



Above: Summer activities: John Marshall awarded the Kenward Trophy at the Benenden Bowls Club; pre-school children explore Great Dixter; Benenden Gardening Club's Flower & Produce Show
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Editorial



It's a warm and wonderful time to be in Benenden, so much so that it seems almost churlish to go on about bad stuff, but needs must, and all that.

The community shop has been the hub of the village for ten years now, and it lives up to its billing by bringing together all strands of the population, for coffee, cake, the daily shop and general chinwagging. Unfortunately, it has long suffered from the blight that affects so many of its kind: a shortage of the volunteers without whom it would teeter on the brink of financial unviability.

Now, however, the situation has reached what might safely be called crisis point, with the simultaneous departure of several members of staff leaving those remaining to shoulder the extra burden.

Perhaps you haven't even noticed the upheaval when you've been in there. The loyal remainers have done such a great job of taking up the slack that you'd hardly know, but the reality is that with the current level of staffing, it's going to be very tough to keep providing all the services we've come to enjoy and expect in Benenden's.

Which brings us to the nub: more volunteers are desperately needed. As you may have gleaned from our front cover, your village shop needs you, so if you have any time you can spare to help out, at the till, in the café, stacking the shelves, then please pop along and put your name on the volunteers' rota.

I know everybody's busy these days, but a couple of hours every now and then would make a huge difference to the present and future of Benenden's, so have a rummage around in your schedule and see what you can do.

Peter Thomas, Co-Editor

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Church Calendar

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Please inform the Rector, Associate Priest or Churchwardens if you, or anyone else, is ill.

8am and 5pm services will be in the chancel of St George's Church, accessed through the Bishop's Door to the east end of the church

10am services will take place in the hall of Benenden Primary School

Sunday 2 August	8am Communion at St Nicholas, Sandhurst	10am All-age Communion	5pm Evening Prayer
Sunday 9 August	8am BCP Communion	10am Morning Worship	
Sunday 16 August	8am Communion	10am Sung Eucharist	
Sunday 23 August	8am Communion	10am Morning Worship	
Sunday 30 August		10am Benefice Communion at St Nicholas, Sandhurst	
Morning Prayer	8am Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at The Rectory, Benenden, but not 3, 5, 7, 10 and 12 August		

Mission Church, Sandhurst

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Mid-week Communion 10am Tuesdays

Iden Green Congregational Church

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From the Parish Registers

Wedding 4 July Nicola Wheaton and George Bright, at St Nicholas, Sandhurst

Funerals 9 July Edward Stevenson-Rouse Funeral, Charing Crematorium
and Thanksgiving Service, St Mildred's Tenterden

14 July Pamela Ibbotson Interment

25 July Martin Mitchell Interment

28 July Carole Lewis Interment

Church Letter



Long, hot summer with a lot to celebrate

I'm so pleased that we were fortunate not to have this really hot weather for the fete or for the set-up days last month. Then we wouldn't have had such a wonderful day; and we certainly wouldn't have raised so much. I promised to tell you in this edition how we did financially - and it was extraordinary! The Benenden village fete, in support of St George's Church, made an amazing profit of £25,175. Well done, and a huge thank you to anyone who helped with the fete or came along and made it the event that it was.

St George's has already given £4.5k of this to local organisations and charities: the Arnold Cole Trust, Benenden Pre-School and Primary School, Catching Lives, Nourish, and Bewl Bridge Rowing Club, who ran a new stall at the fete. The other funds raised will be divided between other charities that St George's supports throughout the year, the Restore, Renew, Rejoice project, and the (not inconsiderable) running costs for your parish church.

Work on the project is going well. The limecrete for the new floor is curing, electrical wiring and contactor boxes are being installed, and the air-source heat pump has been installed on the south parvis roof and the storage batteries into the old boiler room. A crane lifted the 675kg ASHP and batteries into place. We are on schedule with the heating phase and the church will be open for first services on Advent Sunday, 29 November, and a community social event on Saturday 14 November.

We start on the extension for the new toilet in the autumn, hopefully for completion late-spring 2027. If we want the other phases of the project to go ahead, then we need: more grant applications being successful; support for local fundraising events; floor tile sponsorship; or simply donations to the project.

The next phases include: the new kitchen, the meeting room, the accessibility-path, the lighting, and the AV system update. These will not go ahead until we have the money. So, in September, I will be walking 147 miles of the Pilgrim's Way and will be seeking sponsorship, please. More details soon.

Revd David Commander, Rector



Village Calendar

August

Saturday 1	Churchyard Working Party, St George's, Benenden, 9.30-12noon	
Saturday 1	Cornhole Tossing, St George's Social Club, 8.15pm	
Sunday 2	Open Garden, Little Walkhurst, Benenden, 12.30-4.30pm	p.9
Sunday 2	Summer Teas, Memorial Hall, 2-4pm	p.13
Saturday 8	Social Evening, St George's Social Club, 8.15pm	
Sunday 9	Summer Teas, Memorial Hall, 2-4pm	p.13
Tuesday 11	Mobile Library, bus stop outside Benenden Village Hall, 10-10.30am	
Tuesday 11	Mobile Library, Benenden Hospital, 10.40-11.10am	
Tuesday 11	Village Lunch, Benenden Village Hall, 12.30pm	p.13
Saturday 15	Quiz Night, St George's Social Club, 8.15pm	
Sunday 16	Summer Teas, Memorial Hall, 2-4pm	p.13
Tuesday 18	Iden Green and Benenden WI, Kim Wheeler: Paracise, Memorial Hall, 2pm	p.13
Saturday 22	Social Evening, St George's Social Club, 8.15pm	
Sunday 23	Summer Teas, Memorial Hall, 2-4pm	p.13
Tuesday 25	Mobile Library, bus stop outside Benenden Village Hall, 10-10.30am	
Tuesday 25	Mobile Library, Benenden Hospital, 10.40-11.10am	
Tuesday 25	Merry and Bright, Visit to The Copper House Garden, Memorial Hall, 1.45pm	p.17
Sat 29-Mon 31	Art in a Topiary Garden, Balmoral Cottage, Benenden, 12-5pm	p.13
Saturday 29	Jazz and Blues at the Iden Green Pavilion, 1.30pm	p.11
Saturday 29	Axe Throwing, St George's Social Club, 8.15pm	
Sunday 30	The Angry Whelk Fresh Fish Stall, Benenden Village Hall, 12-2pm	
Sunday 30	Summer Teas, Memorial Hall, 2-4pm	p.13

