

DVA Ditchling Handbook 2019



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Ditchling Beacon

Oh! There is gorse on Ditchling
All golden in the sun,
And sweeping slopes of Downland
Where gold cloud-shadows run,
And Caburn silver misted,
And Chancton's sunset Ring,
And little Clayton laughing
In wonder at the Spring.

The narrow road to Ditchling,
The old white road I love –
There's open Down beside it
And open sky above.
Unlorded, brave and lonely
It runs from end to end,
The skylark for companion,
The sea wind for a friend.

But we who've stood on Ditchling,
And watch'd the red sun set
Behind the hills at Fulking-
We shall not soon forget.
Mount Harry, grey and quiet,
Crown'd Cissbury tinged with fire
Or royal, happy Ditchling,
The haven of desire!

(extract) by Alfred Bathurst Norman (May 1917)

This booklet is set in *Gill Sans*, a font designed by Eric Gill (1882-1940), sculptor and typeface designer who lived in Ditchling between 1907-1924.

Gill Sans is a development of London Underground's famous *Johnston* typeface (1913), designed by Edward Johnston CBE (1872-1944) who lived in Ditchling from 1912 until his death.

Introduction



I would like to invite you to browse our 2019 edition of the DVA Ditchling Handbook, produced in full colour and distributed to households in Ditchling for the first time.

If you live in the parish of Ditchling you are automatically a member of the Ditchling Village Association (DVA). The DVA exists to coordinate the various local organisations and to foster co-operation between all sections of the village.

Each year we invite all new residents to our **Newcomers' Party** (p12) to introduce them to all of the societies and clubs. New residents from Westmeston and Streat are also invited to join us as our guests as we hope that they will enjoy what our village has to offer and we would appreciate their support.

The DVA will also be holding a **Societies Fair** (p12) in September open to all residents to showcase local organisations and groups.

In this booklet - you will see that the entries have been loosely categorized with something to interest everybody.

Listings for services, places of worship and some premises for hire have also been included. There are many commercial businesses in and around the area that would welcome your support.

If you would like to support the DVA by becoming a neighbourhood representative, then please get in touch with us.

We keep information up to date on our own website **ditchling.com** and on our Facebook page. Welcome to our new DVA Ditchling Handbook, not just for newcomers but for all local residents.

Catharine Robinson, Chair

Ditchling Village Association

About the Association



The Ditchling Village Association (DVA) was formed in 1947 to co-ordinate the activities of the various clubs and societies in the Village and continues as an organising body working in co-ordination with numerous and varied local organisations to promote co-operation between all sections of the community.

The stated objectives are –

- To unite all who live in Ditchling for the good of all.
- To promote the welfare and well-being of all who live in Ditchling.
- To help support and encourage each Council, Society and Club to fulfil its particular objectives.

All parish residents are automatically a member of the DVA and therefore entitled to attend all meetings. Additionally, each association nominates a representative. The Officers are elected annually.

Committee

President

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Clare Holmes		treasurer.dva@ditchling.com
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Secretary

Neil Iosson	07866 424754	secretary.dva@ditchling.com
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Village Representatives

These representatives are available to you if you wish to raise any issues etc., where the Ditchling Village Association may be of assistance:

<i>John Willis</i>	<i>01273 844313</i>	<i>jgwillis@btinternet.com</i>
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<i>Sue Marshall</i>	<i>07958 675116</i>	<i>marshallsp@me.com</i>
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Good Neighbour Scheme

This organisation is sponsored by the DVA and provides localised neighbourhood welcome and support. Each area will have a designated “Good Neighbour” who welcomes new arrivals to the village. If you are not aware who your contact is, or they are unavailable, please contact the Maralyn, secretary of the scheme.

We are in need of some more volunteers to help with this service—it is a great way to meet new people. If you would like to find out more please get in touch.

<i>Maralyn Hine</i>	<i>01273 843370</i>	<i>mazzy@hinemail.co.uk</i>
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DVA Ditchling Handbook

This handbook is published every year and this year, for the first time is supported by local businesses, allowing a much wider distribution. If you would like to advertise in the 2020 edition, or you need to update any details or inaccuracies, please contact us.

<i>Neil Iosson</i>	<i>secretary.dva@ditchling.com</i>
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Ditchling.com

Ditchling.com is the village's website. It offers a diary of events, a list of local news and directory of local businesses and clubs and societies. It holds lots of information about local art, history and events as well as links to the parish council, local transport and other resources. You can also sign up to the DVA email newsletter.

Each group and society has its own account and can add their own news, events and documents. Ditchling.com is looked after by John Willis and he can help with any queries.

The DVA also manages an email newsletter and a Facebook page (search for @ditchling.com.soc) and we promote and support local village stories, news, activities, events and businesses. Follow us to keep up-to-date.

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**Ditchling
Village
Association**



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DVA Directory

DVA Members

Parish Council

Arts & Crafts

Clubs & Societies

Shops & Services

Businesses

Churches

**Pubs &
Refreshments**

Sports

Local Help

Village History

Local Countryside

Public Transport

Kids Corner

Accommodation

Function Rooms

Ditchling Village Association (incorporating Ditchling.com)



Need News and Information?

This website has news, events and information from members of the Ditchling Village Association. Any organisation or business based in Ditchling can become a member and publish their news and events on Ditchling.com.

