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The Valley Diary

who, what and where in the Lavant Valley

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Have you walked or driven past Singleton School recently? If so, you may have noticed a new, smarter appearance to the front and East side of the building. This year, new double-glazed windows and doors are being installed, to the delight of staff, governors, parents and pupils. They are also celebrating receiving



another successful OFSTED inspection report which declared; 'Singleton CE Primary is a good and effective school where the good leadership, management and teaching account for pupils' overall good achievement.' The inspectors noted that by the time they leave this small village school, pupils' standards are well above average in Maths and above average in English, Science and ICT. OFSTED acknowledged that this good achievement is as a result of the small teaching groups, as well as the school's positive approach to nurturing each pupil's personal development. The inspectors praised the good relationships and attitudes of pupils as well as the very good attention to pupils' care which nurtures their self-esteem and confidence very well: making this a happy school where pupils behave well and feel safe. The very good range of extra-curricular clubs, visits and visitors was also recognised, all contributing to the enrichment of the curriculum. Inspectors commended the good ethos of the school which encourages and supports its pupils. The report concluded by quoting a statement from a pupil: 'I like the school because we are like one big happy family.'

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A DOUBLE CELEBRATION FOR MUSEUM OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS

Weald & Downland Open Air Museum Celebrates Two Milestone Achievements by recently welcoming its five millionth visitor, and at the end of March also celebrated the five year anniversary of the opening of the local Post Office within its site. The Museum was established in 1967 and opened to the public in 1970. The Museum now welcomes around 130,000 visitors annually. The Singleton Post Office was relocated to its new site within the Museum shop after the original village Post Office was forced to close at the beginning of March 2000. The Post Office re-opened less than a month later on March 30, to the delight of local residents, who continue to depend on the many services provided by this important local facility on a daily basis. Penny Barc, the local postmistress, has run the office throughout the five years, and divides her time between the Post Office and helping to run the Museum shop. Henry Warner, Head of Operations at the Museum commented, "The number 5 is clearly a significant one for the Museum currently – we are very proud to have achieved this milestone of five million visitors over the last 35 years, and the five year success story of running the village Post Office is a double cause for celebration!"

Goodwood Races 2005

Now under way with the first meeting on 30th April! Check the list of meetings at www.singletonvillage.com/singletonvillage/goodwood.html

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The Diary...

May

Sun.1st - Mon.2nd Food Fayre:
Weald & Downland Museum
Mon.2nd Singleton & East Dean WI
Garden Sale: Bramley Cottage Gar-
den (or Village Hall if wet): 10am
Sat.7th Village Family VE Day Tea
Party - Maypole Dancing - Singleton
Village Hall 3-5pm
Sat.7th Horticultural Society Event:
Plant Sale - 10.30: East Dean V/Hall
Fri.6th - Sun.8th Olah Roma - Tra-
ditional Gypsy Festival: Weald &
Downland Museum
Mon.9th East Dean Parish Council
AGM - 7pm - East Dean Village Hall
Sat.14th - Sun.15th West Dean
Gardens Event: Wholly Herbs
Sun.15th Sustainability Event:
Weald & Downland Museum
Thu.19th Singleton & East Dean WI
- Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Quiz
Night & Resolutions
Mon.30th - Fri.3rd Jun Half term
Activities: Weald & Downland Mu-
seum: The Natural World.

June

Sat.4th East Dean Church Fete: The
Old Vicarage: 2.30pm
Sun.5th Heavy Horse Spectacular:
Weald & Downland Museum
Sat.11th Horticultural Society Event:
Garden Competition & Rose Show
Thu.16th Singleton & East Dean WI
- Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Ar-
chaeology of the Trundle & Street
Clutter
Fri.17th Horticultural Society Event:
Vegetable Evening - 6.30-8.30pm:
East Dean Allotments
Sat.18th Barn Dance: Singleton Vil-
lage Playgroup Committee
Sun.19th Father's Day - Countryside
Activities: Weald & Downland Mu-
seum
Sat.18th - Sun.19th West Dean
Gardens Event: The Gardne Event

July

Sun.3rd Early Music Afternoon:
Weald & Downland Museum
Thu.21st Singleton & East Dean WI
- Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Sum-
mer Party
Fri.22nd Singleton School summer
term ends
Sun.24th Rare & Traditional Breeds
Show: Weald & Downland Museum
Wed.27th Children's Activities:
Weald & Downland Museum

