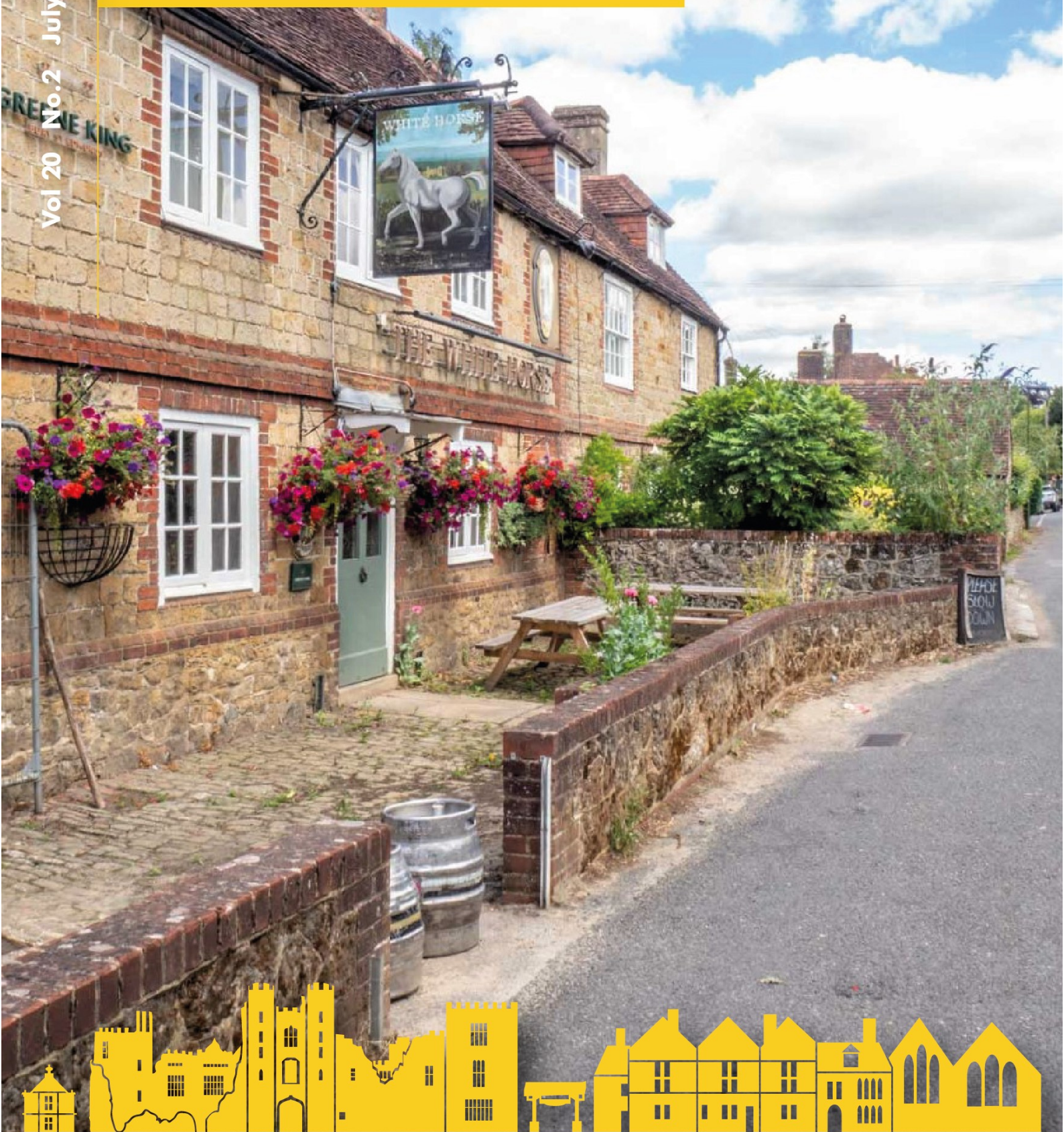


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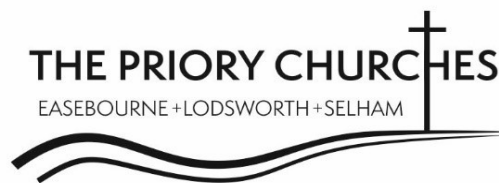
The deadline for the September issue is Monday 16 August 2021. The editors always welcome contributions from our readers. Do you have an interesting anecdote, a snippet of local history, or a family event to announce?

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Letter from the Vicar

Dear Friends

I just simply want to use my letter this month to recognise the incredible achievements of all those working across our communities to deliver our vaccine rollout. It is incredibly humbling to witness our local doctors and nurses, supported by many volunteers going well beyond their usual working practises to make sure we are all vaccinated. Right from the beginning, when we all still felt vulnerable from the January lock down, our doctors each day picked up the phone and invited the elderly and vulnerable to come in and get jabbed. I'm not sure people could quite believe that their own doctor would phone them personally – but that is what happened. This brought huge relief to so many and started a process of vaccination that has played its part in defeating this awful pandemic. I



often ask myself; how can we truly thank our doctors and medical staff? In some way, I hope this letter starts a process where we all take a moment to give thanks for them. So many times, we can be frustrated by the NHS, because of funding shortages or long waiting lists. These are often issues of government rather than NHS – but at the point of delivery we feel it and often vent our frustration locally. But this moment proves what a dedicated and hard-working local NHS we have. So today I give thanks for them and pray that God will continue to bless them in their work.

