



NEWSLETTER

for Ditchling and the surrounding area

Spring 2008

Garden Pride joins Ditchling.com

The Garden Pride Garden Centre has recently joined the Ditchling.com Society and taken an advertisement for a full year. Garden Pride is located at the northern end of Common Lane and is the largest retailer in Ditchling.

Other members that have joined recently include Standens of Ditchling Ltd, who also have an advertisement, Pruden and Smith, the Ditchling Players, South Cottage, Clifford Dann, the Bull Inn, the White Horse and P J Toop.

The Ditchling.com Society now has 33 members and more are joining every week. Membership fees are £50 per annum for Full Members and £20 for Associate Members. In addition annual advertisements, which appear on every page on Ditchling.com, cost £150 including Full Membership.

All members can update their details at any time and add news items and events. Full Members have priority over Associate Members when listed and also have full voting rights at general meetings of the Ditchling.com Society. See page 2 for more information on the Society and its members.



What Ditchling.com has to offer

Ditchling.com has many things to offer the people of Ditchling and the surrounding area and is continually being developed.

Shops and Services

Many of Ditchling's shops, pubs, art galleries, restaurants and businesses are included on Ditchling.com, so if you need information on what is on offer, then go to Ditchling.com.

Clubs and Societies

Information on Ditchling's clubs, societies, churches and other non-commercial organisations can also be seen on Ditchling.com.

Local Information and News

Local information also includes police reports, important phone numbers, village history and the local countryside.

News and Events

All members can publish their own news and events on Ditchling.com, so it's easy to find out what's on.

Ditchling Talk (FORUM)

You can ask questions or make comments by going to the **FORUM** also known as **Ditchling Talk**.

Gallery

Photos of Ditchling and the surrounding countryside can be seen on Ditchling.com.



Search

A search facility allows searching of all website pages.

Downloads

This section includes documents on Ditchling.com such as the Constitution, Minutes of Society meetings and this newsletter.

Police Reports and News

Sussex Police provides Ditchling.com with news reports that may be of interest to people in Ditchling and elsewhere.

In December 2007, there were reports of fuel lines being cut on Ford Fiestas in Ditchling and Newick and the fuel being stolen. Other reports have included lambs being slaughtered; tools that are not legitimate being sold from vans and threats to stables in the area.

The Ditchling.com Society to Hold First AGM

The first Annual General Meeting of the Ditchling.com Society will be held on 22nd April 2008 in Ditchling Village Hall. The first General Meeting was held last April and was attended by 10 people. The meeting elected officers and committee to manage and administer the Ditchling.com website. It is hoped that more will attend this year's meeting.

The Ditchling.com Newsletter

This is the first issue of the Ditchling.com Newsletter, which will be issued twice a year and will contain information for members and visitors to the Ditchling.com website. As mentioned above, new members are joining almost every day and it is hoped that most commercial and non-commercial organisations in Ditchling.

Ditchling.com Society Members

The following organisations are members of the Ditchling.com Society.

Full Members

- Auricula Jewellery
- Chestertons
- Ditchling Common Stud Riding School
- Ditchling Gallery
- Ditchling Museum Friends
- Ditchling Village Association
- Ditchling Village Barn and Green
- Ditchling Village Hall
- Garden Pride Garden Centre
- Marchants Estate Agent
- P J Toop
- RidgeView Wine Estate
- Standens Of Ditchling Ltd
- The Ditchling Society
- The Bull Inn
- The White Horse

Associate Members

- Clifford Dann
- Cottage at Tovey Lodge
- Ditchling Artists in Residence
- Ditchling Cricket Club
- Ditchling Film Society
- Ditchling Football Club
- Ditchling Morris
- Ditchling Museum
- Ditchling Players
- Friends of St Margaret's Church
- Pruden and Smith
- Quakers
- South Cottage
- St Margarets Church
- Sussex Chorus
- The Hob Job
- Unitarian Chapel
- Women's Institute

Ditchling.com Adverts

Several members advertise on Ditchling.com including:

- Chestertons
- Garden Pride
- Standen's
- The Bull
- The White Horse
- P J Toop

In addition temporary adverts are added for specific events.

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The Ditchling.com Society

The Ditchling.com Society was formed in early 2007 to administer www.ditchling.com, the website for Ditchling and the surrounding area. Members of the society can be associate or full members. All members are listed on the website with their details, events and news.

Website Features

Some new features have been added to Ditchling.com in recent months.

New Design

A new design was implemented in March 2008, with a new logo and a cleaner design, which is intended to make the website easier to use. The main sections can be accessed from the header and include Home, News, Events, Forum (or Ditchling Talk), Downloads and Gallery.



Member organisations can be accessed by clicking on the left hand member types such as Clubs & Societies, Arts & Crafts, Shops & Services, Businesses, Churches and Sports.

Each member page comprises a description of the organisation, an optional logo and contact details. There is also a link to a contact page so that an email can be sent to the member.

Gallery

The Gallery comprises photos selected randomly from photos taken of important Ditchling landmarks and the surrounding countryside. More photos will be added later.

Searching Ditchling.com

A search box in the header of every page allows the content of Ditchling.com to be searched. Just enter the search word or phrase and click on **Go**.

Public Service Information

Ditchling.com includes public service information under Local Help, including Sussex Police reports and a list of useful phone numbers.

Site Administrator

For help with getting started, updating information, adding advertisements or other website administration issues, members can contact the Site Administrator via email at gsharpless@ditchling.com.

Monthly Statistics April 2007 to March 2008

The chart below shows increases in monthly page hits over the last 12 months to 20,000 per month. Page hits are still increasing and are expected to reach 25,000 or more in April.

