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This month's front cover

Summer solstice sunrise from Amberley Mount.

Picture by Claire Bruce



Learning from Speedwatch - page 22



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To look and wonder

On Sussex Day (16th June, St Richard of Chichester's Day) I enjoyed a sunny morning on the beach at West Wittering with our two little grandchildren. Having spent my young childhood in Dorset I find few beaches match up to those memories, but the sweep of sand and sky at Wittering with the Isle of Wight beyond is surely one of the best beaches in Sussex.

If we prefer to avoid the traffic and stay closer to home we still have amazing wide skies, thanks to the spreading Arun river valley, along with the backdrop of the Downs. The richness of biodiversity in this area is immense, with the varied habitats supporting rare wild flowers and birds from white tailed eagles and soaring red kites to mellifluous nightingales.

I am so pleased that children at our primary school in Amberley have regular opportunities to spend time in the outdoor spaces, linking learning with enjoyment through their Nature Space garden area, Forest School activities and the latest addition, the Seedling. I hope this will always stay with them and encourage them to value and remember the beautiful environment in which they are growing up.

On the beach our little Clemmie was fascinated by a tiny strand of seaweed and two slipper shells – her 'treasures'. Little children are good at spotting things at ground level which we rush past. Recently we adults have had the invitation to stop and wonder at the gardens of Amberley. On Gardens Open day (of which much more in this edition) we, along with countless other visitors, admired glorious summer blooms in hidden corners of the village, revelling in new discoveries.

Whether we are drawn by the broad skies and open views or by the tiny details, I hope we may take time this summer to look and to wonder. Next time you walk through the village stop and look closely at a hollyhock or a sprawling clump of daisies. What beauty we pass each day!

Making time to stop, to look and simply to be still with the beauties of nature is a great restorative. It puts into perspective life's petty irritations; it helps us to breathe deeply and



The Revd Gerry Burgess

take a break from fretting about the genuine concerns we may have regarding health, finance or things going on in the nation and wider world.

For me these hymn words come readily to mind as I stop and look around:

*O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

(Stuart K. Hine, translated from Russian)

There is a deep theological word for this: Wow! The wonders of the world lead many of us to rejoice as we see God in things large or tiny. God is a mystery, great beyond our imagining but glimpsed in the natural world and in humanity. God's complexity rewards our study and questioning but cannot be fully grasped by the limitations of our minds. Yet the God of the sweeping skies and desert sands, of mountain peaks and flowing rivers is also the God of the tiny detail, God who has time for each of us and who promises to be close by us at every step of life.

May we go through this summer, whether at home or away, with our eyes open to the wonders of the natural world in things large or small, and may our hearts be lifted in gratitude.

If you would like to **nominate a favourite hymn** on this or another theme please let me know. We plan to sing them at our **Café Church service, 10am on 14th August** in the church hall. This is an informal time of 'Church – but not as you know it' with a chance to chat and share over coffee and cake, and everyone is most welcome.

Gerry

The Revd Gerry Burgess
Priest-in-Charge





JULY/AUGUST SERVICES

Covid is still very much around, so please be considerate of others and aware of the risk of passing on infection.

In fine weather many services, especially at our smaller churches, continue to be held in the churchyard.

Holy Communion is now normally given as both bread and wine, dipped by the priest. If you would prefer to receive simply the bread or a blessing, please just say so.

Sunday, 3rd July	Trinity 3	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Compline	Wiggonholt

Sunday, 10th July	Trinity 4	Green Array
9.00am	Holy Communion	Greatham
10.00am	Café Church In the church hall	Amberley

Sunday, 17th July	Trinity 5	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Wiggonholt
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Parham

Sunday, 24th July	Trinity 6	Green Array
9.00am	Matins	Greatham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley

Sunday, 31st July	Trinity 7	Green Array
10.00am	Holy Communion United Benefice service	Greatham

Sunday, 7th August	Trinity 8	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6pm	Evensong	Wiggonholt

Sunday, 14th August	Trinity 9	Green Array
9.00am	Holy Communion	Greatham
10.00am	Café Church In the church hall Your favourite hymns! Requests to Gerry please.	Amberley

Sunday, 21st August	Trinity 10	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Wiggonholt
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Parham

Sunday, 28th August	Trinity 11	Green Array
9.00am	Matins	Greatham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley

Sunday, 4th September	Trinity 12	Green Array
9.15am	Holy Communion	Parham
11.00am	Holy Communion	Amberley
6.00pm	Evensong	Wiggonholt

MIDWEEK

Wednesdays at 9.30am: Morning Prayer
At Amberley, except last Wednesday each month at Wiggonholt.

1st Wednesday of the month: 9.30 Holy Communion
NB NO midweek Communion in July

Also in August

Monday 15th August (Blessed Virgin Mary)

Patronal Festival at North Stoke

11.30 Holy Communion
Followed by refreshments.



BIBLE READINGS/CHURCH NOTICES

Bible readings

Sunday, 3rd July

2 Kings 5.1-14; Luke 10.1-11, 16-20; Psalm 30

Sunday, 10th July

Colossians 1.14; Luke 10.25-37

Sunday, 17th July

Colossians 1.15-28; Luke 10.38-42; Psalm 89.1-16

Sunday, 24th July

Colossians 2. 6-15; Luke 11.1-13; Psalm 116

Sunday, 31st July

Colossians 3.1-11; Luke 12.13-21

Sunday, 7th August

Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16; Luke 12.32-40; Psalm 37.1-11

Sunday, 14th August

Hebrews 11.29-12.2; Luke 12.49-56

Sunday, 21st August

Jeremiah 1.4-10; Luke 13.10-17; Psalm 71.1-12

Sunday, 28th August

Hebrews 13.1-8; Luke 14.1, 7-14; Psalm 81.1-11

Sunday, 4th September

Philemon 1-25; Luke 14.25-33; Psalm 139.1-13

NOMINATE YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN

MORNING HAS BROKEN

Words by
ELEANOR FARJEON
Moderately

Music by
YUSUF ISLAM



Nominate a favourite hymn on the wonders of the natural world, or any other theme that appeals to you. Drop the Revd Gerry Burgess a line with your suggestions (revgerryburgess@gmail.com).

The plan is to sing them at the Café Church service, 10am on 14th August in the church hall. This is an informal time of 'Church – but not as you know it' with a chance to chat and share over coffee and cake. Everyone is most welcome.

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals

Baptisms, weddings and funerals can all be held in our churches and Revd Gerry Burgess welcomes your enquiries. Please get in touch (01798 831600) with your requests and to check the current situation regarding any restrictions.

Baptisms

Babies or children of any age may be baptised after a preparatory meeting with the parents. Baptisms may be held during a regular service at any of our churches, or at a separate time by arrangement.



Weddings



To marry in church you need a connection to the parish, through family, by living in the parish, or by attending church here for six months. Weddings can be on Saturdays or other days by arrangement. Please get in touch well in advance to discuss the legal requirements and to arrange a date.

Funerals

Funerals usually arise with little warning, but Revd Gerry Burgess will do all possible to support you at this difficult time with arrangements for a service at church or crematorium, burial in the churchyard or burial of ashes at a later date. Anyone who lives in a parish has the right to burial there, and this is often possible for others with strong local connections.

From the parish registers

Wedding

Tom Crosthwaite and **Harley Panioty**, at Amberley (Friday, 17th June)

Funerals

Dudley Chandler, aged 74, at Amberley (Wednesday, 22nd June)

Alastair Hogg, aged 91, at Wiggonholt (Friday, 24th June)

CHURCH NEWS

ST PETER'S PARHAM

Jubilee flower festival

St Peter's Church flower festival this year coincided with the Queen's jubilee weekend, with union jacks and plenty of 'platinum' foliage in evidence.

Apart from the imaginative floral displays, there was a delicious selection of cakes for sale, along with bric-a-brac and an impressive plant stall. The event was not manned due to a lack of helpers so a raffle, always a good money-spinner, was not possible and the situation was not helped by the fact that fewer people carry cash with them these days. Nevertheless, the event raised around £700, which was a useful amount towards St Peter's Church tower appeal.

Thank you to all those who helped in setting up the event and those who attended. As we always say: "Our little church loves a party!"

Jill Sloan



Pictures: Mike Beck



ALL KINDS OF FOLK

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND LISTSERVE POSTINGS

Jubilee picnic appreciation

I'm sure that everyone will join me in thanking those that organised the Jubilee picnic. And a huge thank you to the trustees of the Millennium Green for making such an amazing space available to us all. Thank you, it was a most wonderful event **Mark Corrigan and Mark Shenton**
Post Office Cottages, Amberley

Absolutely, a lovely occasion with a lot of hard work to make it happen, Thank you everyone involved in the organisation.
Cyndy and Steve Kennett
Highview, Amberley

Community spirit praised

Several people who toured the village on Open Gardens Day mentioned to me how strongly they were struck by the community spirit throughout all aspects of the event.

David Lyon

Church Street, Amberley

Parking charge warning

I just wanted to warn about the parking charges at Climping beach. We were there in April, on a cold day when we did not expect to stay long, and as there were no obvious signs that the car park was charging (no barrier, no attendant) we parked in the car park rather than the one-hour slots outside.

A camera snapped us and we were issued with a £60 ticket. I have tried pointing out the lack of signs but they say they have a log that proves the signs were "clear and visible" – clearly not! There has been a string of correspondence with missing, presumably unsent, letters from them and it has been out of sync in that the charge rose to a higher rate of £100 before my appeal was even answered. If you further appeal to the outside body (POPLA) and are unsuccessful, the higher fine applies.

