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Own a Piece of the Coach & Horses

By Margaret Wagner

Village pubs are the heart of their community. Across Britain, more than two pubs are closing every day, leaving an emptiness that goes deeper than simply another vacant building. They are being sold off to developers, converted into private homes, or swallowed by chains, and this autumn, our own Coach & Horses is on the market too.

For nearly 180 years The Coach & Horses has served Danehill and the surrounding areas. Now it's up for sale, and without local action, the pub could be lost to the village forever.

A Community Movement

Over 275 people packed out two village meetings this summer to hear from a steering group of local people planning to organise a community purchase of the pub.



The Coach & Horses front



The Coach & Horses iconic sign

In response to an online survey of 190 residents, 83% called the Coach & Horses "treasured" and "welcoming," and 81% backed a community purchase outright.

The community ownership model works. More than 235 community-owned pubs are trading successfully across the UK today, with a long-term survival rate above 94%, putting most private pub sales to shame. Look no further than the King's Head in East



Keep Coach & Horses Local SteerCo from left to right: Duane Lawrence, Rhodri Lewis, Christina Coleman, Margaret Wagner, Graeme Love, Ella Filskow (not pictured: Peter Coldbreath, Phillip Nash)

Hoathly, which raised £650,000 from 343 local investors and has seen revenues climb ever since. Or the Half Moon in Balcombe, now North Sussex CAMRA's Pub of the Year two years running. Or the Sportsman in Amberley, back in the Good Beer Guide after twenty years out in the cold.



The Coach & Horses interior

Your share, your say

From **October**, you'll be able to buy shares in the Coach & Horses starting at just **£250** — a genuinely accessible way to become a real owner of your local. Structured as a Community Benefit Society and backed by Plunkett UK, the national charity for saving village assets, every member gets one vote regardless of the amount they invest between **£250** and **£50,000**.

This won't happen without you. The bigger the investment pool, the stronger, faster and more secure this purchase becomes, and the more we can do with the pub once it's ours. If you're in a position to invest more than the minimum, please do.



The Coach & Horses in bloom

Every extra pound gets us nearer completion, and every founding shareholder becomes part of the story people will tell for the next 180 years.

The Coach & Horses has already survived nearly two centuries. With your help, it will survive this moment too, and will thrive for generations to come.

Pledge your support now, no commitment required, at www.keepcandhlocal.org

Full Share Offer details open in October.



District & County Councillor Update

Cllr. Christina Coleman

Wilder Wealden

At the end of July, Wilder Wealden was officially launched. This transformational initiative builds on the success of the Wilder Ouse project, a partnership between the Sussex Wildlife Trust and a number of other Local Authorities to support nature recovery in the river Ouse catchment.

Wilder Wealden will work with landowners, farmers and diverse volunteer organisations across the whole of Wealden. It aims to restore habitats, support species and create a resilient nature recovery network across the district. It is a five-year project, made possible through a £1.2 million fund from Wealden District Council that will be matched in kind by Sussex Wildlife Trust.

A Programme Manager and Senior Land Advisors have now been appointed and the work of nature recovery begins. If you are aware of sites or organisations that may benefit from habitat restoration, please do get in touch.



Christina Coleman with Chris Packham at the Beaver Project - Wilder Wealden is supporting nature recovery projects like this

Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

On the 7th September, Angela Rayner, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government announced a pause on LGR- the process of creating new, much larger unitary authorities out of

existing District and County Councils. I have always been opposed to the extinction of District Councils, as the proposed unitary authorities were too large and remote to adequately represent residents. LGR seemed to me to be rushed and ill-conceived. It is disappointing that the government wasted so much time and resource on the ill-fated reorganisation before coming to the same conclusion. The pause is in order to carry out a review and in the meantime there is uncertainty. One thing that is certain is that there will now be elections, again, next year, for the existing Wealden District Council. The separate process of “devolution" or Mayoral Strategic Authorities appears to still be going ahead. The Mayoral elections are due to take place in 2028.

The Coach & Horses Danehill

The Coach and Horses has been the heart and soul of Danehill and the wider community for nearly 200 years. There is significant concern that without a community-led bid, this cherished establishment could be sold to a national chain, a brewery, or even a developer looking to change its use entirely. This would mean losing the pub as we know it.

