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# The Valley Diary

who, what and where in the Lavant Valley

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## The Diary...

### January

**Sat.1st** New Years Day  
**Wed.5th** Singleton School Spring term Starts  
**Thu.20th** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Changing Career: Brigid Dunn

### February

**Mon.14th** East Dean Parish Council Meeting - 7.30pm - Wests Show-room, East Dean  
**Mon.14th - Fri.18th** Half term Activities: Museum: Creative Arts  
**Thu.17th** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Looking Forward to Spring: Monica Lucas

### March

**Sun.6th** Mothering Sunday & Local Resident's Day: Museum  
**Thu.17th** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Dowsing & Health: Rosemary Hudson  
**Thu.24th** Singleton School Spring term ends  
**Fri.25th - Mon.28th** Easter Fun & Festivities: Museum

### April

**Mon. 11th** Singleton School summer term starts  
**Thu.21st** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Concorde Experience: Roger Bricknell

### May

**Sun.1st - Mon.2nd** Food Fayre: Museum  
**Sat.7th** Singleton VE Day Celebration. Details to follow.  
**Mon.9th** East Dean Parish Council AGM - 7pm - East Dean Village Hall  
**Sun.15th** Sustainability Event: Museum  
**Thu.19th** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Quiz Night & Resolutions

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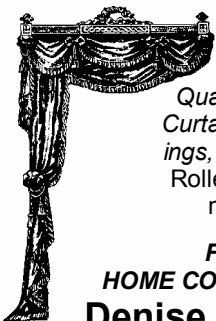
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**Mon.30th - Fri.3rd Jun** Half term  
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**June**

**Sun.5th** Heavy Horse Spectacular: Museum  
**Thu.16th** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Archaeology of the Trundle & Street Clutter  
**Sun.19th** Father's Day: Museum

**July**

**Sun.3rd** Early Music Afternoon: Museum  
**Thu.21st** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Summer Party  
**Fri.22nd** Singleton School summer term ends  
**Sun.24th** Rare & Traditional Breeds Show: Museum  
**27th - 31st Aug.** Children's Activities Wednesdays: Museum

**August**

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

**September**

**Sat.10th - Sun.11th** The Wood Show: Museum  
**Thu.15th** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Boxes for Romania: Felicity Heath

**October**

**Sat.1st - Sun.2nd** Autumn Countryside Celebration: Museum  
**Thu.20th** Singleton & East Dean WI - Singleton Village Hall - 7pm - Sarah Mayhead Flowers: Sarah Mayhead

**November**

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

**December**

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

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(This is the usual pattern. See 'Valley News' insert for festivals & weekdays.)

### FIRST SUNDAY

8.00am Eucharist SINGLETON  
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 SINGLETON  
\*6.00pm Evening Prayer Said SINGLETON

### 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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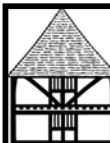
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Particularly useful would be reports  
of events which have happened. The  
Valley Diary always lets us know  
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good forum for feedback about how  
things have gone. Feel free to send up

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October Mrs Freeman  
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Mrs Vandersteen  
November Mrs E. Lillywhite  
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Mr K Thompson

**RECYCLING**



I didn't see the original  
note in Valley Diary  
about the bins, but in  
response to the item in  
December, having had  
experience of the  
system, our response  
is "hooray!"

At a single stroke we have  
done away with the collection of card  
and cardboard, bags of paper,  
newspapers, and bins for tins and  
plastic bottles, waiting for the  
monthly trip to the recycling bins,  
that sat by the back door.

The only downside is that the  
burgundy recycling bin is always  
crammed to bursting, while the two  
or three bin bags look quite lost at the  
bottom of the black bin. - And what  
goes in the black bin? - plastic  
wrapping, most of it quite  
unnecessary, tetra-packs (why can't  
they be recycled? - they are  
elsewhere), and the occasional bone.

