and of the many poor she and the other sisters have cared for. The film we watched brought us so much closer to her work. We saw her working both on the streets of Bombay and with the children's homes she has built in Goa. We raised £1700 on the night for Mother Teresa's Roses to help provide for a new children's home for boys in Goa. We enjoyed wonderful food and company. She entertained us with some of the songs she sings for and with the children. If you would like to catch something of the vitality of this marvellous woman there are some CDs available which contain a portion of her music. You can obtain a copy of the CD from the Rectory. Indeed we also had a wonderful social evening on 19<sup>th</sup> August when Miles Jenner came and gave us an entertaining evening talking about Harveys and taking us through two tutored tastings explaining the history behind each item and telling us what to look for when tasting. Like Sister Christobel's visit there was a great deal of laughter and enjoyment with Miles's talk. We raised £800 for Church funds on that evening. Both of these extraordinary events are like two sides of the harvest coin: we use what God has given us in the harvest and we share God's gifts with those who need our help and support. We are going to celebrate harvest in All Saints on 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am with a sung Family Service. We are going to follow the Service with our annual Harvest Lunch in All Saints Church Annex at 12.30pm. This will be a bring and share meal and all are invited and encouraged to come. All you need to do is bring a plate of food to share and whatever you are going to drink. Hope to see you then. God bless.

**Parochial Church Council:** As reported in last month's magazine, the Rector and PCC have been discussing instituting additional Services to our usual Sunday Worship. The Rector and Mr Miller, Churchwarden had attended a conference on ministry in Rural Communities and had been struck by the work of the present Vicar of Danehill. He had begun a new service in addition to the regular Sunday Services in his two Churches. It is lay-led and seemed to follow the type of Service we have on Christmas Eve for the Blessing of the Crib. The Rector and PCC

wondered whether this type of Service would be of interest to people and would welcome comments. The Rector suggested that it would be held on the first Sunday in the month at 10am in All Saints as this is the Church in the area where most people live. There would be the traditional formal Services at 8.30am and at 11am as at present. We would like to begin these services on 4<sup>th</sup> December.

**Sunday School:** Plumpton & East Chiltington Sunday school will meet at 10.30am in All Saints Church Annex on Sundays 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October. All welcome.

**Saints Days:** We will be celebrating St Wilfrid's Day on 12<sup>th</sup> October at 11am at All Saints. St Wilfrid was exiled from Hexham by the king of Northumbria and he took refuge in Sussex. He taught the Sussex men how to fish at sea and so saved the area from famine. He is the secondary Patron Saint of the Diocese of Chichester. He eventually returned to Yorkshire and is buried in Ripon Minster.

**Pop-in-Parlour:** The Pop-in-Parlour will be open throughout October in All Saints Church Annex for homemade soup, lite-bites and tea and coffee. All welcome just to pop in and meet old and make new friends.

**Church Choir:** The Choir meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in All Saints Church. During this month the Choir will be singing at the Dedication Festival on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at East Chiltington and on 30<sup>th</sup> October at All Saints for the Patronal Festival. The Patronal Festival will be followed by a reception in Church. We are always looking out for new members. If you are interested please contact Judith Miller on 891800 for further details.

**Church Histories:** At the request of a number of people in the Parish a series of short articles on the history of each Church will appear during the next few months beginning in November with East Chiltington Parish Church.

### From the Parish Records:

Holy Baptism: 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Jonathan Henry PURDY Lana Faith CONSTABLE Piers Alexander CONSTABLE
11 <sup>th</sup> September	Alice Rose Kaytelin WILLIAMS Francis William John WALLIS

Holy Matrimony:  
27<sup>th</sup> August Paul Barry TAPLIN to Emma Anne KETLEY

Funeral: 15<sup>th</sup> Sept  
1 Roy Edward DUGARD (74)  
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## Bird Watch

Many have seen and commented on the areas of Borage, a blue-flowering plant sown in several parts of the college estate in conjunction with

the work of Brighton University. It is a project to study Bumble Bees regarding their range and feeding. At the height of summer these patches were humming with the sound of wings, theirs and also of many Honey bees. Now the flowers are over, the seeds have set and quite large flocks of finches, seed-eating birds are finding good use of them. Mainly the flocks are of Greenfinches which is good news as only a couple of years ago this species was reported to be in trouble from disease and of a dwindling population.

One of the concerns regarding birds that need a seed diet is the lack of stubble fields available for them to forage over the winter months. With the increase in the number of fields sown with winter wheat and therefore clean of weeds, numbers have declined so perhaps this Borage will be of benefit.

I think that one of the most wonderful sights in Nature is to see a large gathering of birds of the same type massed in numbers for the benefit of them all. Species that flock together do so for many reasons. Many eyes will find a food supply on which all can make use and in a similar way many eyes can detect a predator so that all can avoid an attack so that only a slow or sickly bird is taken and the job of the predator done, to ensure that the fittest and most alert birds survive to breed. An interesting feature of birds that flock is that they all have distinctive markings on wings, tail rump or face so that with these contact marks they can easily be recognised as allies within that species.

The huge flocks of Starlings in certain parts of the country attract much comment and are often featured on the television. These are always just before darkness as they prepare to roost in communal places such as reed beds, a grove of trees or on Brighton Pier. Their spectacular swirling and orchestrated movements at that time are to confuse predators. This is so different from the way they leave the roost the following morning when, all keen to find food they fly at about house-top height on a broad

front, covering as much width as possible. In that way a food source will not be missed, so many eyes are seeking it out. *RJL*

## Plumpton Horticultural Society



At the time of writing I was looking longingly at some green shoots that should be lovely sweet peas, the plumbs were on the ground still attached to their branches and something called Brown Rot has started to visit the pears! That's not to mention the wind and rain. However I am still thinking about which daffodils to plant when and what to enter at the Autumn show, which by the time you read this will have past. Where has the year gone? All the shows have been and gone and we are now thinking about the schedules for next year. If you have any ideas that you would like to put forward for craft or children's classes in 2012, either email them to [info@plumptonhorticociety.co.uk](mailto:info@plumptonhorticociety.co.uk) or bring them along to the AGM and photographic competition in November. (more about the AGM next month). Our next event is on the 8<sup>th</sup> October so hopefully you will get the Magazine by then. We have organised a fantastic talk on Roses by Sally Cole from Wych Cross Nurseries. (Sally gave a really good talk on orchids some years ago.) All are welcome to this talk which starts at 7.30 at the Village Hall in Plumpton Green. The entrance fee is only £1.50 to cover the cost of the venue so hope to see you all there. There will be refreshments too so bring your friends or family it is a very nice evening.

If you want to enter the photographic competition you do need to be a member of the Society but it is only £2.50 which will be held over until this time next year to cover all the shows in 2012 which is very good value. As long as you are a paid up member by the end of October you can enter the Photographic Competition which is held on the night of the AGM at the end of November. All entries for the Competition need to be in by the 31<sup>st</sup> of October on a disc. The categories are in the schedule which you can get by sending your £2.50 membership fee to Plumpton Horticultural Society Treasurer, The Old Mill House, Plumpton Lane, Plumpton. BN7 3AH. See you on the 8<sup>th</sup> October for the Roses Talk.