To gauge interest for the community purchase, an online survey was conducted and a couple of meetings were held in Danehill and Chelwood Gate. The response has been overwhelmingly positive, with packed village halls, reflecting strong community support. This enthusiasm extends beyond just Danehill, attracting residents from Nutley, Maresfield, Horsted Keynes, Forest Row and beyond.

In light of this support, a Community Benefit Society has been formed. This allows local residents to invest in the pub by purchasing shares, with a minimum value of £250. Each shareholder will have a vote to ensure that the pub is meeting the needs of local residents. Every pound of profit that the pub makes goes back to benefit the pub and the wider community. If you are interested in supporting this venture or finding out more, you can email **info@keepcandhlocal.org** or go to **https://keepcandhlocal.org/**

Are you concerned about speeding through Danehill?

With your support, I am hoping to add the A275 in Danehill to the East Sussex Highways speed reduction priority list. Currently, vehicles are moving through Danehill at dangerous speeds, particularly when approaching Danehill from the north, where the 60 mph drops to 50 mph immediately



The speed limit drops to 50mph outside Cumnor House School

outside of Cumnor House School. Many drivers fail to slow down to the 30mph limit as they approach the village. If you share my concerns and would like to see a reduction in the speed limits, please sign this petition and share it as widely as possible:

www.change.org/p/are-you-concerned-about-speed-limits-around-danehill?

Are you an Unpaid Carer?

East Sussex estimates that there are nearly 70,000 unpaid carers across the county. This vital and often unrecognised or undervalued work is essential to the functioning of our community. If you are an unpaid carer or know someone who is, ESCC is holding a networking event so you can find out more about services that could support you. The event takes place on Tuesday 6th October at Uckfield Civic Centre. You can drop in any time between 11am and 2pm. To get a ticket you can go to:

www.tickettailor.com/events/careandsupportevent/2335771

As ever, if you have any questions, problems, or concerns, please do reach out to me and I will do my best to help.

Cllr. Christina Coleman

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Danehill and Chelwood Gate Climate Group

By Jan Woolcott

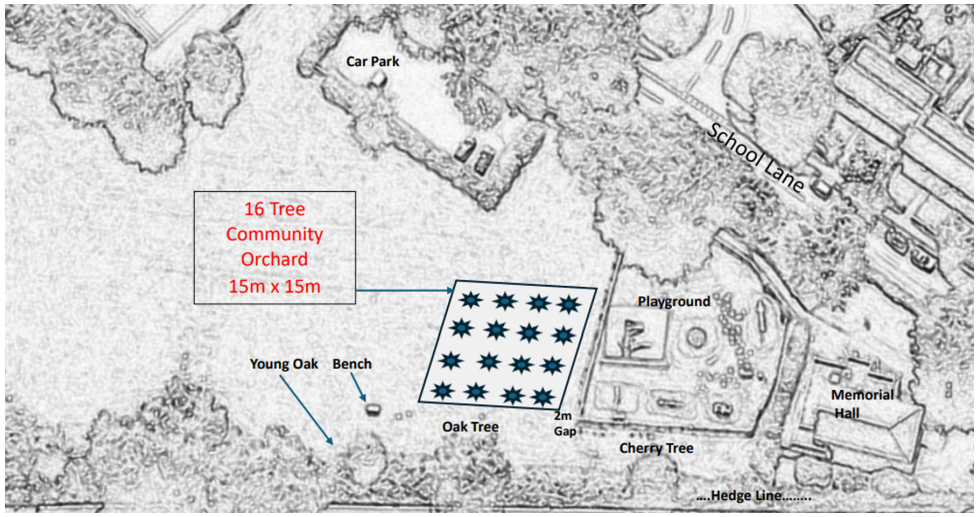
Community Orchard

The Climate Group is pleased to share that a grant has been obtained from Wealden District Council to set up a Community Orchard. Wealden define an orchard as 5 trees or more, so even though ours will be small it is not that tiny. It is planned to be situated adjacent to the playground in Danehill rec. and to plant heritage apple trees during the autumn/winter – weather dependant.

A group of volunteers will make up an orchard group to plan, plant and maintain the orchard, as well as organise events to be held there – if you would like to join us, please contact either Sara: **sefrohmader@gmail.com** or jan: **janwoolcott@yahoo.co.uk.**

Climate Group Annual Talk - Trees for the Future

Another date for your diary: This fabulous talk by Steve Feazey, Head Gardener at Sheffield Park and Garden, will be held at the Club in Danehill on Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm (there will be a food truck that night too). Steve, affectionately known as 'Treezey' by his colleagues, is a highly qualified tree enthusiast, and will talk about the tree collection at Sheffield Park and Gardens which dates back to 1485! It will centre around learning through climate modelling, which trees may (or may not) have a future in the south-east. Sheffield Park is the only National Trust site that uses climate modelling to understand which trees will be potentially suitable for the grade 1 woodland landscape for years to come, with biodiversity sitting at the heart of decision making across its 500 acres. Steve gives a really interesting talk with lots of opportunity to ask questions. There is no charge for the talk.



