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***Dear Parishioners,***

As you know we are at a time of great crisis, with huge impact on health, employment and daily life. Our hearts go out to those in our country who are fearful or sick and to those who have lost loved ones. Many of us are praying for this deeply troubling situation.

Yet there are some shafts of light in dark times. We are coming together in the church and the community. It has also been good to hear about people supporting local businesses which are struggling. I would urge us to do this more and more, including those listed in this magazine - they need our support. The magazine itself is taking on a new significance as a channel of information. Please use it and contribute items towards it.

It is also heartening that people are offering to help one other in new ways. For example, please see inside this magazine for details of the **Kind Neighbour Scheme**, supporting those currently in need.



COVID-19 is of course impacting the churches. Following national guidance, face-to-face church services, including those at Easter time, are suspended until further notice. However, we are still able to provide support as **our services and courses have moved to the internet**. If you are able, why not join us online on a Sunday morning or at other times – you can even stay in your pyjamas! See our website:

**[www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk)**

St. Paul said to the Colossians, 'Though I am absent from you in body, I am present with you in spirit.' These words can be true for us as we reach out to one another using the computer or phone – and as we reach out to God in prayer.

With warm greetings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paddy." with a small flourish at the end.

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### ***To all Parishioners***

We are facing an unprecedented challenge, which will affect every single one of us over the coming months.

The challenges that COVID-19 will bring cannot even be seen in their entirety yet, but they will be revealed over the coming weeks and months.

During these uncertain times, the Parish Council, as part of a greater community effort, will look to do what it can to help parishioners get through this.

An Extraordinary meeting has taken place, setting out an immediate way forward in how the Council can operate. The minutes of the meeting will be available on the Parish Council website, and within this magazine.

We have also, alongside the Church, started on an effort to identify those in the Parish who are likely to need our help, and to also identify the helpers. We know there are a lot of people who want to help, so we will co-ordinate that effort.

We are responding to an ever-shifting crisis, of a totally new phenomenon.

I'd like to ask the community to approach our efforts with as much positivity as possible. There is a good chance that we will not get everything right in our approach to this, so positive feedback will be welcome.

Communications will go through as many channels as possible.

Very best to all,

Rhodri Lewis  
Danehill Parish Council Chairman

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**www.danehill-pc.org**

**Facebook – search for Danehill Parish Council**

# All Saints Church, Danehill with Chelwood Gate

## Update for April 2020

**All services have been suspended until further notice.** When the suspension is finally lifted, actual details will be posted on the doors of both churches, **and on the website:**

**[www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk)**

The website will also provide other worship resources, such as prayers, the weekly sermon and service, and suggested passages from the Bible.

*For more details, please see [www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk) or contact the Revd. Paddy MacBain on 01825 790269*

## COVID-19 AND SELF-ISOLATION

**If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19, we will try to help by:**

- **Picking up shopping**
- **Posting mail**
- **Being a friendly voice at the end of the phone**
- **Providing technical tips so you can keep in touch online**

If you are concerned just telephone or email and someone will be in touch.

We are also looking for **volunteers** to help others so should you be in a position where you are able to give assistance, please get in touch:

**Revd. Paddy Macbain – (01825) 790269**  
**[vicar@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk](mailto:vicar@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk)**  
**Danehill Parish Council – (01342) 822404**

## REMINDERS:

- Coronavirus is contagious so please take every precaution to ensure you are only spreading kindness.
- Avoid physical contact by keeping a distance of 2 metres (current recommendation).
- Wash hands regularly and leave all items on doorsteps.

*By contacting us you are agreeing for your contact details to be shared for this purpose between volunteer groups in compliance with data protection regulations but they will not be passed on to external groups or for other purposes. Any queries just contact Paddy Macbain or the Parish office.*

## CHELWOOD GATE VILLAGE HALL

With the uncertainty at present it is not possible to predict the use of the Village Hall. We regret the postponement of the Quiz and the cancellation of the Whist Drives. Other events may continue, but please check with the individual organisers.

If you want any further help or information, please call **(01825) 740562** or email: **jean-wood44@hotmail.co.uk** or **robin@danehill-pc.org**

The **Parish Community Library** - *please phone to make an appointment for exchanging books.*

The **Pop up Post Office** has suspended service.