We are truly grateful and ask that you accept our thanks for your achievements – you are simply the best.

Rev Derek Welsman



Maintaining a safe environment in St Mary's

In discussion with Derek, we would like to enable you to begin to seat yourselves within the up to date government guidelines. Many of you are now familiar with the seating process. We are going to trust you to be considerate of others - sanitize your hands, wear a mask and sit where you want, being mindful of any required social distancing .

Roger and Alison

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Date	Reading	Gospel	Reader
4 July 5th after Trinity	Exekial 2: 1—5	Mark 6: 1—13	John Backshall
11 July 6th after Trinity	Ephesians 1: 3—14	Mark 6: 14—29	Ann Harfield
18 July 7th after Trinity	Jeremiah 23: 1—6	Mark 6: 30—34 & 53—end	Peter Greaves
25 July 8th after Trinity	Ephesians 3: 14—end	John 6: 1—21	Mike Wharton
1 August 9th after Trinity	Ephesians 4: 1—16	John 6: 24—35	Hilary Craig
8 August 10th after Trinity	Ephesians 4: 25—5:2	John 6: 35 & 41—51	Irena Greaves
15 August St Mary	Isaiah 6: 10—end	Luke 1: 46—55	Ian Heustice
22 August 12th after Trinity	Ephesians 6: 10—20	John 6: 56—69	Wendy Trafford
29 August 13th after Trinity	James 1: 17—end	Mark 7: 1—8	David Christie

CHURCH DIARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST

Please note that these dates might be subject to change, depending on COVID-19 guidelines. Please refer to www.thepriorychurches.co.uk/

JULY

Sunday 4

5th Sunday after Trinity

8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's	Family Service
6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong

Wednesday 7

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
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Sunday 11

6th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

Wednesday 14

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
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Sunday 18

7th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion

Wednesday 21

10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
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Sunday 25	James the Apostle		
	8.30am	St James	Patronal Service
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Wednesday 28	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
AUGUST			
Sunday 1	9th Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong
Wednesday 4	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 8	10 Sunday after Trinity		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Wednesday 11	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Saturday 14	2.00pm	St Mary's	Summer Fete
Sunday 15	The Blessed Virgin Mary		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Patronal Festival
Wednesday 18	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 22	12 Sunday after Trinity		
	9.00am	St Peter's	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Wednesday 25	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 29	13 Sunday after Trinity		
	10.30am	St Mary's	United Service
SEPTEMBER			
Wednesday 1	10.00am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
Sunday 5	14 Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30am	St James	Holy Communion
	10.30am	St Mary's	Holy Communion
	6.00pm	St Peter's	Evensong

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Poet's Corner

The Intruder by Sue Absolom

It's not easy being a Squirrel
I'm always seen as a pest
I, too, have a family to feed
And I'm doing my very best.



The lady sometimes comes out
And will throw dirt at me
That doesn't worry me either
I scamper back into the tree.
(Only to return!)

I scramble over wire fences
Dart up and down the tree
I'm desperate to get to the feeder
But nobody seems to like me.

I did have a mishap the other day
When I swung to get a grasp
Me and the bird feeder ended up
In a heap upon the grass!

The birds all get there first
But soon they disappear
Then I have it all to myself
As I know they won't come near.

It did make it easy though
As the seeds fell onto the ground
I had a really good feed that day
My little belly was really quite round.

Why shouldn't I help myself
The feeder is on the branch
I have to find food where and when
So I have to take my chance.

I shall have to be careful in future
I've heard talk of a water gun
To try and deter me from feeding
That won't happen, but it might be fun!

It's now an Anti Squirrel feeder
But that deters me not
I'm so good at acrobatics
It doesn't worry me one jot.

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S 200 CLUB

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No 58

Myrna Heustice

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No 80

Bob Lewis

2nd Prize - £75

No 216

Brian Scholey

3rd Prize—£50

No 220

Gladys Hardwick

3rd Prize—£50

No 131

Veronica Jull

3rd Prize—£50

No 16

Liz Bounton



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Please note, winners will receive monies by bank transfer.

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The Walled Garden

The Walled Garden is a popular events venue located next to the historic Cowdray Ruins. Available for weddings, celebrations and private parties, this stunning venue has two large rooms and a wonderful walled garden with manicured borders filled with flowers.

Once known as The Walled Privy Garden, the Grade II listed building is a hidden gem that dates back to 1550. In 1770 it is believed that the British landscape architect, Capability Brown, was employed on the Estate and was involved in the design and planning of The Walled Garden.

In 2004, Jan Howard took over a 15-year lease of The Walled Garden and transformed the gardens into what we have today. Prior to that it was put to a variety of uses including polo pony grazing and allotments for the adjoining cottages, but through Jan's hard work and dedication she created a spectacular garden open to the public. The venue was also used for weddings and there was a café.

In 2019 The Walled Garden came back under Cowdray's management and is now a thriving events venue which is also accessible to the public who book Afternoon Tea at Cowdray.

The country garden is flourishing with a traditional planting scheme of cultivated

areas which include a scented herb garden, a variety of rose and lavender borders, an orchard, herbaceous borders and a central rectangular formal lawn surrounded by an ornamental pond. The gardens are tended by Tony Young, Cowdray's Head Gardener, and his team..

