

PRESS RELEASE

Milland Bonfire & Fireworks 2025

John Collier

As previously reported, last year's Milland bonfire and fireworks event was as spectacular as ever and received much praise from those who attended. Unfortunately, the poor weather conditions on the night resulted in a smaller crowd than usual which, when combined with significantly higher operating costs, meant that the night was not as profitable as we had hoped.

To make matters worse, the organising committee has had to replace some damaged equipment, most significantly a large marquee, as well as repair and service our hog roast oven. These unexpected costs exceeded £1000, which has significantly reduced the amount available for distribution within the village. However, the committee is delighted to confirm that the remaining profits, supplemented by some of our reserve funds, have recently been distributed to:

Milland Sports Club. £500 for on-going clubhouse improvements
Hollycombe School. £500 to support their literacy improvement programme

Next year's bonfire and fireworks evening will be held on Saturday 7th November. We are already working on how to improve the event, increase the attendance and make it more profitable. We hope to see you there!

If you would like to join our team of volunteers or have any suggestions as to how we could improve the event, please let us know.

The Organising Committee: Dave Allan, John Collier, Steve McKechnie, Jeremy Parker, George Quinnell, Justin Whitehouse

Should MVN go digital?

Mark Keohane

Producing the MVN costs money. While we offset costs with advertising, we still run at a loss every year. The Rural Fair, set up expressly to fund the MVN, has ensured that we are not in imminent danger of shutting down, but the day would come where we run out, unless we secure more funding.

One option is to make the MVN available chiefly in electronic form. As time passes, more and more people are making more use of email, social media tools on phones and computers so as the level of computer literacy advances digital circulation becomes more realistic.

The MVN could be emailed to those signing up to receive it that way, and made available on the Milland Facebook page and Parish Council website for those wishing to read it there. A small number of printed copies could be left at convenient places like the shop, pub and village halls, for anyone wishing to pick up a printed copy (they would still be free).

So, does this sound realistic for you? Would it be easy for you to receive your MVN digitally? Would you still prefer a print version?

Please do send me your thoughts. Email me at mark@markkeohane.com or give me a call on 07803 951 921.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Milland (England) Vs Great Trippetts (South America)

Sam Moulding

The annual football match between Milland and Great Trippetts is back on Friday 19th June! Put it in your diary now as this year promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Doors will open at 17:30 and kick-off will be at 19:00. The match is open to anyone that wants to play so if you want to put your name down, please contact Justin 'Razor' Whitehouse on 07752658847 or just turn up on the night. There will also be a kid's game for under 12s which will kick-off at 18:00, again put your kids' names down, or just turn up. We only ask that you bring shin pads if you have them.

Alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments will be available from the bar, and as usual we will be serving local lamb cooked Asado style over hot coals as well as regular BBQ. Food will be served from approximately 19:45 and is very generously provided by Great Trippetts, so many thanks to George and Clare.

Please come along with as many family and friends as you can muster to support your village in delivering a crushing defeat to South America and ensuring at least one footballing victory for our country this summer



Milland Day

6th June

This is a FREE event!

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2.30pm	Ice cream bicycle arrives
3.00pm	Stoolball and outdoor games
5.00pm	Tug Of War
6.00pm	B-B-Q & Live Music from Chloe & Tom on The Riser Terrace

A FREE village event to bring the community together

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See also www.millandvillagehall.co.uk

(Please let the Editor know if your group makes any changes)

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Yoga: Monday, 6.00 – 7.30pm Angela Thompson, 07961 127061

Yoga: Tuesday, 7.00 – 8.30pm Lorraine Grocott, 01428 741393

Pilates: Wednesday, 6.15–7.15pm Zannah Charman-Lambert, 07710 328844

Tap Class Thursday 6.00-8pm Gina Van Dyke

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Milland parish Facebook:	www.facebook.com/millandcommunity
Churches website:	www.beneficeoflinchmillandstedham.co.uk
Milland Memorial Hall:	www.millandvillagehall.co.uk
Milland Stores :	www.millandstores.co.uk
Milland Evangelical Church:	www.millandevangelical.org.uk
Milland Volunteers:	www.millandvolunteers.co.uk

FROM THE ED Mark Keohane

Hello everybody. I'm always pleased to see the arrival of spring. It makes the garden look so much more an appealing place and yesterday I even put the sunshades up. I'm still out of work, though to be honest I'm not actually looking to find anything and just enjoying some time off, which happily coincides with said change of season. I and my cameras and studio are, however, available for events, parties, portraits, etc.

On the front cover, you'll have seen the poster for Milland Day on June 6th. This community event will take place on the recreation ground, in the spirit of recent years' Coronation and Jubilee celebrations, both of which were hugely successful. Milland Day is intended to be a big (free) village party and I hope you and yours will turn out to have some fun and, hopefully, enjoy some summer sunshine. Please do take part. Rev Trish has returned to us from her sabbatical, which included a month in Uganda, inspiring women to leadership in the church. She has documented her experience inside. Welcome home!

I attended the parish annual assembly in April at the hall. It was, by all accounts, well-attended and we received an excellent presentation from our MP, Andrew Griffith, who impressed me with the breadth of his grasp of political issues and current affairs. Andrew asked to place an ad in the magazine, which we've arranged. I'm sure he'd be happy to hear from you.

And I hope you all exercised your democratic right on May 7th?

As I'm sure many of you will have noticed, we now have a community speedwatch (CSW) display in the village. Gillian Morton, who is coordinating the initiative, has prepared an excellent article inside, describing how this works and its effectiveness, as well as a call for volunteers to assist with CSW operation. Please step up if you're keen to spare a little time to help with improving local road safety.

As I'm sure you'll also have noticed, the geese have returned. We have some photos inside. I do pass that way while out walking or, lately, 'running', and give them a wide berth. As indeed I do when driving by, the latter to ensure that I don't run any of them over.

On the subject of running, I entered for the Great North Run in September and started training. Unfortunately, I may have to concede that my running days are over, having repeatedly sustained injuries in my training outings. I ran a mile last time out three weeks ago; it was extremely hard and I haven't been able to move my legs properly since. The days of routine seven-minute miles and daily training are a long way behind me. Anyway, should I make a miraculous recovery and find myself able to get back onto a training schedule I will be looking for sponsorship. Stand by....

While on sport, and as we head towards the World Cup, we have good news inside concerning Milland FC's progress this season.

Following my appeal for a roofer in the last issue, Lea Grocott recommended Dan Naldrett, who worked on the church roof at Linch. Dan will hopefully be with us in July to stop our flat roof from leaking. I encourage anyone who's received good service from a local business to say so in an MVN 'Shout Out'. My own contribution is inside for two local businesses I've used recently and would recommend.

Finally, inside you'll find a proposal for a new gardening group, to share horticultural thoughts on all things plant-based. The instigator is Keith Gregory and you'll find everything you need inside should you want to get involved with Keith in his community initiative.

Have to say, the new shop front is looking stellar and I look forward to giving the new deck a test drive when it's been done.

That's me for this time around. As I write, I don't believe I've had a whole lot of material in, but I hope we'll still end up with an issue to make your doormat quake. See you in the next one - or at Milland Day! Enjoy the summer.

