
FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

August. Formerly called Sextilis in the Roman calendar was the sixth month from March when the year began. The name was changed to Augustus in 8BC in honour of the first Roman Emperor whose lucky month it was and in which many of his greatest achievements occurred. For us it is the month of high summer when one of your editors always seems to find himself humming "Summertime".

Summertime
 And the livin' is easy
 Fish are jumpin'
 And the cotton is high
 Oh, your daddy's rich
 And your mama's good lookin'
 So hush little baby
 Don't you cry
 One of these mornings
 You're going to rise up singing
 Then you'll spread your wings
 And you'll take to the sky
 But until that morning
 There's a'nothing can harm you
 With daddy and mamma standing by

There can't be a reader of this Newsletter who isn't familiar with this wonderful song which originally was sung as a lullaby in Porgy and Bess. Since then it has become a jazz standard and probably the most covered song in the history of recorded music with over 33,000 versions by groups and solo performers. The song conveys beautifully that lazy, languid, sultry, heady almost exhausted feeling of full high summer. For your desert island (or iPod) choice in our humble opinion the version to have is the one by Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong though one of your editors also loves the Miles Davis instrumental version on which he plays exquisite muted trumpet. So here's hoping that in August your living is easy wherever you may be.

To Conclude: A Mayfield calendar is being produced for 2018 to raise funds for local charities. A relevant photograph for each month is needed, so, whether you are a novice or more advanced photographer get your cameras or phones out and get "shooting"! If you have taken images pre-2017 dig them out and find the best. Submit them to mayfieldcalendarphotos@gmail.com (in digital format) and the best for each month will be chosen, with one having pride of place on the front cover.

Andrew Watson & Jeanette Hore Editors

MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

I am sad to have to report that in July a noticeboard drawing pin was stuck to the inside of the baby seat in the Five Ashes play area, sticking inwards to deliberately harm a toddler placed in the swing. I would like to thank the member of the public who alerted everyone to this via Facebook. This has been reported to Sussex Police who have advised that it is not something that has been reported to them from elsewhere so it appears to be a local act of particularly abhorrent vandalism. The play areas have been checked with no other problems found. However **please be extra vigilant** when using the equipment in case the offender decides to strike again and please report any suspicious activity to Sussex Police or to the Parish Council.

Councillor Vacancy: At the June 2017 meeting Cllr Johnny Marsh resigned from the Parish Council as he was moving away from Mayfield and he was thanked for his time in office. Wealden District Council has confirmed that the vacancy can be by co-option and we would like to hear from anyone who may be interested in filling this Councillor vacancy to represent the ward of Mayfield. To stand as a Parish Councillor you must:

- be a UK or commonwealth citizen, or;
- be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or;
- be a citizen of another Member state of the European Union;
- be a least 18 years old.
- be an elector of the parish, or;

- for the whole of the previous 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the parish, or;
- during the previous 12 months have worked in the parish (as your principal or only place of work), or;
- for the whole of the previous 12 months lived in the parish or within three miles of the parish boundary.

You do not have to be connected to a political party.

The Parish Council meets once a month (for about 2 hours) except in January and August. The meetings take place in Mayfield Memorial Hall and Five Ashes Village Hall. Its following committees carry out the detailed work of the Parish Council:

- Planning Executive
- Finance and General Purposes Executive
- Community Development Advisory
- Rights of Way and Trees Advisory
- Community Safety and Traffic Advisory

You would be expected to attend the meetings of any of the Committees that you become a member of. Committees are scheduled to meet four times a year with the exception of the Planning Committee that meets every three weeks.

Parish Council Grants: One of the important roles of the Parish Council is to provide grants to organisations within Mayfield and Five Ashes to help them move forward with their own projects. Our grants policy can be found on the Parish Council website at www.mayfieldfiveashes.org.uk in the "Key Documents" "Finance" section along with the approved grant application form. To apply for a grant for 2018/19 you will need to submit your application to the Parish Clerk by 30 September 2017 with the financial information specified on the application form. Individual grants may be made available up to a maximum of £500. They must be match funded so applicants must cover at least 50% of the total project cost. If you do not have internet access please contact the Parish Council office on 01435 873784 so a copy of the grants policy and application form can be forwarded to you.

Footpath Volunteers: The Parish Council's "Rights of Way and Trees" Committee manages a group of volunteers who help maintain our network of paths and bridleways. There are about ten members of this irregular band, set up with help from the County Council in terms of advice, training (in health and safety and first aid), equipment and some materials. Like the host committee, the group attempts to hold the ring between the landowners of the Parish, who are responsible for maintenance and access across their land, local and visiting walkers and East Sussex County Council (ESCC). ESCC has diminishing budgets and a diminishing role in carrying out work. However, statutory responsibility for aspects such as bridge maintenance and signage off roads remains with ESCC as does enforcement of regulations.

Mayfield's group is one of the county's few such groups, keeping signage up to date, carrying out occasional clearance, building steps and, in special circumstances, the repair of stiles. Improving surfaces on paths is a skill that the group struggles with and is dependent on the cooperation of landowners for achievement.

The citation in the report of "The Times", with Mayfield as the best village in Britain made no mention of the attractions of walking in the local countryside, an aspect which our group members are keenly aware of and which motivates them in their work. The undulation of the landscape, the mix of woodland and open fields, the history of agriculture and industry (often evident on walks), with seasonal wildlife and flora, make for a truly special characteristic of the Parish. The downside, of course, is the Wealden clay that can cause problems in wet winters.

The work of volunteers can be helped by responsible behaviour from walkers and riders (following the Countryside Code), which in turn makes lack of sympathy from landowners and farmers less likely. The rich network of paths and bridleways is inherited from our predecessors and needs to be kept in good shape for the future. Mayfield Primary School (aided by the High Weald AONB) has a programme of "Welly Walks" and "Woodland Walks" which depend on access to paths in all seasons and weather conditions, thus introducing the children of the Parish to the delights of our surroundings.

East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre: East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre is a registered charity working in partnership with Adult Social Care to provide a no charge mobile information and advice service for Deaf, deafened and hard of hearing people living in East Sussex. It has a vehicle, funded by the Big Lottery, which is equipped to offer demonstrations of assistive equipment and hearing screening tests (when time permits).

Their mobile unit will be visiting Mayfield on Thursday 24th August 2017, and will be in The Memorial Hall Car Park, Tunbridge Wells Road from 10.30am – 3.30pm. The bus is accessible to wheelchair users and representatives from both the East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre and Adult Social Care will be available to provide individual information and advice on all aspects of hearing loss.

For further information please contact East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre:

Tel: 01323 722505 (voice/text/fax) e-mail: info@eshrc.org.uk

Overgrown Vegetation: August sees the end of the RSPB's recommended months to avoid hedge cutting due to the nesting season. Overgrown hedges and trees (particularly overhanging branches) are a major cause of refuse vehicles not being able to access certain roads. Often the vegetation is overhanging and causes damage to the vehicles and also prevents the driver from being able to use their mirrors, particularly when reversing. Wealden District Council work closely with East Sussex Highways to ensure any problems with vegetation are resolved, however, they are unable to do so when this occurs on private or unadopted roads.

In these situations they rely strongly on residents cutting back any overhanging branches and overgrown hedges, on their property, to ensure collections can continue as scheduled. Cutting back the vegetation along the highways also improves sight lines and the visibility of road signs to assist drivers.

Aviation Noise Impacts: The Civil Aviation Authority is looking at how residents can influence the aviation industry's noise performance, and they would like to hear from people impacted by aviation noise to get a better understanding of what they would like them to do about noise. They would like to understand what residents think they should prioritise when acting to reduce noise. Their consultation can be found at: <https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/aviation-noise-impacts/> Answering the questions will help them to understand which areas people who are affected by aviation noise would like them to focus on and help to define their work programme. The consultation runs until 05 January 2018.

Wealden Works Careers Fair: Wealden District Council is inviting all local businesses to reserve a free space at the Wealden Works Careers Fair, taking place at East Sussex National on Monday 2 October, to promote their firm to young adults from across the District.

Exhibiting at the Wealden Works Careers Fair 2017 will give you the chance to:

- Raise your profile and promote your brand, products and services;
- Engage with hundreds of young people;
- Be recognised for your commitment to vocational skills, training and apprenticeships;
- Inspire the next generation and the talent of tomorrow;
- Meet and inform key influencers, including teachers, parents and professionals from across business, the third sector and government;
- Network, share and create new ideas with a diverse range of visitors.

If you work for or run a local business and would like to register, are part of a school or college interested in attending, or have any questions, please contact Kat Jenner on 01323 443266 or regeneration@wealden.gov.uk.

Healthwatch East Sussex Information and Signposting Line:

- Healthwatch East Sussex provides an information service about accessing health and social care services.
- The information and signposting line is open on Monday - Friday, 10am - 2pm.
- Healthwatch East Sussex information and signposting service provides:
- Free, friendly and confidential service that is independent from the NHS and social care services.
- As a signposting role, they can provide contact details for a range of services that best supports your request.
- They can provide information about choices you have with regard to where you might get help in relation to your health, social care and wellbeing needs.
- They can put you in touch with sources of information on NHS and social care services in East Sussex.
- They can give you information about what to do when things go wrong and understanding how to make a complaint.