*SM Publicity Secretary*

## What to eat this month for a gentle detox

*Lisa Murphy*



Many of us will be carving pumpkins at the end of this month. Before you throw the flesh and seeds into the bin, think about cooking them as this scary veg offer fabulous health benefits. The distinctive bright

orange colour of pumpkins show that they are an excellent source of the antioxidant beta carotene that promotes healthy vision, prevents cataracts and strengthens the immune system. Beta carotene can lessen the risk of heart disease and prevent tumour growth. It is also good for skin health, both outside and in, protecting against eczema, asthma and gut irritation. Beta carotene may also reverse skin damage caused by the sun and it is thought to slow the aging process.

Pumpkin is a good source of fibre. Fibre supports digestion, helps to reduce bad cholesterol levels, balances blood sugar and encourages weight loss. Pumpkin is also a good source of vitamin C which promotes a healthy immune system.

Pumpkin contains good levels of potassium and magnesium. Potassium helps to control blood pressure and balances fluid levels in the body. It is also an important mineral for bone health. Magnesium is also vital for bone health, good muscle function, healthy sleep and relaxation.

In addition to all the health benefits offered by pumpkin flesh, the seeds are powerhouses of many important nutrients. Pumpkin seeds are a good source of magnesium, manganese, iron, vitamin E, zinc, iron and copper. They also contain calcium for healthy bones. They are a good source of anti-inflammatory omega 6 and omega 3 fatty acids, which are vital for mental health, healthy skin and energy production. There is a good amount of protein in pumpkin seeds plus fibre.

**How to use.** Separate the seeds from the pulp after hollowing out the pumpkin and spread out on a baking sheet. Sprinkle with spices and a little sea salt and bake for 25 minutes at 160°C/325°F. Out of season, pumpkin seeds can be bought plain or seasoned and eaten alone as

a snack or sprinkled onto porridge, muesli or flapjacks. Their nutrients are more readily available if they are ground (in a food processor or blender); they can be kept in the fridge for a week.

Pumpkin seed oil can be used in salad dressings or taken in capsule form in order to get a bigger hit of essential fatty acids and the vitamins and minerals found in the seeds.

Pumpkin is delicious in a soup made with onions, carrots and hot stock, flavoured with nutmeg, cinnamon and pepper. As an accompaniment, try baking bread made with grated pumpkin, pumpkin seeds and cheddar. Pumpkin can be briefly boiled and baked in a curry with roasted cashews, yogurt and spices or barbecued in a marinade made from olive oil with lemon, thyme and garlic. It can be made into a savoury gratin with leeks and garlic, thyme, chives, white wine and gruyere, or roasted in an onion and feta tart. Pasta lovers can make ravioli with basil and Gabriel cheese and to the pumpkin or it can be roasted and mashed into flour to make gnocchi. It can be simmered with butter beans, herbs and spices in a Moroccan 'pot' or roasted with star anise, cinnamon, garam masala and bay before puréeing to serve with roasted meats. It can even be made into an unusual crumble with orange, ginger, eggs and evaporated milk. Trick or treat?

Email [lisa@nutritionlewes.com](mailto:lisa@nutritionlewes.com) for any of these recipes.



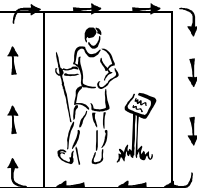
## Plumpton Support Group

The Plumpton Support Group for St Peter and St James Hospice invite you to an informal Open Meeting to be held on **31 October at 7.30 p.m in the Small Hall at the Village Hall.** We would like to share with you some of the ideas and events we hold throughout the year and how we raised over £9,000. Guest Speaker will be Carol Hughes (Community Fundraiser for the Hospice) who will outline the importance of fund raising and the function of the Hospice. **Nibbles will be provided and entry is free.**

We hope that you can join us and bring your own ideas for future events.

*Sue Akers - Secretary (891701)*

## Footpath Detective's Diary:



To the Castle and onward  
to the Chiding Stone

One sunny Sunday this summer I met a friend for lunch at The Spotted Dog, a Kentish pub at Smart's Hill that I used to frequent some years ago when I lived in Kent. Set on the High Weald, its terraced garden has a marvellous view to the northeast over the valley of the early stretches of the River Medway as it meanders as little more than a stream past Penshurst and between Bidborough Ridge and the village of Leigh and on to Tonbridge. As we enjoyed our lunch and the views we planned our afternoon walk. Our destination was Chiddingstone Castle.

For our starting point we dropped into Penshurst and just north of the major road junction in the village we headed west on the Eden Valley Walk path. We were surprised that it was a tarmac path about a vehicle's width for a good quarter mile. It crosses the gently flowing River Eden where there was a good display of Bull Rushes. Our path continued with a mainly firm surface and followed a little ridge although views became obscured by high bushes along both sides. Through the gaps to the north were fields of pasture and to the south were cultivated soft fruit, mostly raspberries.

We crossed the lane that runs from Chiddingstone to Chiddingstone Hoath where our path continued through a small wood known as The Slips. Here the path narrowed to a footpath. At the end of the wood the path, according to my O/S map, was alongside a driveway / track that if we could have followed it would lead into the castle's grounds from the south. We didn't see a way of doing this from our path. Instead our path leads us into the pretty hamlet of Hoath Hill. A right turn onto the lane took us around the western boundary of the castle and to its north and main entrance. This route did afford us a good view of some lovely dwellings.

Chiddingstone Castle was a country house originating in about 1550 and then known as High Street House. It can be easily accessed from Chiddingstone High Street via a gate that leads to a small path to cross the footbridge over

the lake in the grounds. It was the home of the Streatfield family. Its current form dates only from 1805 when it was extended and remodelled in the then popular castle style to the wishes of Henry Streatfield.

The Castle is set in nice grounds, most likely once much more formal than the current lawns. It has a wonderful view north over the Eden Valley to the Low Weald and the ridge of Greensand near Ide Hill. Picnicking is encouraged on the lawns with well placed tables but we enjoyed tea and scones in the Victorian Tea Room courtyard.

Suitably refreshed we crossed the footbridge, admiring the large fish in the lake, and took the path up through the wooded area to the gate onto the High Street. Chiddingstone is a pretty Kent village with a single street with Tudor buildings and partial cobbled and brick pavement. Opposite is St. Mary's Church. We headed east passing the school and took the path to the Chiding Stone, a large boulder of Ardingly sandstone that creates a natural platform. It is said to be a place from which judgement or chiding could have been administered by elders of the village or the local area. In some writings it is recorded as being a Saxon boundary stone.

Having returned to the High Street and a little further east, we took a path on our right to cross some fields. At a path crossing by some ponds we turned left to cross more fields and out onto a lane which lead us south through Weller's Town (a small row of cottages). We took the next path left and south and up onto the ridge to rejoin the Eden Valley path that we had started on and thus make an almost circular route through beautiful Kent countryside with plenty of refreshment opportunities and some interesting history.