Mark

Do You Dig It?

Keith Gregory

Hello Milland! I'm Keith. I've lived here for almost two decades, but only sprouted an interest in gardening, unfortunately, just as the Milland Horticultural Society wilted away. I didn't volunteer to help save it, and yes, I'm ashamed. Please don't throw slugs at me.

I'd love to meet other Milland valley gardeners to swap plants, seeds, tools, gossip, watering duties, greenhouse space, and possibly emotional support during aphid season. I'm thinking of growing a merry band of green fingered nutters, starting with a WhatsApp group.

We could even meet in my garden for a cup of tea, cheeky drink or a home brew, while we discuss vegetables, compost, lawns, flowers, manure, and all the other glamorous topics that make gardening the rock-and-roll lifestyle we love.

If this sounds like your kind of dirty fun, WhatsApp (or call) me on **07748 349244** and I'll set up a group chat. Can't wait to meet some fellow Milland mud enthusiasts!

P.S. We will need a group name. Please send ideas!

More Equine Escapes Val Porter

In the last issue I reported on the escape of two 16-hand horses that went at high speed along Cooks Pond Road and also up the track past Old Kingsham Farm on Friday 13 February.

Well, history repeated itself exactly one month later. On Friday 13 March two large loose horses charged past me along Cooks Pond Road first thing in the morning (7am) and an alert was sent out. Somehow they found their way into one of the large fields on the eastern side of the lane, near Bobbolds, and were safely rounded up by Phillipa Agnew (no, they were not her horses!) and their owner collected them. It looks as if they escaped from the same fields as the ones in February and you do continue to wonder if somebody is deliberately letting them out. And what a coincidence that the two most recent events were on Friday 13th – fingers crossed for November.



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PC AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Clippings from the Clerk's cabinet

Rebecca Denby

- Hello! I am now well settled into the role as clerk and have enjoyed meeting many of you at meetings and in the fabulous local store. Here is my report on the work of the Parish Council over the last few months.
- The signed minutes of the January and March full council meetings have been placed on the website.
- The Annual parish meeting was held last month and was very well attended with many joining to hear from our local MP Andrew Griffith, who had lots of interesting questions put to him to answer.
- Save the date - Milland day is to be held on the green on June 6th, with free fun for the family, bring a picnic!
- Milland Stores is undergoing some renovation works, and is looking fabulous. Please pop down and have a look and support this wonderful local business.
- There is a vacancy on the parish council. If you feel you would like to get more involved in the local community and join the council, please contact me directly by email at clerk@milland-wsx-pc.gov.uk.
- The installation of the speed indicator device on the Fernhurst Road has been a huge success. This is to be rotated between one site approaching Durrants Pond and another two sites close to the school with the intention that it will act as a reminder to drivers to maintain a safe speed, (30mph or below), as they leave the village and before approaching the school. Big Thanks to Cllr Gillian Morton!
- Milland Lane will be closed from 05/05/26 until 05/06/26 for essential drainage works, please see website for more details.
- The last Milland Meet Up took place on Wednesday April 8th 10am-11.30am at the Milland Stores coffee shop and was attended by members of the Hollycombe Estate team which gave a useful opportunity to ask questions. These gatherings continue to be both a means of providing face to face contact with councillors and a way of providing company for residents who may not have the opportunity to meet up with people on a regular basis. The next meetup is planned for **Wednesday June 10th at 10am** at the village shop. **Please do come along for a free coffee and a chat if you can - we would love to see you.**
- Please refer to the website www.milland-wsx-pc.gov.uk for council and local information. Next Full Council Meeting is the Annual Statutory Meeting to be held Wednesday 8th July 2026 at Milland Memorial Hall at 6pm.

Annual Parish Assembly Mark Keohane

Our MP, Andrew Griffith, attended the well-attended parish council's annual assembly and after presenting his thoughts on a range of topics, fielded a series of questions from the audience.

A more detailed report on the meeting can be accessed via the Parish Council web site www.milland-wsx-pc.gov.uk



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What is Community Speedwatch?

Gillian Morton

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative which involves concerned members of local communities, with police support, in recording details of speeding vehicles using an approved speed detection device. By influencing driver behaviour – to reduce speed – its principal aim is to improve road safety by embracing a systematic, non-confrontational, educational procedure.

Almost a third of drivers do not believe they will be caught if they speed, which suggests that a significant number of drivers have the wrong mind-set about their shared responsibilities as a road user.

Does speed make a difference? Yes – this is clear from the evidence: ⁽¹⁾

Scenario 1: A pedestrian steps into the road with an approaching car travelling at 40mph. The driver begins to brake when the pedestrian is 17m ahead. **RESULT:** The car HITS the pedestrian at 20mph. Compare this with:

Scenario 2: A pedestrian steps into the road with an approaching car travelling at 30mph. The driver begins braking with the pedestrian 17m ahead. **RESULT:** The car STOPS 3m from the pedestrian, avoiding impact.

Through initiatives like CSW, communities are playing an increasing role in raising awareness of the dangers of speeding vehicles, particularly in vulnerable spots where footpaths are close to the road's edge or, in may not exist at all. We've all experienced it - a vehicle passes at inappropriate speed and you feel a sudden rush of air and a heightened awareness of your susceptibility to danger. The figures below illustrate that a significant majority of drivers slow down when they are made aware of the dangers they impose; which is the crucial point – CSW is not about punishment, but through education, reinforcing accountability.

Recorded roadside data is uploaded to the national CSW database. Registered keepers of speeding vehicles are, in the first instance, contacted via letter explaining the potential risks and consequences of speeding. Repeat offenders ultimately receive a visit from local police, irrespective of where they live, followed by focused enforcement and criminal prosecution should there be further recorded offences.

Sussex is regarded as one of the leading CSW counties, recognised by a special award.

What do the statistics say?

Data gathered by Sussex Police clearly illustrates that the procedures adopted by CSW groups have a positive effect on road drivers' behaviour.

- ✓ The Sussex Police repeat offenders' compliance rate (drivers receiving a 1st police letter and not being reported again within 12 months) was 95.01% ⁽²⁾
- ✓ Within the period (2023-25), the percentage of drivers recorded exceeding the 30mph speed limit FELL by 35.98% and drivers recorded exceeding the 20mph speed limit FELL by 27.04% ⁽³⁾

These figures undoubtedly highlight the effectiveness of CSW.

A call for action?

The power of a community with engaged individuals who are willing to donate a **short period of their time** on a rotational basis to raise awareness and help prevent an inevitable injury or save a life is a positive step. The question is are you willing to contribute?