This is a private company out to make money, so be warned. We won't be going back, despite the fact I have been visiting Climping since the 1960s. **Sandy Guthrie**
East Street, Amberley

Editor's note: I had a similar experience at Gatwick earlier this year. Not having been to the airport since before the pandemic, I was surprised, if not a little shocked, to receive a penalty notice from NCP for £100 for a three-minute drop-off of friends at the North Terminal. The £5 charge, which also applies to pick-ups, was introduced in March last year.

Admittedly, there were signs but they were not that ob-

vious to the unsuspecting, and were, in any case, lost among a barrage of signage. I was caught completely unaware and wonder how many other hapless victims there have been during the last 12 months. If you don't dispute the photographic evidence and pay promptly, the charge is reduced to £15. I nice little earner if ever there was one.

Following a letter published in the *West Sussex County Times*, I note that there are now prominently displayed signs everywhere, including the approach roads.

Noise and speed gripes

Will the Community Speed Watch team be out this weekend (June 25-26)? I don't want to be a killjoy but the speed and noise of those travelling through our villages en route to the Goodwood Festival of Speed seems to get worse year on year.

Not to mention motorbikes on summer Sundays. Whinge over. Have a peaceful and safe weekend all.

Boodie Ellison

Houghton Bridge

The Community Speedwatch group are few in number but always hopeful that our efforts have some effect on thoughtless drivers (and riders!) Come and join us and swell our numbers! All you need is an hour every other week, and who knows – the message might get through Charles Shaw (07899 928152) has all the details about training and we would all welcome your involvement.

Mike Wright

Rackham Road, Amberley

I must admit the key offenders who blight the area are motorcyclists – as mentioned above by Boodie. Forward facing speed camera devices surely do nothing to stop vehicles that have no front number plate. **Mike Attard**
High Street, Amberley

It seems that Bury Parish (which suffers from motorcycle blight even more than Amberley) had a good response to their recent push to get acoustic cameras trialled on Bury Hill. Many thanks to the Amberley folk who wrote in supporting this – your voice was much appreciated.

If it works on Bury Hill (or whichever other site is selected for the trials), the same tech can be rolled out to other communities, so fingers crossed. Not a silver bullet, as it only really targets the (mainly, but not exclusively, biker) contingent who modify their exhausts to make them noisier. But it's a start, and might make the Amberley summer evenings less like Silverstone.

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PEOPLE & EVENTS



Sumer is icumen in ...*

Summer is upon us! Days are longer, nights are shorter and the countryside is teeming with birdsong, wildflowers and wildlife.

The summer solstice marks the longest day of the year in the northern hemisphere, the end of spring and the start of the summer. To celebrate the moment, two Amberley early birds decided to make the trek up Amberley Mount to watch the solstice sun rise. We set off up the chalk path in the misty twilight, with some surprised sheep looking on and the occasional hare darting across our path, disturbed by the crunch of our boots and a curious dog.

As we reached the top, the mist parted and the sunrise took off, painting the sky orange and red, and lighting up the Arun valley better than any technicolour movie. We decided against the traditional midsummer rituals – such as rolling a flaming cartwheel downhill and jumping over bonfires – in favour of some gentle coffee drinking and scattering of rose petals.

What a magical way to welcome summer!

Susan Watson and Claire Bruce

* See page 37 for an explanation

Amberley Tree Trail

Amberley tree warden Pam Keeble has put together a village tree trail and produced an attractive leaflet in conjunction with designer Heather Bowen, a former resident.

The trail starts by the village pond below the castle wall, continues into the churchyard, on to the cricket field, back up to Hog Lane and finishes at the top of East Street. The trees are all visible from public areas.

“It will, hopefully, be enjoyed by both young and old – and in between – and is both informative and fun,” says Pam. “I sincerely hope that there will be some interest as I was encouraged to design the map by the late Professor Richard Robinson, and it is, therefore, dedicated to his memory.”

Amberley
Tree Trail



Cathedral choristers to sing in Amberley

Two young choristers from Chichester Cathedral – including one who is a former resident of Amberley – are giving a short concert in St Michael’s Church on Tuesday, July 12, at 2.15pm.

Admission is free but there will be a retiring collection to raise money for charities chosen by the boys. The 45-minute concert will be followed by refreshments.

After 900 years of having only boy choristers, Chichester Cathedral will be admitting girls to the choir from September, and so the two 13-year-olds – Inigo and James – are representing the end of a long tradition. This concert will celebrate their time in the Cathedral choir, honouring the musical heritage while welcoming the arrival of a new era. The music will include a variety of solo pieces and duets, accompanied by the organ.

News in brief

Car thefts: number plates were stolen from a Toyota Yaris in East Street, Amberley, between June 8 and 14, and a several windows were broken on a vehicle at Houghton Bridge at lunchtime on June 14, when a wallet, clothing and other items were stolen.

Fly-tipping: following another incident of fly-tipping at High Titten, residents are urged to report any incident they may witness to Horsham District Council (www.horsham.gov.uk). Details of the location, time and date, the vehicle’s number plate, any phone numbers on the vehicle and the type of rubbish being dumped, should be accompanied, if possible, with a photograph. HDC will collect the rubbish if it is on public land, but, unfortunately, if it’s on private land it is the responsibility of the landowner.



'Peter' back on track

Following a 10-year overhaul, one of Amberley Museum's popular narrow gauge Bagnall locomotives – affectionately known as 'Peter' – is set to make a return to service at the Railway Gala Weekend on July 23-24.

A ceremonial banner will be cut during the afternoon on the Saturday and 'Peter' will be hauling one of the passenger trains around the museum site all weekend.

As well as the reconditioning of the locomotive's boiler, it has undergone a complete overhaul and has been repainted. Much of the work has been carried out by volunteers at the museum, with some specialist work put out local engineering firms.

The museum's RAF Fauld bogie coach has also benefited from a lot of attention and once back in service it will give wheelchair users and other mobility impaired visitors easier access to the train for a trip on the museum's railway.



Almost 200 vehicles attended a special Storrington and District Classic and Sportscar Enthusiasts (SADCASE) show at Amberley Museum on June 3 as part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The display included everything from vintage Bentleys and Austin 7s to American 'muscle' cars and this suitably adorned 1953 Triumph Renown.

Steam rally returns to Parham

For the first time in more than 20 years a steam rally is being staged this month on the Parham estate.

The Sussex Steam Rally, described by the organisers as a new event, is being held during the weekend of July 9-10.

There will be a variety of exhibits from traction engines to vintage vehicles, plus trade stalls, local craft and a traditional funfair.

Around the field there will be displays of steam rollers, buses, tractors, cars, lorries, military vehicles, showman's engines and miniature engines, bicycles and motorcycles. A Working Area will feature steam powered demonstrations including woodcutting at the saw benches.

During the weekend there will also be parades of vehicles.



There will be a range of food and drink outlets, including a beer tent.

The event opens at 9am and continues until 5pm, with tickets priced at £10 for adults; £5 for children aged 5 to 15 years; and £25 for a family of four (two adults and two children). Children under five are admitted free.

Discounted tickets can be obtained in advance online: www.sussexsteamrally.co.uk

Summer holiday fun

There are plenty of summer holiday activities planned at Amberley Museum from July 23 until August 29.

Children are being invited to explore the museum's life-changing inventions with its family trail, then design one themselves and enter it into a prize-draw to win a £30 voucher for their next visit to the museum.

Other events planned include a classic car show (July 17), the rail gala weekend (July 23-24), Steampunk weekend (August 13-14), communications and commercials (August 21 and Bank Holiday ale and crafts (August 27-29).



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Dudley Richard Chandler 1946-2022

Dudley was born in a hospital in Brighton in 1946 and spent the first two years of his life living in his grandparents' home, the Amberley village bakery, before moving to Hurst Cottages on the brand new housing estate, where he remained all his life.

He had a happy and carefree childhood, playing in the woods, the Wildbrooks and on the South Downs, with his sister and cousin and sometimes even cycling as far as Climping Beach for a picnic.

He attended the village school, helping his uncle at the village bakery with bread deliveries in the holidays, then moving on to Rydon Secondary School at Thakeham. He had a Saturday job working at the local butcher's shop where his job was to make sausages – which, he claimed, put him off them for life!

As a teenager he became the proud owner of a Mini on which he spent many hours adapting the dashboard and exhaust. Saturday nights would see him speeding off to Brighton to the Top Rank dance hall with his friends, in their drainpipe trousers and winkle picker shoes.

He worked first as a warehouseman, and then a spot welder and solderer, was a loyal and conscientious employee, working for one company for 28 years with not one day's absence. He was skilled with his hands; if anything wanted repairing, Dudley would have a go and was the master of improvisation and recycling. He was saving water for the garden with his many home-made devices long before water butts became so popular.

When his father died suddenly, he became responsible for a large garden, and although he had no previous ex-

perience, he soon became a keen gardener, and was renowned for his runner beans and immaculate lawns and hedges. He also kept the family graves in the churchyard in impeccable order.

His hobbies included country walks, darts and snooker, but his all consuming passion was angling to which he was first introduced by his father. He enjoyed fishing holidays to Ireland in his younger days, and an annual trip to Devon before Covid hit.