Thankfully Cowdray's Walled Garden has remained in good hands over the years, but many were not so fortunate. The crippling effects of the Second World War prompted the demolition of many walled gardens. Workers were in short supply and some smaller families found themselves indebted with death duties, forcing the selling of their land. The realisation that these gardens were no longer financially viable was compounded by the increasing mechanisation of the British food market post war, bringing variety and cheap food to the masses.

Nowadays it is a different story and according to the National Trust, we are in a period of resurgence in the restoration and running of walled gardens throughout the UK.

This trend is reflected in the fact that The Walled Garden is proving to be one of West Sussex's most popular wedding venues. Despite being a challenging time for couples planning their special day, since May weekends have been busy with smaller weddings. Larger events have been planned for this summer, which will take

place in line with Government regulations. The venue is licensed for ceremonies both inside and outside – couples can choose to say their vows in the intimate setting of the historic Courtyard Room which overlooks Cowdray Ruins, or civil ceremonies can take place in the garden.

As well as being available to hire, it is also possible to visit the venue by booking an

Afternoon Tea at Cowdray. This is a chance to enjoy a delicious tea made by Cowdray's pastry chefs while enjoying the gardens. Afternoon Tea at Cowdray is available throughout the summer months on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from mid-day until 3.30pm and can be booked online.

www.cowdray.co.uk/afternoon-tea/



There will be Zoom talks for Midhurst U3A in July and August. On 20 July at 2.30pm there is a talk entitled 'Special Operations Executive: Churchill's Secret Army'. The talk will be given by Gillian Halcrow subject to honour the brave men and women who served their country in WWII. Gillian covers the operational training and preparation of agents as well as amazing missions, some successful and others betrayed.

On 7th August at 2.30, Andrew Baker will give an illustrated talk about 'Tsar Vladimir I'. How can an understanding of Russian history and culture enable us better to understand Russia and Putin today? Andrew is an author, historian, retired headmaster, and experienced and acclaimed cruise lecturer.

For the links please contact midhurstzoom@gmail.com

Covid-19 Vaccinations for Midhurst Area

Riverbank Medical Centre



The vaccination rollout continues at pace here at the Riverbank Medical Centre. To date we have provided over 20,000 vaccines and we are pleased to report we have some of the highest vaccination rates in the whole of Sussex. The Delta variant provides a new threat, and the current evidence suggests having the second Covid 19 vaccine is vital to reduce the risk of illness and hospital admission. Once again, we are all extremely grateful for those who have volunteered in making this huge endeavour possible.

Dr Paul Fludder www.riverbankmedical.co.uk/covid-19-vaccination

Midhurst Memorial Hall Vaccination Hub

As you know, the first pharmacy-led vaccination site in the whole of Sussex was started by Midhurst Pharmacy in January 2021. Our site has helped the wider community, as we have received bookings sent to us by the National Booking System. It has attracted population from far and wide to visit Midhurst, and this has encouraged much-needed footfall for local businesses, generating income to many of our furloughed population. It is heartwarming to witness the generosity of time from many volunteers.



I would like to highlight that pharmacies have stayed open with NO restrictions at all on every single operating day from January 2020 to now. Our staff at Midhurst Pharmacy, Boots and MH Pharmacy have gone above and beyond. Our phones have always been manned to offer advice and we have made deliveries to the shielded patients all through the pandemic (with huge help from Midhurst Angels and other volunteers from Cowdray Estate).

Mr Raj Rohilla <https://midhurstpharmacy.co.uk>

**It is with great sadness that we
heard of the death of Richard Histed.**

21 September 1933–25 May 2021

**Because of Covid restrictions the funeral was
private. It took place at St Mary's on 11 June.**



WELLBEING AT COWDRAY HALL

Cowdray Hall & Therapy Rooms is a well-established centre for wellbeing. The centre focuses exclusively on inspirational workshops and events, weekly classes and one-to-one therapy sessions which promote self-development. At a time when the importance of holistic health is widely acknowledged, the centre provides a place where visitors can relax as well as focus on wellbeing.

Alongside Cowdray Hall sits three beautifully appointed Therapy Rooms for hire offering an accessible yet private space for a wide range of practitioners. From part-time therapists looking for a room with less commitment, to full-time professionals looking for a permanent home, we have pricing options which cater to all.

For further information on classes and events at Cowdray Hall and for more details on Cowdray Therapy Rooms, please visit:

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? **General Knowledge Quiz** *Compiled by Carole Sawyer*

1. The traditional symbol for which type of shop is three golden balls?
2. Which billionaire plans to head into space in July on the first crewed flight of the new Shepherd rocket ship?
3. Which animal can be seen on the Porsche logo?
4. What name is given to Indian food cooked over charcoal in a clay oven?
5. How many children did Queen Victoria have?
6. A landmark deal was struck among G7 Finance Ministers in June. What was it?
7. Which country borders 14 nations and crosses 8 time zones?
8. What are the two ingredients of a ganache sauce or filling?
9. Which two calendar months are named after Roman emperors?
10. In which city were composers Brahms and Mendelssohn born and the Beatles came of age?
11. Which artist founded the Cubist movement in collaboration with Pablo Picasso?
12. In June the Sussexes announced the birth of their daughter. Where does Lilibet, her first name, come from?
13. Which trophy is awarded to the winner of the British Open Golf Championships?
14. What type of food is Dorset Blue Vinney?
15. Which famous French leader is commonly attributed to the quote 'England is a nation of shopkeepers'?
16. China has recently announced a major policy change to combat what?
17. What is the largest island in the Mediterranean Sea?
18. Which politician was the Mayor of London before Boris Johnson?
19. Why did Japanese tennis star Naomi Osaka quite the French Open this year?
20. Who plays Cruella de Vil in the 2021 live-action film about the 101 Dalmations villain?