Training is provided by Sussex Police before a CSW group can become fully operational on the roadside. For specific details on how to **join your local CSW group** contact cswmilland@gmail.com or for further information about CSW go to www.communityspeedwatch.org

References:

- (1) SussexSaferRoads CSW Training presentation 2026
- (2) Sussex Police Road Safety Team Overview March 2026
- (3) www.SussexSaferRoads.gov.uk

Ultra-X Marathon Val Porter

On 17 April, a few discreet red ribbons in the trees and hedges heralded an imminent invasion: one of the regular Ultra-X Marathon runs would be coming past Kingsham the next day and heading along the Serpent Trail. The event was divided into five distances, with the most extreme challenge being 110km. The 110k started from Cowdray at 5am and I noticed a few determined runners passing my cottage at intervals from about 6.30am. For the rest of the day, those doing lesser distances passed either at a run or, as the day wore on and the distances grew shorter, at a slow jog or a tired walk gossiping with other marathon runners – the shortest distance was 12k, which didn't start until 11.30am.

The **Serpent Trail** was originally created by Bruce Middleton, who used to be a very familiar sight locally in the days before the South Downs National Park was created. The 'Serpent' refers not only to sightings of reptiles on local heathland but also to the 'S' shape of the full trail. It starts near Haslemere railway station and Blackdown, through Marley Common, Lynchmere and Stanley Common, Iron Hill and Chapel Common and zigzags through our Valley via Tullecombe, Rindle Wood, Borden Wood, Titty Hill and Redford, Old-er Hill and Woolbeding, then into the Cowdray and Leconfield estates over to Petworth and Fittleworth, and finally Nyewood and Petersfield. Quite an adventure.

Borden Village Hall Draw

John Morton

Feb 2026:

- 1st - Tom Boam
- 2nd - Jacqui Wood
- 3rd - Val Porter
- 4th - Beatrix Hambrook

Mar 2026;

- 1st - John Morton
- 2nd - Nick Cridlan
- 3rd - Andrew Owens
- 4th - Matt Cusack

Apr 2026;

- 1st - Chris Etherington
- 2nd - Diederik Minneboo
- 3rd - Sasha Boam
- 4th - Mary Kearley

You have to be in it to win it, as I've heard it said. Should you wish to join in and support our wonderful little hall, please contact me via john.lynsted@gmail.com

Riser Puff Landlord Ben Burston

Thank our lucky stars – spring is finally here. Another dreadful, wet and depressing winter has shuffled off, and while it hasn't exactly been balmy (I've not even fired up a BBQ yet), it is at least dry, sunny and blessed with lighter evenings. The world may still be fairly well screwed, but let's enjoy the moment.

The terrace is already busy and, before long, the gardens will have recovered sufficiently for everyone to spread out and inhabit them again. We're doing all the usual spring things: lighter, seasonal dishes are on the menu, summer cocktails are flowing, plans are afoot for gigs and events, customers are planning their summer parties, and everyone is smiling – lightly dressed and woefully under-protected with sun cream. Fingers crossed it doesn't all end in a deluge.

I have incurred the gentle wrath of our kindly editor by submitting this piece late, but only so I could include mention of Friendo's memorial, held on Friday 8th May at Milland Church and then back at the pub. It was a wonderful and fitting day for one of the village's great characters. I've already written my own tribute; Friday was a chance for us all to say goodbye. The church was full to the rafters, the service delivered by Trish was expertly done (as ever), and there were three perfect eulogies from his son Justin and two of his closest friends, Tony Stratton and Nigel Northridge. His photograph now sits above Basil Frost in the main bar alcove, so he'll be keeping an eye on things. RIP, mucker.

The football World Cup kicks off on Thursday 11th June and, in honour of those admirable custodians of sport at FIFA and the esteemed host nation, we will of course be charging \$100 for parking, with all beers priced at a very reasonable \$20 a pint throughout June. A couple of years ago I fancied England's chances, but that optimism has waned somewhat. Still, we'll be showing all the games people want to see in the lodge, along with all the major fixtures – including those involving England and Scotland – in the bar. It promises to be a long slog, heavy on inconsequential matches, but there's always the chance it might get exciting. I've often said that if England ever do win it, the pub will host the most epic party of my career. I'm not holding my breath.

As part of Milland Day – which is well trailed elsewhere – we'll be hosting live music on the front terrace (weather permitting, otherwise in the lodge), with Chloe & Tom providing the soundtrack, alongside a barbecue. It should be the perfect wind-down after a day of picnics, rosé-quaffing and games on the field. It's very much an event for everyone; no need to be a fully signed-up garden-partying Millander to attend.

We have a few more gigs planned over the summer, with the latest to firm up being Dadz Army on Saturday 25th July. They're friends of Peter G, so expect a lively evening. Over the August Bank Holiday weekend (29th–31st August) we'll be hosting our third *Cinema in the Garden* in partnership with Living Room Cinema. Saturday night's event reprises the party theme, with *Grease* (the original) taking centre stage. On Sunday night we'll be showing *Jackson*, the new Michael Jackson biopic. We're choosing to overlook the rather enthusiastic whitewashing of his life – apparently anything remotely negative was edited out – because the music is simply outstanding. Think less "biopic" and more extended concert. Further details will follow.

We're continuing some of last year's popular promotions. Wednesday remains Burger Night, and you can now enjoy two cheeseburgers with chips (served exactly as on the menu) for £20. The inclusion of chips appears to have elevated the deal to cult status. The Light Lunch also continues to prove extremely popular and excellent value.

Beyond all that, we have a packed summer of events and private parties. While the lodge is a great winter space, it really comes into its own in summer, providing every garden party with a reliable wet-weather back-up. Hiring the back garden and lodge is free when booked with a barbecue or food package, and don't forget that we also cater for off-site events. To start a conversation, email ben@risingsunmilland.com

As ever, please visit www.risingsunmilland.com for reservations, menus, takeaways and outside catering. You'll also find us on Instagram and Facebook. If technology isn't your thing, feel free to call **01428 741347**.

I've once again managed to avoid mentioning taxes, wages, politics and global events.

Apathy, for now, reigns supreme.

Cheers

Landlord

Boxing Day tsunami 2004

Val Porter

Redford Village Hall had a drop-in on 15 May highlighting **The Rainbow Centre** in Sri Lanka. This non-profit-making organisation was set up by Alison Nagel from Stedham in the aftermath of the terrible 2004 Boxing Day tsunami and it reminded me of Milland's very own **Friends of Kathaluwa**, inspired by the same traumatic event.

Friendo (the late and much-missed Mike Friend) was the first to react to the horror of that tsunami in 2004 and was also the driving force behind Friends of Kathaluwa, set up by people living in Milland and Linch to help a small Sri Lankan community very similar in size to Milland (one of the reasons for choosing Kathaluwa) and which had been visited soon after the disaster by Nick and Joan Marmont of Borden Wood. Many local people became involved with our new charity and many of you sponsored individual children in the Kathaluwa area who had been traumatised, maintaining contact with them for several years. In the May 2005 issue of Milland Valley News we asked you to imagine Milland in a similar situation, many times worse than the hurricane of October 1987 that had caused so much damage locally – greenhouses and some cars were smashed, buildings were damaged by falling trees, whole areas of woodland crashed under the force of the wind, but nobody here was hurt or killed. In Kathaluwa many lives were lost, most homes were destroyed, fishing fleets on which the community depended were laid waste and very little help was forthcoming except from private individuals. Milland was able to make a difference through Friends of Kathaluwa.