He was a long-standing member of Pulborough Angling Society and had represented the club in many ways over the years, including being a committee member, fishing for the club at national, regional and local level and was a keen supporter of the club match scene, always at the forefront when it came to club events, always willing to help and offer advice and tips to those less experienced than himself, and always there with a smile and a joke or two. He was also a member of the Worthing Angling club and had won many trophies.

He enjoyed joining in village life, the gardening club SAGE, the Amberley Society, and especially the village lunches.

To sum up Dudley, he will be remembered by his family as a loving brother, uncle and great uncle, who so enjoyed family celebrations, when he could always be relied on to provide After Eight Mints, a bottle of red wine, and gifts cunningly wrapped to disguise what they were. He was a gentle soul with a kind heart, a smile and a joke for everyone. He loved Amberley and always said how lucky he was to live in such a beautiful place. Tight lines Dudley.

Veronica Pooley

New date for campout

Following the postponement of last month's Campout on Amberley's Millennium Green, the new date for the event is Saturday, July 16. After a week of glorious summer weather, the risk of thunderstorms and forecasted overnight winds gusting up to 38mph, the organisers decided that in the interests of health and safety to defer the event.

There will be plenty of opportunity for nature craft activities, chilling, games and in the evening by (hopefully a professional storyteller) stories around the campfire (fire-bowl). Children have to be accompanied and participants should bring their own tents, hammocks, bivvies, camp chairs and food – BBQs will be available. Hot drinks, squash and biscuits will also be provided.

If you would like to participate, either for the entire campout or for the afternoon and evening only, e-mail Judy Agate (jagate@hotmail.co.uk) for a link to an online booking platform.

**On behalf of the Trustees
Judy Agate, Ruth Stevens, Tina Bishop and Nicole Burnett**

Gardens delight the crowds

After a four-year gap, Amberley Gardens Open was back with a vengeance. More than 900 visitors toured 19 gardens during the afternoon of June 12, helping to raise more than £12,000 for Action Medical Research, plus a donation to Amberley Primary School.

The weather was perfect as visitors strolled around the village to the sound of the church bells. And there was musical entertainment provided by talented Amy Gilbert, of the Royal College of Music (and daughter of Amberley Primary School's former head teacher), and the Revival Recorders from Billingshurst.

David and Lillis Lyon, and Marcus Lyon hosted the well-stocked plant stall in the courtyard of Oak Tree House, Hazel Allinson and Pat Morley ran the successful tombola, and Linda Connell donated a specially designed Jubilee quilt as a prize.

The car park in a field provided by the Nyetimber estate was full to capacity and was ably supervised by Tim Simpson and volunteers.

"With so much on in the area, we wondered if we would get the visitors, but they came in their droves and for six hours the village couldn't have made them more welcome," said co-organisers Suzie Coates and Jacqui Feakins. "Our thanks to everyone who make this wonderful community event possible, to all our hard working volunteers and, of course, the garden owners, without whom there would be no event.

They went on to thank the Village Nursery at West Chiltington who filled Jacqui's car to overflowing; Claire Denman at The Flower Shop in Pulborough for her generous contribution; and Parham House & Gardens for their splendid donation of plants.

Action Medical Research, a Horsham-based charity which is also celebrating its Platinum Jubilee this year, was established in 1952 by former Amberley resident, the late Duncan Guthrie. It focuses on funding research to prevent and treat disease and disability in babies and children, and helped to fund the first British polio vaccine. **Photography: Mike Beck**



Picture postcard: Wisteria Cottage



School scarecrow Greenhouse heaven: Pam Ffoulkes Roberts



Paws for thought in Sue Woods' cottage garden



Above (from the left): Pat Morley and Hazel Allinson manning the tombola; Elisabeth Tooms in her recently restored garden; and Linda Connell with her magnificent hand-made Jubilee quilt. *More pictures overleaf*



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Life with the Lyons (and soft toys)



Back to school: churchwarden Michael Davey and former governor Glenys Rowe



Musical interlude: Revival Recorders



Peeping Gary (Shipton)



Tea and cake: Di Hamilton serving at the school



Parking attendants: Charles Shaw and Mike Wright



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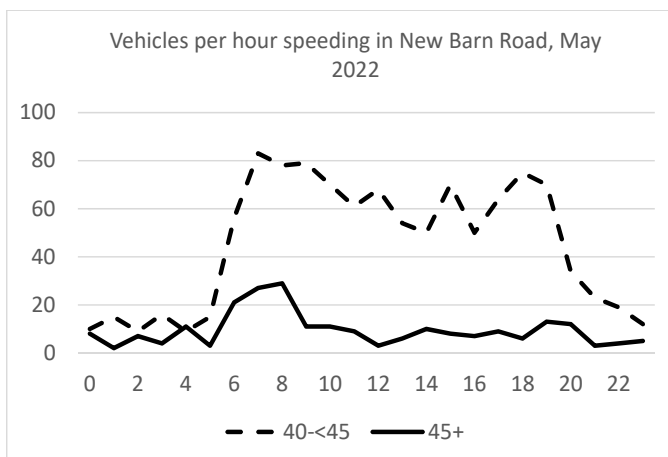
Learning from Speedwatch

For the past three years Houghton and Amberley have been working together to reduce the impact on our communities of inappropriate use of the B2139 as a major east-west route through West Sussex. One result is our successful application for a community highways scheme to assess options for a footpath between Amberley station and Houghton village. Another is the cross-district merger in March 2020 of two nascent Community Speedwatch (CSW) groups (Houghton, Arun and Amberley, Horsham) supported by Sussex police.

There are 305 registered CSW groups in Sussex; 190 of these are run by parish councils. Only 77 groups (25%) completed any roadside sessions in April 2022 (we did eight that month). Of the vehicles reported by Speedwatch across Sussex in the last thirty days, 121 had no tax and 112 vehicles had no MOT. Five had declared a Statutory Off-Road Notice (SORN).

Where we started

After risk assessment by Sussex police, three initial sites were approved: at the west end of the Causeway, by Station Road in Houghton Bridge and on Turnpike Road in Amberley. We later persuaded the police that the bus stop in Houghton meets all the safety and insurance require-



ments but we were unsuccessful in getting approval for a convenient site on Rackham road.

Since July 2020 we have recorded 1648 speeding offences in 120 roadside sessions, an average of just under fourteen per hour - double the peak across Sussex at 09:00. There is wide variation between time-of-day, day of week and location of observers. Average speeds reduce as traffic density increases as more vehicles drive in convoy behind a slower vehicle.

Early sessions on the Turnpike Road in Amberley were complicated by trying to record incoming westbound traf-



A volunteer using the Community Speedwatch radar monitor

fic across a stream of eastbound traffic; the radar gun cannot discriminate between the two. Also it has a much longer range than the 100m we expected; it is quite capable of recording vehicles well outside the 40 mph zone. By changing location we found that actual offences were quite few, consistent with the data from the permanent recording site on New Barn Road. These show that speeders (over 40 mph) are common throughout the day but the offenders (defined for CSW as over 46 mph) are mostly at night when Speedwatch is not allowed to operate. The graphic comes from WSCC data in 5mph groups but clearly shows the difference between speeding just a little (the majority) and a legal offence (a small minority).

Similar patterns were apparent in the 30-mph zone through Houghton Bridge. Traffic is forced to slow by the sharp bend outside the museum and traffic from one direction is often warned by traffic in the opposite direction when Speedwatch operators are seen.

Current focus

Speeding offences are most prevalent through Houghton where the roadway is narrowest, visibility is poor, there is no footpath and until recently no warning signs for drivers or pedestrians. The photograph shows the new sign alerting drivers to misguided walkers on Blacksmiths Hill; it also shows how larger vehicles have difficulty in passing each other through the narrows.

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As we move into summer we are recording 10 to 15 offences (36-mph or more) per hour heading downhill in the centre of Houghton by the bus stop and 20-30 heading uphill from across the Causeway. Figures would undoubtedly be larger if we had automatic recording or were not required to wear high visibility jackets.

Whether drivers change their habits after receiving a warning letter may be inferred from the proportion which reoffend within twelve months. Across Sussex this figure reduced from 25% in 2015 to 6% in 2019. This compares with 4.3% through Houghton where forty-nine repeat offences were shared among nineteen vehicles. Nearly all the reoffences occurred within thirty minutes of the same time of day, suggesting a routine of commuter traffic.

After a second warning letter, police action varies according to the speed recorded and the cumulative profile of the vehicle involved. In the last month a silver Volvo has been recorded for a fourth and fifth time (between Houghton and Storrington) and is now shown on the Speedwatch website as "pending". Another visitor, a grey Toyota last seen towing a horsebox, has less fixed habits in 30mph zones:

Storrington	49mph	13/05/22	10:36
Houghton, Arundel	36mph	05/05/22	09:33
Selsey	36mph	22/03/22	15:22
Selsey	45mph	22/03/22	15:30
Petworth	46mph	13/02/22	08:50
Ringmer	36mph	19/07/21	10:56

Next steps

Speedwatch cannot reduce the volume and weight of traffic but it can reduce excessive speeds which threaten pedestrians, local traffic and communities. Our aim is to be regularly visible at the roadside, to concentrate on week-day traffic and to condition commuters to recognise the impact the speeding on rural communities such as ours.