Contact Details: 0333 101 4007; www.healthwatcheastsussex.co.uk

Email: enquiries@healthwatcheastsussex.co.uk

Freepost: RTTT---BYBX---KCEY, Healthwatch East Sussex, 32 St Leonards Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3UT

Summer Holiday Office Closure Dates: The Parish Council Office will be closed from 04 August to 18 August, however it will open for the Planning Executive meeting on Monday 07 August at 9:30 am.

Dates of council meetings this month:

Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
Planning Committee	Monday 07 August	09:30	Parish Council Office
Planning Committee	Monday 30 August	09:30	Parish Council Office

Please note that minutes of meetings are available for viewing online at: www.mayfieldfiveashes.org.uk and at the Parish Council Office.

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FEATURES

WILDLIFE SPLASH: A MAYFIELD MOSAIC: A bird's eye view of Mayfield will reveal a patchwork of habitats - a mosaic of woodland, meadow and pasture knitted together with ancient tree lines and hedgerows and punctuated with a scatter of ponds. From the perspective of our wildlife, a mosaic of habitats is vital to survival. Most creatures commute across the landscape in much the same way as we commute from home to work and to purchase food. Remove this ability and we would not survive.

Springtime saw toads and newts emerge from safe hibernation sites in woodlands, shaws and scrubby tree lines to return to ponds in order to mate and deposit eggs. Such hibernation sites also provide winter refuge for lizards, adders and slow worms that then disperse to meadows, woodland openings and fields to feed and breed. Predatory birds such as buzzards and owls nest in trees and buildings near their extensive hunting grounds comprising swathes of landscape. Bumblebees nest in the ground along old banks or around tree roots. At this time of year the workers are busying about the meadows gathering pollen and nectar to feed the next generation of workers, males and queens.

A dusk stroll on a warm summer evening will reveal the agile and darting flight of bats as they scoop up scores of nutritious invertebrates over ponds, damp grassland or sheltered field edges. Many species roost in ancient trees in woodland, beneath bridges or in old buildings and travel in the shadows of hedgerows and tree lines to such foraging grounds. This affords them safety from night-time predators such as owls.

These tree lines and hedgerows are the commuting corridors across the landscape used by many on a diurnal or seasonal basis. Dormice are arboreal creatures and travel through hedgerows and tree lines to find new pockets of woodland. Hedgehogs snuffle through the safe cover of rough grassland and bracken at the base of the hedgerows, and insects traverse the landscape in the shelter of the leeward side.

Without a mosaic of habitats and safe connectivity between these habitats our wildlife would be much impoverished. We are fortunate in Mayfield to be living in such rich and varied land.

Jacqueline Thompson

SUSSEX WILDLIFE TRUST: MARSH FROGS, LAUGHING ALL THE WAY TO THE RIVERBANK: A summer evening stroll past the damper areas in the east of our county is not for the paranoid or insecure. You could be mistaken for thinking that the very marshes, ditches and ponds are mocking you as an incredible quacking, cackling chorus fills the air growing more and more hysterical. This is the song of the marsh frog.

The frogs, hidden from sight, inflate two vocal sacs making them look like they are blowing bubble-gum out of their ears. Guttural guffaws are amplified by these sacs and broadcast. Their loud laughter is contagious. Once one frog proudly proclaims his place in the pond with a raucous whoa-aa-aa-aa his neighbour is compelled to respond and soon the entire marsh is whoa-aa-aa-aa-ing like a bawdy comedy night at a working man's club. Holding the title of Europe's largest frog the marsh frog is 50% bigger than Britain's native common frogs. Full grown adults are a reassuringly Kermit-like green.

Unlike our native frogs they never stray too far from water. Marsh frogs are either in it, on it or sat close to it. They are alert and wary and, as you approach, these acrobatic amphibians will launch themselves into the air and belly flop with a plop into the water. But sit still by the water's edge and inquisitive bulging eyes will soon reappear at the surface. Their wariness is warranted. Herons, egrets and grass snakes prowl the ditches hoping for a frog in their throat.

Marsh frogs are only found in a few places in Britain and East Sussex is a hot spot for this cold-blooded animal. But they shouldn't be here. These green-skinned aliens have been introduced by man. Or, to be more precise, Mr E.P Smith of Stone-in-Oxney, Kent. Mr Smith, Conservative MP for Ashford, seems to have had a very tolerant and progressive view towards immigration and released twelve of these Hungarian marsh frogs into his garden pond in 1935. It wasn't long before the warty dozen had multiplied and, by the 1960s, all of neighbouring Romney Marsh rang with the sound of laughter.

From there it was just a short hop into Sussex and over the decades the march of the marsh frog has continued, sometimes 'helpfully' assisted by humans. One Sussex herpetologist, in order to study them closer, moved some marsh frogs one Friday afternoon from Lewes to his suburban Burgess Hill garden pond. On Monday morning he was served a noise abatement order by the council. They don't tolerate laughter in Burgess Hill. Marsh frogs will also respond to human laughter so, if you fancy a laugh, head to the marshes. Smile and the world smiles with you. Laugh and a marsh frog laughs at you.

Sussex Wildlife Trust is a registered charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex. Founded in 1961, we have worked with local people for over half a century to make Sussex richer in wildlife. We rely on the support of our members to help protect our rich natural heritage. Please consider supporting our work. As a member you will be invited to join Michael Blencowe on our regular wildlife walks and also enjoy free events, discounts on wildlife courses, *Wildlife* magazine and our guide book, *Discovering Wildlife in Sussex*.

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THE JOINT AND BACK CLINIC, CRAMP: Most people at some time or another have a 'bout of cramp' a painful contraction/spasm and shortening of a muscle or muscles, most commonly found in the legs and feet although people can get it anywhere. It can last seconds or minutes, but often the effects last for hours or days, mainly residual tenderness and tightness in the affected muscle groups.

As one ages 'cramp' becomes more common, probably due to reduced exercise, less stretching and shortening of muscles and tendons. It is thought that abnormal muscle contractions during, before or when waking, might be the reason people are more prone to cramp at night, although this is just a theory.

There are lots of predisposing factors to 'cramp' such as dehydration, reduced mineral levels especially of Magnesium and possibly Calcium, some medicines such as diuretics, statins, steroids, the contraceptive pill, exposure to cold surfaces or cold temperatures and pregnancy. There are also a raft of medical conditions that can predispose you to 'cramp' including peripheral vascular disease, thyroid problems, kidney disease and liver disease etc, it's a very long list.

One of the most common causes I see is 'dehydration' specifically in the elderly and often related to mobility issues. As one gets older, you do not want to move around as much because of pain, joint stiffness, health problems and generally you cannot be bothered with having to go to the toilet every 5 minutes, which means climbing up the stairs yet again! One of the most common scenarios is seen in men who have a prostate problem. In this scenario, you choose not to have a drink after say 6 or 7pm because then you will only have to get up x1 time per night, rather than the x3 you usually do and that means 'in theory' that you have a better night's sleep. Fine in theory, but you are far more likely to have cramp which is a minor condition compared to the increased risk of stroke and heart/pulmonary problems as your blood becomes less liquid, stickier and more likely to block a blood vessel or form a clot.

Just to add to the mix, older people do not drink enough generally, whether out of habit, cannot be bothered, or do not feel the urge, whatever the reason it causes lots of problems among this population. As a side note, one of the most common causes of hospitalisation in older people is urinary and kidney infections leading to delirium and potentially permanent kidney damage. It's a massive problem in this country and across the world.

So, there are a few things we can do: Stretch the Muscles that cramp up a bit more e.g. the calves and feet, Keep the affected muscles warm, keep hydrated, take some anti-cramp medications containing the deficient minerals that can predispose you to cramp (after checking with the pharmacy that it is OK with any other medication you might be on). Consider seeing your GP about prescription 'cramp' medications; a common one is 'quinine' although this has some pretty significant side effects with it which might be worse than the cramp!

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TRAVEL NOTES: If I told you had found the most perfect place on the planet, what would you say? Well, I have just fulfilled a lifetime dream by visiting Costa Rica! I have wanted to see this country for about 40 years, as I worked for a man who had a vision and bought land back in the 70's to build a hotel. He predicted

that Costa Rica would one day be a tourist destination, and he was right!

British Airways now flies direct to Costa Rica twice a week. It's an 11-hour flight, so about the same as the Maldives. It's a long flight but BA was offering upgrades to World Traveller Plus for about £250, which would be well worth doing.

Costa Rica is a role model for the rest of the world. They abolished their army in 1948 and they used the money they saved on improving the eco-structure and investing in tourism and sustainable agriculture. However, their biggest income is from IT, in which they are world leaders.

So, this small country, twice the size of Wales, is a feast for the eyes. They have stunning rain forests where you can see all manner of wildlife, from birds to jaguars, to crocodiles and of course, the ubiquitous monkeys! The inland is lush and green, with spectacular waterfalls and more wildlife. Stay at the foot of the famous Arenal volcano and bathe in the hot volcanic springs. Walk along the forest walkways, suspended high over the tree tops or zip line if you are brave! Canoeing and horse riding are very popular, as are all manner of other outdoor sports. The beaches are fabulous and uncrowded and I was lucky to witness a giant turtle laying her eggs.

The food is wonderful, all fresh and local. I am told the steaks are amazing but I stuck to the fish. Fresh vegetables, fruit and salads are in abundance.