LATEST NEWS [more..](#)

**Newcomers Party - March
16th - 7pm**

**Do you run a small business
in..**

**Consultation re Recreation
Ground..**



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and certain indoor sports.

For more information or to enquire about availability please contact us at bookings@ditchlingvillagehall.uk

www.ditchlingvillagehall.uk

DITCHLING VILLAGE HALL, Lewes Road, Ditchling BN6 8TT

Social Events:

Coffee and Cake

Drop in coffee and cake mornings at the village hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month organised by the Ditchling Village Association and sponsored by local organisations. These are open to everyone of all ages to meet old friends and make new ones. Young and old are welcome and there is no charge! Working from home—why not drop by?

For further information on these and other Village events keep an eye open on The DVA notice board by the post office, and the village hall notice board. You will also find a copy in “Hassocks & Keymer Talk About” and on the DVA’s website and Facebook page.

2019/20 (every third Tuesday of the month, 09:45 – 11:00)

Tu 19 Mar	Tu 18 Jun	Tu 17 Sept	(no Dec event)
Tu 16 Apr	Tu 16 Jul	Tu 15 Oct	Tu 21 Jan 2020
Tu 21 May	Tu 20 Aug	Tu 19 Nov	Tu 18 Feb

Ditchling Fair: Saturday June 20th, 2020

The next Ditchling Fair will take place on 20 June 2020. Mark your diaries!

The fair’s origins date back to 1312 and it continues today, going from strength to strength. Starting with the Ditchling Wizard’s wake up call at dawn to dancing on the green late into the evening, the fair is a jam-packed full day of fun and celebration of village life.

There’s a maypole dance, the Jack and Jill Race, morris dancing and egg-tossing. There’s so much to be involved with from the scarecrow competition, the dog show to the procession or you can simply come and enjoy some of the delicious local food and watch it all go on. It’s a fair like no other!

If you’d like to be involved in next year’s Ditchling Fair, we are always looking for volunteers.

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www.ditchlingfair.co.uk

www.facebook.com/ditchlingfair



Newcomers' Party:

Sat 16 March 2019 & Sat 14 March 2020

Ditchling Village Hall

The DVA holds an annual “Newcomers’ Party” in March, to welcome all residents new to the village since the last party and give them the opportunity to meet representatives of all the groups and societies as well as other newcomers. Open to all ages, light refreshments and wine/soft drinks provided.

We welcome anyone who has moved to Ditchling Parish (including St George’s Park) as well as guests from Westmeston and Streat parishes. If you have moved here in the last year or two and have never been to a Newcomers Party—this is your invitation! Confirm your place by filling out the RSVP or emailing us.

If you know someone eligible – please let them know about it.



Neil losson

07866 424754

newcomers@ditchling.com

RSVP 2019 Party: www.bit.ly/dva2019 2020 Party: www.bit.ly/dva2020

Societies Fair: Sat 21 September 10am-12pm

Ditchling Village Hall

New for this year—we are holding an open morning where all local groups and organisations are invited to showcase their activities. This event will be open to all residents of Ditchling, Westmeston, Streat, Keymer, Hassocks and beyond.

The Societies Fair will be an opportunity to find out more about the clubs, classes, competitions and courses they organise and how you can get involved. A chance to drop by and ask questions, see demonstrations and try something new.

Similar to the Newcomers’ Party—but open to longstanding residents as well we want to showcase the vibrancy of Ditchling and the diversity of opportunities on offer.

Neil losson

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Ditchling, Streat & Westmeston Sports Day

Sun 5 May & Mon 6 May 2019

The sports day has been running for nearly 100 years. It is an annual inter-village sporting and social event held at the Playing Fields on the May Day Bank Holiday (first Monday in May). It is preceded by the 3 Villages Chase on the Sunday, the day before Sports Day. It is friendly, fun, at times competitive, with track events for all ages and abilities, with cups for the winners, and runner up prizes. Competitors represent their area - Ditchling North, Ditchling South and Streat & Westmeston - with points being scored to determine the "top" village at the end of the day.

New volunteers are needed to help run this event so please come forward if you would like to play a part in keeping this long running event going. There is already a set of well-established plans and templates for running the event which are ready for use.

**Three Villages Chase
Sports Day**

**Sun 5 May 2019
Mon 6 May**

**5pm
1pm**

Hannah Tedman

01273 841334

hannah@tedman.co.uk

DITCHLING



PLAYERS

**How The Other
Half Loves**
By Alan Ayckbourn



**Wed 15 —
Sat 18 May
2019**

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PLAYERS**

**Why not get involved and
help bring a show to life?**

We need help with

- ♦ **Set building & painting**
- ♦ **Back stage**
- ♦ **Front of house**
- ♦ **Publicity**

www.ditchlingplayers.org.uk

Children in Ditchling

Stay and Play Parent & Toddlers' Group

Stay & Play Held every Wednesday during term times from 10.00am - 11.30am in the Emmanuel Centre, South Street and welcomes families with children aged from birth to five. Each week we have messy play, parachute games, craft, lots of toys and of course the obligatory tea, coffee and cake for everyone! All that and it won't cost you a penny!