Answers on page 30



Picnic in the Park 2021

We are very much hoping to be able to host a Picnic in the Park this year if Government guidelines allow. If all goes to plan, the event will take place in Easebourne Park on the afternoon of **Bank Holiday Monday 30th August**. We are hoping for live music in The Roundhouse, fun for the kids, a mobile bar, ice-cream and more. Please keep an eye out on the Parish Council noticeboards, on the council website and the village Facebook page for more details as we get closer to the event and Covid-19 guidance is updated.

The Green Volunteers

The gang of Midhurst Green Volunteers are still scheduling clean ups and cut backs in Easebourne but the sessions have been lacking actual Easebourne volunteers lately. We're incredibly lucky that our Midhurst neighbours continue to tirelessly to keep our village tidy, but we really do need to step up and help them if this is going to be sustainable in the long term. Without them the untidy paths, overgrown verges and wild vegetation will not be tackled, as WSCC no longer have capacity to deliver these services.

It's a really positive way to get involved in your community, make where you live more attractive and even get some exercise! The group are always active on a Saturday and Tuesday morning, usually from around 8.30 to 10.30am. The locations of sessions are available on their website or by calling Graham on 01730 810340.

New Parish Projects

As restrictions continue to ease, the Parish Council have several exciting projects to implement which we hope will make our village more attractive. Projects include installing planters in key locations and also sympathetically updating some of our directional street signs to make them appear more rural.

We have already won funding for these projects but to make these things happen we need more pairs of hands! If you'd like to get involved, give something back to your community and become a Councillor, please get in touch with Sharon, our Parish Clerk - contact details are below.

Mike Noble
Chairman, Easebourne Parish Council

Easebourne Park

Local chainsaw sculptor Nathan Blatherwick has finished the task of sculpturing the tree stumps in the north-east corner of this award-winning, and incredibly popular, community play park. The subjects of the sculptures are primarily the animal names of the classes at the neighbouring primary school, and comprise Otters, Foxes, Squirrels, Badgers, Hedgehogs, Ladybirds, Rabbits, Bees, Dragonflies and Caterpillars.

Children from Foxes and Hedgehog classes are pictured with the chainsaw artist in front of one of his other creations, a fantasy house.

Nathan is a Midhurst resident, who attended Easebourne Primary School when

it was a Middle School, and recalls playing in the park many years ago when it was the middle school sports field. He described the task as “a real labour of love”. The Parish Council are very grateful to the South Downs National Park Authority for granting the funds which made this fabulous enhancement to Easebourne Park possible.

Ian Milne



**Parish Clerk: Sharon Hurr, parishclerk@easebourne.org
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Birch Trees Nursing Home



Here at Birch Trees, we have had a busy month and have spent some time planting and growing vegetables in the garden. We have planted courgettes and potatoes so far and have a few carrot plants. The plan is to use whatever we produce in our kitchen here to have as part of a meal. We have also grown a few small tomato plants so hopefully we will have a very productive year vegetable wise. As the weather has been nice recently it has also been lovely just being able to spend time in the sun!

All the visits for the year with Derek, the Easebourne Vicar, are now booked and we will be offering a monthly service in our lounge with communion and hymns. There will also be room visits for those who wish to but are unable to attend. Going forward, once the restrictions are lifted, resident's families will be more than welcome to join us. We are all looking forward to that!

Sarah Darnell, Care Practitioner
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Jenny Rhodes 1939—2021

contributed by her daughter Katherine Lucas

Jenny was born in South Africa and grew up on a trading station in the Transkei. The nearest school was miles away and the roads were poor, so Jenny was home-schooled by her mother in her primary years. She had dogs, a cat, a pony and books for company until she went to boarding school in Grahamstown.



friend Mrs Singh. But after independence in 1969 they all moved to England. Peter was recruited to work for ICI Plant Protection and they bought their present house in Easebourne in July 1970.

Jenny soon became involved in village life, working for a time at the

primary school, making legendary jams for the Church fete and singing in the choir. She was a member of the Deanery Synod, a church warden at St Mary's and a member of the Midhurst Mothers Union. Jenny and Peter loved to travel, especially to Greece and trips to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji.

A very sad time for Jenny and Peter was the death by cancer of their son Andrew in 2008. They now have 12 grandchildren, six in Australia and six in England. Jenny was also able to meet Elizabeth's grandson - her first great grandchild.

Jenny had a fall at home back in January, but she continued to suffer back pain. She went back into hospital where she was diagnosed with a lymphoma on her lower spine in March. She was not able to recover from the cancer and died

Jenny and her parents visited England in the summer of 1953. The highlight of the visit was watching the Queen's Coronation procession from stands in Oxford Street. When she was 18 Jenny deferred her plan to study nursing and went to Fiji to join her Uncle Rory who was the deputy police commissioner in the Fiji capital Suva. Then on New Years Day in 1958, Jenny met Peter Rhodes at a beach party. They married a year later in Fiji.