Iden Green Toddler Group

Tuesdays during term time in Iden Green Congregational Church, 9-11.30am

Wednesday Coffee Mornings

Wednesdays in the Memorial Hall, 10-11.30am

Cakes & Chaos: Toddler Group

Wednesdays and Fridays during term time at the Mission Church, Sandhurst, 9-11am

Benenden Bowls Club

Thursdays, April-September, on the recreation field, practice night, 6pm

Parish Council



Parish councils are the first tier of local government representing grassroots communities. The council is largely funded through a local tax called a precept, which is a portion of local council tax levied on residents by the local authority, in our case Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC). Parish councils generally focus on three areas:

- acting as the community advocates on most issues affecting the parish, including highways and environmental matters
- delivering local amenities
- representing residents on planning matters

Benenden Parish Council (BPC) strives to do its best to represent our residents' views and concerns to TWBC and Kent County Council. We all want to maintain a high standard, so working together to achieve that is very important. There are eight of us at present with one vacancy, and despite it being mentioned in all the usual places (and every month in this magazine), we are still short of one parish councillor!

BPC meets on the third Monday of each month, except in August, and we rotate three venues around the parish, in East End, Iden Green and Benenden. These are public meetings and whilst we tend not to see many in attendance, the public are most welcome to come and listen to the business on the agenda. If you have something you want to say, you only have to notify the clerk (see bottom of page) and you may be offered a five-minute slot to address the council.

We have around 700 households in the parish, so if you take out those residents who have retired from all forms of volunteering, along with those who really don't have the head space to take on anymore, and the ones that think they are too young or too old, I reckon that must leave a 'slack handful' who may consider they have something to offer.

It's important work for the benefit of all, so, if you are one of that 'slack handful', why not consider filling that vacancy?

Julie Lewis, Parish Councillor
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Caroline Levett, Benenden Parish Council Clerk
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Parish Council Meeting

No meeting in August



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Talking Point



Roaming free, and parking free, should be our right

The imposition of parking charges at Hemsted Forest has irritated a lot of people, especially dog walkers who use the car park off Goddards Green road two or three times a week. Okay, £2 for an hour's stay isn't outrageous, but that rises to £14.50 for four hours. And, admittedly, free parking at all Forestry England sites for an annual £96 membership fee is relatively reasonable, but it still means yet another direct debit to add to the ever-growing list. Many in England may feel that, as taxpayers, they already own Hemsted and indeed all Forestry Commission land. Plus, Forestry England - the operating arm of the commission - received grants of more than £63 million of your and my money last year.

As rural dwellers we are hugely privileged to have so much countryside readily available to us via our 27 miles of public footpaths in the parish, but surely we should be more encouraging to people in towns and cities to come out and enjoy the fresh air and Wealden vistas. Imposing parking charges is inimical to that idea.

Sadly, the trend to impose financial disincentives to visitors is growing. The National Trust levies hefty parking charges of £4.50 or £5 at Bodiam, Sissinghurst and Scotney, despite receiving more than £30 million from, as they put it, a 'wide range of statutory funders', i.e. you and me. By all means charge for entry to the properties themselves, but not just to park your car, please.

It's a similar story with English Heritage - a charity that manages the historic buildings that 'we' already own. Car parking charges range from £2 at Bayham Abbey to £4 at Battle, again probably putting off visitors who might just want to walk the grounds. So it comes as a pleasant surprise that parking at privately owned Great Dixter is free.

If one is concerned that our taxes are not exactly encouraging access to the countryside, then perhaps we should be considering extending the right to roam and adopting Scotland's much more generous approach, granting walkers, cyclists, and horse riders' statutory access to most land and inland water.

Some 90% of land in Britain is privately owned - and around 70% is used for farming. More than £2.3 billion of your and my money goes in subsidies to farmers. Arguably this is money well spent if it contributes to food security and keeps prices down, but is there not an argument that if we are all paying so much to farmers, they might make a bit more of an effort to allow us on to the land? Could you not even make the case for only paying subsidies or grants if more land is opened up for public access? There might be practical problems to overcome with livestock, but most arable farms could surely reserve a metre-wide strip around all fields for walkers, along with access gates and signs. Oh, yes, and free parking in farmyards would have to be a precondition!

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Football in Benenden

Having brought football back to Benenden village hall over the last two seasons in partnership with Staplehurst Monarchs FC, we are pleased to announce that our new resident football club will be Headcorn FC.

Formed in 1886, Headcorn FC is one of the oldest football clubs in the Vale of Kent and has had very successful adult teams, producing league- and cup-winning sides many times. Benenden Village Trust Manager Caroline Levett made history with the club in 2017 when she became the first female manager to win a cup in the men's Maidstone and Mid Kent Sunday Football League.

Headcorn FC has a thriving youth section, fielding both boys' and girls' sides, and a women's team, but since Caroline's success it had been without a men's side. With the re-introduction of a men's team, the club's football pathway is now complete and it is once more competing in the Maidstone & Mid Kent Sunday League.

Former Staplehurst Monarchs FC Sunday men's manager, Wayne Totterdell, who will lead the new Headcorn FC side, said: "If anyone is looking for a warm welcoming club for their children, or to play women's or men's open-age football, you'd struggle to find a better place. Our women's team are actively recruiting now, so if you want some fun, sociable fitness drop them a line."

The Headcorn FC men's side will play games at Benenden village hall on Sunday mornings, kick off at 10.30am - see the Facebook page for details.

For information on joining the club visit headcornfc.org.uk/contact-us/
Wayne Totterdell

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Sara Rowan

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All Benenden and Iden Green parishioners are invited to join us for lunch in the village hall at 12.30pm on Tuesday 11 August. If you would like to come and haven't written your name down already, then please ring me by Thursday 6 August. We are a bigger group now which is wonderful but means the cooks need longer to prepare. It costs just £5.

Genevieve Greenwood 240526

Iden Green and Benenden WI

After many years keeping us happy and healthy, three long-standing officers of our committee have retired: Shirley Fidler (president), Jackie Liffen (vice president) and Jocelyn Gregory (secretary), although Jocelyn will stay on the committee to provide much-needed local knowledge. We are deeply indebted to these three ladies for keeping our institute flourishing and it'll be splendid to have them amongst us as members without portfolio. Mary Georgetti and Vanessa Albertini succeed as president and secretary respectively.