Map showing where the Community Orchard will be planted

Get Involved!

The Climate Group was set up during lockdown by the Parish Council to focus on climate issues within the Parish – it comprises volunteers from all walks of life. It meets a few times a year and is always keen to welcome anyone with an interest in the environment.

For more information on anything related to the Climate Group please contact Sara on 07587020505.

Chelwood Gate Memorial Garden

By Valerie King

Oh, let's not mention the weather again! But we must for the recent heatwave impacted everything.

The Memorial Garden transitioned from perfect spring and early summer growing conditions to a parched and dusty landscape where only the toughest plants flourished. Colourful blooms came and went quickly and were replaced with crisp brown heads.

Mercifully the recent and much welcomed rain has worked wonders and refreshed the soil, restored many of the plants and annoyingly revived the vigour of the weeds. It is surprising to find what has withstood such extreme conditions and optimistically there have been few casualties. We must be patient and play the waiting game until spring to get the full picture. The shady areas of the Garden, so often problematic, instead proved to be a blessing and provided respite from the scorching sun for both plants and gardeners.

Despite the extreme conditions, and with some much appreciated outside help, a further area has nearly been cleared of brambles and bracken to reveal a larger than anticipated space. We must now decide how best to use and plant it- a task which is both daunting and exciting. However the volunteers excel at lateral thinking and look forward to discussing their plan of

action in the coming months- with tea and cake perhaps?

The ongoing hot weather also necessitated a change of routine to light maintenance carried out in slightly cooler evening temperatures, along with some essential watering. The trusty watering can became the weapon of choice and hopefully efforts have paid dividends. Someone to water the gardeners , who were also thirsty and wilting, would have been very truly welcome! (Should you encounter a small group of human beings in the vicinity of the Garden with weary arms and aching backs please be kind to them for they are a rare breed.)

It is now the last of summer with one foot in autumn. Thoughts now turn to the season of "mellow fruitfulness" and the dream of a perfect gentle season. Hopefully there will be ideal conditions for clearing and planting,



Battling the drought with the trusty watering can

putting the garden to bed and the right sort of rain at the right time. We shall see. Bulbs are ready to be planted and, in the blink of an eye, there will be displays of snowdrops and daffodils. Will our wardrobe be wellingtons, teeshirts, woolly hats or even snowsuits?

There are many plans afoot and tasks in the offing but let us not forget that such a venture requires effort and commitment. Please feel free to join us on this journey whether as an onlooker, visitor or volunteer.

A Plea from Parish Pedestrians!

Please could those who have hedges adjoining pavements, particularly near our bus stops, make sure they are cut back far enough to enable folk to walk and pass each other safely without using the road. Those with walking aids especially need to have adequate space.

The recommended width should be one & a half metres. All cuttings also need to be cleared up.

Thank you from our Parishioners

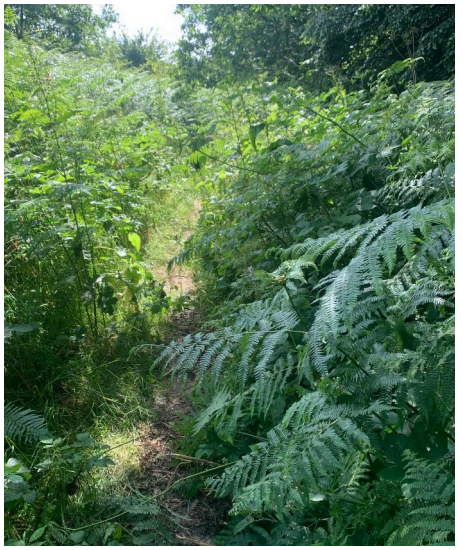
Danehill and Chelwood Gate Footpath Group

By Barrie Neill and John James

When we were asked to write this piece about the small group of volunteers that maintain and make accessible the Rights of Way (RoW) in the Parish, we thought we should begin by sharing the size of the task. Within our Parish there are 100 individual RoWs recorded by East Sussex County Council (ESCC), 44 waymark posts (plus many more simple waymark discs), 38 stiles/gates and 12 bridges.

