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Cat: Jackie

## Try Something New

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# What's Happening: Local?



**NORTH MUNDHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
Working for the whole community



The latest Parish Council Newsletters can be found by clicking here.

[PC Email Archive.](#)

A list of your Parish Councillors can be found here: [Parish Councillors | North Mundham Parish Council.](#)

The Parish Council meetings schedule is here: [Schedule of Meetings | North Mundham Parish Council.](#)

**NB There is a Parish Council meeting on Tuesday November 7th.**

Links to parish walks are here: [Footpaths and Bridleways in and around the Parish | North Mundham Parish Council.](#)

## Some useful emergency contact details:

- For planning issues, the Planning Authority is Chichester District Council.  
Their general contact number is **01243 785166**. For contact out of hours call **01243 785339**. For planning use **01243 534734**.
- For reporting all sorts of footpath or road defects, you can also use the Parish Council [Links](#) page.
- But for street lights of any kind, including traffic lights and illuminated bollards, click on:  
[West Sussex Street Lighting Services | Report a fault with an item \(lightsoninwestsussex.co.uk\)](#)

## Rose Green Centre For Arts and Craft.

Far more than a normal art gallery or dealer, Rose Green Centre For Arts and Craft has become a special centre to enjoy and learn from the work of many gifted artists in the local area, as well as a place for artists to meet. If you are a local artist or craftsperson, and would like to have your work exhibited, please contact them.



The Centre runs regular workshops for watercolours, pastels, acrylics, oils and drawing together with glass fusing courses, along with special pottery and craft workshops for children in half-term and school holidays. All workshops are held in their own studio situated in Rose Green, near Bognor Regis. Just call for current information on courses.

**22-24 Rose Green Road; 01243 262059.**

## Chisel Pottery: Selsey.



Share the love of clay with others through Kinga's taster experience or try a small group class or workshop.

Craft more than just pottery; rather craft your own memories, connections and stories.

**7 Mariner's Yard, 7 West Street,  
Selsey, Chichester, PO20 9AA**



# What's Happening: Local?

## HeartSmart Walks.

**With Winter approaching keep in contact and warm up with a sociable ramble.**

The HeartSmart walks are organised by Chichester Wellbeing and provide volunteer-led guided walks at locations around the Chichester District with two to three walks per week throughout the year. These walks are designed to cater for all ages and abilities, offering an opportunity to exercise and meet new people in a safe and friendly environment.

For details click on : [HeartSmart Walk Programme: Nov 23 to Jan 24 inclusive.](#)  
You can book a place, by visiting the [CDC Web page.](#)

Full details of Chichester Wellbeing's programme is found at:-

<https://chichester.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/topics/being-active/healthy-walks>

Or contact the Wellbeing Team; Tel: 01243 521041, Email: [info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk](mailto:info@chichesterwellbeing.org.uk)



Treyford, Chichester  
(photo: Bruce Dupée)



Nr. Levin Down, Chichester



## Mundham & District Gala

### Flower, Produce, Arts & Craft Show

## Why Not Be Part Of It?

The Gala AGM was well attended this year – thank you to all those that came and for the lively discussion that took place during the meeting as to the future organisation of the Gala and Flower Show and the engraved Flower Show Trophies were presented by the Rev May Barker.

The current Committee are seeking additional help with the planning and administration of this community event and have asked that anyone who is interested should contact them directly. You can call on 07885 278683 or 07778 010293 or email

[Joanna.MundhamGalaShow@gmail.com](mailto:Joanna.MundhamGalaShow@gmail.com) It would be exciting to have a larger Committee in place by Christmas in order to start planning for the 2024 event early in the New Year. Without additional help, it is likely that the event will be in jeopardy.



# What's Happening Local?

## **Wildlife: Hedgehogs.**

Despite our heavy storms I have been delighted to say that over the past week I have been feeding two hedgehogs on our garden patio, one small and one which maybe an adolescent. The adolescent hedgehog has buff colouring and a down the nose striped mark which reminded me of a hedgehog family seen here a couple of years back.

It is the time of year for them to ready themselves for winter hibernation by eating well. Hibernation is usually October to mid-November: dependent upon temperature and weather conditions.

