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THE VALLEY DIARY'S ANNIVERSARY!

Yes, this November's edition is just that. The team has kept it going, amazingly, for 20 years after John Doff closed the presses on The Valley News. We'd like to thank each and every person who has encouraged the team, supported us, advertised with us and supplied content (especially in those quiet, winter months)! Here's to another 20!

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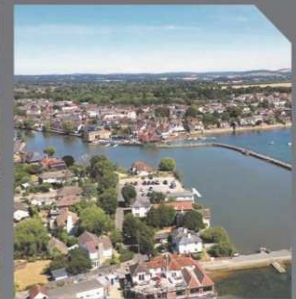
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Popular Quiz Night Returns

The first quiz of the winter season at East Dean's Star and Garter saw every table taken with extra chairs brought in from the patio to accommodate the numbers. Eight teams



fought it out to a very close finish with Korcky the Kat coming third on 64 points, Let's Get Quizzical on 65 and Maya's Mates winning the meal voucher for six with 69 points!

As well as the usual quiz rounds on general knowledge and current affairs the Reverend Sarah Manouche delivered a guest round of questions identifying the first lines of well known books (title and author) and co-presenter Sarah Mayhead did two rounds; one on famous friendships and one based loosely on the Great South Run, which she had been intending to take part in earlier in the day. Unfortunately the run was cancelled owing to torrential rain and gale-force winds but the quiz was indoors so the stormy weather didn't stop us raising the astonishing sum of £661 for East Dean Village Hall. Quite remarkable, for a little country pub on a wet Sunday night! Huge thanks are due to Jim and Julie (landlord and landlady) for their generous support, on top of which Jim made the lasagne that we all had for supper.

The next quiz will be on **Sunday 17th November** and given how popular these events have become I strongly urge you to phone the pub (01243 811318) and book your table well in advance!

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After a great deal of work we are delighted to report that **the highways scheme** on the A286 will start on **16th January** and be completed by **14th February**. Of course, this will cause some disruption but in the long term will hopefully reduce the speeding issues through the village.

Dog Poo

It is quite extraordinary that we are having to write about this again, but there has been a lot of dog waste found in and around the Glebe Field. We have now supplied a dog bag dispenser and all waste can be put in the bin on the corner of the playground. We urge you to use this as the Glebe Field is there for the children and used by the children.

Hedges

Goodwood are in the process of restoring all the hedges on the estate. The hedge alongside Bankside between Singleton and Charlton will be done in the new year. It will be coppiced dramatically and the river will be cleared after this has been done.

Next Meeting

Our next parish Council meeting is on Monday 18th November at 7pm in the village hall. Do come along. If you wish to raise any issues or have any ideas that you would like to discuss please drop a line to **Viv our clerk at singletonparishcouncil1@gmail.com**.

We have vacancies on the council, so please let us know if you would like to join and help your community.



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Planning Permission at Halloween

At this time of year, with so many people dressing up as ghosts for fun, it's easy to overlook the harm that insensitive home alterations can do to members of the undead community.

Yet the conversion of a draughty attic into a study or extra bedroom will have a terrible impact on the grey lady or Edwardian schoolboy who's been quietly manifesting in it for decades, in some cases centuries! Likewise installing heating and lighting in a dank cellar can only disrupt the monks and Victorian prostitutes who died there, but have never actually left it. All too often the modern obsession with exercise can result in a careless exorcism!

So before planning permission is granted to alter any old house it should be mandatory to have a team of fully qualified psychic investigators carry out a professional survey to determine whether any unquiet spirits may be present. This wouldn't just apply to so called "haunted" buildings, anywhere pre-dating the Second World War should be subject to the whole panoply of heat detectors, infra-red cameras and sub-sonic listening devices, plus of course crystals suspended on strands of virgin's hair to look for traces of ectoplasm. This would all be paid for by the householder, adding thousands of pounds to the cost and delaying any work by months or years.

