

BACS

Benenden Amenity and Countryside Society

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Dates for your Diary:

Union Windmill Tour – Monday 22 September, 7.30pm
Autumn Walk – Sunday 28 September, 2.30pm
AGM – Wednesday 25 March 2009, 7.30pm.

Union Windmill Tour:

The BACS committee has organised a visit to the Union Windmill in Cranbrook, to take place on Monday 22nd September, beginning at 7.30pm.

Built in 1814, the Union Windmill stands at the highest point overlooking Cranbrook. It is the second tallest windmill in the British Isles, and the tallest surviving smock mill, measuring 72 feet to the top of the cap. The mill has recently undergone major renovations and is in excellent working order. For more information on the windmill, you can visit the website: www.unionmill.org.uk

We will meet in the room behind the mill, where refreshments will be available. Parking is in the Tanyard or in Frythe Way by Rammells Field. It is not permitted on the Mill grounds. During the evening, four groups of up to ten people will tour the windmill. This means numbers are strictly limited to 40, so please book early if you would like to visit this very special and historic building.

Tickets are £5 a head for members and £10 for non-members, and will be allocated on a first paid first served basis. Children under 18 are £3 and £5 respectively. Tickets will not be available on the door. Please contact Alan Milne for tickets, no later than 17 September, and make cheques payable to BACS. All proceeds will go to the Windmill.

Autumn Walk:

This year's Autumn walk is on Sunday 28 September and will be a circular walk around Benenden, beginning at 2.30pm from Undermount, on Mounts Hill. We will then return to Undermount for tea. Dogs on leads are allowed. We shall be passing over private land and owners have kindly given permission.

Please contact Alan Milne for further information. Alan also has copies of the maps and notes from past BACS walks, which can be made available to anybody who is interested.

Subscriptions:

The subscription for 2008 is £3 for an individual or £5 for a family. Alternatively, you can pay £50 for individual 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.

Electronic BACS:

As you may know, BACS has its own area on the Benenden village website, which can be found at www.benendenvillage.org.uk. On this site, you can discover the origins and objectives of the society, you can read about upcoming events and you can print a membership form, which can be used to either join the society or renew your membership. It is also possible to download back issues of the newsletter, from issue 37 onwards.

It is now also possible to receive this newsletter by email, which would be delivered as a 'pdf' document. Some members have already chosen this option. If you would also prefer to receive your newsletter in this way, please contact William Davies or any other committee member.

Planning Matters:

The Committee continues to look at planning applications for the benefit of all in Benenden. Natalie Blakemore is responsible for monitoring all planning applications, which are then discussed at BACS committee meetings.

A summary of planning applications can be found on the Parish noticeboard in the village centre, and details can be found on-line at www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk. Alternatively, planning applications may be viewed at the Town Hall in Tunbridge Wells or at the Weald Information Centre in Cranbrook. Please contact the Borough Council on 01892 526121 or info@tunbridgewells.gov.uk for further information.

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.

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 are printed below. The vehicle is accessible from 8am until 11am, and this is the same every fortnight.

September	October	November
Sat 6 th – Benenden Village Hall Sat 20 th – Iden Green Crossroads	Sat 4 th – Cherryfields, Benenden Sat 18 th – Iden Green Crossroads	Sat 1 st – Benenden Village Hall Sat 15 th – Iden Green Crossroads Sat 29 th – Cherryfields, Benenden

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