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A BUSY SUMMER FOR THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

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A NOTE FROM OUR CHAIR

I have lived in Stedham for some 45 years and have been a Parish Councillor for the last 6. I feel very lucky to live in our parish surrounded by beautiful countryside especially as I have always been interested in the environment, local nature in particular and feel that if we can group together we can make an immeasurable difference to our community and to the environment.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Village improvements in recent years have been a keen focus of the SIPC. From bulb planting and the at times controversial rewinding, to playground improvements. A recent project we have been able to complete thanks to a successful application to South Downs National

Park's CIL fund is the installation of a new accessible roundabout in Common View playground with a new pathway leading from the new gate.



Would you volunteer to plant a Daffodil?

SIPC has purchased bulbs available to collect from Rotherhill Nurseries to plant in designated areas around the parish.

Could you take part?

Follow the QR code OR look at the posters on the parish noticeboards for the map!

If you have any queries contact Morag on clerk@stedhamwithipping-pc.gov.uk

By getting involved with the Parish Council I have been able to take an active part in looking after our village, my role has been to organise the green areas of the parish including mowing contracts, planting of trees and flowers and encouraging beauty and nature in to our recreational areas.

Ruth Cooper

This fully accessible piece of equipment is the latest phase of our playground investment. Of course it has been thoroughly tested by local children and has received thumbs up from all!

Another successful improvement project SIPC has recently completed is the refurbishment of the Stedham sign, it was getting a little tired looking!



TERRY GOES WILD - BIRDS OF A FEATHER

Recently there has been a new bird circling Common View. If you've noticed larger birds soaring above, they are Kites (not to be mistaken for Buzzards) which you can identify by their forked tails and the white wrists on their wings. Currently it appears to be just one pair, however, we can always hope for more! Nevertheless, for many years Buzzards have nested in the fir trees near the Common View playground. They can be identified by their high-pitched screech, even when out of sight, rounded tails and bulkier uniformed brown wings.

For the medium sized bird population you might have noticed the pigeon population has surged in recent years!

In our garden hedge alone pigeons have nested for the past four or five years, producing three or four broods annually. Further more, carrion birds such as crows, rooks and ravens are also common in the area. These birds are often seen flying from their roosts in the early morning and returning at night.

Despite the increase in medium to large birds, common garden birds have not declined. Sparrows, tits, starlings, blackbirds and thrushes are still prevalent along with more unusual species like goldfinches, black-and-white blackbirds and both woodpeckers.

We are lucky to have Nightjars in the area who are primarily nocturnal or crepuscular. They are known for their silent flight and the male's eerie churring song at dusk and dawn.



They are spectacular little birds with their mottled earth-coloured feathers who spend most of the day on the ground or resting on tree limbs.

There has been a noticeable decline in the common cuckoo and house martins and the reason for this drop-off remains unknown. Nevertheless, it's encouraging to see raptors like Buzzards and Kites increasing in numbers and returning to rural areas after years of persecution.

By Terry Stevens

DID YOU KNOW?

A REALLY GREAT WAY TO HELP NATURE IN THE WINTER FROM YOUR OWN GARDEN IS TO NOT CLEAR YOUR FLOWERBEDS OF FALLEN LEAVES. IT IS UNDERSTANDABLE TO CLEAR PATIOS AND PAVED AREAS, BUT IF YOU CAN KEEP A CRATE OF LEAVES IN A CORNER YOU WILL GIVE SHELTER TO HUGE AMOUNTS OF WILDLIFE.



MOTTISTONE APIARY

This year's unpredictable weather resulted in an extended Spring and the cooler temperatures provided a longer season for Spring flowers. The bees certainly maximised this food source resulting in bumper crops.

EXPLORING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SPRING AND SUMMER HONEY

SPRING HONEY

Spring honey is typically derived from the nectar of early-blooming flowers. As winter fades, a wide range of plants begin to bloom, providing bees with ample nectar sources. Common nectar sources for spring honey include fruit blossom, Dandelions, Clover, Willow & Maple.