Currently we have 12 active volunteers and would welcome more to maintain a consistent message – just an hour a fortnight would be helpful. Please see www.communityspeedwatch.org for further details of the short (one hour) online training programme and apply to join the Houghton, Arundel B2139 Speedwatch Group

My thanks go to all who support this effort, especially to Carole Austin, Beth Borthwick, Angela and Chris Hough, Cyndy Kennett, Holly Leong, Carol and Mike Perry, Auden Witter and Jan and Mike Wright.

Charles Shaw (cdshaw@btinternet.com)

Revised WSCC Transport Plan published

A revised Transport Plan, adopted by West Sussex County Council, will guide its approach to the improvement and maintenance of the county's transport network until 2036.

It will address key challenges, including:

- Transport emissions and impacts on climate change
- Economic performance
- Road safety
- Public health and well-being
- The needs of a growing and ageing population
- Congestion
- Rural isolation



The key change made to the plan following consultation on a draft in summer 2020, was the inclusion of a commitment to set a decarbonisation target. WSCC is expecting the Department for Transport to issue guidance soon on how local transport authorities should approach this task.

"We would like to thank everyone who gave their valued feedback during the consultation, which helped to shape the final version of the Plan," says a spokesman.

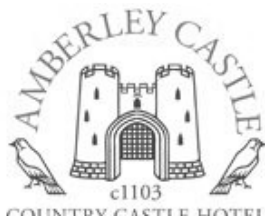
The adopted *West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036* is now available online (www.westsussex.gov.uk/ltp). Paper copies are available in all West Sussex libraries.

#WestSussBus

#WestSussBus is an online engagement page about local buses. It has been set up by West Sussex County Council for residents to tell relate their experiences, comments and ideas about local buses, and to help decide where improvements are needed.

Anyone can post suggestions, ideas and comments on #WestSussBus. You can also celebrate what's good about local buses and point out what doesn't quite work. One of our first areas of interest is to find out your top-five priorities for improving bus services in West Sussex.

Editor's note: for starters, restore our service that was withdrawn through lack of funding.



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AMBERLEY SUPPORTING UKRAINE

Welcoming Ukrainians

Local Ukrainian families, together with their English hosts, came together for coffee and cake at the Riverside Tea Rooms at Houghton Bridge on Monday 20th June.

The get-together was organised by the Amberley Supporting Ukraine Group and generously hosted by Francesca Chapman, owner of the Tea Rooms, who provided complimentary tea, coffee and soft drinks, as well as much needed serving staff.

The aim of the coffee morning was to provide an opportunity for these geographically spread out and potentially isolated families to meet up, socialise and swap stories and advice. We had publicised it via all the other local support groups with whom we have contact, but had no idea who, or how many, would turn up.

We need not have worried. The word had got out, and families came from Storrington, Bury, Thakeham, West Chiltington – and as far away as Billingshurst, Climping and Horsham. Over 50 people – guests and hosts – were brought together, many meeting for the first time. There were quite a few teenagers and children, the youngest an eight-month-old baby girl.

It was lovely to see the Ukrainian mothers chatting animatedly at one table, and the younger children playing with toys and activity games together at another. It was a chance for them to connect in their own language rather than struggling constantly to communicate in English. Meanwhile their hosts had the opportunity to exchange experiences and advice.

“Just what was needed” and “can we do it again” were frequent comments. And yes, we can. A picnic, with more of a focus on the children, is now on our ‘to do’ list.



Some of the Ukrainian families pictured at Riverside, Houghton Bridge

Even though at present there are no Ukrainian families in Amberley, there are opportunities for volunteers to support nearby families. A number of people have already offered and we will be in touch to advise where you may be able to help.

Talking to the host families it is clear that help with transport is a key need where people want to get to English lessons such as are being run in Storrington, or doctor's appointments. Please do get in touch with us if you think you might be able to help in any way, or with the picnic.

A reminder that on Saturday, August 20, that the All Kinds of Folk concert in Amberley is in aid of the Ukraine Appeal.

Amberley Supporting Ukraine

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Around 16 members of SAGE enjoyed a visit and afternoon tea in Sandie Conlon's beautiful garden at Stream Barn, Amberley. They were able to admire the 60 varieties of roses, plus lupins, delphiniums, hollyhocks and more, and heard a little about the history of the conversion of the barn to a house in the 1960s. Delicious cream and jam scones and home-made biscuits were served by Sarah Ffoulkes Roberts and Adrienne Greenwood.

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Parish celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with a picnic

All the plans were in place to celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee with a community picnic on the Millennium Green on the afternoon of Sunday, June 5. The only nagging question which remained was: Would the rain hold off? Anxious faces gazed heavenwards as gazebos were erected and the lanes for children's races were marked out. Fingers were tightly crossed.

As it turned out, it might not have been the sunniest afternoon of the summer, but it stayed dry and mild... and people came! At a rough estimate, around 200 parishioners arrived with their picnics, rugs and garden chairs and big smiles to enjoy this historic occasion. The place was a riot of red, white and blue.

It was brilliant to see so many children at the event, attracted, it seems, by the opportunity to compete in traditional races (egg-and-spoon, three-legged and sack), make decorated crowns and even have a go at hook-the-duck. There were prizes for all. Sigi Lower and an enthusiastic group of mums organised the children's activities with great flair.

Our four indefatigable tea ladies – Sue Haynes, Hazel Allinson, Sally Rollinson and Cathy Briggs dispensed hot drinks and home-made cake. There was a quiz for grown-ups to test their knowledge of all things royal, and Mel Edge had organised a 'Guess Who?' competition to identify pictures of village residents taken in the dim and distant past.

Late in the afternoon, glasses of prosecco were handed round to all and a toast (see text overleaf) to Her Majesty was proposed by our dear friend and former neighbour, Bob Hutchinson, now resident, with Sally his wife, in Storrington. The Revd Gerry Burgess offered prayers of thanksgiving for the astonishing 70-year reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

The Parish Engagement Group (PEG) of St Michael's church, who organised the picnic, would like to thank the trustees of the Millennium Green for allowing the event to take place there – it was the perfect venue.

Ros Simpson

Photography by Mike Beck





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Bob Hutchinson OBE, proposed the following toast to Her Majesty

Like millions of others, we gather here today to celebrate the life and steadfast vocation of Elizabeth II, by the grace of God, Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Her other realms and territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Defender of the Faith. She is also commander-in-chief of Britain's armed forces, to whom all new sailors, soldiers and airmen swear personal oaths of allegiance, rather than to the elected government.

Behind those 70 years of devoted duty and commitment, lies a strong, impish sense of dry humour, doubtless often valuable when dealing with the 14 Prime Ministers who have served her. Some more than others, perhaps.

Despite being a stickler for ceremonial detail, punctuality and good order, the Queen can barely suppress girlish giggles when things go wrong. On one occasion, a last minute switch in arrangements outside Westminster Abbey meant that her bishops, waiting to greet her, had to hitch up their vestments and with pastoral crooks in hand, race to a new position. The undignified sight reduced the Queen to helpless laughter. On another, the Canadian Prime Minister swore loudly when his pen snapped as he attempted to sign a diplomatic treaty and again she could not hide her mirth.

In a previous career, I was a journalist who frequently had to report on royal events. At RAF Finningley, Yorkshire, for the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977, I sneaked out of the celebratory lunch for a crafty cigarette, joined by two RAF officers whom I knew. Imagine our mortification when standing in a quiet corridor the small figure of the Queen (she is only 5ft 2ins tall) appeared around a corner. Cigarettes were hastily hidden behind our backs, the tell-tale smoke drifting up between our shoulder blades. 'If you can tell me where the lavatory is' said the Queen, 'I won't tell anyone that I caught you smoking'.

She was walking in the Balmoral grounds with her police protection officer when they met some American tourists. 'Have you ever met the Queen?' they asked her and she replied: 'No' - before pointing to her policeman and adding 'But he has'.

At Sandringham she was buying groceries at the village shop



(use it or lose it!) and was leaving when an elderly lady exclaimed: 'Good heavens, you look just like the Queen!' She replied: 'How reassuring'.

During the Blair government, she was attending a Privy Council meeting when a Minister's mobile phone rang with a jaunty ring tone. She broke the embarrassed silence with the comment: 'You had better answer that. It might be someone important'.

The Queen is also an accomplished mimic who can replicate the voices and mannerisms of politicians, members of the clergy and various television characters. Her parody of the former Russian president Boris Yeltsin is legendary. She must have been unable to resist mimicking Donald Trump.

She is the third longest serving head of state in world history. She has attended 21,000 official events in more than 100 countries. Her promise of tireless service to her peoples, dedication and leadership during seven decades will never be matched.

Therefore, could I ask you all to be upstanding and join me in a profoundly grateful toast to our sovereign lady, who is also, of course, Britain's favourite grandmother.

Those who are infirm perhaps can become temporary members of the Royal Navy, who traditionally, always toast the Queen sitting down.

Her Majesty the Queen! God bless her!



Jubilant Jubilee

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Graham Stevenson



Safety first: Amberley Society's level crossing success

There appeared to be no light at the end of the tunnel in the campaign for safety improvements at a railway footpath crossing in Amberley until, ironically, there was a strike by railway workers.

The railway crossing on the, much used, footpath running between the back of Amberley Castle to the Arun river at Bury, has posed a danger to pedestrians for many years. Not only is it on a busy mainline but underfoot it is uneven, sloping and the wooden railway sleeper pavement surface is extremely slippery when wet. Numerous people, including many Amberley residents, have slipped over, fortunately, as far as is known, without serious injury.