Costa Rica is a stable democracy and its peace-loving people are very friendly. It is also the most eco-friendly and bio-diverse country on the planet.

Trust me, with the new BA flights, this is going to be the NEXT BIG THING, so if you'd like to know more or see a sample itinerary, please get in touch.

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BOOK REVIEW: *The Life and Death of Lord Errol* by Errol Trzebinski.

"The world is governed by quite other people than the citizens imagine". Benjamin Disraeli.

Looming on the rugged Aberdeenshire coastline close to Cruden Bay near Peterhead stand the formidable ruins of Slains Castle, for centuries the seat of the ancient Scottish family, the Earls of Errol. This castle was never at any time a place for the faint-hearted, perched as it was so near to the cliff edge that one of the outer walls virtually overhung the ocean (a favourite wager was to run around the edifice without falling into the pitiless waves below). The history of the Errol family, named Hay, is every bit as formidable as the castle itself, one which down through the ages was associated with battles, heroism, treason, scandal and of course great wealth and power. So much sensation and drama, but in more recent times, since an event in wartime Nairobi, the name Errol has evoked a fascination quite different from that of any in the past but just as gripping.

Many of us are acquainted with the book by James Fox, later dramatised in a film, called "White Mischief". Set in wartime Kenya this fact-based story has all the ingredients to captivate public imagination – wealth, luxury, glamour, endless partying with drugs and alcohol consumption, fornication and intrigue. Finally, the unsolved murder which continues to titillate. Between the wars the Happy Valley set were a group of hedonistic British aristocrats who settled in a region of the Wanjohi Valley in Kenya and Uganda, known as the Happy Valley. During the nineteen-thirties their antics became notorious among the 21,000 local white settlers of whom they were only a tiny minority. Even after the outbreak of War their lives were worlds away from the harsh realities of blitz-torn Britain. Among the most prominent of this set was Lord Kilmarnock's son, Josslyn Victor Hay, twenty-second Earl of Errol. Born in Mayfair, Westminster in 1901, Joss spent much of his childhood at Slains Castle which Trzebinski believes exerted a powerful influence over him, but the seat was sold by the Errols in 1916. Joss was sent to Eton but was expelled after two years. By 1920 the Errols had lost their wealth and Joss scandalised Society by marrying the twice-divorced Lady Idina Sackville, daughter of the eighth Earl de la Warr (they had a daughter, Diana). The couple moved to Kenya, Joss living off Idina's money, where they purchased a bungalow which Joss named "Slains" after the Scottish castle, now fallen into disrepair. This marriage ended in divorce and Joss then married Molly Ramsey-Hill, who died an alcoholic in 1939. Meanwhile Joss became well-known as a Fascist sympathiser, joining Sir Oswald Mosley's B.U.F. when in London. On the outbreak of War, he was appointed as a captain in the Kenya regiment, later Assistant Military Secretary for East Africa.

Joss Errol, good-looking, charismatic and a serial womaniser began an affair with the young and glamorous wife of ageing Sir Jock Delves Broughton which was to apparently prove fatal. Joss was found shot dead in his Buick on the Nairobi-Ngong road on 24th January 1941 and suspicion immediately fell on the cuckolded Sir Jock. However, at his trial evidence against Sir Jock was weak and he was acquitted. He later committed suicide. Nevertheless, belief in Jock's guilt has rooted firmly in popular folklore, strengthened no doubt by James Fox's widely read book, "White Mischief". In her book, Errol Trzebinski sets out to debunk much of what has

been claimed, above all the depiction of Joss as a mere dissolute playboy. She portrays Joss as humanitarian, one who disliked hunting wildlife, who took a keen interest in the welfare of the local farming community and who, despite his earlier flirtation with Fascism, was deeply patriotic. His dedication to duty was in line with his robust family history and upbringing at Slains Castle.

Having spent many years in Kenya and meeting Joss's surviving friends and family, Trzebinski became convinced that his murder had not been fully investigated and that there had been an elaborate cover-up by the British Government at the time. She goes into considerable detail in revealing how and why Joss Errol would have been viewed as a threat by Intelligence sources, holding as he did a high position in British-controlled territory surrounded by those of Fascist powers. Prior to and immediately after the outbreak of War, Joss could have acquired knowledge of secret negotiations from Whitehall at the time of appeasement. The murder of Joss Errol therefore was not due to adultery but was a carefully constructed political assassination. Space does not permit me to go into further detail but I recommend this book as one worth reading.

Cynthia M. Baker

NEWSLETTER 40TH ANNIVERSARY FEATURE PIECE: REMINISCENCES OF MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES – BY DAVID GRAY: PART 8

In the 1950s, Collins & Gray opened larger premises in Heathfield – now the main Heathfield Library, then a fashion shop in Uckfield, now Selby's Chemists, and plans were already underway to open a shop in Seaford. Ten years later, after they had been together for 40 years, the brothers decided to go their separate ways. Bill Gray concentrated on the Mayfield shops and opened a Gents' Outfitters, now occupied by the Parish Council as their Parish Council Offices. This was known as Gray's. Harold continued to run the other shops under the name of Collins & Gray Ltd. Some of the people working in the Mayfield shops during the '40s, '50s and '60s were Miss Manser and Mrs O'Brien (they were the wartime Managers while the brothers were away in the RAF), Phyllis Hemsley, Lorraine Finch, Cathy Smith, Maggie Ives and Glenda Richardson in the shoe shop, with Mrs Bessie Gray (*my mother*). Kathleen Fenner, Evelyn Knight and Ann Saunders all did a spell in the busy office of Collins & Gray, whilst Maurice Moon was the delivery roundsman in a temperamental old Forbeson (?) van. Young David Gray attempted window-dressing during his school holidays, but failed to come up to scratch and was never asked to repeat his efforts! One of the staff mentioned above married Les Chapman, the village barber, whose shop was on the Lower Pavement, now known as Lower Steps. Lorraine Finch remembers her first job after leaving school: "It was at Collins & Gray, and the pay was £1 a week, but rose to £5 a week 12 years later." Bill Gray retired to Alfriston in the 1970s and the Mayfield shops went up for sale as going concerns some time after that. They were sold but the business finally closed down a few years afterwards.

After Bill Gray died in December 1992, there was a special Remembrance Eucharist Service in St Dunstan's church, with music sung by the choir in his memory. His friend and fellow chorister, David Bessant, wrote the following words in the February 1993 Parish Magazine:

"When Bill Gray first came to Mayfield, he set up shop as a draper and outfitter in the High Street and later, with his wife, Bessie, a shoe shop. For many years these were thriving businesses. Many have there been whose first employment was to work in one or other of the shops, and all remember Bill and Bessie as patient and kindly employers, who remained interested in their welfare long after they had moved on to other spheres. Their interest and concern was always extended to their customers, for whom nothing would be too much trouble. Bill was, for 25 years or so, a tenor in the choir at Mayfield church, and a devoted member of St Dunstan's congregation. After he moved, he used to travel back to Mayfield for choir practices for 11 years after he and his wife were living in Alfriston. They later settled in Polegate, where Bill continued to sing in the choir of St John's Church, until shortly before he died. Bill never forgot the happy years he and his wife spent in Mayfield and, even on the day he died, which is when I last saw him, not realising how near his end was, he was asking by name about those he knew and sharing reminiscences about them."

It was some years after his death, Mulliter (?) wrote in our Yellow Pages Newsletter No 375 about village people volunteering for money-raising causes. In that Newsletter, he mentioned Bill Gray of Collins & Gray, running an extremely lucrative Box Office for concert tickets to be sold. This was in the early 1950s and, although the shows were to be staged in our small, corrugated iron Village Hall, my father accidentally or, perhaps, accidentally-on-purpose, omitted the price of the admission for these tickets. Thus, he charged what HE felt people could afford. This was not quite a Black Market, but the shows were a sell-out and raised unbelievable revenue for repairing St Dunstan's Church roof. Our friend and Vicar at that time, Bunny (?) Oliver, could hardly believe his luck when he looked at the size of the cheque!

This is the last of David Gray's Reminiscences. Thank you to David for his most interesting articles.

HERE IS THE NEXT COMMISSIONED FEATURE PIECE OF OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR TO ENLIGHTEN READERS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF...

FIVE ASHES VILLAGE HALL: In December 1972, the Five Ashes Memorial Playing Field Committee invited residents to a meeting in the Women's Institute hall to approve the plans of the proposed new village hall on its present-day site attached to what was then the cricket Pavilion. Although approved by the residents it was reported to the committee in February 1974 that they were not acceptable to the Architects who advised the Sussex Rural Community Council (who had been approached to help fund the build costs). Eventually the obstacles were overcome to enable a building to be constructed albeit without any financial help from any local government bodies

Built by volunteers, the first development of the village hall was largely completed prior to the official opening in September 1976 after the original appeal to raise funds was launched in November 1975. As part of fundraising activity, the Woman's Institute agreed to sell their building on what is now the corner of the entrance to Westfield Close for development and contribute the proceeds of the sale to the funds for the building of the new hall. Initially the Charity Commission Commissioners would not allow the proceeds to be applied to the cost of the new village hall until it was held on a suitable charitable trust basis and the WI had secured terms for the use of the new hall. The sum involved was £6524.10. Eventually a deal was struck with the WI that they would have the use of the Village Hall on the first Tuesday of each month between 11.00 to 18.00 and the use of the pavilion as a committee room on the last Tuesday of each month between 14.00 and 17.00 for an initial period of 5 years.