Jenny and Peter's four children were born on Fiji - Elizabeth, Michael, Andrew and Katherine. They lived in a furnished bungalow at a Research Station very near to where Peter worked. They had plenty of neighbours with children and a great social life. Jenny sewed many of the children's clothes and she learned to cook delicious curries and rotis from her

peacefully at home on the 1st of May. Peter is missing Jenny terribly after 62 years of marriage. He continues to look after Lewis their dog and potter in his greenhouse.

The family are saddened that the funeral was limited due to the current restrictions as we are aware there are many friends who would have liked to attend. We console ourselves that we were able to have the order of service that Jenny had written down some years ago. Here are a few memories from Jenny's younger relatives:

Granny was a strictish but warm-hearted Grandma who didn't take any nonsense, and we all knew it! We did get away with far more than our parents did, but we always knew we should be on our best behaviour when visiting Midhurst.

I have a nice memory of when I stayed at granny and grandpa's and she taught me how to make her jam. She was patient and explained everything we were doing in detail. It reminds me of how she always cared for all us grandkids. She was always interested in our lives.

Whenever we grandkids were washing dishes, Granny would always hover, drink in hand, and regale us with stories of her travels and friends.

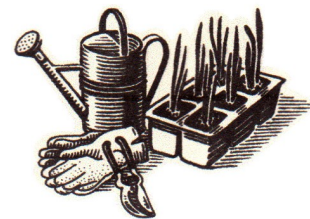
The most relaxed and comfortable I have ever felt, was sitting in her kitchen, chatting with her, whilst she effortlessly whipped up dinner for twenty people.

Granny was trying to talk and no one was listening, so I yelled at everyone to be quiet, everyone shut up, and I have never seen Granny look so proud of me.

Jenny always said: "Having a spotlessly clean house does not make you a fun or interesting person". She knew what was really important in life: memorable family catch ups, a delicious home-cooked meal to share together, having some laughs. Even from a very young age, when we had our chats, I always knew that I had her undivided attention. She was a great listener.



Snippets from a Gardener's Diary by John Humphris



Pruning and cutting back

Given the amount of heavy rain we have had and then suddenly it seems a transfer to instant summer, the new growth has been quite extraordinary with plants of all kinds enjoying these ideal conditions. There has been a downside with many plants unable to cope with this influx of new growth and I have noticed a lot of die-back on many plants.

Now is a good time to take stock and have a hard look at how everything in the garden is looking. A good example is the winter honeysuckle. I have always considered this a small shrub but this year the new growth has been prolific. I have now pruned the new growth back to two buds and thinned out a number of shoots to avoid the overcrowding so common with many plants.

Plants that have been in the garden for a long time become starved of nutrition and will not regularly make new roots to compensate for the massive surge in new growth so eventually regular feeding and mulching will be needed. How often, I wonder, do many gardeners consider taking out old plants, improving the soil, and replanting. These are big jobs that often need outside help and for many a last resort when funding is tight.

The alternative is a major pruning which, although you will lose the next year's flowering, rejuvenates old plants in an amazing way. Mahonias fall into this category. We have a Mahonia Winter Sun, now nearly 20 years old, which I pruned in early spring down to a small woody framework. This now has a

covering of new healthy shoots. Although unlikely to flower next year, it should then flower regularly for the next several years. The Mock Orange or Philadelphus also reacts well to this treatment, especially the very large varieties. The best way to treat these is to thin out the oldest and thickest shoots, leaving a slender framework which can be reduced by half, and these will often produce a good flowering in the next year.

Of course these kinds of problems rarely seem important when buying new plants. We are all guilty of being impulse buyers without thinking about how well a plant will fit into the garden and how quickly it will outgrow its space. It is much easier with herbaceous plants and annuals. Many of these border plants can also become old and tired but it is easier to lift and split them, just retaining the best and strongest shoots for replanting. The results are often much quicker to see as by the next year you will often have a good display.

Plants of the Month

I would like to mention three herbaceous plants, long lived, rarely need dividing, flower without fail and the backbone of any border.

Firstly the **Day Lilies** (*Hemerocallis*). With many of the garden hybrids being outstanding plants. Varieties such as Alan and Stafford deep glowing red. Marian Vaughn—lemon yellow, and Golden Chimes are deep yellow but with smaller flowers.



There are many hardy **Geraniums** but I will mention one or two favourites. *G psilostemon*, with intense magenta flowers, *G Russell Pritchard* (crimson) - one of the longest flowering geraniums, and *G sanguineum*, *Lancastriense*, found growing wild on the isle of Walney in Lancashire. **Phlox** for later in the season are very useful but *P maculata* is one of the best. Alpha and Omega are two of the best varieties, but all are very reliable.

John Humphris

Chairman, Easebourne Garden & Allotment Society

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Saturday 7 August Produce & Flower Show in Cowdray Hall

The Produce Show was not able to take place last year, but, all being well, it will happen this year on Saturday 7th August in Cowdray Hall. Many of us have had more time for gardening this year so please do try to enter as many classes as you are able to, even if you think your entry might not win a prize. The schedule of classes for 2021 is in your 2020 EGAS Handbook. If you have lost your copy please contact the secretary. If you are not a member, you are welcome to join in order to take part. For more information contact the secretary on 01730 816542 or egas@tinagavin.com

Plant Sale on 29 May and future events

Many thanks to those of you who came to buy plants at our big sale, and especially to people who donated plants. It was a great success and we are looking forward to next year, which will be our 11th Plant Sale.

