

# Friends of Grosvenor & Hilbert Park (FoGH)

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## The Big Draw



Activities in the Hub

The Community Engagement Team, with assistance from the Friends, celebrated the Big Draw Festival on Monday 10th October. We held an open to all graffiti wall and 'steam power' themed crafts and activities in the Hub. The Big Draw Festival is a yearly global event which encourages all ages and abilities to celebrate the universal language of drawing. We had a variety of activities in the Hub for all ages, from designing your own roller coaster to making your own car.



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With the help of Dave Eagles (a local graffiti artist) we also opened up a wall which was previously covered in ivy and small amounts of graffiti to everyone. All guests to the event could have a go at creating their own spray paint art. This wall is now left as a 'legal wall', giving local graffiti artists (and upcoming artists) a place to practice their skills.



The Big Draw mural and graffiti wall



All ages have a go

This event was a great success, as it enabled all ages to produce their own

little work of art on the newly white-washed and cleared wall. It produced some great images, from a dragonfly to Dennis the Menace. This now makes a great feature in a part of the Park that was not previously used.

Thanks to everyone who came along to this and the other events we have recently hosted. It is fantastic to see everyone exploring all the new possibilities the Park provides.

**Steff D'Agorne**

## Chairman's Report

As another year draws to a close, I have found myself reflecting on all that has happened in the Park during 2016. This has to have been the busiest year ever and does real credit to the initial inspiration of Councillor John Stone-Wigg, whose enthusiasm and foresight started the Park in 1885 (see page 5). The refurbishment work has finally been completed, with the exception of a few snagging issues, and has provided us all with facilities of which we can be proud.

This in turn has led to a record breaking array of events. FoGH, Kent High Weald Partnership and Steff D'Agorne have organised all kinds of family and volunteering activities to highlight the wildlife, heritage and conservation of our Park. The renovated Hub building has quickly proved to be a very popular venue, with TWBC reporting many return bookings from satisfied customers. It is a great place from which to run workshops, classes, talks and community events, as well as being a much improved clubhouse for the Bowls Club.

By the time the year closes we will have completed the Community Orchard planting. The wide selection of fruit tree varieties will provide crops from early July through to late October in the years ahead.

When the Friends group formed in 2012, the main aspiration identified in our constitution was to conserve, enhance and protect the Park for the benefit of people and wildlife. With this in mind, it has been so very rewarding to see the increased use of the Park, and to hear from those of you who have sent through comments and suggestions.

Another of our purposes as a Friends group is to provide an interface between you, the users and stakeholders, and TWBC, who administer the Park on our behalf, so please keep the comments and ideas coming in. Details of how to contact FoGH can be found on the back page.

Thank you for all the support and I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy 2017.

**Liz Edwards**



## Update from the Parks Department

The Park is starting to settle down after the upheaval of the HLF work, although Blakedown still need to carry out a few jobs. Most notable are the replacement trees and shrubs, the installation of the hoop top fence and of course sweeping the gravel off the paths. The work should be carried out over November and December.

We have also had two tree donations in the wetland area, an Oak to replace one of the two we lost to decay, and a Cherry to replace a previous donation on the slope near to the new graffiti wall.

The play area continues to be a popular attraction in the Park and is well used, although we have noticed the sand does migrate across the paths. To try and help control this, we have decided to extend the sleeper wall over the winter period, before we top up the sand in spring. Once the warmer weather returns, we will also prune back the overhanging trees and re-seed the grass areas around the balance beams.

Over the last few weeks we have had a number of emails and calls about rough sleepers in the Park. I thought it would be useful to update you with what the Council are doing to help resolve the problem. The Parks Team are working closely with the Community Support Group and a local charity for the homeless, Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter, along with the charity Porchlight. If you're aware of anyone camping in the Park please let us know or contact Porchlight on 0800 567 7699.

Work to the Oast continues, with the cowl being removed for renovation and painting. While we have the scaffold up, we are also checking the roof tiles. We hope the work will be finished in a few weeks.

I do hope you enjoy the Park over the winter season and take the time to get involved with the volunteering opportunities we will be running in the Park.