By 2003 the hall was deemed to be beyond economic repair. A new initiative was launched to raise funds to build a new hall on the playing field with an increase in the overall footprint to accommodate perceived future demand from user groups as well as the inevitable demand for extra storage space. Part of the plan was to demolish the existing hall once the new one had been built to make extra car parking space. Funding for the new hall was secured from many different sources on a promissory basis and included the following:

• Village Hall Appeal	£23,000
• Community Fund Raising	£22,000
• The Countryside Agency	£25,000
• Wealden District Council Grant	£15,000
• Parish Council Grant	£30,000
• East Sussex County Council Grant	£10,000
• National Lottery Charities Board	£300,000

A programme targeted at personal donations was commenced and all sponsors were advised that should the project not start any money donated would be returned. A substantial amount of funding was hoped for from the National Lottery Board, which, whilst in its infancy, had supported a number of new builds for village halls. Unfortunately, Five Ashes was not to find favour with the Lottery Board and the significant hard work put in by the committee came to nothing. Clearly the hall was still in need of some form of renovation or the asset would be lost completely. The generosity of many of the sponsors (who did not want their money back) meant that there was money available to replace all the rotten wood panelling with new double glazed UPVC units at the northern end of the hall in 2009. Grant success from the RDPE in 2010 made funds available for the installation of a grid based ceiling with insulation, hot air heating system and recessed lighting in the northern hall.

The next major change in the life of the hall came in 2013 when a Big Lottery application was successful with a grant of £500,000 to renovate the existing building. This windfall enabled the complete upgrading of the existing areas, the removal of the pavilion and a second hall to be built on the Southern side and an extension to the existing car park. Also included within the package was an upgrade to the play area for the pre-school.

The village hall is now home to a number of organisations who meet regularly and enjoy the benefits of some forward-thinking people back in 1972 who recognised that a community needs to have a focal point to gather, learn new skills, compete in a chosen discipline or meet for a cup of tea and a chat. For a full list of regular activities and booking availability please view our website www.fiveashesvillagehall.btck.co.uk.

FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

MAYFIELD AND THE GREAT WAR - NO. 41 - AUGUST 2017: On the Western Front the large scale British offensive (assisted by the French), known as the 3rd Battle of Ypres, was suspended within days of its launch on the 31st July. This offensive, long favoured and anticipated by British CIG Field Marshal Haig, was planned to break through the German front in Flanders and provide an opportunity to recover the Belgian channel ports being used as bases by U Boats, the latter being a serious threat to the shipping convoys, particularly the transatlantic routes. The Ypres offensive over a low-lying landscape, with a high water table, coincided with exceptional rainfall which transformed the ground and drainage systems - already churned and pulverised by shellfire - into a sea of mud. It was not until mid-August that the ground had dried out sufficiently to resume the attacks. The alternative name for this offensive, 'Passchendaele', has become synonymous with

memories/stories of dreadful ground conditions which severely hampered and encumbered the British infantry/artillery and supply lines in equal measure.

Nationally, a report containing proposals to improve Britain's defences against air attack recommended the formation of an air force independent of the existing Royal Army Corps and Royal Naval Air Service. Here was the birth of the Royal Air Force and the subsequent appointment of Hugh Trenchard as CIC.

In Mayfield, residents must have wearily accepted the latest rationing conditions. In order to prevent panic buying, rather than because of food shortages per se, rationing of sugar would be introduced with effect from the 30 December 1917, and would limit the sugar allowance for each individual, organisation, retailer and distributor. October 6th would be the last day for receipt of applications for sugar cards by the public.

At the end of August a fierce gale on the 27th caused great havoc across the area, many large trees were blown down and apple trees stripped of their fruit.

No names are recorded on the Mayfield or Five Ashes War Memorials for the month of August; however, reports of wounded, convalescent and 'home on leave' individuals continued to appear in local newspapers and can be found on the complete version of this, and previous articles, which are maintained on the British Legion website under the Mayfield Branch section.

Brian Oldfield & Carole Stilwell

OUR SCHOOLS

MAYFIELD CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PERFORM 'CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY':

You might have noticed that there was an increase in the amount of chocolate found in Mayfield around the Fletching Street area and also a sudden appearance of little people with green hair and orange faces! Mmmm, there was even a sweet smell of fudgelicious deliciousness pervading the air and encouraging even the most disciplined of people to spend their last 10p on Wonka chocolate in pursuit of that elusive golden ticket! Yes, you've guessed it – Year 5 and 6 (Nightingales and Falcons classes to those in the know) put on the most scrumptious show, 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. The children were truly stupendous: they put in West End standard performances, wowed with their acrobatics, amazed with their acting skills – you really did think that Veruca Salt, Mike Teavee, Violet Beauragarde, Charlie Bucket and Willy Wonka were in front of you (watch out, Johnny Depp, you have some competition). You might still find Augustus Gloop dipping his hand in the chocolate river, despite being sucked up the tube!

It was such a memorable performance which attracted much praise (shame we couldn't extend the run!). The performers all worked so well together, using the props and different performance areas in style and with much professionalism.

We will just leave it to Archie, an audience member from Reception class, to provide the final comment, 'I wouldn't change anything – it was the best show I've ever seen!'

Sian Collison
YR 6 Teacher and English Subject Leader

OUR CHURCHES

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY SUMMER FAYRE: Many thanks to everyone who came to support the St. Thomas of Canterbury Summer Fayre on the 8th July. It was a beautiful day and, as a result of the generosity of all who attended, the Fayre raised just under £3000, of which one third will be donated to The Friends of Crowborough Hospital. Our very sincere thanks go to all the local shops and businesses who so generously donated prizes for the Grand Summer Draw.

Kevin Hennessey

ST. DUNSTAN'S CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WORKER: The next session of our new youth group, *The Forge* (named to connect us to our patron saint and his occupation!) will be September 11th. The group is currently free-of-charge and our team would ask that places are booked to ensure there is a space for your child/ren. This can be done via email or in person.

Our next messy church will be held at 10am in St Dunstan's church on August 5th. This is a morning of craft, games and fun that link to a theme. These are free mornings, open to everybody ideally aged between 3-9 and their parent or guardian. The sessions end at 12.30 with a shared lunch that we ask everybody to contribute to, if possible. Come along and see what it's all about!

If you would like to help us run the Forge or Messy church please contact me.

Mrs Natalie Thomson (07889 780531)

LONDON HOUSE KEYS ON THE MOVE: All hirers can now pick up London House keys from Burnett's Estate Agents in the High Street. Their opening hours are Mon - Friday 9.00 - 18.00. Saturday 9.00 -16.00. A big thank you to Rosina Fabrics for their many years of service.

Jo Woodliffe
London House secretary

ROUND AND ABOUT

MAYFIELD AGAINST MAST ACTION GROUP: On 22nd June, a week prior to Wealden District Council's (WDC) scheduled planning meeting WDC Planning Department under Government granted permitted development and WDC delegated powers approved Harlequin's application to site a 21m Telecoms Mast at one of the two main entrances to Mayfield.

All this despite serious concerns having been raised by Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council and some 100 residents as to the location and design.

The steel tower will stand at 21m tall and house various antennae. It will not be screened by surrounding trees despite planning application claims to the contrary.

This decision has spurred a large number of residents into action and as a result MAMA, Mayfield Against Mast Action met at the Scout Hall on 19 July at 7.30.

A full house unanimously agreed that CTIL's plans are at complete odds with the Community's will to safeguard Mayfield's historic landscape for future generations.

Mayfield villagers are guardians of history and whilst they embrace modern life they will not do so at the cost of irreplaceable natural and historical heritage. Action groups have been formed to investigate all options available to Mayfield Village.

A further meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 2nd August in the Scout and Guide Hall at 7.30pm (TBC). We look forward to welcoming everyone who can attend so that we can outline our next steps.

For more information please contact:- mama.102@yahoo.com

MAYFIELD FOOTPATHS WALK: Join us in our monthly wanderings along some of the Parish's public footpaths. We will walk this month on Sunday 27th August - bank holiday Sunday. The pace is steady and we always make sure no-one is left behind. Leaving at 10am from South Street car park.

Deborah Dixon
Deborah.dix@hotmail.co.uk

VIEWS OF SUMMER: Despite the mixed weather at the moment there are many good opportunities to photograph Mayfield and Five Ashes during the summer. Please do send in your photos for the Mayfield Calendar competition so that we can produce a beautiful calendar for next year. Entries should be emailed to mayfieldcalendarphotos@gmail.com.

Roger Stone (872764) / 07776 144056

OPEN DAYS AT THE ARGOS HILL WINDMILL: Our next open day is **WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9th**, open from **2 - 5 pm**. Do come and visit one of the most interesting buildings in the area and enjoy the wonderful views from the highest point of the High Weald. There is car parking available close by but why not try one of the lovely walks from Mayfield and Rotherfield to Argos Hill. Hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes are available plus, of course, a guided tour with our experts.

Looking ahead to the Mayfield and Rotherfield Carnivals in September we are planning walking groups behind our new banner and would welcome anyone who would like to support us with this.

