

### Could you make savings on the cost of buying your fuel oil and LPG?

You might be interested to know that by buying your oil and/or LPG through a local scheme may save you money. If you would like more information about how this works, here are a couple of schemes that are functioning within our area:

COMMUNITY OIL BUYING SYNDICATE – Contact Derek Bradnum T:01403 891181, [derekbradnum@aol.com](mailto:derekbradnum@aol.com) Web: [www.oilbuyingsyndicate.co.uk](http://www.oilbuyingsyndicate.co.uk)

COMMUNITY LPG CONSORTIUM – Contact Richard Webber T:01403 248550, [webber42@btinternet.com](mailto:webber42@btinternet.com)

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# Slaughtam Parish Council

Summer 2014

Handcross, Pease Pottage,  
Warninglid and Slaughtam

### Welcome to our Summer newsletter.

#### Neighbourhood Plan update

The NHP Committee has re-formed, with new members and a structure that reflects the size of the four villages in the Parish. It will continue working towards producing a neighbourhood plan for the next 20 years which should protect and preserve what we all value, while providing the housing and infrastructure assets that will be needed. The decision by the Secretary of State to grant permission for housing at the Hoadlands site to the north of Handcross will need to be a part of any plan going forward.

The NHP stall at the Handcross Fun Day attracted many visitors who wanted to know what was involved and what stage we are at, and we hope to see many more residents from all the villages at future events as the plan progresses.



#### Neighbourhood Watch

The Neighbourhood Watch scheme (NHW) is looking for volunteer co-ordinators to set up individual schemes in Handcross following the successful schemes already established and covering all of Pease Pottage, Warninglid and Slaughtam.

Being a co-ordinator is a simple and non-time consuming volunteering role which helps your local community, your neighbours and may decrease your household insurance premiums too!

Setting up a scheme (normally based on one or two roads in your immediate area) is quick and efficient, it just requires some initial interest from yourself and a small form to be filled in and sent to Sussex Police in order to make your scheme 'official'. All that is then required is getting your neighbours aware of the new NHW scheme in your area and agreeing to be a member of your scheme. You then pass on Police and regional information to your members (via email in most instances) and look out for each other - it really is that simple!

Further information can be obtained via Councillors David Clare or Michael Earle (contact details on back page).

## DON'T FORGET.....

The mobile waste collection freighter will be in the Parish on the **13th September 2014** (Handcross, Truggers 10.00am to 11.00am; Pease Pottage Finches Field 11.10am - 12.10pm) and **18 October 2014** (Slaugham St Mary's Church 10.00am - 11.00am; Warninglid Seaforth Hall 11.10am - 12.10pm).

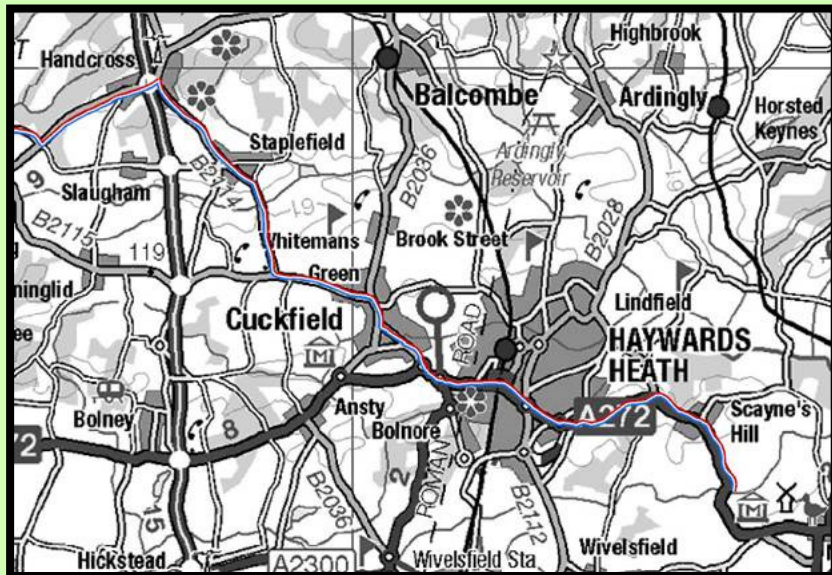
## After the excitement of the Tour de France.....

The Tour of Britain Cycling event will be passing through Mid Sussex on **Saturday 13th September 2014**.

This elite cycling event with several of the world's top professional cyclists will travel through Mid Sussex (from West to East) between 12:00 and 13:00 on Saturday 13th September 2014. This will form part of Stage 7 (the penultimate stage of the 2014 Tour of Britain) which runs from Camberley to Brighton during which cyclists will cover a total 226.5km. The route runs through Cuckfield, Staplefield and Handcross.

Mid Sussex District Council are looking for volunteer marshals: Handcross – 5 marshals required for approximately 1-2 hours, Staplefield 2, Cuckfield 15, Scaynes Hill 4.

NB - MSDC will provide a trained and experienced marshal supervisor who will give a briefing to volunteers on the day. Haywards Heath is subject to a separate marshalling plan. Contact the Clerk if you would like to know how to apply.



*A map of the proposed route*

## Twinning 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Weekend

We are looking forward to meeting 30 French guests at the end of July to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Slaugham/St Martin des Besaces Twinning Association. In September 1974, eighteen French people arrived in Handcross for the first twinning weekend and didn't know what to expect. We have accounts of the first visits in England and in France and it seems that certain customs bemused the guests on both sides of the channel.

Though travel in France is now commonplace, the joy and friendship involved in our Twinning Association is something special. Our twinning area, which encompasses several villages in the area surrounding St. Martin, is essentially a farming community in beautiful countryside in Lower Normandy.

The village of St. Martin des Besaces is similar to Handcross with several small shops, a butcher, two bakers, two florists and a mini supermarket and a very interesting museum devoted to the liberation of the area by the British during the Second World War.

There are still some people who were involved from the outset and other old friendships forged over many years. But equally, there are always new people interested to take part in the cultural exchange. We still find loads to talk about, even if it is 'franglais'. Some people are pleased at the opportunity to practise their language skills, while others are happy to enjoy the fun of sign language and the dictionary. There is always a spirit of warm hospitality, friendship and genuine enjoyment in each others' company.

This year we are taking our French friends to Battle, where it all began one might say and possibly explains how we get on so well with the Normans, though we were conquered by them in 1066. We plan to picnic in the grounds of Battle Abbey, so are hoping for good weather, though there is always a contingency in case of rain. In the evening we will have our formal meal with speeches from both English and French chairmen and there will be an exchange of gifts.

Although the original charter was the result of solemn oaths being sworn, most formality was quickly swept away by the warmth and congeniality of the exchange visits.

We are keen to carry on the tradition, being welcomed into each other's homes and enjoying packed, interesting and fun weekends in this special way. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Pam Cork, Chairman on 461451, or Gill Bedingham, Secretary on 400572 or check out our website.

*Enjoying a game of Petanque & BBQ. One of many Twinning events.*