SUMMER HONEY

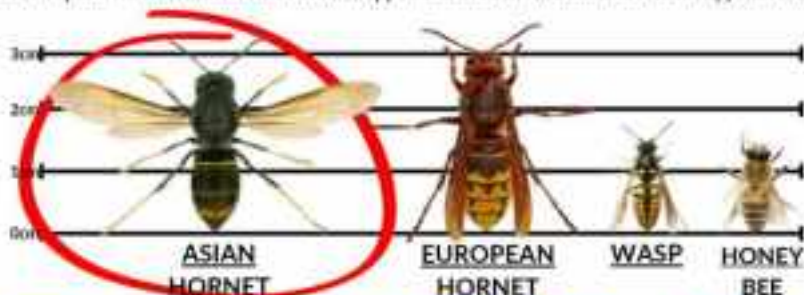
As spring transitions into summer, the variety of flowers changes, leading to different nectar sources for bees. Summer honey usually comes from Wildflowers. Flowers like sunflowers, lavender as well as raspberry & blackberry.

By Vince Morey

Asian Hornets

A record number of sightings of Asian hornets in the UK has prompted experts to urge people to remain vigilant. They pose no greater risk to human health than native hornets, but are a threat to honey bees and insect pollinators. While the species is not established in the UK, early trapping is fundamental to eradication efforts, according to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). The South East in particular is on the front-line of the battle to tackle the invasive species.

Asian hornets have very dark bodies, a wide orange stripe on the fourth abdomen section and yellow leg ends. So, if you see a hornet type insect that looks like it's wearing unmistakable 'yellow wellies' report via the Asian Hornet Watch App found in both Android and iPhone app store's.



NATIONAL TRUST WOOLBEDING RE-IMAGINED



We are excited to be beginning a new project to improve the estate for nature, the environment and people, as well as making it more resilient to the effects of climate change. The project will create large scale new areas of woodland and wood pasture as well as restoring Woolbeding Common and working to improve the condition of the River Rother. The hope is that these measures will have a dramatic beneficial effect for nature and wildlife across the estate. To establish the new habitats, we will be using natural recolonisation to provide the future trees, as well as extensive

grazing with our belted Galloway and Sussex cattle. We will also be supporting the return of lost and endangered species and managing to enhance soil health. Most of the new vegetation will be self-sown but we will also be planting, seeding and propagating rarer lost plants. This is a long-term project, and the new landscape will evolve gradually over time. To monitor the changes, we are carrying out baseline surveys to understand the estate as it is now so we can see how the habitats and species change over time.

It will take a while to establish the full network of new access routes. We are however keen to create some new permissive routes straight away to allow more people to have safe access to the countryside.

We are delighted that so many local people are excited about the project and keen to be involved. We are planning new volunteering opportunities to enable everyone to help support habitat and species recovery and monitor the changes.

We have recently launched a web page for the project. This will be regularly updated with new information including volunteering opportunities.

By Becky Hiorns, National Trust



Follow this to find out more



EXPLORE WITH CHRIS

Friends tell me how lucky I am to live in Stedham, being able to walk in any direction to enjoy direct access to the country side. Here are a couple of my favourite walks. Not only do these walks offer stunning views, but the seasons bring an array of goodies for me to forage: my finds include wild garlic, elderflower, plums, apples, mushrooms, blackberries, elder berries, sloes and rosehip. We mustn't forget comfrey too, usually used as a fertiliser..... but beware the smell! The yew tree at St James tops the chart for the biggest girth in our Parish but not so far behind is the magnificent London plane at Stedham Mill recorded at 7.3m girth.

Route 2 - Stedham / Older Hill / Titty Hill / Iping 2 ½ - 3 hours

By Chris Steibelt



Route 1 - Stedham / Woodgate Farm / Iping. Duration 1 - 1 ½ hours



I have always found myself lucky to be able to come home from work, throw on my gear and get out on my bike to blow off some steam after a long day in the glasshouses. This route is one of my regulars taking me on just over a 17 mile ride. This ride takes me just under 2 hours, has a few good climbs and of course, where there is a climb there are some great downhill! This is by no means a Sunday afternoon pedal with the family but a good hard ride for anyone wanting to get or keep fit on two wheels.