If you have any questions please contact me on 01892 554031 or at [parks@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:parks@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)

**Peter Every – TWBC Parks & Sports Team Leader**



## Camden Road Education, Arts & Theatre Enterprise

CREATE presents:

**Carol Singing.....Thursday 15th December 6 – 7pm**

At Royal Victoria Place. We're raising funds for the Lantern Parade.

**Lantern Making Workshops.....7th, 14th, 21st & 28th January**

Free. Times and venues to be confirmed. TBC. Find out more at

[www.winterlanterns.org](http://www.winterlanterns.org) or CREATE's facebook page.

**Winter Lantern Parade.....Saturday 4th February 5.30pm**

Starts in Civic Way, then along Monson Road & Camden Road

Ending with refreshments at St Barnabas School. Theme: Characters from Children's Stories

Reserve date in case of postponement: Saturday 18th February

Tickets from David Prodrick on 0796 619 0428, Alison Beck on 01892 864468 or [tickets@camdenroad.org](mailto:tickets@camdenroad.org)

For full details see the CREATE website [www.camdenroad.org](http://www.camdenroad.org) & Facebook [www.facebook.com/createTW](http://www.facebook.com/createTW)



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**The Cafe at the Community Hub!**

Light Refreshments  
Cakes & Biscuits  
Milkshakes & Ice Cream  
Hot & Cold drinks  
Daily Specials

Open Daily 9am – 5pm

## News from Table8

Having now been open for over a year, and featuring in the Winter 2015 FoGH Newsletter, it was time to catch up with what's been happening at Table8. The area was extensively remodelled in the Heritage Lottery Funded work, from a take-away kiosk, to the indoor café.

Lee Story, proprietor of Table8, is very pleased with the response he has received from the general public about the refurbishment of the café and the Park. The café has become a popular meeting point, and not just with locals. People are travelling to the café from far and wide, and Table8 is now a destination, instead of relying on passing footfall.

Jacket potatoes are one of the most popular lunchtime choices, and drinks ranging from milkshake to hot chocolate, from coffees to bottled lemonades, mean a wide choice for all ages. Table8 is also a Pokestop, with bemused gamers wandering in to collect pokeballs on their phones. Well behaved dogs on leads are still welcome, and high chairs are available for younger customers.

Increased use of The Hub for events has made the area a lively point in the Park and Table8 can provide party boxes and light refreshments. To find out more, just pop in for a chat. **Carolyn Gray**

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To hire the Hub please contact Helen Timms on 01892 554031 or email [helen.timms@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:helen.timms@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) (£16.80 per hour or £56.40 for four hours.)



Busy in Table8

## Events Roundup

### Heritage Open Days

For the first time EVER we held Heritage Open Days in the Park, rather than joining with St Barnabas Church. With an ever growing collection of history pieces, and the new Hub, we ran three open sessions, and a Sunday walk.

This national event gains a lot of publicity, and we had balloons and banners



The history walk

to show we were open, also local press adverts and leaflets. We were very pleased with the variety of visitors – passers-by and some who had not been to the Park before.

On Friday one couple from Maidstone came to Tunbridge Wells for the day and they test drove our new map leaflet. They went around the woods and back to the Hub, and were very interested in the chalybeate spring. On Sunday morning we met a lady whose father was foreman of the Park from 1944 until the mid 1970s. Jim Peers and family lived in The Lodge in Auckland Road, and were there when the swimming pool was filled in.



The displays in the Hub

The guided history walk led by Chris Hughes on a sunny Sunday was well attended and we hope to do this again in 2017. Thanks to all who came along.

*Carolyn Gray*



### Apple Day



Pressing the apples & drinking the juice

Our second Apple Day was held on October 1st, but this year we were unlucky with the weather. We had a small number of stalls under a gazebo shelter and were delighted to see quite a number of people brave the rain.

We had a plentiful supply of apples, many of them windfalls kindly donated by local fruit growers. These were pressed into juice, segregating the varieties to taste the difference, the most popular being Cox.

There was apple juice to take home and apple cake to eat.