The whole system seems to be  
much more efficient, a lot tidier and  
faster in operation - and no more  
scattered bits. And we see that next  
year the collections will be on the  
same day throughout; brill! The only  
time there was confusion in this  
household and the wrong bin was  
taken down, the dustmen came and  
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**Richard & Jane Woods**

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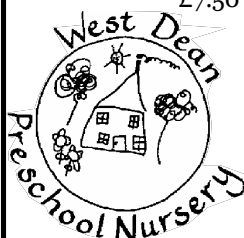
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Hello there! Here I am back again by popular demand! 'Who does she think she is kidding?'. I hear you say! Well one person has asked me to do my ramblings again and that is good enough for me!

Now then... Levin Down... Where shall we start? How about... What a wonderful Autumn show of berries there has been (and still is). Lots and lots of them. Red ones, such as Rosehips, Haws, Yew berries, Bryony berries, White Beam berries and Woody Nightshade berries, then there are the black ones like Privet, Buckthorn, Sloes (nearly black), Deadly Nightshade (evil) and Blackberries. Alas these are now over but have been great (next year try blackberry, crab apple and grape jelly. It is delicious!). All together they are a feast for the birds and they are making the most of it. Usually you don't see many birds when the leaves are on the branches as they are very good at hiding behind them but when the leaves fall you see them. Flocks of Long tailed tits. Such pretty little birds. All pink and grey stripes and lots of Gold finches on the thistles. Bright as new pennies! The other day we were watching a Greater Spotted Woodpecker perched way up on a dead branch. What a spectacular bird that is, with those lovely pinky/red feathers under its tail and big polka dots in black and white. Woodies usually hide behind the trunk of a tree, but this one was not shy.

You have probably seen the Herdwick sheep in the far compartment on the East side. Some are from last year and some are new. They are quite big and seem to be quite at home there. They look very cosy in their nice woolly fleeces. Just like Shetland sweaters, all soft and fawn coloured. The leaves that are left (mostly Hazel and Field Maple) are absolutely lovely Glinting like pieces of eight in the sunlight (when we have any) and every now and then there is a sudden fall of gold dust. Very magical. Today we have been on our bikes down the Centurion Way again. I love it. Away from the fumes and noise of the traffic and all you have to worry about is the odd walker, usually with dog. The dogs, by the way, are always very well behaved, as are the walkers, mostly! I always say 'morning' to the iron men at Hunter's Race. Stood there with their shovels at the ready. What a brilliant idea they were of somebody. Don't know who. It has been lovely talking to you again. See you soon. **Rosemary**

**BITS & PIECES**

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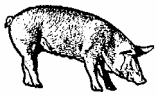
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Thank you in advance for responding promptly which saves us all time and work in following these up.

## Planting of 40 trees to mark 40th anniversary of Singleton School building

### A tree-mendous day for the children!

Singleton CE Primary School celebrated the 40th anniversary of its present site and building this summer. To mark this anniversary plans were made to plant 40 trees in the grounds to provide shade and interest. The Friends of Singleton School raised funds to buy them, and Suzanne and Paul Andrews from Drovers provided help and support with the project. A planting scheme was drawn up by David Chase, until recently gardener at Drovers, which included a variety of species from each continent as well as native British trees, set out in groups around the grounds. On 3rd December the children helped to plant the trees under David's expert direction, as he engaged them with interesting facts about the trees and how to care for them. He has written an account of the day.

*A chilly start to the day, but there would be plenty of hole-digging to warm us up. The work was greatly eased by David Penny with a mechanical digger and his wife Jane, and a constant supply of coffee courtesy of the school staff.*

*The first planting was mainly of British natives, including oak, willow and holly. These were some of the smaller saplings, which suited the smaller children who had come out to help plant them. Each child planted a tree, which then had a label tied to it printed with the child's name. We wanted the trees to be 'theirs' and would encourage the children to look after them. Each child placed soil around the roots and watered their tree.*

*By the time the second and third groups of children came out we were over half way through. One group of six came out to plant, "Oh, no - only five trees", said a little girl. "Don't worry", I said, "I have a special tree for you", and presented her with a Banana Tree, that she planted in the poly-tunnel to give it the shelter it needs.*