August

Wed.3rd Children's Activities:
Weald & Downland Museum
Sat.6th - Sun.7th West Dean Gar-
dens Event: Chilli Fiesta
Wed.10th Children's Activities:
Weald & Downland Museum



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ROOTS AROUND THE WORLD

Singleton
residents Mark
and Sue Ringwood

run this organisation which is the driving force behind a new festival to be held at the Weald & Downland Museum in Singleton from May 6th - 8th 2005. The Olah-Roma! Gypsy Festival is a celebration of the music and culture of traditional gypsies and features concerts, film, demonstrations, and talks. Roots' was set-up to create a better understanding of cultural diversity and this ethos has faced a stern challenge from people concerned that the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum will face a sudden influx of travellers. Mark and Sue are at pains to stress that this is not the case and the true Gypsy culture is something which deserves to be celebrated. Flamenco is one of the most popular forms of Gypsy music and this forms the background for the Czech Republic musician Vera Bila and her band Kale who perform on Saturday 7th May 2005 also at the Weald & Downland Museum at Singleton. Full details are available from Museum, and on www.rootsaroundtheworld.info



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Wed.10th - Sat.13th Tom Jones - Evening Open Air Theatre: Weald & Downland Museum

Sat.13th Horticultural Society Event: Annual Show

Tue.16th St Roche Service: Trundle

Wed.17th Children's Activities: Weald & Downland Museum

22nd - 31st Aug. Gordon Rushmer - Local Artist: Exhibition: Weald & Downland Museum

Wed.24th Children's Activities: Weald & Downland Museum

Wed.31st Children's Activities: Weald & Downland Museum

September

Sat.3rd Singleton Village Fete

Sat.3rd - Sun.4th West Dean Gardens Event: Totally Tomato Show

Sat.10th - Sun.11th The Wood Show: Weald & Downland Museum

Thu.15th Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Boxes for Romania: Felicity Heath

October

Sat.1st - Sun.2nd Autumn

Countryside Celebration: Weald & Downland Museum

Sat.15th - Sun.16th West Dean Gardens Event: Apple Affair

Thu.20th Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Sarah Mayhead Flowers: Sarah Mayhead

Mon.24th - Fri.28th Half term Activities: Weald & Downland Museum: The Natural World.

Sat.29th Harvest Supper: More to follow

November

Thu.17th Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Annual Meeting

Sat.19th - Sun.20th Pig to Pork: Weald & Downland Museum

Thu.24th Horticultural Society Event: AGM & Winter Talk Event

December

Sun.4th Tree Dressing: Weald & Downland Museum

Thu.8th Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Christmas Party

Mon.26th - Mon.2nd Jan. A Sussex Christmas: Weald & Downland Museum

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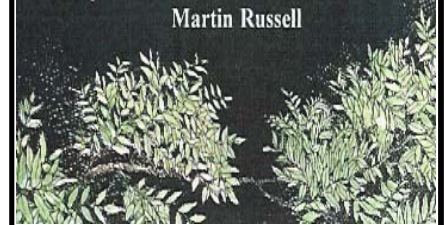
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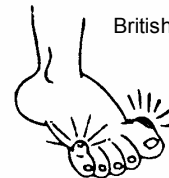
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OUT & ABOUT ON LEVIN DOWN

With Rosemary Staples

Hello, again. Did you see the Violets on Levin? Weren't they absolutely stunning? I don't ever remember seeing so many up there. For those of you that can't get up there for whatever reason, I can only describe it as a carpet of blue with large white patches (as there have been masses of white violets as well as the blue) and very soon there will be a carpet of Cowslips (as they are coming along in leaps and bounds). Definitely out by the time this reaches your doormat and already there are several Early Purple Orchids in bloom, so it will be a non-stop kaleidoscope of colour from now on, all through summer and beyond. Aren't we the lucky ones?

The birds are all in full breeding colours as well, singing their little hearts out, rushing about frantically with beaks full of sticks, feathers and moss, building lots of differently shaped nests for the new arrivals. Big ones, scruffy ones, neat ones, flat ones, ones shaped like baskets lined with down, tiny ones - all built in different locations, trees, bushes, grass banks, barns and such. What a busy life these birds do lead, bless 'em.