A big thank you to all who helped on the day, and to Sam and Paul Smith of Loddington Farm and Peter Jervis from Downingbury Farm.

*Liz Edwards*



Stalls under the gazebo

### Bird, Bat & Bug Box Building

FoGH again invited Kent High Weald Partnership along to the Park to make homes for wildlife. It was a chilly day with intermittent drizzle, but that didn't stop enthusiastic children and parents from starting construction projects!

Saul and Kelly from KHWP and FoGH volunteers were on hand with help and advice. Considering the weather, the drop-in session was well attended and carefully constructed new residences were proudly carried off.

A leaflet gave information about the best place to site them and hopefully local wildlife will soon be moving in.

*Mary Hughes*



Building homes for wildlife

### Children's Halloween Party

Around 80 witches, skeletons, ghosts and ghouls joined FoGH in the Hub for our Halloween extravaganza. Various craft activities were on offer, including making ghost masks, owl pictures and spiders, as well as decorating cupcakes. We toasted marshmallows over tea lights to make s'mores, and free lollipops were on offer, but you had to brave the bucket of slime to retrieve them!

An outdoor word search was well received, as were temporary tattoos and our three face painters were busy all afternoon. Sincere thanks to our volunteers, without whom this would not be possible.

*Mary Hughes*



Fancy dress & craft activities



The slime bucket.....



Face painter at work!

## Steff's Sum Up (or Community Engagement Officer Update)

Art from Leafy Monday



Autumn has been really busy for the Community Engagement Team, but we have still found time to admire the beautiful colours of the trees in the Park. My favourite was the Japanese Maple tree alongside Hilbert Woods, which turned a beautiful bright red. We took advantage of these fantastic leaf colours during our Leafy Monday event on 14th November, with some exciting leaf art and crafts.



October Half-Term was a busy one for us, as we ran four and a half days of

Forest School sessions in Hilbert Woods. Local children had the opportunity to learn how to make their own rolling pins, "swords of Gryffindor" and wands, as well as many other woodland-based activities. The sessions were a great success and all involved enjoyed themselves (including us).



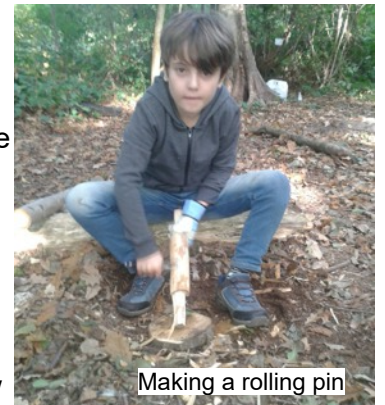
Duelling with wands at Forest School

Jeremy Kimmel from Tunbridge Wells Museum & Art Gallery came to the Park and kindly held two evening talks for us on the most interesting of their museum artefacts. It was fascinating to see the unusual objects that can be found in the Museum and to hear some more about the wonders of the Stone Age. I particularly enjoyed his reminder to all that Humans and Dinosaurs never co-existed; a myth resulting from current popular films.



Planting crocus bulbs

The conservation volunteers have recently been working hard to mow and rake the community orchard. This process is vital if we want to successfully introduce wildflowers into this area, as it stops the grass from outcompeting them, allowing the wildflowers a chance to colonise. The volunteers have also been busy planting thousands of crocus and daffodil bulbs around the Park, which will hopefully start to show themselves next spring.



Making a rolling pin

Our autumn-winter events schedule is in full swing now and we have some great talks and activities coming up

over the next few months. For more information, pick up our leaflet from the café (Table8), or to find out more about any events or activities going on in the Park email me at: [steff.dagorne@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:steff.dagorne@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)

**Steff D'Agorne**



## News from the FoGH Committee

Despite valiant efforts, we failed to get into round two of The Courier's Heart of the Community Awards, which relied on a public vote. FoGH has previously done well in both this Award and



TWBC's Love Where We Live Award, but it was not to be this year.