*The children seemed to enjoy the variety of trees: some bearing fruits - the fig tree was a big hit. The Pussy Willow and Catkins were also big favourites. The Ginkgo tree caused a stir when I remarked that it lived in the Jurassic era!*

*The lads were very eager to plant the largest trees. The girls wanted to plant the pretty trees. Very refreshing to see that children of that age have not changed!*

*All the children seemed delighted with the trees and wanted to help very much. Questions were asked, which was wonderful, especially 'why were we planting at this time of year?', and 'what leaves and flowers would appear?'*

*Selections of trees were planted for blossom, for leaf colour, and for interesting seeds and berries (carefully selected without poisonous berries or seeds).*

*After lunch we started on the last ten trees, and some of the older pupils helped. Now the trees were taller: Poplar, Tulip tree, and Birch. The evergreen and Asian collections had been planted, and we moved on to the Americas. The sun shone for us now and we were joined by Suzanne Andrews, and the Vicar, who both helped plant a tree. Suzanne being heavily pregnant started her labour later that day, so now that Nut tree will always have special meaning for her! Even the teachers came out to help plant, and we gave the honour of planting the Californian Redwood, the world's tallest tree, to the American student teacher. The final tree was an Olive to represent climate change, planted by the Headmistress.*

*Months of planning, tree buying, plotting and scheming had paid off, and all these trees were lovingly planted in one day. It was all thoroughly enjoyable, most rewarding and restored my faith in the young generation. I hope that they will enjoy the trees and the children and trees will grow tall together.*

*Thank you to everybody who helped, including José Maria Gonçalves and Ian Marshall from Drovers.*

**David Chase**

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## Centurion Way Railway Path

In response to the question raised regarding the Centurion Way leaflet stating that there were 8 stations on the old railway route between Chichester and Midhurst, we have heard from Nick Flowers who has a book called The Chichester & Midhurst Railway by Paul Clark and by looking on the map included it appears that there are indeed only three stations (if you don't count Chichester & Midhurst) they being Lavant, Singleton & Cocking. There are various gravel sidings en route (between Chichester & Lavant and Lavant & Singleton) but certainly not 8. Perhaps somebody should contact Centurion Way and ask them to correct their misinformed literature! Many thanks to Mick for sharing what he has on the matter. Anything more to add? Email your comments to info@singletonvillage.com or phone Tim on 811926.

Following further investigation from Nick, he discovered that there was in fact a number of other stations if you were to trace the line back to the original starting point at Pulborough. This then becomes at least 8 being Pulborough, Fittleworth, Petworth, Selham, Midhurst, Cocking, Singleton, Lavant & Chichester.

*I also uncovered an interesting website looking at the issue and you can find the "Branches around Midhurst" page at*

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#### Contact Information

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## '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]

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### Singleton and East Dean WI Christmas Party

**Rosemary Staples  
Roving reporter!**

'The best yet' was the verdict of departing guests from Singleton and East Dean WI's Christmas Party on 9th Dec in Singleton Village Hall. There was 'food, food, glorious food' in plenty, keeping up the WI tradition and a drop or two of something to wash it all down! Our President, Jan Elliott, was presented with some unusual 'Tiffany' style

candle holders in appreciation of all her hard work for us all. 2005 is our 90th Birthday year, as Singleton and East Dean was the first WI to be formed in England in 1915. So this year is going to be very exciting with all sorts of special events being organised. Anyone who would like to join us will be made very welcome. So why not come along one evening (we meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7pm in Singleton Village Hall) and see what we are all about? We always have a varied programme of speakers, something for everyone, and, who knows, next year's Christmas Party will probably be even better! Come and find out!

Singleton Parish Council Meetings Minutes can now be read online at  
[www.singletonvillage.com/parishnews.html](http://www.singletonvillage.com/parishnews.html)



### Singleton School's Christmas Around The World

All the children took part in this performance for parents and relatives this month with separate performances for the Women's Institute and Valley Club. It all went very well and all the children remembered their lines. A couple of the children couldn't take part

because of ill health but the others rallied round and filled in for them. Here we see a photo of Christmas in America!