EJH

### PLUMPTON PANTOMIME SOCIETY

The Society is about to start rehearsals  
for 2012

#### "Goody Two Shoes"

Directed by Duncan Taylor - oh yes it is!! Box office opening soon. Performance dates are 15th to 21st January 2012 (excl 16th). Ticket prices are the same as last year! We are desperately looking for somebody to coordinate the costumes  
Contact Terry Thompsett on 01273 891256.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 10 am to 4 pm. The  
marquee at Glyndebourne, Glynde, Near  
Lewes

Start your Christmas shopping and enjoy a great day out! Visit the marquee, packed with a variety of stalls to suit all tastes and pockets, take a stroll around the gardens and have lunch or light refreshments in the Mildmay Restaurant. The Glyndebourne shop will also be open.

Entry £3

In aid of the Lewes and District Group of East Sussex Disability Association (Reg. Charity No. 1042071)



## Chailey Commons Society

[www.chaileycommons.org.uk](http://www.chaileycommons.org.uk)

Where have all the butterflies gone? We have been out on the commons looking for the blues, the Common Blue and especially the Silver Studded Blue, but hardly a sighting.

Our parents' and children's Bug Hunt in the middle of August was a tremendous success but still no butterflies. There were twenty one children and twenty adults looking around on the fire breaks on Red House and making a count of thirty seven bugs on the list. Our early bird walk was good too as was the breakfast at the Tea Room afterwards.

Don't forget Ian Seccombe's walk 'Tips on photographing fungi' on Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> at Markstakes Comon starting at 10.00.a.m. from the flint wall gate in Markstakes Lane. Book in on 01825 723846.

Our ever popular Fungi Foray with Rosalie is on Red House Common on Wednesday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2.00.p.m. from the car park

Our next indoor meeting in the village hall on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30.p.m. will be an illustrated talk by Ian Woolsey on his 'Hebridean Adventure'.

We are working on another lovely calendar featuring flowers and bugs on the commons. Details at our walks, meetings and the next newsletter. For more information, have a look at

our website for details of the Society and pictures from the various seasons and activities. Membership of the Society is open to all – come along to a walk or meeting and join us.

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## Letters to the Editor

*Views and opinions expressed are those of the contributors and are not necessarily those of the Editorial Team or Magazine Committee.*



### Get Your Heads Out of Your Backsides and Smell the Roses. (Or, In support of Local Development)

I suspect I am not the only person in this village who is tired of the tabloid style reporting of facts and gross misrepresentation of figures to suit the purposes of P.R.O.U.D. I am sure that many of those supporting this NIMBY campaign are only living here thanks to the developments in the 1960's in East View Fields, the 1980's in Woodgate Meadow and the 1990's in West Gate.

Having lived in the village for thirty+ years I can assure everybody that the latter 2 developments were certainly not detrimental to village life. You can be certain if it weren't for these developments we would have no village school, no village shop, no village station and would certainly not have the benefit of the excellent village hall and village green.

The other problem with little or no development is the rapidly advancing age demographic of the village, which, in the foreseeable future, will put schooling in the village under threat. This village desperately needs is a sizeable mixed development, on one or multiple sites, that would enable householders in large family houses, whose offspring have flown the nest, to trade down and free up family sized homes for new families.

It is also extremely interesting that these people who have the best interests of the village at heart are conspicuous by their absence when those of us that do support village life ask for volunteers to help at events like the bi-annual village fair!

Development? Yes Please, Bring it on.

Nick Satchell

## SERVICES

### 2<sup>nd</sup> October

All Saints, Plumpton Green  
St Michael's, Plumpton  
All Saints

### TRINITY 15

8.30am  
10.30am  
6.30pm

Holy Communion  
Family Communion  
Evensong

### 9<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints  
All Saints

### TRINITY 16

8.30am  
10.30am

Holy Communion  
Family Communion  
And Sunday School  
Evensong

All Saints

6.30pm

### 12<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints

### St Wilfrid, Bishop

11am

Holy Communion

### 16<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints  
All Saints

### TRINITY 17

8.30am  
10.30am

Holy Communion  
Harvest Thanksgiving  
And Sunday School  
Evensong

All Saints

6.30pm

### 23<sup>rd</sup> October

All Saints  
East Chiltington  
All Saints

### DEDICATION FESTIVAL

8.30am  
10.30am  
6.30pm

Holy Communion  
Sung Communion  
Evensong

### 28<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints

### Saints Simon & Jude, Apostles

11am

Holy Communion

### 30<sup>th</sup> October

All Saints  
All Saints

### ALL SAINTS

8.30am  
10.30am

Holy Communion  
Patronal Festival

### 6<sup>th</sup> November

All Saints  
St Michael's  
All Saints

### TRINITY 20

8.30am  
10.30am  
6.30pm

Holy Communion  
Family Communion  
Evensong

### Daily Service

### Holy Communion

### Saints Days

### Plumpton & East Chiltington

### Sunday School

10am All Saints (Tuesday-Saturday)  
as advertised on Weekly Notice Sheet  
11am All Saints

10.30am – 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October

Rector: **The Revd. Godfrey Broster**

Telephone: 890570

Churchwardens: **Ian Miller, Jenni Davies, Sharon Vaisey, Alan Harris**

## Profile on Richard Taylor



Richard was born in Brighton in 1942. His father was in the Navy and during the war worked in the trawlers defending the merchant ships that kept the UK supplied. This meant that Richard and his mother were alone for most of the war and when

his father returned, he wondered who the strange man was.

In 1943 he was shot at whilst in his pram in Portland Roa, by German fighter bombers, fortunately unhurt, though 20 people were killed in that raid. At the end of the war his father became a Civil Servant and in 1947 Richard's sister was born. The family then moved to a council house in Hangleton.

Richard's schooling was at Portland Road infants school, then Hangleton school and then on to Knoll school in the Old Shoreham Road. He left school at 15 with no idea of what he wanted to do. However he was fortunate to get an apprenticeship with Allen West and Co who made electrical equipment for ships and trains. Whilst there he managed to electrocute himself, fortunately he didn't make it. (this was his second lucky escape) It was at this time he met Val. Val and her friends were going to a dance school to learn to dance: Richard and his friends were going to the same dance school to meet girls and he and Val hit it off. She was 16 and he was 17.

However it was not until 1963 that they got married as they were saving up to buy a home of their own. Fortunately Val's grandmother lent them a deposit of £1000 and they bought a 4 bedroom house in Neville Avenue, Hove for £4,600. Richard's parents moving into the ground floor, Val and Richard into the upstairs. This worked well, with Richard's mother teaching Val to cook and providing access to the one television set.

Richard in the meantime had got a job with Seeboard, moving from a hands on job to working as a Work Study Engineer and then in to the data section. After four years living with Richard's parents, they moved to a bungalow in Southwick where the children were born. Jeff in 1967, Karen in 1970 and Robert in 1972. A job then came up in Maidstone and for a while

Richard would commute from Southwick to Maidstone or Rochester. Fortunately another job was offered in Haywards Heath and they sold their bungalow, moving into Wells Close in 1975.

Val immediately got involved in village life, but it was not so easy initially for Richard. However he joined the PTA and after two years became Chairman. Then he got involved in the Pantomime society. The first panto was put on by the PTA as a Thank You to the Village for raising the funds for a swimming pool at the school. Richard was co-erced into making the props and Val pulled the curtains. The Pantomime society has gone from strength to strength and as well as having various parts, Richard took over the lighting. In 1977 a vacancy arose on the Parish Council and Richard applied and was elected. In 1985 he took over as Chair from John Hale who resigned through ill health. This position he held until this year, serving a total of 26 years.