On at least two occasions over the last five years, Amberley Parish Council had reported the problem to Net-

work Rail but had been unsuccessful in achieving any improvement. Unsatisfied with the response in 2020, the Amberley Society campaigned for a safer crossing. Despite the rail regulator's 'Level Crossings Railway Safety Publication' stating that 'The surface should be maintained in a good and even condition at rail level with suitable non-slip properties', Network Rail failed to comply.

Finally, after 20 months of the campaign, the advantage of a lack of trains due to a rail strike provided Network Rail with the perfect opportunity to complete the work. The result was only achieved after the Amberley Society enlisted intervention by the Office of Rail and Road, the government department responsible for the safety regulation of the railways, and also support from the Leader of West Sussex County Council, Cllr Paul Marshall.

The Amberley Revival 2022



Saturday, July 23rd

Come and see the cars depart for the 3rd Annual Amberley Revival, starting from the Millennium Green from 9am and heading off up Rackham Road for their tour of the Sussex and Hampshire countryside. The cars will be returning to the Cricket Ground from 1pm, where they will be on display for all to see. This year there are 75 entrants – a record.

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All Kinds of Folk

Amberley's first outdoor folk concert takes place during the afternoon of Saturday, August 20, in Brambly Croft Field, adjacent to the recreation ground along the Croft path. The event is in aid of Ukraine charities and Family Support Work, which is supported by St Michael's Church.

The line-up includes Rachael Wood, SuperStrings Trio, Nicolette Macleod and Jimmy Lee and the Blue Coconut Orchestra. The event is being hosted by broadcaster Matthew Bannister, who is an Amberley resident.

Tickets are priced £15, with children under 16 free, although donations are welcome. Contact: hazel.allinson@btinternet.com for ticket sales and to book a burger.

Noise camera trial?

West Sussex could be one of four designated trial sites for innovative acoustic noise cameras in a move to crack-down on anti-social motorcycle noise.

Andrew Griffith, MP for Arundel and South Downs, led a bid to the Department of Transport for the county to become one of the trial sites.

"I have already spoken to the Secretary of State for Transport about the strong local support from police, West Sussex County Council and countless residents for our community to be part of this trial."

He says that anti-social noise from a small minority of motorcyclists, as well as speeding and reckless endangerment of life, have been ongoing issues that disrupt the lives of residents in West Sussex.

Beware: fraudsters about

Storrington Community Wardens are warning the public about a street collection scam. Two females have been approaching residents in local car parks and around the village with a clipboard stating they are representing the 'Deaf Society' and asking for donations.

There have been several similar instances of this fraud occurring in and around local villages, and, in particular, around Mill Square and the nearby car parks in Storrington.

The advice is that if you should wish to donate any money to a charity inform the person approaching you that you will do so online. If they are legitimate, they will thank you for your vigilance and support.

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AMBERLEY CRICKET CLUB

Impressive win for Amberley

Amberley Cricket Club's season finally got underway at the beginning of June with an impressive win against Aldwick in a 35-over game.

Batting first, Amberley got off to a slowish start because of a damp pitch, but managed to finish with a score of 253. Top scorer was Sam Mustow with 72, coming late into the batting order, and a first half century for Harry Gardner who notched up 57.

Fourteen-year-old Oscar Smith, making his debut for Amberley, opened the bowling, with Jeremy Tansley at the other end, who took four wickets for nine runs off seven overs. Bowling changes then resulted in more wickets falling quickly with Max Hughes and Joe Mitchell dismissing the remaining batsman leaving Aldwick with a score of just 50.

Amberley were clearly on top form although the opposition captain predictably expressed annoyance that the match was too one-sided.

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Contact

Grahame Joseph, Chair of the Welfare Trust (01798 831340)

Rev Gerry Burgess (01798 831600, revgerryburgess@gmail.com)

Geoff Uren, Chair of Amberley Parish Council (01798 831991)

How a falcon gave its name to a game

I've spent a lot of time recently on the beautiful West Sussex heaths, where I've been lucky to encounter a bird which always gets my heart beating as it speeds past: the hobby. Around about now, high in a twiggy, tree-top nest, two eggs will be laid. The proud parents have flown all the way from the Congo Basin to raise their family in the Sussex countryside.



Hobbies look debonair and dashing. With their black 'eye mask' and drooping 'moustache' there's a touch of Zorro about them. And, like that enigmatic swordsman, hobbies are famed for their speed and dexterity.

Superficially the hobby looks similar to the peregrine, which along with the kestrel makes up the trio of falcons that breed in Sussex. But peregrines are very different birds. They started raising their families way back in April and adult peregrines are up to four times heavier than a hobby. Peregrines hunt by putting their weight behind their attack, whereas hobbies use aerial agility and acceleration; the ninja to the peregrine's sumo. The hobbies' slender scimitar wings slice the air as they twist, turn and tumble to pluck their victims from the sky in their talons.

These victims are the reason for the hobbies' 4,000-mile journey from Africa, and for their late egg-laying. The birth of the hungry hobby chicks is perfectly synchronised with their food supply, which is most abundant in Sussex skies in July and August. Hobbies specialise in catching the uncatchable: swallows, martins, swifts and dragonflies. All accomplished aviators themselves, who probably thought they were invincible while airborne. Watching a hobby hunting is watching an accomplished predator at work.

If you've been on a wildlife walk with me you've probably already heard my favourite piece of hobby trivia. In 1946, Mr Adolph of Langton Green in Kent, had an idea. Presumably, with a name like that, the preceding seven years had been a tough time for Mr Adolph, but now he was free to unleash his incredible invention upon the world; a game which involved flicking wobbly model footballers up and down a tabletop. This game, he insisted, would be a great hobby for boys and he named his invention just that: Hobby. But when it came to registering the name, the Patents Office said that Hobby was too general a term. Instead, Mr Adolph took the scientific name from his favourite falcon. And so the agile Hobby (*Falco subbuteo*) became forever linked to wet Saturday afternoons flicking headless Crystal Palace midfielders around the dining room.

Michael Blencowe

Sussex Wildlife Trust

Another meander in the meadow

A few years ago I took you on a meander through the meadow and introduced you to some of the beautiful wildflowers around our nature trails. I thought it was about time we did so again and I have a few more favourites to share with you.

One of the most statuesque and architectural plants is the teasel, with its large egg-shaped spiky heads, speckled with tiny purple nectar-rich flowers.

As well as looking mighty fine, teasels are great all-rounders in the wildlife they support, being good for bees and butterflies while in flower, and then popular with birds, especially goldfinches, when they have gone to seed.

One of teasel's common names is 'brushes and combs', referring to the use of the spiky dried heads to 'tease' out the fibres during cloth-making. Another name is 'Venus' basin', named for the water that collects in the cup-like base of the leaves. Folklore has it that this was sacred water used to ease inflammations of the eye and as a cosmetic to 'render the face fair'. I'm not sure that I'd use it – the cups trap insects and it is possible that the plants make use of the nutrients released from the dying insects.

Highlighting the swaying seed heads of Yorkshire fog and meadow grasses are Ox-eye daisies. These are the largest of our native daisy species and they are enjoyed by various pollinating insects, including butterflies, bees and hoverflies. The yellow button-like centre of the daisy is made up of many small flowers which hold plenty of nectar. In Germany the flowers were known as 'storm flowers' and were hung around doors to ward off lightning. Here, they are also known by the name of 'moon daisy' or 'moonpenny' – the ox-eye daisy was dedicated by the Greeks to Artemis, goddess of the moon.

Next up we'll meet flowers named after cats and mice. Mouse ear is topped with tiny white star-shaped flowers and it is the soft downy hairs on the paired leaves that give this plant its name. The horn-like seed capsules only

continued overleaf



Picture: Anna Allum, RSPB

The teasel: a great all-rounder



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release their seed when the air is dry, ensuring that they will be carried on the wind rather than washed away by the rain. By contrast, cat's ear has bold bright yellow dandelion-like flowers that rise from a rosette of wavy-edged leaves. Cat's ear is an excellent source of nectar with a long flowering season and is a good seed source for birds. So where do cats come into it? It is named for the small scales on the stem that are thought to resemble cat's ears.

Our final two are both 'worts'. There are lots of plants which end in 'wort' but they are not all in the same family. The name comes from an old English word "wyr", which meant plant, root, or herb and was given to plants which were considered to be beneficial. Occasionally, plants were named as 'worts' because they looked like a part of human anatomy such as liverwort and lungwort. The theory was that if the plant looked like part of the body then it must be useful for treating that part of the body. The flaw in this particular theory is that liverwort and lungwort both have toxic properties.

Sneezewort is so named as the strong smell of sneezewort flowers causes sneezing – although not in hoverflies who love it. The dried leaves were used as a snuff to clear the head and the roots chewed to cure toothache. And last up is hedge woundwort whose white markings on the lower lip of these reddish-purple flowers is meant to guide pollinating bees to the nectar. Back in the 16th century it was believed to have legendary healing properties; in reality it contains a mild antiseptic. If you find this plant, rather than attempting any impromptu medicine, look instead for a very splendid purple and silver shieldbug which is specific to hedge woundwort.

Anna Allum
Visitor Experience Manager, RSPB, Wiggonholt

Times Past

From the Magazine of 116 years ago

Miss Finch has kindly consented to act as Secretary to both the Adult and Juvenile Sections of the Church of England Temperance Society. May we again implore all parents to allow their children to join our Band of Hope. All we are trying to do is to keep them from acquiring a taste for alcoholic drinks, which everyone knows is one of the principal causes of poverty, crime, disease, and insanity, in this and every other country.

