

# BACS

*Benenden Amenity and Countryside Society*

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### Dates for your Diary:

Autumn Walk – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2010 – 2.30pm

AGM – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – 7.30pm

### Autumn Walk:

This year's Autumn walk is a 5 mile trek through the countryside surrounding Burwash, and should take in some wonderful views of the Sussex Weald, weather permitting. The walk will also take us through the grounds of Rudyard Kipling's 17<sup>th</sup>-century house, Batemans, now managed by the National Trust. Although only 5 miles, the walk is steep in places. Dogs on leads are welcome.

Whilst not necessarily part of this event, walkers may like to know that Batemans will be open until 5pm on this day, so National Trust members may like to bring their cards. Non-member admission is £8.20 for adults and £4.10 for children. You can find more information on Batemans on the relevant page of the National Trust website: [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-batemans](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-batemans)

We will meet in the car park of the Bear Inn, in the centre of Burwash, at 2.30pm. Maps and routes will be distributed in the car park, where public toilets are also available. Tea will also be provided in the car park at the end of the walk.

### Reports:

#### Spring Walk:

The last Spring walk, which covered the boundary of our parish, was very successful. Forty people started the walk and thirty of those completed the entire 15 mile distance. Whilst not the warmest of bank holidays, the weather did remain dry, which kept spirits up.

The committee would also like to thank Jane Abbott for organising a wonderful lunch at Benenden Hospital and Philip Message for planning the route

#### Morgan Museum Visit:

The organised visit to the Morgan museum in Rolvenden was also a great success last July. Twenty-Nine members attended this event, and all thoroughly enjoyed the private tour around the museum. It was amazing to see such a large number of vehicles parked in such a small museum. It was wonderful to see all the Morgans were in such fantastic condition, and many had an interesting story attached to them.

Please keep an eye out for future BACS events in 2011.

## Subscriptions:

Membership rates for 2010 are £3 for an individual and £5 for a family. Subscriptions are due on the 1st January every year. If you have not yet paid for this year's membership, please contact David Grief, who will send you a renewal form. Alternatively, you can print an application form on the BACS website.

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](http://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.

## 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**  
Sat 18<sup>th</sup> – Iden Green Crossroads

**October**  
Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cherryfields, Benenden  
Sat 16<sup>th</sup> – Iden Green Crossroads  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> – Benenden Village Hall

**November**  
Sat 13<sup>th</sup> – Iden Green Crossroads  
Sat 27<sup>th</sup> – Cherryfields, Benenden

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