Please keep well

*Jean Wood*

## DANEHILL MEMORIAL HALL

Little can be anticipated in these uncertain times with the promised Tsunami of Corona virus bringing our inspiration to a halt. We have allowed the various users of the hall to dictate should we close until better times return, and there are now **no activities** left.

A notable achievement is the new lit pathway from the car park. I wish to thank the Parish Council for their efforts to achieve this, and hopefully the vandals will stay away this time, unless they like to be on our CCTV camera.

On the presumption that we might be able to restart in September, we are examining how we can help with **loneliness**, not only with old people, but anyone in the Parish. The possibility of an **affordable lunch** is being examined.

The game of **Pickle Ball** is gaining popularity in Sussex, and we are hoping to encourage this! It's suitable for 8 to 80-year olds, and I will certainly have a go at this!!

We have booked a Folk Band for **Burns Night** on January 22nd 2021!

All of these plans require assistance from the community, and you can comment to me on **oldinn85@outlook.com** and hopefully offer some help.

*Malcolm Burwood, Danehill Memorial Hall committee chairman*

## DANEHILL and CHELWOOD GATE SOCIAL CLUB

The pop-up Post Office has suspended its Friday afternoon service.

**UPDATE**

## **Church is coming to you!**

All Saints Church is pleased to be able to hold its services online.

Please see our website and enjoy from the comfort of your sofa.

**[www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk)**

Church, but not as you know it.

# Worship@4

Worship@4 has a relaxed 'festival feel' with songs/multimedia from the latest Christian artists. The talk is engaging, built around God's word and all that it means for us today.

We are currently running Worship@4 online, so why not log on and experience Worship@4 for yourself?

**[www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk)**

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## USEFUL LINKS

### Facebook:

The popular villagers' group: Danehill and Chelwood Gate Community Alert 2

The Parish Council page: Danehill Parish Council

All Saints Church: All Saints Danehill with Chelwood Gate

Wealden District Council's website has a full summary and information on special measures relating to COVID-19. From the main homepage you can also subscribe to Wealden's weekly email newsletter. [www.wealden.gov.uk](http://www.wealden.gov.uk)

East Sussex County Council also has an email newsletter option on its website and services updates. [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/news](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/news)

Information about the Maresfield household recycling site can be found here:

[www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/rubbishandrecycling](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/rubbishandrecycling)

West Sussex County Council: libraries are **closed** (including East Grinstead and Haywards Heath), but there are lots of books, newspapers etc available online through the library service: [www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries)

Metrobus is keeping its website updated - [www.metrobus.co.uk](http://www.metrobus.co.uk) and you can also find them on Facebook if you search for Metrobus.

*We are including the following links based on official advice about physical distancing, self-isolation and social contact **at the time of going to press:***

Ashdown Forest has walking guide maps available on its website (for a small donation) [www.ashdownforest.org](http://www.ashdownforest.org) - look in the 'Downloads' section. You can find the Forest on Facebook – search for 'Ashdown Forest Centre' for regular updates.

The National Trust has closed its parks and gardens.

Sussex Wildlife Trust nature reserves remain open.



It's **hoped** the litter-picking morning in Chelwood Gate and Danehill as part of this year's **Great British Spring Clean** can still go ahead. This is scheduled to take place on **SATURDAY 4TH APRIL at 9.30am**. Litter picking equipment, viz jackets and gloves will be supplied.

*If you want to take part, you **must***

*contact Roz Avis to register, please.*

Tel: **07749 052657** or email: [jimrozdenman@btinternet.com](mailto:jimrozdenman@btinternet.com)

## VIEW FROM THE RAISED BED

I love produce fresh from the garden, but for me it has to fulfil other criteria too; it has to be easy to sow and maintain, reasonably priced (seeds or baby plants) in case of disasters, resilient and hardy, and most important for my eco-credentials not be too tempting to the millions of bugs who want to share my dinner. After many years of amateur gardening I have come to the conclusion that vegetable gardening in a raised bed (or series of large pots) is by far the easiest for me to produce a range of tasty vegetables throughout the year as a little highlight on the plate. So, I thought I'd share some of my favourites – and they are that because they are easy, cheap and reliable - I cannot stand to waste time!

