



**Your  
Welcome Guide  
to the  
Parish of Wivelsfield**

# Welcome to the Wonderful Parish of Wivelsfield



On behalf of the Parish Council we would like to welcome you to the Parish and hope you will enjoy living here and being part of our warm and active community.

We have many services, clubs and activities, as well as a primary school serving the Parish of Wivelsfield. We are proud of the warm and welcoming community we live in and the contributions our residents make. To help you settle in and find your way around the Parish, we have pulled together some information that we think you may find useful.

A quarterly magazine, Wivelsfield News is also produced by the Parish Council, which is a great way to keep up to-date with what is going on.

The Parish of Wivelsfield has a wealth of historical interest and so we have included some interesting facts (and folk lore!) that you may enjoy.

We are fortunate to have a Historical Society and a History Study group in the village and if you would like to learn more about local history, their contact details are also in this guide.

## The Parish of Wivelsfield

The Parish of Wivelsfield is larger than you may think and is in fact one of the larger parishes of East Sussex. In the Parish sits the village of Wivelsfield Green and the hamlet of Wivelsfield by the Parish Church. However it also encompasses some woods and small residential areas south of Haywards Heath as well as an area on the edge of Burgess Hill. The Parish is divided by the B2112, the road that runs north from Ditchling to Haywards Heath.

If you are living in the Parish of Wivelsfield we warmly invite you to become involved and take an active part in the community.

*For the purposes of this guide we focus mainly on the facilities and amenities in Wivelsfield Green, where most of the Parish facilities are located.*

## A Bit of History

Wivelsfield is an ancient place and there is much local history of interest. For the purposes of this guide we have picked some more recent tales that, as a parishioner, you may be interested to hear.

If you would like to find out more, we have listed a couple of publications below as well as details of the Wivelsfield Historical Society.

### Carnations

Wivelsfield Green was once famous for carnations. Three brothers from Lincolnshire established Allwood's Carnation Nurseries in 1910 and achieved worldwide fame. A species of the Sweet William raised in the 1930s is named the Sweet Wivelsfield. The nurseries moved out of Wivelsfield Green in 1960; the land was sold and is now the residential areas of Downsview Drive, Allwood Crescent and Strood Gate. Wivelsfield Primary School features the Sweet William as their school emblem.

### Murder!

A more sinister historical fact relates to the Royal Oak Public House on the B2112 (soon to be residential housing) which was the scene of a celebrated murder on 26 May 1734. Money was the motive behind the dark deed, because a pedlar called Jacob Harris overheard the landlord Richard Miles boasting that the inn had made a profit of £20 that week, a small fortune to a wanderer like Harris.

The pedlar murdered the landlord, his wife and a serving wench but the authorities soon caught up with him. He had hidden in a chimney at The Cat, West Hoathly, but tumbled out when someone lit the fire to dry their clothes. Harris was hanged on 31 August and his body left to hang on the gibbet near to the Royal Oak as a practical warning to others. The area is still known as Jacob's Post.

### Donkeys

The first donkey derby held in the UK was in in 1951 in Wivelsfield Green. On a wet day in the hay-making season, farmer Jim Dinnage was drowning his sorrows at The Royal Oak. Outside the window he saw a donkey, forlorn and bedraggled in the rain. Mr Dinnage felt so sorry for the beast that he bought it on the spot from the local rag and bone man which meant taking on the business 'lock, stock and barrel'. He arrived home with the donkey and a cartful of junk!

The donkey, a jack christened Billy, grew lonely for a mate in a way which upset the neighbours. He would bray at 3 am and wander off into people's gardens. On one occasion he was brought back to Lone Barn Farm, handcuffed to the irate local

constable. So farmer Dinnage travelled to an abattoir in London where 13 donkeys were awaiting slaughter, part of a cruel trade in which the animals were exported from Ireland under terrible conditions and sold as veal during the post-war meat shortage. The farmer bought the lot and Billy got a new name - Lone Barn Farouk because of his harem of 13 wives.