The group is run by Katherine Grant and a small team. You can always be sure of a warm welcome and a friendly chat. We know sometimes it can feel a bit lonely looking after children without some adult company and conversation, especially in the colder, darker months when we tend to be indoors more. At Stay & Play we would love to welcome your little one and help brighten your day!

Beacon Parish

01273 843165

admin@beaconparish.co.uk

www.beaconparish.co.uk

Facebook: [@thebeaconparish](https://www.facebook.com/thebeaconparish)

Ditchling Toddler Group

The toddler group meets on Tuesday mornings 9.15 a.m. to 11.15 at the Village Hall.

Aline Gibson

07971 470542

YODAH

YODAH Youth Is a youth group held at St Margaret's Church every Tuesday 6.30pm - 8pm it is open to all school year 6 (age 10)- school year 13 (age 18). On arrival we have free time to use the pool table, table tennis, computer consoles and much more. After the free time we will have an activity - things include challenges, cooking and crafts after which we then have some more free time until we finish. We have also had trips out.

The group cost £1 a week and is run by our youth worker Gary. You can see pictures of activities on our Facebook page.

Gary Pickett

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Facebook: [@thebeaconparish](https://www.facebook.com/thebeaconparish)

Scout and Guide Movements:

1st Ditchling Scouts/Cubs/Beavers

2nd Ditchling Brownies



Scout Hut, East End Lane

The aims of these movements are to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual and social potential. These groups give the young people additional opportunity to meet people and pursue activities outside the boundaries of their school and home environments – both physically and culturally.

There are weekly evening meetings in the Scout Headquarters in East End Lane for the above sections. The Guide Company exists in name only with Brownies currently moving on up to guides in neighbouring Hassocks.

Scouts, Cubs and Beavers

<i>Sue Waring</i>	<i>01273 841109</i>	<i>swaring001@gmail.com</i>
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Brownie and Guides

<i>Mrs K. Clarke</i>	<i>01273 682944</i>	<i>ckclarke@btinternet.com</i>
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Nurseries

Ditchling Pre-School Group

This has now merged into Ditchling Primary and Nursery School (see following page).

Acorns Nursery and Forest School

Westmeston Parish Hall, Lewes Road, Westmeston, Nr Ditchling

<i>Contact</i>	<i>01444 455081</i>	<i>janetirwin@janetirwin.com</i>
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Hassocks Happy Feet

The Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks BN6 9LY

<i>01273 844195</i>	<i>www.hassockshappyfeet.co.uk Facebook: @hassockshappyfeet</i>
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Primary and Nursery

Ditchling (St Margaret's) (C of E)

Lewes Road, Ditchling.

A primary and nursery school for ages 2-11, with 165 pupils and organised into 7 classes. A wide variety of classes including a Forest School.

01273 844130

www.ditchlingprimary.co.uk

Secondary

Chailey School

Mill Lane, South Chailey

01273 890407

www.chaileyschool.org

Downlands Community School

Dale Avenue, Hassocks

01273 845892

www.downlands.w-sussex.sch.uk

Lewes Priory School

Mountfield Road, Lewes

01273 476231

www.priory.e-sussex.sch.uk

St Paul's (Roman Catholic)

Burgess Hill

01444 415418

www.stpaulscatholiccollege.co.uk

Hurstpierpoint College – Co-educational (Private)

Chalkers Lane, Hurstpierpoint (Age 4-19)

01273 834975

www.hppc.co.uk

Burgess Hill Girls' School (Private)

Keymer Road, Burgess Hill (Age 2-19)

01444 241050

www.burgesshillgirls.com



Opening Times:

Tuesday - Saturday 10.30am - 5pm

Sunday + Bank Holidays 11am - 5pm

ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk

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Web: www.midsussexgolfclub.co.uk



Halls and Community Spaces

Barn on the Green

Village Green, West Street

A barn converted for parties and other events. It has a small kitchen, toilets and tables and chairs for 60-70 people. Glassware and crockery are available for hire. There is an adjacent sunken garden. Managed by the Friends of Ditchling.

Cost of Hire: Dependent on event

Conditions: Local people/organisations

Rebecca & Mark Rivers-Moore

info@friendsofditchling.co.uk

www.friendsofditchling.co.uk

Ditchling Common Country Park

Folders Lane East, Ditchling Common

76 hectares (188 acres) of open landscape offering walking, fishing, picnicking, education and dog walking. Two ponds for fishing (by permit). Self-guided nature trail. Notable for its carpet of bluebells and wood anemones in the spring. Free car park.

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/media/1222/ditchling_common_walk_trail.pdf

Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft

Lodge Hill Lane

Learning space seating up to 40 people, projector, screen, self-contained kitchen and toilets and private courtyard garden.

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Enquiries *01273 844744* *enquiries@ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk*

www.ditchlingmuseumartcraft.org.uk

Ditchling Village Hall

Lewes Road

Large hall seating up to 150 people, additional lower hall (capacity 50), commercial kitchen, stage area with green room.

Licensed for alcohol, public entertainment and music.

Cost of Hire: Dependent on event. Discount for local residents.



Michael Hinton

bookings@ditchlingvillagehall.uk

www.ditchlingvillagehall.uk

Emmanuel Centre

South Street

The Emmanuel Centre tenancy has recently been taken over jointly by the Beacon Parish and The Point Church as a place for youth and community work. It can accommodate up to 80 people and is available for hire by third parties when not being used for church purposes.

