On Tuesday, 29th September 1942 at 10.25 am, a lone German bomber, approaching from the south over Hoes Farm, aimed its bombs at troops in the grounds of Petworth House. All missed their intended target, falling into the boys’ school near the junction of North Street & Horsham Road. There was no air raid warning and of the 80 children at school that day 28 were killed and a large number injured. Along with the children, the explosions also took the lives of the headmaster, Charles Stevenson and Charlotte Marshall an assistant teacher. A nearby laundry was also badly damaged killing Eva Streeter who was working there.

This year on 29th September 2017, the day will commence with a special service at 10 am in St Mary’s Church followed by an act of remembrance at the grave in Horsham Road Cemetery. There will be a reception afterwards at Petworth Primary School.

The bombing of the Boys School is a tragic moment in Petworth’s history and still affects the lives of those left behind decades later. The whole community is invited to come along including families who might no longer live in Petworth – please pass along the message with our thanks.

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As I write this Autumn issue, it’s one of the hottest days of the year and hopefully, by the time you receive the magazine, we’ll be enjoying a glorious Indian summer that lasts well into September.

September in Petworth is a time of quiet reflection and remembrance. In particular, we remember the 28 boys who died in the tragic bombing of Petworth Boys School on Tuesday, September 29, 1942. 75 years on we’re holding a special day to commemorate those who lost their lives and the many left behind to mourn them. Please see the front cover for more details.

One of the first things I noticed when I moved to Petworth just over seven years ago was what a dog-loving community we are. The stories I’ve heard have inspired me to write a special feature on why dogs make Petworth so special (go to pages 8 & 9 to find out more).

Earlier this year, we asked readers what they thought about the magazine and how it could be improved. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with many of you reading Petworth Pages from cover to cover and considering it a useful source of information for finding out what’s going on in and around the Petworth area. You’d like to see more on walks and pubs in the area, local history, a greater focus on kids’ activities and perhaps a competition now and then. By popular demand, Petworth Pages will soon be available electronically and will shortly appear on the Petworth Town Council and Discover Petworth websites. This will mean people from far and wide can read the magazine and enjoy the wonders of our lovely community and perhaps even pay us a visit or choose to live here.

Happy reading!
Julie Aguilar, Editor
Please look out for notices around the town or on the Petworth Town Council website (www.petworth-tc.gov.uk) for full details of the day's programme. Alternatively, call 01798 344 883 or email clerk@petworth-tc.gov.uk

**Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal & Jack’s Sponsored Walk**

The Petworth branch of the Royal British Legion hopes to raise more than £13,000 this year and one major fundraising activity is **Jack’s Sponsored Walk** initiated by Burma Star veteran Jack Holloway in 1998. Organised by John Rosser, the walk has raised over £35,000 for the Poppy Appeal since it was first set up. This year’s walk takes place on Saturday, 7th October, meeting at 9.30am for a 10am start from The Cricketers in Duncton. The walk is intended to be fun, not difficult and all ages and dogs are welcome.

Sponsorship forms and details of the exact route can be obtained from John Rosser on 07831493874 or by email at mrjrosser@gmail.com

Meanwhile, at the Farmers’ Market in Petworth on Saturday, 28th October, Fiona Kemp, Royal British Legion Petworth Area Coordinator, is organising a pop-up shop where people can learn more about what the Royal British Legion does and where the money collected goes to. This is a subject very dear to Fiona’s heart whose daughter and son-in-law are currently serving in the Army. Another of Fiona’s sons is retired from the RAF after serving in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Please take part in the walk, come along to Fiona’s stall or donate as generously as you can during the annual collections in your area. For more information about the work of the Royal British Legion, visit www.britishlegion.org.uk/
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The town is looking really good, largely thanks to the new planting done by Petworth Gardening Club, the hanging baskets and the regular grass cutting contract. One of our next projects will be the bank on Station Road which was recently cleared by a couple of community-spirited residents. Last year, we removed the rubbish bins next to the benches along Jubilee Walk to make it a far more pleasant and attractive place to sit and admire the view. With ongoing management, it now looks less urban and, as time passes, we’re hoping to fulfil our original intention and enjoy the return of some native wild flowers.

