

# BACS

## Newsletter February 2007 No. 54

*Benenden Amenity and Countryside Society*

### Dates for your Diary:

AGM – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2007, 7.30pm  
Spring Walk – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm  
Dawn Chorus Walk – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 5am

### AGM:

This year's Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the Benenden Village Hall, beginning at 7.30pm. Following the formal part of the meeting, Edward Barham will give a presentation on "The Fortunes of Farming in the Weald of Kent; past and present" with particular reference to what he does at Hole Park Estate. Everyone is invited to attend and refreshments will be served.

### Spring Walk:

This year's spring walk will start at 2.30pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. We will meet in Goudhurst for a circular walk around the Kent countryside. As usual, there will be the option of taking a shorter route for those who would prefer this, and dogs will be welcome. Please contact Alan Milne for further information.

### Dawn Chorus Walk:

Everyone is invited to take part in the first BACS Dawn Chorus walk. We will meet at Somers at 5.00am on Sunday 6 May and will be lead by Stephen Message, professional artist and ornithologist. Breakfast for those who survive it all will be at Somers. We will be going down to Parsonage Wood. The walk will take place whatever the weather but walkers should not bring their dogs.

### Planning Matters:

The Committee continues to look at planning applications for the benefit of all in Benenden. Natalie Blakemore is now responsible for monitoring all planning applications. A summary of planning applications can be found on the Parish noticeboard in the village centre, and details can be seen at the Borough Council Offices in Cranbrook.

If you have any concerns about a planning application near you, please contact a committee member who will be able to raise your concerns at the next committee meeting.

## Subscriptions:

The subscription for 2006 is £3 for an individual or £5 for a family. Alternatively, you can pay £50 for life membership. If you know of anyone who may like to join BACS, please contact David Grief, who will ensure a form is sent. Perhaps you can encourage friends and neighbours to join. Members receive a quarterly newsletter, which contains details of events being organised by BACS, and items of local interest from around the parish.

## Amenity Refuse Collection:

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council organises the schedule for amenity refuse vehicle, which visits the Parish for three hours every fortnight, on a Saturday morning. For your information, the dates and venues of this service for the next three months, are printed below. The vehicle is accessible from 8am until 11am, and this is the same every fortnight.

Apologies for the incorrect dates printed in the last newsletter.

<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> – Iden Green Crossroads Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> – Benenden Village Hall	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> – Iden Green Crossroads Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> – Cherryfields, Benenden	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> – Iden Green Crossroads Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> – Benenden Village Hall

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