Beacon Parish

01273 843165

admin@beaconparish.co.uk

www.beaconparish.co.uk

Friends' Meeting House

East Gardens

Roland Ellis

01273 841167

The Old Meeting House

The Twitten, off Lewes Road

Conditions: Local, cultural or charitable organisations only.

Maureen Maguire

01273 842359

The Pavilion Club

Ditchling Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

Costs of Hire: Dependent on event

Sean Guirey

07976 381665

seanguirey@lothburygroup.co.uk

Recreation Ground

Ditchling Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

The recreation ground is owned and managed by Ditchling Parish Council. It offers facilities and spaces for a range of sports used by local clubs including football, cricket, archery as well as plenty of space to let off steam. There is a children's playground and a multi-use area with basketball hoop etc. The tennis court is run by *Ditchling Tennis Club*.

Free parking. Booking is not required except for formal team matches.

Parish Clerk

01273 844733

parishoffice@ditchling-pc.gov.uk



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Email: **ditchlingcatlady@gmail.com**

Facebook: **Ditchling Cat Lady**

Preservation Societies, Friends Associations & Other Groups

Beacon Good Neighbours

The Beacon Good Neighbours scheme is run by volunteers from Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston to provide neighbourly help to anyone in our communities. The types of support our volunteers can offer include:

- Collecting and delivering post, prescriptions, pensions etc.
- Occasional local lifts to hospitals, doctors, shops, etc.
- Relieving a carer for a short break
- Help with shopping
- Help with computer and internet use
- Help with form filling, letter writing and reading
- Small household repairs and practical tasks (such as changing a light bulb)
- Pet care and dog walking. Light gardening e.g. plant watering
- Befriending – popping round for a chat over a cup of tea

If you know of anyone who could benefit from a little help or if you would like to become a volunteer yourself, please contact us on:

Contact: 01273 921668 info@beacongoodneighbours.org
www.beacongoodneighbours.org

Ditchling Charity Ball

The Ditchling Charity Ball is a biennial event held on Ditchling Recreation Ground in a large marquee next to the pavilion. The money raised will go to local charities – the last four events (held on the village green) raised £63,700. In 2019 we will be supporting nine local organisations. The ticket price includes a live band, champagne & canapés reception, main course & dessert, bar, casino, auctions and dancing. This year's event is sold out – if you are coming, we look forward to seeing you there, otherwise please get in touch if you would like to be added to our mailing list for future events.

Contact: nikki@ditchlingcharityball.uk www.ditchlingcharityball.uk

Ditchling Footpaths Conservation Society

The aims of this society are to preserve the footpaths and bridleways in the three parishes of Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat by walking them regularly. We encourage people to enjoy walks in groups for recreation. We work to maintain the public rights of way of the paths. We help authorities to clear obstructions to the paths. We help the Monday Group (P30) to raise funds for their work to repair stiles and bridges on paths.

Sally Burfoot

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Ditchling Museum Friends' Association

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The Ditchling Museum Friends' Association is an independent, registered charity established to support the activities of Ditchling Museum of Art + Craft. It achieves its aims by organising social and fund-raising events, purchasing new resources, promoting exhibitions and talks in the Museum and by distributing its newsletter, the Wyvern Flyer. The Museum was reopened in September 2013 following a £2.3 million refurbishment funded by the Heritage Lottery, charitable trusts and foundations and individual supporters.

Annual membership	£25
Concession	£20
Joint Annual	£45
Joint concession	£35

Admission is free for children of 16 and under when accompanied by an adult

Peter Leach

01273 844107

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The Ditchling Society



The Ditchling Society
conserving the future of our community

Is an independent organisation that seeks to preserve what is best in our village and surroundings while lobbying for facilities and resources that will sustain our community in the future. We know that some things, once lost, can never be regained. At the same time,

change is inevitable and we need to encourage the ethical and environmentally sensitive management of change for future generations.

We contributed extensively to the development of our neighbourhood plan, which received overwhelming support from the community. As part of our commitment to supporting the aims and policies of the plan, we objectively monitor planning applications that may significantly impact the parish. The Ditchling Society is a partner organisation in 'The Living Coast', our local UNESCO World Biosphere Region, and has links to many environmental organisations such as Friends of the South Downs and CPRE. We issue regular news updates to members and hold an annual summer event for members and guests.

We welcome the support of local residents - as active members, as volunteers in projects we undertake, or simply if you wish to express a love and concern for our parish and village. Ditchling is a very special place and the Ditchling Society works hard to keep it so.

Contact: **01273 841244** info@ditchlingsociety.org.uk
ditchlingsociety.wordpress.com

Friends of Ditchling

A charity which owns and maintains the Barn on the Green for the benefit of the village. Meets as necessary.

See also "Premises for Hire" (p19)

Rebecca Rivers-Moore info@friendsofditchling.co.uk
www.friendsofditchling.co.uk

Friends of St Margaret's Church, Ditchling Trust.

The Trust's primary responsibility is to raise funds for major repairs, replacement and conservation of the fabric to help the PCC conserve the church fabric and churchyard; to determine what it is appropriate to provide in order to achieve this aim; and to conserve a viable trust fund for this and future generations.