A petition is being sent by the inhabitants of Amberley to the House of Lords protesting against the Education Bill as passed by the House of Commons... A pause will be made on Sunday morning and evening both in Amberley and Houghton churches after the prayer for the High Court of Parliament to enable the congregation to silently pray that God may guide and direct the House of Lords.

RECIPE

Summer pudding

This is a quick and easy recipe for a quintessentially British seasonal dessert, packed with juicy summer berries. It is so much easier than it looks, and perfect for beginners.

Your need

300g strawberries

250g blackberries

100g redcurrants

500g raspberries

OR 1.25kg/2lb 12oz mixed berries and currants of your choice

175g golden caster sugar

7 slices day-old white bread, from a square, medium-cut loaf



Method

1. Bring out the juices: Wash fruit and gently dry on kitchen paper – keep strawberries separate. Put sugar and 3 tbsp water into a large pan. Gently heat until sugar dissolves – stir a few times. Bring to a boil for 1 min, then tip in the fruit (not strawberries). Cook for 3 mins over a low heat, stirring 2-3 times. The fruit will be softened, mostly intact and surrounded by dark red juice. Put a sieve over a bowl and tip in the fruit and juice.

2. Line the bowl with cling film and prepare the bread: Line the 1.25-litre basin with cling film as this will help you to turn out the pudding. Overlap two pieces of cling film in the middle of the bowl as it's easier than trying to get one sheet to stick to all of the curves. Let the edges overhang by about 15cm. Cut the crusts off the bread. Cut 4 pieces of bread in half, a little on an angle, to give 2 lopsided rectangles per piece. Cut 2 slices into 4 triangles each and leave the final piece whole.

3. Build the pud: Dip the whole piece of bread into the juice for a few secs just to coat. Push this into the bottom of the basin. Now dip the wonky rectangular pieces one at a time and press around the basin's sides so that they fit together neatly, alternately placing wide and narrow ends up. If you can't quite fit the last piece of bread in it doesn't matter, just trim into a triangle, dip in juice and slot in. Now spoon in the softened fruit, adding the strawberries here and there as you go.

4. Let flavours mingle then serve: Dip the bread triangles in juice and place on top – trim off overhang with scissors. Keep leftover juice for later. Bring cling film up and loosely seal. Put a side plate on top and weight down with cans. Chill for 6 hrs or overnight. To serve, open out cling film then put a serving plate upside-down on top and flip over.

Over the threshold

Record Inheritance Tax bills are a reminder of the need for good estate planning

There are few more confusing – or unpopular – taxes than Inheritance Tax (IHT). In October 2019, HM Revenue and Customs published *Estimated Costs of Tax Reliefs* indicating further confusion and inertia as it expects to see a 19% increase in IHT revenues over the next four years.

For older generations, paying up to 40% tax on what they leave behind is difficult to contemplate. For some children and grandchildren, grappling with IHT is something they are ill-equipped to do.

Yet more and more families are having to deal with IHT. The latest figures show that IHT receipts reached £5.1 billion in the 2019/2020 tax year, according to an HMRC tax report published in May 2020.

Once considered a tax on the truly affluent, IHT now affects more estates than ever

Although a fall of £0.4 billion from the previous year, this was likely due to the increase in the residence nil-rate band threshold, which has been introduced in stages since 2017-18.

It will undoubtedly come as a shock to discover that a large proportion of your wealth, which includes the family home, investments including Individual Savings Accounts (ISAs), life assurance plans not in trust, and even old family heirlooms might actually have to be sold to meet the tax liability on death.

The previous rises in receipts largely reflected the surge in residential property prices, as well as the recovery in other asset values, which has dragged more households into the IHT net. From April 2020, the residence nil-rate band rose to £175,000, for those who qualify.

Coupled with the fact that up to the first £325,000 of an individual's estate may be exempt from IHT, this will mean that, subject to certain conditions, a married couple and civil partners could have a combined tax-free estate worth £1,000,000 in the 2020/2021 tax year.

Despite this, at the heart of this problem remains the simple fact that IHT could be considered a voluntary tax; the Treasury relies on inertia and people's reluctance to confront the issue. The boost to the Treasury's coffers is a reminder of the damaging effect death duties can have on families' plans to create and pass on wealth. There are many perfectly

legitimate ways of mitigating IHT through foresight and careful financial planning. The mitigation of IHT does not require high-powered tax planning; only a willingness to discuss the issue, act and make use of the many options available, establishing trusts* where appropriate; and making use of annual exemptions such as gifting.

With careful IHT planning, more wealth could be retained to support future generations

The rules surrounding IHT on individuals domiciled in the UK – or resident – are complex. Certain transfers are also deemed exempt from the tax if they pass between a husband and wife or civil partners.

If you are uncertain about where you stand regarding IHT and would like to know more about how to minimise the sums falling into the hands of HMRC, or your local authority through long-term care fees, you should seek advice.

The levels and bases of taxation, and reliefs from taxation, can change at any time and are dependent on individual circumstances.

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Some interesting facts about people and places in West Sussex



The world's first glider flight took place from Amberley Mount in 1909. The glider was designed and built by **Jose Weiss** (who was French despite his German name), a well known landscape artist who lived at Meadow Cottage, Houghton Bridge, before moving to Houghton House. Named *Olive*, after one of Weiss's five daughters, the glider, piloted by 17-year-old **Eric Gordon England**, reached about 40ft and the flight lasted just under one minute, landing in the valley, and thus entering the record books. Gordon England went on to be a well known racing driver.

Comic actor **Norman Wisdom** lived in West Chiltington for many years. The London-born star, known for his slapstick film roles in the 1950s and 1960s, was also the president of Horsham Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society. He died, aged 95, in 2010.



In **St Andrew's Churchyard, Tangmere**, the graves of Commonwealth and Luftwaffe airmen killed in the 1939-45 War – many in the Battle of Britain – lie alongside each other in an area of the churchyard maintained by the War Graves Commission. All were airman – including 13 Germans – most of whom were killed during the Battle of Britain.

George V, who was recovering on the South Coast from a chest infection, is supposed to have uttered the phrase "Bugger Bognor" when he was asked to add 'Regis' to the name as a mark of his visit. A variant of the story is that he said it on his deathbed when it was suggested that he might soon be well enough to return to the resort.



When excavations began in 1982 at the Eartham quarry site near Boxgrove, flint tools 500,000 years old were discovered, which at that time was the oldest evidence of humans ever discovered in the UK. A pre-Neanderthal man was found at a quarry in 1993 and has since been dated as half a million years old. **Boxgrove Man** stood at approximately 5ft 10 inches high, weighed around 80kg (just over 12.5 stone) and, unlike Piltdown Man, was not a hoax.

A former owner of Houghton House was the businesswoman who founded the Body Shop, human rights activist and environmental campaigner, **Anita Roddick**, who died in 2007, having moved from Houghton to Slindon. She donated her entire £51 million fortune to charity. Born in Littlehampton, the daughter of an Italian immigrant couple, she opened the first Body Shop in Brighton in 1976, growing into a multi-local business with over 2,200 stores in 55 different markets. It was purchased by L'Oreal in 2006. Anita always claimed she didn't have clue how she got there!



One of the most colourful local events takes place annually at **Ebernoe**, a hamlet about five miles north of Petworth. On St James's Day, July 25, Ebernoe cricket team plays a match against a visiting team on the village green. Throughout the morning a sheep from the Leconfield Estate is roasting and is served to the cricketers for lunch. At the end of the match the horns are presented to the highest scoring batsman by Lord Egremont and the Horn Fair Song is sung. When the match is over the rest of the day is devoted to traditional attractions: a fair, children's races, lamb roast, beer tent, various stalls and entertainment provided by Petworth Town Band. It's a lovely country event in a glorious setting. Ebernoe is about 5 miles north of Petworth on a well signposted turning off the A283.

May rainfall

After a dry spring, the end of May redressed the balance slightly with 19 wet or damp days. There was a total 52.8mm (2in) during the month, with a little under half (22.7mm/slightly less than 1in) falling on the night of May 29. During the corresponding month in 2021, there was 62.9mm (2½in) of rain.



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EDITORIAL

Parking the problem?

With the imminent completion of the long-awaited village car park, it is hoped that some of Amberley's parking problems may soon be resolved. The expectation is that the congestion in School Road, particularly at the junction with the B2139, will be alleviated.

Walkers and cyclists who arrive by car and have previously had no option but to park in the street will, it is hoped, use the new car park. Whether parents dropping off children at the school can be persuaded to use the facility remains to be seen – it will be all too easy to stop in School Road. With luck, other visitors to the village will also take advantage of the car park – customers of the Village Tea Room, for example, and those here simply to walk round and admire the village.

However, it seems unlikely that patrons of the Black Horse, who tend to park in East Street as close as possible to the pub, will be persuaded to walk the extra three or four minutes. But it would be good to think that the staff there will be encouraged to use the car park rather than East Street.

But let's look on the positive side. It will remove anything up to 30 cars that might otherwise have nowhere else to park. Despite the South Downs National Park's policy to discourage people arriving by car, the only alternative is rail (the SDNPA would, presumably, like everyone to walk or cycle). And although we are fortunate enough still to have a railway station – albeit a mile away – the fact is people are still going to use cars until we are all priced off the road (which, at the current rate of progress, might make the car park redundant before the current lease on it is due to expire in five-and-a-half years).