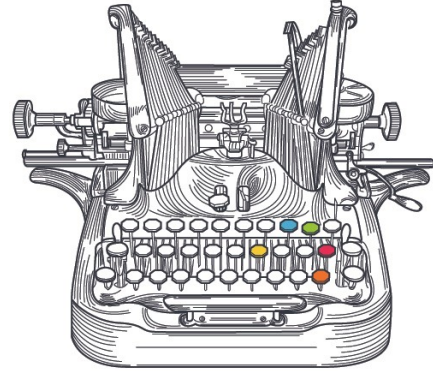
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Glow-worm

by Michael Blencowe,
Learning and Engagement Officer, Sussex Wildlife Trust



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It's not what you look like but what's inside that counts. The Glow-worm knows this. First off we need to get one thing straight – she's not a worm. Glow-worms are beetles, except she doesn't look much like a beetle - more like a squashed woodlouse.

She may not look like much but she knows that she has a certain something that is more alluring than all the brightly coloured feathers, petals, fur and scales that others use in their desperate cries for attention.

When the colours of the day start to fade she undertakes a dignified climb to the top of a blade of grass. She positions herself carefully, turns on her love-light and shines.

When scientists explain this phenomenon they use words like 'bioluminescence' and discuss the 'oxidation of luciferin' – but these boffins and their fancy talk ain't fooling me. I know magic when I see it and to look upon Glow-worms shining on a warm summer's evening is just that – magical.

Of course the Glow-worm is not glowing for our benefit – there's a special someone she's trying to attract. I've been referring to the Glow-worm as 'she' because the female is the one who does the glowing. The male looks like a different species altogether and is Glow-worm by

association. Much smaller and beetle-like in appearance, he has bulging eyes which are protected under a see-through rim on his tough beetle-body – imagine a tiny Marty Feldman in a suit of armour and a sun visor and you're not too far off.

On warm evenings he flies over the grass looking down for a female's glow. When her signal registers on his radar he dives, crashing to the ground near her. He then looks up through his visor to locate the female hanging over him, before scuttling

the short distance to his new partner.

This amazing little animal has inspired poets through the centuries. William Blake's Glow-worm lit the path for the 'Troubled wilderd and forlorn' while in the poem 'Among All Lovely Things My Love Had Been' William Wordsworth woos his sweetheart with a Glow-worm. But surely the most epic verse ever



written about a Glow-worm is this anonymous poem: "I wish I were a glow-worm, a glow-worm's never glum, 'cos how can you be grumpy, when the sun shines out your bum."

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In Praise of Teenagers

Fiona Lunskey, Director for Standards for Year 11

Now we have completed our last full day in college with the current Year 11 students, our students certainly deserve recognition. This year has been my first as Director for Standards for Year 11 and it has been a very challenging twelve months for all! I work with the students, their parents, form tutors and teachers to keep things organised regarding assessments, improve revision skills and time management, foster ambition, give direction and information about next steps post GCSE, and support students should this vital school year become overwhelming or stressful.



Throughout so many ups and downs, dramatic changes to the expected path to the summer exams, the cancelling of these exams and their replacement with teacher assessed tests and grades, our students have “kept calm and carried on”. Engagement with remote learning online was good last summer and even better this spring. As a college, we kept in touch very well with our families and ensured

everyone had access to online learning via Microsoft Teams. Teachers and students grew more and more inventive with their use of different tools for online learning, to make the best of home schooling. It was a great relief however, to return to face-to-face lessons on 8 March this year.

We are proud of the way our Year 11 students stepped up to the challenges of working from home then adapting back to school life swiftly. It is wonderful that we can go ahead with our usual Year 11 prom evening at the Old Thorns Hotel in Liphook next month too. For the final week at school, teachers have provided some fun activities to create some happy memories. On the last day of the half-term, the students could enjoy an assembly showing so many photos of their journey so far at MRC, followed by a BBQ buffet, treats from a visiting ice cream van, novelty races, face painting and a turn in a specially hired photo booth, complete with props to use a complimentary photo strip to keep as a souvenir.

Of course, we look forward to welcoming many of our students into our sixth form this September, so it’s not really goodbye, just au revoir. Throughout June, the students will have remote learning provided again, to prepare them for their Key Stage 5 courses. But they will also enjoy a well-deserved rest too, we are sure!

Membership of The Friends of Midhurst Common has never been simpler – go to our website and complete the form. The annual fee this year is ZERO. Become more informed and involved to promote our Common as an ecological and biological resource and learn more about its history.

Murray has reported seeing or hearing a few bird species of interest: Bullfinches singing, Marsh Tits, Treecreepers, Green Woodpeckers, and Nuthatches. Also some plants: up to 700 Smooth Catsear flowers across the patch of rabbit-grazed lawn near the pond area. We plan to protect this area from invasion of other plant species which would ultimately take over totally. A colony of Wintergreen has been seen in the sandpit area just starting to flower.



Friends Of Midhurst Common

Our Heathland maintenance work continues on the second Wednesday and fourth Friday of each month – COVID regulations have been allowing groups of six people to work in the open air.

Why not take a look at the Bog Allotment off Bepton Road especially if you are interested in species that enjoy that particular environment.