Does that sound ridiculous? My cousin has just had her loft conversion delayed by 18 months for a bat survey. Not that there was an active roost in it, nor any evidence that there ever had been one. But because there were gaps in the eaves through which bats might have entered everything was stalled to allow an 'expert' to search for droppings (cost: £500). Then when they duly found a dropping (which could have been from a mouse or several other creatures) she had to have a night vision camera set up in her garden to look for bats (£1,000) then another expert to study the footage (£500) and so on. The total bill came to £2,500, all looking for something that wasn't there! What a racket!

A bit like looking for ghosts really, except that bats are merely an endangered species, whereas ghosts are already dead, and you don't get much more endangered than that! If the new government are serious about streamlining the planning system to get Britain building (and I genuinely hope they are because the country surely needs it) these are the sort of delays they'll need to address with legislative reforms, not bell book and candle. **Tim Weeks**



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The Valley Diary is Looking for Fresh Blood..!

There are two key areas that we've had to look at recently as some members of our core team are less young than they were! I wrote in the last issue about Distribution and our long-serving Chris Kelly needing to stand down. Well the good news is that through a combination of enthusiastic people with good ideas and the use of a WhatsApp Group, reorganisation is now complete and a solution arrived at. Chris and the distribution team will be able to continue seamlessly, as far as readers are concerned.

The other area is a tricky one, too, in that **David Mather** is similarly not as young as he once was and although remaining enthusiastic in his development role in relation to getting in new advertisers, he's feeling that he could do with a little help. Possibly working alongside someone to keep the flow of new advertisers coming in (so we can continue to pay for the printing). So we're looking for that, really. Anyone out there who is well connected, locally, who would be in a position to twist the odd arm and encourage people to take out adverts for/with us. We all continue to volunteer of course, so there's no money involved, sadly. In the first instance, give David a ring or email him if you think that you could help and maybe arrange a meet-up to discuss.
 davidmathero@gmail.com (that's a zero in there, not the letter O), 01243 774385 or 07973 820877

By the way, I'm OK to continue! I'm the youngster of the team(!) and even though no longer local, am very happy to carry on doing what I'm doing!

Ted the Ed.

Petworth House and Park News

nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth

Little Antlers: Wild Wednesdays and Story Time Join us for hands-on fun for pre-schoolers at Petworth.

Wild Wednesdays Roll up your sleeves and dive into our crafts and activities that offer a closer look at the House and Park for our littlest visitors. 10.30 - 11.30am on 6th November and 4th December.

Story Time A special story time designed for toddlers aged 2 to 4 and their caregivers. Learn new stories or enjoy some classics, and afterwards take part in a **make and take** crafting activity based on the book. 10.30 - 11.30am on 8th November and 6th December.

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WI Report

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Earlier in the month, Janet Holt and I had the privilege of being invited to the opening of the new West Sussex Federation WI building in Horsham. Whilst we acknowledge with sadness the loss of North Lodge in Chichester, the new building is very lovely, easily accessible and contains the archives, which will always serve as a legacy to future WI members; it goes without saying there was tea and cake! The next meeting will be on **Thursday 21st November in Singleton Village Hall** and our speaker will be Michael Blencowe, talking about the **Long Walk Home** - an epic journey from Sussex to Devon and the wildlife, folklore and history he discovered along the way. I am certain it will be as fabulous as it sounds. If you would like to call in and find out what the WI is all about, please do drop me a line at zk.mann@icloud.com and I can share more details. *Zoe Mann*

South Harting (B2146) Road Closure Update

The road will be closed between the B2146/B2141 junction and South Harting. During the initial stages of Phase 1 of the work, traffic marshals will be stationed at the Elsted Road ends of Hill Lane and Tipper Lane, which runs directly to the sections of closed road in South Harting. Hill Lane will become a northbound one-way road during this time. This phase should be completed between 27th October and 3rd November. Phase 2 of the works is scheduled for Spring/Summer 2025. More information and updates at tinyurl.com/2xr7t4yg