Further open days are Saturday and Sunday, **SEPTEMBER 9th and 10th** and **Sunday October 25th**, from 2 - 5 pm.

Jenny Beaupain - 01892 853161
Committee of the Friends of Argos Hill Windmill



MAYFACS (Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services) UPDATE
www.mayfacs.org.uk (Mayfield & Five Ashes Community Services)

Five Ashes Tea & Chat: This continues through August on 9th and 23rd. 2.30 – 4pm.

Please come and join us, everyone is welcome no matter what age you are. Why not come along with your children or grandchildren. The chances are we'll be outside and they can play on the lovely field outside the hall.

Zumba Gold

There will be **no** Zumba Gold on August 24 and 31 and September 7. The first three Thursdays in August Zumba as normal from 9.45 – 10.30am in the Memorial Hall. Do come and join us.

Computer Buddies & Mayfield Library: The computer buddies will have a break during August, but those of you who have been coming please continue to spread the word. More news on this service in September.

Monthly Outings: The next outing will be on Monday 25 September. More details in the next newsletter.

Tuesday Afternoon Club: This resumes in the Scout & Guide Hall on Tuesday 5th September from 2.30- 4pm. If you have never been before, please come and join us. It is for everyone over the age of 60 and we have an interesting line up for the autumn months. In September we welcome Suzi Hopkins who is going to talk to us about the community play planned for next year and she wants your stories! Please come and share your memories of Mayfield & Five Ashes with her. She is the writer and your story could well form part of the play.

Yoga for the Young at Heart: For those who would like some gentle exercise conducted mostly from the sitting position and unlike conventional yoga, Sarah Ratcliffe will begin her new class on Tuesday 12th September from 12pm for up to an hour. Cost £5 Please ring Sarah on 873310 if you want more information.

Good Neighbouring Scheme: Please get in touch with me if you or you know of a neighbour, who would like to be part of this initiative.

Shirley Holland

Old Library – next to the Memorial Hall (look for the sign outside) **Closed 21st & 28th August**

Telephone: 07908 516 875

www.mayfacs.org.uk

Email: manager@mayfacs.org.uk

If you prefer to write, please leave a letter at The Shopping Basket

SLOW SHORT FILM FESTIVAL: Mayfield is hosting an international film festival this September. One hundred and fifty three films were submitted from round the world, and the 13 short-listed will be shown on Saturday, 9th September. It is an all-day event beginning at 11am in the Memorial Hall. These films represent the best of slow cinema, a vital genre that reacts against the speed and distraction of contemporary culture. Screenings will be supplemented by Q&As, talks and prize giving. Food and drink will be in abundance.

Tickets can be bought from Burnetts Estate Agency in the High Street for a new price of £10.

For more information, and a detailed programme, go to www.slowshortfilmfestival.com

Peter Treherne

MAYFIELD'S FOUR FILMMAKERS – AN ENCORE: The four young filmmakers behind the Show Short Film in September will show their own work again at 7.30pm on Saturday, 19th August. The first showing was to conclude the Mayfield Fringe Festival. Unfortunately it was also the night of Mayfield Festival Choir's Feast of St Nicolas concert at St Dunstan's. So many people at the concert expressed disappointment that they couldn't do both that it was decided to have an encore. It will be in the Memorial Hall and it's free.

The filmmakers are Nat and Jack Durman, Peter Treherne and Helmie Stil. They all work full-time in the film industry. The films they'll be showing are five to ten minutes long. Nat's films include Fillipo, a delightful documentary about an Italian restaurateur. His brother Jack will show two very engaging street scenes he filmed when on the way to work in Los Angeles. Peter will show his Nocturne trilogy, an interpretation of the three night-time masses that are part of the Catholic Liturgy of Hours. In Helmie's film inside a Dutch prison her camera dwells on body language, and it proves more revealing than what is said. Helmie will also show her new film poem, The Desktop Metaphor.

Chris Lyle

NEW MAYFIELD & FIVE ASHES WEBSITE: It is taking slightly longer than expected to gather all the necessary information and put it in the best format. So we now expect the new website to be published during August.

If you have any updated information for businesses, societies or activities that you want included, please do send it to me at admin17@mayfieldfiveashes.org.uk.

admin17@mayfieldfiveashes.org.uk

WRITING MORE, WRITING BETTER: Dates: Thursdays, September-November, exact dates tbc

Time: 10am – 12.30pm

Location: London House, High Street, Mayfield, East Sussex TN20 6AQ

Cost: £95 for 5 sessions

Writing More, Writing Better! is a course to promote regular writing and to improve writing and critiquing skills. It is for creative writers who have some experience of writing or have participated in a previous creative writing course that covers the fundamentals, but who want to move on and develop their skills further, gaining inspiration and writing regularly.

A Beginners Creative Writing Course

Dates: Tuesday 19th September – 7th November

Time: 7.00pm- 9.00pm

Location: **Five Ashes Village Hall, Mayfield Road, Five Ashes, TN20 6JA**

Cost: £125 for 8 sessions

If you've ever wanted to write creatively but don't know where to start, or you've had a go but would benefit from some input and guidance, then this is the course for you!

Contact details for both courses: Phone: 07784538965; e-mail stocktonwriting@gmail.com; www.helenstockton.co.uk/store

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

MAYFIELD BONFIRE SOCIETY: The Mayfield Bonfire Boyes and Belles society has been running for over 100 years though the actual history of the Sussex bonfire societies dates back to the previous century. The Bonfire Societies were set up in response to Henry VIII's daughter Mary when on her coronation in 1553 she tried to overturn her father's religious Reformation. This resulted in hundreds of Protestants being burnt at the stake including 4 Protestant men in Mayfield.

The society provides not just the organisation, security and safety of the yearly carnival in Mayfield but upholds a tradition that brings in many local people each year to watch this unique event as well as hundreds of people from outside. Our society like many societies is run by volunteers and is desperately in need of more help in order to keep this long tradition of Carnival alive for future (and current) generations.

I know there are many people in the village who have mentioned to me that they are keen to help so please **get in contact today!** You do not have to give up entire evenings, or even be available on Carnival day to help as we are looking for volunteers to help out throughout the year in a number of roles as the society also runs fundraising quizzes, music events and bingo nights. Every Christmas, a free Christmas lunch is run by the society for all Mayfield citizens over 65.

If you feel you could help in any way with any of the roles below, please telephone Jo Lee on 01435 – 872717 or email Simon at: supporters@mayfieldbonfire.co.uk

Help required for the below roles and more...

During the Year:

Fundraising - Help in any way that you feel could benefit the society.

Help with catering - Bingo/Quiz/music evenings and the Christmas event for the over 60s.

Help run the bar - social events and arrange restocking etc.

Working Party Help - source torch sticks; help in making; transporting equipment; helping put together gazebos; preparing for events; setting up fencing; etc.

Drivers required - For our charity quiz and bingo nights a number of the senior citizens attending require a lift to and back from the event.

Field Space Required - Do you have some spare land where the society could store some of its equipment?

Carnival Night: Sept 16th 2017

Helping set up:

This includes putting up parking cones, signage, fencing and barriers, helping unload torches, torch marshals,

putting up spectator barriers, charity collectors, helping set up run bar/serve teas The list goes on, there is something for everyone.

If you are happy to take on a slightly bigger role then someone is needed to be in overall charge of:

Torches & Banners - arranging distribution/collection/dipping etc.

Road Signs & Barriers - arrange placement/collection etc.

Barrels - Arranging to be filled with water, liaise with Fire Brigade.

Street Charity Collection - Organise boxes/ collectors/ record amounts.

Concessions - Booking food vendors and organising.

Cleaning up - The following morning also very important.

The above is only a selection of the jobs required especially on Carnival night.

WALKERS - if you are interested in walking with the society, why not give it a go on Sept 16th just let us know and give it a try. Transport provided when we visit other society events and a good time is guaranteed!

So please email me or phone Jo if you think you can help in any way and by doing this you will help the society continue and thrive in the future and the village keep one of its most famous traditions.

Aug 30th 8pm at Rose and Crown will be an informal supporter meet up where you can come along a chat over a beer/glass of wine (Will be wearing the stripy Carnival Jumper...)

www.mayfieldbonfire.co.uk

MAYFIELD BAND.....trust me, I'm a trombonist: The science just keeps on coming. You may recall that last month I cited the news report telling us how music lessons will improve our children's lives. If you don't recall, then the latest news will definitely be of interest, as The Times newspaper now tells us that boffins at the university of *somethingorother* have revealed that learning to play a musical instrument will stave off dementia. It's not exactly news, as we are all aware of the principle of use it or lose it, but as it becomes increasingly apparent that there is really no stage in your life that music can't improve, the real news is that the brass band movement is now set to save the country billions by making the NHS redundant, except perhaps for a bit of minor dental work, although we could probably manage the odd extraction at a push.

Thus it remains a mystery to me how we continue to view music as an optional extra in our education system, rather than putting it at the very core. Every five year old likes nothing more than singing, banging things, making noise, and painting, but as we feed them into the system, their creativity is progressively sidelined by the state's obsession on getting them through tests in maths, science, and English. So when we collect them at the other end, all we have is a load of doctors and scientists, who we have just established are now redundant, when what we really need are trombonists and trumpeters if we are going to solve all the nation's problems. Oh and the odd percussionist for those extractions. And let's face it most percussionists are odd.