Our year's programme continues on 21 July at 2pm in the Memorial Hall with an illustrated talk by Simon Drake - he undertook a six-week pilgrimage along the Camino de France with his wife, staying in local albergues and ending in Santiago di Compostela in Galicia.

Then on 18 August we meet in Iden Green Pavilion for some gentle exercise with Kim Wheeler, who is a registered practitioner of paracise.

In September there is an invitation for members to an afternoon visit to Eleanor Cochrane's lovely garden, which will be a real treat.

Lots to look forward to, so why not come and join us - you'll be most welcome.

Vanessa Albertini, Secretary
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Summer Teas return

Although St George's Church is temporarily closed for the Restore, Renew, Rejoice project, we will be going ahead with the summer teas on Sundays throughout August (2-4pm with the final tea on 30 August). We will meet in the Memorial Hall at the bottom of The Green. Come and join us for a cup of tea and piece of cake and a natter with your friends. As before, donations are welcomed and all proceeds will go towards St George's Church.

Helen Commander

Benenden Bonfire

Save the date for this year's Benenden Bonfire, which will be held on Saturday 7 November. Gates open 5.30pm. Bonfire at 6.30pm and spectacular fireworks display at 7pm.

Tickets will only be available to purchase online and will go on sale via our website on 1 October.

Gary Bell, Chair, Benenden Bonfire Society
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Benenden School

Aside from the heatwave, the end of term was notable for an historic Benenden School first, as our team of kart racers took to the track in a kart they constructed to battle against dozens of other schools. The girls came away with an outstanding result from their inaugural appearance in the competition and we are immensely proud of them.

We were also delighted to see the girls in non-exam years engrossed in a wide range of activities for our annual ACE Week. This year groups of our girls ventured as widely as Brussels and Bruges, and as close to home as Sissinghurst and Knole. They explored local vineyards, tried their hands at fishing, visited London universities and took part in a competitive House Games tournament. Our A Level biologists took part in a field work trip to Port Lympne and our geographers explored some of Kent's rivers. Such experiences, whether travelling off site or making the most of our wonderful location, are vital to the complete education.

For our sixth form leavers, fresh from finishing their A Levels, the first week of July provided an opportunity to celebrate the end of their time with us. A wonderful leavers' ball was held in London, followed by our traditional speech day, at which more than 1,300 people celebrated the students' wide range of achievements across another incredibly successful year for Benenden.

Over the summer holiday, we are looking forward to welcoming hundreds of young people to enjoy our site on a series of summer courses, and we are eagerly anticipating our A Level and GCSE results.

Rachel Bailey, Headmistress

Benenden Pre-School

The children, staff and parents enjoyed a summer outing to Great Dixter, brilliantly organised by Dixter's experienced education officer, Catherine. After welcoming us and laying down a few ground rules, she led us through the amazing gardens on a bee and butterfly spotting expedition. We were able to discover and admire all the flowers, fruits and vegetables grown in this very special place and were truly surrounded by beauty: the colours, scents and sounds of summer.

After a refreshing snack the children had some free-flow play. On offer was potato printing and watering tomato plants and sunflowers, as well as planting out beetroot seedlings. Many had a turn at all of these enticing options.

We then set off for the woods with packed lunches in hand. The woods are ancient and beautiful, and deep inside them under the cool trees we found a large circle of stumps, perfect for our picnic. Lunch was followed by an absolutely top favourite childhood activity - exploring amongst the trees and building with sticks. Other options included swinging in hammocks, scrabbling in a cargo net and balancing on a slack line, all slung between the trees.

Before we left the woods and said a fond goodbye to Dixter, Catherine read a story and played her guitar as we sang songs old and new. We are already looking forward to returning next year. A reminder that tickets are on sale for the pre-school Summer Ball to be held on 26 September. Please support our fundraising for a new home for pre-school.

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Benenden Bowls

Saturday 4 July saw the playing of the Kenward Trophy at Benenden Bowls Club. After a great afternoon playing bowls in beautiful weather Lisa Kenward had the pleasure of presenting the winner - John Marshall - with the trophy.

Friends of Benenden Primary School

What a fantastic year it has been for us. Thanks to the incredible support of our school community we've enjoyed another successful year packed with fun, memorable events that have brought families together while raising funds for the school.

Our calendar has been full of highlights, including the Readathon, Glow Party, Colour Run, Danceathon and Easter Trail. Each event has been wonderfully supported, creating lasting memories for the children and helping to make a real difference to school life.

None of this would have been possible without our amazing volunteers, parents, carers, staff and everyone who attended, donated or supported our events in any way. Your enthusiasm, generosity and willingness to help have been truly appreciated.

A very special thank you goes to Jane Mason for her outstanding leadership and dedication as Chair of the Friends. Jane's hard work, passion and commitment have been instrumental in making this such a successful year, and we are incredibly grateful for everything she has done.

As we look ahead, we are delighted to become co-chairs, with Evie continuing in her role as treasurer and look forward to another exciting year supporting our wonderful school. Alex Mochrie and Stacy Howe
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Merry and Bright

We reluctantly cancelled our June visit to Pympe Manor for afternoon tea and a walk around the beautiful gardens. As you may have guessed, it was because of the heat - we all love the sun but the day's temperatures would have been a little too much for everyone. Happily, we can reschedule a visit for another time.

Our club is still growing, with another two new members joining, which shows that our hard work is paying off. Thank you, team, for making our club such a success.

We are working on next year's programme already and are well on the way with more ideas and outings. We are all working on plans for new events to interest and encourage more people to come along and see what we are about. All welcome, no age limit. We hold our meetings in the Memorial Hall from 2-4pm every fourth Tuesday of the month, except December, with a Victorian tea.

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Laraine Penny, Chair 241763



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Mick Moore 240755

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Benenden Hospital

I began my NHS career as a physiotherapist and spent over 20 years there before joining Benenden Hospital. Reflecting on that time, especially around the recent NHS anniversary, I'm struck by how much has changed - and how some challenges remain. One of those is men's health.

Last month, I visited Portcullis House to speak with Dr Luke Evans, shadow health minister, about the barriers men still face in looking after their health. It was a constructive conversation, but it echoed a familiar issue: too many men delay seeking help until problems have become more serious.