He persuaded 12 of his friends in Wivelsfield to each take a donkey; they jokingly called themselves The Donkey Club and hit on the bright idea of staging a donkey race meeting to help raise funds to pay for the purchase of the playing field (the current recreation ground). It was a great success, but it was felt more donkeys were needed. Soon afterwards Mr Dinnage saw a newspaper report which said 194 of the animals were running loose at Ashford after breaking out of a train bound for the slaughterhouse.

The International League for the Protection of Horses said it would buy the donkeys but desperately needed somewhere to keep them. They came to Lone Barn Farm amid a blaze of publicity and offers to adopt a donkey and become members of The Donkey Club (at five shillings for life). It became a charity and, at the second donkey derby, a staggering 23,000 people poured into the village.

Tragedy struck the Dinnage family in 1956 when their son Peter died of cancer at the age of 13. This prompted them to establish a holiday home by the sea at Lancing for the short-term care of the severely handicapped, and donkey derby profits were channeled into this. But when Jim Dinnage died in 1963 his widow Susan was forced to sell the holiday home. She put the proceeds into the building of a hospice at Lone Barn Farm, a caring place which can accommodate 25 residents and is named St Peter's and St James's after her late son and husband. There are still donkeys there, a delight for residents and visitors alike. \*\*

\*\* This information is taken from [www.vistoruk.com](http://www.vistoruk.com) with credit to The East Sussex Village Book by Rupert Taylor.

*For more information on the history of the Parish of Wivelsfield:*

‘Wivelsfield, the History of a Wealden Parish’ published by Wivelsfield History Study Group - now out of print but available from local libraries.

Also produced by the study group is the ‘Guide to the Parish Church of St Peter and St John the Baptist. It is on sale in the Parish Church for £1.

## **Wivelsfield Historical Society**      [www.wivelsfield-historical-society.co.uk](http://www.wivelsfield-historical-society.co.uk)

**Contact:** Paula Wood

**Phone:** 471242

Wivelsfield Historical Society was formed in 1993, with the aim of fostering an interest in local history by talks, visits, walks and research. Most meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 8pm in the Wivelsfield Village Hall. For further details please visit the website.

## **Wivelsfield History Study Group**

**Contact:** Sheila Blair

**Phone:** 233937

This consists of members of the Wivelsfield Historical Society who are actively engaged in researching and publishing all aspects of the history of Wivelsfield.

# The Parish Council

## Council Office

[www.wivelsfield.org.uk](http://www.wivelsfield.org.uk)

The Cock Inn, North Common Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7RH

### Opening Hours:

The Council office is normally open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 9.30am until 12pm although this may vary during school holidays.

**Email:** [clerk@wivelsfield.org.uk](mailto:clerk@wivelsfield.org.uk)

**Phone:** 471898

**Clerk:** Liz Gander

**Asst. Clerk:** Lorna Thwaites



The Parish Council is a group of elected councillors with elections held in May, every 4 years - the next one being due in 2019.

Wivelsfield Parish Council currently has 5 councillors who meet regularly to make decisions on the work and direction of the Council.

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Monday of every month (please refer to the Parish Council noticeboard for exact dates). Each meeting starts with an open forum during which members of the Parish can ask questions or raise points about items on the agenda.

The activities of the Parish Council fall into 3 main areas - representing the local community, delivering services to meet local needs and improving facilities.

Wivelsfield Parish Councillors do not receive any salary but contribute their time and energy to the smooth running of the Parish.

## What are we responsible for?

The Parish Council makes representations to the District and County Councils or Member of Parliament on behalf of the parishioners. It is responsible for allocating funds for the repair or installation of street lighting; reviewing planning applications and for certain aspects of footpaths, bus shelters etc.

Some recent projects we have been involved in (and are certainly not limited to) traffic calming measures around Wivelsfield Green; contributing to the development of our Neighbourhood Plan along with a group of volunteers; revamping the children's play area and organising regular community clean ups.

In November each year the Parish Council considers the required expenditure for the coming year and agrees a budget. This is funded by the precept (the Parish Council's share of the council tax) collected by Lewes District Council.

