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Editor's Letter – December 2025

Welcome to the December issue. As always, it's a busy month across Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding, with plenty happening in the run-up to Christmas.

Inside you'll find details of the local events taking place this month - from Christmas in Steyning and the various concerts, to fairs, wreath-making sessions and community gatherings. We also have updates from our regular contributors, including environmental news, gardening advice for the colder months, and this year's reflections from the Community Orchard.

There's a lot happening on the High Street too, with Steyning Atelier opening its doors on 1st December. It's good to see local businesses continuing to grow and evolve.

Whether you're planning your Christmas locally or just dipping into what's on, I hope you find this month's issue useful.

Wishing you a stress-free December.

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Editor, Your Mag

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We made it using equipment from the *'Bio Box'* we borrowed from the 'Weald to Waves' Project. Amongst the treasure trove of wildlife surveying kit they lent us was a camera trap, which activates automatically when motion is detected.

We set this up in a number of gardens around the area and recorded what goes on, right under our noses, without us thinking or knowing about it. Then we used the footage to create a film to show you who we share the space around us with.

We have called it **'Meet the Neighbours'.** It covers a day, from dawn to dusk and into the night, and captures a range of creatures who live side by side with us, from the heron that lands by a pond in someone's garden in the early morning to fox cubs who come out to play at night in front of someone else's patio. Some of the creatures are beautiful. Others are creepy. And some are just special.

The video is a reminder that we are not the only creatures on this planet. We are part of something bigger; we belong to the same web of life as those wild things we rub shoulders with every day. Without them we would not survive. For us to thrive, they must thrive as well.

The message is clear; look after your neighbours. Give them space and a helping hand.

Watch the video to see what we found! Just click on the QR code or go to: https://bit.ly/meetneighbours

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Steyning Atelier officially opens on 1st December, offering a refreshed space, expert styling, and a warm welcome to new and existing clients.

You can meet Carly and Emma at Christmas in Steyning on Sunday 7th December, where they'll be joining in the festivities - pop over, say hello, and discover what they have planned for the year ahead.

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Steyning Community Orchard Christmas Apples

The Apple season is over for another year, but hopefully those of you with late variety apple trees in your gardens, will still have some in store that you can proudly bring out at Christmas!

in the 1950s and 1960s when I was growing up in Kent, I only remember one apple that was ever mentioned by name, and that was a Cox. At Christmas it was at its best; juicy, sweet and rich in flavour.

But most commercially-bought Coxes I've tried since then have been a disappointment. But why is this? While it is well known that the senses of taste and smell decline as you age, this doesn't fully explain what's going on here.

The fruit industry has developed techniques that hold apples in suspended animation for 6-12 months. This involves dropping Oxygen levels down from 21% to 3%, increasing Carbon Dioxide levels from 0.04% to 1%-5%, reducing temperature to less than 3°C, and raising humidity to over 90%.



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While this obviously works for the industry, and enables them to stock supermarket shelves almost all year round with fresh(ish) apples, the one factor that isn't taken into account is taste. Apples that are placed in cold store are generally picked under-ripe, before their full flavour develops. So, it is not surprising that these stored apples never taste as good as fully ripe, freshly picked apples. This is the price we pay for being able to buy apples all year round. Nothing can ever replace the fresh taste of a ripe apple picked off a tree!

Amongst the apples we have picked and stored include Red Falstaff, Herefordshire Russet, Kidd's Orange Red and Ashmead's Kernel. All will keep easily until Christmas. You may wonder why Cox (or Cox's Orange Pippin to give it its full name) is not amongst them. We'd love to grow it, but they are highly susceptible to scab, canker, mildew and several apple aphids, and would require a regular spraying program with fungicides and insecticides to get a reasonable quality crop. As we grow our trees organically, we wouldn't do this.

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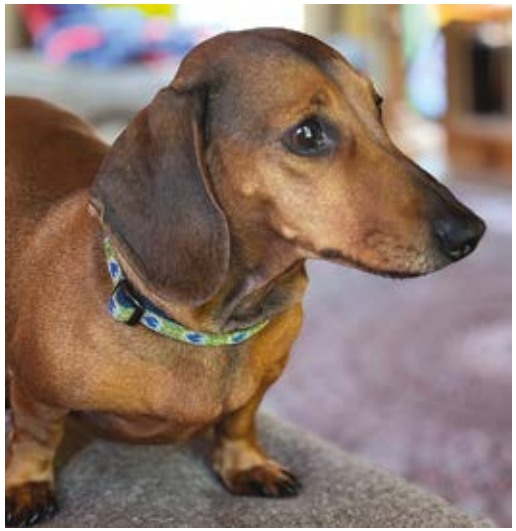
This month's Pet of the Month is Mr Barney McGrew, the much-loved mini dachshund belonging to Helen, owner of SAKALA on Steyning High Street. With his big personality and even bigger bark, Barney is well known to many locals - especially when he's out and about keeping an eye on things in true 'top dog' style.

What breed is Mr Barney McGrew, and how old is he?
He's a mini smooth-haired dachshund, now six and a half years old.