But that's the way it is, and maybe it's for the best, as it means that children and adults taking up music really want to do it, rather than being forced to do it. The danger is that some people will assume that the state is right, and that it's ok to ignore music, which is why I bore the pants off you by writing this stuff every month. Somehow, we collectively turn a blind eye to the fact that the UK music industry alone contributes £3.5 billion a year to the economy and creates 101,680 jobs, and that the UK's creative industries are worth a whopping £84.1 billion overall. And of course those are just the statistics, and when you add to those numbers the societal and health benefits of music, then the fact that we leave it to chance is enough to make you cry. Or is it? Maybe the fact that our creative industries are worth so much, and that we are world leaders in music, art, and fashion, is testament to the great British way of doing things - organised chaos. Maybe we need organised chaos to equip us with the tools we need to navigate our way through life, and give us an acceptance of the fact that the path to success and happiness is never straightforward, and that we definitely should not sit around and wait for the state to help us out.

So even if music isn't your thing, you could just come along to the Mayfield Band for a restorative dose of organised chaos. Yet another public service that we are happy to provide.

August is always a quiet month for us, so much so that we normally take a break, but this year we shall carry on rehearsing in order to get a good start to the autumn/winter season. It gives us a bit of time to focus on our playing, rather than on performances, and we have the opportunity to try a few things out. This is especially important, as we are delighted to announce that in May 2018 we will be joining forces with Orchestre d'Harmonie de Dinan, a concert band from Brittany, to perform a concert with them here in Mayfield. So what with the Mayfield Festival and the May Fair, May will be a feast of music and dancing, with a bit of Gallic colour thrown in for good measure. C'est magnifique! Now where's my beret?

EVERYBODY WELCOME, INCLUDING BEGINNERS. ALL AGES, ALL ABILITIES.

MAYFIELD EVENING WI: There was a good turnout at the Memorial Hall for the meeting of the Mayfield Evening WI on Tuesday 11th July. The speaker was Ben Cross of The British Alstroemeria UK Cut Flower Industry. Ben helps run the Crosslands Nursery near Arundel started by his great grandparents and is still run by the family. He brought some flowers with him to show us what they grow. He gave a very interesting talk on how the family run the nursery as an eco-friendly business showing slides of their greenhouses and how they keep them growing all year round. They sell their flowers wholesale and we had the chance to buy some lovely flowers he had brought with him.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 8th August but it is not in the hall. It is our Summer Event. A list has already been made up and if you are not on it, I'm afraid you have missed out. We are meeting at the Convent at 6pm. After a tour of the Convent we will go to the Pink Cabbage for a meal.

The next meeting is Tuesday 12th September when the speaker's subject is Heathfield First Responders. As many people know the first responders were in the village recently, to help at a car accident, so this is very pertinent. The meeting starts at 7.30pm. All are welcome and new members are invited to come along.

If you want any information about the WI please phone Berenice on 872039.

Margaret Rae

MAYFIELD LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY: Next Season's Meetings begin on Friday, October 27th, 2017 in the Scout Hall 7:15 for 8.00 p.m. MAYFIELD INSIDE AND OUT: David Martin will review many of the listed buildings in Mayfield. Anyone who has an interest in the listed buildings of Mayfield should hear David, as he is an expert on the vernacular architecture of the Middle Ages. He gave us a fascinating account last year on the rationale and designs of separate kitchens in medieval houses. David has provided archaeological descriptions of a number of the medieval buildings in Mayfield. It should be a talk not to be missed.

Until then have an enjoyable and fruitful holiday season. To save time on October 27th, it would be very helpful if members could fill in the membership application form on our website. This will be especially helpful if changes have been made to email or snail mail addresses.

Friday, November 24, 2017: REMINDER - DUTCH SUPPER EVENING: This year we shall be back to our past pattern with a talk by Geoff Hutchinson on Christmases past. Geoff is an accomplished and amusing speaker, so a good evening is to be expected.

Brian O'Connor, MLHS Chairman – 873477
Rob Foster, MLHS Secretary – 873215
John Buddle, MLHS Treasurer – 872229

MAYFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU! The Summer Show on July 15th was spectacular due to all the amazing entries and the hard work of Committee Members and supporters of the Society. The tireless endeavours of our Show Secretary Diane Kirkness and our Chairman Eddie deserve a special mention. The event brought pleasure to so many people and would not have been a success without the enthusiasm and creativity of our community. When I walked into the Memorial Hall and the Scout and Guide Hall, I was truly taken aback by the outstanding exhibits in all the classes. In addition, we were extremely fortunate that Don Jordon put on an inspiring display of his meticulously kept bonsai trees. What a memorable day! Thank you to everyone for making the Show such a success.

Congratulations to the summer show cup winners – 2017

BANKSIAN MEDAL	Linda Wells
PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – VEGETABLES	Ken Audsley
PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – FRUIT	Eric Blow
PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – SWEET PEAS	Sarah Ratcliffe
WOLSTENHOLME PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – ROSES	Tessa Crowe
PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP - FLORAL ART	Dianne Burns
PERPETUAL CHALLENGE CUP – CHILDREN'S FLOWERS	Tilly Chapman
HULBERT-POWELL CUP – VEGETABLES	Jan Maughan
SNEYD-KYNNERSLEY CUP – FLOWERS	Ursula Mockford
MARGARET WALSH-ATKINS BOWL – ROSES	John Logan
MONTEITH CUP – FLORAL ART	Viv Izzard
GODBER CUP – DOMESTIC	Charlotte Turner

ALLCHIN CUP – CRAFT	Jan Deller
EGERTON CUP – PHOTOGRAPHY	Henry Hemming
GEORGE DAY MEMORIAL BOWL – POSY OF FLOWERS CHILDREN 5/16	Amy Packham
WILLIAM WICKENS CUP – CHILDREN'S WILD FLOWERS/GRASSES	Guy Hemming

GARDEN VOUCHERS	
VEGETABLE TRAY	1 st Ken Audsley
	2 nd Eddie Du-Cann
	3 rd Tessa Crowe
VEGETABLE BASKET	1 st Ken Audsley
	2 nd Shirley Holland
	3 rd Tessa Crowe
GARDEN BASKET	1 st Shirley Holland
	2 nd Eddie Du-Cann
	3 rd Diane Hellyer

MINI SAGA ENTRIES:

1st Prize – Margaret Harris

The Night Raid

Come on in Tom, it's nearly bedtime

You know you can't do any more.

CRASH BANG THUD! Whatever's happened?

No Oh no! I can't look, don't draw back the curtains.

It's OK dad, don't worry your prize pumpkin survived,

It's only the car that looks a write off!

FORTHCOMING EVENT - THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2017- Minibus visit to Marchants Hardy Plants Garden and Nursery followed by afternoon tea at the Roebuck Inn, Laughton. Everyone welcome. The garden should be at its very best at this time of the year and there are always unusual and choice plants on offer! The price is £17 per person that also includes a talk from nursery owner Graham Gough. The bus will leave Mayfield High Street at 1.30pm and return at approx. 5.30-6.00pm. Anyone wishing to go should contact Tessa Crowe by e-mail at tessa@the-oast.com or phone 872726, as soon as possible. Closing date for payment 15th August.

Rosemary Bayliss
mayfieldhorticulturalsociety@gmail.com

GARDENING TIPS: On 28th June we went on a coach trip with Mayfield Horticultural Society to West Dean and Parham gardens. It was faultlessly organised by Bridget Blow and the weather was, in the words of that 1950's advertising poster "not too little, not too much, but just right", so that we could tour the extensive gardens in comfort. The focal points of West Dean are the extensive walled garden and orchard containing 13 glasshouses, some of which are still being restored. The gardeners were pruning the new shoots on the wall-grown fruit, quite drastically in order to let the sun reach the fruit. I do some summer pruning every year, but not so drastic, so I took my courage in both hands and set about my trees the next day. There is also a superb pergola designed by Sir Harold Peto, a sunken garden and extensive spring and wild gardens. For the energetic, there is an arboretum on the top of the Downs. It all belongs to the Edward James Foundation. He was a very rich, very eccentric bachelor. I once met his estate manager who told me how he had got the job. He had applied with little hope of success, as there were many other good candidates. On arriving for the interview, he was told to walk up to the arboretum where Mr James was planting trees. He arrived breathless to find Mr. James stark naked, planting an unusual tree. James asked him to name it. It just happened that the applicant had worked in the tree's native country and gave the right answer whereupon he was told he had the job.

Parham is rather smaller and mostly within a walled garden shared by fruit, veg and herbaceous areas. They also have some trial beds of varieties each year. This year it is gladioli and zinnias, a flower which seems to be making a come-back.

Well done garden writer and broadcaster Bunny Guinness for criticising some of the show gardens at Chelsea for trying to make political statements and for being far removed from what most people's view of a garden is. I

am not saying that everything must stay traditional forever and there should always be a place for innovation but leadership should be just sufficiently ahead that your followers can keep up. Perhaps some of the sponsors who put hundreds of thousands into these gardens demand the publicity that only the outrageous can generate and I'm just an old cynic.

John Logan

MAYFIELD & DISTRICT U3A: The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday July 20th and was followed by a hugely entertaining show of magic by Bertie Pearce, a professional magician who has received many awards for his skills. Despite his close proximity to his audience, it was impossible to detect how he was able to perform his fascinating tricks. A fun afternoon.