## Wivelsfield News

Wivelsfield News is a quarterly publication covering news and events from your Parish Council. If you would like to know more about what is going on around the Parish, look out for your free copy delivered to your door.

## Wivelsfield Parish Councillors

**Chairman** Ian Dawson

**Vice Chair** Judy Stoner

**Councillor** Michelle van Bochove

**Councillor** Stella Phillips

**Councillor** Edward Pascoe

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council we currently have several vacancies.

## District Councillors

**Councillor** Cyril Sugarman 01444 471275 [cyril.sugarman@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:cyril.sugarman@lewes.gov.uk)

**Councillor** Sharon Davy 01444 831336 [sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.davy@lewes.gov.uk)

## County Councillor:

**Councillor** Jim Sheppard 01825 724478 [cllr.jim.sheppard@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.jim.sheppard@eastsussex.gov.uk)

## MP for Lewes

Maria Caulfield [maria.caulfield.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:maria.caulfield.mp@parliament.uk)

## Useful Numbers

East Sussex Highways (for reporting potholes, broken street lights etc) 0345 6080193

East Sussex County Council (switchboard) 0345 6080190

Lewes District Council (switchboard) 01273 471600

(for the Planning Department, Housing, Electoral Services, Environmental Health, Pest Control or Fly Tipping, Litter Services etc)

Sussex Police Non-Emergency Contact Centre 101

Sussex Police Lewes Area Neighbourhood Team (PCSO team) - call 101 and ask for this team or email [district.lewes@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:district.lewes@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

# Shops, Pubs and Facilities

## The Village Shop (Londis) & Post Office

North Common Road, Wivelsfield, RH17 7RH

**Phone:** 471244  
**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 7am to 7.30pm  
Saturday 8am to 7.30pm  
Sunday 8.30 to 2pm



The shop stocks a wide variety of every day essentials including confectionary, beer, wine and spirits, top up grocery items and fresh produce. It is also a Lottery Retailer and a Post Office.

## The Hairdressers

Willow House, South Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7QN

**Phone:** 471224  
**Opening Hours:** Wednesday to Saturday 9am to 5pm



## The Cock Inn [www.cockinn-wivelsfield.co.uk](http://www.cockinn-wivelsfield.co.uk)

North Common Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7RH

**Phone:** 471668  
**Opening Hours:** Monday to Saturday 10am to 11pm  
Sunday 12pm to 10.30pm



**Food Service:** Monday to Thursday 12pm to 3pm,  
6pm to 9pm  
Friday and Saturday 10am to 9pm,  
Sunday 12pm to 8pm

The 'Cock' as it is known to the locals is a village pub in the finest tradition. Providing locals and visitors alike with the opportunity to get together in friendly surroundings and enjoy a chat over a refreshing drink and some good food. Open from 10am daily (excluding Sunday) for morning coffee or pop in for tea and cakes in the afternoon. A Full English Breakfast is available every Saturday morning between 10am and 11.30am.

## Travis Perkins

Green Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7QL

**Email:** hayheath@travisperkins.co.uk

**Phone:** 471265

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 7.30am to 5pm, Saturday 8am to 12pm

## Mid Sussex Vets

More House Farm Business Centre

Ditchling Road, Wivelsfield, RH17 7RE

**Phone:** 363636

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Friday 8am to 7pm

Saturday 9am to 2pm

A small, friendly, caring, professional team led by Marie Arkell.



## Doctors Surgeries

Whilst the Parish of Wivelsfield doesn't have its own medical practice, there are plenty nearby in Haywards Heath or Burgess Hill. Alternatively there is a small practice located in Newick and Chailey.

## Mid Downs Medical Practice

**Phone:** Newick 01825 722272

Chailey 01273 892999

## Accident and Emergency

### The Princess Royal Hospital

Lewes Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4EX

### Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) at Lewes Victoria Hospital

Nevill Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1PE

**Phone:** 01273 474153/402504

**Opening Hours:** Monday to Sunday 8am to 8pm (last booking is at 7.45pm)

Closed on Christmas Day

# Community Spaces Available for Hire

## Wivelsfield Village Hall & Recreation Ground

[www.wivelsfieldvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.wivelsfieldvillagehall.co.uk)

Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7QH

**Email:** For letting enquiries: [villagehalllettings@gmail.com](mailto:villagehalllettings@gmail.com)



The Village Hall was opened in 1981 and is a charity-run community facility. The hall and recreation grounds (also known as the village green) are well used by local clubs, community organisations and sporting teams.