That said, there is, of course, every expectation that it will be renewed and, with luck, stave off any ambitions that Horsham District Council might have to meet yet more housing targets.

So, optimistically, we can expect a significant reduction in the problems that visitor parking has created in the last decade or two. Time will tell, but let's hope it proves the real asset it is intended to be.

Mike Toynbee

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Friday, August 12

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Sumer is icumen in

This is the incipit of a medieval English round or rota of the mid-13th century; it is also known variously as the Summer Canon and the Cuckoo Song.

The line translates approximately to "Summer has come in" or "Summer has arrived". The song is written in the Wessex dialect of Middle English, and a translation is reproduced below.

Summer has arrived

Sing, cuckoo, now; sing, cuckoo;

Sing, cuckoo; sing, cuckoo, now!

Summer has arrived,

Sing loudly, cuckoo!

The seed is growing

And the meadow is blooming,

And the wood is coming into leaf now,

Sing, cuckoo!

The ewe is bleating after her lamb,

The cow is lowing after her calf;

The bullock is prancing,

The billy-goat farting,

Sing merrily, cuckoo!

Cuckoo, cuckoo,

You sing well, cuckoo,

Never stop now.

Fisherman's Prayer

*This delightful prayer was read at
Dudley Chandler's funeral on June 22*

God grant that I may live

To fish until my dying day

And when it comes to my last cast,

I then most humbly pray:

When in the Lord's great landing net

And peacefully asleep

That in His mercy I be judged

As big enough to keep.

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Opening hours for amenity tips

Billingshurst: 9am-6pm (closed Thursday and Friday); **Bognor:** 9am-6pm (closed Thursday and Friday); **Chichester (Westhampnett)** 9am-6pm (closed Tuesday); **Littlehampton** 9am-6pm (closed Tuesday and Wednesday). **Note:** Advance booking necessary at Bognor and Littlehampton and proof of West Sussex residency is required.

Monday Village Bus service to Storrington and Pulborough

Following the discontinuation of the Compass Bus service, the Village Bus has resumed its Monday morning service to Storrington and Pulborough.

Amberley Square (depart)	10.15
Hurst Cottages	10.18
The Sportsman	10.20
Rackham Street	10.23
Storrington (arrive)	10.35
Pulborough (arrive)	11.00
Pulborough Sainsbury's (depart)	12.03
Pulborough Tesco	12.05
Storrington bus station	12.25
Rackham Street	12.35
The Sportsman	12.38
Hurst Cottages	12.40
Amberley Square (arrive)	12.41

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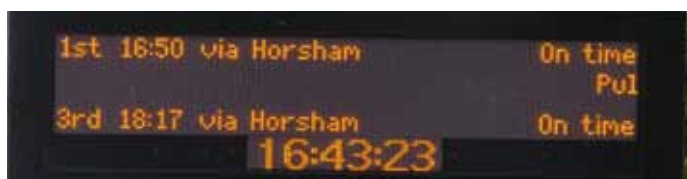


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DAY	DESTINATION	DEPARTS AMBERLEY	TIME FOR SHOPPING / APPOINTMENTS	ARRIVES BACK IN AMBERLEY
Mon	Bognor For details of the Storrington & Pulborough service, see panel above	Rackham St 12.35pm Hurst Cott 12.40pm Square 12.41pm Bridge Inn 12.44pm	1.25pm to 3.30pm	4.12pm approx
First Tues only	Worthing via Storrington (with around three-and-a-half hours before the return journey)	Bridge Inn 9.37am Square 9.40am Hurst Cott 9.43am Sportsman 9.45am Rackham St 9.48am	10.15am to 1.05pm	1.40pm approx
Wed	Littlehampton & Rustington	Rackham St 9.32am Hurst Cott 9.35am Square 9.37am Bridge Inn 9.39am	10.05am to 12.31pm (Arundel) 10.15am to 12.20pm (Littlehampton) 10.25am to 12.10pm (Rustington)	1pm approx
Thurs	Chichester	Rackham St 9.32am Hurst Cott 9.36am Square 9.37am Bridge Inn	10.25am (Market) 10.30am (South Street/ West Street) to 1.30pm (Cathedral)	2.16pm approx



LOCAL INFORMATION



Southern Trains Timetable (from February 28, 2022)

MONDAY-FRIDAY

From Amberley to London (Victoria except here shown): 05.54, 06.18*, 06.44, 07.47, 08.17, 08.50, 09.17 and then at 17 minutes past the hour until 21.17 then 23.03 (change at Gatwick Airport).

Typical journey time to London Victoria 1hr 27mins

* To London Bridge

From Pulborough to London (Victoria except where shown): 06.01, 06.24*, 06.50, 07.26, 07.54, 08.23, 08.56, 09.24, 09.55 and then 24 and 55 minutes past the hour until 21.55 then 23.09 (change at Gatwick Airport).

Typical journey time 1hr 19 mins.

* To London Bridge

From London Victoria to Amberley: 05.54, 06.36, 07.06, 07.36, 08.03*, 08.35 and then at 35 minutes past the hour until 15.35, 16.05, 16.35, 17.35, 18.35 and then 05 and 35 minutes past each hour until then 21.05, 21.35 (P&S), 22.05 (B&C), 22.35 (C).

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 22mins.

* From London Bridge

From London Victoria to Pulborough: 05.54, 06.36, 07.06, 07.36, 08.03*, 08.35 and then at 05 and 35 minutes past the hour until 16.35, 17.35 and then 05 and 35 minutes past the hour until 21.05, then 21.35 (P&S), 22.05 (B&C), 22.35 (C). Additional train from **London Bridge** at 17.02.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 15mins

From Amberley to Arundel and beyond (all Bognor Regis except as shown): 06.40 (SC), 07.15 (SC), 07.55, 08.23, 08.58, 09.28, 09.58 and then 58 minutes past the hour until 16.58, then 17.28, 17.58, 18.58, then 27 and 58 minutes past the hour until 22.27 then 22.51 (P&S), 23.21 (B&C), 23.52 (C). P&S – Portsmouth & Southsea; C – Chichester; B&C Bognor and Chichester; SC – Southampton Central

SATURDAY

From Amberley to London: 06.26, 07.17 and then at 17 minutes past the hour until 21.17 then 23.03 (change at Gatwick Airport). Additional train at 16.50.

Typical journey time to London Victoria 1hr 27mins

From Pulborough to London: 06.32, 06.55 and then 24 and 55 minutes past the hour until 21.55 then 23.09 (change at Gatwick Airport).

Typical journey time 1hr 19 mins

From London Victoria to Amberley: 06.35, and then at 35 minutes past the hour until 20.35 then 21.05, 21.35P&S, 22.05C, 22.35C.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 22mins

From London Victoria to Pulborough: 06.05, 06.35, and then at 05 and 35 minutes past the hour until 20.35 then 21.05, 21.35P&S, 22.05C, 22.35C.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 15mins

From Amberley to Arundel and beyond (all Bognor Regis except as shown): 06.41SC, 07.58 and then 58 minutes past the hour (to Bognor) until 21.58, then 22.21, 22.51 (P&S), 23.21 (C), 23.53 (C).

P&S – Portsmouth & Southsea; C – Chichester; SC – Southampton Central.

SUNDAY

From Amberley to London Victoria: 07.53, 08.58 and then at 58 minutes past the hour until 21.58.

From Pulborough: 6 minutes later

Typical journey time to London Victoria 1hr 21mins

From London Victoria to Amberley and Pulborough: 07.32, 08.32, 09.35 and then at 35 minutes past the hour until 22.35.

Typical journey time from London Victoria 1hr 20mins

From Amberley to Arundel and beyond (all Bognor Regis and Portsmouth Harbour [divides at Barnham] except as shown): 09.01 (B), 09.58 (PH), 10.58 (PH), 11.55 and then 55 minutes past the hour until 21.55, then 22.56 (B) and 23.55 (B). B – Bognor Regis; PH – Portsmouth Harbour.

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SUMMER DIVERSIONS

1. American TV awards first presented in 1949 and named after a camera tube?
2. What does a dowser do?
3. The Tower of London was founded by which monarch?
4. In computing, for what does the acronym WYSIWYG stand?
5. What three colours are usually used for the rings on a curling rink?
6. On the roads, for what does HGV stand?
7. Monkswell Manor is the location for which long running play?
8. Who killed Cock Robin in the nurse rhyme first published in 1744?
9. In 1952 Albert Einstein was offered the presidency of which country?
10. Suffolk is bordered by which three counties?
11. Who is the current presenter of Mastermind on the BBC?
12. What weather description appears on the left-hand side of a standard British barometer?
13. Who was the first British Labour prime minister?
14. Flim-flam was the old name for which game?
15. How many squares are there on a chess board?
16. With what material does a currier work?
17. Which states became the 49th and 50th states of the USA in 1959?
18. In which school were the Billy Bunter stories set?
19. Which saint is said to have expelled all the snakes from the island of Ireland?
20. Eric Arthur Blair was the real name of which author?
21. 'Beefy' was a nickname given to which former England cricketer?
22. In the Bible, how many tribes of Israel are there?
23. Peter's thread is a species of which sort of creature?
24. Who is the current UK poet laureate?
25. What is the largest island in the Irish Sea?
26. In which county of Wales is the historic town of Beaumaris?
27. Which berry is crossed with a blackcurrant to make a jostaberry?
28. Who are the only two Northern Irishmen to have won the World Snooker Championship?