The next General Meeting will be in September when Chris Yarrow will be speaking on "Attempting the Good Life in a Sussex Wood."

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month, with the exception of August and December. Visitors are always welcome. In addition to the monthly meetings a total of thirty-two interest groups now flourish. Do look out for advertisements or contact Membership Secretary Sue Petrie, 01892 542894 or Groups Co-ordinator Susana Price-Cabrera, 873520.

MAYFIELD BUSINESS FORUM: The presentation about how we learn best and on new learning techniques, which we discussed at the July meeting, is now on the website. It joins over 35 other downloadable documents from previous discussions dealing with the whole range of business issues – a valuable resource for local businesses.

We are looking to organise a meeting with our local MP, Nus Ghani, in the autumn. Possible dates (all Friday evenings) are October 27th, November 10th or October 13th. Please watch out for further information.

Roger Stone (872764) / 07776 144056

FILM ON FRIDAY: Leaflets with details of Mayfield Film Society's new programme for the coming season will be available in mid August and on the website from the start of the month (www.filmonfriday.org). The leaflet will be posted to all on the mailing list. New members are welcome (ring me to be sent a leaflet). The nine films include new and classic, documentary and fiction, chosen from UK, USA, France, Iran and Nepal. We are pleased to partner Mayfield Festival in May next year with "Tales of Hoffman" which we plan will be introduced by Andrew Macdonald, Mayfield resident and grandson of the great producer of this film, Emeric Pressburger. Andrew is himself a distinguished film producer.

The thriving society is able to keep subscriptions at previous levels, which remain as low as £25 for nine films for those over 60 and under 18. The season opens on Friday 22nd September in the Memorial Hall.

Tim Cornish 872165

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION: Recent events such as the release of the film version of 'Dunkirk', the visit of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge to Stutthoff concentration camp in Gdansk, Poland plus the continuing revelations coming out of the Syrian and other conflicts in the Middle East are a timely reminder of the importance of Remembrance. Dunkirk with its own cachet is almost its own standard bearer and Stutthoff is probably only familiar to survivors and professional historians. The Royals were accompanied on their visit by two survivors, Manfred Goldberg and Zigi Shipper returning for the first time since their incarceration at the age of 15. Their visit was arranged by the Holocaust Educational Trust 'to draw attention to the need to teach young people about this tragic episode in our shared memory'. The Legion is the nation's designated custodian of Remembrance and the Mayfield, Five Ashes and Hadlow Down Branch (2186), although small numerically, plays a significant part in remembering past sacrifice.

Individuals remember in varying ways but the Branch does so on a continuous basis through its membership and their subscription contribution in particular and donations, legacies and work with the Poppy Appeal. Membership is not onerous being non-military either personally or via family connection and entirely voluntary, so an individual may contribute (time or money!) as much or as little as they wish.

Remarkably, many of our lady Poppy Appeal collectors are not members and still they all do a wonderful job for the PAO bringing in $\frac{2}{3}$ of the total amount donated, a fact which gives enormous satisfaction to your committee. All of this brings me to my Earl Haig moment. To paraphrase "Your Branch needs you". All the usual factors, age, illness, deaths are in play and we need more members, more House to House collectors, more committee members and although I know this is a big ask please do give this appeal serious consideration. The easiest way to join is via the Legion website, annual sub. £18 (sorry no joint subs) or by contacting Brian Stilwell on 01435 873407, brian.stilwell@hotmail.com who will happily assist any application.

In all of the categories mentioned above your Branch ideally would be delighted to receive applications from

the younger sections of our community as, for example, none of your current committee is under 60.

The latest Branch meeting featured a talk on the Air Transport Auxiliary, an organisation formed to deliver aircraft newly manufactured from the factories to assembly points. Because of the RAF losses and the increased onslaught by the Luftwaffe, male pilots who usually filled this role were re-deployed to front line duties and the vacancies taken up by ladies. Their activities in particular were the subject of the illustrated talk and it is clear, that just like our volunteer House-to-House ladies, they did a magnificent job. So follow their example and come and join us!

John Macdonald, Chairman
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UP AND DOWN THE HIGH STREET

THE SHOPPING BASKET: When I first came to Mayfield in August 1986 with my husband, toddler son and unborn daughter our plan was to stay for an initial period of 2 years to see if we were suited to life in a village shop. I am pleased to say that 31 years later I am still very much here, still enjoying my life in this beautiful village and still running The Shopping Basket, now ably assisted by my highly valued staff.

The shop is traditional and hopefully slightly old fashioned in a positive way. We stock a wide range of general groceries and household goods at reasonable prices as well as providing a daily newspaper delivery service, which we took on when Bucks closed in 2008. Fresh bread is delivered daily from Albion House Bakery in Cross-in-Hand and fruit and vegetables from Sevenoaks. We also sell apple juice and organic vegetables in season supplied by Herons Folly Gardens. We stock wild bird food and attractive and appealing greeting cards. A dry cleaning and laundry service is provided through Southborough Dry Cleaners who call in to collect and drop off on Mondays and Thursdays.

Our aim is to provide a friendly, welcoming service and we like the idea that our customers view us as part of the community. In fact the newest recruit to the team is Shirley Holland, the project manager of Mayfacs, who as well as fitting in a few hours working in the shop, supplies us with beautiful home grown flower and vegetable plants in season.

We look forward to seeing you at The Shopping Basket.

Joy, Margaret, Lyn, Hannah, Anna, Shirley and Chris

MAYFIELD IRONMONGERS & HOMEWARE: New shop in the village **FOR** the village. **Now open.** Come and see what we have in store. Our motto is "If we don't have it this time we will next time".

Justin & Sam Santo

TEND: John O'Neill (based in Broad Oak/Heathfield) is starting a new business called "Tend", described as Private Personal Care. He worked in East Sussex Social Services for 17 years and has qualifications in Health and Social Care. He is seeking to offer short-term re-enablement to clients in the Wealden area. In particular his service would benefit anyone being discharged from hospital. He would seek to help them to maximise their recovery by helping to reduce their dependency and to increase their independence and by offering practical support across a number of areas. Contact details for further information are: www.tend.me.uk; hello@tend.me.uk; 07956 959336.

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS: If you are a shop or business in the High Street OR a business in the villages and have something special to announce or have been nominated for an award send us a few lines to the usual Newsletter email address. Normal advertising should be sent to Paul Woodley paulwoodley.zagon@gmail.com

OPEN FORUM/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I think the flowering arrangements so evident in the High Street, South Street Car Park and Fletching Street are spectacular. A compliment and thanks are surely well deserved to our Parish Council and whoever designed and planted the numerous containers and continues to arrange for their maintenance. A display by the Middle House and several house holders are also much appreciated.

Dennis Blurton

Note from the Editors: We are sure Dennis speaks for many of us – thank you all.

Having had a good crop of redcurrants this year I decided to turn them into redcurrant jelly. However, on 4 July, I discovered that I was short of the necessary jam pot covers, especially the waxed discs, so I went up to the village to buy some. Imagine my amazement in finding that not one of the seven shops I visited stocked

jam covers. Does nobody make jam anymore? One young assistant didn't even know what I was talking about. And there I was thinking the Mayfield was a traditional village with its residents doing traditional things. I must be frightfully old-fashioned..

Brenda Hopkin

We had a remarkable happening here in Five Ashes on the Friday evening after the midsummer heat. It was a very windy garden with trees and leaves tossing about and small birds jostling for position on the three bird feeders. Suddenly, a large hawk was sitting menacingly on the Niger birdseed feeder, where minutes before the goldfinches had been pecking hungrily in the evening sunshine.

All afternoon, up to that point, our large ginger cat had been lying underneath that tree, awaiting his chance – but, like magic he'd disappeared and not a bird was to be seen in the garden. The "Red Alert" had been sounded as a lesson for baby blue tits and others to keep an eye open for predators in the skies above.

Half an hour later, the garden once more was busy with little families of robins, woodpeckers and sparrows returning for their suppers – but no goldfinches on the "All Clear" signal.

Our sadness this year has been the absence of house martins on our high Five Ashes eaves. For over 30 years we have enjoyed their company in "the flats" outside our bedroom window and listened to the babies chatting in their nests and learning aeronautics with their parents. Has anyone spotted swallows on the church roof in Mayfield or around Court Meadow and the rooftops? Apparently this year, their numbers have been down all over the country.

Mary Pennington

The Mast-Fake News and Inaccurate Embellishment: In recent weeks Mayfield has experienced a couple of issues, which have given rise to comment in publicly available media, printed and IT digitally transmitted. It is difficult to wrap all the reports, expressions and general ventilation of opinion in any simple way because the information is not wholly presented within any single avenue of access. The issues which I have in mind have been the Courier front page item of 16th June in which a Mayfield resident was reported as giving serious concern to the opening of a "new Foodbank" in the village and in the same time frame, objections have been aired about the siting of a telephone communications' mast to provide improved mobile coverage. It is about the associated nature and content of the public utterances, which I consider should attract our attention to the assessment and conduct of community problems.