The existing grind rail

Fortunately at the moment we have some money in the bank. FoGH money helps cover our free events like the Halloween Party and Apple Day. We have offered to assist TWBC to purchase the extra grind rail for the skate park, an item that the initial refurbishment couldn't afford. Along with Steff's many events, there's lots happening in the Park *at the moment*.

The Community Engagement Team and the funding for their events are only temporary, and we are currently looking ahead to beyond that time. It would be nice to have money to carry on further improvements to the Park which are beyond TWBC's budget, and to carry on hosting family and community based events.

So, we are very grateful to all the paid up members, and thank you for your support. We are looking at ideas for events that will raise funds. We have applied for various grants and funding over the years, but if anyone can think of something else – please let us know! Also needed are people who can offer time to help at events, or with future planting projects. A lot of volunteer hours go into our events, and more helpers would be welcomed.



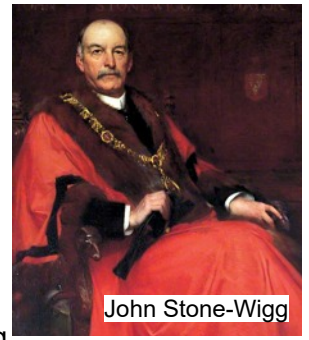
FoGH funded Children's Halloween Party

It's six months until the AGM in May, so if you think a friend or neighbour might want to join – how about membership as a Christmas present!

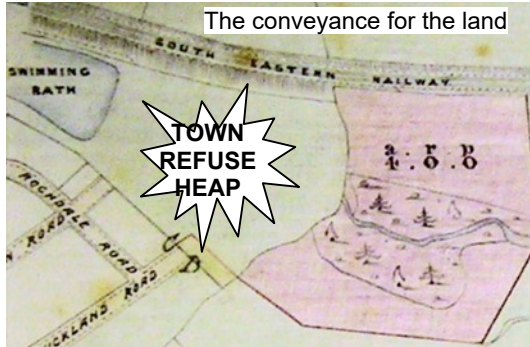
**Carolyn Gray**

## Early Beginnings of the Park

In the 19th century, Tunbridge Wells was booming, with an increasing population. The industrial area was round the Goods Station, with rows of cottages housing workers, and local shops and pubs. John Stone-Wigg chaired the Local Board, and was concerned about the welfare of the district. In 1885 he made an anonymous offer to donate four acres of land to the town as a public Recreation Ground.



John Stone-Wigg

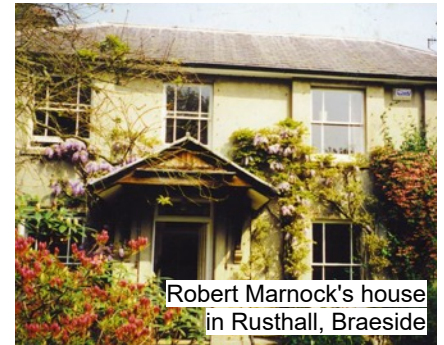


The conveyance for the land

This area, shown in pink on the map, was next to the now redundant reservoirs, the Open Air Baths and the town refuse heap. The offer was accepted, although some felt it was in the wrong place. John Stone-Wigg won the day after an on-site meeting in September 1887. He paid for the plans by former Rusthall neighbour and famous landscape designer Robert Marnock.

The town refuse heap was a former quarry, still in use after opening. There were complaints about the smell in October 1889, but the excavation was filled with earth that winter.

Marnock's plans were presented to the Tunbridge Wells Improvement Commissioners, with the Surveyor's estimated costing of £2545. Letters to the Courier complained that the plan was too expensive and too elaborate for the area. An amendment was voted to reduce costs to £1800, with only one cottage. Exasperated, John Stone-Wigg said he would donate a greenhouse.



Robert Marnock's house in Rusthall, Braeside

A loan from the Local Government Board covered improvement works including

Marnock Lake in the 19th century



the Recreation Ground. Details of the work include £350 for a cottage and shed, £100 for a subway under the railway (never built) £50 for urinals, £535 for landscaping and £160 for trees, shrubs and plants. An additional £500 later raised the total cost to £2300 (possibly some £3 million in today's money).