I’m pleased to say that the long-awaited restoration work - a collaborative initiative with West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Southern & Scottish Power - to the historic street lamps in Bartons Lane, the pathway near the Catholic Church, Sheepdown Lane and outside the library are underway. The new tops of the lamps will match the original gas units but will be fitted with LEDs to comply with the Dark Skies policy of the South Downs National Park Authority.

I generally try to find the upside to everything and I think that the Virgin Mary spring episode is a good case in point. Thankfully, the walkway that some of you found offensive has been removed and recently, some councillors had a meeting with the head of footpaths at WSCC and we learnt much of how they work and their responsibilities. I hadn’t realised that quite a small team from WSCC manage 4,000 kilometres of paths and bridleways; they are only responsible for signage and the path surface which includes bridges. The stiles and gates are the responsibility of the land owner along with any overgrowth and fallen trees.

Many of you may have noticed the counters on the approach roads to the town. This traffic survey, funded by Petworth Town Council (PTC), forms part of what we are doing to demonstrate to WSCC Highways how we are menaced by large HGVs. Running in parallel with this is a survey of the businesses in the town to establish how their supplies are delivered. With this combined information we should be able to demonstrate to Highways that further lorry restrictions on the Angel Street approach and the unhelpful signage at the Welldiggers will not cripple the business of Petworth. We have additional evidence gleaned from the three public consultations for the Neighbourhood Plan but it’s still important to keep reporting any incident with lorries (see our regular Police Update on page 19).

I am very pleased to confirm that the lease between PTC and the National Trust for the Petworth Park sports ground is completed and we are about to start the final negotiations to extend this lease for at least another 20 years. I am grateful to the councillors for their boldness and foresight in taking this on. I know that sport on this site would have collapsed without us because charities legislation changed and the previous arrangement with the Joint Sports Committee was untenable. I must also thank the members of the football and cricket clubs, the members of the Joint Sports Committee and residents for their contributions during the whole process. With the future secured, we must find and support the restart of junior football and other sports initiatives.

The Neighbourhood Plan has now reached its final draft with input from the last round of public consultation and all the outside bodies which we must consult with at this point, known as regulation 14. I am pleased to say that we got a clean bill of health with very few minor amendments and some serious positives for all our hard work. We now head towards the scrutiny of the outside examiner and finally the referendum. Although this part of the work is done and the Steering Group will stand down in due course, PTC will continue to manage the future developments and make good use of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and 106 monies to boost our infrastructure as set out in the Plan.

I haven’t mentioned the Skate park for a while but we are still moving forward. Please look out for further information in the near future.

We strive to be open and transparent in all our dealings, warts and all, sometimes opinions become quite passionate at meetings. I believe that it’s good that even with the local press there, lively debate continues! As I always say, please come along, you can have your say at public questions or just sit and hear the whole story.
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CLOVER’S STORY

Independent studies show that pets lower stress and depression. Stroking your cat or dog can lower your blood pressure and make you feel calmer. They can also transform lives. Just think of the amazing job charities such as Canine Partners, Guide Dogs for the Blind and Assistance Dogs do in enabling people with a wide range of disabilities to experience independence and joy.

Those of you who are privileged to live your lives with the companionship and unconditional love of dogs, will know the pain the loss of a beloved pet can bring. Sara and Andy Read of North Street, Petworth wrote to me about the passing of their beloved Clover and I am sure their moving account will strike a chord with many of you. Here is their story:

Why we live in Petworth

“It is times like this that we are reminded once again why we live in this special town. Our family has suffered a tragedy that has plunged us into the darkest of grief. After a cruel, but perhaps merciful, short period of ill health, our beautiful, exceptional, funny, joyous and treasured golden retriever Clover left us, slipping away out in her garden with us at her side.