During his years on the Parish Council, one of the major achievements for the village was the building of the new Village Hall. Negotiations had gone on for some years, initially plans to build on the Playing Fields, combining the Hall with the Pavilion. However over half the village neglected to vote so the opportunity was lost. Then there were plans to build at Woodgate Meadow. However Bob Westgate came up with the offer of land and some money, Lewes District Council offered £50,000 and a grant of £75,000 came from the Sports and Arts Council. Philip Ridley chaired a fundraising committee in the village to raise the remaining £10,000. Then the shortfall increased to £40,000. The village responded magnificently and eventually raised £45,000 and in 1995, the new hall opened. Richard has also been involved in both Cubs and Scouts and became a Scout leader, helping take groups to camps in various countries. He gave up after 22 years but is still an executive committee member and helps put up the marquees when required.

In 1983, the family moved to Grove Cottage in Plumpton Lane as they needed more space for the family. In 1995, after 32 years with Seeboard, Richard retired and is now self employed, helping out with Rodney Hill's driving school. He does less now, but keeps himself busy, with making models and taking his military jeep to local schools as well as still being on the Parish Council. Thank you Richard for all you have done for the Village.

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## PLUMPTON DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION



**Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup> to  
Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Book 2nd-5th June 2012 in your diaries - you won't want to miss what we've got planned.

Next meeting to plan events:

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
at 8:00pm in the Pavilion**

The first meeting on 7th September came up with lots of good ideas. you can find out more on the Parish Council and VAP websites at

[www.plumptonpc.co.uk](http://www.plumptonpc.co.uk) and  
[www.plumptonvap.co.uk](http://www.plumptonvap.co.uk)

The next meeting will decide what we will do over the four days/year to mark the Jubilee.

Come and contribute your ideas and energy. If you want to let us have your ideas in advance send them to Kathy Baker

at [kathy@herplace.co.uk](mailto:kathy@herplace.co.uk) (01273 890508)

or Carole Nicholson at

[carole.nicholson3@virgin.net](mailto:carole.nicholson3@virgin.net) (01273 891725)

## LEWES WINDMILL DISTRICT TREFOIL GUILD



would like to invite you to an Open Meeting on Wednesday 19 October 2011 at 7.00pm in the Church Barn Centre, Church Road, Newick. A representative from the Chichester Diocesan Association Family Support Group will talk about Knowle's Tooth Centre, Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex. *Knowle's Tooth is a large house in the countryside, which provides breaks and holidays for families and children from throughout Sussex*

Ploughman's Supper £5.00 Raffle

RSVP by 11 October to Linda Samson

16 Newick Drive

Newick

Lewes BN8 4PA

Email: [linda.samson@btinternet.com](mailto:linda.samson@btinternet.com)

OR Judy Pardoe 01825 723815

## ORGAN RECITAL

Richard Toms, organist, will give a recital at St Wifrid's Church, Haywards Heath at 1.10pm on Wednesday 26 October. His programme will include works by Bossi, Vierne, Buxtehude, Ireland and Dupre'. Admission is free with a retiring collection towards the organ fund.

## TENNIS CLUB NEWS

As we are well into Autumn now, with all our coaching sessions in full swing, we are concentrating on our fundraising efforts, with the emphasis being on our club house project. Due to popular demand and thanks to a fantastic fundraising committee we are looking forward to a wonderful quiz devised and presented by Nick and Lesley Satchell.

We hope you will join us on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at the village hall. Bar open at 7:00pm and we will be serving our tasty chilli from 7:30pm.

Tickets priced at £8 per person (to include snacks, chilli and dessert) are available from me (890002) or Lesley (890142). Please let us know if you require a vegetarian meal. Several tables have already been booked, so contact us as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Teams of 8 please - if you don't have 8, we can team you up with others.

In an effort to keep things rolling along and to minimise the time spent clearing up, we are requesting people to bring their own plates and cutlery. We will be running a licensed bar so please do not bring drink or glasses.

Our second big fundraiser will be the jumble sale on Saturday, November 12 from 2:00pm. Please leave jumble at the hall from 9:00am. If you need something collected or need to drop items off in advance, contact Lesley (890142) or Marian (01444-471107).

As well as jumble, we will have a cake stall, a jewellery stand, tombola, lucky dip, teas and coffees. A huge thank you goes to the WI, who yet again have volunteered to help on the day.

We look forward very much to seeing you at these events.

Plumpton Tennis Club Committee  
Contact: Maria Roche 01273 890002  
[mariaroche@f2s.com](mailto:mariaroche@f2s.com)



## Plumpton Village Action Plan

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## OCTOBER UPDATE

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### PLUMPTON BUSINESS BREAKFAST



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
at 7.30 – 9.00 am  
Paddock Restaurant  
at Plumpton Racecourse**

Our guest speaker is *Nick Gant* from the University of Brighton who will be speaking about "Community 21" – a web-based information tool for villages and communities, part of which is to develop a local business directory. By popular request there will be plenty of time for networking and a round up Q&A session.

**The cost of the breakfast, which is being subsidised by local producers, suppliers and the Village Action Plan, will be £5.**

**In addition, or indeed as an alternative:**

#### Business Workshop

#### "Marketing on a Shoestring"

**The cost of the workshop, which will finish by 10.30am, is also £5.**

If you would like to attend please contact Linda Lawrence at Plumpton Racecourse, Plumpton, East Sussex BN7 3AL  
[Linda@plumptonracecourse.co.uk](mailto:Linda@plumptonracecourse.co.uk)

01273 890383

### INFORMATION BOOKLET NEW RESIDENTS WELCOME TO PLUMPTON

The Village Action Plan Communications Team has produced an Information Booklet that you may find particularly helpful as it contains a considerable number of local details and contacts.

Copies are available, free of charge, from the Post Office and Stores.

Please pop in and collect a copy.

### PLUMPTON GATEWAY TO THE DOWNS!



**Join us for an  
Autumn Downland walk!  
Sunday 23rd October 2011**

A year ago, the village celebrated the launch of 16 new walks leaflets. The walks follow the wonderful footpaths and bridleways in and around Plumpton.

The leaflets have proved so popular that they've run out and a 2<sup>nd</sup> print-run is required.

Funding for the reprint has been secured from Collabor8 and the South Downs National Park Authority

**Meet at the Half Moon  
at the foot of the Downs  
at 1.30pm on Sunday 23rd October**

**We will follow Leaflet 6  
for a 5 1/2 mile walk up onto the Downs  
and round through Ashcombe Bottom**

**returning to the Half Moon for  
afternoon tea**

**Or you could cheat – and just join us  
for tea!**

For more information contact the Plumpton VAP Footpath Team at [footpaths@plumptonvap.co.uk](mailto:footpaths@plumptonvap.co.uk) or Catherine Jackson on tel no 01273 890219.