This has been recognised nationally, with the NHS launching its Men's Health Strategy last November. Men are still less likely to seek early advice, whether for physical symptoms or mental wellbeing, often waiting until concerns affect daily life. Creating the right environment for open conversation remains essential. Some of the most important moments in healthcare are often the simplest: listening, offering reassurance, helping someone feel heard.

This was clear during July's Talk to Us month, led by the Samaritans, encouraging people to reach out for support - a message especially important for men, who are far less likely to seek help when struggling, particularly with their mental health, which continues to have very real consequences.

Our Men's Health Hub on the Benenden Hospital website brings together information to help people recognise early signs and feel more confident seeking advice. Sometimes, having clear guidance in one place makes that first step easier. Alongside this, our teams supported the Tonnes of Tins campaign across Kent, collecting donations for food banks - a reminder that supporting wellbeing extends beyond clinical care.

As we move through summer, with many enjoying time outdoors and with family, it's a good moment to reflect on our own health and the small steps we can take to look after it. For many, that first step is simply starting a conversation.

Claire Harley, Hospital Director

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Celebrating the very best of the Weald

In July, I had a wonderful day at the Kent County Show, now in its 95th year. It's a brilliant celebration of farming, food and rural life - and of course the Weald punched well above its weight.

As you might expect, our exceptional food and drink produce was on fine display. Of the 45 sponsors at this year's show, almost a third came from the Weald. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces and to catch up with some of our fantastic local businesses.

Simply Ice Cream never disappoint, and I demolished a tub of their mint choc chip (it's the undisputed king of ice creams, I will brook no debate on this topic).

I grabbed some Plurenden double cream to have with the strawberries I'd picked up from Pipers earlier that day. And it's not only food and drink. Romney Marsh Wools, based just outside Aldington, make a whole range of fabulous products with the fleeces of their flock of ewes; I got some adorable baby booties for a friend.

The show is a great reminder of just how much talent and entrepreneurship we have here in the area. That spirit is exactly what my Weald of Kent Awards seeks to celebrate.

After receiving so many amazing nominations, the finalists have been shortlisted. I'm delighted to say that voting is now open and it's time to choose the winners across our five categories: Local Hero of the Year, Independent Shop of the Year, Local Business of the Year, Farmer, Grower or Producer of the Year, and Pub, Café or Restaurant of the Year.

Last year, more than 1,000 people cast their votes, and I'd love to beat that this time. Every vote is a small way of saying thank you to the people and businesses who go above and beyond for our community, and it means the world to them to know their hard work has been noticed. So please do have your say. Voting runs until the end of August: www.katieforkent.com/weald-of-kent-awards.

I can't wait to celebrate the winners with you later in September.

Katie Lam, MP Weald of Kent



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Catherine Elliott

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On Wednesday 9 September at 3pm Florian Verweij will, once again, be coming from Holland to delight us with a piano recital to raise funds. He will feature music by Adolph von Henselt, Alexander Scriabin and Anton Rubinstein.

He will also be joined by the famous Liszt specialist in an energetic duet, Capriccio Espagnol, by Rimsky Korsakov.

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However, despite being supported by so many people who give generously of their time and energy, it hasn't all been plain sailing and it will be apparent to many of you that there has been a recent upheaval caused by our manager being absent and three more of her staff resigning. Subsequently, we have been hugely gratified to see so many of our volunteers cheerfully stepping up and returning to support and help us. It is testament to the spirit of this village that people respond and care about something so important to the community, and so many of you have altered your plans and turned up to help. Thank you so much.

The disruption is being dealt with as swiftly as possible by the shop committee and

remaining loyal staff who have pulled out all the stops. It will, however, take a while to settle back, but with your patience and help we will do it. Volunteers are needed more than ever now that we are short staffed, particularly during the summer season when people take holidays.

Maybe this is just the time you could offer some extra help? Perhaps this would be your first time as a volunteer, or perhaps you've stepped away for a while and may feel this is the time for you to return.

Unloading deliveries, stacking shelves and helping clear tables etc are tasks much appreciated if you don't feel confident with the till. Perhaps you know a teenager (16+) who might be able to offer some voluntary time and gain some valuable work experience during their school or university summer break? If so, pop into the shop and let us know. Young minds with good tech skills are a huge bonus!

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Flower & Produce Annual Show

Blooming marvellous: Benenden Gardening Club's Flower & Produce Show

We were delighted that eight out of the nine categories were represented this year and we had an impressive 50 entries. The weather was stunning and we were well-supported by the community who enjoyed browsing the presentations.

Our judges, David Sarton and Sheila Hume, were extremely professional and had a marking criteria to aid their decision-making. Much deliberation ensued and comments were provided as to why the winning entries had excelled.

Thank you to all who supported our day, including the cake bakers, tea and coffee servers, raffle ticket buyers, and of course the horticulturists!

We look forward to next year's exhibits and hope that the ugly and funny produce will not get discarded in favour of making an appearance at our flower and produce show in 2027.

Pippa Sarton



TOP PRIZES

- A single bloom: Eleanor Cochrane's rose
- A display of garden flowers: Eleanor Cochrane
- An arrangement of flowers in a teacup: Julie Lewis
- Four of any one vegetable: Philippa Heath's artichokes
- Four potatoes: Lizanne Brown's cleverly presented as a clutch of hen's eggs
- A display of at least four types of vegetable: Judy Williams with a very impressive variety, including padron peppers
- A display of any soft fruit: Lizanne Brown with blueberries presented in a stunning leather-handled basket adorned with blueberry leaves
- Children's class: Ralph and Jack planted a potato in a bucket and presented their crop. Ralph's were slightly more uniform in size and paler than Jack's but fortunately Ralph shared his prize with his cousin
- Best in show: Philippa Heath for her outstanding display of artichokes. It would not look out of place at the Tate Modern or as a work of art on the wall of a French bistro

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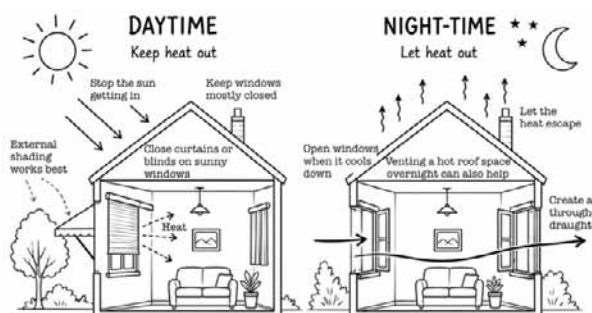
Simple ways to keep homes cool

When the weather turns hot, many of us instinctively reach for a fan or open a window. Both can help, but the most effective way to stay comfortable is usually to stop the heat getting into the building in the first place. Tim Dwyer explains how a few simple actions can make a noticeable difference.