Catharine Robinson **07712 185438** catharinew@gmail.com

HKD Transition



We are a group of Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer and Ditchling residents working to support a community response to climate change and shrinking supplies of cheap energy. Our aims are to work with everyone in our communities to create a sustainable future by reducing our dependence on fossil fuels, reducing our carbon footprint and increasing our resilience to the changes that lie ahead.

We are a lively and active group becoming increasingly involved in local activities associated with living in more sustainable ways. Particular areas where we are active include cycling, gardening, local food, minimising waste, flood avoidance, renewable energy and supporting community projects such as Ditchling Orchard.

We issue a monthly newsletter which is full of useful information and provides full details of events and activities both locally and in near-by areas.

Please contact us by email if you would like to find out more and / or join the mailing list for the newsletter via the link on our website.

John Willis

info@hkdtransition.org.uk

www.hkdtransition.org.uk

Oldland Windmill Trust



The oldest working windmill in Sussex has been beautifully restored by local volunteers and is open on the first Sunday of every month between April and October. Volunteers work on Thursdays throughout the year performing maintenance activities or producing stone-ground flour. The team are always looking for new volunteers to help with publicity and stewarding on open days as well as training to become millers.

Fred Maillardet

01273 842342

info@oldlandwindmill.co.uk

www.oldlandwindmill.co.uk

Recreational and Cultural Societies

The Attic Art Club



A group of around thirty professional and semi-professional artists established more than 80 years ago, as its name suggest, in an attic in Ditchling.

Currently 2 exhibitions of members' work are held each year in Ditchling Village Hall, one during the May Open House Art in Ditchling event and one in August during Artwave.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary and are considered at the Annual General Meeting in November.

Wendy Standen

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www.atticartclub.co.uk

Facebook: [@atticartclub](https://www.facebook.com/atticartclub)

Clayton Windmills PROBUS club

A social society that organises guest speakers and visits to places of specific interest to members. We organise a monthly lunchtime meeting on topical subjects at Mid-Sussex Golf Club (guests welcome) every third Thursday of the month, as well as other events. PROBUS is a society for retired/semi-retired men who have held some measure of responsibility in any field of worthy endeavour. PROBUS is an abbreviation of the words PROfessional and BUSiness. It is non-political and non-sectarian.

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Ditchling Bell Ringers

The bells are rung, at St Margaret's bell tower, for 30 minutes every Sunday to herald the beginning of the 09.45 church service and, on request, for weddings.

We meet for practice between 7.30pm and 8.45pm every Tuesday.

David Cragg

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Ditchling Film Society

A friendly gathering to view a wide variety of films representing the best in World Cinema, plus the occasional crowd pleaser! High definition digital projection and surround sound. Programme widely advertised locally. Annual membership £30 for all films. Guests welcome (£5 an evening) Tea and coffee included. Wine available for sale. Meets: Ditchling Village Hall 1st Thursday monthly 8pm.

Films (2019)

Th 7 March	Ice Mother	Th 6 June	Let The Sunshine In
Th 4 April	BlackKkKlansman	Th 4 July	The Big Sick
Th 2 May	Cold War	2019-20	Season published in the autumn.

John Jenkins

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Ditchling History Project

The DHP is dedicated to learning and sharing information about the history of Ditchling. If you wish to learn about the people who lived or died here, the house you live in, the Arts and Crafts tradition or occupations practised here, we do our best to help you with information from census returns, parish registers and other collections.

Visit us at our website or call in at one of our drop-in sessions held at The White Horse Pub on the second Wednesday of every month from 2pm to 5pm. New members welcome.

Judith Davies

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www.ditchlinghistoryproject.org

Ditchling Horticultural Society



Ditchling Horticultural
Society. Est 1822

Ditchling Horticultural Society is reputed to be the oldest Horticultural Society in the Country. Its object is to further the interests of horticulture generally, including the organisation of Annual Shows. It is affiliated to the Royal Horticultural Society. It owns and runs its own allotments at North End and encourages children and young people to take part in the shows with specific classes for them in different age groups.

We have two outings a year, one of which is to RHS Wisley, the other is to another garden of interest. Members receive a free Loyalty Card for Tate's Garden Centres which entitles them to a 10% discount on plants etc.

The subscription is £5 for an individual or £8 for a family. We welcome new members who need to be residents of Ditchling, Streat or Westmeston or have close ties to or work in the village.



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Facebook: [Ditchling Horticultural Society](#)

Ditchling Morris



Ditchling Morris was formed in 1985 as a family side performing traditional English Morris Dances. The group's principle aim is to promote English traditional Morris in all its forms. It is a member of the Morris Federation, the largest of three organisations promoting Morris in this country.

Performances are mainly in the style of Cotswold Morris, but the repertoire has developed over the years to now include Border Morris (from the Welsh Borders) and Molly Dancing (from East Anglia). The group meets in the Scout Headquarters on Thursday evening of each week, attends many formal events, international festivals, and can be found performing at various venues in and around the village throughout the year.

Ditchling Morris provides Morris Taster Days for schools and has been closely involved with the Open Dance web based project. Membership is open to all and currently stands at around thirty five, with an age range of 15 to 70 years!

John Bacon

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Ditchling Players



Founded over 60 years ago, we stage two productions a year, usually in May and November. Recent shows have included *Far From The Madding Crowd*, *Blithe Spirit*, *And Then There Were None*, *The Chalk Garden*, *The LadyKillers* and *The Light of Heart*. From time to time we additionally stage a revue or pantomime or similar light entertainment. We are a happy and supportive group and new members are always welcome.