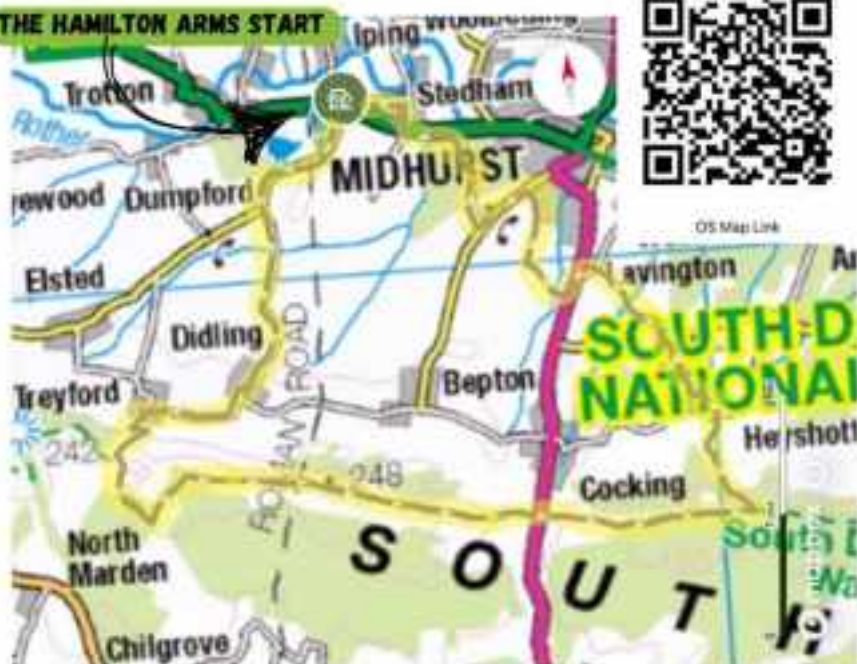
A few thoughts about this ride:

- There's a cracking pothole on the way down Cocking Hill on the left hand side just as you come on to the tarmac. Don't go in it, it sucks!
- You go past a few pubs and a cafe: The Unicorn, The Greyhound and Cadence Cafe if you fancy making this a longer and gentler ride.
- I have found this is the easiest route to get on to the South Downs Way from the parish because it is predominantly tarmac.
- The best views are of Bepton and Bepton down.

I'm sure there are heaps of other hugely important sights of historical importance to name but I am usually too busy cycling and often do this in the dark after work... So I'll stick to pubs and cafes!

FIND THIS TRAIL ON OS MAP AND GIVE IT A GO TODAY!

THE HAMILTON ARMS START



FAIR HILL.

What used to be commonly known as Fair Hill was a large, grassy area on Stedham Common, on a high point off the main footpath through the common, roughly adjacent to where the Heathlands Reunited 'Dragonflies Rest' sculpture is situated today.

From the mid-1800s until 1910, the Stedham cricket team played their matches there on an acre of turf, remains of which are still visible today. Their headquarters was in the Hamilton Arms on the northern edge of the common, until relocating to the Collins Club which was opened in the village centre in 1884 (named after Stedham's long-serving rector, Reverend Caleb Collins, who died in 1879).

CRICKET.



FIG. 12.—THE WICKET-KEEPER (TAKING A LOW BALL).

From the late 1800s Fair Hill was regularly used for the village's annual fair on the longest day of the year and this continued until the 1920s. There was also an annual Guy Fawkes bonfire and procession which outlasted both the cricket and the fair. In the book, *Stedham and Iping Remembered*, Stedham resident Phil Pett recalled: "...when we were children, they had a bonfire there every November. We used to cut lots of brushwood and make the fire and everyone from the village went up there with torches and we took our own fireworks, sparklers and things...We did it from just after the war until about 1955."