Keep the sun out

The biggest source of unwanted heat is sunshine entering through windows. Once inside, it is absorbed by floors, walls and furniture, warming the house. The solution is to close curtains or blinds on sun-facing windows, particularly east-facing windows in the morning and west-facing ones in the afternoon.

Even better is external shading. A canopy, awning, well-placed tree or even a light-coloured sheet outside a sunny window will stop much of the sun's heat before it reaches the glass. Leafy climbers, such as hop vines, trained over a pergola or trellis can provide welcome summer shade while allowing winter sunshine through after the leaves have fallen. Roof windows are particularly prone to overheating and benefit greatly from external blinds or awnings.



Cool the building, not just the air

Many UK homes have enough brickwork to store 'coolth' overnight. Open windows during the evening and early morning while the outside air is cooler, then close them once the outside temperature begins to rise. The building stores coolness overnight and releases it during the day.

Opening windows on opposite sides of the house creates a through-draught that removes built-up heat. If safe, leaving windows open overnight can be very effective. Where security

is a concern, window latches, night vents or partially open upstairs windows can achieve much the same effect. Simple fly screens can help keep midges and other insects out.

Reduce indoor heat

Ovens, tumble dryers and lighting all add warmth. On very hot days, it can help to cook earlier, use a microwave or air fryer, or cook outdoors on a barbecue. Computers, televisions, games consoles and networking equipment also produce heat, especially if left running continuously. Switch off anything that is not needed and check that heating systems and heated towel rails are turned off. LED lighting also generates far less heat than older bulbs, while using much less electricity.

Fans before air conditioning

Fans cool people rather than rooms by moving air across the skin. Portable and ceiling fans both do this effectively, with ceiling fans providing gentle whole-room air movement while using very little electricity.

Portable air conditioners can provide welcome relief during heatwaves, particularly in bedrooms, but they use more electricity and work best with windows and doors closed. In many homes, good shading and night-time ventilation will be enough.

Which homes get hottest?

Some homes overheat more easily than others. Rooms beneath roofs, loft conversions, large areas of south- or west-facing glass and homes with little opportunity for cross-ventilation can all become uncomfortable during prolonged hot weather. Built-up areas stay warmer overnight.

Even highly insulated homes can overheat in summer if heat is allowed to build up indoors. But the same principles still apply: keep the sun out, avoid bringing warm air in, and let heat escape when outside temperatures fall.

Simple habits matter

Staying cool is often more about well-timed actions than expensive equipment. As with keeping heat in during winter, understanding how heat enters a home is often more effective than simply relying on equipment to remove it.

Coming next: Do we really need air conditioning?



Anneli Hukins: Journey of wellbeing, learning and community roots

Raised in Benenden by Jan and Jon Jackson, I grew up surrounded by the values of hard work, a love of the great outdoors and community spirit that continue to shape my life today. Having spent most of my childhood in Benenden, I find myself right back where it all began and I've brought what I've learned along the way.

My early career path was originally set in a very different direction. I began studying for a degree in building surveying and land management with the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. However, life took an unexpected turn when my mother became seriously ill and I stepped into the role of carer, supporting her until her passing in 2005. It was during this difficult time that I became aware of the complementary health care that there was available for people like her: an holistic way of caring for mind and body alike.

That experience profoundly changed my outlook and future ambitions. Witnessing first-hand the importance of compassionate, knowledgeable care inspired me to reconsider my career path entirely. Rather than returning to property and surveying, I chose to dedicate myself to health, wellbeing and helping others through some of life's most challenging moments.

In 2009, I formally began this new chapter by completing a diploma in holistic massage,

including anatomy, physiology and pathology, through the Richdales Institute based at Hammersmith Hospital in London. This was the beginning of a career built on both empathy and evidence-based practice. Alongside my studies, I gained valuable practical experience in a number of healthcare-related roles within the local area. I worked as a domiciliary care assistant, supporting people in their own homes and helping to maintain dignity and independence, then later worked for Kent County Council in Tunbridge Wells as assistant to the adult social services safeguarding lead, then taking a role as case management assistant, all giving vital knowledge of health and social care systems and how that impacts both individuals and communities.

A lifelong learner, I believe that health services should be grounded in sound science, professional standards and continual development while maintaining individual, personal needs and autonomy. In order to maintain these standards in my own profession I have, over the years, undertaken a wide range of further qualifications, including sports massage therapy and children and young people's mental health, resilience and positive psychology coaching, and neuromuscular rehabilitation. I have also completed specialist training in areas such as safeguarding vulnerable adults, treating complex PTSD, autism awareness and Parkinson's Disease.

After the birth of my son in 2014, I decided to become self-employed as an holistic health practitioner and established Woodstock Holistics. This new phase of life gave me the flexibility to balance family life with professional practice, allowing me to become deeply involved in my son's early years while continuing to support clients across the region.

When my son joined Benenden Primary School, I found myself drawn back to my roots once again. Reconnecting with village life reminded me how much I valued community spirit and meaningful local relationships. I realised that, although independent practice had many rewards, what I missed most was the sense of connection that comes from



working alongside others who share the same values. When I first established the business, I registered with the Complementary Medical Association, one of the leading professional bodies in the field of holistic healthcare. I also joined the College of Medicine and Integrative Health Care, based at Guy's Hospital in London, and have attended conferences and online events focused on collaboration, research and the importance of unity between clinical and complementary healthcare in modern society, to enrich healthcare experiences. My commitment to raising standards and promoting evidence-led holistic care was recognised in 2021 when I was invited to become a Fellow of the Complementary Medical Association (FCMA).