Productions are staged in the Ditchling Village Hall over 4 nights and are well attended. Ditchling Village Hall is very well equipped as a theatre with digital lighting and a spacious stage. If you have ever thought of acting or might prefer to learn backstage work, publicity or helping front of house and want to join a friendly and enthusiastic team - please get in touch. We are particularly keen to recruit people interested in set building and design. Ditchling Players also organise regular play readings for members, social events and trips to the theatre and backstage tours.

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Facebook: Ditchling Players

The Ditchling Singers

The Ditchling Singers are a friendly community choir formed in 2010. We sing for fun and everyone is welcome whatever their experience and ability - there are no auditions!

We have a repertoire of popular classics from the 1930s to the present day, taking in Gershwin, The Beach Boys, songs from the shows, Simon and Garfunkel, ABBA and many more. We usually perform at public events two or three times a year. These have, in the past, included the Oldlands Mill Open Day, Cuckfield Christmas Tree Festival and Ditchling Fair. If performing in public is not your cup of tea, this is in no way mandatory.

Rehearsals are normally held twice a month on Sundays, from 4pm to 6pm. Currently these take place in either The Old Meeting House in Ditchling, or Keymer Church Hall.

If you are interested and want to find out more please contact us, or simply come along to one of our rehearsals. Cost: £4 per rehearsal (the first one is free) plus the occasional purchase of music. Please log on to Ditchling.Com to find the current schedule for rehearsals.

Peter Leach

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Ditchling Village Orchard Support Group



The Ditchling Village Orchard is located in Boddington's Lane. This peaceful place has been created for the benefit of all. In 2014 local volunteers planted traditional Sussex apple trees, plums, two pear trees, a quince and cobnuts. We are grateful to the Turner Dumbrell Foundation who made the land available and funded the planting and site preparation.

The Orchard Support Group is a friendly team of volunteers who maintain the orchard by watering, mowing, weeding and pruning. We also run the Apple Day event on the village green in early October each year and this has quickly become a very popular family event. If you can help, or have ideas for orchard activities, please get in touch. We issue an email newsletter several times each year to ensure that our supporters are kept up to date with news of activities, working parties and progress at the Orchard.

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Ditchling Wine Society

Village Hall

Ditchling Wine Society began more than 25 years ago. Members have regular tastings in the Village Hall and other events. Wine is always on the agenda. Tastings are generally on a Friday evening and cover a wide range of wine-related topics and production areas. The membership is currently full, and we have a waiting list, but we welcome guests.

If you are interested in attending as a guest (until a membership vacancy becomes available) please contact the Membership Secretary for a list of forthcoming wine tastings.

Neil Baker

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Monday Group

We are an organisation of volunteer workers in the heart of Sussex, founded in 1961, who build and maintain stiles and other wooden structures on public rights-of-way, as well as working to keep them clear of obstructions and overgrowth.

We respond to requests from members of the public, land owners and local authorities to help provide easier access to our beautiful countryside, and our work can be split into two main categories: Structures and Clearance.

- Structures: Construction of stiles, bridges, causeways, steps and sign posts.
- Clearance: Clearing rights of way to make them more easily accessible.

Harold Rowling, MBE

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Monday Meeting

The Old Meeting House

Do you ever get Monday Morning blues? (Cold roast lamb and sprouts in the fridge, bills and vapid adverts dropping on your doormat), then put on your coat and come to the warm company, interesting (short) talks by a variety of speakers and home-made cake at the Monday Meeting.

Meetings are held at the Old Meeting House, the Twitten, Ditchling on the third Monday of the month from 2 to 4pm. For further information and copy of the programme.

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Royal British Legion – Ditchling & District

The Branch does not have a club house so do not hold regular meetings. However, the Branch Committee meet regularly and organise the local Poppy Appeal, Remembrance Sunday Parade to the War Memorial and hold a brief service of remembrance on 11th November when it does not fall on Remembrance Sunday. For further information relating to membership, poppy appeal and remembrance

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Sussex Vale Rotary

Mid Sussex Golf Club, Spatham Lane



Sussex Vale is a friendly group of men and women who meet at the Mid Sussex Golf Club on a weekly basis to discuss and implement aid and support, to local and international groups and causes. It is a great way to meet new people, make new friends and enjoy yourself, whilst fundraising and providing active support both home and abroad.

Amongst the many local groups we have helped are Scouts, First Responders, Sussex Air Ambulance and Know Dementia. We also hold a number of social events, such as Burns night, walks, theatre visits and trips to other Rotary Clubs. Sussex Vale is part of Rotary International an association of 33,000 clubs in 200 countries, so wherever you are, you will be welcomed at any of these and immediately have access to friendly local knowledge. Right now we are looking for more men and women of all ages and backgrounds to join us, using their energy, humour and skills to make a real difference to the lives of others and 'give something back'. Why not join us at a meeting?

Steve Cridland

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Vivace! Choir

The Old Meeting House

We are a small choir of mixed voices based in Ditchling, East Sussex. Our motto is 'Ubi Caritas et Amor' (Where there is love and charity) and we hope that you will come along to one of our future concerts and experience for yourself the joy that an evening with Vivace! can bring.