Hedgehog's numbers have fallen gradually since 2002, some websites suggest that their numbers have reduced by as much as 50%. There are many reasons: our habit of paving over our gardens, the use of pesticides which kill the insects they normally eat, and loss of habitat linked to climate change and milder winters: many are killed on roads, some get trapped in drains, also some do not survive the winter hibernation due to being low weight.

I count myself lucky that we have our hedgehog visits. Nothing puts a smile on my face like our two, who visit as soon as I have put their dried food down. Their sense of smell is so good that they will push off the light plastic lid and crunch happily on until I offer them seconds.

To discover more on how to help hedgehogs prepare for hibernation, look at Sussex Wildlife Trust website and [britishedghogs.org.uk](http://britishedghogs.org.uk).

**Jackie Lovell**



## **REMEMBRANCE DAY LUNCH**

Sunday 12 November 2023

1200

North Mundham Village Hall

## **HOG ROAST LUNCH**

*Raffle & Cash Bar*

Suggested Donation £15

Our annual Poppy Lunch in aid of the Royal British Legion (RBL) will again be held in the North Mundham Village Hall at 1200 on Sunday 12 November – Remembrance Day. This will follow the Act of Remembrance at St Stephen's church which is due to commence at 1045. We will be offering a Hog Roast with a vegetarian alternative, together with the traditional puddings, tea and coffee. There will be a cash bar and raffle. All proceeds will go to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

Tickets are available from Lynn Mears (N Mundham), Jo Williams (Hunston), Andy Forsyth (Runcton) and David Maclean (S Mundham) for a suggested donation of £15. If anyone requires a vegetarian option please email Annie Maclean [annie@maclean.myzen.co.uk](mailto:annie@maclean.myzen.co.uk)



# What's Happening Chichester & District?





## Chichester Farmers' Market

Friday 3 November  
9am - 2pm  
& 17th November

 East Street,  
Chichester

[www.chichester.gov.uk/farmersmarket](http://www.chichester.gov.uk/farmersmarket)




THIS SATURDAY  
9am-2pm  
**FARMERS AND  
ARTISAN MARKET**  
**MIDHURST**



[Chichester District Events and Markets](#)

🌟 The next term of watercolour painting classes run by John Hill starts this week, from Wednesday 1st November. The classes run on Wednesdays and Fridays from the community hall in Rousillon Park. -  
[https://orkouk/john\\_hill\\_watercolours\\_nA00L](https://orkouk/john_hill_watercolours_nA00L)

🖼 The Emsworth Printmakers Exhibition starts this week at Oxmarket Contemporary Gallery. From screen printing to woodcuts, this exhibition covers various aspects of printmaking from Wednesday 1 November until 12 November.  
- [https://orkouk/oxmarket\\_gallery\\_36WAO](https://orkouk/oxmarket_gallery_36WAO)





**Cross Market & More**  
19 November  
10am to 4pm



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# What's Happening: Round and About?

**RSPB Pagham Harbour:** <-Ctrl-Click for Tickets & More Information



## Artists Wildlife Painting Workshop.

**Start:** 25th November 2023 09:30

**End:** 25th November 2023 15:30

Pagham Harbour

[View on map](#)

£ 29.00 - £ 37.00



## Guided Walk: Magical Medmerry!

**Start:** 11th November 2023 10:00

**End:** 11th November 2023 13:30

Earmley

[View on map](#)

£ 5.00 - £ 8.00



## Guided Walk: Wonderful Waders and Wildfowl!

See our wintering wildfowl and birds of prey

**Start:** 25th November 2023 10:00

**End:** 25th November 2023 13:00

Pagham Harbour

[View on map](#)