### PLUMPTON GREEN FESTIVE FAIR



**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
PLUMPTON VILLAGE HALL  
12 NOON TO 4PM**

**Local Produce  
Local Crafts**

Do all your Christmas Shopping in Plumpton!

you will be able to buy all of those Christmas gifts and organise the food for your family - and all locally!

Children's activities  
Lunches and teas  
Raffle

A real social event  
Meet your friends  
Something for everyone

If you would like further information or would like to take a stall then please contact Paul Nicholson, but please hurry as places are limited.

Paul Nicholson: 01273 891725  
[business@plumptonvap.co.uk](mailto:business@plumptonvap.co.uk)



### VILLAGE ACTION PLAN FINANCES

By the time this magazine is produced, the Annual Accounts for VAP will have been presented to the 'Review of the Year'. In summary:

<b>Fund-raising</b>	
Jumble sale	798
Note card sales	<u>135</u>
	933
<b>Grants Won</b>	
Collabor8 for walks leaflets	9,029
ACoRP for Station Partnership	<u>250</u>
	9,279
<b>Income from other activities</b>	
Festive Fair	381
Youth Forum	400
Business Breakfast	200
Other	<u>34</u>
	<b>11,227</b>
<b>Expenditure From Grants</b>	
Walks Leaflets	-9,279
Recorder for 'PAM'	-303
Voluntary Driving Scheme	-88
Wildlife/habitat at the station	<u>-245</u>
	-9,915
<b>From VAP reserves</b>	
Voluntary Driving Scheme	-535
First Aid Courses	-390
Walks leaflets	-236
PGG Activities/Events	-77
Station 'Plumpton on track'	-244
Public liability insurance	-141
Website hosting etc	<u>-108</u>
	-1,731
Net expenditure in year	-£419
Cash brought forward 1/9/10	<u>£4,995</u>
<b>Balance 31/8/11</b>	<b>£4,576</b>

Funds of £1,965 are held for specific action plan proposals.

## CHLOE'S GARDENING TIPS

- ❖ As we can all see, autumn is upon us, the colours in the trees, shrubs and hedges are performing wonderfully and it will soon be time to clear fallen leaves. The main reason for this task is to prevent the leaves rotting on your precious plants and especially your lawns. Rake them up once a week or once every two weeks and you can compost leaves to create a great fertilizer called leaf mould which can then be added to borders and pots.
- ❖ Now is the time to dig up and store Dahlia tubers and Gladiolus corms. This will protect them from the winter frosts and cold soils. For Dahlias, all you need to do is cut back the stems to a few inches off the ground and dig up the tubers. Hang them upside down in a frost-free place for a few days, to help dry them out. Then store them in trays of dry compost for the winter. For Gladiolus, pull the plant up so as not to damage the corm. Shake the soil from the roots and twist the foliage off the corm. Then set the corms out to dry in the sun for a day or two. Store the dried corms in paper bags or onion sacks. Other tubers such as Begonias can be left to dry and stored in paper bags. Liliium (Lily) bulbs can be lifted or covered with leaves or mulch over the winter.
- ❖ Continue to plant any winter and spring flowering bulbs. Add some bulb fibre or a general fertilizer into the planting hole to enrich their roots and ensure successful blooms every year.
- ❖ Lay new turf as the soil is moist and warm which aids in root establishment. Towards the end of the month, you can stop cutting grass and then service your mower ready for next season.
- ❖ Cut back all perennial flowering plants to ensure nutrients go back into the plants. Lift and divide any overcrowded clumps by cutting in half with a spade and re-planting elsewhere in the garden. If you are not sure where to plant them, put in pots until the spring.
- ❖ It's not too late to sow vegetable seeds such as cauliflower, lettuce, broad beans and peas under cover ready for spring. You can also plant strawberries now for cropping next summer. Plant onions, garlic and shallots in the greenhouse or outside under cover.

Harvest your marrows and pumpkins before the first frosts. Lift and store potatoes, carrots and beetroot.



- ❖ Plants which look fabulous in October include:- Cyclamen (indoors and outdoors), Pyracantha (Firethorn), Callicarpa (Beauty Berry), Cordateria (Pampass Grass), Prunus (Japanese varieties), Cotinus (Burning Bush), Robinia, Ginkgo and Betula trees, Rhus (Stag's Horn) and Acer (Maple).

### LOOK OUT FOR MORE GARDENING TIPS FROM CHLOE NEXT MONTH

Chloe Gizzard Garden Design and Maintenance  
01273 890422 or 07891 621288  
[chloe\\_gardendesign@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:chloe_gardendesign@yahoo.co.uk)



## Plumpton WI

### SEPTEMBER MEETING

We commenced our September meeting with reports of recent events including a meal at Heaven Farm that was enjoyed by everyone. Having dealt with correspondence and noted future events such as the lunch on October 14 when we will be doing the catering, we settled down to hear this month's speaker.

We met Malcolm Maxwell when we went on a tour of Parliament and the House of Commons last year and this time he spoke of his work as a policeman and later in the Special Patrol Group and in Diplomatic Protection. HE WORKED AT 10 Downing Street whilst Margaret Thatcher was Prime Minister and had some fascinating tales to tell, especially about Dennis!

The monthly competition was won by Val Thompsett and the raffle by Win Banks,

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 12 October at 7.30 pm in the village hall and will be our Annual General Meeting with a plate buffet. Visitors are always welcome.

*Marilyn Nye*

Tom Hawthorne 01273 890829  
Carole Nicholson 01273 891725  
[www.plumptonvap.co.uk](http://www.plumptonvap.co.uk)



## STATION PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Plumpton Station has been named as Southern's

### "Community Station of the Year"

Awards are made by a panel of judges which comprise Southern senior managers and directors, and Southern passengers who are members of the Southern Stakeholder Advisory Board. The judges take into consideration results from regular quality audits and levels of commitment from staff to recognise the best in class in terms of station and on train environment.

At the prize-giving ceremony in August, Chris Burchell, Southern's Managing Director said: *"These awards are not easily won. Only those who show consistent on-going dedication to providing excellent customer service and facilities and go the extra mile to make every journey better for our passengers are considered."*

*"I am particularly proud of our winners as they, like many of our individuals and teams have dug deep and gone above and beyond the call of duty to keep our passengers moving and informed when faced with some very challenging circumstances."*



Mick Newman and Paul Nicholson receiving the award from James Burt, Southern's Service Delivery Director on the left and Chris Burchell, Southern Managing Director on the far right.

The judges described Plumpton's station as

follows: "Plumpton station is at the heart of its

*community. Under the watchful eye of Mick Newman, the station has bloomed with the help of local residents from the village of Plumpton. The station is adorned by beautiful flowers and a commitment to local wildlife is evident through its bat boxes. The waiting room has a bookshelf, displays local advertising and has a history of the station giving it a really welcoming feel."*

Plumpton Station Partnership Scheme has been awarded £1,000 to spend on something to further enhance the customer experience. Users of the station have been asked to give their ideas to Mick throughout September.

Paul Nicholson, co-ordinator of the Station Partnership Scheme, said that none of it would have been possible without Mick's enthusiasm and the dedication of the team of volunteers.

Thank you to everyone who have helped to make this award possible!

