



Village Voice

Issue 32

Winter 2011



Happy Christmas from all at Wakehurst

It has been a busy year here at Wakehurst – highlights have included creating four popular new natural play features including a huge spiral labyrinth; setting up the UK Native Seed Hub to use the Millennium Seed Bank's extensive collection of seeds and expertise to support the UK seed industry and conservation groups; beginning the dredging and restoration of Westwood Lake to prevent it silting up; and hosting our first public Seed Swap event.

We are now building up to our Christmas festivities, which include new events such as children's Christmas storytelling sessions and a themed Christmas walk, along with old favourites such as the Wakehurst Carols Evening and visits to Santa. We look forward to welcoming our friends and neighbours from Ardingly along to these events.

We will also be remembering our old friend and colleague, and well known Ardingly resident, Reg Childs, who died earlier this year. Reg made a fantastic contribution to Wakehurst during the many years that he worked here as a gardener, helping to create many features in our much loved gardens. Our thoughts are with his family, particularly at this time of year.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year

Andy Jackson
Head of Wakehurst Place

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Message from our Chairman

This last three months has seen a lot of activity in the village, particularly with regard to planning matters. As most of you will know, two sites within the village have applied for planning for around 35 houses. These are always difficult issues to deal with as we all do worry about how proposed changes will affect our village but at the same time we have to balance this with the wider needs of the community and broader housing requirements of our county. If you do have views on these sites, I urge you to write to MSDC planning department. Please go to our website www.ardingly.org for more information.

Elsewhere we are gearing up for the end of year. We have re-worked our emergency plan and are now better prepared for any snowy weather with more gritting arrangements in place.

We have many events coming up including carols at Wakehurst, lights being switched on on our oak tree, the Christmas Fayre and a Victorian play. I look forward to seeing you at one of these events and, if I do not, please have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas.

George Ruse

Parish Council Tuesday Morning Surgery

Villagers are welcome to come in and share views or concerns on all local matters with the Parish Clerk. It is held on Tuesdays from 10:00-12:00 in the Hapstead Hall Reading Room. Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, 27 December.

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Dates for your Diary

3rd Dec	Christmas Storytelling, Wakehurst Place, 11:00 and 14:00, £2
3rd Dec	Christmas Fayre, Hapstead Hall, 14:00-17:00
3rd Dec	Christmas Gift Collection, Gallery Cafe 15:30
3rd Dec	Christmas Carols and Lighting of Ardingly Oak Tree 17:00
3rd & 4th Dec	SEAS Festive Food & Drink Fayre, 09:00-16:00
6th Dec	Parish Council Meeting, Hapstead Hall, 19:30
7th Dec	Village Luncheon, Hapstead Hall, open to all
7th Dec	Christmas Walk with Wakehurst's gardeners, Wakehurst Place, 10:30, £15 per person, pre-booking required 01444 894 067
8th Dec	Mince Pies for local Senior Citizens, Ardingly College, 10:15
10th Dec	Christmas Storytelling, Wakehurst Place, 11:00 and 14:00, £2
10th Dec	Santa's Grotto, Harmony at Home, 10:00-14:00
12th Dec	Meeting Point Coffee Morning, Hapstead Hall, 10:15-11:30
16th Dec	St. Peter's Primary Carol Singers at Haywards Heath train station, 18:00
16th Dec	Carols Evening, Wakehurst Place, 19:00
17th Dec	Happy Birthday to Margaret Meldrum!
17th Dec	Christmas Storytelling, Wakehurst Place, 11:00 and 14:00, £2
17th Dec	Santa's Grotto, Harmony at Home, 10:00-14:00
24th Dec	Christingle Service, St. Peter's Church, 17:00
24th Dec	Christmas Communion Service, St. Peter's Church, 23:00
25th Dec	Christmas Day Services, St. Peter's Church, 08:00, 10:15
26th Dec	Bank Holiday
27th Dec	Bank Holiday
1st Jan	Happy Birthday to Will Meldrum!
2nd Jan	Bank Holiday, Happy New Year!
4th Jan	First day back for the School Term
10th Jan	Parish Council Meeting, Hapstead Hall, 19:30
25th Jan	Burns Night
7th Feb	Parish Council Meeting, Hapstead Hall, 19:30