Responsibility for maintaining access of these RoW lies with the land owner and ESCC, but ESCC relies heavily on volunteer groups such as ours to report issues and undertake clearance of vegetation. ESCC (and occasionally land owners) focus on the repair/ replacement of structures such as bridges.

Many paths would soon become too overgrown to use if not for the work of the volunteers. The group typically deliver over 450 voluntary hours for the benefit of ESCC/Parish and the community each year.



Path from Sandy Lane to Stone Quarry Road - A good example of a path that would soon disappear under bracken and nettles were it not for the volunteers.

We are a small group of that come with a broad range of age, background and experience. Some members of the group have been clearing paths in the parish for over 25 years! But we are not all in our 80's! The work suits a broad range of skills and ability and we find something for everyone. One of the members has lived his whole life in the parish and is a great source of local history (and some awful jokes which occasionally miss the punchline!).

There are a couple of members that are great story tellers, one member diligently provides refreshments for our mid-morning breaks and another

deals with all the admin – yes, we do have to do admin! Where appropriate we are also joined by members' dogs who will often make us laugh and stop us moaning about unruly nature, blunt tools, mud, heat and horse flies!

This probably sounds like a "social gathering", which indeed it is, but with an underlying objective of keeping the RoWs open. We meet on a Monday morning for a couple of hours and every few months we meet in a pub for a "planning meeting", to agree on priorities for the months ahead.

We would love to welcome new members to our group, so if you have a few hours to spare on a Monday morning we would love to hear from you. We all have busy lives, so there is no need to commit to every Monday, volunteer as much or as little as suits you.

So, come and join us. For more information, please contact Barrie on 077800 98339

DSAG: Danehill Speedwatch Action Group

By Mick Wells

I wasn't speeding... Have no doubt...

Five years ago the Parish Council, i.e. you, supplied Danehill Speedwatch with a hand held radar speed sensor in order to measure car speeds in the parish. The device has a range of 200 metres.

The device works by emitting microwaves which reflect off the front of an approaching vehicle. The reflected waves are picked up by the device. The speed of a vehicle modifies the wavelength of the microwaves by the magnitude of the vehicle's speed – this is the Doppler effect. The speed of the vehicle is then displayed on a screen.

Before the start of each Speedwatch session we check the calibration of the radar device using a standard tuning fork. The note emitted by a tuning fork i.e. the velocity of the prongs, is determined by their mass and length. This is an absolute calibration of the measured speed indicated by the device. We are obliged to make this calibration before the start of every Speedwatch session.

So, if Speedwatch registers you speeding..... you need to have no doubt! The kit is calibrated, and you really were speeding. Science innit!

Better still, don't speed - keep within the posted speed limits and help make our parish safer.



Ashdown Women's Institute

By Yvonne Smith

The W.I. began 111 years ago- with the Danehill W.I starting in 1917 and we have celebrated 100 years of the W.I. in our Parish.

In 1974 Lucille Burnham started the branch at Chelwood Gate, which is known as the Ashdown W.I. It's still going strong and we always welcome new members. Do come and join us.

The W.I. is often associated with food and cooking, and Lucille instigated the idea of a very successful publication called Cooking the Ashdown Way, which was a collection of favourite and tasty recipes gathered from members in Chelwood Gate and Danehill. Even now some of those members from 1974 are still making valuable contributions to the running of the group.

Lucille and her husband Teddy made local wines and each year they would gather local Dandelions to make a favourite tipple, with Lucille doing the laborious task of removing the parts of the flower which could taint the wine.

Another favourite was gooseberry wine and each summer evening Lucille and Teddy would collect the over-ripe or split gooseberries from Lilac Fruit Farm to make a very popular wine, the recipe for which is in Cooking the Ashdown Way.



Lucille Burnham started the Ashdown Women's Institute in Chelwood Gate in 1974

Lucille organised the early Quiz evenings at Chelwood Gate Village Hall, which still continue to be enjoyed to this day, and she and Teddy composed fiendishly difficult questions. It was all in good spirits though, helped no doubt by the locally made wine which flowed freely.

Don't run away with the idea we are all jam and Jerusalem. We have various Resolutions and topical matters we discuss, and you would be surprised at how diverse our responses are to various issues of the day- not all what you might expect.