The hall and grounds are available and are suitable for a host of different events, parties and meetings. Wedding packages are also available.

## Wivelsfield Church Hall

Church Lane, Wivelsfield, RH17 7RD

**Email:** For letting enquiries: [wivelsfieldchurchhall@gmail.com](mailto:wivelsfieldchurchhall@gmail.com)



The Church Hall was refurbished in May 2015 having been open for church and community use since 1916. The refurbishment programme provided disabled facilities and underfloor heating as well as modern facilities and kitchen area.

The Church Hall is firstly available for supporting church clubs, activities and events but also for letting for parties, events, classes and activities. Please note it isn't suitable for 18<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties due to its residential location.

## Ote Hall Chapel (Countess of Huntingdon Connexion)

**Contact:** John Elphick

**Phone:** 413882



Ote Hall Chapel has a hall with kitchen facilities, which is available for hire by arrangement.

# Places of Worship

## **Parish Church** Of St Peter and St John the Baptist

Church of England

Revd Christopher Powell, Vicar of Wivelsfield

**Email:** General Enquiries: [office@wivelsfieldchurch.org](mailto:office@wivelsfieldchurch.org)

### **Church Wardens:**

Mrs Paula Wood [pwood49@googlemail.com](mailto:pwood49@googlemail.com)

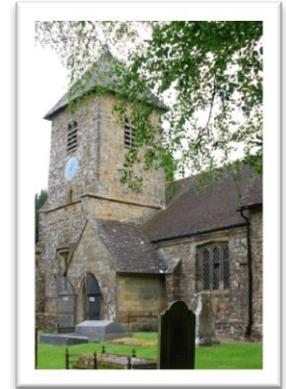
Mr Steve Onions [stevensue.onions@btinternet.com](mailto:stevensue.onions@btinternet.com)

This old and beautiful church is to be found in an idyllic setting, towards the end of Church Lane. Peaceful though its setting may be, it is the place of worship for a lively, friendly and welcoming community catering for all ages. Its services are varied and there are many associated activities for its members.

### **Services:**

#### **Every Sunday**

8am	Holy Communion
10.30am	Sung Eucharist
6pm	Evensong
Children's Service	First Sunday of every month at 9.30am.
Café Church	Third Sunday of every month at 9.30am, Wivelsfield Village Hall



## **Ote Hall Chapel (Countess of Huntingdon Connexion)**

**Contact:** John Elphick

**Phone:** 413882

Ote Hall Chapel was the second church to be commissioned by Selina, Countess of Huntingdon at Great Ote Hall. It is a Grade 11 Listed Building.

It was built in 1778 and the chapel contains the original pulpit and chandeliers from Great Ote Hall. You will find a relaxed atmosphere dedicated to worship and welcoming all ages.

The hall may be booked by arrangement.

### **Services:**

Every Sunday 11am

Communion First Sunday am, fourth Sunday pm

Fellowship Tea Fourth Sunday 4.30pm



## Bethel Strict Baptist Chapel

**Contact:** Mr C M Pyle  
**Email:** pylec@hotmail.co.uk

Bethel Baptist Chapel is a strict Baptist place of worship, situated on Ditchling Road, Wivelsfield. Bethel Chapel is a Grade 11 Listed Building, built in 1780.

### Meeting Times:

Sunday 11.15am & 6.30pm  
Thursday 7pm prayer meeting and Bible Study



## The Church of Jesus Christ Latterday Saints

North Common Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7RJ

Haywards Heath Ward at Wivelsfield Green is a Christian congregation serving the Wivelsfield community.