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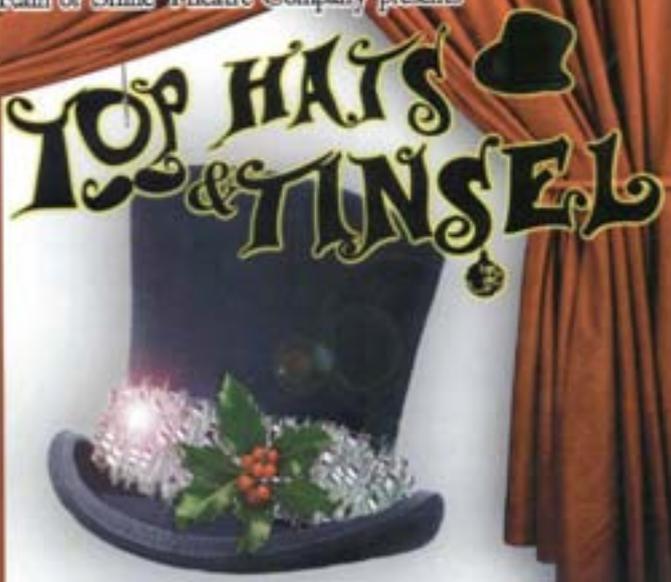
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Our charity appeal for the Sussex Air Ambulance raised £136 where in return for a donation, pupils were allowed to design their own 'Funky Footwear' for the day. Students and teachers alike rose to the challenge.

As we shift to winter we have a number of programmes supported by Ardingly College. Year 3/4 pupils are currently enjoying swimming lessons every Wednesday morning at Ardingly College and we are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch on December 15th. A big thank you for the kind invitation which is always looked forward to with great anticipation.

The nativity practices are well underway with KS1 performing "What does Christmas mean to you?" and the Reception Tableau "The Sleepy Shepherd".

We will be properly ringing in the festive season with a fantastic performance by the Ardingly hand-bell ringers, Cacophony! We have also organised a special workshop with the children on December 3rd by Stomp, a unique musical theatre of choreographed percussion, movement and physical comedy. This was made possible in part by a donation from St. Peter's Church. Needless to say, this is a lively way to conclude the term.

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Village Planning Update

Outline planning applications for Butcher's Field and for Standgrove Field have been received by Mid Sussex District Council and have been validated (i.e. MSDC have agreed the applications have all the necessary supporting documents). The Council has now entered a consultation period for both sites. Ardingly Parish Council is one of the consultees. The Parish Council circulated questionnaires to all households in the village, inviting all residents to submit their views on these sites. The Parish Council will agree on how it will go back to MSDC at its monthly meeting on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm.

If residents have views on these applications, you should write to Mid Sussex District Council.

With respect to Butcher's Field, villagers should write to Steve Ashdown at MSDC Planning Department quoting reference 11/03383/OUT by Friday 9th December.

With respect to Standgrove Field, villagers should write to Kirsten King at MSDC Planning Department quoting reference 11/03417/OUT by Friday 30th December.

An Open Letter from a Resident

We have heard much recently from those opposing green field development in the village – either opposing development of one site or another, or indeed advocating no development at all. Other than the landowners themselves, who are of course partial, no-one has publicly put forward the case for a modest expansion of the “built-up” area of Ardingly over the next twenty years.

District Councillor Garry Marsh's assertion that “if the village doesn't want development, it doesn't have to have it” falls short of reality. Under up-coming legislation [the Localism Act] for the village to be able to have the final say on development it should prepare a Neighbourhood Plan which then has to be adopted by the planning authority [MSDC]. Neighbourhood Plans which merely say “no development” may not meet the requirements for adoption if they do not conform to the principles and policies of the District Plan.

Moreover the draft District Plan looks for a contribution of 2,300 / 2,800 houses from Neighbourhood Plans towards its target of 10,600. It specifically states that should Neighbourhood Plans fall short of that number, then compulsory “allocation” may be necessary. Meanwhile we hear through the press that the Planning Inspectors are already considering appeals from developers in the light of the new planning legislation which advances the presumption that development should be allowed where planning authorities cannot demonstrate an adequate supply of allocated land. By adopting a negative attitude the village would run the risk of a development [or developments] being agreed despite its objections, possibly in numbers greater than the figures now being considered.

There are positive arguments too for accepting some development. 40% of any development would be affordable housing for rent and shared ownership to help meet local needs. The mix of

housing could also address the reduced number of smaller houses in the village caused by increased numbers of extensions to existing houses. By engaging with developers the village not only can ensure that a development properly addresses local needs, but also can maximise the contribution towards enhancing local facilities.

What is being considered is not the beginning of the urbanisation of Ardingly, but a modest – 5-6% - increase in housing stock over the next twenty years. Now, as to where that development should be – well that's another matter!

Contributed by David Hadden

Neighbourhood Plan Underway

The Ardingly Neighbourhood Plan is an opportunity for residents to influence how the village develops over the next twenty years, and is proposed as part of the government's Localism Bill.

The Parish Council has committed to start work on the Plan, which will identify policies at a more local level than those strategic policies contained in the Mid Sussex District Plan.

Chairman George Ruse commented: “This is an exciting opportunity for Ardingly, giving people a say in the future of the village has never been done before, and is certain to contribute to the process.”

Consultations on the priorities and issues to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan will be undertaken in the New Year. The District Council will provide advice and support during the preparation of the Plan.

A Full Afternoon of Village Christmas Cheer

This year for the first time the Ardingly Christmas Fayre will be held on the same day as the carol singing and lighting of the Oak tree, Saturday 3rd December.