Another use of the common, albeit a less enjoyable one, happened in May 1883 when there was a smallpox outbreak in Stedham and Iping. When a programme of vaccination failed to halt the local epidemic, Dr Charles Kelly, the Medical Officer of Health for the West Sussex Sanitary District, obtained powers from the Midhurst Sanitary Authority to create a tented isolation hospital. The hospital comprised a 40 x 20 ft marquee and there were also several bell tents, equipped with beds, bedding and wooden floors to accommodate the patients' quarantined relatives. Two trained nurses worked at the hospital, treating the patients who numbered 29 by the middle of June. In all, five people from Stedham and Iping lost their lives during the outbreak which was declared to be over on 30 June. Having this isolation hospital on the common was one of the main reasons the spread of this deadly disease was able to be contained.



STEDHAM.

Fair.—The annual fair was held on Wednesday last on the common where a large number of spectators were assembled. A cricket match was played in the afternoon between Hasted and Stedham, the latter winning by 25 runs. The scores were: Hasted, 15; and Stedham 40. The Stedham Brass Band was in attendance during the latter part of the afternoon and evening, in the strains of which dancing was kept up till about 10.30.

Midhurst Times, July 1863

By Dawn Cansfield

Sources

Stedham and Iping
Remembered
(Dicks, Dunne & Elsdon, 2012)
Daughters of England
(Friel, 2016)
available online:
<http://www.inlandiel.co.uk/daughters-of-england/>

In 2022, a survey was conducted of the burials at Stedham and since then a small team of researchers has been looking into the histories of past people of the village. There is now an exhibition of the survey's findings in St James' Church, and a book will be following shortly. We will also be featuring some of the stories in the parish newsletters, the first of which is below. Please do get in touch with any comments or queries via:



THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

Pitch and Toss was a game commonly played in the 19th and 20th centuries. It involved players tossing coins at a mark and the person whose coin was closest to it would then toss all the coins in the air and win all those that came down heads up. It sounds innocent enough but was in fact viewed as a form of gambling and as such was illegal with penalties ranging from fines to imprisonment, and even hard labour!

At the Midhurst Petty Sessions on Thursday 29 December 1904 five young men from Stedham and Iping were in court for playing pitch and toss on Stedham common on 18 December. William Toogood, Fred Chaplin, Frank Davis, William Booker and George Tipper had been observed by Police Constables Lucas and Legg who were, as was reported in the Hampshire and Sussex News (4 January 1905): *"...in plain clothes. They saw the five defendants on the Fair Hill and with the aid of a pair of opera glasses, saw they were playing some game. Witness and the other constable crept to within about 35 yards of them and saw all the men pitch coins on the ground which Toogood picked up and tossed into the air. When dropped to the ground Toogood picked some up, one of the others took the remainder."*

Based on this description, it sounds fairly clear that the men were indeed playing this illegal game, but they denied it with the defence that: *"...they were talking together and Tipper [of Stedham] casually took some coins from his pocket and tossed them into the air, afterwards putting them into this pocket."* Unfortunately for them, the Bench was not convinced by this argument and had no doubt that the defendants had been caught in the act. They were each fined 2s. and warned of more severe punishment should they repeat the offence.

PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE

What is that proverb?

"A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they shall never sit."

Despite not being all that old, I always think of this when we plant trees around the parish. These cherry trees are just coming into their autumn colour and will look beautiful for many, many years to come.

By Hannah Burton



Celebrating 75 Years of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949

NATIONAL PARKS

DESIGNATED: 31/03/2010

HABITATS: ESTUARIES, BEACHES AND SEASHORE, COASTAL CLIFFS, GRASSLAND, HEATHLAND, FARMLAND, ANCIENT WOODLAND

COMMON WILDLIFE: ROE DEER, NIGHTINGALE

STAR SPOTS: BADGERS, BARBASTELLE BAT

NOTABLE TOWNS AND CULTURAL SIGHTS:

CRISBURY RING HILLFORT, WINCHESTER

NOTABLE NATURE SIGHTS: CHALK STREAMS, KINGLEY VALE

POPULAR ACTIVITIES FOR VISITORS: HIKING, STARGAZING

HIGHEST PEAK: BEACROFT HILL, 200 METERS ABOVE SEA LEVEL

ANNUAL VISITOR NUMBERS: 39 MILLION IN 2019

THREATS: OVERTOURISM

National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 is a landmark Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

This Act established the National Parks Commission, which later evolved into the Countryside Commission and subsequently the Countryside Agency. In 2006, it merged with English Nature to become what we know now as Natural England.