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CHICHESTER NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

CHICHESTER Wednesday 6th November: Chichester Natural History Society Member's Evening with illustrated presentations at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30pm: Entrance members £2.50/visitors £3: 01243 786079: wheelchair access

RSPB

CHICHESTER Thursday 28th November: Illustrated Talk by Matt Eade, "The Birds and Wildlife of Guyana" to the Chichester Local Group at The Pallant Suite, Masonic Hall, South Pallant, Chichester at 7.30pm: Entrance members £2.50/visitors £5: 07545 376074: wheelchair access

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**Saturday 30th November
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Sage House, City Fields Way, Tangmere

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**Chichester Christmas
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 Saturday 23rd November
 5pm**

**The Assembly Rooms, North
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The annual Chichester Christmas Lights Switch on, organised by Chichester BID.

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A house is only worth what someone is willing to pay for it...

The dynamics of today's property market, where asking prices are wildly optimistic, is creating some unique opportunities for buyers.

Properties priced above their true open market value can provide buyers with extra leverage during negotiations, particularly where a property has been unsold for a lengthy period of time. Sellers may be more willing to enter negotiations if they have received an underwhelming level of interest, opening the door for buyers and their buying agents.

There is a notable increase in the number of sellers coming onto the market today who have not moved for a relatively long time, 25 years or more. An overoptimistic asking price will put some buyers off immediately, without even a viewing, but buyers who have all their financial ducks in a row and can move quickly are often in a good position to capitalise. If a house is correctly priced to begin with it will sell quickly, avoiding the downward spiral of incremental price drops which can end up far below true value.

The property market is often referred to as a single entity but in fact it's made up of thousands of micro markets with their own levels of supply and demand. What's happening in one local area can be completely different from another location just a few miles away.

Therefore, understanding the local market, with sound research and the help and assistance of an experienced buying agent, can save significant time and money. It is true that a house is only worth what someone is prepared to pay for it. **Jennie Hancock, propertyacquisitions.co.uk**



**Help 4Sight Vision Support
 Fundraise this Christmas
 with a Concert, Cards, Gifts
 and a Christmas Prize Draw!**

4Sight Vision Support (4SVS) is getting ready for Christmas with its annual Concert and Christmas Prize Draw, and is also offering cards and gifts for sale. Proceeds will help the charity in its work supporting residents of all ages throughout West Sussex who are blind or partially sighted.

The highlight of 4SVS's Festive season is its wonderful Christmas Concert with Seaford College Chapel Choir, which will be held in early December (date TBC) at St Mary de Haura Church in Shoreham. This is always a lovely event and 4SVS advises reserving a place well in advance. Tickets are just £5.

The Christmas Prize Draw has a number of fabulous prizes, with the main prize worth £250! Tickets can be purchased individually for £1 each, or in books of 10.

Christmas cards are available with a variety of seasonal designs. They cost £4.50 (plus P&P) for packs of 10 and the deadline for ordering is 13th December. There are also gift ideas for those living with sight loss, including large print playing cards, large print Scrabble, large print calendars and diaries, as well as equipment such as talking kitchen scales.

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Remembrance Sunday

On Remembrance Sunday we will gather in West Dean and Singleton, to remember all those from The Valley Parish who have given their lives for the freedoms that we take for granted.

We will pray for them, irrespective of rank or medals, and we will give thanks for all who have fought and died in the name of freedom, and in the cause of peace, and for all who continue to serve.

As wars rage around the world today, as people fight against oppression, persecution and terrorism, let us come together to not only remember those who have gone before, but also those who are still fighting today.



Services

3rd November All Saints	10am	Patronal Festival Holy Communion with Choir East Dean
10th November Remembrance Sunday	10am	Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance East Dean
	3pm	Act of Remembrance Singleton
17th November	10am	Holy Communion Singleton
24th November Christ the King	10am	Holy Communion West Dean
	11am	Children's Church West Dean

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The Diary

Here's a quick overview of what's actually going on, in and around the villages of the Lavant Valley in the coming months. Do please let us know if we've missed anything and we'll add it next time for the benefit of all.

