



Village Voice

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VOCES8 - Monday 10th October 2011
The Schumann Letters - Thursday 10th November 2011
Chichester Cathedral Choir - Saturday 10th March 2012
Julian Lloyd Webber, Emma Johnson & John Lill - Saturday 26th May 2012

Welcome to the fourth season of Music@Ardingly. As in previous years, we are offering an ambitious and exciting series of concerts given by leading musicians and ensembles.

VOCES8 are sure to start the season in style. We are proud that they have been Ardingly's Ensemble in Residence since September 2010. In addition to giving concerts and workshops with students, VOCES8 have recently recorded a CD with the school choirs.

The Schumann Letters has been garnering rave reviews and promises to be a fascinating evening of music and readings. I am delighted that the Chichester Cathedral Choir under their dynamic director Sarah Baldock has agreed to be a part of the series. And it is a privilege to be able to welcome three of the country's most distinguished musicians; Julian Lloyd Webber, Emma Johnson and John Lill.

As usual, all the events are open to Ardingly pupils, parents, staff and the general public. Single concert tickets are available, or a substantial saving can be made by purchasing a season ticket. For further information please email music@ardingly.com or telephone the music school on 01444 893271.

We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Robert Costin
Director of Music

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Message from our Chairman

I trust you had a good summer and were able to enjoy what little sunshine we had! For me, it flew by, not least because so much was going on in the village.

As some of you know, early in the summer David Hadden left the Parish Council. We all owe David an enormous debt of gratitude for all his work on the Council over the past years; he has applied himself unstintingly for the village and showed enormous commitment in all he did.

With David's parting leaves a vacancy on the Parish Council, so if any resident would like to put themselves forward for candidacy, please do contact the Parish Clerk.

Over the summer, we have also been shown draft plans for developments of both Butcher's Field, off Street Lane and for the field north of Standgrove Place. The Butcher's Field developer has held one consultation with the village and Ardingly College will be holding one on the 17th September in Hapstead Hall. At present we have not received detailed plans, however, if we do, the Council will need to take account of the feedback of the villagers in their response to the District Council.

On a separate note, the drainage work on the recreation ground has been finished and we are now looking how best to use the spoil for further amenities for the village.

Finally, I'm very excited to let you know that we in the process of re-instating the Youth Club following the District Council cuts. This is fantastic news as the Club was highly valued by its members; I wish to thank Sara Chapman and Fiona Rocks in making this happen.

George Ruse

Ardingly Short Mat Bowls Club Promoted

The Club is actively seeking new members as it enters into the new division of West Sussex County Division Two for this season, from Regional Division One. Congratulations to all who helped to gain this respected promotion. Competition will be tougher, but all standards of player are very welcome.

The season starts 16th September and continues most Fridays at 19:00. They are a league club, so casual play is welcome but secondary as space is limited to two mats (16 players at a time). If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Rosemary Hodgson on 01444 892 558. Membership fee is £12 per annum plus £2 playing fee on Club Nights. It is good fun and a great way to show your support for the Village.

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Village Website Update

Be sure to check out the newly updated village website at www.ardingly.org. All clubs and organisations are invited to put their information up or provide a link to their current website. Should you wish to contribute anything or add anything to either the website or the village calendar, please send along a note to VillageVoice.Ardingly@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

17 th Sept	Public Exhibition of Ardingly College's development proposal, Hapstead Hall, 10:30am-13:00
24 th Sept	Happy Birthday to Ella, Joy and Sophia
1 st Oct	Honey & Apple Fair, St. Peter's Church Centre, 10:00-14:00
1 st Oct	Harvest Supper, St. Peter's Church Centre, tickets available at Post Office
1 st & 2 nd Oct	SEAS Autumn Show & Game Fair, Showground 9:00-17:00
4 th Oct	Parish Council Meeting, Hapstead Hall, 19:30
8 th Oct	Music at St. Peter's Church, 19:30 pm, free with collection for Carer Support & Crossroads Care
10 th Oct	Voces8, Ardingly College Chapel, 19:30
20 th Oct	Ladies Night Fundraiser on behalf of St. Peter's Pre-School, St. Peter's Church Centre, 19:30
24 th -28 th Oct	St. Peter's Primary School 1/2 term
26 th Oct	Village Luncheon, Hapstead Hall, open to all with tickets available from Post Office
5 th Nov.	Complementary Therapies Taster Day, Hapstead Hall, 10:00-16:00, £2 at door
10 th Nov	The Shumann Letters with Chichester Cathedral Choir, Ardingly College Chapel, 19:30
13 th Nov	Sussex Air Ambulance 999 Family Race Day, Fontwell Park, from 10:00am, Free under 16 and £9.99 for all others, 01243 543335 for tickets
15 th Nov	Horticultural Society AGM, Hapstead Hall, 19:30
25 th Nov	Lighting of Wakehurst Christmas tree, Wakehurst Place, 18:15
3 rd Dec	Christmas Fayre, Hapstead Hall, 14:00-17:00
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2011 has been a memorable one for the village cricket club, with the 1st team winning Division 3 of the Stoner Mid Sussex League, and the 2nd team achieving their best position for several years.