We are fortunate to reside within the South Downs National Park (SDNP), a testament to the Act's enduring legacy. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 was a visionary piece of legislation that guaranteed access to open countryside for everyone while preserving and enhancing its natural beauty. The Act was founded on the principle that a connection with nature is vital for the health of people, society and the planet.

From the towering peaks of the Cairngorms to the broad beaches of the Pembrokeshire coast, each of the UK's 15 national parks offers something unique.

The Peak District, established in 1951, was the first national park created under the Act. John Dower, a pivotal figure in landscape conservation, laid the foundations for the Act. His report and a subsequent one by Sir Arthur Hobhouse, established the National Park system. Dower envisioned national parks as areas for all people to refresh their minds and spirits, exercise their bodies, and enjoy a peaceful natural setting. They were to be national in the fullest sense, accessible to people of every class and from every part of the country and indeed from the world.

SDNPA, the UK's newest national park designated in 2010, is the most populous and popular, with an estimated 39 million visitors each year. It contains internationally important habitats, including chalk grassland and several areas of lowland heath such as Woolmer Forest, the only place in the country to host all of the UK's native amphibian and reptile species. Did you know? The South Downs Way is the only National Trail that lies entirely within a national park.

By Terry Stevens



PARISH SPORT

CRICKET

It has been a long time since a cricket team bearing the Stedham name took to the field to defend the honour of the village, but on Thursday 29 August a Stedham XI played a 20-over match against the Liphook and Ripsley Third XI (who play their home matches in Stedham).

Liphook and Ripsley elected to bat first and the Stedham opening bowlers did well to restrict the visitors to 25/2 from the opening six overs. Bowling changes were made and all of the Stedham bowlers kept the pressure on Liphook, taking wickets at key moments to restrict the visitors to 100/7 after their 20 overs. Lewis Naylor was the top scorer for Liphook with a fine 21 supported by Jacob Methereff (13) and David Naylor (10). Hamish Henderson and Steve Barrett were the not-out batsmen on 11 and 8 respectively. The pick of the Stedham bowlers were Matt Cansfield (2/8), Rob Laverton (1/7) and Archie Wadey (2/15).



Stedham opener Matt Cansfield set the tone for the Stedham reply with a quick-fire 16 before he was bowled by William Longlands. Archie Wadey (23) and Robin Reynolds (10) made valuable contributions with the bat. Stedham reached their target with three overs to spare and Liphook will rue the 29 extras which made the job easier than it might otherwise have been.

Honours went to Stedham on this occasion and Liphook were keen to seek a re-match next summer to try and gain their revenge.

If you fancy joining the fun, please contact Nick Cansfield at nick.cansfield@hotmail.co.uk.

FOOTBALL



Stedham United have two teams who play in the West Sussex Football League. The first team compete in Division 1 and the Reserve team are in Division 3 South. Matches take place most Saturday afternoons with kick off at 2.00 or 3.00 pm. Continued...

There is usually one team at home so please do come support! Fixtures for each month are receive at the beginning of the month and printed on a notice and placed on the notice board by the Sports Field Gate. During home matches the pavilion is available to purchase tea, coffee or hot chocolate. And the bar is open from 1pm until 6pm. **All are very welcome to come support our teams and enjoy our great community facilities.**

BOWLS

The 2024 outdoor bowls season has now finished and work has now started on preparing the green for next year's season.

We boast a complement of 28 plus bowling members enjoying 2 teams this season (Stedham A's & Stedham B's) playing in the three counties bowls league division two alongside some fantastic teams from Alton, Holloway Hill, Hadley, Rogate and many others playing on a home and away basis.

The teams played 23 friendlies with Billingshurst and Selham being notable among the visiting teams enjoying bowls and teas afterwards. Stedham hosted two competitions, The Holbrook cup and the Rother Valley cup, both finals taking part on our own fair green. One of our teams having competed well reached the final of The Petersfield Cup, only to be very narrowly beaten by Alton with a three shot defeat.