# Education

## Wivelsfield Green Playgroup and Pre-school

[www.wgpg.co.uk](http://www.wgpg.co.uk)

Wivelsfield Village Hall, Eastern Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7QH

**Email:** [admin@wgpg.co.uk](mailto:admin@wgpg.co.uk)

Wivelsfield Green Playgroup and Pre-school (WGPG) is a charity-run Early Years Setting providing quality childcare for children aged 2 to 5 years. Established in 1972, WGPG has been a popular choice for local families for over 40 years and in 2015 it was awarded 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.



For information on session times, prices and up-to-date availability please contact [admin@wgpg.co.uk](mailto:admin@wgpg.co.uk)

## Wivelsfield Primary School

[www.wivelsfieldschool.org](http://www.wivelsfieldschool.org)

South Road, Wivelsfield Green, RH17 7QN

**Phone:** 471393

**Email:** [office@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk)

Wivelsfield School is located in the heart of the village in modern premises with extensive grounds. It is a wonderful, caring school with consistently good academic results across both Key Stage 1 and 2. Children make good progress and leave ready for the next stage of their lives as confident, happy and articulate individuals.



## Chailey Secondary School

[www.chaileyschool.org](http://www.chaileyschool.org)

Mill Lane, Chailey, East Sussex, BN8 4PU

**Phone:** 01273 890407

**Email:** [office@chaileyschool.org.uk](mailto:office@chaileyschool.org.uk)

Chailey is a small school with children attending from a large catchment area. It offers a vast range of opportunities for students, and high levels of care and support. Chailey School is the catchment secondary school for the Parish of Wivelsfield.



# Baby and Toddler Groups

## Wivelsfield Green Playgroup and Pre-school - Baby and Toddler Group

**Email:** [admin@wgpg.co.uk](mailto:admin@wgpg.co.uk)

Every Wednesday morning during term time, between 9.30am and 12pm  
£1 per adult and £1 per child - first taster session is free!

Free tea and coffee for the adults and a healthy snack for the children



Run by Wivelsfield Green Playgroup and Pre-school, the 'Baby and Toddler Group' is held on a weekly basis in the Renshaw Room of the Wivelsfield Village Hall. It is a drop in session from 9.30am until 12pm with weekly singing, craft and play. The group is run by an experienced member of the Wivelsfield Green Playgroup and Pre-school team, Vicky King.

## Lunch Bunch

**Contact** Sheila Blair

**Email:** [sheila.blair@btinternet.com](mailto:sheila.blair@btinternet.com)

Lunch Bunch is a drop-in lunch club for mums, dads, grandparents and carers. It runs every Thursday in term time, from 12pm to 2pm, at the Wivelsfield Church Hall. Come along and make new friends and enjoy a home-cooked lunch, whilst your children play. Cost: £3 per adult, £1 per child, babies free.

# Youth Groups

## Wivelsfield Youth Group

**Contact:** Alan Janes  
**Email:** alanjanes@btinternet.com

The Youth Group, funded by the Parish Council, has been meeting since 2009 and provides a wide range of interesting activities such as cooking; carving pumpkins; country walks in the dark; tag rugby and other outdoor sports. All activities are supervised by a qualified youth leader with the support of volunteers. Meets fortnightly, Tuesdays 6.30pm to 8pm  
All children aged 7 to 12 years are welcome

## Parish Church Youth Group - Wicked

**Contact:** Perry Webber  
**Email:** perry.wickedyouth@outlook.com

Wicked Youth Group offers varied programme of activities for young people and provides an opportunity for friendship and fellowship as well as taking part in village events.  
Junior Wicked (ages 7 to 11 yrs) meet between 5pm and 6.30pm on alternate Friday's during term time.  
Wicked (ages 11 to 18 yrs) meets between 8pm and 10pm on alternate Friday's during term time.  
Please contact Perry Webber for further details.

# Road Safety



As with many parishes across the country, the speed in which traffic travels through the area continues to be an issue for Wivelsfield.

For pedestrians, cyclists and children, the speed which some vehicles pass through the village can be both frightening and dangerous.

In recent years the speed limits of Green Road, North Common Road and South Road were reduced to 30mph and the area around the school to 20mph.