Progress reports in the Courier expressed anticipation that it would be "a very attractive ground" when completed. The Marnock Lake area opened on 5th July 1889. There were "several hundreds of visitors during the day, chiefly consisting of the children of the neighbourhood". The recreation ground was of "very picturesque appearance" and "a beautiful place."

**Mary Hughes**

*Thanks to the Kent & Sussex Courier & the British Newspaper Archive*

## Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom 2016

RTW in Bloom would like to thank all the participants, volunteers, contractors and sponsors for yet another successful year of our horticultural campaign. In summer 2016 we entered even more Royal Tunbridge Wells' parks and open spaces to the "South & South East in Bloom" competition and are happy to announce fantastic results for all our sites.



Our local Bloom competition has grown as well and we have received and judged a record number of 172 entries, including residential, business, school, allotment and Town Hall windowsill entries. The success in future will only be possible with continuous support of the various FRIENDS groups in Royal Tunbridge Wells and we hope that next year we will achieve even better results for our town.

**Katharina Mahler-Bech**

Find out more on Facebook [RoyalTunbridgeWellsinBloom](#), [www.royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk](http://www.royaltunbridgewellsinbloom.org.uk) & Twitter @RTWinBloom

## Grosvenor & Hilbert Park in Bloom 2016

For the first time the Park was entered into the Large Park category and won a Silver-Gilt award. This is an achievement and something to build on, as we aim for Gold next year! FoGH once again entered the *It's Your Neighbourhood* scheme and were classed as 'Thriving', with 75 points out of a possible 100. Entries are marked on Community Participation, Environmental Responsibility and Gardening Achievement.



Planting crocus bulbs near the skate park

Enhancing the Park is one of FoGH's aims, so this autumn volunteers have planted 5000 purple crocus bulbs (as part of the Purple4Polio RHS/Rotary Club scheme) and 2000 daffodil bulbs. Our sincere thanks go to Steff and her Thursday volunteers and also to volunteers from Kent High Weald Partnership and FoGH.

**Mary Hughes**

See [www.rotaryqbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio/](http://www.rotaryqbi.org/what-we-do/purple4polio/)

## The Community Orchard

Traditionally managed orchards are now recognised as havens of biodiversity, to be valued in the same way as wildflower meadows, which have also become rare. A traditional orchard has larger, more widely spaced trees and the grass develops naturally, grazed or cut occasionally.



Traditional orchard cultivation



A modern intensive orchard

This contrasts with modern intensive orchards, with their high productivity, small, short-lived trees and limited range of varieties. Pesticides, herbicides and fertilisers help to sustain the high yields, but reduce opportunities for wildlife.

The Community Orchard in the Park is a mixed orchard, managed on organic principles, using no chemicals. There are 89 trees covering a range of fruit varieties. Although more than a third are apples (cider, cooking and dessert),

most are varieties not commonly found in supermarkets. You will also find pears, cherries, plums and crabapples. In the final planting we have included quince, damsons, mirabelle and gage plums, as well as mulberries.

The trees are laid out on a spacious grid and pruned for fruit production. They provide a continuously open canopy, so light reaches the ground all year round. This dappled shade allows the plants to grow all year, unlike in dense woodland where little light reaches the forest floor.



Mulberries



Quinces

A wildflower meadow has been sown between the orchard and Roundabout Wood, and the grass below the trees will be treated as a meadow, with occasional mowing, apart from mown paths. The longer grass forms excellent habitat for insects and small mammals, and the larvae of some butterflies prefer to feed on the coarse grasses.



A wildflower meadow

When the trees are in blossom they provide a rich source of nectar and pollen for insects, and look beautiful. The fruit is as delicious to wildlife as it is to us, whether on the tree or as windfalls on the ground. Mammals, birds, and

insects all enjoy the bounty and we will have to learn to share. As the trees grow and become more productive, the benefit to wildlife will increase, turning the Community Orchard into a haven for all.