If you feel inspired to be involved and would like to become a volunteer, please get in touch with Paul on 01273 891725 or email [business@plumptonvap.co.uk](mailto:business@plumptonvap.co.uk).



## DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

There will be a special bank holiday for the Diamond Jubilee. The 2012 late May bank holiday will be moved to Monday 4 June 2012 and an additional Jubilee bank holiday will be on Tuesday 5 June 2012.

News of plans for the special occasion are reported elsewhere in the magazine and they will also be published on various websites, including



A meeting of the Parish Council took place on September the 1<sup>st</sup> at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge. Minutes of this meeting are available on the parish website ([eastchiltington.net](http://eastchiltington.net)) and on notice-boards.

### SCHOOL BUS AND TRANSPORT ISSUES

Cllr Sarah Osborne updated us on the campaign against the removal of the free discretionary bus service from East Chiltington to Chailey School. At the time of writing, ESCC are still intransigent. However, the campaign has succeeded in generating considerable media interest, with appearances of East Chiltington residents on 'Woman's Hour' on radio 4, on TV, and in an article in the Guardian. Cllr Osborne is looking into the possibility of assistance for sixth formers to get to college, and reminded us that the Dial-A-Ride service is available for residents who find it difficult to use ordinary bus services. For more information, see the CTLA website: [ctla.org.uk](http://ctla.org.uk) or call 517332.

### COUNCIL'S FINANCIAL SITUATION

The council considered its annual financial report, including requests for donations and the level of the precept. In recent years, due to careful financial management and the generation of external funds to support projects, the council has built up its reserves. Taking into account likely expenditure in the near future and allowing for contingencies, the council agreed that it will nevertheless be in a position to lower the precept by 5%. This proposal will need to be ratified at the November meeting of the council.

### PARISH MARQUEE

The old marquee, which has been borrowed for parish events over many years, was finally retired this summer after being blown down the night before the parish party. The Parish Council has decided to use some of its reserve funds to purchase a replacement. It is intended that this will be available to residents to borrow for a nominal fee. More information on this will be made available once the marquee has been bought.

### THE PHONE BOX

Unfortunately, BT had mislaid the forms (and the cheque for £1!) for the adoption of the phone-box. However, this has been addressed and we are

hoping that renovations should start soon. We are currently intending that the phone-box to be used as a book/produce - exchange, but if you have other ideas, do let the Parish Council know.

### PLANNING

Some parishioners have asked for clarification about how the Parish Council works with regard to planning applications. In response to this, we will be adding details to the planning pages on the website. Please do consult this if you would like to know more.

### TECT

At a TECT meeting in July, a decision was taken that the Trust will take over management of the field and arrange for the planting of a hay meadow. There are also plans to plant wildflowers in the orchard.

### NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the parish council will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 at Beechwood Hall, Cooksbridge, at 7pm. Residents are welcome to attend. Fifteen minutes are set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public questions and comments.



## Plumpton Primary School

It's a new academic year for us here at Plumpton School, which means new starters, new uniforms and very shiny new shoes! As ever, we have a whole host of interesting adventures planned, not only for the term but for the whole year. Because we have whole school topics, we change them every year whilst at the same time ensuring that the children cover all the curriculum and that they make progress within all the different subjects.

This term, our topic is 'Around the World in 36 days', the 36 days referring to the length of the term. Each class is focussing on a different area of the world, and towards the end of the term we will be having an 'airport day' when the children will 'fly' to each different country, passports in hand, and experience some of the culture from a different part of the world. The theme will also be reflected in our harvest celebrations, which take place at the beginning of October.

Our PPTFA also have a number of events planned for this term, the main one being the Christmas Fair on the 9<sup>th</sup> December starting at 5.30. Please do come along and support us, we would love to see you there!



## Traidcraft coffee morning

Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup>

10 am – 12 noon

2 Ashurst Cottages,  
Ashurst Lane, Plumpton

All welcome. Christmas cards and gifts.

## Plumpton Wildlife and Habitat Group



*This month members of the Plumpton Wildlife & Habitat Group committee have written about their favourite wildlife places in the parish.*

ONE OF MY favourite wildlife sites is near the railway bridge close to Elmgrove Farm, just south of Shergolds Farm. There is a fine old hedge running south from here that often has yellowhammers in it all year and in summer turtle dove, whitethroat and lesser whitethroat. The adjoining field used to be interesting when it was conservation land but since it has been farmed by the College it has lost its appeal. However, the whole area, including the railway embankment, is a fine place to be in late April and early May. In the evening, just as it's getting dark, all seems quiet then a burst of song pours forth, a nightingale! I have heard up to five here at the same time, competing against one another. This April, on our Nightingale Walk, we had three belting it out against the background of a thunderstorm. Magical. *TP*

MY FAVOURITE wildlife spotting spot is at home, in my front room. I've positioned my birdfeeders where I can see them from my desk; I have my binoculars next to the telephone and I can birdwatch all day while (supposedly) working. Many a tedious phone call has been enlivened by the antics of the goldfinches and tits. And in the early evenings I can see the long-eared bats swooping past the window carrying their dinner to feast in my porch. Outdoors, the little stretch of drove road heading north from Dean's Farm is full of birds, wildflowers and other wildlife and is the perfect place to stop, listen, wait and watch. And the station platform is good too – the wildflower verges make waiting for the early train to London a real pleasure. *CJ*

THIS YEAR WE have again been surveying butterflies for the upcoming Sussex Butterfly Atlas and I 'discovered' a new spot for seeing a wide range of interesting species. On the parish boundary with East Chiltington, just north of the Novington sand pit, there is a little gully with a seasonal stream and little shading, in an arable field sandwich, that is an oasis for wildlife. This little gully probably contains no great rarities and most walkers will not realise it as they walk on by, but if you stop and look closely you will see good diversity of flowers, butterflies, dragonflies and birds. Plus as a bonus the footpath is not as busy as most. *JW*

DROP DOWN from Ashurst Organics, cross the field and into a little spinney at the west end of Mill House. A causeway separates the Old Mill House property and a marshy area to the west, which is actually a designated Site of Nature Conservation Importance. One of the first trees you come to is a rather impressive maple, but what I like about the spot is it's hidden shady quiet; it's good for an early chiffchaff or blackcap, and really quite good for a range of bird species. In the spring, it also has a spectacular display of marsh marigold and, for the more discerning, opposite-leaved golden saxifrage. It's got a bit overgrown recently so you can't see down the marsh so well, where it was possible to see the odd snipe and the like in winter. Spend an evening on the edge of the College field here and you might be rewarded with sight of a badger.

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To be continued next month...

## TENNIS CLUB

### QUIZ

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, Plumpton Village Hall

Doors open 7:00pm

Tickets £8 to include snacks, chilli & dessert

Contact Maria (890002) or Lesley (890142)

### JUMBLE SALE

Plumpton Village Hall

Saturday, November 12, 2:00 – 4:00pm

Cake stall, jewellery, tombola, lucky dip, teas and coffees. Please bring jumble to the hall between 9:00 and 12:00pm.

Collections Lesley 890142 or  
Marian 01444-471107

## BY AMBULANCE TO MONGOLIA



JUST five days after graduating from university, George Denny from West Gate, Plumpton Green set off on a mission to help provide some relief for struggling people in Mongolia, a country he describes as sparse, rough, barren and with a very hard way of life.