Rationally, we know they will not live forever, but at this raw time, it is inconceivable that they are not there anymore. No Clover waiting for her breakfast and a walk, no Clover with me at work, no Clover prancing at my side and drawing the admiration of strangers and friends. People used to stop me in the street, people I had never met before, and ask me if I knew my dog pranced when she walked. Of course I knew. Clover’s beautiful gait was part of her style.

She was a proud citizen of Petworth, indeed all dogs of Petworth are as much citizens of this town as its people. They make the town complete. Short or tall, slow or fast, pensive or enthusiastic, they all contribute to the happiness factor we discovered when we first visited 15 years ago, and initially settled in Lombard Street. Moving here on a Thursday meant we were greeted on our first evening by the glorious sound of St Mary’s bells pouring down the cobbles for bell ringing practice. What a welcome! We settled into Petworth life and soon came to know more people than we had in 8 years in Haslemere. But, it was the dog community which took us in so warmly. We had found our home.

Today is Sunday, and we would have been putting on boots and coats to take Clover out on one of the many walks around us. We had a selection to choose from. Park and open vistas, Shimmings and interesting smells, woodland paths, lovely Sheepdown and the valley to Byworth via the Virgin Mary’s well, which Clover always had to stop and have a dip in and a drink. Right now, I don’t know how we will ever tread these paths again without her. But I do know these walks all carry some sort of healing power. They have often soothed a troubled busy mind, bringing that tranquility that comes when you step away from the relentless traffic that passes our door.

Thank you Petworth, for your support, your forgiveness for our frailty when we have broken down on your shoulder, for the knowledge that we are surrounded by people who will stop, put out a comforting hand, and understand. An especial thank you to one gentleman in particular, and his gallant English Setter, for paying Clover one last visit and telling her what an honour it had been to know her. There is nowhere we would rather be.”
YOUR FAVOURITE DOG WALKS

Like Sara and Andy, many of you have written in about your favourite dog walks. Here, Gerald Gresham-Cooke who lives in Tillington, takes us around a 3-mile circular walk of the Shimmings Valley, a favourite of his black Labrador Penny.

• Start at the path east of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church off Angel Street.
• Take the grass slope down into the Shimmings Valley. Keep straight ahead, over the small concrete bridge spanning the Haslingbourne stream.
• Climb straight ahead and keep following the hedge on the left.
• At the top of the field, go through a gate and continue uphill, eventually passing a copse of trees. Leaving them on your left, head towards the gap in the hedge, and pass through a kissing gate.
• Follow this lovely lane uphill until you reach the top which then becomes Brinksole Heath.
• At the start of the heath (mostly a wood), turn right onto a track and follow until you reach the backs of Goanah Lodges. Continue downhill and head for the Petworth Nursing Home.
• Come out onto the A283, turn left on the pavement and cross the road to Byworth.
• 100 yards on the right (well before the Black Horse) is a footpath, go down this and cross the Haslingbourne again and turn right.
• Follow path east towards Petworth by keeping right at the back of Sheepdown Drive houses and come out onto the A283 at Angel Street. Cross the road to where you started, or turn left for the town centre.

IN NEED OF REFRESHMENT?

Our love of dogs is reflected in the number of cafes, restaurants, pubs and shops who welcome our four-legged friends onto their premises (provided, of course, they are well-behaved and another customer doesn’t have a pet allergy or is frightened by your pet).

Some, like The Angel Inn, Last Drop, Coco Cafe & Sugar Lounge/Petworth Vintage Market, Petworth Antiques Market & Rountree Tyron Gallery offer doggy treats like biscuits and water bowls.

WELCOME ALL DOGS COME ON IN!

