



STEDHAM WITH IPING PARISH COUNCIL

Summer Newsletter



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PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES

Hello and welcome to the 9th edition of the Parish Council's Newsletter, please have a look through, there is a lot of local Parish info for everyone!

The elections took place on 4th May and 7 Parish Councillors were returned uncontested as there were fewer candidates than positions. Simon Barnard, who did sterling service as Chairman for the last few years, unfortunately felt he had to retire. The new Chairman is Neil Read ably supported by Amanda Hollingshead as Vice-Chair. The Council continues to be 2 Councillors short – so please get in touch if you are at all interested in becoming a Parish Councillor! It's a voluntary position, but very rewarding and necessary for our community.

Every English Parish must have an Annual Parish Meeting (APM) between 1st March and 1st June, ours was held on 31st May. An APM should consist of the local government electors registered within the Parish - unfortunately only 3 electors turned out for the meeting. The Parish Council would like to thank Stedham's WI and Horticultural Society for attending the meeting – we would have been very thin on the ground without them. The APM allows local electors to question and discuss parish affairs and, if appropriate, pass resolutions on the public activities or policies of the Parish. It's also a good opportunity to meet fellow parishioners and enjoy a good chat over a glass of wine. Please look out for next years, we'd really like to see you there.

The statutory Notice of Public rights and Publication of the Council's unaudited accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023 was posted on the 15th May. The accounts will be available for viewing until 14th July. Details of the accounts can also be found on the Council's website.

HAVE YOUR SAY IN
YOUR PARISH...SEE
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THE
DEFIBRILLATOR
IS LOCATED ON THE
FRONT OF THE
MEMORIAL HALL



LOOK OUT FOR THE NEXT LITTER PICK IN NOVEMBER!
VOLUNTEERS VERY WELCOME, REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED.



PARISH IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council has been working hard since the last newsletter to make the Parish a nicer place for all its residents, and there are some more improvements. If you have any ideas you'd like to put forward, please get in touch by coming to a meeting, putting your ideas into our new suggestion boxes or emailing Clerk@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk



The Stedham phone box is now complete as a local information centre, the council now hopes to do the same to the Iping one. The 5 cherry trees have been planted in the Common View playing field and look out for some picnic benches appearing soon!



Stedham and Iping churches report

We are very grateful to the Parish Council for looking after both Iping and the new Stedham graveyards. All the graveyards are being managed under the regime of minimal mowing to encourage wildlife and wildflowers. So far, a plant survey has discovered 149 different species at the Stedham graveyards. We would also like to thank SIPC for including our Songs of Praise in the list of village celebrations for the Coronation. We have a specially designed service for children which takes around 30 minutes at Stedham Church at 11 am on the second Sunday of most months. All are welcome to attend.



CORONATION PARTY

The Coronation party was a great success, with the weather being very kind to us all on the day! Lots of folks turned up with Picnics and BBQs and great fun was had by all.



The SIPC would like to thank Suhail from The Hamilton Arms for his generous donation of a barrel of beer, which went down VERY well.

The Art and Garden trail had an amazing turnout, and the famous Stedham with Iping Dog show was as brilliant as ever.

Thanks to the WI for their cake stall, Nick for the Music, and The Memorial hall for Gin and Fizz bar.

We all raised £182 from Beer and drinks, and £61 from the dog show. This will go towards future events in the Parish.



To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III the SIPC put a new bench on the corner of Common View and School lane. Have a sit on it, its surprisingly comfortable!





OPEN GARDENS AND ART TRAIL



Alongside the Coronation party, we had an Open Gardens and Art trail which had a fantastic turnout, thanks to everyone who joined in! The PC would like to make this an annual event, so please do get in touch if you'd like to join in next year. This is **NOT** a competition and is open to anyone in the Parish with a love of Gardening or Art, amateur or professional.



One of the local artists on the Art trail was Jo Brodie. Jo Says "I have sold paintings in Europe, USA and Australia and of course the UK! I have an Etsy shop called jobrodieart. I support Grace greyhound rescue who use one of my paintings for their logo. I paint in naive or folk style and love bright and bold colours!"

Hopefully next year we can showcase more local artists on the trail, and in the Newsletter. If you are interested, please get in touch by emailing jessica.simon@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk or pop a note in one of the suggestion boxes.

One of Jos recent paintings
'Stedham Hall and poppies'





LIME KILNS

Within our parish we have five lime kilns, Hammerwood House, Wispers, Ash House, Fitzall and Andrews Lane, three at the north of the parish and the other two at the south.