As there is no longer a photographic group to produce an annual calendar, the Ashdown W.I. have decided this year to create one of their own. Don't fret that we are all following in the footsteps

of the Calendar Girls as we have no intention of stripping off, so you needn't avert your eyes- we were all too coy. But we are all contributing photos of local views etc. and this calendar will be on sale towards the end of the year.

For our **13th October meeting** we are starting at 7.30 pm at the Chelwood Gate Village Hall, with David West talking about 'The History of Children'.

On 11th November, 9th December, 13th January and 10th February we have a Wednesday afternoon meeting starting at 1.30pm.

Danehill CE Primary School

By Sarah Smith, Interim Headteacher

A Wonderful Start to the Term

Following a long, hot summer, it has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school and to see the children settling so happily into their routines over the past couple of weeks.

We have been especially delighted to welcome our new children into Reception. They have already settled in incredibly well, quickly becoming familiar with school life and beginning to feel very much part of the Danehill family.

Our older children have also been busy establishing their important roles as Buddies to our younger pupils. They are there to offer a friendly face and a helping hand, not only at lunchtime but also in the playground and around the school. As the year progresses, we hope these relationships will continue to grow, with our older children becoming fantastic role models and supporting their younger buddies with reading, learning and school life.



Danehill CE Primary School

Growing and Learning

The new term has already seen some wonderful learning taking place across the school. In Foxes, the children have been developing their computing skills by programming Bee-Bots, while Badgers have been getting creative with autumn poetry and producing some amazing pumpkin drawings. Meanwhile, in Kestrels, the children have been using role play and drama to bring their learning about the fascinating Maya civilisation to life.

It has been a busy and positive start to the new school year, and we are very proud of the enthusiasm and energy the children have brought back with them.

We are looking forward to a wonderful autumn term and to watching all of our children continue to grow, learn and flourish in the months ahead.



Exploring shape, form and colour with mixed squash

Danehill Parish Historical Society

By Sue Ray - Events Secretary

We appear to have survived the heat waves that came our way. Now onto our usual weather.

Our programme for 2026 continues with a society presentation, **The Changing Times and People of Collingford Lane. (Sept 22nd)** Our year concludes with a visit from Helena Griffiths of the **Prehistoric High Weald Hunters on October 27th**. We will have a catch up on the 2026 dig season. This group is working in Horsted Keynes but welcomes information and participation from surrounding parishes. Put **Jan 16th 2027** in your diary for a combined **Danehill and Horsted Keynes exhibition day**.

Owen's talk on the artist, Lambart Barnard, proved intriguing. So much so that a few members are thinking of exploring some of the churches and early wall paintings Owen mentioned.

The success of the Burial Ground continues. We have received several in depth family histories from the World Wide Web. These can be found under a



More than 130 families, from Lords and Ladies to farm labourers, have now been researched

new sub group on our web site some of them proving too extensive to include in the original format. All are interesting.

Continuing the co operation theme we are so pleased to be able to help Fletching parish with their ongoing research. Once again, Elaine, has been key to this.

The 2027 project centres upon Hillside and part of Chelwood Common. If you have any information or photographs we may copy please get in touch at dphs@outlook.com Thanks to smart phone technology we no longer need to borrow actual items.

We have had two society walks this year. Both very varied. Look out for future outings.

Our 2027 season opens on Tuesday 23rd March @ Danehill Memorial Hall. Doors open 7.15. Members: Free. Visitors: £4.00

Why not come and join us?
Annual subscription: £15.00

Poppy Appeal

By Councillor Alicia Cummins

This year, I am delighted to be serving as the Volunteer Coordinator for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2026 in Danehill. This year's Poppy Appeal launches nationally on 22 October 2026 and runs through to Remembrance Sunday on 8 November 2026.

Funds raised through the Appeal support serving and ex-serving members of the British Armed Forces, their families, and dependants through a range of services focused on physical and mental health and recovery, financial assistance, bereavement support, and practical lifelong care. The Royal British Legion is also the official delivery partner for Team UK at the Invictus Games, with support made possible through funding raised by the Poppy Appeal.

Poppy collection tins will be located at various sites around the village, including the pubs and schools, while a team of local volunteers will also be undertaking door-to-door fundraising throughout the Appeal period.

If you have any questions, would like more information, or are interested in volunteering this year, please contact Alicia on 07793 971382

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Darts Success!