**Mary Hughes**

## Sport Report

### Bowls (see <https://www.facebook.com/GrosvenorBowls>)

The season has now finished and what a great one it has been! More games won than lost (won 13 - lost 10), Division 2 men's league winner's and four new members. At our AGM we elected a new captain for next year, Chris Tapp and club officials. Presentations were made to all club competition winners.

The committee are already thinking how we can improve, find new players and allow more people to enjoy bowls. We thank all locals who have supported the club this season and invite anyone to join us next year to enjoy playing bowls at Grosvenor.

**Norman Barton, Club Captain 2015 – 2016**



Graham & Chris Tapp ponder their strategy

St John's Yard 5 – 4  
Rusthall Rangers



### Football (see <http://www.wksl.org.uk/>)

St John's Yard (gold shirts with black shorts and socks) had a shaky start to the season, with three losses in September, including two at 5 – 0 (one at home against Green Street Blues and one at Crowborough Town). There was cause for optimism after a 2 – 2 draw against Ticehurst Village and a close 3 – 2 defeat against Bricklayers Arms

October saw better results, with the first wins of the season: 2 – 4 at Paddock Wood, 5 – 4 at home with Rusthall Rangers and 2 – 3 against bottom side Speldhurst Rangers. However, a loss against Tonbridge Invicta and a thumping 0 – 8 defeat by Bricklayers Arms saw them slip to sixth in Division 3. November saw the team knocked out of both cup competitions, but hopefully this gives them more chance to concentrate on the League! **Mary Hughes**

## View from the Allotment



Leeks & chard

Winter is a time for preparation, digging to get the frost on the soil ready for next year's planting. We do have chard, perpetual spinach, and leeks. Chard is really tasty and difficult to find in shops.

Sadly we can't grow any brassicas due to club root, which I gather is quite common on plots which have been used over time.

Gardener's Question Time suggested not clearing our gardens/allotments too well and leaving areas for animals/insects to hibernate. OK, although these areas protect not only the useful insects, but also the not so welcome insects. However, it is worth bearing in mind, as we may be helping to protect endangered species such as hedgehogs.

Over the next couple of months, have fun planning and looking at the seed catalogues and think about trying something new next year. **Jane Melville**

## Dogs in the Park

'Multum in parvo' is Latin for 'Big in small', and the best way to describe a pug. Our Pug Pack is three year old black Boofle, and two fawn pugs. Percy is two and a half and Alfie is two.



Alfie

Alfie is our little accident: we never intended to have two, let alone three. Smaller than the others, with only half a tail, he came from Kings Lynn. It was love at first sight! The runt of his litter and rejected by his mother, he was luckily adopted by another female.

Alfie has a huge character, never seeming to tire and happiest when chasing a tennis ball or football. He is a friendly and inquisitive chap and holds his own when playing with bigger dogs. He likes to chase overflying planes, barking as he goes.

He's no longer a puppy, but still the adorable baby of the bunch, with his little tongue that sticks out, making him look a bit tipsy. **Michael Williams-Leslie**

## The Evergreen, Ever-giving Ivy plant.

Ivy (*Hedera helix*) is one of the UK's few native evergreen plants. Its sturdy branches and protective leaves provide a home to bats, birds, dormice, butterflies and moths. Unusually it has two growth forms. The juvenile form is climbing, with the familiar five lobed leaves and aerial roots. It takes adult form on reaching the top of its support, when the leaf shape changes and it produces flowers, then fruits. The nourishing berries are a welcome food source for our feathered friends in winter.



Juvenile ivy



Adult ivy



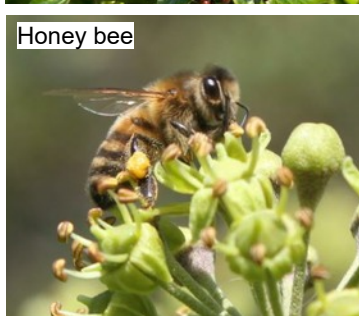
Blackbird feeding on ivy berries

Crucially, it is one of the last flowering plants in Autumn. From September until early November, the ivy flowers provide pollen and nectar for many insects. This high value food is vital to help them survive the long winter when flowers are scarce.

