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# The Valley Diary

who, what and when in the Lavant Valley

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December 2004

**Sat.4th** Music & Readings for Advent - East Dean Church - 6pm  
**Sun.5th** Tree Dressing Weald & Downland Museum  
**Wed.8th** West Dean Parish Council  
**Wed.8th** Singleton Parish Council 7.30pm  
**Thu.9th** West Dean W.I.  
**Thu. 9th** W.I. Christmas Party Singleton Village Hall  
**Fri.10th** Christmas Fair: Singleton School  
**Sat.11th** "Kasbah" Stylish Goods from Morocco Sale Singleton Village Hall 2pm-10pm  
**Sat.15th** Plum Pudding - Christmas Concert - Singleton Church - 7pm  
**Thu. 16th** School Term Ends  
**Sun. 26th - Sun. 2nd Jan. 2005** Tastes of a Tudor Christmas Weald & Downland Museum  
**Sun. 26th** Boxing Day Drive - South Downs Harness Club  
**Mon. 27th** Bank Holiday  
**Tue. 28th** Bank Holiday

2005

**Sat. 1st Jan.** New Years Day  
**Wed. 5th Jan.** Singleton School Spring term Starts  
**Mon. 14th - Fri. 18th Feb.** Half term Activities: Museum: Creative Arts  
**Sun.6th Mar.** Mothering Sunday & Local Resident's Day: Museum  
**Thu. 24th Mar.** Singleton School Spring term ends  
**Fri.25th - Mon.28th Mar.** Easter Fun & Festivities: Museum  
**Mon. 11th Apr.** Singleton School summer term starts  
**Sun.1st - Mon.2nd May** Food Fayre: Museum  
**Sat. 7th May** Singleton VE Day Celebration. Details to follow.  
**Sun.15th May.** Sustainability Event: Museum  
**Mon. 30th May - Fri. 3rd Jun.** Half term Activities: Museum: The Natural World.

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**Sun.5th Jun.** Heavy Horse Spectacular: Museum  
**Sun.19th Jun.** Father's Day: Museum

**Sun.3rd Jul.** Early Music Afternoon: Museum

**Fri. 22nd Jul.** Singleton School summer term ends

**Sun.24th Jul.** Rare & Traditional Breeds Show: Museum

**27th Jul. - 31st Aug.** Children's Activities Wednesdays: Museum

**22nd - 31st Aug.** Gordon Rushmer - Local Artist: Exhibition: Museum

**Sat.10th - Sun. 11th Sep.** The Wood Show: Museum

**Sat.1st - Sun.2nd Oct.** Autumn Countryside Celebration: Museum

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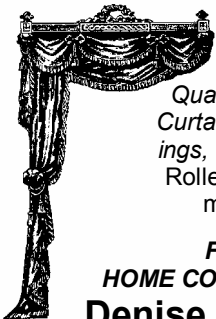
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### FIRST SUNDAY

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9.30am Eucharist WEST DEAN  
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  
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### FIFTH SUNDAY

10.00am Valley Eucharist VENUE  
AS ANNOUNCED

\* Evening Prayer is at 4.00pm from the last Sunday in October until the end of February.

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recycling

arrangements in the  
valley as nobody's  
responded to the

question in last month's Valley Diary!  
There has certainly been evidence of  
some inconsistencies regarding  
what's collected and what isn't. It  
seems that black bags which are not  
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**Boxing Day South  
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This annual event will take place on Sunday 26th December 2004 leaving the Weald & Downland Museum Car Park at just before 11.30am. The route that the Horse & Carriage Drive takes is through Singleton, Charlton and out to East Dean, returning the same way. Why not look out for the Carriages which are often decked in Festive attire!



**Centurion  
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In last month's Valley Diary, we ran an article lifted straight from the leaflet which is circulated locally about Centurion Way. Since we published, we've had an enquiry from a resident in the Valley asking if anyone can list the quoted "...8 stations..." on the old railway route between Chichester and Midhurst which was quoted in the article. Can anyone help this lady by listing the stations? You can email any contribution to [info@singletonvillage.com](mailto:info@singletonvillage.com) or give Tim a call on 811926. We'll happily publish the result in the next edition.