Creating a supportive professional network where like-minded practitioners could collaborate, train and encourage one another became increasingly important to me. Determined to build that vision without losing my independence, I set out to find my base and have come full circle, returning to Benenden, where I recently opened the Weald Natural Health Centre, a welcoming home for a growing collaboration of skilled holistic health professionals. The centre is already proud to have on board a multitude of different professionals offering massage therapy, reiki therapy, reflexology, neuro-linguistic programming, coaching and osteopathy. All these wonderful complementary health services can be accessed via the website www.wealdnaturalhealth.com where you will find links to each of the different practitioners along with an introduction and list of available treatments.

For me, it is more than a business venture. It is the fulfilment of a vision shaped by family roots, personal experience, professional dedication and a genuine desire to support the wellbeing of others. In bringing my work back to Benenden, I feel that I have also brought something valuable back to the community I have always called home.

Following the village roads that lead us back into history

The fifth in our series of revisited - and occasionally updated - walks around the parish, as originally brought to life by local historian Ernie Pollard in the 1990s.

TRAIL 5

Iden Green, Coldharbour Road and Tom Watt

Duration: A leisurely 1.5-2hrs

Start: Grid reference 834333

Note: Some high stiles and for one section* a pair of secateurs may be useful



Fig.1

Start at Iden Green crossroads and take Coldharbour Road west towards Scullsgate (1) (Fig.1).

Iden Green was a centre of the cloth industry in the 16th century and Frame Farm and Weavers Lane are reminders of this. Further back still, Iden Green was common land within

the den of Iden, the yew tree den, belonging to Aldington Manor. Yew Tree Farm at the crossroads could perhaps mark the site of a notable tree (or trees) from which the Iden got its name.

The recreation field was given to the village by Lord Rothermere of Hemsted after the Great War and was named after one of his sons, Vere Harmsworth, who died in the World War I. On the left are the Thorn Cottages, run by the Almshouse Trust for the parish and owned by the parish for at least 200 years. Straight ahead, by Claremont Place, is Field Lane, an ancient road and, more recently, a much-used route from Iden Green to Hemsted House (Benenden School). It is now a private road to Field Farm.

Follow Coldharbour Road round bends to the left and right. The north-south Roman road crosses near here. The name Coldharbour, meaning a shelter from the weather, was thought

to be associated with Roman sites. The implication is that a ruined Roman building survived into the Saxon period and provided shelter, a harbour, from the cold. Now place-name experts think that it means simply a cold, exposed, place. Soon on the left is a junction with a disused road, which is explored later in the walk. From this junction another old road, which has survived in places, ran northward to the ford.

Coldharbour Road is one of the most impressive sunken roads in the parish, the high banks suggesting that it carried heavy traffic in earlier centuries, eroding the road surface. The banks have many fine trees and a rich woodland flora. These ancient banks are among the treasures of the High Weald. On the right (Fig.2) is a tall beech tree with its roots seeming to cling to a rock-face of Tunbridge Wells Sand.

Cross over the stream in its narrow gill and go left (2) at Sarnden Farm (Fig.3) on footpath WC313

(note: the route marker is missing). Follow the track into the farm and at the end of the cow sheds, before the polytunnel, turn right towards the shepherd's hut and then left alongside the farm reservoir to a pedestrian gate into the fields (Fig.4).

Sarnden was another of the old dens, but we do not know the east Kent manor to



Fig.2



Fig.3



Fig.4

which it belonged. The farm for a long period belonged to Cranbrook School and the rents contributed to the upkeep of the school. The footpath crosses to a clump of hornbeam, a useful route marker. The trees are on the edge of an old marl pit; hornbeam may have been planted in such situations, because of its value for charcoal.

To the left see views of the gnarled old pines of the Jubilee Plantation, commemorating Lord and Lady Cranbrook's diamond wedding and Queen Victoria's diamond Jubilee in 1897. High to the south, and in sharp contrast to the old pines, is a windmill on the ridge at Sandhurst. It is a replica of a five-sailed mill, built in 1844 on the same site and worked until 1910; the replica is something of a 'folly' perhaps, but very handsome.

The path climbs diagonally towards Hinksden



Fig.5

Road, firstly through two pastures and then across the nuttery (Fig.5) below Camley Meadows (formerly Marden Cottage).

Turn right along Hinksden Rd (3) and, on reaching Camley Meadows on the right, turn left through a gate on footpath WC365 (4) (Fig. 6). Soon there are views ahead of Bedgebury Forest and its radio mast and, half left and not so distant,



Fig.6

Woodsden Farm with its conspicuous conservatory. At the edge of White Chimney Wood an old road is crossed, which ran from Hinksden Road, below Diprose Barn to Nineveh Lane. It is destroyed in places but can be seen disappearing into the wood to the north of the route. This was Tom Watt Lane, a name described by a Kentish place-name scholar as "delightful" and probably medieval. It was stopped up by the parish in 1850.

There are tall beeches along Tom Watt Lane and also by the path at the wood edge. In Benenden, beech is often found in such situations but more rarely within the woods. Its presence locally may be often the result of planting, although it is native to the area. The gorse on the path, spreading into the set-aside field, and the rhododendrons in the wood edge suggest that the soil is acid. Rhododendron, an introduced plant, is very invasive and little grows under its shade. Be careful as, unfortunately, part of this path alongside the wood is overgrown, so be careful of brambles*.

Turn, briefly, into the wood (5) and follow the path slightly right and down a slope to a bridge (Fig.7). After crossing the bridge over the stream and out of the woods take the path upwards past a new reservoir on the left and an older farm pond to the right.



Fig.7

Straight ahead is Great Nineveh, one of the old farmsteads of the parish, but not, as far as we know, one of the dens. The origin of its name is a mystery - in 1777 it was Niniveh, but no earlier form is known. The footpaths linked the old settlements and this path formerly went through the farmstead of Great Nineveh; now it is diverted around it.

At the gate before the buildings, take footpath WC309 right (6) across the field and join the old track by the sheep pen, heading east away from the farm. The path from Great Nineveh to Nineveh Lane passes through a new hedge plant nursery. These fields are often used by buzzards for hunting and when the nursery is quiet, deer can often be seen.