Finally keep yourself informed about what you can see by visiting the new welcome board as you enter the Common past Carron Lane cemetery – see below.

Andrew Mitchell – Chairman

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Listed Buildings in Easebourne— White Horse Inn and Page's Stores

Contributed by Phil Stringer and Chris Deadman. Photo 1939 courtesy of Gravel Roots
Listed 26.11.87, Grade II

One building now Inn and Shop. C18. Stone with red brick dressings and quoins. Brick stringcourse. Tiled roof. Casement windows. Doorway with flat hood on brackets. Large shop premises built out in front of ground floor of north east end. Two storeys. Five windows and one blocked window space.

The Midhurst Society has provided this useful link to all the listed buildings in Easebourne: www.midhurstsociety.org.uk/history/listed-buildings-easebourne/58/



White Horse Inn

The innkeepers at the White Horse Inn in the 1880's were George and Mary Saunders. As a teenager, George had lived in Chichester and was a bargeman at the age of 16. George and Mary married in Bosham in 1873. When George died in 1897, Mary became the Publican and Head of the Household (as evidenced by the 1901 census).

In 1902 Mary married George Harrison and both continued to live and work at the pub until at least 1915. Although the Inn was a 10 roomed dwelling, the only occupants on the night of the 1911 census, were the publicans, Henry Welsh a servant (age 17) and a visitor, Alfred Weller (age 15) whose occupation was noted as a Stableman.

Page's Stores

In August 1894, Miss Annie Crump who was the Mistress at the Elementary School, married William Page in Easebourne. They lived in an 8 roomed dwelling, so it is unlikely they were living in a building that has since become listed. However, William Page's occupation was a grocer. His father, Jesse Page was noted as being a grocer and general dealer in the Easebourne commercial section of the Post Office directory from 1878 until Kelly's directory of 1899. Jesse Page was buried in Easebourne on 28 December 1900. The 1905 and 1911 Directories list William Page as the grocer. His son, Harry, was a grocer's apprentice at age 15. Was this the family that gave the store its name?

Chris Deadman



Alec Penny told us more. He grew up at Soutar's farm where his dad was the cowman, and has lived next to the Post Office since the 1960's. He remembers Page's Shop, although when he was a youngster his mother bought groceries from Pearce's shop further up the Street. He said that Page's was a grocer's shop which also sold haberdashery and paraffin. The Page family lived at York House and that they built the two houses

behind the pub for his shop staff. Bertie Jereat (sp?) who used to run the Post Office eventually bought Page's shop. It changed hands again and the business closed we think sometime in the late 60's or early 70's and the shop extension was demolished.

If you can fill us in on more details please contact the editors.

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Easebourne Primary School



In the last issue, we mentioned the school's Eco-Council and the work they have been doing within the school this year. This month, I thought you might like to hear a little about some other children who take on responsibilities around the school.

One group, our Rights Respecting Schools Ambassadors, is new this year. They have recently produced an anti-bullying leaflet to support children across the school. They have also run a competition (with small chocolate prizes!) in which children had to find staff guardians to uncover the 42 articles from the UNCRC (United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children).



The next group will introduce themselves:

This year, six chicken helpers have been working tirelessly to earn the trust of our most sensitive chicken — Midnight. Unfortunately, for part of the year we have been forced to keep them locked up because of a terrible bird flu. Luckily, they have now resumed their free life outdoors

and they are running in and out of the hedge —driving us crazy! Just a reminder, we are still selling half a dozen eggs in the office for a reasonable price — just £2! We are really enjoying our last half-term with the chickens!

Freya, Harriet, Nate, Joss and Teagan
(Hen Helpers from Otters Class)

This term, it has been lovely to welcome our first returning volunteers back to school, supporting children with their reading and showing interest in their wellbeing. Governors have also started to come back into school, for face-to-face, but distanced, meetings in school. Derek, our vicar, is also a governor and he has been particularly busy, taking weekly assemblies, attending governor meetings and working with classes at St Mary's Church or at school to support children's understanding of RE.

On Wednesday we went to the church to see Derek and we travelled by minibus. Firstly, we talked about the Holy Trinity, then we talked about the Father, then the Son, then the Holy Spirit. Also, Derek rang a small bell which was next to a huge bell. We loved it so, so much and we enjoyed the visit.

Matilda and Rebekah (Rabbits Class)

Some of the T-shirt designs



Earlier this year, Midhurst Arts Society made an extremely generous donation to the school. Part of these funds went towards the purchase of a heat transfer printer and enough white t-shirts to provide one for each child in the school. We asked the children to create their own t-shirt designs that would celebrate the end of lockdown, with a competition to declare a winner from each phase: YR/KS1, LKS2 & UKS2. The committee members of the Arts Society had the very difficult job of judging the entries. The winning entries will be printed onto a t-shirt for every child so that we can hopefully celebrate being properly together again soon. (See p. 32)

Recently, some of our Year 1 and Year 5 children went down to Easebourne Park to meet the local chainsaw sculptor, Nathan

Blatherwick, and enjoy his new carvings in the park. Many of these have been carved to represent the forest animals that our classes are named after. We are very fortunate to have such a proactive and inspirational parish council – thank you, Easebourne Parish Council! [See the article on p. 12.]

Finally, we received some exciting news about a national poetry recitation competition called Poetry By Heart. Our school winner, Nellie Brierley, who was the County Winner last year, found out that she is a National Finalist and has been invited up to the Globe Theatre in July to compete in the final. We wish her every success.