The 1st team won 11 and lost only once all season, as we comfortably won the division, and achieved promotion to Division Two. The excellence and consistency of Dave Wood's batting (777 league runs) has been a significant reason for our success, and he was supported by some other key figures. Rob Targett's 29 league wickets, and the support bowling of Bryan Cox, Nick Marchant, Joe Ackerley, Rory Fleming (Church Lane's answer to Jimmy Anderson) and Immy Ahamed ("The Colombo Express") have all contributed to Ardingly having a formidable bowling team. The occasional appearances of Tim Burton, Jo Khan and Jon Pink have also added power to the line up.

As for batting Chris Paternoster scored his first 50 for the 1st team, and then held his nerve to win our final league game with a 6 over the pavilion. Greg Dagger proved to be an astute captain when he was required to take over for the final games of the season. We clearly missed Sam Downe and Nick Cooper, but most weeks we cobbled together enough runs to see us through.

Next season will be more testing, facing the big guns of Hurstpierpoint, Cophorne and Edenbridge, but we deserved the promotion and will acquit ourselves well.

The 2nds finished 7th in Division 5, thanks to a phenomenal run of victories mid season. Led by the wily duo Bill Swaffield and David Port, the team improved significantly on 2010, as John Hopkins proved a dependable and high-scoring opening bat, supported by Iain Cornfield amongst others. Paul Meader led the bowling. The success of the younger players, Joe Ackerley, William Moorey, Adam Wakelin, Toby Silverman and Aidan Grant, was particularly pleasing.

The junior section fielded teams at under 12, under 10, under 9 and under 8, and the continued development of the junior section of the club is the highest priority for Ardingly Cricket Club. The vast majority of the 45 junior players are from the village, and we see this as helping cement the club in the heart of the community. The efforts in running the junior section are considerable, and would not be possible without Mike Lewis, Jonny Guitar Warren, Jamie McNamara and Jenny Martin. Mike's efforts in developing the under 12s are particularly of note.



Immy and Joe - "the Smiling Assassins"

I am confident that 2012 will see the junior section improving further, being more competitive, developing their skills further, and expanding the section to 55 junior players.

The Sunday friendly matches in association with Brook House and Highbrook CC have been as good as ever, and it is fantastic that we can still offer friendly cricket for those who wish to play, when many local clubs are increasingly concentrating only on the Saturday League variety.

Ardingly CC is particularly keen to hear from any ex-first class cricketers who would like to come and play for us. Failing that, we're always looking for new players of all standards, and are a friendly and welcoming local club. We are also keen to hear from any local people who may wish to be involved in the club in a non-playing capacity, to help with the upkeep of the ground,

admin tasks or fundraising. (We are woefully short of sponsors in this difficult economic environment.)

For further information contact Nick May on ardinglymays@hotmail.com, or see what the club is doing through our website, ardinglycc.org

School Notes

The new term has started well at St. Peter's. Mrs Williams and Mrs Jones have welcomed 23 new entrants in to Class 1. They have all settled very happily at school.

Our allotment is flourishing thanks to the hard work of the children and the band of adult volunteers who come to assist with the gardening. We enjoyed great success in July and September's Horticultural Show scooping several prizes.

During the summer holidays three of our classes had new top of the range interactive whiteboards installed. We are very grateful to our PTA for fundraising towards the purchase of these very valuable resources.

We are very proud to announce that the school has recently been awarded Full International Status in recognition of our international activities over the past year. Pupils were fortunate in experiencing Christmas Around the World, Chinese New Year, International Art Day, International Sports Day and European Day. We were also fortunate in hosting a Spanish student who was able to teach the children and staff some Spanish.

At the end of this month our Key Stage 2 pupils will be going to Wakehurst for their annual orienteering trip. This helps our pupils to develop team building and leadership skills. Wakehurst is a wonderful local asset and we are always looking into new ways to integrate it into our curriculum.



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Village Planning Update

Over 180 people attended Hapstead Hall on 8th September in order to air their views with the Parish Council on the two proposed large scale developments in the village. Gary Marsh, District Councillor and Cabinet Member for Planning also attended. Although certain people were in favour of development in order to provide low cost housing for local residents, overall the mood was against such developments.