As residents of the Parish, we ask that you stick to these speed limits and act as 'pace setters' for other road users.

## Speedwatch

**Contact:** John Wigzell

**Phone:** 471216

We have an active 'Speedwatch' team who monitor traffic at four sites, noting traffic speeds and car registrations. Any vehicles breaking the speed limit are reported to the police, who contact the motorists concerned and take appropriate action.

Volunteers are needed to help with the monitoring and if you would like to support Speedwatch and have just a couple of hours a month to spare, please contact John Wigzell.

# Transport

## Buses

We are fortunate to have a network of buses connecting Wivelsfield Green to a variety of places including Brighton and have several bus stops:

## Bus Stops:

Playing Fields Bus Stop - Green Road

Chapel Hall Bus Stop - B2112

Church Lane Bus Stop

Village Hall, Eastern Road

Coppards Close

Downsview Drive

## Services

166 Lewes, Offham, Plumpton and Haywards Heath

167 Village Rider - Burgess Hill, Hassocks, Ditchling, Offham, Lewes

168 Village Rider - Wivelsfield, East Chiltington, Ditchling, Burgess Hill

271 Metrobus - Brighton, Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Crawley

For latest up to date information please see [www.bustimes.org.uk](http://www.bustimes.org.uk)

A bus service links the village with Lewes, Plumpton, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill.

A regular bus service linking Cuckfield and Haywards Heath to Brighton, via Burgess Hill runs along the B2112 in the western part of the Parish.

# Refuse and Recycling Collections

## Refuse

Refuse is collected on a weekly basis.

## Recycling

Recycling is fortnightly.

To check which days your collections are, please visit:

[www.lewes.gov.uk/waste](http://www.lewes.gov.uk/waste)

## Household Waste Recycling Site

Fairbridge Way, Burgess Hill, RH15 8AR

[www.recycleforwestsussex.org/recycling-sites/burgess-hill](http://www.recycleforwestsussex.org/recycling-sites/burgess-hill)

# Twinning and Parish Links

## Wivelsfield Twinning Group

**Contact:** Judy Stoner  
**Email:** (via the Parish Council) [clerk@wivelsfield.org.uk](mailto:clerk@wivelsfield.org.uk)

Over the last couple of years we have been forging links with Sourcieux-les-Mines - a village not far from Lyon in France and have recently signed a Twinning Charter. The aim of the twinning is to foster cultural, social and educational exchanges between the two villages.

If you would like more information, or to become involved with the Twinning Group, please contact Judy Stoner, via the Parish Council.

## The Sierre Leone Parish Link

**Contact:** Paul Welch  
**Phone:** 471336

We are proud to have an established link between Wivelsfield and the parish of St. Matthews's in Aberdeen, a small community on the edge of the Sierre Leone capital, Freetown.

This link was established 8 years ago by the Parish Church and was subsequently expanded to include Wivelsfield School, Wivelsfield Green Playgroup and Pre-school and almost 50 individuals who make regular contributions.

Through this link eleven children are receiving a secondary education that the state doesn't provide and which parents cannot afford.

# Clubs and Societies

We are fortunate to have a wealth of clubs and societies in the Parish. Details of the clubs and societies are listed below with a 'pull out and keep' summary sheet at the end of the brochure.

## Drama and Music

### Wivelsfield Films

[www.wivelsfieldfilms.com](http://www.wivelsfieldfilms.com)

**Contact:**

John Wigzell / Alan Janes

Run on a monthly basis, on a Sunday evening at the Wivelsfield Village Hall,

Wivelsfield Films is a great cinema experience on our doorstep.

Wivelsfield Films employ a professional company, CineMobile Ltd, to provide screenings of up-to-date high profile films on a big screen with superb audio equipment. Homemade cakes, ice creams and drinks from the licensed bar are available 30 minutes before the screening and during the interval.

Wivelsfield Films is run by a team of volunteers and would welcome anyone who would like to help. Please contact John Wigzell on 471216 or Alan Janes on 471201 if you are interested in helping.