Accompanied by good friend Rob Anthony from Lewes, he embarked on a journey by ambulance that would cover 9,864 miles travelling through ten countries that involved crossing two mountain ranges and being stopped by the police seven times. That is no mean feat by anyone's standards and it was not at all easy going.

So what was it all about? The short answer is that it was to help a charity raise funds to provide education and medical aid for people in a far off land who cannot even dream of the educational facilities and medical care that we take for granted and often criticise in the UK.

Some people in Mongolia are so poor that they cannot afford to even feed their own children and they abandon them at orphanages to give them some chance in life. As for medical care, it can take days for sick people to reach help points and even then the resources are sparse. These are the stark facts.

Our intrepid young men decided to take action and joined a rally organised by the charity Go Help that provides healthcare and helps educate children in UlaanBataar. Their first task was to seek sponsorship in the UK and through a variety of efforts they raised some £6,000. A jumble sale and safari supper in Plumpton together contributed a notable sum and various individuals were very generous. Major sponsorship came from the international building supplies company Lafarge, a client of George's dad, Dave and that made the whole thing possible. George is grateful for the immense support that he also received from mum, Anne and was humbled by the generous further support that came from Plumpton residents.

From the funds raised George and Rob purchased a used ambulance which they promptly named Amber. They then set about driving the vehicle nearly 10,000 miles to Mongolia to present her to the charity for the benefit of the locals in and around UlaanBataar. Some of the remaining cash was used to buy supplies in the UK for the Mongolians and the rest was donated. The actual costs of travel for George and Rob came from their own pockets, so none of the money raised paid for their expenses.

The journey for our intrepid duo was the experience of a lifetime. They travelled through some marvellous places, but they also endured some quite severe hardships and have returned by more conventional means with many a tale to tell.

One of the police stops in Eastern Europe was, they believe, prompted by curiosity. The officer involved asked lots of questions, but when he discovered George and Rob lived near Brighton he held a long discussion about the Seagulls! At another they were to be fined for speeding even though there was no indicated speed limit. Some smart talking resulted in only one fine being imposed instead of the proposed two and even that was reduced to something quite modest.

The whole trip took 34 days. Overnight stops were varied. Sometimes they were able to camp, a few times cheap hotels were found but a number of nights were spent stretched out inside Amber in lorry parks. That brought them into contact with many interesting people and George well recalls one Russian lorry driver who, whilst extremely friendly, just could not stop talking and it was suspected that an alcoholic haze had something to do with it.

George has learned that we are not really living in a small world, but that it is vast. He was surprised by the generosity, help and kindness that complete strangers so willingly offered.

The pair had both trials and tribulations. In Kazakhstan they encountered some of the worst roads possible to imagine and travelled 400 kms along what were literally barely visible tracks. However, the people were lovely. By contrast the Russian roads were good, but the people were not.

For George and Rob, being in such close proximity to each other for so long took its toll a few times and arguments developed. However,

# Village Events Calendar

## October 2011

6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>VAP Business Breakfast 7:30am, Racecourse</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Village Hall Jumble Sale 2pm</b>	VH
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>PPTFA Jumble Sale 2pm</b>	VH
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Tennis Club Grand Quiz</b>	VH
16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Open Mic at Winning Post</b>	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	<b>VAP Downland Walk 1:30pm Half Moon</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Village Bingo Night 6pm</b>	VH

## November Onwards

7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Tennis Club AGM</b>	VH
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Tennis Club Jumble Sale 2pm</b>	VH
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>VAP Festive Fair</b>	VH



**Plumpton Racecourse**  
**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> October, Moorcroft Raceday 2:10pm**  
**Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October, ATR Halloween Raceday 12:50pm**  
**01273 890383**

### BOOKINGS

Village Hall:	Carole Burgon	890301
Church Annex:	Ian Miller	891800
Pavilion:	Clare Eastwood	890526

### VENUE KEY

<b>VH</b> = Village Hall	<b>HQ</b> = Scout HQ
<b>StM</b> = St Michael's	<b>ECC</b> = East Chiltington Church
<b>PAV</b> = Pavilion	<b>Sch</b> = Plumpton School
<b>ANX</b> = Church Annex	<b>TC</b> = Tennis Club

## ESCC MOBILE LIBRARY

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October

The Fountain: 12.10 - 12.45  
 The Old School Lay-by: 12.50 - 1.20

## COPY DEADLINES



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 8<sup>th</sup> November for **December 2011**  
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## TO INCLUDE EVENTS

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their close friendship prevailed and those moments were soon forgotten.

George says that the whole adventure was a positive experience and will have a lasting effect on him. However, at times he did ask himself why he was doing it. Perhaps the answer came when they arrived in Mongolia and the pair saw for themselves the real good that is being done through such ventures. He and Rob handed out simple stationery items, purchased in the UK, to the kids and their reaction was ecstatic.

Despite losing 19 pounds in weight during the trip George believes that it was the single most fantastic thing he has ever done. Notwithstanding some very hard times he enjoyed it and would not hesitate to do it again.

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### **National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies**

October 11<sup>th</sup> Plumpton Village Hall 2.15

We start our new season with a really interesting lecture 'Art in Advertising.' The Poster was the world's first effective method of mass communication. Artists such as Toulouse Lautrec, Klimt and Millais with their beautiful and colourful work turned the very streets of their cities into art galleries. Advertisers learnt very early on that a pretty face not only sold the product but actively promoted their brand. Think for instance of the enchanting little child in 'Bubbles.' Pears soap sales quadrupled after it first appeared and the copy of the picture itself sold in its thousands. Our lecturer Charles Harris BSc was the Creative Director of global advertising agencies and has lectured extensively on design,

illustration and photographic styles. His talk will be accompanied by an excellent digital presentation. We look forward to seeing you, £5 on the door for non-members and, if any further information is required, please ring Carole Burgon on 01273 890301 or Marjorie Blunden on 01825 723250.

Annette Shelford.

## **SAVE OUR SCHOOL BUSES**

District Councillor, Sarah Osborne, is stepping up her campaign to protect local children's safety on their trips to and from school. Cllr Osborne has written to Michael Gove, the Secretary of State for Education, calling for changes to the statutory guidelines that are used by councils when assessing the safety of walking routes to school.

The letter has been signed and supported by a selection of community leaders, poverty campaigners, unions and charities including National Union of Teachers, Child Accident Prevention Trust, Association of Teachers and Lecturers and Campaign for Better Transport.

Under the current guidelines the County Council is able to get away with forcing children to make a dangerous 3 mile walk to school along unlit roads with no pavements, 60 mph speed limits and used by heavy commercial traffic.

Sarah Osborne said: "When I realised that up and down the country there were parents, carers and teachers battling their local authorities over cuts to school buses, I felt I had to try and do something to help.

"These cuts are putting the lives of children at risk and leaving parents and carers unable to work. I also know how hard it is for individuals and small groups to get their concerns listened to. I have been shocked by the refusal of East Sussex County Councillors, including my local County Councillor, to walk the route themselves and completely dismissed the parents concerns in the council chamber. We will continue to fight to get the County Council to see sense, and the government to change the rules for the better."