The next phase of the process is a Public Exhibition on the 17th September by Ardingly College in Hapstead Hall. Following that, the Parish Council will await detailed plans to which it will respond following further consultation with the Village. Local residents are also urged to send individual letters (not a form letter) directly to the District Council.

An Open Letter from a Resident

As a resident of Ardingly for nearly 20 years, I have always supported development within the village, I believe that without it the parish would stagnate and we could see the consequent loss of the village school, post office and other amenities.

From the early 1900's when Ardingly was mainly an Agricultural Community, we are now what could be described a Residential Rural Community, and personally looking to the future I have no wish to see us become an 'urban village'. Neighbouring larger villages such as Lindfield and Cuckfield have recently seen significant housing developments, the benefits in the long term will remain to be seen but Ardingly continues to remain a small village of 669 dwellings we can only hope this will continue.

However, for a small community such as ours, we have already seen our share of residential development. Within the last ten years, Ardingly has seen new housing at Hapstead, Hett Close, Turnpike Court, Withylands Views and Hapstead Farm, totalling 64 dwellings plus additional houses/flats built on selected plots around the village.

After David Hills 'consultation meeting' on August 4th and the Open Meeting called by Parish Council on September 8th, when over 200 Ardingly residents filled Hapstead Hall - the depth of feeling regarding the proposed housing development on Butchers Field become apparent and was verified by at least 90 households signing a petition expressing their frustration and horror at the proposed loss of this prized grazing land with far reaching views to the South Downs National Park. However as a village we need to do more than just signing a petition.

Following Thursdays open meeting, we have now learnt that we can take immediate action as a community without having to wait till the full planning application is submitted with its corresponding reference numbers.

Boyer Planning on behalf of Collingwood Neptune, (<http://www.boyerplanning.co.uk/PublicConsultation/StreetLane/>) invited residents to have our say on their proposals for Butcher's Field during the 4th August public consultation and suggested feedback was sent to them by Friday 19th August 2011 by writing to: ardinglyconsultation@boyerplanning.co.uk

We have now been informed, that as many individual written objection letters as possible should be sent direct to Boyer Planning before any application has been submitted to the Council. A copy of your letter needs to be sent to Stephen Ashdown at Mid Sussex District Council (planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk) who will be the case officer for the Butchers Field development according to Gary Marsh Councillor for Ardingly and Balcombe.

Boyer Planning by law, have to submit these letters as part of their 'Statement of Community Involvement' and as part of their

planning application. Of course they don't volunteer this information!

The addresses to write to are:

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Stephen Ashdown (planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk)
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Planning Department
Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands, Oaklands Road
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This should be actioned NOW before planning is submitted and will be used as evidence of community objection along with our petition.

After submission of planning, additional individual letters of objection should be written and also sent to Stephen Ashdown at Mid Sussex District Council. Unfortunately, this is a numbers game and with circa 1800 people in the village and 669 dwellings we need over 300 letters to make this a viable objection from the village.

This needs to be a community project with involvement and contribution from the immediate and wider community. IF YOU WISH TO RETAIN THE UNIQUE CHARACTER OF ARDINGLY VILLAGE PLEASE ACT NOW and keep up to date with notices in the various village publications, Mid Sussex Times, Hapstead Hall Notice Board and of course our website www.ardingly.org.

For further information please contact Claire Knight on c14are@yahoo.co.uk



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Horticultural Society Show Outshines Poor Summer Weather

The Autumn show provided renewed optimism on a grey day with many new exhibitors despite the possibly off-putting early season and the heavy rains just before the show.

Val Shipway won the esteemed Sheila White Cup and also went on to win the J.E.B. Challenge Cup, the Centenary Cup, the Basil Davey Cup and the A. I. Hett Challenge Cup. Stan Foord won the RHS Banksian Medal and Monica Kennedy Powe, Chair of the Society, won the Wallis Challenge Cup. The Musgrave Challenge Cup went to Una Tester. It was good to see the return of two great WI competitors, Una Tester and Barbara Monk, to the cookery challenges.

We all missed the presence of our friend and expert potato exhibitor George Nickolls who passed away in July. A great deal of thanks and good wishes go out to Betty and their family.



The younger generation was also recognised with Martha Sansom and Anna Southon winning a joint diploma for most points achieved by children at all three shows throughout the year. St. Peter's Primary School also is gaining steam with the school allotment

already generating prize winning produce. At this show winning the category of 9 french beans and 2nd 'any other vegetables' with their sweetcorn.

At the show the children were given narcissus bulbs to plant in preparation for the Spring show. Everyone is welcome no matter what your experience so have a look at the schedule and see how you can join in the fun.