### Wivelsfield Little Theatre [www.wivelsfieldlittletheatre.co.uk](http://www.wivelsfieldlittletheatre.co.uk)

**Email:**

[info@wivelsfieldlittletheatre.co.uk](mailto:info@wivelsfieldlittletheatre.co.uk)

Wivelsfield Little Theatre (WLT) has been a drama and social club since 1964, bringing performances to the stage of Wivelsfield Village Hall.

They are always keen to welcome new actors, directors, stage managers, set designers, lighting and sound technicians, carpenters, painters, make-up artists, costume designers, prop handlers, prompts, ushers and lots more.

There are also monthly social events organised for all to participate in.

Please note there is no junior section for under 16's.

### Parish Church Choir

**Contact:**

Jenny Billam

**Phone:**

459551

Open to anyone who enjoys singing! The choir meets every Thursday at 7pm in the Church Room to rehearse music for Sunday services. Special services are prepared for Christmas, Easter and other major church festivals.

## **Bell Ringing**

**Contact:** Ian Hodge

**Phone:** 01273 475811

The Parish Church Bell Ringers are affiliated to the Sussex County Association of Change Ringers. They ring for Sunday services on the first, third, fourth and fifth Sundays of the month between 10 and 10.30am. Bell ringing for evening services by arrangement. Practices are held each Thursday evening 8pm to 9.15 pm.

# Sport and Recreation

## Wivelsfield Green Cricket Club [www.wivelsfieldgreen.play-cricket.com](http://www.wivelsfieldgreen.play-cricket.com)

**Contact:** Stuart Savidge  
**Email:** amazingitfc@aol.com

Wivelsfield Green CC is a small non-league club that plays friendly matches on Sunday afternoons, mostly against local teams. Home matches are played on the Village Green and we are keen to recruit more enthusiastic and willing players. For more details please see their website or contact their captain Stuart Savidge.

## Wivelsfield Stoolball Club

**Contact:** Jane Silk  
**Phone:** 471341

Wivelsfield Stoolball Club has been part of the village for over 65 years and the team is seen regularly playing on the Village Green on a summer's evening.

They are a friendly ladies team which plays matches against other villages and would welcome new members from age 12 years and over (including those who have not played the game before).

## Wivelsfield Short Mat Bowls Club

**Contact:** John Millachip  
**Phone:** 01273 401092

Held in the Wivelsfield Village Hall on Thursday evenings at 7pm or Thursday afternoons at 2pm

## Wivelsfield Pilgrims Football Club

**Contact:** Darren Williams  
**Phone:** 07736 463116

WGPFC is a Football Soccer team/club based in Wivelsfield Green. It has two teams which play in various divisions of the Mid Sussex League on Saturdays. Home games are played on the Village Green.

## The Cock Inn Cycling Society

[www.facebook.com/muddybikes](https://www.facebook.com/muddybikes)

**Contact:**

Dipak Karki

**Email:**

Dipak.Karki1@gmail.com

CICS is a group of cyclists who meet each week to cycle around the village and Parish on roads and trails for approx. 60 to 90 minutes.

We meet on either Saturdays at 8.15am or Sundays at 7.45am at Travis Perkins, Green Road, Wivelsfield Green.

All are welcome whether you drink in the Cock Inn or not.

# Social

## Mother's Union

**Contact:** Jenny Billam

**Phone:** 459551

The Mother's Union is a Christian organisation, which meets every third Thursday of the month at 10.30am in the Church Room. They are a friendly and welcoming group who promote marriage and family life and also aim to raise money for literacy and health overseas.

All are welcome.

## Community Tea Club

**Contact:** Samantha Mann

**Email:** Sam.Mann2@outlook.com

The Community Tea Club meets once a month in the Wivelsfield Village Hall on the fourth Friday of the month. Aimed at our more senior members of the community, they meet for tea, entertainment and friendship.

## Women's Institute

**Contact:** Audrey Wende

**Phone:** 471358

A friendly group for women only, who meet in the Wivelsfield Village Hall, on the third Monday of every month at 2pm. Meetings include a mixture of speakers and social events. Usually two outings a year, as well as meetings in members' houses during the summer for lunch and tea.