The butterflies are making a slow start, not surprising really, considering how cold it has been, but we have seen some, brimstones, of course, peacocks, commas, orange tips, speckled woods and the odd small tortoiseshell. Hopefully they will get more plentiful once it warms up a bit - as soon as the blackthorn blossom has faded. Good riddance to blackthorn winter!

In case you don't know, they have replaced three of the stiles that gave access to Levin Down with kissing gates, so there are only the stiles on the western boundary of the reserve now. So that is good news.



We went out on our bikes this afternoon (April 19th), up to East Dean and up New House Lane, past the farm then into the forest. It was just lovely. Primroses and bluebells by the sides of the rides, the young beeches

just showing leaf and there was a fox just ambling along in front of us, completely unaware until suddenly it realised we were there, and it was gone like lightning! It was a beautiful ride in beautiful surroundings and I didn't fall off!

Must go or I shall miss the deadline for The Valley Diary. See you soon.

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8.00am Eucharist SINGLETON
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11.00am Family Eucharist EAST DEAN

*6.00pm Evensong & Sermon SINGLETON

SECOND SUNDAY

8.00am Eucharist EAST DEAN
9.30am Eucharist SINGLETON
11.00am Family Eucharist WEST DEAN

*6.00pm Evening Prayer Said SINGLETON

THIRD SUNDAY

8.00am Eucharist SINGLETON
10.00am Valley Eucharist
odd months EAST DEAN
even months WEST DEAN

*6.00pm Evensong
odd months WEST DEAN
even months EAST DEAN

FOURTH SUNDAY

8.00am Eucharist EAST DEAN
9.30am Eucharist WEST DEAN
11.00am Family Worship SINGLETON

*6.00pm Evening Prayer Said SINGLETON

FIFTH SUNDAY

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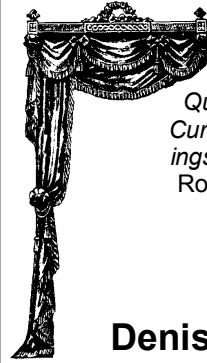
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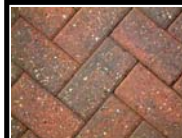
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EAST DEAN HOLD LEAGUE LEADERS

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East Dean held Yapton to a draw on Saturday 16th April at The Gasson. Thanks to Matt Chiverton between the sticks pulling off a string of critical saves, Yapton were not ahead at half time. Two penalties by Aaron Freeman secured the draw for East Dean following fouls on striker Peter Ansley.

Yapton pulled a goal back in the 99th minute and equalised in the 104th minute! Some added time was expected but 16 minutes from the referee surprised both teams.

www.web-teams.co.uk/Home.asp?team=eastdean



NEW JAZZ VERTURE GOES DOWN A TREAT

The first Jazz evening at The Partridge Inn featuring 'Harry & The Strutters' on Tuesday 19th April proved to be very popular with local residents and visitors alike. Dancing and merriment was enjoyed by all ages. Further Jazz evenings are planned for each third Tuesday of the month. Going by this one, it will be very popular.

Have you an event to report? A photo to send in to share with the residents of



the Lavant Valley? Let us know how yours goes. Everyone will be very interested to see and become aware of what goes on and what there is to be enjoyed right across the Lavant Valley.

WEST SUSSEX TEAMS TO FEATURE ON SUSSEX NON- LEAGUE DIRECTORY WEB SITE

From next season West Sussex League teams will be featured on www.nomad-online.co.uk. Please feel free to visit this site and keep up with how East Dean are doing—or better still go along to the games!

(Un)Classified ads

As we had a couple of enquiries for one-off 'for sale' items over the last couple of months we thought we'd make it official! If you want to place a lineage ad, we'll charge you £1 to put it in as long as you get it to Chris Kelly at West Dean Stores or Tim Salmon at Club Cottage C, West Dean before the deadline as advertised for all items on the last page of each Valley Diary. ("For Free" items where there's space - no guarantee of inclusion.)

The Doll's House Emporium
(Connaught Court) for sale. Georgian House. 6 Rooms with lights. To suit adult collector or child. Unused. Retail built & lights £650 - will accept £200. Also People & Set's Furniture to suit over 5 years. £50. Bargain. Sally Botting - 01243 811279.

Singleton Parish Council Meetings Minutes

www.singletonvillage.com/
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SINGLETON VILLAGE CHURCH FETE

Have you got this date in your diary?? Saturday 3rd September!

Deadline for next edition

All information for inclusion to arrive by midday on Friday 20th May please.

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