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November 2024

Sat 26th (Oct) - Sunday 3rd Half-Term Activities: Weald & Downland Museum

Mon 28th (Oct) - Fri 1st School Half Term

Sat 2nd Singleton & Charlton Village Clear Up: 10am: Singleton Village Hall

Sun 10th Sussex Yeomanry Remembrance Service: Charlton Memorial: 10.45am

Mon 11th Community Cafe: Singleton Village Hall: 10.30am

Tue 12th Ladies Night: The Star & Garter: East Dean: 7pm

Wed 13th Singleton & Charlton Parish Council Meeting: Singleton Village Hall: 7pm

Wed 13th West Dean Parish Council Meeting: West Dean College: 7.30pm

Sat 16th Fox Clay Shoot: The Fox Goes Free at Charlton

Sat 16th Murder Mystery Night: The Partridge Inn

Sun 17th Quiz Night at The Star & Garter

Mon 18th Singleton & Charlton Parish Council Meeting: Singleton Village Hall: 7pm

Wed 20th Live Music: Willie Austen: The Fox Goes Free, Charlton

Thu 21st WI: Michael Blencowe: The Long Walk Home: Singleton Village Hall: 7pm

Sat 23rd & Sun 24th Advent: Weald & Downland Museum

Mon 25th TVD Copy Deadline: 12noon

Mon 25th Singleton School Pub Quiz Night: The Partridge Inn: 7pm

Thu 28th Christmas Market: West Dean Gardens

Sat 30th Santa's Grotto: West Dean Gardens

Sat 30th East Dean Christmas Craft Market: 10am: East Dean Village Hall

Sat 30th Christmas Fair: Singleton School: 12noon

December 2024

Sun 1st Santa's Grotto: West Dean Gardens

Sun 1st Tree Dressing: Weald & Downland Museum

Sat 7th & Mon 9th Wreath Making Workshop: The Milk Hut, East Dean

Sat 7th VGC Coffee & Sherry Morning: East Dean Village Hall: 10.30am

Sun 8th Santa's Grotto: West Dean Gardens

Mon 9th Community Cafe: Singleton Village Hall: 10.30am

Thu 12th WI: Christmas Party: East Dean Village Hall: 7pm

Sat 14th Fox Clay Shoot: The Fox Goes Free at Charlton

Fri 20th School Term Ends



Got something to add to the Diary? Please let us know...

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December 2024 Edition

All information for to arrive by **12.00hrs (noon)** please on...

Monday 25th November
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*Submissions, news, reviews, event information, photos and anything you have to share with your community should arrive **as soon as possible**.*

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The Trustees of this Charity will be holding the Annual General Meeting shortly, where it is discussed who might benefit from some financial assistance, be it for themselves or family members. If you yourself or someone close to you feel they may qualify, please make this known to any of the following Trustees in complete confidence.

Penny Spence, Helen Morris, Ann Pollock, Judy Fathers, or Sarah Manouch.

Lavant Horticultural Society...

At the October meeting we enjoyed an interesting talk about ornamental grasses and perennials. The Autumn Flower Competition was won by Roger Hart.

The **Annual General Meeting** is on **Wednesday 13th November at 7pm** in **Lavant Memorial Hall**.

On **Wednesday 11th December** Dr Jane Gleeson will talk about **Soil Health linked to Gut Health** which is a subject that concerns us all. Refreshments are served at 7pm in **Lavant Memorial Hall**.

An Invitation to Our Thanksgiving Evensong from Jeannie Whitman Esdaile, Chairman of the American Patrons of Chichester Cathedral

Dear Americans, relatives of Americans, visiting Americans, friends of Americans, and anyone who may simply appreciate a lovely evening, on behalf of the Chichester Cathedral American Patrons, I am delighted to invite you to our 2nd Annual American Thanksgiving Evensong on Thursday 28th November at 5.30pm. This service is an opportunity for us to come together in gratitude, celebrate the spirit of Thanksgiving and enjoy the beauty of our historic cathedral.