In March the soil is still cold, but warming, so you can sew some seeds directly into the prepared soil, check the packs for timings, after all April is just around the corner!

**Carrots** – Check seed packs for best time to sow, many are from March - you can get all shapes, sizes and colours and a pack goes a long way.

**Cut and Come again Salad** – The best crop of all, lots of different mixes available and they will keep you going all summer too. Plant a couple of different rows and you'll not need to buy a bag from the supermarket for months.

**Rocket** – always a winner, keep picking to stop it from going to seed (although the flowers are also edible.) Some early **French Beans, Peas, Onions, Parsnips, Beetroot, Spinach** and **Perpetual Spinach, Chard,** and **Radish** seeds can also be planted now.

Nothing's more delicious than your home-grown veg. Happy planting!

*If you're thinking of digging and planting a veg patch, consider sharing seeds with your friends and neighbours. Alternatively, you can leave spare seeds in the **Community Seed Bank** which is currently based at **The Old Dairy Farm and Shop** on Sliders Lane (between Sheffield Park and Danehill).*

Gardeners' Question Time is on BBC Radio 4 -

[www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qp2f](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qp2f)

Gardeners' World is on BBC 2 - [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mw1h](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mw1h)



## SPRING BIRDS ON ASHDOWN FOREST

Spring is here with its welcome offer of free outside entertainment! Get outdoors and marvel at what pleasure Nature brings.

Spring is the best time of year to locate birds on Ashdown Forest.

You will find it much easier to hear the commoner species if you can learn their calls and songs.

90% of my encounters with a bird start from recognising it by ear. If you have access to the internet you can search for "British bird calls free downloads".

But if you have no internet access to learn their calls and song then use your sight supplemented ideally by a pair of binoculars.

**Buzzards** and **Red Kites** can occasionally be seen over heath and farmland on the Forest's edges while **Chiffchaffs** and **Blackcaps** have arrived from the Mediterranean area to breed in our woods. Above Ashdown's grassy open areas listen for **Skylarks** overhead, **Reed Buntings** in the bogs and **Linnets**, **Stonechats** (the male having a jet- black head, white neck and wing patches) and **Dunlocks** on gorse bushes. **Willow Warblers** and **Cuckoos** will arrive by mid-April from tropical Africa soon followed by **Whitethroats** - all dependent on the Forest's gorse and scrub to breed. And for the early risers, the **April dawn chorus** in most gardens in our villages will feature:

Tawny Owl, Robin, Dunnock, Wren, Song Thrush, Blackbird, Woodpigeon, Great Tit, and a little later when they wake up the Chiffchaff and Blackcap.

**Enjoy!**

**Clive Poole, Voluntary Ranger, Ashdown Forest**

## ASHDOWN WI

You may have seen a poster about our March meeting. The meeting was entitled 'Dementia' and Hannah Mackay came and told us about her personal journey learning all about Dementia. Hannah hopes to raise £12000, a total which she has nearly achieved.

Hannah has done ten different activities including abseiling, kayaking, climbing mountains, and jumping out of a plane. Hannah is raising money for research into Dementia and helping with programmes of support for families who are caring for someone with Dementia.

It was an excellent evening full of interest and information, so why not come to our next meeting. ***There won't be a meeting in April due to the Coronavirus, but there will be information about our future meetings in this magazine.***



© Craig Payne

**Craig Payne** is a professional photographer who lives in Danehill. He started snapping away as a youngster and today combines his passion for the fresh air of our local countryside with his career. Over the next few months, Craig has very kindly agreed that we can feature a selection of his work from Ashdown Forest. For the past year Craig has been documenting changes over the Forest landscape across the four seasons.

Craig hopes to bring all these photos together into an exhibition celebrating Ashdown Forest.