How did Mr Barney McGrew come into your life?
I've had him since he was a puppy. He's a Sussex boy - his mum is in Storrington, and he still goes to stay with his mum and sister when I travel.

What's Mr Barney McGrew's personality like?
Barney likes to rule the house! He has a confident, bossy streak and knows exactly how to get his way - usually by charming everyone around him.

Does Mr Barney McGrew have any funny habits or quirks?
Yes! He has to be bribed inside on a sunny day with a biscuit and bribed outside on a rainy day under an umbrella.

What's his favourite walk or local spot?
He loves walking by the sea during the dachshund dawdle, where he can run wild and free with lots of other dachshunds.

What's Mr Barney McGrew's favourite treat or toy?
Definitely a biscuit - especially when it's part of a bribe!

Does he get along with other pets or people?
He enjoys the company of other dachshunds on his walks and is always happy to join the fun.

Has Mr Barney McGrew ever been caught doing something mischievous or hilarious?
Whenever he comes into the shops, he barks at the top of his bark, ordering all the other dogs about -as if to say he's in charge!

If Mr Barney McGrew could talk, what do you think he'd say about life in Steyning?
He'd probably like to be *'top dog'* of the High Street, keeping everyone in line and making sure no one forgets he's around.

And finally, how did he get his name?
He was named after the Trumpton firemen - the famous roll call: "Pugh, Pugh, Barney McGrew, Cuthbert, Dibble, and Grubb." Just like his namesake who drove the fire engine, Barney loves the car!

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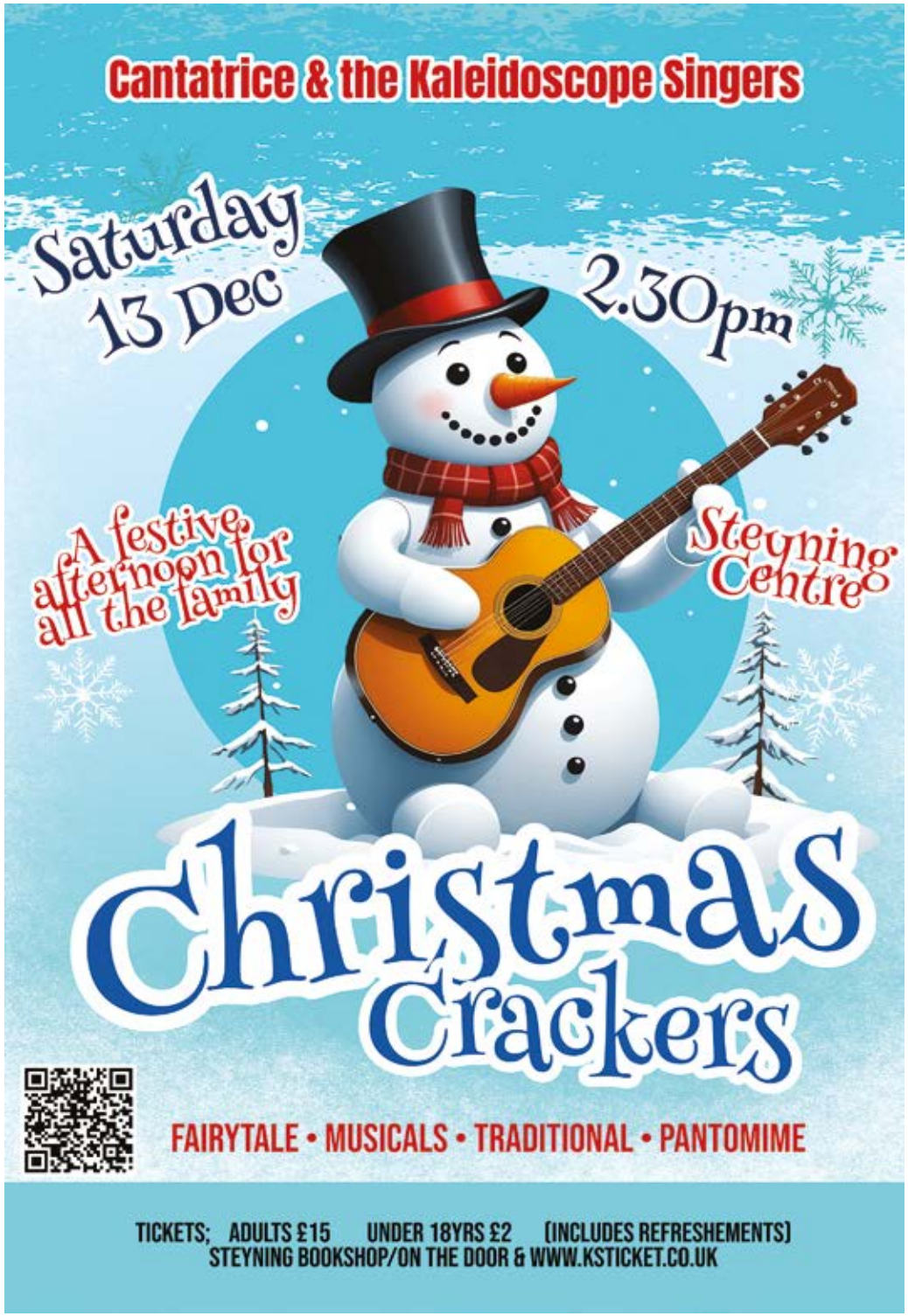