Many hedges have been lost in the Benenden countryside, although fortunately most along roadsides have survived. In some compensation there are good views, up to houses on the Cranbrook Road ahead (emphasising its situation →

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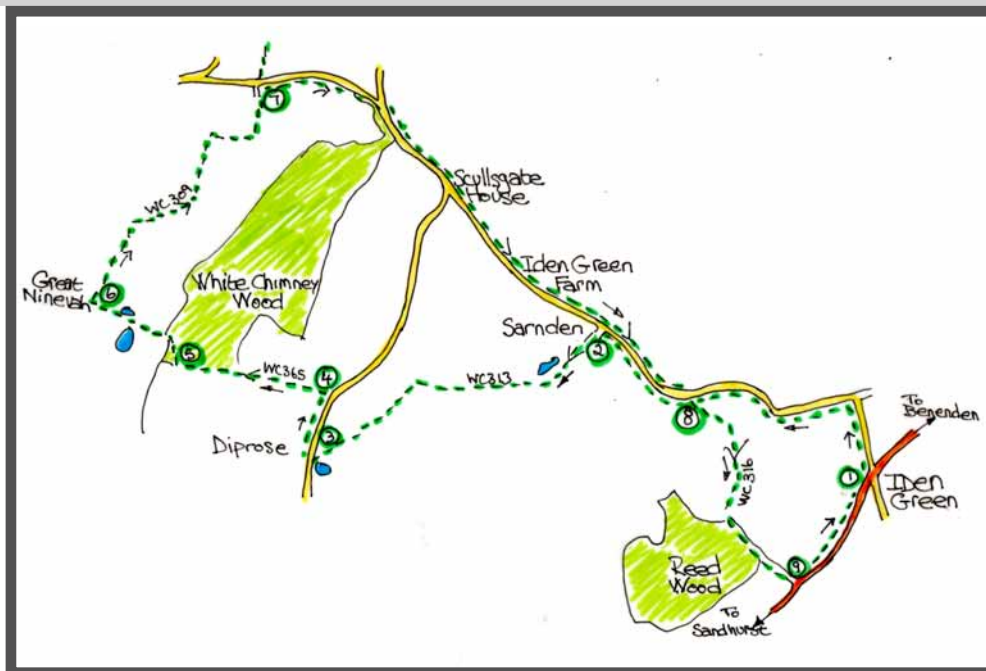
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→ on a ridge), White Chimney Wood to the right and Little Nineveh to the left.

Follow the path around the garden and turn right on the road (7). The field immediately on the right, known as 'Tom Watt Field' in 1777, is perhaps the 'Tomwattes Croft' mentioned in a will of 1549. Tom Watt Lane joined Nineveh Lane here. Close to the next road junction, an older line of the road can be seen to the right. Turn south-east on to Babbs Lane; around this junction there has been a great deal of quarrying and it continues on both sides of the lane. This is on or close to a rich seam of iron ore and it is possible that this was the material mined here. Once again, the intensity of use of the land and its minerals is evident. Look to the right as the stream is crossed and consider the possibility of an older crossing a few metres from the present road.

On the left of the road is Scullgate, a farmstead with another ancient and mysterious name. A disused road, now a footpath, leads from Scullgate up to the Cranbrook Road past Parsonage Wood, a nature reserve (Kent Wildlife Trust) in a spectacular steep gill. Continue east along Babbs Lane, which at some point becomes Coldharbour Road, on which the walk began. There are many ancient, contorted trees, mostly hornbeam, with their gnarled roots exposed by erosion of the banks. There are small stone quarries either side of the road. Eventually arrive at and walk past Sarnden Farm, seeing a view of Iden Green farmstead opposite, with its old

at footpath WC316 (8) (Fig.8) along another deeply sunken road, now disused. Reed Wood is to the south of the lane and Plum Tree Wood a little way to the west, towards Sarnden; the lane was known at different times as Reed Lane and Plum Tree Lane. The path along WC316 has good views over Sarnden up to Hinksden Rd; near the top of the path near a set of abandoned barns, there is an owl box on a pole - owls can often be seen (Fig.9).

At the end turn left up Mill Street (9) to Iden Green cross-roads and the end of the walk. At the crossroads is the medieval Weald House, in a commanding position on high ground, and the Victoria Well, given to the village by Lord Cranbrook to commemorate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. A notice prohibiting the use of the well by "engines and teams" (steam engines and teams of horses) is a reminder that the water supply from the well often failed. Explore Ernie's history articles at www.benenden.history.pollardweb.com Useful maps: Ordnance Survey Explorer 125, 136, 137 cover the whole Benenden, Iden Green and East End area, also the online KCC footpaths map Photographs and walk check: Jim Hyde



Fig.8

barns; the complex roofline around the oast kilns suggests conversion of older buildings in the 19th century.

For a short way retrace the route, then turn right

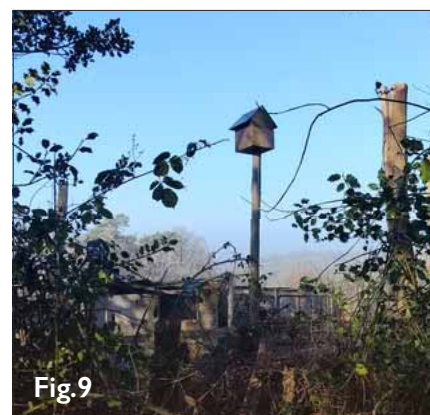


Fig.9

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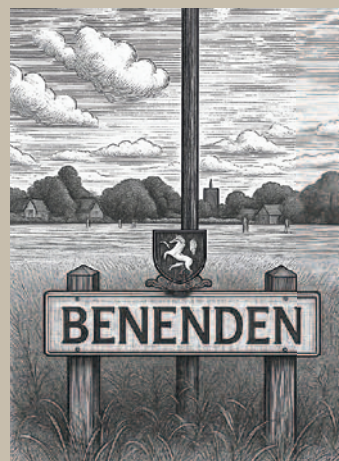
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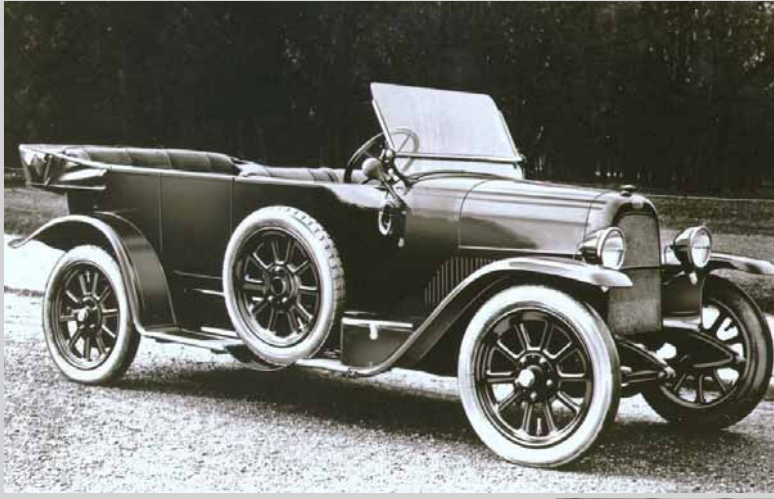
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Transport: 'He had a string of mules which could be seen jogging down the hill'