If you'd like to see more of Craig's work, please have a look at his website:

**[www.craigpayne.co.uk](http://www.craigpayne.co.uk)**

We are very grateful to everyone who has contributed articles, photographs, and their time to make publication and distribution of this month's issue possible. You can send your submissions for next month's magazine by **Friday April 24th** to:

**[parishmagazine@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk](mailto:parishmagazine@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk)**

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## ROUND AND ABOUT IN THE PARISH

In February 2018 I took part in the West Hoathly Local History Archive exhibition, and for my research I borrowed the book "Memoirs of Dame Margery Corbett Ashby". In the book Dame Margery describes the following,



"A little before Hitler's army invaded Czechoslovakia in March 1939 Lord Layton and two other distinguished men dashed out to Prague to rescue and bring back a number of Czech men who had openly resisted the Sudeten movement to cripple and invade the country and who were certain to be liquidated as soon as the Nazi's gained control. (Lord Layton lived at Danehill).

"The Czechs arrived in London with no more than they stood up in, and as old friends of the Laytons, my husband and I were asked if we could accommodate the Czech Jewish doctor, Emil Ungar, who was a very experienced radium specialist. Of course we agreed, and Dr Ungar came to our Putney home to live with us. We grew very fond of him. Sometime later his Roman Catholic wife joined him here with a very valuable amount of radium hidden in smart high-heeled shoes. The Germans allowed her to depart as she was fortunately an ash-blonde and therefore not believed to be Jewish. She was a skilled X-ray worker and later she sat for and passed our English exams and became a radiographer at the Royal Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, now the Royal Marsden.

"In 1936 we had purchased a country house, 'Wickens', at Birch Grove, near Horsted Keynes, with its 7 acres, on the edge of Charles Corbett's wooded valley which I knew so well when I lived at Woodgate. We used 'Wickens' as a weekend house. Early in the war the Putney house suffered war damage, so we moved to 'Wickens' which became our permanent residence. The Ungars moved with us, but after a while Dr Ungar returned to London and did such fine service at the Royal Cancer Hospital that at the end of the war he was offered a Consultant post there. Patriotically he returned to Prague to become Head of the Health Service, until the Communists tuned him out in favour of a man who had taken refuge East instead of West."

In the book - "No Ordinary Press Baron - A Life of Walter Layton" it describes how Walter took the lead in campaigning against Franco's bombing and in raising money to help Basque children come to England as refugees. A plan was made to bring 2,000 children to England, in the event more than 4,000 children were brought to England. Walter also spent a lot of time in the last quarter of 1938 rescuing Czech refugees (such as Dr Ungar).

Walter had four daughters, who married highly extrovert foreign husbands, three of them Jewish refugees from Germany, Austria, and Czechoslovakia, the other an Anglo-Egyptian.

Walter had a pretty fair idea of the evil nature of the Nazi regime and wrote three articles in the News Chronicle which described the drastic action being taken against Jews and others. He took all the steps he could to save people and his actions are as described by Dame Margery Corbett Ashby.

Walter Layton was later to become Baron Layton of Danehill.

My thanks to Ian and David Etherton.

**Jill Rolfe 740446**

## THE CROSS

Sometimes when doing housework or ironing the clothes,  
I picture Jesus hanging on the cross  
His thorn-pierced brow and bleeding hands  
What love beyond compare.  
Because I know without a doubt, I put Him there.

I drove the nails in one by one with all my sin and wickedness,  
I pressed those thorns into His brow, the sword into His side,  
With all my guilt and recklessness,  
And all alone He died,  
I know I put Him there.

By faith I looked into His face, His pain-filled eyes held love, forgiveness  
and care.  
He took my sin and gave me life, what love beyond compare.

Above the cross I see a throne with Jesus sitting there.  
The King of Kings and Lord of Lords,  
And on the right, there is a space especially for me to sit beside my  
Saviour,  
For he promised in the Bible, life for all eternity,  
And I know without a doubt,  
By grace, I will be there.

**Barbara Beedle, 2001**

## Orange-tip Butterfly by Michael Blencowe

At this time of year I'm often asked "What's that butterfly with the orange tips on the end of its wings called?" "Well," I reply "its scientific name is *Anthocharis* meaning 'flower grace'; probably because this beautiful butterfly lends a certain grace to the flowers it frequents. In the 18th century it was 'The Lady of the Woods' – a seductive title well deserved by the best-looking butterfly of the spring. The Germans celebrate its beauty in the name Aurotafalter; the sunrise butterfly. The French honour it with the poetic title L'Auroré - the rising sun." "So what do the British call it?" "Well, we call it the Orange-tip – because it has orange tips on the end of its wings."