Dealing with the Foodbank issue, I was prompted by the short comment in the July edition of the Yellow Pages that the original Courier report constituted Fake News. My enquiry as a normal lay member of the public finding myself in a quandary about the validity of the original report led me to communicate with the Courier's Brand Editor, following the procedure as published on page 2 of that newspaper. In simple and polite language, it was made abundantly clear to me that the relevant news was not "fake" and that no complaint had been raised to that newspaper about the original report. It may be that common sense has prevailed in this minor flurry of activity.

The more important issue has been the siting of the mast. When personal opposing opinions are being publically presented, they should be respected and interpreted by readers as the validly held beliefs of the communicants, provided that those beliefs do not cross the boundaries of the generally accepted civilised codes dealing with tolerance, observation of legal requirements, criticism and fair play. This acceptance specifically stops short of unnecessary character criticisms and wholesale denigration and/or denial of the laws by which we are governed. In some of the material which I have read, the outpourings of disagreement and objection have been inappropriate and inaccurate. The complainants do not accept that the planning procedures have been properly applied but, much as they dislike the decision to approve the planning application, they are wrong to question the proper application of the planning laws. My sense is that most objectors are aware of what to them is an unpalatable truth.

Hence, a better description of their actions is NIMBYISM. I can add some personal association with that emotion having had the mast at the junction of the Tunbridge Wells Road and the by-pass built within 25 metres of my garden and with a neighbour's family, including two young children at that time, similarly distanced from the aerial. Other than a couple of comments about building in the AONB, no other Mayfield communicant ventured any criticism about the planning application and in particular the then ignorance of the potential dangers of telephone communications emissions upon human health. Certainly, there are no significant differences between the adjacency of the aerial to residential habitats then and what is being proposed now and, allowing for the greater height (above ground) that there will be no adverse visual impact on the village of the new aerial when it becomes embedded in its environment.

It behoves all those who are associating themselves with objections, especially the few whose words and actions can reasonably be interpreted as leading opinion, to use their protestations carefully and rationally.

Talk of there being “scores of available alternative sites” and similar false persuasive and provocative inputs are distinctly not helpful to the achievement of social cohesion. Let us all engage more thought before publicising an opinion.

Peter Deller

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2017 ONWARDS
(FOR AUGUST 2017 - SEE LAST PAGE OF NEWSLETTER)

September 2017

Tues.	5	Tuesday Afternoon Club	Scout & Guide Hall	2.30-4.00pm	
Tues.	5	Mayfield Business Forum – TBD	Rose & Crown	6.30pm-8.00pm	
Thurs.	7	NO ZUMBA			
Sat.	9	Slow Short Film Festival	Memorial Hall	11.00am-8.30pm	
Sat. Sun.	-9 - 10	Argos Hill Windmill – Heritage Open Day	Argos Hill	2.00pm – 5.00pm	
Mon.	11	The Forge – youth group	London House	3.30-6.00pm	
Tues.	12	Yoga for the Young At Heart		12pm	
Sat.	16	Mayfield Carnival courtesy of Mayfield Bonfire Boyes and Belles		TBA	
Thur.	21	Horticultural Society – Visit to Garden and Nursery of Marchants Hardy Plants	Pick Up High Street	1.30pm – 6.00pm	
Thur.	21	U3A – monthly meeting	Memorial Hall	2pm	
Fri.	22	Film on Friday	Memorial Hall	8.00pm 8.30pm	for
Sat.	23	Mayfield Primary School Boot Fair	Memorial Hall park	carTBA	
Mon.	25	MAYFACS monthly outing	TBA		

October 2017

Fri.	27	Mayfield Local History Society	Scout Hall	7.15 for 8.00pm	
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November 2017

Fri.	24	Mayfield Local History Society – Dutch Supper	Scout Hall	TBA	
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December 2017

Fri.	1	Christmas Late Night Shopping	High Street	5pm-8pm	
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Copy should be submitted **at the latest** by noon on the 20th of the prior month. **Early submissions are encouraged.** Please send an e-mail to **mayfieldnewsletter2012@gmail.com** with the name of your organisation or the topic of your copy in the Subject line; or deliver hand-written copy to The Shopping Basket (3, Station Road, Mayfield). Whenever possible please try to submit electronic copy - you can type the

message in the body of the e-mail or make an attachment. Please show on all submissions the subject, name of author and a contact number in case of queries. Ideally type in Arial (not Arial Black) 11pt.

For advertising copy (money with copy please) contact Paul Woodley (873258) or e-mail to paulwoodley.zagon@gmail.com or deliver to The Shopping Basket also by 20th of the prior month.

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To Correspondents with diary dates: feel free to provide advance notice of future events for inclusion in the Dates for your Diary section.

Finally, unless otherwise stated, telephone numbers given are those for the Mayfield village area and therefore, from outside, should be prefixed with 01435.



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224 Crowborough - Poundfield - Rotherfield - Town Row - Wadhurst**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except Bank Holidays)**

Crowborough, Croft Road Car Park dep		11:30	13:00
Crowborough, Broadway stop B dep	09:30	11:33	13:03
Crowborough, Old Lane	09:34	11:37	13:07
Crowborough, Medway	09:36	11:39	13:09
Crowborough, opp Railway Stn	09:38	11:41	13:11
Rotherfield, opp Millennium Green	09:41	11:44	13:14
Town Row, opp New Road	09:43	11:46	13:16
Wadhurst, adj Post Office	09:54	11:57	13:27
Wadhurst, opp Snape View arr	09:57	12:00	13:30
Wadhurst, opp Snape View dep	10:03	12:06	13:36
Wadhurst, opp Post Office	10:05	12:08	13:38
Town Row, adj New Road	10:14	12:17	13:47
Rotherfield, opp Millennium Green	10:15	12:18	13:48
Crowborough, opp Railway Stn	10:19	12:22	13:52
Crowborough, Medway	10:21	12:24	13:54
Crowborough, Old Lane	10:23	12:26	13:56
Crowborough, Broadway stop A arr	10:27	12:30	14:00
Crowborough, Broadway stop A dep	10:29	12:32	14:02
Crowborough, Croft Road Car Park arr	10:33	12:36	14:06

224 Crowborough - Hospital - The Warren loop**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays (except Bank Holidays)**

Crowborough, Broadway stop A dep	10:29	12:32	14:02
Crowborough, Croft Road Car Park arr	10:33	12:36	14:06
Crowborough, Croft Road Car Park dep	10:36	12:39	14:09
Crowborough, Hospital	10:40	12:43	14:13
Crowborough, adj Fielden Road	10:44	12:47	14:17
Crowborough, Goldsmiths Avenue	10:46	12:49	14:19
Crowborough, Ghyll Road	10:49	12:52	14:22
Crowborough, Broadway stop B	10:52	12:55	14:25
Crowborough, Croft Road Car Park arr	10:54	12:57	

226 Crowborough - Alderbrook - Rotherfield - Mayfield

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (except Bank holidays)

Crowborough, Croft Road Car Park dep		11:45	13:15
Crowborough, Broadway stop B	09:48	11:48	13:18
Blackness, opp Herne Road	09:52	11:52	13:22
Alderbrook, opp Alderbrook Way	09:57	11:57	13:27
Rotherfield, Kings Arms	10:02	12:02	13:32
Mayfield, adj St Thomas RC Church	10:12	12:12	13:42
Mayfield, adj Southmead Close arr	10:16	12:16	13:46
Mayfield, adj Southmead Close dep	10:19	12:19	13:49
Mayfield, opp. St Thomas RC Church	10:23	12:23	13:53
Rotherfield, Kings Arms	10:33	12:33	14:03
Alderbrook, Alderbrook Way	10:38	12:38	14:08
Blackness, adj Herne Road	10:43	12:43	14:13
Crowborough, Broadway stop A arr	10:47	12:47	14:17

226 Crowborough - Steel Cross - The Beeches loop

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (except Bank holidays)

Crowborough, Broadway stop A dep		10:49	12:49	14:19
Crowborough, adj The Cross	09:30	10:51	12:51	14:21
Adj Palesgate Lane	09:34	10:55	12:55	14:25
East Beeches Road	09:37	10:58	12:58	14:28
Crowborough, Broadway stop A	09:41	11:02	13:02	14:32
Crowborough, Croft Road Car Park arr	11:04	13:04		

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CLOSED: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, Bank Holidays.

AUGUST DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August 2017

Tues.	1	Mayfield Business Forum Informal Networking	Rose and Crown	6.30pm-8.00pm
Wed.	2	Mayfield Against Mast Action Group meeting	Scout & Guide Hall	-7.30pm TBC
Sat.	5	Messy Church – for children between 3 and 9	St. Dunstan's Church	10.00-12.30
Wed.	9	Argos Hill Windmill Open Day	Argos Hill	2.00pm – 5.00pm
Wed.	9	Five Ashes Tea & Chat	Five Ashes Village Hall	2.30-4.00pm
Fri.	18	Bingo Night – fundraiser for Mayfield Bonfire Society	Scout & Guide Hall	7.30pm start
Sat.	19	Four Local Filmmakers – An Encore	Memorial Hall	7.30pm

Wed.	23	Five Ashes Tea & Chat	Five Ashes Village Hall	2.30-4.00pm
Thur.	24	East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre	Memorial Hall	Car 19.30-3.30pm
Thur.	24	NO ZUMBA		
Sun.	27	Mayfield Footpaths Walk	South Park	Street Car 10.00am
Thur.	31	NO ZUMBA		