Part two of Christopher Neve's research into the history of Benenden transport first published in the parish magazine in 1974

The toll houses in Benenden and Iden Green, pulled down in 1876, were on the sites of the present pumps at the crossroads, with a cattle pound opposite the Benenden one until St George's Club was built in 1881. Farm wagons were last made locally by Bill Bridgland, at Summerhill, whose father kept the Royal Oak (in Iden Green. It was demolished after a fire in the early 1990s - ed).

Bridgland had been apprenticed at Pipers, the wheelwrights (which is now the house known as 'Wheelwrights' at the bottom of The Green). There was another for estate work at Mounts Farm. It was common to see wheels being trundled down the street to Mr Malpas's forge to be shod with their iron tyres. Until Miss Holborough bought the plot for her Sally Lunn tearooms in the 1920s, the space between the forge and the road - almost opposite Rollings (now Benenden's) - was used for shoeing oxen.

The last oxen here were owned by Col. Body near Tenterden. He also had a string of mules which could be seen sometimes jogging down the hill from Beacon Windmill, where the last miller, Mr Stamford, gave up grinding corn about 1920 after his son Charlie was killed.

Of the Hemsted teams of horses, two were usually kept at Parsonage Farm but when the estate was sold independent of its trees in 1920, steam traction engines were added to the teams of six for the timber tugs. The brightly decorated engines stood in the field behind the Catholic Church. Turners, of Frant, removed

many of the trees; and the so-called Pretty Oak, a gigantic specimen that grew near the bottom of New Pond Hill was transported as a massive load to the

British Empire Exhibition in Wembley in 1924.

With the destruction of the woods, the charcoal burners were in evidence - George Hemsley from Wadhurst, a great poacher, and 'Charcoal Jack' Robinson who swore often when his pit caught fire because attention had been transferred to his store of cider!

In 1917 the cars owned in Benenden could still be counted on one hand. There were two Rolls-Royces at Hemsted, with their chauffeurs Gilson and Bob Tanner, those at Hole Park and another belonging to Col. Carter. Captain Ingram had one on his arrival in 1919. Later one appeared at Beacon Hall, driven for the Sands family by their superior old-style chauffeur 'Tugger' Knight (who most evenings had to endure calls of "Night Knight"). Everyone else had to rely for any but the shortest journeys on the solid-tyred bus, with a ladder at the back, driven by Mr Harrison, which came through the village twice a week on its way between Ashford and Cranbrook.

There was also the carrier's business run by Mr Coley of Watermill House, Iden Green, necessitating a long haul up the hill for the horse in either direction. The service was improved by the arrival of his son's daily bus to Cranbrook when Bert Coley returned from the army in 1919.



In Your Garden

Bridging the seasonal gap in your borders

August is a tricky, transitional month in the gardening calendar. It falls between the billowness of late June and is a precursor to September's glorious season of late-flowering perennials and grasses. There are plants that can bridge this gap, however, and allow time for seasonal plants such as dahlias and half hardy annuals to gather their momentum.

Shrubs which are looking good now are a firm place to start. *Cotinus*, in all its forms but particularly *coggia* 'Royal Purple' or 'Grace' look fabulous in a mixed border and can be trimmed to size - unless, like myself, you prefer shrubs to throw out their natural form every which way, so I don't intervene. *Hydrangeas*, either the mopheads, *paniculatas* or *quercifolias*, or the sub-shrubby forms of *arborescens* are providing a hefty volume of flower power and colour. They do love moisture so bear in mind where you position them - an ailing and thirsty *hydrangea* is not a pretty sight.

'Car park' shrubs such as *photinias*, *viturnum davidii*, *lonicera* and *laurel* should not be underestimated. I have a small P. 'Red Robin' growing as part of a pot display for a client and it is giving me a lot for its money right now. Similarly, a golden form of *lonicera* will give a nice shot of contrasting yellow to the sea of overwhelming green, and my favourite, *Prunus laurocerasus* 'Sofia', is looking splendidly glossy and perfect with its narrow, dark green, glossy leaves, placed at the front of a mixed border and clipped into a ball.

I always say that I am not a massive fan of *heucheras*, and yet time and again I have used them in planting schemes and never regretted it. Again, they prefer a moist site and I prefer the larger-leaved varieties. Plant a decent-sized group of at least five-plus. I also stick to the deep purples as I find the acid greens look like lettuce in the ground (but okay in a container), and I struggle to place the new



'marmalade' colours. I enjoy bronze and orange-tinted grasses but this colour in a *heuchera* leaf I cannot seem to make work for me.

Low-growing grasses such as *sesleria autumnalis* and a variegated *carex* are also handy in groups of five-plus too. These will also be flowering by now so

will have thrown up dainty plumes to dance in the wind. *Pennisetums* also look good but I have had problems with these surviving winters (disliking wet or cold), while *luzula nivea* is also pretty and great in a shady spot.

Neatly clipped evergreen domes stand firm within the chaos of mid-season borders, so choose *yew*, *phillyrea*, *pittosporum* or even *box* if you are feeling brave (mindful of its maintenance these days for *box* moth/caterpillar and blight). For flower-power, choose *agapanthus*, *day-lilies*, early *achillea*, *erigerons annuus* and *karvinskianus*, *knautia* and *scabious* (particularly the willowy pale yellow *cephalaria gigantea* - a beautiful and very easy plant to grow).

Your roses will still be flowering if regularly and rigorously dead-headed but can struggle a bit if there's not enough water around or they have no mulch at their base. I also keep the lawn edges tidy and I prefer to leave a small gap at the front of a border, just every few metres or so, neatly weeded. I like the abundant look and am even happy to let some weeds colonise if they are adding value and keep the ground covered, but a break for the eye is always a welcome rest in my book.

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