We will sing some of our favourite American Thanksgiving hymns, moved by the beautiful voices of the Chichester Cathedral Choristers. We are also honoured to welcome The Rev Dr. Zachary Guiliano from Christ Church, Oxford University, as our American speaker, who will share reflections that resonate with both sides of the Atlantic.

Additionally, from 4pm, several fascinating American artefacts will be available to browse from our Cathedral Library, available thanks to our library volunteers.

Whether you have American connections or simply wish to be part of this occasion, we would love for you to join us. Refreshments provided. Please mark your calendars and bring along your friends and family.

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MiO have a workshop in Portslade which looks onto the 'Portslade Gassie', a small boat that played a pivotal role within the harbour opposite during the 20th century. Sadly, over time, this boat has been forgotten and covered in weeds.

MiO are keen to preserve our local history and have been working with our IJ referrals to clear weeds and surrounding shrubs that have engulfed the Gassie in order to restore a historical community space.

The individual referred spent a total of six hours clearing weeds around the boat, opening up space in the surrounding greenery and we hope that further referrals to MiO will continue to benefit this project.

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Tree Dressing at the Museum Sunday 1st December

The Museum's annual Tree Dressing celebration promises to be a magical occasion for visitors of all ages.

Based on an ancient custom that celebrates the life-giving properties of trees, visitors are invited to bring in their own hand-made lanterns during the afternoon, which will then be lit for a procession around the Museum's grounds before being hung on the ancient Aspen trees.

Find out more about the Weald & Downland Living Museum's Christmas events at wealddown.co.uk



I GREW UP IN THE 80s

Go back to the 1980s with new exhibition at The Novium Museum, Chichester. A fun and nostalgic showcase of memorabilia from the 'greatest decade in the history of history' is coming to The Novium Museum in Chichester. Opening on **Saturday 7th December** it's set to provide a colourful trip down memory lane, capturing what the decade was like from a child's perspective when music was on cassettes, shellsuits and leg warmers were must-haves - and everyone received a Rubik's Cube for Christmas! The exhibition will explore life before the internet and investigates the shared cultural experience of childhood in the 1980s. Tickets cost £5 for adults, £3 for children or £14 for a family of up to five (maximum 2 adults). For more information, and to book, visit The Novium Museum's 'I Grew Up 80's' page at thenovium.org.uk/article/39143/I-Grew-Up-80s

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9th - 23rd December (closed 13th December) from 9am on the edge of Oaklands Park.

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St Wilfrid's Hospice Christmas Cards are now available, boasting 15 different designs including three bespoke designs of the local area. You can buy these cards at any of the St Wilfrid's Charity Shops or on their Online Shop. Buy cards that will help make a difference. stwh.co.uk/online-shop



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What will you do with your tree after Christmas Day?

St Wilfrid's Hospice are offering their TreeCycle service, to help you avoid the mess and sit back as your real tree is taken off your front lawn to be recycled to help local farmland. All they ask in return, is for a suggested donation of £15, to help fund the vital end-of-life care that they provide to local lives. Book your tree collection for the New Year by January 6th 2025 stwh.co.uk/treecycle

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East Dean have played three games since the last edition and had one postponement. All three were cup games and played at The Gasson. An unbeaten Angmering side visited in the Malcolm Simmonds Cup but The Dean needed it with a fine 5-2 Victory - the highlight of which was a Brad Platt first half hatrick.



The County Cup was up next against Billingshurst Thirds. A James Crane double helped The Dean on their way to a comfortable 6-0 win. The Centenary Cup was up next against Sussex Rangers, formerly Felpham, and again The Dean eased through into the next round with a 7-0 win. James Crane and Ben Johnson grabbed a brace each amongst the other goal scorers. In the next round of each cup we host Rudgwick, Goring and TD Shipley reserves. All teams are going well in their respective leagues.