## Parkinson's Disease Society

**Contact:** Sue Blunden

**Phone:** 483504

The Mid Sussex Branch of the Parkinson's Disease Society meet usually on the third Friday of every month at 2.30pm, in the Wivelsfield Village Hall. The aim of the group is to provide information, friendship and support for people with Parkinson's, their families and carers.

## Sussex Bonsai Group

**Contact:** Ray Brunsden  
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The Sussex Bonsai Group is open to anyone who has an interest in the art and culture of Bonsai. The group usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Wivelsfield Village Hall, 8pm to 10pm. No meetings are held in December. The group has won many competitive awards and is a Founder Member of the Federation of British Bonsai Societies (FoBBS) and includes visits by nationally acknowledged Bonsai experts in the programme of events.

## Events

### Wivelsfield Bonfire Society

[www.wivelsfieldbonfiresociety.co.uk](http://www.wivelsfieldbonfiresociety.co.uk)

**Email:**

[wbsfireworks@outlook.com](mailto:wbsfireworks@outlook.com)

Established in 2013 Wivelsfield Bonfire Society holds an annual 'Big Bang' firework display, stalls and entertainment at Wivelsfield Primary School. In support of the display fundraising events are run throughout the year.

### Wivelsfield Village Day

[www.wivelsfieldvillageday.org.uk](http://www.wivelsfieldvillageday.org.uk)

**Email:**

[info@wivelsfieldvillageday.org.uk](mailto:info@wivelsfieldvillageday.org.uk)

An annual summer event held on the Village Green. With many stalls, entertainment and a dog show this is a fun event for all the family. Please email for further details or if you would like to get involved in its organisation or on the day.

# Clubs and Organisations Contact Details

All telephone numbers are prefixed by the 01444 area code unless otherwise shown

## Local Clubs/Organisations

Community Speedwatch	John Wigzell	471216
Community Tea Club	Samantha Mann	Sam.Mann2@outlook.com
Mothers' Union	Jenny Billam	459551
St Andrews Cricket Club	Richard Prokopowicz	01903 739593
Sussex Bonsai	Ray Brunsdon	244267
Vegan Society (Wivelsfield & HH Branch)	Michelle Peach Archer	07738 997611
Wivelsfield Bonfire Society	Dipak Karki	07507 763930
Wivelsfield Cricket Club	Stuart Savidge	amazingitfc@aol.com
Wivelsfield Dragonflies Badminton	Anita Wright	230483
Wivelsfield Films	Rhonda Janes	471201
Wivelsfield Historical Society	Paula Wood	471242
Wivelsfield History Study Group	Sheila Blair	233937
Wivelsfield Hospice Fundraising Support Group	June Calvert	471298
Wivelsfield Little Theatre	Rhonda Janes	471201
Wivelsfield Pilgrims Football Club	Darren Williams	07736 463116
Wivelsfield Short Mat Bowls	John Millachip	01273 401092
Wivelsfield Stoolball	Jane Silk	471341
Wivelsfield Village Day	James Gander	info@wivelsfieldvillageday.org.uk
Wivelsfield Women's Institute	Audrey Wende	471358

## For Children/Young People

Lunch Bunch	Sheila Blair	233937
Baby & Toddler Group	Vicky King	07523 963598
Wivelsfield Green Playgroup	admin@wgpg.co.uk	
Wivelsfield Primary School	office@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk	471393
Wivelsfield Village Hall Youth Grp	Alan Janes	471201
'Wicked' - Church Youth Group	Perry Webber	07730 599821
JAM Children's Holiday Club	Sarah Cox	471260
Bluebells Junior Stoolball	Sybil Voller	241243

## Twining/Partnership Links

Sierra Leone Parish Link Paul Welch  
Sourcieux-les-Mines, Twining Link Judy Stoner

471336  
via clerk@wivelsfield.org.uk

## Community Facilities Available to Hire

Village Hall Peter Burton  
Church Hall Steve Onions  
Ote Hall Chapel John Elphick

471644  
01273 890254  
413882