Our concert programmes feature a wide range of music, from Baroque to Rock. Some items are performed by soloists or small ensembles on a variety of musical instruments. Vivace! is a member of Making Music and we look forward to working with other affiliated organisations to promote throughout Sussex all that's best in live choral music.

We would welcome anyone interested in joining the choir. Rehearsals are 7:30-9.30pm on Wednesday evenings at the Unitarian Chapel (The Old Meeting House) in Ditchling.

Karen Hollamby

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www.vivacechoirsussex.org.uk

Women's Institute

Ditchling (Downs) WI

The Old Meeting House

We are affiliated to East Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes. A group of women who meet in the evening who would like to attract all women of the local community who are still working, or retired and active, as well women who are looking for an alternative W.I., out will go cake baking and flower arranging in favour of outings, fab

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speakers and social occasions. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm at the Old Meeting House, for a glass of wine and a very convivial evening. Visitors are extremely welcome. An annual subscription of £42 is due in January.

Gillian Tennant

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www.esfwi.org.uk/wis/ditchling-downs

Ditchling WI

Village Hall

Affiliated to East Sussex Federation of Women's Institutes. A friendly organisation of women who enjoy talks, discussions, learning opportunities and participation in village events. "Today's women working for tomorrow's world". Meets 2.15 pm on the first Thursday of each month (except August) in Ditchling Village Hall. Annual Subscription £41 due in January. We celebrated our 100th Anniversary in July 2017.

Sue Fawcett

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Full set: £25

James and Katie Holmes, Ditchling Village Fair 2004. © James Barry

Sports Activities and Clubs

Ditchling Archery Club

Recreation Ground, Lewes Road



A target archery club, shoot all year found on Sunday mornings at Lewes Road Playing Fields, Ditchling. Members include longbow, recurve and compound archers. We run beginners' courses twice yearly and are open to anyone over 8 years, all children must be accompanied until the age of 18. Membership fees apply.

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Ditchling Cricket Club

Recreation Ground, Lewes Road

Ditchling Cricket Club was founded in 1818, today the club has 120 or so members. The 1st and 2nd XI's play in the Parker Building Supplies East Sussex League. Friendly cricket is played on Saturdays and Sundays. The club welcomes new members.

David Collard

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Ditchling Football Club

Recreation Ground, Lewes Road



Play in Mid-Sussex Football League on Saturdays at Ditchling Recreation Ground, Lewes Road. The 1st XI play in the ~Premiership, the 2nd XI in Division Six. Training takes place at the Adastra Recreation Ground, Hassocks on a Tuesday and Thursday evenings (July to September). During the winter months training takes place at Downlands School, Hassocks, under floodlights each Thursday 7-8pm (September to March).

Match fee for seniors is £5 per game, annual subscriptions are £50. New players and supporters of all ages welcome.

Tommy Haddon

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Ditchling Footpath Conservation Society

Organise recreational walks as well as maintain footpaths. See page 22 for full entry.

Sally Burfoot

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Ditchling Rugby Club

Rugby Field, Keymer Road

Play at the Playing Fields, Keymer Road, Ditchling between September and April. Play in the Sussex 2 League. Training Tuesday evening at Varndean School 7-8pm.

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Ditchling Stoolball Club

Recreation Ground, Lewes Road



A traditional Sussex team game - much akin to cricket – it is a striking and fielding game mainly for women and girls played on the Lewes Road Recreation Ground. If you liked rounders and do not mind a hard ball, give it a try! New members welcome – young blood needed. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at the recreation ground, April – September practices and matches 6.30pm

Susan Harrison

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Ditchling Table Tennis Club

Ditchling Village Hall

We meet weekly on Wednesdays, 12pm-1pm in the lower hall of Ditchling Village Hall for an hour of fun table tennis. Equipment supplied and no experience necessary. Cost £1 - £1.50 per session (covers hall costs).

Barry Newnham

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Ditchling Tennis Club

Municipal hard court at Ditchling Playing Fields. Annual subscription from £15 juniors, £30 seniors, family subscriptions available. Keys and details from Ditchling Post Office.

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Ditchling, Streat & Westmeston Sports Day

The sports day, is an annual inter-village sporting and social event held at the Playing Fields on the May Bank Holiday. See page 13 for further details.

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Sussex Nomads Cycling Club

The Sussex Nomads Cycling Club is a long-established cycling club based around Ditchling, with about 130 members who enjoy cycling for pleasure, fitness and sport. We organise weekly training and social rides, a programme of summer time trials, an annual hill-climb competition on Ditchling Beacon and trips to European and UK cycling events. Prospective new members are always welcome at club runs - just turn up at 9am any Sunday at Ditchling Village Hall - and you can sign up for free trial membership of our online forum for more details of events and membership benefits.

Derek Middlehurst

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St. Margaret's Church, West Street, Ditchling

Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

8.00am First & Third Sundays

Holy Communion & Little Beacons (Junior Church)

9.45am Every Sunday

Parish Office

01273 843165

www.beaconparish.co.uk

Society of Friends (Quakers)

East Gardens, Ditchling

Library with books to borrow on any Sunday (except first in the month) from 11.30am.