We would like to thank Jim at the Star and Garter who was closed for a private event but brought down some food anyway, personally, to the club, for the teams against Sussex Rangers. We continue to train on a Tuesdays and welcome any local lads looking for a team to join.

We also welcome people to come to any home games to support The Tangerines. Up the Dean!
Peter Kearvell, General Manager



QUIZ NIGHT

Monday 25th November

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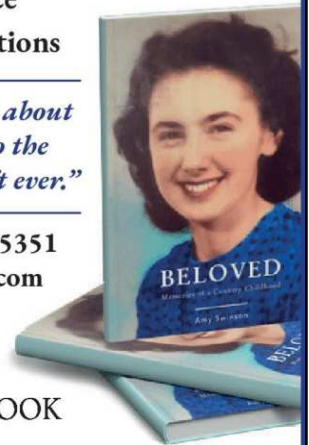
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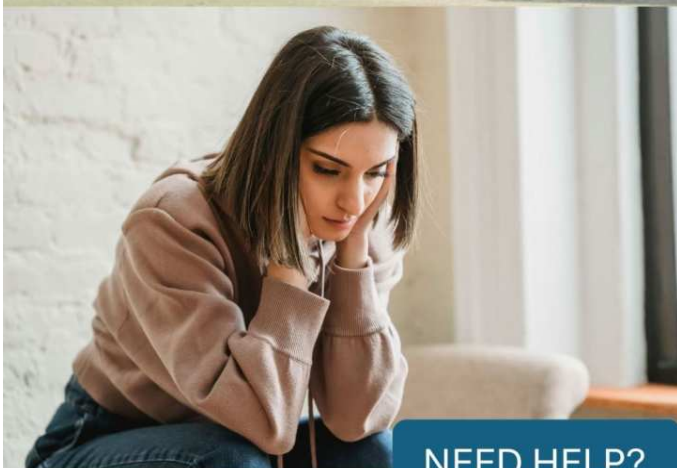
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Hello again! Yes, autumn has arrived and the leaves are gloriously turning and crunchily falling! But there continues to be so much colour from the flowers which refuse to succumb: roses, cosmos anemones, marigolds, geraniums, salvias, asters, fuchsias and hydrangeas to name but a few. And, to add to all that, the cyclamens are popping up everywhere. It is time, and on my list, to plant up some new hellebores for more winter colour too. If you are ahead of the game and starting to clear and mulch for next spring, do leave some seed heads as winter fare for the birds as well as creating a terrific show during snow or frost.

In October, our first, and sure to be repeated, 'Gardeners' Question Time' with the exceedingly knowledgeable Jon Rogers of Singleton taking questions, was a great success! Questions were wide-ranging, including 'why are we having a plague of revolting slugs?' to questions on honey fungus and 'when to do the Chelsea Chop' to name just a few.

The next VGC event is our ever more popular **Christmas Coffee and Sherry Morning** on **Saturday 7th December at 10am**. There will be a variety of Christmassy eats to nibble so do pop along for a jolly hour or two. This is open to all so come along, bring a friend. A donation at the event would be most welcome.

And the first event of 2025 is going to be our **Horticultural Quiz** with a **Potluck Supper** - keep an eye out for the date in the next issue of The Valley Diary. The **VGC Spring Show** is on **Saturday 29th March** at **Singleton Village Hall** and the **VGC Bacon Bap Morning** on **Monday 28th April** at **East Dean Village Hall**. Make a note in your diaries! **Miranda Mayne**

- 1st... David Mather,
Chichester
- 2nd... Max Davies, East Dean
- 3rd... Mary Danahay,
Chilgrove

The October draw took place in East Dean Church following the Valley Parish Harvest Festival Service at which the Church was beautifully decorated with flowers and produce celebrating another successful year's harvest. Congratulations to our three lucky winners.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 3rd November.



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