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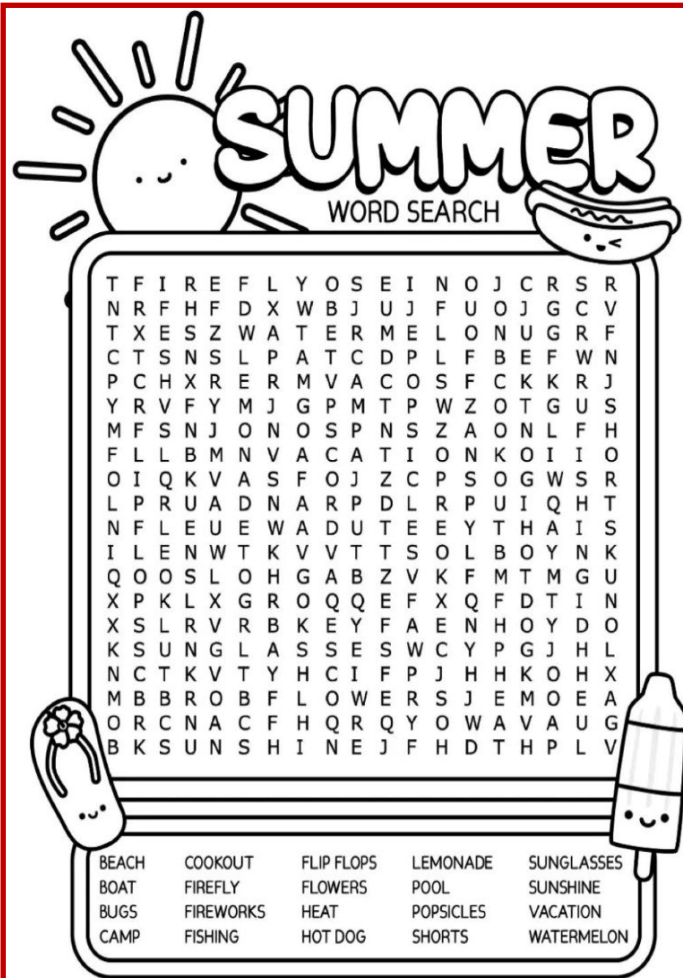
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Summer Letter Mix Up

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SCHOOLS

Hollycombe Primary School

Jon Reilly

We love the fact that Hollycombe Primary School is such a busy place and never a day seems to pass without some exciting event or activity taking place.

The last few months have been no exception to this, yet it is important that as a school community, we find time to stop, reflect and be thankful for all the wonderful opportunities that are made available to us.

This has never been more evident than of late, as the school has benefited from the unsurpassed generosity and kindness from our local community.

We mentioned in the last issue how the Parish Council has provided funds to bolster our 'reading stock' within the school and this has provided such an impetus for our pupils to love and cherish books more than ever. The Headteacher's Reading Challenge has been a huge hit for all, from our very youngest students to those at the end of their primary school career.

And what a pleasure it is to see young people handling 'proper' books, with that new book 'smell' and pages to turn. We know there is a place for electronic readers and tablets, maybe we're just a little on the traditional side!

Not that we want to shun technology completely of course, for it can play a valuable part in providing pathways to empower our more reluctant readers to access the joy of books. So now, thanks to the kindness of the Milland Bonfire Committee, we're able to purchase some audio books, so our students can read along with a whole variety of stories – reading suddenly becomes something to do for pleasure, as opposed to something you feel you have to do in order to satisfy a parent or moaning teacher!

Having somewhere to enjoy reading is also something we are actively looking to develop at Hollycombe and we have incorporated a brand-new outdoor reading area into our playground improvements that have been jointly funded by our wonderful parents' association (HPA) and the William Heather Will Trust.

We can't wait to report back to you soon with an update on how all this is progressing.

Aside from our reading journey and our everyday learning, we have continued to encourage our pupils to stay active with our regular 'Parkrun Meet-Ups' and the development of a new 'traversing wall' around the perimeter of part of the school building.



Most recently, we also celebrated the TCS London Marathon with our very own mini-marathon in school. The organisers of the main London event challenged all pupils in the school to run/walk/jog a total of two miles, something that we all achieved with a few extra miles for good measure!

Our Netball team have also been in action and were triumphant at the local Rother Valley Schools event in the spring, leaving the school in a strong position to challenge for the overall sports championship when the final event (cricket) takes place later in the summer term.

Five of our students also represented Central Sussex in the Sussex Cross Country Championships, the premier

event for young athletes in the region.

So, as we look forward to all the fun of a summer term at Hollycombe, with visits and visitors, sports days, blockbuster productions etc, we promise to take time to stop, look around us and say a huge thank-you to all those unsung heroes who continue to provide us with such wonderful opportunities.

Milland Nursery Jo Mealey

What a busy few weeks at nursery we have had! We are thoroughly enjoying the weather and making the most of the beautiful surroundings that Milland has to offer. A highlight this half term, as it always is this time of year was visiting the pond and meeting the geese and the goslings. Exploring is one of our favourite activities. The children have also visited Cartersland Corner to observe the wildflowers. The children have such a love of nature and are learning to take care and to respect the natural environment. If you see us walking around do give us a wave!

The children have been learning about the Artemis 2 mission around the moon. They have been experimenting with homemade rocket balloons, creating their own moons from clay, baking moon biscuits and decorating planets. The children were very curious about the mission, and some were very excited to tell us that they had seen some of the mission at home.

We are pleased to announce that we have had our latest OFSTED inspection, my first as the manager of MVNS, and we are proud to say that we achieved 'Expected standard' which OFSTED translates into 'a high and secure level of quality'. We couldn't be prouder to share this result with you. The dedication of the nursery team and support of families and local community have played a big role in this result.



Memories of Vic Kennedy at the Rising Sun Val Porter

In April, I received a phone call from someone I didn't know who wanted to buy a copy of a DVD of Milland Memories that we published a long time ago. The caller, Alan Lewis, turned out to be a nephew of the late Vic Kennedy, a long-ago landlord at the Riser for a lot of years. Alan wanted the DVD as a surprise gift for his cousin Jan, daughter of Vic, who had just moved to Windsor and had recently lost her own cherished copy of the DVD.

As it happened, I had just been having a massive clearout of all my Milland local history files and came across my own copy of the DVD along with a miniature copy of Milland News 116, dated December 2013, in which there was a long article in memory of Vic when he died on 6 September that year at the age of 90. (Incidentally, in the same issue there was a report about the wedding of Claire Kel-low and Duncan Findlay).

Vic and his wife Alma had come to Milland in November 1948 with their then year-old daughter Jan and with Alma's parents, Bert and Nell Hodkisson. At first it was Bert who ran the Rising Sun and Vic was a self-employed electrician who converted most of Milland's existing houses to the mains when electricity first arrived here in 1949. Bert became ill and so Vic and Alma took over as landlords at the pub and were an essential part of village life. And it was Vic who started *Milland Valley News*: he conceived, edited and published the first edition in February 1950 to help raise funds for Milland Valley Memorial Hall, which at the time was a temporary wooden converted chicken shed. He was also a driving influence behind the Milland Fiesta of July 1950, and ran the hall's Entertainments Committee, which organised Milland's Bonfire Night. And he created a 'Milval' Cinema, regularly showing films in the hall, and put on a play (*Worm's Eye View*) whose cast included, for example, Ivor Clapham and Neville Flarry. As editor of MVN, he expressed his own views with vigour and humour.