As an active club we have played our own internal competitions and have a thoroughly enjoyable social night's on Fridays through the season where members have the ability to bowl with one hand and hold a glass of wine in the other! Yes, we are indeed a very sociable place and are always looking for new members. If you are interested please contact Jen Frost:

jenebarnes2000@gmail.com



STOOLBALL

The Stedham Ladies season of outdoor stoolball came to an end in September wrapping up with a very successful mixed tournament at Stedham Pavilion. This year the ladies have secured plenty of victories notably the league tournament we have the joys of holding yearly at Stedham Pavilion in May. The team was successful as runners up of the renowned Seaford Tournament this August, and admirably finished at 3rd place in the league overall. Stedham Ladies now look forward to continuing their success in both their indoor leagues! Do you have an interest in playing, giving it a go or coming to watch a few of our games?

Please contact pippa.croxford@gmail.com for more information!





BOOK NOW FOR ...



CHRISTMAS TEA CLUB



Wednesday 4th December
3pm at the

Stedham Sports Pavilion

only £5 for lovely cakes and
sandwiches supplied by
local caterers

*Please contact Terry on 07796834582
to book your place*





Stedham WI

Our summer season flew by with a variety of talks and events and a steadily increasing membership. We started with a cookery demonstration where we all learned how to make three interesting canapés. Debbie Towson managed to make something quite daunting seem easily possible with excellent hints and tips to make things easier and quicker and the results were delicious.

A light hearted quiz night helped the AGM along in March and Sheila Willis gave us an interesting talk in April about poisons, their history, origins and uses, sprinkled with a few juicy tales. May was our resolutions

evening where we voted on the National Federation's Campaign about dentistry for all, then tucked into tasty cheese and wine and had a lovely catch up with all our friends. We had a busy June with our annual trip to Duncton Croquet Club where we enjoyed a couple of rounds of croquet under the guidance of very kind members of the club before a delicious shared supper. Sadly the weather was not on our side this year so we needed coats and blankets before the end of the evening but we didn't let it dampen our spirits! We also had Ian Porter, an excellent speaker, who told us the full history of Selfridge's. It was a really interesting talk which included some insights into the development of the idea of department stores - did you know Selfridges was the first shop to put the perfume counter at the front of the store? It covered the smell coming in from squalid streets! We rounded off the summer season with a lovely sunny evening in one of our member's gardens for supper.

The autumn calendar starts with a flower arranging demonstration from one of our members then a talk about the history of embroidery. A Christmas crafting session and a talk about the intriguing background to the festive season will take us up to Christmas. If you would like to join us or know any more please go to our website, Stedham WI or contact us at stedhamwi@gmail.com



St James' Stedham and St Mary's Iping

CHOIR'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

We celebrated by inviting everyone to attend an Organ and Promenade Concert at the end of June. Helen Bendall played a wonderful collection of pieces on the organ with many amusing anecdotes about the composers. Then Union Jacks were waved and old favourites were lustily sung including Sussex by the Sea, Rule Britannia and the National Anthem.

NEW BENCH

The family of Keith Hitchen, who died in 2022, has kindly given a bench to St James' Church which has been installed outside the West door. Keith Hitchen was headteacher of Stedham Primary School from 1974 to 2000 and we are absolutely delighted to have this practical memorial of him.

D-DAY AND THE BATTLE OF NORMANDY, JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 1944.

The 6th June 2024 was the 80th Anniversary of D-Day and the Battle of Normandy, and below are some details of one man from Stedham who was among the 22,000 who perished. His name is on the roll of honour at the new British Battle of Normandy Memorial at Ver-sur-Mer overlooking Gold Beach and the Mulberry Harbour at Arromanches. Trooper Donald Reginald Christmas was the son of Reginald and Alice Christmas of Stedham and died at the age of 23 on 25th August 1944.



He was in the Reconnaissance Corps, RAC, 49th (West Riding) Regt. which on 22nd August was on the North flank under Canadian command moving north eastwards from Mezidon on the River Dives (east of Caen) towards the River Seine. The Division was advancing against a strong German defensive screen in town of Cormeilles on the river Calonne. He was probably killed as part of a direct attack on this position that took 30 prisoners and killed 30 enemy. He is buried at Lieurey Communal Cemetery along with 3 comrades. His regiment was successful in crossing the Seine and went on to liberate Le Havre.