Ardingly Hosts Friends from Beuzeville, France - Twinning Still Going Strong

The Twinning Association welcomed fifty friends from our twin town of Beuzeville in Normandy, France, for the weekend of the South of England Show in June.

Twelve French families came over to stay for the weekend and enjoyed a glorious day at the Show on the Saturday and spent the Sunday with their Ardingly host families, visiting some of the many attractions in the area. Unfortunately, plans to play stoolball and games on the Rec on the Sunday afternoon had to be changed at the last minute, due to a heavy downpour. We still managed to get together for a delicious meal, prepared by our excellent chef John Bartlett, in the Church Centre, where a cacophony of French, English and "franglais" could be heard for several hours.

As usual, it was a fantastic weekend during which even stronger links between our two communities were forged and firm friendships made between children, teenagers and adults alike.

We were particularly pleased to welcome two new Ardingly families to the fold and would encourage anyone else interested in taking part to make themselves known to the Twinning Association as soon as possible so that they might be included in our plans to spend a weekend in Beuzeville next year (date to be arranged). If interested, please contact Jennifer May on 892012 or at ardinglymays@hotmail.com.

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Ardingly Village Plan Progress

The community led Plan for Ardingly, which was published in November 2010, was compiled from evidence arising from consultations with every part of the parish: residents of all ages, local businesses and organisations, clubs and societies.

Since then your Parish Council has been working hard on the plan and has achieved considerable progress.

- ◆ We have initiated work to address traffic issues. This has included research, investigations, fund-raising and discussions with West Sussex CC with a view to appointing our own traffic consultant. Their main aim is to advise, and obtain agreement with the CC on how traffic can be managed to make a safe environment for pedestrians whilst enhancing the village street scene.
- ◆ Together with neighbouring Parish Councils, the PC has been lobbying the WSCC Councillors to save the No 81 Bus service from regional cost-cutting.
- ◆ Antisocial behaviour has been highlighted with the police and appropriate steps are being taken to minimise community discord.
- ◆ Lighting has been introduced on Hapstead Hall to illuminate the public footpath by the adjacent bus stop.
- ◆ The footpath in the Recreation Ground has been widened and resurfaced; drainage has been installed for the football pitch.
- ◆ Funding for the Youth Club was achieved for 2011 / 12.
- ◆ A proposal for garden sharing as an alternative to the lack of allotments is being investigated.
- ◆ The village website www.ardingly.org has been launched and will be an important part of Village Communications.
- ◆ The Village Voice production costs and lead times have been reduced; the publication will continue to be at the core of the Village Communication Strategy.

The Parish Council will review progress on achieving the Village Plan actions on a quarterly basis.

Ardingly Gardens Open Day Well Attended

The 14th Ardingly Gardens Open Day on 9th July raised £1,477 towards the refurbishment of the Church Centre. More than 170 very appreciative folk from miles around visited the gardens. Many enjoyed delicious refreshments at the Church Centre, some buying a picnic lunch to eat in the gardens.

The organisers would like to thank everyone who supported the event in so many different ways and made it such a success.

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Youth Club to Re-Open

West Sussex CC are no longer funding the youth club in Ardingly due to funding cuts. However, the parish council has been working together with other local parishes to source alternative funding so that it will be up and running again Thursday nights in October.

In the mean time we need your help. WSCC are having a period of consultation about what the community wants and needs for their youth and have invited us all to put forward our views.

So what do we want? How can we make this a fantastic place for all of our teenagers in the village?

Is it having bus services into the main youth clubs in town? Experts to come and do workshops with the youth? Holiday Clubs? Sports Clubs? Support in setting up youth projects?

We need to let our views be heard and especially the youth of the village. Please go on line at yourspacewestsussex.gov.uk and let them know exactly what you think and have your say!

Look out for posters around the village in October for details.

Sunday Bus Service Reinstated

The Sunday bus service that was withdrawn from Ardingly has been reinstated.



The 42 service, which commenced on the 4th of September 2011 will operate on Sundays and Public Holidays between Haywards Heath (Perrymount Road) and Crawley Bus Station, stopping at Ardingly (Hapstead Hall, the Gardeners Arms and Wakehurst Place).

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Should you wish to participate by having a stall, please make your written applications together with a £10 fee by 31st October to the Hapstead Hall Secretary, Mrs Jane Simmonds.

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A Snapshot of the Village

Congratulations to our local photographers who won the photography competition. They will each receive an award for capturing a compelling moment within the village or of village life. If you have a picture which you think captures an Ardingly moment, please submit them to VillageVoice.Ardingly@gmail.com and we will try to feature them where there is space in future issues.

16 years & under winner: Emily Pearson

At the cricket net outside the Ardingly pavilion



Over 16 years winner: Kirsty Warren

On the grass near the south entrance of the Ardingly Showground





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