Vic and Alma remained actively involved in village life until they finally moved to Selsey in the early 1980s, having in the meantime built and retired to what they named the White House at the end of the pub garden next to the Rectory.

Alan Lewis came to collect the DVD from me on foot. He lives in Camberwell but quite often visits old haunts in our area: he often stayed with Vic and Alma when he was a boy back in the 1950s and still goes for long walks in the Liphook/Fernhurst area. He arrived at West Kingsham late one April afternoon, having walked from Liphook station. After an hour here he walked off heading for his cousin's home in Windsor by going through Milland and across the golf course to take the train from Liphook and 'via Reading from Guildford station', then to Slough and a bus to Windsor, where cousin Jan had a surprise visit and a surprise gift of the DVD around 9.30 that same evening. He then found his way to Heathrow to get the Elizabeth line back to his home in Camberwell – so it had been quite an energetic day! I had a wonderful email from Jan first thing in the morning: the footage on the DVD meant a lot to her.

Milland Day – 6th June

Peter Granger

Milland Day is almost upon us, if you are coming along, please do let the organisers know the number of people in your group so that they have a clear idea of how many people to expect by emailing Caroline at: millandday@gmail.com

The day starts at 12.30pm, bring your own picnic - and table and chairs. Fun and games start at 2.00pm and there'll be a chance to play the traditional Sussex game of Stoolball at 3.00pm.

Things come to a close at 6.00pm with a barbecue on offer at The Riser and Chloe & Tom performing a semi acoustic set on terrace. See you there!

Milland Valley Memorial Hall 200 Club John Collier

The latest 200 club winners were:

March

1st prize Polly Holt
2nd prize Lisa Ferguson
3rd prize Chris Kenny

April

1st prize Jeannette Lichner
2nd prize Robert Gratton
3rd prize Louise Knight

May

1st prize Pamela Anderdon
2nd prize Nick Doyle
3rd prize Ben Burston

It only costs £5 a month to join the 200 club. Over £250 of prize money is paid out every month and more members would mean even bigger prizes and more money being raised for the village hall. For more details or to download an application form, please visit our web site www.millandvillagehall.co.uk. Alternatively you should contact John Collier on 01428 741 225 or jdcollier1955@gmail.com

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CHURCHES

From St Lukes Milland: The Church in the Woods

Bob Ireland

As we now enter what we call "normal time" in the church, following Easter, Ascension and Whit Sunday, there are no major commemorations until we reach November and All Saints and Remembrance Sundays, and we start to take stock of what we can do as a church to grow, build stronger ties with those who live and work in our parish and what we can do to improve our church facilities.

This started with our Annual Parish Meeting, held after a service of Evensong on Sunday May 10th.

At this meeting we were delighted to re-elect Lynne Collard and Alison Parker as our church wardens.

The church wardens are leaders in the life and mission of the church community, working with the vicar and representing the congregation. With the Parochial Council (PCC) they have a responsibility to promote unity and peace within the parish; run and manage the church, caring for the building and graveyard. Alongside the wardens, the PCC (the Church Council) members have a key role in promoting the church's mission and are charity trustees of the parish's resources.

At this year's meeting, the Church Council was re-elected en-bloc. The meeting also gave thanks to Paula Loh who stepped down as Deanery Synod representative, with grateful thanks from all present for her long service in the role. Anne Alderman was re-elected as treasurer and gave a presentation on the parlous state of the church's day to day finances. Bob Ireland was re-elected as clerk to the Church Council.

Lynne Collard gave an update on the work that has been done in the graveyard over the past year, much related to work on and with the trees. Also, the installation of new benches including the Coronation/Trevor Turton dedicated bench at the south door was outlined. Thanks went to Alison and Jeremy Parker for their work on sourcing and installing both the bench and the new notice board at the church gate.

The meeting also heard the plans for upgrading the church's toilet from the current rather antiquated composting loo to a proper flushing loo, something rather essential for the concerts in the church and for the large weddings and funerals that we host. This will require some specific fundraising (in the region of £25,000), plus organising the many applications for approvals required. Thanks were voiced to the Grattons for allowing us to access the water supply from their property adjacent to the churchyard, and thanks were extended to Jeremy Parker for all his work in processing the plans to their current stage and taking the project forward.

If you would like to help with fund-raising or would like to make a contribution towards this essential church improvement please contact Anne Alderman or Bob Ireland at stlukesbenefice@aol.com

The need for a new safeguarding officer for the parish was mentioned and a volunteer is sought.

Rev Trish closed the meeting by giving thanks to the many, many people who contribute to the life of the church and parish, from bellringers and choir to those who contribute to services and help maintain the church building and churchyard, making it such a wonderful place of peace and joy; although the challenges of not being close to a village community and being tucked away in the trees was emphasised. Trish also outlined the strong links with Rake Church of England school and her work with the school. The contribution to school and community of the George Street Trust charity was also emphasised.

Full details of the meeting and the fundraising needs are available from Bob Ireland and copies of the annual report and finances etc. are available at the back of the church.

At the beginning of May, St Luke Milland also held the Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Mike Friend, who died last December. A full church heard from family and friends of Mike's colourful life and varied interests, his love of Gill and family and contribution to so many lives and events, especially in and around Milland village; not least his immense impact at St Lukes Linch, being the driving force behind many initiatives, not least the building of the Bettesworth Church Room. A wonderful memory of a remarkable man.

So I wish you all a bountiful summer and remind you that details of the church and our calendar of services and events is available at <https://beneficeoflinchmillandstedham.co.uk>

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Bob Ireland



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St Luke's Linch, Churchwardens' Report 2025

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) on 17th May at St Luke's Linch is a time to look back on what has been achieved, at what could be done better and where we can all help in keeping alive Linch church's ethos.

We have continued with our pattern of two Sunday services a month, one of these always being a Communion Service and the other alternating between Matins and Taizé.

We also have our mid-week Communion Service, either in the Bettsworth Room, via Zoom, or in the main body of the church. There have been four Evensong services.

We enjoyed meeting up with our friends in the other three churches in the Benefice at Milland, Stedham and Iping where we have had eight services throughout the year.

There have also been 'specials', including Ash Wednesday Communion, Women's World Day of Prayer (with lunch), Maundy Thursday Watch, Good Friday Walk of Witness, Good Friday Last Hour of the Cross, Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of V E Day, Rogation Sunday at Iping Marsh, Ascension Day service (with lunch), Harvest Thanksgiving

and Lunch, Remembrance Sunday Service, Carol Service, Crib Service, Christmas Eve Midnight Service and, of course Christmas Day, some of these of being held at one of our other churches.

On a beautiful sunny day in July, we enjoyed an afternoon tea and cake with a plant sale followed by a glass of Pimm's prepared by Rev Trish and Steve. This provided an opportunity to sing a selection of our favorite hymns.