Insects like Bumblebee queens need to consume plenty of food before finding an underground shelter to 'hibernate'. This is a period of inactivity or 'deep sleep' during the cold months.



Dronefly  
*Eristalis tenax*



Honey bee

Honey bees also benefit from the ivy flower as it supplements their summer food stores of honey to sustain them over winter. Honey bees 'overwinter': they are still active but stay mainly in their hives during winter to keep the queen warm and safe.

If that wasn't enough to convince you to appreciate ivy, we have newcomers to our shores, the solitary Ivy bee (*Colletes hederæ*). These harmless, delightful and beautiful creatures are about the size of a honey bee, fuzzy with yellow and black stripes on their abdomen. They were first recorded in Britain in

2001 and are naturally colonising Southern England.

Just as its name suggests, ivy is its main food source. The adults emerge from underground as an adult when the ivy is in flower. After six to eight weeks, the ivy flowers disappear, and so too do the ivy bees, until their offspring emerge as adults to forage the ivy the following year.



Ivy bee  
*Colletes hederæ*

Please do respect the humble Ivy. It is truly a generous plant to wildlife, providing food and shelter and we should celebrate it.

**Ellen Montelius**

For more information, please visit the Cross Pollination Project website [www.cross-pollination.uk](http://www.cross-pollination.uk), or see Twitter @CrossPolProject & Facebook @crosspollinationproject

## Dates for your Diary

**Christmas Carols with CREATE.....Sunday 11th December 2 – 3.30pm**

At the Rochdale Road entrance Let's get into the spirit of Christmas  
Mince pies, mulled wine & mulled fruit juice.



**Deck Your Halls.....Tuesday 20th December 3.30 – 5.30pm**

At the Community Hub. Get creative & make your own Christmas decorations!  
Free event, suitable for all ages. No booking required.



**Christmas Wild Child.....Thursday 22nd December 11am – 1pm**

In Hilbert Woods. No booking required.  
Free Christmas activities for all the family with Kent High Weald Partnership



**Tunbridge Wells & Rusthall Commons.....Monday January 9th 2017 7pm**

Join Ian Beavis in the Hub for a talk on the history of the Commons.  
No booking required & light refreshments provided.



**Storytelling Session.....Saturday 28th January 10.30am – 12.30pm**

Join storyteller David Arthur in the Hub as he recalls local folk stories.  
Suitable for all ages, please bring a cushion to sit on.



**Basket Weaving Workshop.....Sunday 29th January (all day)**

Learn from expert John Waller at the Community Hub.  
Booking required at [steff.dagorne@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:steff.dagorne@tunbridgewells.gov.uk)  
£30 per adult includes all equipment, materials & light refreshments.



**Keep Calm & Carry on Coppicing.....Thursday 2nd February 2017 10am – 3pm**

Kent High Weald Partnership volunteer day  
We'll be cutting poles & binders for winter hedge laying.  
Meet at the Hilbert Rd gates: wear appropriate clothing & footwear



**Historic Parks of Tunbridge Wells.....Monday 6th February 7pm**

At the Hub. An illustrated talk by Ian Beavis.  
No booking required & light refreshments provided.



**Water in the Wells.....Thursday 23rd February 7pm**

At the Hub. A talk by Michael Holman on water features in Tunbridge Wells.  
No booking required & light refreshments provided.



**Traditional Woodland Management.....Thursday 2nd March 10am – 3pm**

Kent High Weald Partnership volunteer day  
Meet at the Hilbert Rd gates: wear appropriate clothing & footwear



**Springboard the Walk.....Thursday 23rd March 10am – 3pm**

HLF boardwalk building in Roundabout Woods.  
Kent High Weald Partnership volunteer day  
Meet at the Hilbert Rd gates: wear appropriate clothing & footwear



**Conservation Volunteer tasks every Thursday 10am – 3pm Meet at the Community Hub**

See posters, [www.fogh.org.uk](http://www.fogh.org.uk) Facebook [www.facebook.com/GrosvenorHilbert](https://www.facebook.com/GrosvenorHilbert) or Twitter  
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