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**Obituary**  
**Chris Barrett**

Christopher Barrett passed away in the early hours of 4<sup>th</sup> November aged 50, following a short illness and a sudden heart attack.

Christopher was born and brought up in Wakefield, Yorkshire where he was educated and attended Wakefield Cathedral as a server. When he was a young teenager the family moved to Surrey, where he continued to flourish as a sportsman (he was a strong rugby player and cricketer); as stalwart of several well-known hostelrys in the area; and a devout practising member of the church there. He married and brought up a son and a daughter now both at university. He started work in the City of London in 1971, and in 1975 joined the city property agency Allsop & Co where he stayed for the rest of his working life. He became a partner in 1988. He acted for the Corporation of London for 20 years. Chris moved to East Dean in 1998, where he had again found Karen, the love of his life, after many years. He often used to say that the years he lived in the Valley were the happiest of his life. He quickly became a familiar figure in the Fox and Hounds, the Fox goes Free and the Star and Garter. He was often to be found at Goodwood Racecourse and followed cricket and rugby closely at all levels. He was a regular worshipper at All Saints', East Dean where he was a lay minister and latterly Churchwarden. He was a physically big man with a loud and flamboyant personality underneath which lay a kind, sensitive, gentle and trustworthy character. He was larger than life and filled his 50 years to the full. He will be much missed by all who knew him.

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We'd like to thank everyone who has contributed in this way over the past year, since the Valley Diary was born. We trust that you have had many referrals for work from it and would wish to continue to support the Valley Diary in the same way. During January, we shall be circulating renewal notices for those who started supporting a year ago and asking you to return your fee for the coming 12 months, which will remain at the same amount. Thank you in advance for responding promptly which saves us all time and work in following these up.

**BITS & PIECES**

Anything you have for inclusion in the next edition of 'Valley Diary' or the Valley's websites should be forwarded to:

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### Valley Diary Expands (a bit!)

We've been trying to expand the Valley Diary a little and this month is the first of the 8-page editions! What we've decided to do is to make the size of the publication reflect directly the amount of material we have to put in it.

We'll aim for 4 pages of A4 and make it bigger if you support it by letting us have information. The publication remains free to households in the villages of the Lavant Valley as it is sponsored by the people who pay for adverts in its pages. We want it to be a source of information about what's going on in the villages which is where you come in!

We can only include information if we have it to include! Please get in touch with any newsy bits about what's going on. If you go to an event happening locally why not take a camera and let us have a photo or two to share? Digital photos make everything much easier these days. There's lots going on with local football, bowls, special events in the pubs, various societies and club activities, children's activities, church events. The list goes on - but we need to hear about it!

Please get in touch with any of us and keep each other informed. Our contact details are at the bottom right hand corner on page 8 and splashed across the banner on page 1!

### Levin Down Helpers News with Ann Griffiths

The summer once again seemed to go VERY quickly. We had some good weather at times and flowers and butterflies benefited. The walks went well - thanks again to all who helped. The evening tasks were also well patronised. The Herdwicks came back onto the reserve in late summer and are keeping check of the scrub in compartment five. The Crumblies have also been busy in that compartment - reducing a large block of solid scrub. The Wildlife Trust "Hit Squad" have been on the reserve, and particularly valuable has been the gradual replacement of styles by gates. We are pleased to welcome the Chichester Conservation Volunteers to our winter programme again - always nice to see them. My thanks to all who help on the reserve.

### Levin Down Helpers Winter Newsletter

This is now out and can be viewed  
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Full advert in next month's Valley Diary

### **WI Big Draw Banner**

After a request was made from the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum's Education Department, the Singleton & East Dean WI made a banner for "The Big Draw" Exhibition at the Museum. This national event promoted drawing, in any medium. The banner will also be used by the WI at celebrations to mark the 90th birthday of Singleton & East Dean WI during 2005. Those participating in the making of the banner were Jan Elliott (President), Ann Pollock, Sue Farman, Penny Spence, Mary Page, Phillipa Budge, Ann Allen, Kate Shaw, Marjorie Norrell & Rosemary Staples.