The Guardian published an article about the campaign and the plight of parents and children in East Chilmington. It can be viewed at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/education/2011/sep/05/cuts-school-buses-dangerous-roads>

**Liz Cullen.** After serving as Clerk to Plumpton Parish Council for 22 years, Liz attended her final meeting in September following her resignation. Past Parish Councillors were present to pay tribute to her sterling work and, on behalf of current members, Richard Taylor made a presentation. It was fitting for Richard to perform this task as he is the longest serving Plumpton Parish Councillor and worked with Liz for a very long time. He recalled some of the more humorous moments during their associations. Liz responded by saying that it had been an honour and a pleasure to have worked for our village. There can be few, if any, residents who would not wish to extend their gratitude to Liz for all her hard work and to wish her all that is good for the future.



**IMPORTANT UPDATE ON FUTURE HOUSING FOR THE VILLAGE**

Lewes District Council (LDC) has now issued Draft Core Strategy for development in the District. Coupled with this is an updated version of the Strategic Housing and Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). To explain the two documents -

The **Draft Core Strategy** outlines how LDC intends to meet the housing needs of the district. This proposes Plumpton Green as a suitable location for a minimum of 34 and a maximum of 104 new dwellings, whilst also highlighting a need to further upgrade the rail service and explore traffic calming measures / reduced speed limits to manage the traffic impacts. This document will now enter a period of public consultation which closes on the 11th November. A copy of the Draft Core Strategy can be viewed at: <http://www.lewes.gov.uk/corestrategy/index.asp>. Once the consultation period is complete, the

comments will be considered and this is likely to form planning policy.

The **SHLAA** outlines potential sites where these dwellings could be accommodated. The sites are evaluated based on a criteria of their Availability (i.e. the land owner is willing to sell), Suitability (i.e. proximity to public transport, schools etc) and Achievability (i.e. can be developed at a sensible cost). A copy of the updated SHLAA can be found under:

<http://www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/shlaa.asp>. You may recall the previous SHLAA of 2010 identified four sites in the village as meeting all three of the criteria. This has now increased to five sites, with one dropping out and two new sites being added. The total estimated capacity across these sites is 126 dwellings. The five sites comprise 04PL (The land behind the Church - Yield 30), 05PL (The land behind Premier Garage - Yield 30), 08PL (The land between Westgate and Chapel Road - Yield 40), 09PL (West of Riddens Close - Yield 6), 10PL (Noland Farm - Yield 20). Site 06PL (White House Farm has been withdrawn). Here is a link to the map showing these sites:

[http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan\\_SHLAA\\_burgess\\_hill\\_ditchling\\_plumpton\\_green.pdf](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/Files/plan_SHLAA_burgess_hill_ditchling_plumpton_green.pdf). Another seven sites did not meet the criteria. The SHLAA will now be updated every year with the potential to add new sites as they become available.

The Parish Council has a briefing scheduled with Lewes District Council during September and will provide further updates thereafter. It is also committed to arranging one or more public meetings to enable open discussions and exchanges of views with residents and hopefully the District Council.

If you have any questions, please contact [edward.sheath@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:edward.sheath@lewes.gov.uk) or any of the Parish Councillors including Darryl Bailey, Chair of Planning Committee [darryl.bailey@plumptonpc.co.uk](mailto:darryl.bailey@plumptonpc.co.uk)

**Flytipping.** There have been several recent incidents of people dumping their garden waste and other items on public land. This practice is not only antisocial but illegal and can lead to quite substantial fines. We live in a friendly and vibrant community, so why is it that a few uncaring and irresponsible people want to spoil our environment? Each and every one of us has a duty to dispose of waste in a reasonable and sensible manner that is not detrimental to others. Please, therefore, think carefully before irresponsibly disposing of your waste. Would you

like it if others got rid of theirs by dumping it your garden?

**Website.** The Council's website is currently being not only updated but improved. Watch that space!

**Cardboard Recycling.** District Cllr Sarah Osborne advised the meeting that kerbside collection of cardboard should be implemented by Lewes District Council next year.

**Parking at the Playing Field.** To ensure that bona fide users of the playing field can park there and to ensure the safety of children it has proved necessary to cordon off an area comprising ten spaces to prevent unauthorised parking. The parking area is intended to facilitate the enjoyment of the playing field, but it has been taken over by non paying commuters and although the Parish Council appreciates that they, the commuters, have parking difficulties the Council has a duty to preserve the amenities and safety of our children and would encourage lobbying the rail companies to provide parking for their passengers.

The Clerk to the Council's tenure expired on 30 September and at the time of writing this report a new Clerk has not been formally appointed. In the interim period any queries or comments for the Parish Council should be addressed to any one of the Councillors, who will ensure that all matters are dealt with promptly and properly.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in the Committee Room at the village hall on Tuesday, October 11 at 7.30 pm and members of the public are entitled to attend.

The Communications Committee

**THE HAPPY CIRCLE CLUB**

We meet at All Saints' Church annexe every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month between 2.0 and 4.0 pm.

July 14. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the trip to Horsham was cancelled.

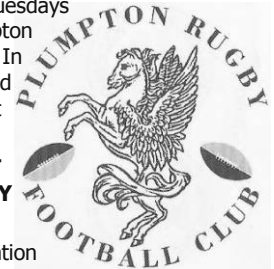
July 28. A warm welcome awaited us on our arrival at Sheila and John's residence, where we enjoyed a delicious tea in the garden, lively chatter and soothing music being played in the background. Many thanks to Sheila and John and their helpers for a very pleasant afternoon.

Many thanks to Plumpton Parish Council for its generous donation.

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**PLAYERS WANTED**

Training on Tuesdays  
 7:30pm @ Plumpton  
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 The Indoor Sand  
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 Facilities.



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Plumpton play in the Sussex Intermediate League

**'Spirit of the Downs'**

**Photography Exhibition at Court Gardens Vineyard, Orchard Lane, Ditchling, East Sussex, BN6 8TH.** 10am-5.30pm: Sun 2 Oct, Sat 8 Oct, Sun 9 Oct, Sat 15 Oct, Sun 16 Oct.

FREE ENTRY

**About the exhibition:** For the first three weekends in October, Court Gardens Vineyard near Ditchling is to play host to a fascinating exhibition of work by award winning Brighton photographer Oliver Perrott.

Housed in a picturesque nineteenth century barn, the show entitled 'Spirit of the Downs' draws its inspiration from the South Downs Way which stretches from the city of Winchester in the west to the chalky cliffs at Eastbourne in the east. Curated by Sussex based Fawn Art Consultancy, the exhibition portrays images of hauntingly beautiful yet commonplace landscapes that trace the influence of man. Oliver is keen to explore how this ancient landscape, moulded and shaped by human presence has developed into a natural tapestry within the South Downs National Park.

Fawn Art Consultancy has gained a reputation for its innovative exhibitions and enjoys nothing more than watching an artist's career blossom, hoping that they can help a little bit along the way. **For more information please visit: [www.fawnartconsultancy.co.uk](http://www.fawnartconsultancy.co.uk)**