Whoever gave this exquisite insect such an unimaginative name should be ashamed. It's more than just a pair of orange tips. Forget your Bluebells and Skylarks, the emergence of the Orange-tip is nature's confirmation that spring has officially sprung.

Only the male Orange-tip has those road cone orange wing-tips that visually scream "Look at me! Look at me!" as he cruises the countryside's hedges and edges. You'd think this flamboyant display would land him on the menu for any passing bird - but he has an unsavoury secret. He tastes absolutely disgusting. His orange tips make birds recoil when they recall last eating something that colour. To predators he is a flying pot of lime pickle; if you've eaten it once, you'll never eat it again.

The grey-tipped females are more secretive. Once mated they search the hedgerows for their food plants; Cuckooflower and Garlic Mustard. They tap-dance on the plants and identify them with taste buds in their feet. Once their six soles are satisfied they lay a single, tiny, orange, rugby ball shaped egg. The egg's shell emits a pheromone which deters other females from laying here because the cute little caterpillar, which hatches out a week or so later, is a cannibal.

This caterpillar gets to work eating the flower's seed pods, and it eats so many that it starts to look like one (my Mum once warned me a similar phenomenon would happen with me and Monster Munch crisps). Disguised as its diet, it merrily munches throughout May and the plant toxins it ingests will help to flavour the bitter butterfly it will become. In July, the caterpillar constructs a curious chrysalis, a bizarre bit of angular architecture attached to a stem by a single string. Inside this post-modern pupa the caterpillar melts into a cellular soup. And then the natural world's greatest regeneration takes place. This biological broth builds a butterfly and the April sunshine encourages the Orange-tip to emerge; that simple flash of orange signalling that an even greater regeneration has finally taken place. Winter has turned to spring.

***Sussex Wildlife Trust is an independent charity caring for wildlife and habitats throughout Sussex.***  
***[www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk)***

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## **Peace, Perfect Peace**

This hymn is a very apt one for difficult times. Edward Bickersteth wrote it as a reflection on a verse from Scripture; 'You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.' (Isaiah 26:3)

I hope it will speak to you as it has spoken to me (Paddy) and to countless others.

*Peace, perfect peace, in this dark world of sin?  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.*

*Peace, perfect peace, by thronging duties pressed?  
To do the will of Jesus, this is rest.*

*Peace, perfect peace, with sorrows surging round?  
On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found.*

*Peace, perfect peace, with loved ones far away?  
In Jesus' keeping we are safe, and they.*

*Peace, perfect peace, our future all unknown?  
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.*

*Peace, perfect peace, death shadowing us and ours?  
Jesus has vanquished death and all its powers.*

*It is enough: earth's struggles soon shall cease,  
And Jesus calls us to Heaven's perfect peace.*

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEWS

### Roads, Potholes and Drains

Everyone is understandably frustrated by the weather and the state of our roads. We all have our 'favourite' pothole which is not filled or washes out within days of being filled.

I thought it may be helpful to put this into context whilst accepting that the position is pretty difficult for us all.

We have had the wettest winter in 20 years and the wettest February on record. Highways crews have fixed more than 11,000 potholes, three times the number last year. Crews have dealt with more than 500 flooding incidents, more than double last year's figure.

Highways chiefs have increased the number of pothole gangs from 10 to 16.

Please help by reporting potholes. If you see one, report it because it may be no one else has. If it has a white line round it, this means the Highway Steward has inspected it and it will be filled. The length of time taken to fill it will depend on how deep and wide it is and what the priorities are. The teams are working flat out.

This year we have invested £23million in our roads with an extra £1m committed for next year. During the year, 26,000 potholes have been repaired.

The challenge will be finding more money in future. Climate change, whatever the varied causes, is here to stay and we have to review fundamentally how we are going to cope in future. The ferocity of this year's rain may be a one-off but wet and warmer weather will certainly continue. I'm campaigning with other councillors for a full scale review of our drainage systems and a close look at how effective our patching and repairing processes are.