£5.00 - £8.00

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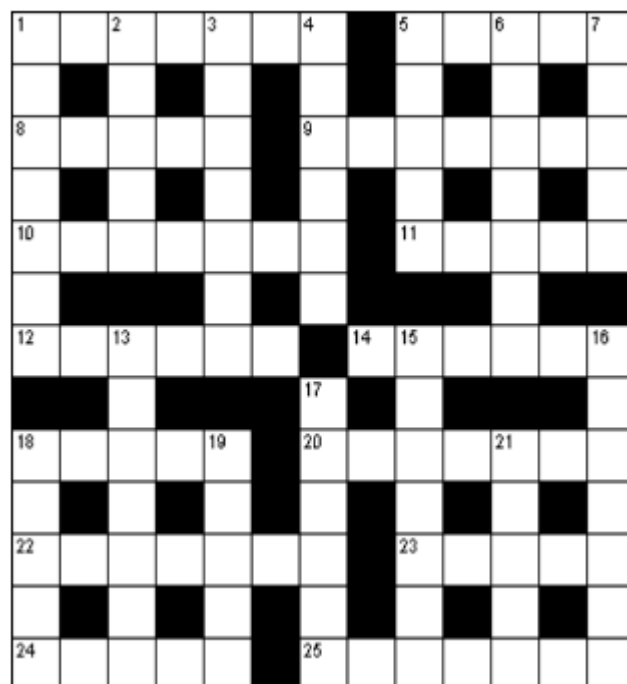
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### Across

- 1 Local authority (7)
- 5 Personnel (5)
- 8 Wept (5)
- 9 Curtly (7)
- 10 Exact (7)
- 11 Indian stringed instrument (5)
- 12 Bicycle for two (6)
- 14 Fought with swords (6)
- 18 Indications (5)
- 20 Simple and natural in manner (7)
- 22 Mournful poems (7)
- 23 Din (5)
- 24 Donned (3,2)
- 25 Marine algae (7)

### Down

- 1 Pilot's compartment (7)
- 2 Join together (5)
- 3 Common painkiller (7)
- 4 Missive (6)
- 5 Categories (5)
- 6 Germ-free (7)
- 7 Lobby (5)
- 13 Fail to care for (7)
- 15 Baltic country (7)
- 16 Come down (7)
- 17 Girls (6)
- 18 Rams and ewes (5)
- 19 Descendant or heir (5)
- 21 Chosen few (5)



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## MWHG: A call for help to plant trees as part of our hedge project.

The Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group gained a small grant from Southern Water's Biodiversity Grant to plant hedges across the Manhood Peninsula. We are using this money as a pilot study to focus on one parish, Sidlesham. From this we then hope to apply for larger grants to take the project across the whole of the area.

We now need an army of volunteers to help us to plant the nearly 10,000 trees we have grown in our local tree nurseries, been given free as part of larger nationwide conservation projects and been offered by local residents. We have land to plant these trees on as new hedges and as gaps that need to be filled.

Planting trees in a hedge line is much easier than it sounds. The trees tend to be 1-year whips that are planted bare rooted so they do not need big holes dug with mountains of earth excavated. In fact, you just need to put a slit in the soil with a spade, wiggle it about a bit and pop the tree into the small gap. This then gets a bamboo cane inserted and someone squishes the ground around the tree with their boot to close up the space. A rabbit guard is wrapped around and the tree is planted! You can plant thousands of trees in a day this way with some volunteers putting the slits into the ground, others following dropping trees and canes into the holes, and then the final wave pushing the soil around the trees and installing the guards. It becomes a very efficient and easy way to plant in large numbers.

**The trees are best planted between November and the end of February and we need your help.** We will be putting out emails detailing the planting sites every week and will be doing most Tuesdays and some Saturday mornings. If you sign up as a volunteer via the MWHG website – [www.mwhg.org.uk](http://www.mwhg.org.uk) you will get the emails about our working sessions.

Hedgerows are so important for nature and act as wildlife corridors across the area. They also act to trap particulate pollution in air, hold back soil and silt from ditches and waterways and contribute to our visual landscape. Please help us to put back missing hedgerows and improve those that need some TLC.

Tree planting is a wonderful and positive activity and you can plant a tree in memory of someone, or to mark a birth or significant birthday. You can do as little or as much as you like and can have the role of dropping these small light baby trees into the holes created, it all helps.

Please email me at [jreeve@mwhg.org.uk](mailto:jreeve@mwhg.org.uk) if you have any queries or want to get involved.

Jane Reeve, project officer.