• The Angel Inn
• Artful Teasing (small dogs only please)
• Augustus Brandt
• Coco Cafe & Sugar Lounge
• Hungry Guest Café (welcome in the garden)
• The Leconfield (welcome in the courtyard garden)
• Petworth Antiques Market
• Petworth Gift & Clothing
• Petworth Vintage Market
• Rountree Tyron Gallery (on leads please)
• Tallulah Fox
• The Last Drop
• Tiffins Tea Room

Remember: assistance dogs are always welcome in cafes & shops.

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

We love our dogs but please follow the Countryside Code to help keep them safe, protect the environment, and show you are a responsible dog owner (published on the Kennel Club website with guidance from Natural England)

• Control your dog so that it does not scare or disturb farm animals or wildlife.
• When using the new access rights over open country and common land, you must keep your dog on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July - and all year round near farm animals - and you may not be able to take your dog at all on some areas or at some times. Please follow any official signs.
• You do not have to put your dog on a lead on public paths, as long as it is under close control. But as a general rule, keep your dog on a lead if you cannot rely on its obedience. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals.
• If a farm animal chases you and your dog, it is safer to let your dog off the lead - don't risk getting hurt by trying to protect it.
• Take particular care that your dog doesn’t scare sheep and lambs, or wander where it might disturb birds that nest on the ground and other wildlife - eggs and young will soon die without protection from their parents.
• Everyone knows how unpleasant dog mess is and it can cause infections, so always clean up after your dog and get rid of the mess responsibly. Also, make sure your dog is wormed regularly to protect it, other animals and people.

For more information, email openaccess@naturalengland.org.uk or call 0845 100 3298.
### REGULAR EVENTS

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- LH: Leconfield Hall
- MCP: Main Car Park
- MS: Market Square
- PH: Petworth House
- PL: Petworth Library
- TCO: Town Council Office
- PP: Petworth Park
- RA: Rothermead Allotments
- RBL: Royal British Legion
- RCC: Red Cross Centre
- SBC: Sylvia Beaufoy Centre
- SD: Sheepdown Drive
- SH: Scout Hut
- SMC: St Mary's Church
- TVH: Tillington Village Hall
- URC: United Reformed Church

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Some of last year’s highlights included Sarah Raven, English gardener, cook, writer and TV presenter; top novelist and journalist Victoria Hislop; BBC security correspondent, journalist and author Frank Gardner and, for all ages Storyteller Storyteller from the award-winning Story Pocket Theatre.

Artistic Director Stewart Collins commented, “We’ve really been taken by surprise by the success of the Literary Festival, but just as we seem to punch well above our weight each summer, so in November we seem to be attracting some seriously high profile authors to Petworth. This year’s event is practically bursting at the seams with fascinating and entertaining events ranging from food, through the natural world and the novel, to more weightier subjects such as politics, history and science… and the news is formally out on September 28th.”

Full details of the Petworth Festival Literary Weekend 2017 will be announced on Thursday 28 September when the box office opens online www.petworthfestival.org.uk, by telephone on 01798 344576 or by post to Petworth Festival direct.

If you’d like to support this event in November which brings visitors to Petworth out of season, do contact the Festival office on 01798 343055 about becoming a sponsor. For more information call 01798 343055, email info@petworthfestival.org.uk or visit www.petworthfestival.org.uk
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NAA (Normal admission applies) + £2 donation

‘Behind the Scenes’ guided tour
Tuesdays and Thursdays
21 MARCH - 2 NOVEMBER
Discover some of Petworth’s hidden gems with one of our expert guides on a ‘behind the scenes tour’. Tours may include the bedrooms, ice house and estate offices.
NAA

Snapshots in Time
22 July – 3 September
Join the ‘Proud’ Duke on this fun family trail as you journey back in time to discover stories from his lost garden. Track your adventure in your time travel journal using emojis old and new and for added fun post your photos on social media.
NAA - £2 donation

The Petworth Academy for Witches and Wizards
23 – 27 October
Join the Petworth Academy and create some spellbinding craft and graduate with flying colours. £7 per child