Congratulations to the Danehill darts team who just became the **Sussex Summer League Darts Champions** for the 2nd year running! They weren't done with their trophy collection yet though, also picking up **Most Men's Double Wins, Most 180's, Captains Winner, Ladies Doubles Winner, Ladies Singles winner, Ladies Singles runner up** and **Mixed Doubles runner up**!

We're so proud of our incredible team who pulled out all the stops to have such a successful season.

The Sussex Summer League also raised a massive £2,606 for charity which will benefit 4 different charities.

Huge thanks to everyone who played and supported the summer league this year.



The Danehill Darts Team & trophies!
Julie Wright, Gary Richardson, Sophie Wright, Charlie Bubb, Ben Corkett, Rebecca Eves, Harvey Eves, George Callingham, Gareth Waddilove, Colin Crowhurst, Sam Newman, Gary Newman, Richard Neale, and Paul Eves

Chelwood Gate Village Hall

Upcoming events:

JUMBLE SALE on Saturday, 10th October, 2pm to 4pm. Bring cash! Donate your best unwanted items to the hall on Friday the 9th from 6.30 pm.

Start gathering your team for a big **QUIZ NIGHT** on Friday, 13th November. Doors open at 7pmand the quiz starts at 7.30pm. Snacks will be provided and beer will be available for a donation. Bring anything else you would like to eat or drink. £5 per team.

In early December the annual **CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** will light up the hall, with carol singing and mulled wine and mince pies.

The **Monthly Drop-In Morning will be held on Saturday 24th October**. From 10:30 AM until noon the hall is open for everyone to stop by for coffee, tea and cake.

Dark Skies

By Councillor Chris Logan

We're lucky to live in a rural area with some of the best dark skies in the South East, and to be part of the High Weald National Landscape where planning guidelines seek to reduce light pollution.

Yet light pollution, often unintended, is still too visible. It might be in the form of glare from upwardly facing beams, glow from street lighting in built-up areas, invasive security lights that spill into neighbouring gardens or light "clutter", where many lights are clustered together and too powerful.

Lighting up the darkness can have harmful effects. Consider the rich biodiversity around us – the trees, plants, animals, birds and insects. Too much artificial light at night-time can disrupt plants' natural growth cycles and daily rhythms, and impair animals' feeding activities.

It can interfere with the migratory instincts of birds, and lure insects into the paths of predators. Some vulnerable species, such as bats, frogs and toads, depend on darkness to feed and thrive.

And as any stargazer will tell you, excessive lighting on the ground, especially if directed upwards, detracts from the clarity and beauty of our night skies.

Dark Sky UK, a non-profit organisation, offers five useful tips for how best to approach outdoor lighting:

- Only use light for a good reason;
- Target light so it shines only where needed;
- Make sure your lights are no brighter than necessary;
- Use light only when needed by having timers and motion sensors;
- Where possible, use warmer-coloured lights, which are safer and easier on the eye so better for human health and nature.

Our dark skies are precious. We should do everything we can to preserve them.

POST OFFICE

Mobile Post Office Every Thursday

Chelwood Gate Village Hall Car Park
Beaconsfield Road,
Chelwood Gate,
Haywards Heath,
RH17 7LF

11:35 - 12:05

Danehill Memorial Hall Car Park
London Road,
Danehill,
Haywards Heath,
RH17 7HS

12:10 - 12:40

Ashdown Forest News & Events

Niamh Mahoney - Visitor Experience and Volunteer Development Manager

As the leaves turn from green to gold, the iconic Ashdown Forest landscape changes from heather-peppered purple to lush orange- and what better time to explore it than now, using our new routes?

Explore the habitats of six of these special species – the dormouse, the Dartford warbler, the nightjar, the green tiger beetle, the silver-studded blue butterfly, and the adder – on new family-friendly routes across the Forest, not forgetting to collect your **free map and bookmark** from the Visitor Centre, to stamp off each special route!



With the cooler winds of autumn, it's also the perfect time to book onto an educational activity.

These events are not suitable for dogs.

Mini Explorers

An outdoor play and nature discovery group for under 5's and their families. Please book a place for each child. (Accompanying adults go free. Parking included).

Monday 19th October, 10am-11.30am, £5

Wild Wednesdays

Family activity days on Ashdown Forest suitable for children age 5–12 years (accompanied by an adult). Build your nature knowledge over the year and connect with the wild! Different topics and activities every session. Please





Mini Explorers arts and crafts

buy a ticket for each child attending (£10 per child). Parents/guardians go free, parking included.