## Readers Letters: Rain, Rain Go Away!

*I expect you are aware of all the flooding that is going on atm. South Mundham has a real problem and was 2 ft. under water in several areas and impassable by road. Residents couldn't get in or out without the aid of a land rover at least. The advice from the environment agents is 'Don't walk in flood water due to contamination'. So should residents be trapped in their homes? This photo attached was taken by me yesterday afternoon in a field just south of Runcton before the turning to Bowley.*



*All this flooding and yet Chichester District Planning office still want to build !! One of the problems seems to be that farmers are not keeping their ditches clear and the other is that the culverts are blocked or collapsed due to lack of maintenance by the West Sussex Highways. The other problem seems to be that the more Chichester build around the Chichester area the more concrete is covered over therefore not absorbing the run-off which ends up going South into the rife which in theory is meant to go through the Pagham sluice gates if they work to open at low tide to let the water out and close at high tide to keep the sea out. This was not happening because the atomisation was not working.*

*I feel that some sort of collective campaign needs to be mounted. perhaps pushing for no development in the Chichester area on land below 7 metres above sea level? A constant campaign of flood pictures and stories might keep the problem alive and the pictures and stories sent to The environmental agencies, Ofwat, CDC each month. The Chichester Observer?*

**LR. Name & address supplied.**

*The water ( in Mundham/Runcton Ed. ) is coming in faster than it can be let out. Address that problem with either more gates to let water out and or have a pumping station to keep an outflow going when the gates shut. More building just speeds up delivery of water.*

*I was on land that backs on to the rife yesterday and watched water coming up through the ground (again), the banks were holding but the water table wasn't! This is an effect that is very difficult and expensive to defend against.*

*I think it will be a Somerset Levels issue before common sense finally dawns, too late for some.*

**JD. Name & address supplied.**



### Editors Comments.

What readers JD & LR clearly highlight is that the whole of the area around our rifes acts like a saturated sponge where inadequate/ unmaintained drainage plus flash-flooding/run-off exacerbated by new building work pours more water into the sponge; **-You can try this at home!** Readers have the foresight to understand the causes and the solutions. The flooding is fixable at the outflow end with more gates or pumping to drain the sponge. Individual homes are not economically able to defend against this kind of **foreseeable, man-made flooding**.

### Man-made because of:-

1. A government policy which permitted building on/close to flood plains.
2. CDC channelling their flood water into the rifes.
3. Climate change increasing the severity and frequency of extreme weather events.
4. Neglect of drainage maintenance, management and provision.

All foreseeable, all could have been manageable to protect existing homes and infrastructure.

And somehow, no-one seems responsible; they are all hiding in their foxholes hoping to avoid blame.

**So let us have a campaign to challenge the neglect of flood management and the attempt by government to lazily push the burden back onto individuals and communities. One where we hold those who created this problem to account and have them show us with costed plans how they are going to put it right for those who live here, both now and in the future.**

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## Circular Walk: Rowlands Castle to St Hubert's Church Idsworth.

Rowlands Castle is a generally well-heeled part of South-East Hampshire and as such has its own station to London Waterloo. It is thus a 50 minute rail journey from Chichester changing at Havant. As parking round The Green in Rowlands Castle can be tricky the train is worth considering. This walk is about 6.4 miles long and takes around 3 hours with sightseeing/photo stops.

There was a Norman motte-and-bailey castle in Rowlands Castle village but only the earthworks and a few small areas of wall remain south of Redhill Road and indicated on the OS map **Landranger 197**.

The walk starts from The Green. Walk under the railway bridge, pass The Castle Inn on your left. Continue along the Finchdean Road north until you come to a finger post pointing left (west). follow the path over the railway footbridge towards Great Wellsworth and onto the Sussex Border Path to Finchdean. Take care on road sections of the walk around Finchdean.



In Finchdean, opposite The George Inn is the Village Pound, a multipurpose structure. Most commonly, it held livestock that had strayed until claimed by the

owner, usually in return for a fine. Thieves and vagabonds may also have been held here, pending attention by the local 'police'.

Pick up the Sussex Border Path NW of Finchdean following it due North up to Oxley's Copse, now take the downhill track toward the railway line. Go left then right under the railway and emerge opposite St Huberts Saxon church in a field. The church dates from 1053 AD, and contains rare medieval wall paintings. It is a peaceful place to visit and worship and is usually open for visitors during daylight hours.— Check here [Contact Us – BCI Churches](#), as there are some ongoing works till 13th Nov. 2023.