This will mean that villagers and families alike will be able to enjoy an afternoon from 14:00 of Christmas stalls and Santa's Grotto followed by a shared mince pie, mulled wine and a carol or two from 17:00.

We hope to see everyone there!



Have your say on the District Plan

Mid Sussex District Council, in partnership with the Town and Parish Councils, has been working on a Mid Sussex District Plan. The role of the Plan is to say broadly what, where, when and how development will take place in Mid Sussex over the next 20 years.

The draft District Plan aims to encourage the local economy and helps to promote the health and vitality of Mid Sussex towns and village centres. It seeks to ensure the Council has planning policies in place that will protect the distinctive characters of its towns and villages as well as the beautiful countryside across the District. It proposes a significant reduction in the level of new housing to be built in Mid Sussex over the next 20 years, as compared to the figures in the South East Plan.

The consultation is open to all who are interested and will run until 13th January 2012. The draft District Plan and information about the consultation are available to view at the Town/ Parish Council office, at all the district libraries and help-points or on-line at www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan. Comments can be submitted on-line at the same address or can be sent to Planning Policy and Economic Development, Mid Sussex District Council at Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS. All comments received will be public information.

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Dry Weather Sparks Early Water Warning

Autumn leaves have been falling but not the much needed rain to re-fill the region's water resources.

As a result, South East Water is planning ahead to manage its water resources both this Winter and, crucially, ahead of next Spring and Summer, when customer demand for water will rise.

At this stage it cannot rule out drought permits, which would allow it to take more water from local rivers to fill its reservoirs, or possible water restrictions next Spring.

The last 12 months (October 2010 to October 2011) have been the driest since 1976 in the South East region, while the onset of Autumn was replaced by a late 'Indian Summer'. October was one of the warmest months on record, according to the Met Office.

Likewise, the amount of rainfall in September was just 60% of the long term average, but was even less in October - just 30% of the long term average fell across the South East region.

Customer demand for water has increased too – the Company saw demand for water peak at 211 million litres per day in October, some 44 million litres more than the same month last year.

As a result, South East Water's two reservoirs in Sussex – Ardingly and Arlington - are now reaching very low levels, with both just over a third full. Ardingly Reservoir is currently 34% full, while Arlington Reservoir is 33% full.

Water levels in the Company's groundwater sources – particularly along the Seaford coast where water is drawn from chalk aquifers, and in West Kent and East Sussex, where water is drawn from sandstone aquifers - are also below average for the time of year.

Lee Dance, Head of Water Resources at South East Water, said: "The unseasonably warm, dry weather we're continuing to experience has delayed the start of the traditional period when rainfall refills both our reservoirs and underground sources, giving them a much needed boost before next Spring and Summer.

"Our underground sources in particular are crucial as they provide 75% of all our water supplies, and rely on that rainfall to fill them up.

"We are continuing to carefully monitor the situation and are fine tuning our water supply network to move water around the Sussex area.

"These changes have helped, as have the very small amounts of rain we have had recently. But it is prudent to plan ahead and make sure we do everything we can to secure supplies for our customers next year, so that does mean having to plan for possible drought permits and water restrictions."

While South East Water will be working hard to protect its water resources this Winter, it's asking customers to do their bit too, by making sure any water they use is not wasted, and reporting any leaks on the company's dedicated leakline 0333 000 3330, so they can be fixed as soon as possible.



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The survey asks when people use the routes above and where they travel to. It also asks what impact it would have if the route were no longer available. You can help by completing the survey online at www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses. The closing date for feedback is January 17th 2012.

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Ardingly Youth Club is Back in Action

After much hard work from parish councillors, funding has been gained for our Ardingly youth club. It is being led by Streetmate which provides mobile youth services under the umbrella of the charity Action for Children. The youth leaders, Pete and Jess are regularly coming up with new and fun things to do and of course there is always pool, table tennis and a tuck shop.

Links with other youth clubs are looking to be strengthened with the hope that together we can join in for activities such as street dancing, sporting activities, graffiti art, etc...in the new year.

The highlight of this season is that the youth club will be attending the winter disco at the Albermarle Youth Centre in Haywards Heath on December 9th.

All are very welcome every Thursday evening during term time from 18:00-20:00 at the Ardingly Cricket Pavilion.



Invitation to a Boxing Day Meal

If you are going to be alone on Boxing Day, you are cordially invited to join us at St. Peter's Church Centre to share a meal. Coffee will be at 11:30 followed by lunch; we will leave by 15:00.

Transport can be arranged if necessary. Please ring Angela Box (892 318) or Jill Clark (892 755) if you would like to join us or have any queries. For catering purposes it would be helpful to have numbers by 16th Dec.

Christmas Tree Recycling

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Bin hangers with details of collections over the festive period are being distributed in the run up to Christmas.

For those with a usual Wednesday collection, the changes for the holidays are:

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