Lorraine and Carol were 'sworn in' as churchwardens for another year. In July we were invited by Bishop Martin to Evensong at Chichester Cathedral and enjoyed a reception at the Bishop's Palace which followed.

During February and March Rev Trish led a very interesting Lent course, and four households offered Lent lunches. Other events throughout the year have included funerals and weddings. There was a particularly special wedding between Rev Trish's younger son, Scott, and his beautiful bride, Bella.

A small group travelled to Chichester Cathedral in April for the service of blessing of the oils and renewal of vows. Other administration, which Lorraine and I have been involved with are PCC meetings, our thanks to Jacqui for doing the minutes, sorting out the various lists for coffee,

cleaning and sidesmen. In December we built the tableau which stands on Linch Road over the Christmas period. This initiative was started during the lockdown, and it was felt it should be continued as a reminder of the real meaning of Christmas. We helped to decorate the tree at Christmas.

Monthly copy is written for the SMILE parish magazine and quarterly for the MVN.

Another small part of the role is to arrange for the updating of the in memoriam book for those who have died during the year.

Our thanks to all at Linch for their help in all aspects of church life and their willingness to step in, sometimes at short notice, to assist us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Rev Trish for her unwavering support for us here at Linch, for her adherence to the good news of Jesus Christ and her desire that everyone should hear and believe.

Services in June: -

7th June, Communion 9.30am at Iping;
14th June, Communion 9.30am at Linch,
Matins 11am at Milland;

28th June Evensong 5pm at Linch.

More information about services and other activities can be found on the website www.beneficelinchmillandstedham.

My Sabbatical Rev Trish

Many of you know that I have been on sabbatical through January, February and March.

In February I was in Uganda for the month.

The trip with my friend Victoria {also a priest} was amazing and since I've been home it has started to sink in exactly how blessed we were to have had the opportunity to work with so many strong inspiring women in the Methodist Church in Jinja, Uganda.

We were there to inspire women to leadership roles in the church. Women do everything it would seem, quite often not having the respect they deserve. So, what we did with groups of women, over 425 in total, was firstly Bible study, showing them all the women in the Bible who had important roles especially in the New Testament.

We wanted the women to understand that this notion of women leaders did not come from us but from the scriptures. We then discussed their findings and discussed the challenges that they face in their culture and their lives. Poverty was really the heart of the problems. With this poverty came the lack of Bibles so while we were in Uganda, we were able to buy 200 Bibles with the help of Stedham and Iping Parish. We have now given these to those in need, and I have wonderful photos to prove this. The photos show utter joy.

It was so wonderful to be back in the parishes for Holy Week and Easter, such a wonderful time was had, as we celebrated once more all that God has done for us through his son, Jesus Christ. We are Easter people so let us realise the potential of new beginnings through him who rose again for us. And of course, this time of year helps us to keep on remembering new life as we watch nature around us start again after a dormant winter.



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The Village Shop Diary Jack Gratton

With summer just around the corner, we're pleased to share a few important updates and happenings from your village shop. First, many of you will have noticed the ongoing **building works**. We're delighted to say that the kitchen is now almost complete, which means we are cooking again! We're really looking forward to introducing an improved menu – keep an eye out, it won't be long now. At the same time, work around the shop has been underway to replace the decking with a safer, solid surface. This should all be finished by the time you're reading this, making the space more accessible and comfortable for everyone. If you would like to receive updates about the next phases please send us an email and we will put you on our mailing list.

In **seasonal news**, we're well into the asparagus season – a true highlight of the British food calendar. Whether you prefer it simply paired with a fresh, buttery hollandaise or wrapped in pancetta for something a little more indulgent, you'll find everything you need in the shop to enjoy it at its best.

We're also pleased to introduce **something a little different**: we are now offering used coffee grounds for anyone who would like them. They're fantastic for composting, work well as mulch, and some say they can even help deter slugs in the garden. If you'd like to give it a try, please feel free to help yourself from the bucket outside. Did you know? Our takeaway coffee cups are plastic free, so we will also offer our used and rinsed coffee cups for you to use for your seedlings.

And finally, a date for your diary – **Milland Day on 6th June!** You will find more details in the magazine, here we just wanted to mention that the shop will be open for longer that day to keep the celebrations going, with drinks, ice creams, and plenty of treats available for everyone enjoying the festivities. We are happy to take orders for picnics and cream teas.

A big thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete our online **survey**— we really appreciate your feedback and support. If you haven't yet had a chance but would still like to share your thoughts on our service, hard copies are available in the shop.

Thank you for your patience and continuous support during the building works — we look forward to welcoming you in soon.

Letter from our Chair

After 13 years of serving as Chairman of our community shop I have made the decision to step down from this voluntary role.

It has truly been a privilege to support and be part of such an important and thriving initiative. Over the years, I have greatly valued the opportunity to meet so many members of our wonderful community.

I feel that now is the right time for someone new to take on the role and bring fresh ideas and energy to help continue the shop's success. I will still be doing my weekly volunteering slot and also be running the monthly cinema fundraising evening with the wonderful help and support of other volunteers.

If you are interested in becoming more involved and would like to take on this position, please do get in touch. I would be very happy to speak with anyone who would like to learn more about what the role entails.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the shop over all these years.

Izzy Fraser

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Borders Lemon Drizzle Biscuits	£ 2.20	£ 2.25
Weetabix 24s	£ 3.70	£ 3.50
Hayfever Tablets Loratardine 14s (Galpharm vs Sainsbury's Own Brand)	£ 1.75	£ 1.95
Savlon Antiseptic Cream 30g	£ 2.40	£ 2.50
Domestos 750ml	£ 1.35	£ 1.35
Jude Ice Cream 460ml Tub	£ 5.20	£ 5.75

Note: Prices are correct as of 6th May, and do not include Sainsbury's branded products (unless stated)

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Birds Val Porter

Since counting a startlingly high number of birds in my garden for the January Garden Birdwatch, the numbers have only now reduced, but until mid-April I was still getting four or five greater spotted woodpeckers at a time as well as the usual crowds of blue tits, great tits, goldfinches, greenfinches, siskins and so on. But most noticeable were the blackbirds. They and the thrushes had started to hatch out their young and an almighty war has continued between up to six male blackbirds plus several very tame females and youngsters, and two exceptionally tame thrushes eager for mealworms in the very dry month of April.

As well as regular raptors along Cooks Pond Road (mostly buzzards and red kites), I've seen the occasional goshawk and, for an hour or so one day, what seemed to be a black kite floating above the garden and neighbouring fields – it was definitely not one of the usual familiar red kites. The regular heron on Cooks Pond was absent for a while, presumably doing whatever at the nearest heronry, but more recently it has taken to landing in the stream by Kingsham Bridge, or in the adjacent meadows. On Cooks Pond it has at least twice flown very low over the water straight towards me as if coming over for a chat! A more recent visitor to the pond has been a great crested grebe, suddenly disappearing under the water and re-emerging at some distance. And Egyptian geese have become regular visitors, while the Canada geese outnumber them considerably and at least one Canada has been nesting on the banks. The Durrants Pond Canada geese already have their goslings in training about road safety. Then at last a lone swallow appeared on the wires at Bobbols in late April, and there were a couple a few days later, with a pair of house martins on 2 May, but nothing like the expected numbers. I've had one report of a cuckoo locally but haven't heard one myself.