A spook-tastic Hallowe’en trail
21 -29 October
Are you brave enough to explore the Pleasure Grounds in this terrifying trail, solving chilling challenges and spotting creepy clues?
NAA - £3 per trail

Mixed Emotions Photographic Exhibition
28 October – 3 December
Catch on camera your emotional response to Petworth and send them over to us. Following a judging process this photographic exhibition displays selected submissions to illustrate the deep and varying emotional appeal that Petworth has for visitors.
NAA

Music in the Mansion
Immerse yourself in the history of Petworth and enjoy live Baroque guitar music performed by Mitch Callow as you wander the state rooms of the mansion.
NAA

For more information on any of these events, please call 01798 342207, email petworth@nationaltrust.org.uk or visit http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth

PETWORTH VISION FAMILY FUN DAY!

Petworth Vision Community Interest Company (CIC) is hosting a Family Fun Day at Hampers Green from 11.30am until 4pm on Sunday, 3rd September sponsored by Anderson Rowntree, proud supporters of the Petworth Vision and the local community.

Please come along and enjoy a variety of craft stalls, hot food and refreshments with plenty of activities to keep the whole family amused. Look out for the amazing bungee trampoline, bouncy castle, children's rides, face painting and ‘make a dinosaur’ hat to name but a few! The Petworth Town Band including The Youth Band will provide musical entertainment during the day.

Entry is FREE with a small charge for rides and activities. Volunteers are urgently needed to help with a variety of tasks. If you are interested please contact Sam Moore on the number below.

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Every September, some 40,000 volunteers across England organise 5,000 events to celebrate our fantastic history and culture. It’s your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – all of which are FREE.

This year, many organisations open their doors between 7th-10th September. At the time of going to print, full details of all participating attractions were not available but here are a few in the Petworth Pages area. To find out more, visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk or telephone 020 78247180.

**COULTERSHAW BEAM PUMP**
Sunday 10th September - 11am – 5pm.
In the heart of the South Downs near Petworth, Coultershaw Heritage site includes a waterwheel, 18th century waterpump, 21st century water turbine and historic buildings set around the mill pond.

With a range of historic buildings, exhibitions and trails around the mill pond, there is plenty to see and do at Coultershaw.

Interested in volunteering?
The Coultershaw Heritage Site depends entirely on volunteers for its operation and maintenance – stewards, those with DIY skills, back-room helpers such as a treasurer, marketeers, schools liaison teachers and a meetings secretary.

Training is provided and it’s a very convivial group not unknown to retire to the Badgers at lunchtime! There is an Evening Opening Party for friends and volunteers in July and an annual meeting of all volunteers before Christmas.

For more information, please call 01798 865774 or visit www.coultershaw.co.uk/

**PETWORTH HOUSE**
Saturday, 9th September – 11am-4pm
Petworth House will be opening up the Old Library used as a studio by the artist JMW Turner (last entry 15.45). Join an exclusive tour of the guest bedrooms accompanied by a specialist guide. Tours take place at 11.30, 12.30, 13.30, 14.30 and 15.30 on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, please call 01798 342207, email petworth@nationaltrust.org.uk or visit http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/petworth

**WEY & ARUN CANAL**
The visitor centre at Loxwood is the start of some wonderful boat trips along the canal. Go a little further towards Guildford to meet costumed boat people along the wharf side who will be on hand to talk about life onboard one of the original canal boats.

Saturday, 9th September – 11am-3pm
Come and join volunteers from the Wey & Arun Canal Trust at the Town Wharf in Guildford (opposite the White House pub and St Nicolas Church) and see the Guildford Treadwheel Crane. Also children’s activities, a sales stand featuring river and canal goods plus historical photographic display.

The Wey Navigation was opened in 1653 and the crane which stands on the redeveloped riverside at Guildford probably dates from the late 17th century. It was used to load and unload barges at the former wharf, close to its present position, and was worked by men walking inside the 18 foot diameter wheel.