Wednesday 28th October, 10am-12pm, £10
Wednesday 23rd December, 10am-12pm, £10

Nature Thursdays

Family activity days on Ashdown Forest suitable for children age 5–12 years (check individual events for age suitability). Join our Education Team to explore the beautiful Ashdown Forest. We will be exploring the seasons with a walk, fun activities, natural crafts and games. (Accompanying adults go free. Parking included).

Thursday 29th October, 10am-12pm, £10 (Skulls and Bones)

A Winter's Day 2026: Saturday 12th December, 11am-3pm (free)

Ashdown Forest will celebrate its fourth annual Winter's Day event, showcasing local art/ceramics/woodwork, and invites you to browse gifts, grab a spiced apple punch, and enjoy the beautiful scenery at Ashdown Forest.

Get involved with free children's activities, dog-friendly fun, or watch a woodturning demonstration- all proceeds to conservation. Whether you're shopping for gifts, or looking for a festive family day out, visit us on the 12th December at the Ashdown Forest Centre.

Read more about 'What's On' at Ashdown Forest:

https://ashdownforest.org/whats-on/





The Danehill Club

Bringing People Together

By Bradley Woodward - Chairman

We have recently received a generous amount of furniture from Burgess Hill Constitutional Club. On behalf of everyone at the club, I would like to thank them for their kind donation, which will help us as we continue improving our facilities.

I would also like to give a special thank you to Ashdown Café for their continued generosity and kind donations over the years. Their support has made it possible for us to carry out improvements both inside and outside the club, and it is greatly appreciated by us all.



Fun times at the Cub

Visit our website at **www.danehill.org.uk** for opening hours, food, and events or scan the QR code to sign up to our newsletter

Congratulations also go to the Danehill darts team, who are the Summer League 2026 Champions- winners for the second year running! We're so proud of our incredible team.

From October there will be regular live-music nights at the club. These evenings will be open to everyone, and we hope the local community will enjoy and support them. Their success will depend on the number of people who come along, so if you love music, come check them out.

We would also like to refurbish our patio area. If any local businesses or tradespeople may be able to help us with this project, please get in touch. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

It is very encouraging to see the club becoming busier and more people making use of it. Please come in and say

hello, particularly on Thursday evenings when the food vendors visit the car park. Everyone is welcome to bring their food into the club and enjoy it with a drink and some friendly company.

With a whole range of craft evenings, quiz nights, discos and more coming up, there's something for everyone at the Club. Please come along, bring your friends and get to know your community!



The market is outside the Club every Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Chelwood Gate & Danehill Village Market

The village market is held four times a year, in March, May, September and November. September's market, held at Chelwood Gate Village Hall, was another huge success, with stalls full of cheese, meats, jewellery, arts, crafts, a tombola and more!

The 'Keep the Coach & Horses Local' initiative had a stall where they chatted with locals and provided information about the campaign. It was also great to see representatives of the Climate Group, with information about their next annual talk, which will feature the Senior Gardener at Sheffield Park.



Craft Stalls at the Chelwood Gate Village Market



Garden Decorations at the Chelwood Gate Village Market

A huge thank you goes out to everyone who helps advertise the market and who makes it happen on the day. We are particularly grateful to The Danehill Men's Action Group who erect the marquees and take them down afterwards.

The next market will be held at Danehill Memorial Hall on the 21st November.

News from the Churches

Paddy MacBain - Vicar

What's Been Going On

It has been a sociable summer in spite of the hot weather, including a super cream tea and a ladies' breakfast. On Sundays we have learned about serving and how we can make a difference to others. We serve in response to the love of Christ, who came 'not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

The Noah's Ark group for parents, carers, toddlers and babies is well supported on Monday mornings. Our Families, Children and Youth Worker Josh has been busy at Chelwood Gate Church, hosting Summer Fun mornings for those with pre-school age children and a youth board games club. Now that term has started he is back at the school, taking assemblies along with Paddy, and hosting a Lego and chess club. Josh also runs TNT youth club and took a group to May Camp, the diocesan camp at Plumpton racecourse - though they give the horses the weekend off! We look forward to returning to May Camp next year.

Ashdown Café with its coffee and cake, and Food For Thought with its delicious lunch have provided friendly places for people to meet and catch up. Ashdown Café is on the second Fridays from 10am to 12pm at Danehill Hall, while Food For Thought meets on the third Mondays at Chelwood Gate at 12.30pm; all are welcome.