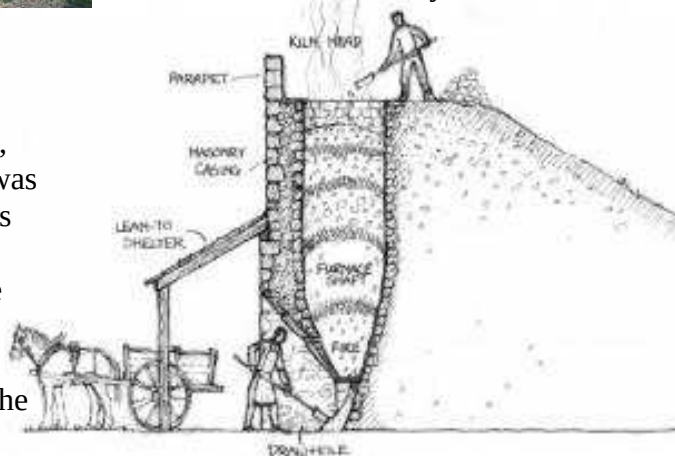


Possibly the best example of a Lime kiln in the Parish is the one near the top of Iping Lane adjacent to the second finger post, opposite the entrance to Hammerwood house. (See photo left)

So, what is a Lime kiln?

Lime kilns were made to produce Lime and Quick Lime, these two products were used on farms and in the building industry (of the time). In agriculture, lime was used as a "manure" on the heavy soils to make them more open and breakable, to improve drainage and to make the land more easily worked to a good condition. Lime is an essential plant food and needed in large quantity to produce good crops. Lime is also used to correct soil acidity.

Lime has also been used in building since Roman times. Mortar for laying masonry was made by mixing lime with sand, and to make concrete the lime was mixed with an aggregate such as crushed stone. Plaster was also made using a similar mix. Lime mixed with water was also a popular by-product, used for whitening walls, thus we have the term "whitewash".



How do lime kilns work? The material used to make lime is basically chalk (this mainly coming from the south downs) The kilns in our parish are probably mid-nineteenth century. They were mainly in the form of shaft or bottle kilns and would have probably been used for continuously burning mixed feed, providing quick lime as a finished product.



Midhurst Writers



Midhurst Writers are a friendly, informal group of around a dozen men and women, all with an interest in writing, established over 35 years ago. Some of us have been published in print, some publish their own work as e-books, others write purely for their own interest and satisfaction.

So, what happens during our meetings? Well, some of us bring pieces of our own work to read to the group, while others just listen to the readings, or maybe discuss their future ideas. Occasionally, when time allows, we may be given a Workshop challenge – writing a few words (usually light-hearted) within a few minutes, on a given subject chosen by our Chairman.

We have four competitions a year for our Members, Poetry, Non-fiction, Short stories, and an in-house Christmas competition. These are judged by an outside adjudicator, with Trophies and prizes given at an awards evening with wine and nibbles.

We meet on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30, at Stedham Memorial Hall. If you have any questions, please call our Chairman Bob Berry on 01730 814005.

If you are an aspiring writer and would like to meet with others who can give support and encouragement, this is the place to come, all ages very welcome!

For more information see: <https://midhurst-writers-group.webs.com/>

We re-convene after our summer break on 4 September.

SUGGESTION BOX



Parishioners are obviously welcome to come to monthly Council meetings, but we appreciate that people are very busy. So...you may have seen these appear in the Parish, they are for you to have your say and for any suggestions or feedback you might have.

On the back of this page is a questionnaire that we'd love you to cut out, fill in and pop in one of these. We will also welcome any suggestions you'd like to put in at any time and the boxes will be checked regularly. You are welcome to stay anonymous unless you'd like a reply!

We look forward to hearing from you.



There are 3 boxes, one by each notice board in Stedham, and one by the notice board in Iping.

PARISH ACTIVITY QUESTIONNAIRE



What would you like to see happening in the Community? Please tick next to any that interest you, add any suggestions and pop in one of our new suggestion boxes!

☐	Organised Parish dog walk	
☐	Annual Fete and dog show	
☐	Bingo	
☐	Quiz night	
☐	Horse racing evening	
☐	Wine/beer tasting from local producers	
☐	Halloween fancy dress party	
☐	Tug of war	
☐	Gardens and Art trail	
☐	Christmas Mulled wine and hot dogs evening	
☐	Parish Taskmaster (silly team challenges)	
☐	Tea Club (adult social)	
☐	Treasure hunt walk around the local footpaths	
☐	Old Skool Ravers club	
☐	Live music nights	
☐	History club	

We are looking for a catchy new name for our Tea Club. It's a club for adults in the Parish to meet and catch up over afternoon tea once a month and make new local friends. Let us know if you have any ideas!



If you'd like to help with any of these ideas or would like to run any, please get in touch!



Any other suggestions? Write them here! You can stay anonymous or leave your name and number.