Best wishes



To all Midhurst Society members

Membership is moving towards 150 in total this year and we have over 1400 people who follow our daily posts on Facebook. To help expand our activities and to grow our membership we need offers of help in the following areas:

- Treasury
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- Magazine circulation
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- New campaigns
- Planning and environmental

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News from
The Midhurst Society

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MIDHURST FOODBANK

Some exciting news... A Community Hero Award has been bestowed upon The Midhurst Foodbank Team. We received a letter from our MP Gillian Keegan, informing us that this was for 'going above and beyond in supporting the community'. This is a wonderful recognition for the time given by all the volunteers to feed those struggling to feed themselves within our community.

We continue to operate our phone and delivery service, although we do hope to open up again, as before, in the Autumn, providing that we can do so safely. We plan to be at St Ann's Hall as in pre-pandemic times, but on a Thursday morning from 9.00 until 12.00.

We shall shortly be delivering our School

Lunch packs. This is to feed children whose families are struggling, providing a substitute for free school meals throughout the summer holidays. This is an enormous operation and we are heavily reliant on volunteers from the Foodbank and Midhurst and Petworth Rotary Club. Without these wonderful volunteers, this would certainly be impossible.

Finally, a group of volunteers is being trained to enable them to advise clients on other organisations that may be able to help them through their difficulties. This Signposting initiative has been successfully piloted in Chichester.

The Foodbank functions entirely because of the generosity of the volunteers and the community. We are fortunate that Midhurst is a caring

The 2021 Petworth Festival 14-31 July



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The box office is now open. Keep up to date at www.petworthfestival.org.uk

At Conifers, we have been enjoying the glorious Summer weather which has added an extra positive buzz in to our lovely school. From sports training and cricket fixtures, to making the most of the forest school for some shade, a visit to the Beach for Year 1 and 2, cuddles from Milo our 'Pets as Therapy' dog, riding club has started back and we've been filming for our new school video!



CONIFERS SCHOOL



We have also been busy behind the scenes preparing for, and setting up, our new Co-Curricular Activities Programme which will soon be launching. We will offer as many opportunities as possible to our children, not only with our broad academic curriculum through school, but in our wide range of co-curricular clubs and activities. Every year the list gets longer and this year, we are really excited to launch our new activities programme which includes Gymnastics, Horse Riding, Indoor Skiing, Climbing, Chess Club, Mensa, Cookery, Lacrosse, Photography, Netball, Yoga and much more!

We would also like to say well done to our Year 6 pupils who have completed their Bikeability, and we wish our LAMDA pupils the very best of luck in their upcoming exams.

We do still have some places available for a September start and I would be delighted to welcome families for a tour so please do get in touch.

Emma Smyth, Headmistress
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General Knowledge Quiz Answers

1. A Pawn Shop 2. Jeff Bezos 3. Horse 4. Tandoori 5. Nine 6. Making big companies pay tax where they operate 7. Russia 8. Chocolate and cream 9. July and August 10. Hamburg 11. Georges Braque 12. Her Great Grandmother 13. Claret Jug 14. Cheese 15. Napoleon Bonaparte 16. A decline in births and an ageing population 17. Sicily 18. Ken Livingstone 19. She clashed with officials over her decision to boycott the media over mental health concerns 20. Emma Stone



Feeding wild birds is definitely a hobby and pastime many people in the UK enjoy. As a nature conservation body, the RSPB does encourage bird feeding as this can support local populations. However, we acknowledge that offering food to waterfowl can present some issues.

As such, we only ever advise feeding **to meet demand** as this prevents birds from becoming reliant on people for food, as well as overcrowding. Routine feeding of waterfowl will encourage them to remain in the area rather than dispersing elsewhere. This might lead to a build-up of defecation that can smother aquatic plants and deprive the water of oxygen. In hot weather, algal growth can be a source of botulism, a fatal form of food poisoning in waterfowl whereby the toxin affects the nervous system so that birds die from respiratory failure or drowning.

People should be discouraged from feeding bread to waterfowl since it does not provide them with any nutritional benefits and simply fills them up so that they are less likely to eat more suitable foods. The best foods to feed to ducks, geese and swans includes any of the following: shredded greens, mixed seeds, potato peelings and dry porridge oats.



The four resident black swans on Benbow Pond



The editors though you would like to see these photographs of the local football team. We would love to hear from some of these players, also to have news of our local team today. Please contact easebourne.united@gmail.com

Midhurst & Easebourne United, Winners of the County Intermediate Cup 1954-55. Back Row L-R: Den Heath, John Stringer, Bert Trusler, Ron Stillwell, David West, Den Phillips. Front Row L-R: Peter Marshall, John Barber, Brian Tee (Captain), Stewart Wallace, Andy Robertson.



Midhurst & Easebourne United, Winners of the County Intermediate Cup 1963. Back row L-R: Bill Bevan (President), "Fairy" Stacy (Committee), Jack Barber (Player), John Stringer, Den Geal, Brian Tee, Bert Trusler, Ron Stillwell, Den Phillips, Reg Hills (Trainer), Ron Laughlin (Chairman). Front Row L-R: (Kneeling) Jack Holford (Committee), Colin Pavey, Robert Mitten, David Green, David West, John Marriner, Ted Dummer (Hon. Secretary).

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