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The results of the third and final public consultation phase of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan are now in! Many thanks to all of you who attended the community drop-in event on 31st March and for completing a questionnaire, online survey or simply for writing in to us with your views.

Over 80% of respondents agreed with the Draft Plan and believe it should be finalised and voted on at a referendum later this year. Other key findings in response to the policies outlined in the Draft Plan include:

• 89.68% agreed with the housing type and mix and 84.38% supported recommendations for affordable housing provision;
• When it came to environment and design, the majority (96.15%) supported the proposals set out for sustainable design followed by 98.46% who acknowledged the need to preserve public green spaces and 76.80% who agreed with the density of housing proposed;
• Developing the extension of the Hampers Common Industrial Estate was considered by 96.03% of respondents to be critical to stimulating employment opportunities for local people;
• 86.61% agreed with policies related to protecting and increasing capacity at the Pound Street car park whilst 81.89% supported the introduction of traffic calming measures;
• The importance of physical and mental wellbeing was widely acknowledged - 95.31% of respondents supported policies around the retention and development of playing fields and sports facilities and 92.13% agreed with policies to support additional community and leisure facilities throughout the town.

Chris Kemp, chairman of Petworth Town Council commented, “Our third and final public consultation phase was a brilliant opportunity to engage with our parishioners and speak with those who work and run businesses in the area. In addition, we have spent considerable amounts of time following a process of thorough due diligence by not only engaging with the public but also with relevant landowners and numerous statutory bodies including Government, utilities and environmental agencies. We are pleased with our progress and are on target to meet the final referendum stage towards the end of this year.”

Douglas Cooper, Chairman of the Petworth Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group added, “We’d like to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy lives to take part in the consultation process. Your feedback is vital to taking the Draft Plan through to the vital referendum stage. Your vote will help shape future housing development in Petworth and, most importantly, ensure that new development meets local needs rather than those of outside developers or planning authorities.”

What happens next?
The results of the questionnaire that surveyed parishioners and local businesses have been amalgamated with formal feedback obtained from the following statutory bodies: Chichester District Council, Environment Agency, Historic England, National Grid, Natural England, South Downs National Park Authority, Southern Water, West Sussex County Council and West Sussex Highways. Together, they have been analysed and used to make relevant amendments to the Draft Plan. The amended Draft Plan has been submitted to the SDNPA before going to independent examiners for final validation and presentation at a public referendum towards the end of this year.

The full results of this final public consultation phase can be downloaded from Petworth Town Council’s website at www.petworth-tc.gov.uk.

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Petworth Library’s very own Computer Buddy – offering FREE one-hour sessions to those looking for a little help with the wonderful but often confusing world of IT – has sadly moved to another area and we desperately need a replacement volunteer (or more)!

So, if you know how to use a computer yourself, have lots of enthusiasm and a few hours to spare, why not help your local library? Your knowledge is needed to teach others basic computing skills and how to use the Internet on a one-to-one basis or as part of a group.

What have you got to lose? For more information, please speak to the library staff or visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/volunteerinlibraries

Petworth Library is a fantastic resource, please use it!

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As Petworth Town Council (PTC) continues to move forward with some of the recommendations made by the Traffic Consultant it has appointed to introduce measures that calm traffic and improve pedestrian safety, PTC is also collaborating with West Sussex County Council Highways to improve the lorries situation. Good progress is being made. PTC has recently commissioned a survey with Petworth Business Association members to demonstrate to WSCC that the majority of lorries that come through the town centre are not delivering to local businesses and should not be here.

You might also have noticed the counting monitors that have been laid across the three main roads coming into the town centre, in particular North and Pound Street, to ascertain the size and number of lorries passing through Petworth. This will help provide the hard evidence WSCC needs to help us divert these cumbersome trucks!