Stedham Wartime Weekend

We must say a roaring **thank you** to Scott Branton and company for organising the fantastic Wartime Weekend at The Hamilton Arms and raising a whopping **£2700** for the charity Project 71!

BELL RINGING AT ST JAMES' CHURCH

Do you enjoy hearing the sounds of church bells ringing? Have you ever thought you would like to try bell ringing? Bell ringing practice is on most Monday evenings 7 to 8.30pm, you can arrive and depart at any time during the evening, so why not drop in for a chat about joining our friendly band and learning to ring. We try to ring for Sunday Services when there are enough of us, so the more ringers we have, the more Sunday Services we can ring for.

Alternatively you can contact Barry Cooper (Tower Captain) by email at bjamesc59@gmail.com

Stedham Primary School



What a lovely start to the school year it's been and I'm delighted to be writing this piece for the parish magazine. My name is Mr Ricky Leigh and I'm the Interim Headteacher for Stedham Primary School for the autumn term of 2024. I'm just looking after things whilst Mr Meaby recovers following some essential surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery!

Term started again in earnest in September and it's crazy to think that we have already been at school for over a month – the holiday really does seem a long time ago now. At the end of the summer term we were sad to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils who all went off to secondary school – happily many of them have already returned to see us and show off their smart school uniform and tell us all about the homework. Once you've attended Stedham, you always stay part of the family and it's always nice to see you.

We warmly welcomed back our families and pupils from other year groups though as well as our very newest pupils, some joining us from other schools and others starting school for the very first time.

There's always something going on at Stedham from new clubs like drawing club, Lego club or arts and crafts, to well established ones like Aspire Sports Club and Cricket Tuesdays. The children have a wide curriculum and social calendar including forest school sessions, multi days and of course most importantly making time for the essentials of reading, writing and maths. On Friday our children and parents were out in force for the World's Largest Coffee Afternoon which we held in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief and raised £117.09 thanks to everyone who came!

We are busy setting the dates for our Christmas Fair and I'll write again to let you know more in the next mag. Meanwhile this term our pupils prepare for a Harvest Service at the church and will take part in the Remembrance Service on 11th November. With all of that to take place, being at school, the run up to Christmas, trips and social events the autumn term surely is one of the busiest ones of the school year – here's hoping it will be a fun one too!

Mr Ricky Leigh
Interim Headteacher



Stedham Movies! £5 - Doors & bar open at 7pm for a 7.50pm start

Friday 13th December - The Holdovers

A curmudgeonly instructor at a New England prep-school remains on campus during Christmas break to babysit a handful of students with nowhere to go. He soon forms an unlikely bond with a brainy but damaged troublemaker, and with the school's head cook, a woman who just lost a son in the Vietnam War.

CHRISTMAS DRINKS & SING-ALONG - Sunday 15th December

4pm - 6pm

£3/person on the door

Bar open - free nibbles

Get into the Christmas spirit with a drink in one hand and a song sheet in the other. Join your fellow villagers for a seasonal get together.

Join the guest list by emailing - bookings@stedhamvillagehall.com

HELPERS WANTED

We are always looking for people to help at our events and become part of our happy team. This can either be on an ad hoc basis or as a committee member. If you could spare us some of your time, please contact - bookings@stedhamvillagehall.com



Stedham Horticultural Society

It has been a busy summer for the Stedham Horticultural society! In July we visited Selhurst Park, a beautiful garden open only to groups for the national garden scheme.

What a great opportunity for us to use our people power as a society to get a peek!

And then, of course we had our annual summer show. It has been a very poor growing season, with very little warmth or sun, which meant that most fruits and vegetables were rather behind. Despite this we had some fantastic entries including crafts, cookery, some beautiful flowers and not forgetting the ugliest vegetable!

We're keen to welcome new members! If you're interested then please email Lottie on millettlottie@gmail.com
Annual household membership is £8.