On the subject of wildlife, I caught a glimpse recently of two all-white fallow deer in a field along Cooks Pond Road. Fallow are not common in the valley anyway (it's all roe and barking muntjac), and I'd never seen white ones before.

Dummers

Val Porter

For many years I have had daily newspaper deliveries by Dummers of Midhurst, more recently delivered by Paul Jacobs, who could catch me up on local gossip as well as reliably bring the papers early in the morning. Paul recently decided to retire so he could do more fishing, and the service has dramatically gone downhill!

Wherever I have lived in Milland (first The Bothy by Milland Place in 1981, then Agecroft Mill, then briefly Lambourne House and now since 1986 at West Kingsham), the papers have arrived every day of the week, including weekends, and always the same: *The Times* and the *Sunday Times*. But with no Paul, it's become random. Suddenly I was lumbered with *Sunday Telegraph* instead of *Sunday Times* (and yes, there's a lot of difference between them) and when this happened twice in succession, I was lucky enough to catch the unfamiliar deliverer at 6am and exchanged it for my usual *Sunday Times*. But, he said, it says *Sunday Telegraph* on the list. Then he clearly got confused because the following Saturday he stuffed through my letterbox (instead of into the convenient white box on the doorstep) what appeared to be the Saturday edition of the *Daily Telegraph* but only partly – within its pages were the *Telegraph* sports section but also the *Times* weekend supplement and several other bits of the *Times*. Weird combination. On the day I'm writing this article, I had to put up a note on my gate asking for *Sunday Times*, not *Sunday Telegraph*, and into the white box, not through the letterbox, and it was heeded while I was on my early walk to Cooks Pond. I now wonder what will arrive next Saturday and Sunday. The weekday paper is not a problem – the weekday round Monday to Friday is by my namesake Paul Porter who used to fill in when Paul J was on holiday and knows what papers I have. And yes, I did send a note to Dummers but there have been all sorts of changes there, so we'll see what happens next. Goodness knows what will happen for those of you living in Milland Lane when it gets closed to sort out the water pouring down the hill.

Walter of Gibraltar

Paul Strike

In the early 19th century Linch parish had two chapels and no church. An old private chapel, an independent Christian place of worship, Milland chapel and a little



Anglican chapel built at Woodman's Green, Linch in 1705. One was vibrant and well attended, the other was in decline. This is when the Church of England appointed a curate as an agent provocateur to come to Linch parish and drive the non-conformist congregation of the popular and vibrant Milland chapel out of the parish. He moved Milland chapel from Linch parish into Trotton parish. This curate was Walter Trower who created the nonsense of a parish of Tuxlith. He claimed that in 1531 Isobel Colpece bequeathed to Tuxlith church a sheep when the country was still Roman Catholic. He then claimed that Tuxlith was a chapel with its own register dating from 1581. What was his reward for this deception? He was promised a bishopric which he received in 1848. However, this was not the one he was expecting. It was in non-conformist Presbyterian Scotland. He became the bishop of Glasgow and Galloway. A few years later however, he did become a bishop in a sunnier clime, Gibraltar!

Shout Out!

Mark Keohane

A couple of mentions here.

First, we went away for a week and needed someone to feed the cat. After a bit of searching and a couple of phone calls, I found Henry at The Home & Pet Visit Company in Haslemere. Henry called round to meet me and Popsy cat and we hired him to come in daily and look after her.

Henry did a reliable and amazing job, providing us with updates each day, including photos and videos and a report on what he'd done. It was very reassuring to know that Popsy was well and in good hands.

It helped that we bought an automatic cat feeder, which provided the ability to prepare and leave meals once a day without further attention.

It also helped that we had a cat flap with a microchip detector fitted; this because the shelf with the Dreamies on had been raided by an intruder cat, forcing us to lock the cat flap manually each night and bring out the litter tray. An onerous task which would also have fallen to any cat sitter.

Which leads me to my second Shout Out, to Harry Price at Price's Decoration and Property Management. Harry came round at short notice and quickly and efficiently installed the new microchip cat flap in time for us to go away, for an extremely reasonable rate. I recommend both very highly.

Henry at The Home & Pet Visit Company – **07926 847 472**
info@thehomeandpetvisitcompany.co.uk

Harry at Price's Decoration & Property Management – **07788 747 090**
millander@hotmail.co.uk



An Unusual Car Accessory! Chrissie May

During a rare sunny day over the Easter holidays I looked out of the kitchen window to see a peacock drinking from our pond!

It then proceeded very proudly – as peacocks are renowned for – to perch on our daughter's car who was visiting with the family at the time and quite happily took its time preening its glorious tail feathers!

Perhaps it was waiting for a lift home....

The children were delighted and thought it was another pet! On further investigation apparently it had escaped from Great Trippets and we all hope it has done roaming and returned although we must admit we were quite taken with the unusual new edition accessory to the car while it lasted!



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CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

Milland Sports Club

Sam 'Tinker' Moulding

Dearest reader,

Theres plenty to talk about in this issue so I will get right into it, but just in case you forgot where the sports club is, here's a handy map!

Football

A lot has happened on the football pitch for Milland in the last few months so here is a selection of personal highlights:

7th March, saw a 7-0 win for Milland against Yapton with a very rare goal from local pest-killing legend Tom 'No Leftovers' Hubbard, smashing home from well inside the 6-yard area. This game was also officiated by probably the oldest referee in the country who somehow still remembers a particular foul I committed back in my own playing days at least 15 years ago and still likes to remind me about it even now.

14th March, 3-1 win against Pulborough again with an equally rare goal from captain Alex Hall contributing with a laser beam header from the edge of the box into the top right corner of the goal.

21st March, 1-0 win against local rivals Stedham, which is always an interesting game to watch. We had been 1-0 up for a large portion of the game and within the last few minutes decided to give away a penalty. Looking like we were going to clutch defeat from the jaws of victory, goalkeeper Will Quinnell stepped up with a brilliant save from the spot to secure the win.

2nd May, 4-0 win against Horsham. The final game of the season saw the squad needing a win to secure automatic promotion. And once again Tom 'Goldilocks' Openshaw put the game out of sight delivering yet another hat-trick. The man has been knocking in goals for fun all season and is deservedly the clubs top goal scored. Unfortunate for him, he hasn't been having as much success with his love life.

Darts

At the time of writing, Milland are sitting 7th in the singles league, 7th in the doubles league, and captain George Quinnell is 4th in the Captains Cup. From looking at the most recent results, it seems the darts team are quite bi-polar. They either score a massive win or get thoroughly beaten. A few results include a 10-4 win over The Royal Oak, 10-3 win over Midhurst Football Club, and a 10-3 loss to Harting. As I have said before, I have no idea if this is good or bad, please enlighten me.

Stoolball

We have had a good amount of interest in getting stoolball started again but as usual no one wants to put their name forward to run the team. If you are interested in doing so, then please let us know.