**Operation Crackdown – We Need Your Help!**

It is really important that you report any lorries above 7.5 tons if they are using North Street or Pound Street and not collecting or delivering to businesses or residents in Petworth. This also applies to any other dangerous encounters you have as a pedestrian on Petworth’s streets and pavements.

Operation Crackdown is the Sussex Police initiative working with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership to tackle anti-social driving – be it careless, deliberately aggressive or dangerous.

In April 2017, Operation Crackdown noted 1,929 anti-social driving reports and 2,771 reports through Community Speed Watch.

Go to their website [www.operationcrackdown.org/](http://www.operationcrackdown.org/) to lodge an incident.

Report the incident – this is what you’ll need:

- The vehicle registration number
- Make, model and colour of the vehicle
- Details about when and where the incident happened
- Any information that may help to identify the driver

Your contact details will be treated in confidence. Leaving your email address will allow Operation Crackdown to make contact with you should the report need clarifying and you will receive details of other services that Sussex Police provide online.

**What happens when you make a report?**

Depending on how serious the incident is, whether the vehicle has been reported before, and whether the driver falls into a high risk category, Sussex Police might:

- Send a warning letter to the registered keeper of the vehicle
- Keep your report in the Crackdown database, providing a history of the vehicle and allegations
- Identify and address regular hotspots of anti-social driver behaviour

Please help us, start reporting!
For more information, visit [www.operationcrackdown.org/](http://www.operationcrackdown.org/)

**Here is what other people said about Operation Crackdown:**

“I have reported on Crackdown several times. It only takes a few minutes - if everyone did it, dangerous drivers would get the message that they cannot just get away with it.”

Member of the public

“Knowing there will be consequences if I am reported again has definitely made a difference to my driving.”

Driver who received a warning letter from Crackdown

**HOW TO CONTACT THE POLICE**

Call 999 if you or someone else is in immediate danger, or if the crime is happening right now.

If you are deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech impaired, you can contact us using TypeTalk on 18000 or by sending a text to 65999 (Please be aware that due to the nature of SMS texts, there is a possibility that we may not receive your message immediately).

Non-emergency incidents
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Text 07786 208090.
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West Sussex County Council is looking for more people in the local area to come forward to give a child a better future through fostering or adoption.

This year, around 50 children will need adopting in the county. The Adoption team is inviting anyone wishing to find out more to come along to one of their information sessions, listed on their website www.westsussex.gov.uk/adoption. They can also call the team for an informal chat on 0330 222 7777.

Additionally, the County Council is actively recruiting foster carers to support the region’s most vulnerable children. The Fostering Recruitment Team would be particularly keen to hear from anyone who has experience with working with challenging children and teenagers or people who could support a parent and child in a fostering placement. You can find out more at www.westsussex.gov.uk/fostering or call 0330 222 7775.

Satrday 2nd December is the date of this year’s famous Christmas event including the ever-popular market. It’s the ideal opportunity for visitors to wrap up their Christmas shopping all in one place and the ideal event to sell your seasonal goodies. There are still spaces available in the Market Square, High Street and Lombard Street.

Enquiries and applications should be sent to Christmas@petworth-tc.gov.uk or call Petworth Town Council on 01798 344 883
SPECIAL FEATURE

ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

“All things bright and beautiful” is the first line of the lovely Harvest hymn that many of us sing at this time of the year. I remember the wonderful ritual of bringing into school all sorts of foods which then went into a huge basket to be shared with those less fortunate than myself.

In this Autumn issue of Petworth Pages, we celebrate some of the amazing people in the area who put food on our plate and nourish our souls.

Growing people, plants and produce
An update on Petworth Community Garden by Kate Brickell
This Spring and Summer has seen more and more people accessing the garden and our weekly group is now regularly 25-35 people.

We are working with an even wider range of locals, including young people coming to us for work experience and training before going on to college or work. We’ve also welcomed more isolated local young people not in education or training, who have very quickly grown in confidence and ability, enjoying many opportunities to grow and flourish in our garden. We have recently teamed up with Duncton School offering a flexi school opportunity for students who can benefit from the outdoor learning and team building skills offered by our project.