Jan Elliot and the Big Draw Banner

## Tim Simpkins

I first arrived in East Dean back in 1975/6, my parents having bought a house on the corner of Butchers Lane across the road from the Star and Garter. The group of us that initially socialised together i.e. caught the school bus and went along to parties in the village halls of East Dean and West Dean mainly included in no particular order; from East Dean... Dan and Jane O'Leary, Lyndon and Melvin Stride, Ruth and Jamie Hutchinson, Peter and David Steel, Mel, Eric and Peter Long, Peter West, Alan and Neil Stevens, the Humphries and the Holts... from Charlton... Grant Lillywhite and Sarah Jeffries and from Singleton... Janet Long, Stelio Long, Darren and Wayne Belton, Kevin Saint, Duane and Sharon Heath. I hope I haven't offended too many people by missing them out! For me, my time in the village is remembered for a great many lifetime friendships which remain, regardless of falling out of contact.

My time out of school was spent playing for East Dean football team, the Stool ball team, playing badminton in the East Dean hall (those bloody beams, let!), spending a lot of time roaming around the woods or running up and down the road to Charlton.

A day that particularly springs to mind was a winters day when the school bus was running late. It had been snowing and the kids from the top of the hill by the East Dean church had started to wander down to us, as we all waited outside my house.

After a particularly good snowball fight had got a little out of hand and everyone was now quite wet, we decided we weren't going to school just as the bus came down the hill from Pilly Green Lodges. Apparently, it had been so icy that the driver had been stuck up the hill for some time. We gave him the good news and he made off for his next pick up in Charlton. Someone ran in to phone Grant or Sarah and told them not to get on the bus and again rang someone at Singleton. We ended up having a great winter day with everyone getting together to play in the snow. Surprisingly enough I don't recall getting into any trouble for not going to school either!

## 'GOODWOOD VILLAGES TOGETHER'

The three villages of Boxgrove, East Dean and Singleton have formed a joint committee to raise money towards building and refurbishing their new village halls.

### **BOOK**

The group is publishing a book of local peoples' memories recalling life in the villages throughout the war and how they celebrated VE Day 1945.

If you are willing to share your war time memories of this important time in our history, please contact Mike or Anna Hall on 01243 775052.

ALSO

### **BIG BAND DANCE NIGHT [Glenn Miller]**

at GOODWOOD RACECOURSE on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> 2005  
[by kind permission of His Grace The Duke of Richmond]

**to commemorate the 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of V. E. DAY**

More announcements will follow in the New Year

Put this date in your diary NOW!

*All profits to the above community projects*

I eventually left East Dean after a great party, culminating with everyone falling out of the Star and Garter and making their way over to fall into the pond in June 1995. After a whirlwind visit (6 months) to Australia and New Zealand I returned to live with family in Selsey but continued playing for East Dean. I finally moved away from England in 1997 and have not been back. The land of opportunity beckoned and I have lived in New Zealand (Auckland) since then up until last March when I moved (for work reasons) to Sydney (Australia).

I work for a corporate media company as a General Manager - a bit of a change as when I left England I was a plumber! I now have a wife and two children (boy & girl).

I'm realistically not expecting to get back to England to live but would love to visit one day soon. Anyone who knows me and would like to catch up I would welcome an email to [timsimpkins@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:timsimpkins@yahoo.co.nz)

## **FIREWORKS!**

The Star & Garter at East Dean presented Fireworks on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2004.



Lots of people came along and supported a great local event! Lots of food and Drinks were consumed on the Green by the pond and in the Star & Garter.

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### **Deadline for next edition of the Valley Diary**

Because of the Christmas & New Year break, we're going to try to get the next edition out a bit earlier than usual - we'll see how we get on - but in order to meet that, we'll need any contributions by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2004 at the latest.

### **Contact Information**

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