Stedham Sports Association

Great thanks to everyone who attended our very successful quiz and supper night, great fun was had by all!



Congratulations to this year's cup winners:

Fruit and Vegetables -

Oliver Skånberg-Tippen and Lottie Millett

Flowers, cookery, and craft -

Lily Hubbard

Best in show - Rebecca Osborne for Cosmos

If you're not quite ready to join, then visitors are very welcome at our monthly talks (£3) which we can of course then deduct from your annual membership fee if you then decide to join.

Book your tickets now with Sue on:
s.lintott66@hotmail.com

Fireworks night was hugely supported, we had a fantastic evening and had a few fireworks never seen before in the UK! Thank you to all who came and enjoyed the evening and a huge thank you to all the volunteers who help us make it the fantastic evening it is!

Our December event is a Bingo night on the 6th December. There will be a bar and raffle to go alongside,

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SSE-S

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A FLYTIP



REPORT
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Important Contacts

RIVERBANK MEDICAL CENTRE

01730 812121 | sxib-wsx.riverbankmc@nhs.net

HYDE HOUSING

www.hyde-housing.co.uk/tenants/ | 0800 328 2282

BOOK-A-BUS

Download 'Ride pingo' app - 01243858854

TANDEM BUS

voffice.tandem@gmail.com | 03000303962

MIDHURST YELLOW BUS

www.midhurstyellowbus.org.uk | 07879556568

REVEREND TRISH BANCROFT

stlukesbenefice@aol.com | 01428 741285

STEDHAM MEMORIAL HALL

General enquiries - info@stedhamvillagehall.com

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NOVEMBER 14TH 7PM	The PC	Stedham with Iping parish council held at the memorial hall - open to all to attend
NOVEMBER 23RD 3PM	Churches	Dedication of Stedham graveyard exhibition with tea followed by a 3.30 service for all souls buried in the graveyard - Stedham St James'
NOVEMBER 28TH 2.30PM	Hort Soc	Tony Lucas 'The Flower Man' will be giving an illustrated talk about his business and a flower arranging demonstration
DECEMBER 6TH 6.30PM	Pavilion	Curry and bingo night! Book your tickets now with Sue on: s.aintott66@hotmail.com
DECEMBER 7TH 10AM - 12PM	The WI	Join the parish in the memorial hall for Stedham WI's annual Christmas market!
DECEMBER 8TH 11AM	Churches	Children's Christingle Service - Clementine's provided! - Stedham, St James'
DECEMBER 12TH 7PM	The PC	Stedham with Iping parish council held at the memorial hall - Open to all to attend
DECEMBER 13TH 7PM	The Hall	Stedham Film Night & Bar - The Holdovers - Hilarious Modern Christmas Comedy - £5.00 per ticket
DECEMBER 15TH 7PM	The Hall	Christmas Singalong and Drinks all are very welcome!
DECEMBER 17TH 3PM	The PC	Parish litter pick and parish tidy up litter picking tools and bags provided and tea and biscuits for afters!
DECEMBER 20TH 6PM - IPING	Churches	A service of and wassail- Iping, St Mary's
DECEMBER 25TH 9.30AM STEDHAM 11AM - IPING	Churches	Christmas Communion with carols - Stedham, St James - 9.30am Holy Communion - Iping, St Mary's 11am
DECEMBER 29TH 10.30 IPING	Churches	BENEFICE NEW YEAR'S SERVICE Benefice new year's service - Iping, St Mary's 10.30am

Weekly Activities

Please check details on their websites and in notice boards

MONDAY EVENINGS	Churches	Bell ringing practice. If you would like to have a go please drop in to St James'
	The Hall	Midhurst writers - please drop in to see what we're all about and if you would like to join!
THURSDAY DAYTIME	The Hall	Yoga for everyone with elena mccloskey - £12 per session - elena.mccloskey@merlin.com/07720347877
SATURDAY DAYTIME	Pavilion	Stedham football home and away games - Please check on the day for play - join us to support the lads play! Pavilion open for tea's and bar open from 1pm



Do you think you would like to put an article
into this mag about the parish?

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