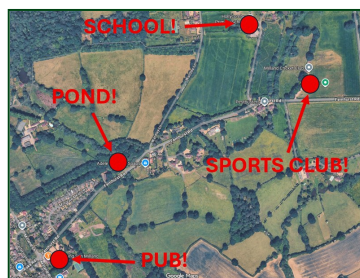
Events

As the weather is now improving, we will shortly be looking to open the clubhouse on a Friday evening for a few hours so please keep an eye open. More football I'm afraid. First up is the annual Milland vs Trippetts football match which will be held on **19th June** so please come along. This will be advertised in more detail elsewhere. Secondly, we are staring straight down the barrel of the World Cup. The Sports Club will be open and showing all the England group games, possibly more depending on how well we do. Refreshments will be plentiful and much cheaper than the Riser. There may also be some complimentary fried snacks going around. Come along and find out...

Thanks again for reading and we do hope to see you all soon.

Yours truly, Tinker

P.S. We are still looking for a range type oven so if you are thinking of getting rid of one, we are still interested in taking it off your hands.



Milland Tennis Club Mark Dumas

By the time you read this, our courts will have been painted and relined. The work is part of a five-year cycle designed to maintain the playing surface and reduce the need for major resurfacing. They now look very inviting.

Our new tennis year started on 1st April. The club is a wonderful local asset, so please consider joining. We are a non-profit organisation, and our sole objective is to offer safe and enjoyable tennis to the local community. Individual and family memberships are very reasonable, and we have welcomed many new members recently. Prices have been kept unchanged from last year. To join, please contact Lizzie, our Membership Secretary, at millandtennisclub@gmail.com

Roll-up sessions in 2026

- Wednesday 6th May at 6:00 pm
- Wednesday 3rd June at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 1st July at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 5th August at 6:30 pm
- Wednesday 2nd September at 6:00 pm

After playing, you are very welcome to join us at The Rising Sun for refreshments.

Our annual mixed doubles tournament is on Sunday 6th September. Please save these dates in your diary.

Richard Hopp, our resident coach, runs after-school clubs every Tuesday from 3:30–6:15 pm. For details, please visit www.hoppcoaching.co.uk.

We'd love to see you at any of our events and hope you enjoy using our tennis courts.

Mark Dumas

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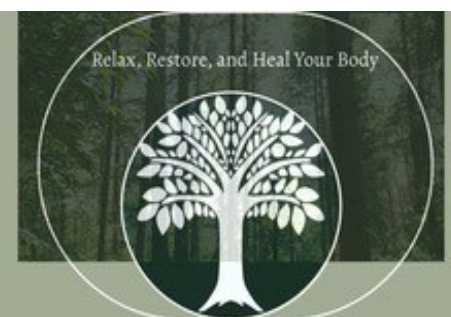
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3	<u>Stedham United Reserves</u>	16	11	2	3	22	35
4	<u>Yapton Reserves</u>	16	8	1	7	2	25
5	<u>Petworth Reserves</u>	16	4	5	7	-16	17
6	<u>Barns Green</u>	16	5	1	10	-10	16
7	<u>Pulborough</u>	16	3	5	8	-17	14
8	<u>Fittleworth Reserves</u>	16	3	1	12	-35	10
9	<u>Horsham Crusaders Athletic</u>	16	2	3	11	-34	9

Good news from Milland FC!

We have had an excellent season, finishing runners up and gaining promotion.

We were also the only team to beat the league winners W Chiltington.

We went into our last game needing a draw to confirm promotion and came away with a 0-4 win. Celebrations all round.

Milland have put together a great squad, lots of enthusiastic young players, while retaining some of our more experienced players from last year.

Managers Mat and Alex have the team playing excellent attractive football, often complimented by other teams.

They have been helped by "Smiffy" an ex-player, who is due promotion to "Da Management"

We also scored the second highest amount of goals in the league, contributions from lots of players which is encouraging. Tom had an outstanding season, scoring 20 goals.

As usual there has been plenty of support and hard work from the committee, everything from maintaining and preparing the pitch to working behind the bar. It is a constant battle at this level to keep a club running, there have been several clubs this season drop out of the leagues which is sad to see.

Finally a big thank you to this squad for giving the supporters a great time this season.



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One for the gallery. Wave-worn groyne on the beach at Bracklesham



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6th June 2026



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3pm - Handbell demonstration

3.30pm - Hymns and Pimms

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during the afternoon

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Cartersland Green Wildflowers Sue Strike

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130 million years ago, in the middle of the age of the dinosaurs, flowering plants appeared across the world and are found on every continent on the planet, including two species native to Antarctica. Seeds are important, so the fact that around 45% of flowering plant species are thought to be at risk of extinction is bleak. As habitats continue to be destroyed by human activity and climate change the need to restore lost plant life is vital. At Kew, seeds are collected from all over the world as part of the Millennium Seed Bank Partnership and once stored become a freely available resource for both research and projects looking to restore damaged or destroyed ecosystems all over the world.

Seeds are little packages waiting for the right moment to burst into life. On our wildflower meadow the seed set this spring has been excellent. Daffodil, bluebell, cowslip and fritillaria are the most obvious ones, but many others can be seen on closer inspection. All seeds need water, oxygen, light and warmth to germinate of which there has been plenty at various times this spring. The seeds will be left to mature and fall from the plant. Most of the seeds will have fallen before the cut in the autumn and will lie on the ground for optimum conditions and begin their life cycle again next year.

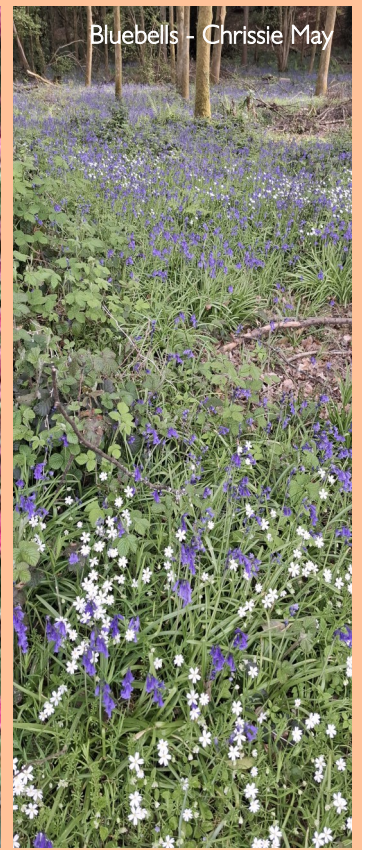


Bluebell

A big thank you to everyone who attended the very productive work party on 10th May. A variety of jobs were completed from varnishing the noticeboard and bench to pulling young oak saplings and digging up the dead Hawthorn stump. It was great to see everyone and to chat over a cuppa when we'd finished. If you would be interested in helping in the future, please get in touch suestrike@hotmail.com and I will add you to our mailing list.



Blossom and Finch-
Chrissie May



Bluebells - Chrissie May

PHOTO GALLERY



Geese - Mark Keohane



Geese - Vivien Gilliard



Sunday 31st May

3 pm



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