Over the last six months, our site has been transformed, with new wheelchair access paths, raised beds and better facilities. With grateful thanks to The Grange Community Association, Tesco’s Bags of Help, and CDC’s Volunteer team, we are now able to offer safe and accessible facilities into the future. In our ongoing bid for financial sustainability, we have been selling our delicious range of jams and chutneys and rural crafts at many local events with our new gazebo, thanks to CDC and Petworth and District Community Association. We are hosting an Open Day on Tuesday September 26th from 11am-1pm. Please do pop along to celebrate our updated site with us. Call 07717462780 for details.

Petworth Foodbank
John Riddell talks to Petworth Pages about the Petworth satellite of the Chichester District Foodbank and reflects on the vital role it plays all year round.

Harvest is a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for all the amazing gifts of creation and to reconnect with our role as stewards of that creation. Eating food is one of the few things common to all of us. What type of food we consume and how readily available it is to us may vary widely. But we all eat. The meals on our table will have been brought there through the contribution of many different people working in a variety of environments. This food chain typically involves farmers or fishermen, processors, retailers and those who purchase and prepare the food to eat.

Tragically for some, that chain can snap. The Petworth Foodbank, a satellite of the Chichester District Foodbank, exists to provide emergency care and to help repair the chain for some who, through force of circumstance, may be struggling to put food on the table at this time.

So, one of the ways you might wish to express your appreciation for the harvest is making a contribution to the Foodbank basket in the Petworth Co-op. Care agencies, surgeries, the primary schools, the Children and Family Centre all provide Foodbank vouchers which can be exchanged for food by ringing, in confidence, the Petworth Foodbank mobile 07501 921 617.

To find out more about the Foodbank or to volunteer, please contact John on 07973 983 443 or by email at jcm.riddell@gmail.com.
**SPECIAL FEATURE**

Petworth Area Churches Together (PACT) brings the opportunity to give thanks.

By Gerald Gresham Cooke:

Harvest time has been a special time in the church's year ever since pagan times for the giving of thanks to God for a harvest that provides food for us. Outside Tillington Church there is an old plough that we used to bring into the church at this time. It is very heavy and those plough-boys must have been very strong. It took him a whole month to plough 30 acres; nowadays 30 acres are ploughed in a morning.

Harvest time is still celebrated in all churches locally under the title of Harvest Festivals and it is usually a service followed by a meal, a delicious Harvest Supper or a Harvest Lunch.

**Harvest Festivals near you**

Petworth Community Church  
A Celebration of Harvest  
10:30am on Sunday 13th September  
Sylvia Beaufoy Centre

Holy Trinity Duncton  
10.30am on Sunday 1st October

All Hallows Tillington  
11am on Sunday 8th October (followed by Harvest Lunch in the Village Hall at 12 noon)

St Mary’s Upwaltham  
11.30am on Sunday 15th October

St John the Baptist, Kirdford  
10am on Sunday 24th September

St Botolph, Hardham  
Harvest Holy Communion at 9.15am on Sunday 24th September

St Johns, Bury  
Songs of Praise for Harvest  
6pm on Saturday 30th September

St Nicholas, Houghton  
Family Harvest Eucharist  
10.30am on Sunday 1st October

St Giles, Coldwaltham  
Sung Harvest Eucharist  
10.30am on Sunday 8th October

PACT represents the 27 churches in the Petworth area who work hard every week of the year. In May, we had an excellent talk by Ruth Valerio, a prominent environmentalist, on how the churches can help with climate change, even though Donald Trump says there is no such thing!
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Art-Julie Simmons .................... 07528 130 021
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Petworth Community Church
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West Sussex County Council ....... 01243 777 100

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United Reform Church ............ 01798 343 102

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Sunday 17 September

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