STEDHAM WI



The Stedham WI has been busy and growing in member numbers over the last few months, giving our meetings a great new energy. Meetings have included an informative talk by William Avenell about 10 of his favourite views in Sussex. Being a retired geography teacher, he filled his talk with interesting geological information as well as historical details about the Industrial Revolution and its impact on our beautiful landscape. In April Steve Herra entertained members with a story of murder and passion onboard a cruise liner. He then challenged members to decide the verdict, creating a lively debate before revealing the actual verdict of the case in 1947, which saw steward James Comb convicted and imprisoned. May was our Resolutions evening where we had a lively debate about Clean Rivers for People and Wildlife - the federations chosen campaign for 2023.

Our program going forward will include a drawing class, croquet evening and shared supper before a summer break.

Anyone interested in joining this friendly group are welcome to come along for a trial evening at any of our meetings at the Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month. Please contact us at stedhamwi@gmail.com for more info or to join!



Many of you may have noticed that our Knit and Natter group created the delightful 'pants' bunting that was around our memorial tree on the village green throughout March. This was part of a national campaign to raise awareness of Ovarian cancer.

STARGAZING

On Iping Common

In May 2016 the South Downs National Park became the world's 13th International Dark Sky Reserve (IDSR).

We think our star-studded skies overhead are as valuable as our beautiful rolling landscapes and, with properly dark skies in the South East of England under threat, this is a statement that the skies of the South Downs are worth protecting. There's plenty of space to sprawl under the stars on Iping Common, and you don't have to venture far from the car park to make the most of it. This Dark Sky Discovery Site, an officially recognised place where anyone can stargaze, it's peppered with burial mounds (great to lie on to look at the sky) and has an extraordinary amount of wildlife that calls the common home. If you're here at dusk in spring and summer, you might even hear the churring call of a Nightjar as you settle in to stargaze.

Iping Common is estimated to have light pollution levels in line with a rural location, based on data from the VIIRS satellite.

Iping Common Nature Reserve is one of the best examples of lowland heathland in Sussex. Owned and managed by Sussex Wildlife Trust, it is a great place to see some of the amazing wildlife that can only be found on this declining habitat. With over a hundred hectares of open heathland and open views to the South, Iping Common provides an ideal location to appreciate the quality of the dark skies above.

Nightjar



HELP US TO #RENATURE

SOUTH DOWNS

NATIONAL PARK

STEDHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are delighted to be able to present to you Mixed Up Dinosaurs-children's edition. A book written and beautifully illustrated entirely by the children in Rabbits class. If you would like to purchase this amazing keepsake for your family, grandparents, friends, etc, please follow the link, or scan the code. The book costs £5 and any profit we make will be used to purchase something nice for all our amazing authors!

<https://tinyurl.com/3jde5aw>

CRAFTY TOTS & TEA!

Do you live in the Parish and have a child or children under the age of 5? From September, I hope to start a regular group where parents of under 5's can get together socially for a coffee, while enjoying some craft activities.

Location and timings are yet to be confirmed but please send me an email if this is something you would be interested in attending. Register your interest as soon as possible by emailing Maddi at craftytotsandtea@gmail.com

ASH HOUSE WEAVERS

The Ash House tapestry weaving group is holding an exhibition of woven textiles on Sat 23rd / Sun 24th September at Stedham Village Hall, 10am - 4pm. Entrance Free.

For more info: Hilary@totallytextiles.co.uk



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB August 6th family rounders day

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July 20th Garden party, all are welcome!

September 21st Hall meeting 7.30pm

Horticultural society

July 29th Summer Flower and Produce Show in the Memorial Hall. Entry is free and everyone is welcome. Members and non-members may enter the competition classes for various flowers, produce, cookery and handicrafts, for a small fee. A Show Schedule is available from Hazel Harrison: h1.harrison@outlook.com.

St James Church

September 8th at 6pm a magic show in two acts with a member of the inner magic circle. Tickets and details reynolds@bucksfield.co.uk

September 9th Ride & Stride annual event in aid of the Sussex Historic Churches Trust and Stedham Church. Please contact Jane for further information about riding and/or sponsoring her bike ride: jane@minsted.com



TEA CLUB is a great adult social club for the community.

We are hoping to start again in September either w/c 11th or 18th September one weekday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. If you're interested in coming, please email the clerk or pop a note in one of the suggestion boxes with your name and number.



ROTHERHILL INVITATION



Join us at Rotherhill Nurseries from on **August 19th at 12.30pm** for a free BBQ and a glass of sparkling wine to celebrate our 40th year in business.



Stedham Cinema will be starting again
every 2nd Friday of the month from 13 October. Films TBC

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Newsletter (Ziggy)- jessica.simon@stedhamwithiping-pc.gov.uk

THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETS ON THE 2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7PM IN THE MEMORIAL HALL AND IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC