



What's On – March

- Every Mon** **Table Tennis.** St Mary's Room, East St, Billingshurst, 2-4pm. An informal sociable group for all ages. Newcomers welcome, tea & biscuits included, £1 (goes to church funds). Tony, tel: (01403) 783496
- Every Mon** **Rotary Club.** Blacksmiths Arms, Adversane. 7.30pm. Supper (£13) & talk. Visitors welcome. Social activities & occasional business meetings. Stuart Pullen, Attendance Secretary, tel: (01798) 873791 or 07967 159034
- Every Mon & Weds** **Wisborough Green Short Mat Bowls Club.** Village Hall. Mons 2.30-4.30pm, Weds 1.30-3.30pm. New members & visitors welcome. £2.50 (includes Tea/Coffee & biscuits). Trial session free for newcomers. Further information: www.wisboroughgreen.org or contact Keith Carter on 01403 700502
- Every Tues** **Short mat bowls.** Billingshurst Community & Conference Centre (formerly Village Hall). 2-4pm. £4 per session. Come and try a game. It's great fun with friendly people in a small club. Further details please contact Joan, tel: (01403) 785082 or Henry, tel: 07522 626566
- Every Tues** **Billingshurst Choral Society rehearsal.** Billingshurst Primary School. 7.30-9.45pm during term time. New members always welcome. For details see www.billingshurstchoralsociety.org
- Every Tues** **Slinfold Concert Band rehearsal.** Slinfold Village Hall from 7.30-9.30pm. Brass, woodwind and percussion players all welcome. www.slinfoldconcertband.org
- Every Tues** **Billingshurst Youth Club.** United Reformed Church, West St, 7.30-9pm, term-time. 11-16 years. Varied activities such as indoor obstacle course, miniature football tournaments and crafts. £1 per session. Contact Ben Sheldon, Community Youth Worker, tel: 07763 302456, e-mail: ben.sheldon@horsham-matters.org.uk
- Every Tues** **Walking Football.** 10-11am. Holbrook Club, Horsham (winter) or Shipley football ground off Dragon's Lane. (Check website or phone for venue.) Followed by refreshments. Men & women welcome. www.HorshamShipleyCommunityProject.org. Tel: 07786 070939 or email philipgjibbs669@gmail.com
- Every Tues & Weds** **Shipley Men's Shed.** Shipley football ground off Dragon's Lane. Part of the international Men's Shed organisation. For men interested in woodwork or wish to spend time with like-minded, local chaps. www.HorshamShipleyCommunityProject.org. Tel: 07786 070939 or email philipgjibbs669@gmail.com
- Every Tues & Thurs** **The Billingshurst Day Club** run by Help and Company. Billingshurst Community & Conference Centre, 10am-3.30pm. For those who would like a day out to look forward to or to give their carer a respite day. For further details contact Helen on (01403) 788080
- Every Tues & Thurs** **Forest Short Mat Bowls Club.** Meets weekly, all year, at St Leonard's Church Hall, Cambridge Road, Horsham. (Tues: 1pm, Thurs: 10.30am). All levels of ability and fitness welcome. Contact Eddie, tel: (01403) 790192 or Ann, tel: (01403) 452064 for more information
- Every Tues & Thurs** **Preschool Ballet and street dance classes.** Jubilee Fields, Billingshurst. VMA Dance run fun, friendly classes for preschool children. Free trial then £4pw pre-booked. 07879 773705 www.vmadance.co.uk
- Every Tues & Fri** **Petanque Club.** Meets Shipley Football Ground, Tues 10.45am for coffee and Fri 6.30pm. All equipment provided. All ages and abilities. Melanie, tel: (01403) 782134 or email: melcjob@gmail.com
- Every Weds** **Horsham Accordion Band.** Practises in Slinfold Chapel from 7.30-9.30pm. Varied repertoire. Band Leader Mags Fisher tel: (01403) 790717 or email: magsfisher@btinternet.com
- Every Weds** **The Millennium Bridge Club.** Storrington Village Hall, 1.30-4.30pm. All abilities. Please contact: Barbara: (01903) 741365 or daisy.campling@btinternet.com
- Every Weds** **Line dancing.** St Gabriel's Church Hall 7-10 pm. All levels welcome, beginners from 7pm. Details from Maureen 07774 828282
- Every Weds** **Billingshurst Bell Ringing practice.** St Mary's Church, Billingshurst. 7.30-9.15pm. New learners and visitors welcome, just turn up. For information email Kathy at kathyfitzp@hotmail.co.uk. See page 53
- Every Weds** **The Leconfield Singers.** United Reformed Church, Petworth. 8-10pm. Mixed voice non-audition community choir. Newcomers welcome. More details and term times see www.leconfieldsingers.co.uk
- Every 2nd & 4th Weds** **BilliUke: Billingshurst's Own Ukulele Jam!** The Six Bells, from 7.30pm. If you already have a ukulele, or are thinking about getting one, please come along and join us. It's a fun couple of hours and you also get to make new friends from the village and beyond. www.billiuke.com
- Every Thurs** **HDC Health Walk.** Billingshurst (2). Meet 11am, Library car park, Billingshurst (TQ086260). Parking free with annual permit or 75p per hour. 2½ miles, flat, easy. 1 hour. Chris (01403) 782745. All HDC walks are guided, free and sociable. Led by trained volunteers; no need to book, just turn-up
- Every Thurs** **Wildlife walkabouts.** RSPB Pulborough Brooks Nature Reserve, Wiggonholt, RH20 2EL. 10am-12 noon. We're giving all sorts of nature a home and our regular gentle ramble is an ideal introduction to some of our very special wildlife. £8 per person (£2.50 for RSPB members). (01798) 875851. www.rspb.org.uk/pulboroughbrooks
- Every Thurs** **Toddler Church.** St Mary's Church, Billingshurst. Term-time only, 12.15-2pm. Voluntary contribution for lunch £2.50 per family
- Every Thurs** **Spy Café.** The Chapel, Spy Lane, Loxwood, RH14 0SS. 10am-4.30pm. Family-friendly. Fairtrade teas, coffee, hot chocolate, home-made cakes. Breakfasts & light lunches. www.emmanuel fellowship.co.uk
- Every Fri** **Southwater Friday Luncheon Club for the over 50s.** Southwater Leisure Centre. 10am-2pm (Lunch 12-1pm). Booking essential, Lynn, tel: (01403) 733202, email: bookings@southwater.net
- Every Fri** **VMA Dance classes for children 2-18yrs.** Jubilee Fields, Billingshurst. Classes in Ballet, Street Dance & Contemporary. Free trial available then £5pw pre-booked. 07879 773705 www.vmadance.co.uk
- Every Fri** **Open days at The Blue Idol.** Quaker Meeting House, Oldhouse Lane, Coolham, RH13 8QP. 10am-4pm. (March-November.) www.blueidol.org, Facebook @BlueIdolQuakers, (01403) 740174
- Every Sat** **Indoor table top sale and market.** Ansell's Yard, Kirdford Road, Wisborough Green, RH14 0DD. 10am-2pm. No entrance fee. Tables £5 (must be pre-booked). Tel: (01403) 700633 or 07798 941940
- Every Sun** **The Emmanuel Fellowship** meet every Sunday at 'The Chapel', Spy Lane, Loxwood. 10.30am for about an hour with refreshments afterwards. www.emmanuel fellowship.co.uk

- 4 Mar **Wisborough Green Horticultural Society AGM.** Village Hall, 8pm, followed by quiz. Coffee served before meeting. Free, all welcome
- 5 Mar **The Arts Society – West Sussex Spring Lunch followed by a lecture by Sian Walters: ‘Leonardo and the Festa Del Paradiso’.** Fittleworth Village Hall. 12.30 (lecture at 2pm). Lectures held on all matters relating to the arts on the first Tuesday of the month. Tea & coffee is served after the lecture. Visitors welcome, £5. New members welcome: Jackie Buckler, tel: (01903) 411086 or email: jackiebuckler@sky.com. Visit theartssocietysouthdowns.org
- 5 Mar **The Great Pulborough Charity Pancake Day.** Pulborough Village Hall. 11.30am-3pm & 5.30-9pm. Sweet & savoury pancakes. Bar & tombola. All profits will be divided between Pulborough Lunch Club, Wednesday Club and Billingshurst Macmillan Group
- 5-30 Mar **Don Noble Exhibition: Five Collections 1990-2018.** Cranleigh Arts Centre. Work by local artist: flowers, landscapes, portraits. Free admission. www.cranleighartscentre.org
- 6 Mar **Parish Council Full Council & Trustees meeting.** Billingshurst Centre. 7.30pm
- 6 Mar **The Arts Society – South Downs lecture by Colin Davies: ‘Zaha Hadid, Architectural Superstar’.** Fittleworth Village Hall. 10.30am. Visitors (£5) are very welcome. www.theartssocietysouthdowns.org.uk
- 6 Mar **Billingshurst Wednesday Group Talk by Bob France: ‘Uppark Fire and Restoration’.** 10 years since the fire nearly destroyed Uppark. St Mary’s Room, Billingshurst, 10am. Hazel Barnes, tel: (01403) 780660 or email: buzzhaz2@talktalk.net
- 7 Mar **Talk (part of Cranleigh’s Literary Festival): Am I a Writer?** Cranleigh Arts Centre. 7.30pm. Interactive talk led by Adrienne Dines, author, speaker and creative writing tutor, guaranteed to get you writing! Tickets: £12: (01483) 278000 (Tues-Sat 10am-4.30pm) or visit www.cranleighartscentre.org
- 7 Mar **Parish Council Planning & Environmental Committee meeting.** Billingshurst Centre. 7.30pm
- 7 Mar **Reading Friends.** Billingshurst Library. 10.30-11.30am. Are you interested in meeting new friends, having a good chat and sharing your love of books? Everyone welcome, just turn up. Tel: (01403) 783145
- 7 Mar **Wisborough Green WI Evening.** Wisborough Green Village Hall. 8pm. Every first Thurs (except Jan: 2nd Thursday). No August meeting. Visitors welcome. Ruth Isaacs, Secretary: (01403) 785402
- 7 Mar **Billingshurst Horticultural Society Presentation: ‘Flowers: From Seed to Display’ by Seed2Design Floristry School.** St Gabriel’s Parish Hall, East Street, 8pm. Admission free to members. Visitors welcome – £1 (inc refreshments)
- 8 Mar **Loxwood Movie Night: ‘Victoria & Abdul’.** North Hall, RH14 0SF. 7 for 7.30 start. £5 on the door. Bar
- 8 Mar **Billingshurst and District Wine and Beer Circle talk and tasting by Bedlam Brewery.** Circle meets 2nd Friday of each month (except August) at St Gabriel’s Hall, East Street, 8pm. New members welcome. Contact Tony White on (01403) 783475. www.billingshurstwineandbeercircle.com
- 8 Mar **HDC Health Walk.** Barns Green (1). Meet 11am, new car park (yellow road markings) near the Village Hall, RH13 0PT (TQ128272). 2 miles. 1 hour. Chatter Cheema, tel: 07720 714306
- 8 Mar **Charity Lent Lunch.** St Mary’s Room, Billingshurst. 1pm. Supporting Phoenix Stroke Association. All welcome
- 9 Mar **Billingshurst United Reformed Church Dementia Café.** In the Church Hall, on the Second Saturday of every month, from 10am-12pm. Please join us for tea, coffee and cake. All are welcome
- 9 Mar **Horsham District Archaeology Group half-day school with Dr Judie English: ‘Place-names in the Landscape’.** Brighton Rd Baptist Church, Horsham, RH13 5BD. 1.30-5.30pm. Reconstructing life in the Late Saxon period from place-names. Members £10, non-members £15. For further information and to book tel: (01903) 872309 or email: horshamarch@hotmail.co.uk or (01403) 731695
- 9 Mar **Children’s Quality Sale.** Billingshurst Primary School. 11am-1pm. Clothes, books, toys, etc
- 11 Mar **Talk by Roger Patterson: ‘A Few Observations of Sussex’.** Horsham Natural History Society. Wesley Hall, London Road, Horsham, RH12 1AN (car park behind the hall). 7.30pm. www.hnhs.org.uk
- 11 Mar **Rotary Club Meeting.** Blacksmiths Arms, Adversane. 7.30pm. Supper (£13) plus talk by Michael Joseph: ‘Building a Green Car’. Visitors welcome. Stuart Pullen, Attendance Secretary, tel: (01798) 873791 or 07967 159034
- 13 Mar **Parish Council Neighbourhood Plan Working Party meeting.** Billingshurst Centre. 6.30pm
- 13 Mar **Messy Church!** Billingshurst Village Hall. 3.30-5.30pm. Billingshurst churches welcome families to have fun with games, crafts, singing and stories. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Sit-down meal, donation. www.messychurch.org.uk
- 13 Mar **Billingshurst Wednesday Group: ‘Getting to know YOU’.** With coffee and cakes. St Mary’s Room, Billingshurst, 10am. Hazel Barnes, tel: (01403) 780660 or email: buzzhaz2@talktalk.net
- 14 Mar **Billingshurst WI Talk: ‘Cocos Foundation’ by Chris Connors.** St Mary’s room. 2.30pm. Interesting speakers, hobby groups, various outings. Visitors welcome. Secretary, tel: (01403) 784175
- 14 Mar **Bingo evening in aid of the Mary How Trust for Cancer Prevention.** 2nd Thursday of every month. Storrington Village Hall, 59 West Street, Storrington, RH20 4DZ. Doors open 7pm, play starts at 7.30pm. Only 50p entry. Great prizes; raffle & refreshments. Fun for everyone! NEW! Jackpot Game £50 for 55 calls. www.maryhowtrust.org, click on ‘News & Events’
- 14 Mar **Wisborough Green Farmers’ and Village Market.** The Village Hall, 9am-12.30pm. Up to 30 stalls selling high quality local artisan foods & crafts. Stalls include: fresh fish, meat, bread, cheese, turkey products, local vegetables, cakes & jams, flowers, skin care, Fairtrade products and more. Relax with tea, coffee and home-made cakes by Macmillan volunteers. E-mail: wisboroughmarket@gmail.com
- 14 Mar **Billingshurst Local History Society Talk: Jeremy Hodgkinson on iron working in the Weald: Cast Iron Firebacks.** Billingshurst Community and Conference Centre, 7.30pm. Membership £15 per annum. Visitors £3 per meeting. Ms G Knight, tel: (01403) 451401, email: g.j.s.knight@btinternet.com
- 15 Mar **Charity Lent Lunch.** St Mary’s Room, Billingshurst. 1pm. Supporting Alzheimer’s Society. All welcome
- 15 Mar **Comedy: The Noise Next Door.** Cranleigh Arts Centre. 8pm. The UK’s premier improvised comedy troupe who have taken the comedy world by storm. Tickets £14: (01483) 278000 (Tues-Sat 10am-4.30pm) or visit www.cranleighartscentre.org
- 15 Mar **Macmillan Film night. ‘Stan and Ollie’.** Billingshurst Conference & Community Centre. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Refreshments, raffle and Macmillan stall. Tickets £6 from www.touringcinema.com or Austens Home Hardware, 48-52 High Street or Terri Ashpool, tel: (01403) 588996 or on the door

(subject to availability)

- 16 Mar **Billingshurst Bowling Club Quiz Night.** St Gabriel's Church Hall, East Street, Billingshurst. 7.15pm. Tables of 4 (or fewer). £3 per person. Cash prizes. Raffle. Bring your own refreshments. For further info and to book a table, contact Beryl, tel: (01403) 784599
- 16 Mar **HDC Health Walk.** Nutbourne. Meet 2pm, West Chilington Village Hall, Mill Road, RH20 2PZ, (TQ 083179). 3 miles. 1½ hours. Refreshments provided. Mick, tel: (01903) 745971
- 18 Mar **Macmillan Film night. 'Stan and Ollie'.** Pulborough Village Hall. 7pm for 7.30pm start. Refreshments, raffle and Macmillan stall. Tickets £6 from www.touringcinema.com or Pulborough Village Hall or Terri Ashpool, tel: (01403) 588996 or on the door (subject to availability)
- 18 Mar **Billingshurst Lions Club Meeting.** Sports Pavilion, Jubilee Fields, Billingshurst. 8pm. For information about the Club contact Alan Riddout on (01403) 871370 or call in at the Lions Bookshop, Jengers Mead
- 19 Mar **St Mary's Guild Members' talk by Lesley Wilding: 'The Work of the Parish Council'.** St Mary's Room, East Street, Billingshurst. 10.30am. We are a friendly women's group and we welcome visitors. Beryl Peacock (01403) 782835
- 19 Mar **Loxwood Jazz & Blues Club.** Village Hall. With candlelit tables and a licensed bar, it has a very intimate atmosphere with international standard jazz and blues. All profits go towards the renovation Loxwood Village Hall. Tickets are priced at the amazing price of £10 each, available from Loxwood Village Stores or Anita Bates on (01403) 752954
- 20 Mar **Parish Council Working Practices Committee meeting.** Billingshurst Centre. 7.30pm
- 20 Mar **Billingshurst Wednesday Group Talk by John Gradwell from Tangmere Aircraft Museum: 'The exciting role the S.O.E. (the Special Operations Executive) in the First World War'.** St Mary's Room, Billingshurst, 10am. Hazel Barnes, tel: (01403) 780660 or email: buzzhaz2@talktalk.net
- 21 Mar **Barns Green & Itchingfield Women's Institute Meeting.** Barns Green Village Hall. 2.30pm followed by tea. New members welcome. Meetings 3rd Thurs of the month. For more information contact Daphne Lindfield (01403) 791258
- 22 Mar **CDC Health Walk: Wisborough Green.** Meet on the north side of Village Green by pavilion, 10.30am. A level 4 mile walk. A level 4.2 mile walk. 2 hours. No dogs. www.chichesterwellbeing.org.uk
- 22 Mar **Charity Lent Lunch.** St Mary's Room, Billingshurst. 1pm. Supporting Macmillan Cancer Care. All welcome
- 22 Mar **HDC Health Walk.** Barns Green. Details as per 8th March walk
- 23 Mar **Cranleigh Camera Club: Annual Exhibition.** Cranleigh Village Hall, 10am-4pm. A wide range of prints and digital images will be on show. Non-members welcome. Free entry. Refreshments available. www.cranleighcameracub.co.uk
- 23 Mar **Billingshurst Fire Brigade Charity Car Wash.** Billingshurst Fire Station. 10am-4pm. Please come along, have your car (or any vehicle) washed and support The Firefighters' Charity. See page 22
- 23 Mar **Pulborough Village Market.** Pulborough Village Hall, Swan View, RH20 2BF. 9am-12.30pm. Fresh produce, bread, delicatessen, local honey, organic condiments, plants, local crafts, fairtrade goods and much more. Café serving a full English breakfast, tea/coffee and cakes. Free entry. Please like us on Facebook. Market Coordinator Terri Ashpool, tel: (01403) 588996, e-mail: terriashpool@uwclub.net
- 23 Mar **London Welsh Male Voice Choir in Concert.** St Mary's Church, Horsham. 7pm. See page 13
- 23 Mar **Billingshurst Showcase.** Community & Conference Centre, Roman Way. 1.30-4.30pm. find out what is going on in your community: groups, societies, hobbies, clubs. Free entry. Refreshments.
- 23 Mar **Petworth Town Band's Spring Concert.** St Mary's Church, Petworth. 7.30pm. Also featuring the Farlingtonic Choir. Tickets £8 on the door and a cash bar will serve wine and soft drinks
- 24 Mar **Christ's Hospital Choral Society Angus Ross Gala concert.** Big school, 7pm. See page 13
- 24 Mar **Showcase Car Tour.** Touring West Sussex, stops at Jengers Mead car park, 10.45am. See page 48
- 25 Mar **Rotary Club Meeting.** Blacksmiths Arms, Adversane. 7.30pm. Supper (£13) plus talk by Sussex Search & Rescue. Visitors welcome. Stuart Pullen, Attendance Secretary, tel: (01798) 873791 or 07967 159034
- 26 Mar **Rotary Club monthly get together for new members.** Six Bells, Billingshurst. 7pm. Come along and find out about what we do!
- 26 Mar **The Mary How Trust Film Society, 'A Star is Born'.** West Chilington Village Hall. 7.30pm. Tickets £6 (Loyalty card: watch 6 films get 7th free!) on the door or from The Mary How Trust clinic and its Pulborough charity shop; The Card Centre, Storrington; Cheryl/Nisa Local, West Chilington; Mary How Trust Ticket hotline: (01798) 877646
- 27 Mar **Parish Council Billingshurst Centre & F&GP Committees meeting.** Billingshurst Centre. 7.30pm
- 27 Mar **The Arts Society Cranleigh Talk: 'Discovering McDonald Gill - architect, artist and mapmaker' by Caroline Walker.** Cranleigh Arts Centre. 2pm & 7.30pm. All welcome. The Society meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month, except August & December. www.cranleighdfas.org
- 27 Mar **Billingshurst Wednesday Group Talk by Gail Kittle: 'The history & restoration of the Sullington Manor medieval settlement'.** (In May, we hope to enjoy a cream tea in the restored barn.) St Mary's Room, Billingshurst, 10am. Hazel Barnes, tel: (01403) 780660 or email: buzzhaz2@talktalk.net
- 28 Mar **Sing for Pleasure.** Billingshurst Community Centre. 3.00-4.30pm. We are a friendly, informal group who enjoy a sing-along. If you are a lady or gentleman in the more mature age group, even if you think you can't sing, we'd love you to join us for an enjoyable afternoon. £3, includes tea and biscuits
- 29 Mar **CDC Health Walk: Loxwood.** Meet in the Canal Centre car park, behind the Onslow Arms, RH14 0RD, 10.30am. A level 3½ mile walk. 1½ hours. www.chichesterwellbeing.org.uk
- 29 Mar **Charity Lent Lunch.** St Mary's Room, Billingshurst. 1pm. Supporting CAFOD. All welcome
- 30 Mar **Charity Barn Dance.** Pulborough Village Hall. 7-10.30pm. Fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support & Pulborough Brooks Baptist Church. Live music, raffle, ice cream. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £8 from Austen's, Billingshurst or Terri, tel: (01403) 588996 or 07711 470635
- 30 Mar **Secondhand Sale.** St Nicolas Church, Itchingfield. 10am-12 noon. Free entry. See page 14
- 30 Mar **Age UK Horsham District Strictly Vintage Dance.** Drill Hall, Horsham. 2pm. £13. See page 14

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