Behind the church, pick up The Staunton Way going south (immediate right) on the return leg towards Rowlands Castle. Continue through into the woods and a steady climb with views to Old Idsworth Gardens farm on your right. Continue on The Staunton Way through South Holt Farm and then uphill to Woods Copse. At the Finchdean Road, turn right and head along the road for 200 metres downhill (south west) until reaching finger post indicating a path on the left. Proceed through four kissing gates always following signs for The Staunton Way to bring you back towards Rowlands Castle.

With Stansted Forest on your left. Pass Drews Farm on the right. Pass through a kissing gate then across a track to Drews Farm, then another kissing gate. Reaching an open field, **but TAKE CARE;** there is occasionally a bull and other cattle in this field so pass through with caution. Soon you emerge at the entrance to Stansted Park at a bend in the road, almost, but not quite opposite The Castle Inn. Head back along the road to the starting point on The Green for most welcome refreshments at The Bumble Bee Cafe.

GPS track and full details on Outdooractive: [Rowlands Castle to St Hubert's Idsworth](#)

A fun YouTube of the walk can be found [here](#).

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## Ingredients.

4 Duck Legs, jointed  
1 Small bunch Coriander  
12 Medjool Dates  
8 Whole dried Figs  
40 g. Almonds  
2 tbs Olive oil  
2 Cinnamon Sticks  
500 ml. Chicken Stock  
2 pinches Ground Cinnamon  
Salt and Pepper



## Preparation.

Preheat the oven to 180°C

Season the duck pieces and brown them in the oil.

Sprinkle in the ground cinnamon and add the dates, figs and cinnamon sticks.

Season then pour over the chicken stock and bring to the boil

Sprinkle in the almonds, cover and transfer to the oven for 30mins

Stir and check the sauce, topping up a little if necessary

Cook another half hour

Serve sprinkled with chopped coriander

Best served with couscous or rice

**Serves 4**



**Complete the full names of the following UK football clubs.**

**Helena**

1 Raith .....

2 .....Hotspur

3 .....of Midlothian

4 Accrington .....

5 Brighton and ..... Albion

6 Crawley.....

7 .....Villa.

8

.....Mirren

9 Plymouth.....

10 .....Thistle

11 Preston .....End

12 Glasgow R.....

13 Ross .....

14 ..... Caledonians

15 Oldham .....

16 Hamilton .....

17 .....Wednesday

18 .....Palace

19 Lincoln .....

20 Stirling .....



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# Christmas Sparkle

**In aid of Chestnut Tree House with Gill Homer**



*It is with great pleasure that we welcome back Gill – a qualified NAFAS demonstrator who has a passion for flowers which she executes with creativity and flair.*

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**

**Pagham Village Hall  
Pagham Road, PO21 4NJ**

**1.30pm – 4.00pm**

**£12.00 per person  
to include Afternoon Tea**

**To book please contact:**  
**Jenni - 07790 375229**  
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### Crossword solution from p6.

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### Quiz Answers from p11.

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| <b>1 Rovers</b>    | <b>11 North</b>     |
| <b>2 Tottenham</b> | <b>12 Rangers</b>   |
| <b>3 Heart</b>     | <b>13 County</b>    |
| <b>4 Stanley</b>   | <b>14 Inverness</b> |
| <b>5 Hove</b>      | <b>15 Athletic</b>  |
| <b>6 Town</b>      | <b>16 Academics</b> |
| <b>7 Aston</b>     | <b>17 Sheffield</b> |
| <b>8 Saint.</b>    | <b>18 Crystal</b>   |
| <b>9 Argyle</b>    | <b>19 City</b>      |
| <b>10 Partick</b>  | <b>20 Albion</b>    |

This magazine has been put together to put people in touch with one another in and around the village, to encourage the swapping of plants, recipes, books, Exchange & Mart, hints, ideas and things to do. 'Letters to the Editor' would be very welcome. We seek to encourage people's input to the magazine. Help us fill the following issues and make your voice part of our local life.

#### Editor's Notes for Published Material

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**COPY:** 400-600 words as a target please, short articles very welcome: Small is beautiful!

Copy should be emailed to editors by 25th of the month to allow for distribution by the first week of the following month.

Any font acceptable, Tahoma or Calibri 11 pt. preferred. We may edit font/text to fit the available space.

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