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QUICK CROSSWORD

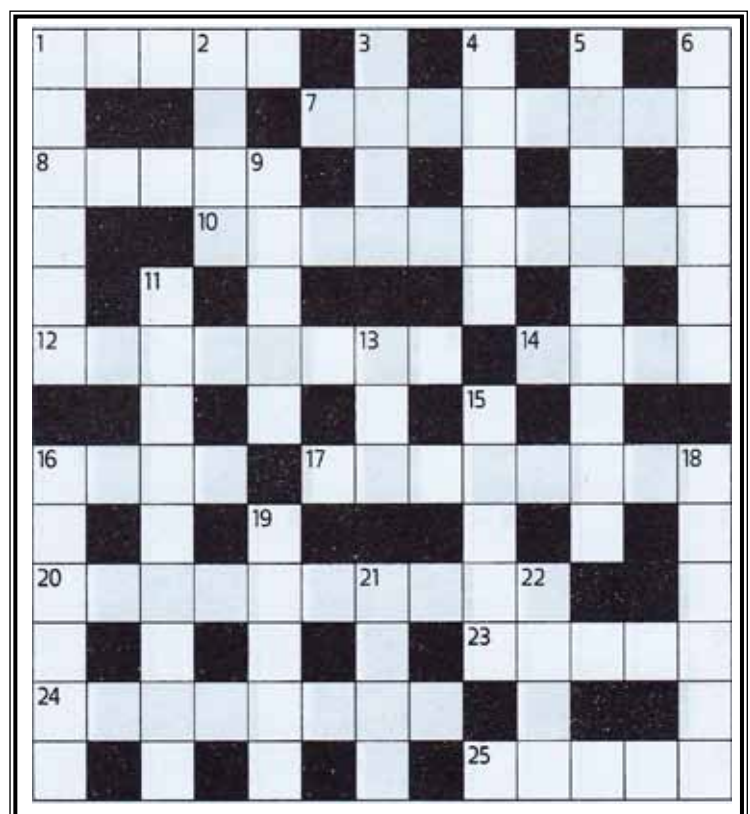
Across

1. Skill (5)
7. Former prison in Paris (8)
8. English royal house (5)
10. Canopied shrine (10)
12. Brave _____, Aldous Huxley novel (3, 5)
14. Undo (4)
16. Wrath (4)
17. Minor planet (8)
20. Nationality of Barry Humphries (10)
23. Of the kidneys (5)
24. Fun in _____, Elvis film (8)
25. Aviator (5)

Down

1. Common fabric (6)
2. Twelve inches (4)
3. Salary (4)
4. Display of daring (5)
5. Lancashire resort town (9)
6. Britain's longest river (6)
9. Shaver (5)
11. Fencer (9)
13. American jazz guitarist, _____ Paul (3)
15. Conifer tree (5)
16. Free-for-all (6)
18. Card player (6)
19. Arrogant (5)
21. Scottish lake
22. Actor, _____ Morrissey (4)

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JULY/AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS / TIDE TIMETABLE

3rd Sunday

Cricket: Amberley v Southwick Wanderers
(home) 2pm

4th Monday

Bell ringing practice, St Michael's Church,
7.30pm (and every Monday at the same time)

5th Tuesday

Talk: Arts Society West Sussex,
Fittleworth Village Hall, 2pm

9th Saturday

Sussex Steam Rally, Parham Park, 9am-5pm

10th Sunday

Sussex Steam Rally, Parham Park, 9am-5pm
Cricket: Amberley v 12th Men (home), 2pm

12th Tuesday

Concert: Cathedral Choristers, St Michael's
Church, 2.15pm

16th Saturday

Community Camp Out, Millennium Green,
from 3pm (until 9am the following morning)*

17th Sunday

Classic Car Show, Amberley Museum,
from 10am

23rd Saturday

Amberley Revival (start Millennium Green at
9am), returning cricket field (from 1pm)

August**7th Sunday**

Cricket: Amberley v West Chiltington
& Thakeham (home), 2pm

13th Saturday

Open day, Storrington Museum, from 10am

14th Sunday

Cricket: Amberley v Ebernoe (home), 2pm

20th Saturday

All Kinds of Folk, Brambly Croft field (next to
the cricket pitch), 2pm-6pm

21st Sunday

Cricket: Amberley v Arundel Grasshoppers
(home), 2pm

* Booking/advance registration essential

Littlehampton Tide Timetable – July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 st High 01.13 Low 07.19 High 13.41 Low 19.35	2 nd High 01.45 Low 07.54 High 14.14 Low 20.12
3 rd High 02.18 Low 08.29 High 14.48 Low 20.46	4 th High 02.54 Low 09.03 High 15.24 Low 21.24	5 th High 03.33 Low 09.41 High 16.04 Low 22.05	6 th High 04.17 Low 10.24 High 16.52 Low 22.56	7 th High 05.10 Low 11.18 High 17.48 Low 23.57	8 th High 06.13 Low 12.21 High 18.54	9 th Low 01.05 High 07.25 Low 13.31 High 20.04
10 th Low 02.13 High 08.36 Low 14.41 High 21.08	11 th Low 03.17 High 09.40 Low 15.45 High 22.06	12 th Low 04.16 High 10.38 Low 16.42 High 23.02	13 th Low 05.10 High 11.36 Low 17.36 High 23.57	14 th Low 06.02 High 12.33 Low 18.27	15 th High 00.51 Low 06.53 High 13.27 Low 19.18	16 th High 01.43 Low 07.45 High 14.18 Low 20.10
17 th High 02.33 Low 08.36 High 15.07 Low 21.00	18 th High 03.23 Low 09.26 High 15.54 Low 21.51	19 th High 04.11 Low 10.14 High 16.40 Low 22.41	20 th High 04.59 Low 11.03 High 17.28 Low 23.32	21 st High 05.49 Low 11.54 High 18.17	22 nd Low 00.30 High 06.42 Low 12.53 High 19.10	23 rd Low 01.36 High 07.44 Low 14.02 High 20.13
24 th Low 02.42 High 08.57 Low 15.07 High 21.23	25 th Low 03.39 High 10.02 Low 16.02 High 22.20	26 th Low 04.28 High 10.53 Low 16.48 High 23.06	27 th Low 05.11 High 11.36 Low 17.30 High 23.46	28 th Low 05.49 High 12.14 Low 18.06	29 th High 00.22 Low 06.26 High 12.50 Low 18.42	30 th High 00.55 Low 07.01 High 13.23 Low 19.18
31 st High 01.27 Low 07.37 High 13.54 Low 19.52						

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Littlehampton Tide Timetable – August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 st High 02.00 Low 08.10 High 14.25 Low 20.25	2 nd High 02.33 Low 08.40 High 14.58 Low 20.57	3 rd High 03.09 Low 09.12 High 15.35 Low 21.34	4 th High 03.48 Low 09.51 High 16.17 Low 22.17	5 th High 04.34 Low 10.39 High 17.07 Low 23.12	6 th High 05.31 Low 11.37 High 18.10
7 th Low 00.22 High 06.42 Low 12.55 High 19.27	8 th Low 01.45 High 08.12 Low 14.21 High 20.50	9 th Low 03.04 High 09.32 Low 15.36 High 22.00	10 th Low 04.09 High 10.36 Low 16.36 High 22.58	11 th Low 05.04 High 11.33 Low 17.29 High 23.53	12 th Low 05.53 High 12.27 Low 18.17	13 th High 00.44 Low 06.41 High 13.17 Low 19.05
14 th High 01.32 Low 07.28 High 14.02 Low 19.51	15 th High 02.18 Low 08.14 High 14.45 Low 20.36	16 th High 03.00 Low 08.57 High 15.26 Low 21.19	17 th High 03.40 Low 09.37 High 16.04 Low 21.58	18 th High 04.20 Low 10.14 High 16.42 Low 22.38	19 th High 05.02 Low 10.55 High 17.26 Low 23.22	20 th High 05.54 Low 11.44 High 18.21
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DIVERSIONS ANSWERS (see page 43)

1. Emmys 2. Divines water 3. William the Conqueror 4. What you see is what you get 5. Red, white and blue 6. Heavy goods vehicle 7. *The Mousetrap* 8. The Sparrow with a bow and arrow 9. Israel 10. Norfolk, Essex and Cambridgeshire 11. Clive Myrie 12. Stormy, while Very Dry sits on the right 13. Ramsay MacDonald in 1924 14. Ping Pong or Whiff-whaff 15. 64 16. Leather 17. Alaska and Hawaii 18. Greyfriars 19. St. Patrick 20. George Orwell 21. Ian Botham 22. 12 23. Snake 24. Simon Armitage 25. Anglesey 26. Isle of Anglesey 27. Gooseberry 28. Alex Higgins and Dennis Taylor

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across: 1. Craft 7. Bastille 8. Tudor 10. Tabernacle 12. New World 14. Open 16. Fury 17. Asteroid 20. Australian 23. Renal 24. Acapulco 25. Flier

Down: 1. Cotton 2. Foot 3. Wage 4. Stunt 5. Blackpool 6. Severn 9. Razor 11. Swordsman 13. Les 15. Cedar 16. Fracas 18. Dealer 19. Proud 21. Loch 22. Neil



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