

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

The 2013 AGM will be in the Benenden Village Hall on Monday 11th March, beginning at 7.30pm.

Following the formal part of the meeting, Waitrose of Tenterden will entertain us with a talk on English wines and cheeses, accompanied by tastings.

The AGM will only be open to members who are fully paid up by the 1st March, so please do remember to renew your membership.



THANK YOU!

Many members of BACS will I am sure be aware that Kent County Council has granted planning permission for a new primary school to be built in our village, on the site detailed in the plans.

We are saddened to learn that at the beginning of the Parish Council meeting, which was held on 17 December, the following Parish Councillors resigned: Mary Kellett, John Clarke, Peter Blockley, Joan Hagens and Roger Lake.

The committee of BACS would like to thank councillors for all the hard work and devotion which they have given to Benenden over many years. Their deep and detailed knowledge of the Parish will be greatly missed. We wish them all well for the future.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2013 AGM:

Monday 11th March
7.30pm

Dawn Chorus & Wild Plant Walk:

Sunday 21st April
7.30am

BACS ONLINE

This newsletter has been designed to be distributed by email and viewed whilst your computer is online. Please ensure the committee has your email address if you would like to receive the newsletter in this way.

The yellow boxes titled 'weblink' contain links to specific websites, which relate to the item in the newsletter. If you click on them whilst online, your computer will automatically open the relevant website.

BACS has its own area on the village website. Go to www.benendenvillage.org.uk and find the link on the left hand side.

On this site, you can discover the origins and objectives of the society, read about upcoming events and 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.

PLANNING MATTERS

The Committee continues to look at planning applications for the benefit of all in Benenden. Roger Lake 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 noticeboards and details can be seen online 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.

CIVIC AMENITY REFUSE VEHICLE

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council organises the civic amenity refuse vehicle, which visits the Parish between 8am and 11am every other Saturday.

The fortnightly visits alternate between Iden Green and Benenden, and provide an opportunity for you to dispose of bulky rubbish.

The next visit will be on Saturday 3rd March, from 8am, at Iden Green cross-roads.

For more information, including a full schedule, just click on the link below. You can also find a schedule displayed on both Parish noticeboards.

DAWN CHORUS AND WILD PLANT WALK

Following the success of previous walks, another Dawn Chorus Walk will take place on Sunday 21st April. We will meet at 7.30am at the Benenden Hospital reception.

As always, we will be lead by Stephen Message, professional artist and ornithologist. Breakfast will follow the Dawn Chorus walk, after which there will be an opportunity to go on a second walk around the grounds, lead by the Head Gardener of the Hospital. This should be a wonderful opportunity to view the numerous wild plants and flowers found in the Hospital grounds.

The event is for members only and will take place whatever the weather. Members may choose to attend all or any part of the morning event they wish.

Obviously no dogs are allowed, but do remember to bring along your binoculars.



MEMBERSHIP

The BACS committee would like to wish all our members the very best for the New Year. We also hope you all enjoyed a festive Christmas.

The subscription for 2013 was due on 1st January, and all current members should have now received a renewal form separately in the post. The rates for 2013 will be £5 for an individual and £10 for a family.

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.

Weblink - Find more information on the Civic Amenity Refuse Vehicle at: <http://www2.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=1999>

PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS

Finally, at the end of each BACS newsletter, we take a nostalgic look back at the contents of three old newsletters. The full edition for each of these newsletters can be downloaded from the Benenden village website:
www.benendenvillage.org.uk

10 ISSUES BACK...

Issue 62 of the BACS newsletter was published in September 2009.

The newsletter led with a detailed report on the celebration at Strawberry Wood, following the restoration of the culvert. This included colour pictures.

Also this month, the newsletter promoted a fascinating book called 'The Rockets Trail' written by one of our members and local residents.

20 ISSUES BACK...

Issue 52 of the BACS newsletter was published in July 2006.

This newsletter contained a report on our members visit of Benenden hospital, including a very brief summary of the hospitals history.

It also contained the final extract from the records of the Benenden Home Guard, dated December 1940. A summary index of extracts was also included, for easy referencing.

30 ISSUES BACK...

Issue 42 of the BACS newsletter was published in January 2004.

This edition led with an article on the importance of broadband in Benenden, and detailed how members could lobby for its installation in our area.

This newsletter also advertised the 2004 Spring Walk, and contained the full notes of trail 8, 'The Village Centre', from Ernie Pollard's book of parish walks.

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