Info and Events Coming Up

HARVEST – On Sunday 11th October there will be a combined Harvest Festival service with Communion at 11am at All Saints, followed by a bring and share lunch. Procession and activity for children. Tinned donations are welcomed for the local food bank.

LIGHT PARTY – A scare-free event with lots of light themed activities! Saturday 31st October, 4pm to 5.30pm. Tickets are available from the church website.

CHORAL EVENSONG – We are joined by the Kidbrooke Singers for a feast of choral music on Sunday 1st November at All Saints at 4pm. The retiring collection will be in aid of the organ renovation project.



REMEMBRANCE SERVICE – Sunday 8th November at 10am at All Saints, followed by the Act of Remembrance at the Danehill War Memorial at 10.55am.

CHRISTMAS DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **29th November**, Advent Carols and Readings at Chelwood Gate, 4pm.
- **6th December**, Noah's Ark Nativity, All Saints Danehill, 11am.
- **20th December**, Danehill Carol Service, All Saints, 6pm
- **24th December**, Christingle Service, All Saints, 4pm
- **25th December**, Christmas Day services at Chelwood Gate 8am, Danehill 10am

Giving

A number of our regular givers have passed away or moved on in recent years, so the finances are tight at present! If you would like to provide a one-off or regular gift to the church, please visit **www.parishgiving.org.uk/donors/find-your-parish/danehill-all-saints-haywards-heath** Or google '**parish giving danehill.**' Thank you for helping to keep your parish church alive and thriving!

Regular News

If you would like to receive our weekly e-news with details of the church events please email:
vicar@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk



Dates For The Diary:

October:

1st October: Youth Games Tournament:
When: 19:00-20:30
Where: Danehill Club
How Much: Free

3rd October: Old School Disco
When: 19:30
Where: Danehill Club
How Much: Free

8th October: TNT Club Night
When: 18:30-19:45
Where: Danehill Memorial Hall
How Much: £2 (+ tuck money - 50p)

9th October: People's Emergency Briefing
When: 19:00-21:00
Where: Nutley War Memorial Hall

10th October: Jumble Sale
When: 14:00-16:00
Where: Chelwood Gate Village Hall

11th October: Harvest Celebration
When: 11:00
Where: All Saints Church Danehill

13th October: Ashdown WI Meeting
When: 19:30
Where: Chelwood Gate Village Hall

22nd October: TNT Club Night
When: 18:30-19:45
Where: Danehill Memorial Hall
How Much: £2 (+ tuck money - 50p)

24th October: High Tides Band
When: 20:00
Where: Danehill Club
How Much: £1 or Free for Members

31st October: Light Party
When: 16:00-17:30
Where: All Saints Church Danehill
How Much: £4 per family

31st October: Halloween Party
When: 17:00
Where: Danehill Club
How Much: Free

November:

12th November: TNT Bonfire
When: 18:30-19:45
Where: Westwatch, Birch Grove Road
How Much: £2 (+ tuck money - 50p)

12th November: Trees for the Future Climate Group Talk
When: 19:30
Where: Danehill Club
How Much: Free

13th November: Quiz Night
When: 19:00
Where: Chelwood Gate Village Hall
How Much: £5 per team

14th November: Casino Royale Murder Mystery Night
When: 10:00-14:00
Where: Danehill Club
How Much: £10 per person

21st November: Village Market
When: 10:00-14:00
Where: Danehill Memorial Hall

26th November: TNT Club Night
When: 18:30-19:45
Where: Westwatch, Birch Grove Road
How Much: £2 (+ tuck money - 50p)

December:

10th December: TNT Christmas Party
When: 18:30-19:45
Where: Danehill Memorial Hall
How Much: £2 (+ tuck money - 50p)

12th December: Music Bingo
When: 19:30
Where: Danehill Club
How Much: £1 a sheet

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Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Oct: 7th - Finance Committee
7th - Danehill Memorial Hall (PC)

Nov: 4th - Finance Committee
4th - Chelwood Gate Hall (PC)

Dec: 2nd - Danehill Memorial Hall (PC)

PC meetings alternate between Chelwood Gate Hall and Danehill Memorial Hall and start at 7:30pm. There are no PC meetings in January, April and August. Planning Committee meetings are arranged when required. Finance Committee Meetings are at 10:00am at the Parish Council Office. All meetings are subject to change at the Clerk / Council discretion.