Sunday meeting for Worship 10.30am

Contact:

01273 846525

ditchlingquakers@gmail.com

www.ditchlingquakers.org.uk

Unitarian and Free Christian Church

The Old Meeting House, The Twitten, Ditchling

(Available and Registered for Weddings and other Rites of Passage)

Morning Service 11.00am

Rev Duncan Voice

07771 609347

revduncanv@gmail.com

ukunitarians.org.uk/ditchling/

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March

Sa 16 DVA Newcomers' Party
Su 24 Ditchling Society—Spring Clean
Tu 19 DVA Coffee & Cake

April

Tu 2 Ditchling (Downs) WI
Th 4 Ditchling WI
Th 4 Film Society
Tu 16 DVA Coffee & Cake

May

Th 2 Ditchling WI
Th 2 Film Society
Su 5 3 Villages Chase
Mo 6 3 Villages Sportsday
Tu 7 Ditchling (Downs) WI
15–18 Ditching Players
Tu 21 DVA Coffee & Cake

June

Tu 4 Ditchling (Downs) WI
Th 6 Ditchling WI
Th 6 Film Society
Tu 18 DVA Coffee & Cake

July

Tu 2 Ditchling (Downs) WI

Th 4 Ditchling WI
Th 4 Film Society
Tu 16 DVA Coffee & Cake

August

Tu 6 Ditchling (Downs) WI
Tu 20 DVA Coffee & Cake

September

Tu 3 Ditchling (Downs) WI
Th 5 Ditchling WI
Tu 17 DVA Coffee & Cake
Sa 21 DVA Societies Fair

October

Tu 2 Ditchling (Downs) WI
Th 3 Ditchling WI
Th 3 Film Society
Tu 15 DVA Coffee & Cake
Th 24 Film Society

November

Th 7 Ditchling WI
Th 7 Film Society
Tu 15 DVA Coffee & Cake
20–23 Ditchling Players

December

Su 1 Light Up Ditchling (FOD)

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Clerk: Sarah Mamoany 01273 844733 parishoffice@ditchling-pc.gov.uk

Meets on the fourth Monday (and usually also second Monday) of the month at the Lower Hall, Ditchling Village Hall from 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend and observe or make representations.

The parish council owns and manages Ditchling Recreation Ground, Ditchling Burial Ground and street lighting. Other work involves representing local opinion on planning applications.

Parish councils are part of local government and not connected to (but often confused with) Church of England Parochial Church councils. Ditchling Parish Council members are local people who live or work in the area. Councillors in Ditchling are not affiliated to political parties.

www.ditchlingpc.org.uk

Lewes District Council

Lewes House, High Street., Lewes 01273 471600 lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk
District Councillor: Tom Jones 01273 846938 cllrjones@ditchling-pc.gov.uk

East Sussex County Council

County Hall, Lewes 01273 484048 www.eastsussex.gov.uk
C'ty Councillor: Sarah Osborne 01273 401606

Member of Parliament

Maria Caulfield 01273 513509 www.mariacaulfield.co.uk

Political Parties

Ditchling & Westmeston Conservative Assoc.

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Ditchling & Westmeston Green Party Group

The aims of this informal group are to create initiatives that local residents, members of our group, can get involved in. These will illustrate people's concern for the environment and their concern for all of our residents, regardless of age, health or prosperity.

A recent initiative was a questionnaire delivered to four areas of the village of Ditchling: Neville Cottages, Long Park Corner, South View and the Thames Watermen and Lightermen's cottages, to survey their concerns. A local newsletter was published last autumn and copies sent to all households in Ditchling and Westmeston.

This newsletter highlighted the 2018 Neighbourhood Plan, explaining in clear terms the formal strength of the plan's policies and the affordable housing concept. People with an interest in current affairs and social engagement are welcome in the group as those who like going for walks to deliver newsletters we create. Joining this group is very informal. You need only make a nominal donation to the group's funds.

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Lewes Liberal Democrats

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Useful Contacts

Citizens Advice Bureau

38 Church Rd, Burgess Hill 01444 454575 adviceguide.org.uk

Department of Work and Pensions

Medwyn House, Mountfield Road, Lewes
01273 368000 www.dwp.gov.uk

Library Services

Hassocks	01273 842779	www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries/
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Lewes	0345 6080195	www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/

Transport

Bus

Route 167: Burgess Hill – Hassocks – Ditchling – Lewes

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Optician

Hassocks Eyecare, 17 Keymer Road, Hassocks 01273 843946

Veterinary

Ark Veterinary Group, 44 Keymer Rd, Hassocks 01273 844399

Groceries

Larder 2 South St 01273 845333

Parkers 25 High St 01273 843343

Post Office 1 Lewes Rd 01273 842736

Eating Out

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The Green Welly 1 High St 01273 841010

The Nutmeg Tree 6-8 West St 01273 842708

Velusso Café 68 Lewes Rd

White Horse Inn 16 West St 01273 842006

Utilities (Emergency)

Gas 0800 111999

Electricity 105 (free)

Water 0333 000 0365

Essential Services

Police

Non-emergency call 101

Medical

Ditchling Health Centre (General Practice)

Lewes Road 01273 834388 midsussexhealthcare.co.uk

Medical Telephone Advice, Out-of-Hours Medical Service

NHS 111, call 111 www.nhs.uk

Mental Health Line 0300 5000 101 (24/7 service)

Pharmacy

2 South Street 01273 842660

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