**Roy Galley**

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### **A FEW BRAINTEASERS...**

- Which well-known brand is the world's biggest manufacturer of tyres?
- The cricketer Brian Lara also represented Trinidad in which sport?
- What was the name of the octopus who found fame because of match predictions during the 2010 Football World Cup?
- Susan Brown was the first female competitor in which sporting event?
- What do the letters 'PC' denote on an Ordnance Survey map?

*Answers in next month's magazine!*

## **DANEHILL PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the **Extra Ordinary meeting** of Danehill Parish Council held on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020** at Chelwood Gate Hall.

Present: R. Wood (RW), N. Macleod (NM), R. Lewis (RL) (Chair), M Lewer (ML) and T. Blake (TB).

Absent: A Martin (AM), G Powell (GP).and M Mockridge (MM).

There were also members of the public present.

Emma Fulham Clerk to the Council was present.

121. To accept apologies and reason for absence.

A Martin (AM), G Powell (GP).and M Mockridge (MM) – prior commitments.

122. To receive Declarations of pecuniary and declarable Interests from members in respect of any matter on the agenda.

The Chair reminded Cllrs to declare when necessary.

123. To agree the following In response to the Covid-19 outbreak in the UK and in the event that it is not possible to convene a meeting of the council in a reasonable time, the Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the council where such decision cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline. This will be carried out where possible by consultation with members by electronic means or telephone. The Clerk will further consult with the Chairman for guidance as necessary. The delegation does not extend to matters expressly reserved to the Council in legislation or in its Standing Orders or Financial Regulations. Any decisions made under this delegation must be recorded in writing and must be published in accordance with the relevant regulations. This delegated authority ceases upon the first meeting of the Council after the Council meeting at which the delegation was put in place.

Proposed by RL seconded by NM and unanimously approved.

Decisions would be posted monthly to the website and would be minuted at the next formal parish council meeting.

124. To agree payment arrangements in the absence of formal meetings.

Electronic payments would be advanced but in the meantime the Clerk would arrange cheques and envelopes to reach the signatories in person or by post for signing and postage.

Payment schedules and account summaries would continue to be circulated to Cllrs.

Proposed by RL seconded by NM and unanimously approved.



125. To confirm arrangements for the following PC events:

(i) **VE Day** – This was **unanimously postponed** and no further decisions or expenditure would be agreed until such time as the Council met formally again.

(ii) **Annual Meeting** – This was **unanimously cancelled**.

(iii) **Litter pick** – It was **unanimously agreed to continue** but in an *informal manner*.

Parishioners will be able to collect the new litter kit purchased by the Council direct from the village hall as directed by Roz and Robin, the co-ordinators (to be advised), and could be retained until the current health crisis was over and any litter picking should be done in line with an informal manner paying heed to social distancing advice. WDC had agreed to collect the designated refuse bags from both hall carparks early on *Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020* and volunteers would be advised of timescales.

Meeting closed 9:45am.

*Following the formal meeting the Council held a working party group to discuss logistics of arranging volunteers with the Church.*

*More information on this would be provided in the church magazine, parish council newsletter and Facebook.*



We are very pleased to announce that, although we have had to close our physical Repair Cafe, Chailey Repair Cafe's talented volunteers are available to offer repair advice online. Simply

email us at [chaileyrc@gmail.com](mailto:chaileyrc@gmail.com) with details of the make and model number of what is broken, preferably with a good quality photo or two, and we will see what we can do to offer you advice by email.

You'll be surprised what resources we can find online to steer you towards repairing your own stuff (including where to find a copy of that missing owner's manual - and those filters which you never got round to replacing!)

It's going to be a bit more difficult than meeting you face to face, but we'll give it a go and see what we can do to support you!

*Bryan McAlley*

## ***A FEW MORE BRAINTEASERS...***

- Which two actors have been nominated for an Oscar for acting in every decade from 1960s to 2000s?
- Which well-known author also writes under the name Robert Galbraith?
- Of all the rooms in a game of Cluedo, which would come first alphabetically?
- On a clear day, what is the furthest thing you can see from Ditchling Beacon?

*Answers in next month's magazine!*