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December 2025: Steyning for Trees



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Welcome to all our new readers of Steyning for Trees Newsletter, so many of you signed up at our Market Giveaway in October with its theme *'Lets Feed the Birds'* amid concerns at the continuing decline in bird numbers. The International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of threatened species reveal an estimated 61% of bird species worldwide have declining populations, an increase from 44% in 2016. Birds play a vital role in natural systems as pollinators, seed dispersers, pest controllers. Their habitats are being lost or degraded. We at SFT are trying to do our bit to increase these in Steyning and its surrounds.



'SFT's Hedge at Abbey Road after laying ,now so inviting for nesting birds'. Many thanks to the PC, it is their land.

SFT Working with Steyning Grammar School Eco Group:
Continuing our work with SGS and its dedicated teachers this term, we were so glad to work with the Eco Group who have now been moved across from the Towers to the Main School. They were able to complete the Dead Hedge started in the summer by the previous groups on their ERA Day 420 whips ordered from the Woodland Trust are being planted as a Wildlife Corridor. It is wonderful knowing that the future generation is taking such a keen interest in biodiversity and we are so glad to be helping them understand the importance of hedge and tree planting for nature. They are the hope for their future.



The Eco Group adding to the Dead Hedge

Continuing our work for Endangered Species
After the success of our free giveaway last year of plants to support butterflies, our slogan this year was **'LETS FEED THE BIRDS'.**Thanks so much to all of you who took a tree to plant in your gardens..We continue to support endangered species = Hazel Dormice, Hedgehogs, we plant their homes. We were thrilled to bump into a hedgehog in our own garden, our 1st sighting. We are also providing breeding place for Stag Beetles,



one of our dedicated volunteers has been having considerable success with this. Let us know if you have seen any near you.? We are so pleased to be planting a new hedge with the Bowls Club. We are now working with so many clubs and institutions who understand the importance of providing hedges for nature and looking after our lovely town and world.

STOP PRESS Enormous thanks to the SDNPA for giving us fresh funding and free trees through their excellent **Tree for the Downs** scheme. We are so glad to be working with them, but feel sad that we have to go outside the town to get funding apart from generous private,donations from some residents.
Many thanks to you all, we couldn't do it without you. Just remember: **TREES LOWER STRESS LEVELS** by sending out calming chemicals - May be useful at Christmas!. Have a lovely time.

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December 2025: Diary Events

The following nonrecurring events are also in the What's On section on the Your Steyning, Bramber & Beeding website at: www.yourmag.co.uk

Monday 1st December
Little Stars Bumps Babies & Toddlers Groups
13:00 – 14:45
Penfold Hall, Church Street, Steyning, BN44 3YL

Little Stars Bumps Babies & Toddlers Groups

Due to the success of Little Stars! our group for 'bumps, babies and toddlers', a second session on Monday afternoons from 13:00 to 14:45 has been added. This joins our existing session on Thursdays from 09:30 - 11:30. Toys, crafts, singing and lots more. Cake and coffee for parents, carers and grandparents.
Forthcoming dates:
Mondays - 8, 15, 22, 29 December
Thursdays - 4, 11, 18 December
Contact Gary 01903813276

Friday 5th December
Vintage Years Club
14:00 - 16:00
Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning

Sing out Sisters Choir

Doors open at 13:45. We welcome back Christabel Cossins and her choir to entertain us with a medley of Christmas carols and songs. Bring your 'singing' voices because audience participation will be welcomed! Refreshments will be served from 15:15 and we will celebrate December birthdays and draw the raffle. Entrance fee is £3 (£5 visitors). Annual membership fee is £10 (each April). Always contact Bev Francis-Hills before attending for the first time/returning after a long break, for transport needs or any other information. Contact
Bev Francis-Hills 01273493894
E: vintageyears2012@gmail.com

Saturday 6th December
Steyning Farmers Market
10:00 – 11:00
Steyning Farmers Market, The car park, High Street, Steyning

Carol singing at Steyning Farmers Market

All are welcome to come and sing Carols with members of the local churches and of the community with Lancing Brass of the British Legion. Contact: Maggie Broad
E: Events@sdct.org.uk

Saturday 6th December
Croft Meadow Care Home
11:30 – 17:00

Croft Meadow Christmas Fair

Croft Meadow Care Home, Tanyard Lane, Steyning, West Sussex. BN44 3RJ Contact: Sarah Hooper
07496 577756 E: CroftMeadow.Activities@shaw.co

Saturday 6th December
Steyning Town FC
15:00 – 17:00
Memorial, Shooting Field, Steyning

Steyning Town FC v Lingfield

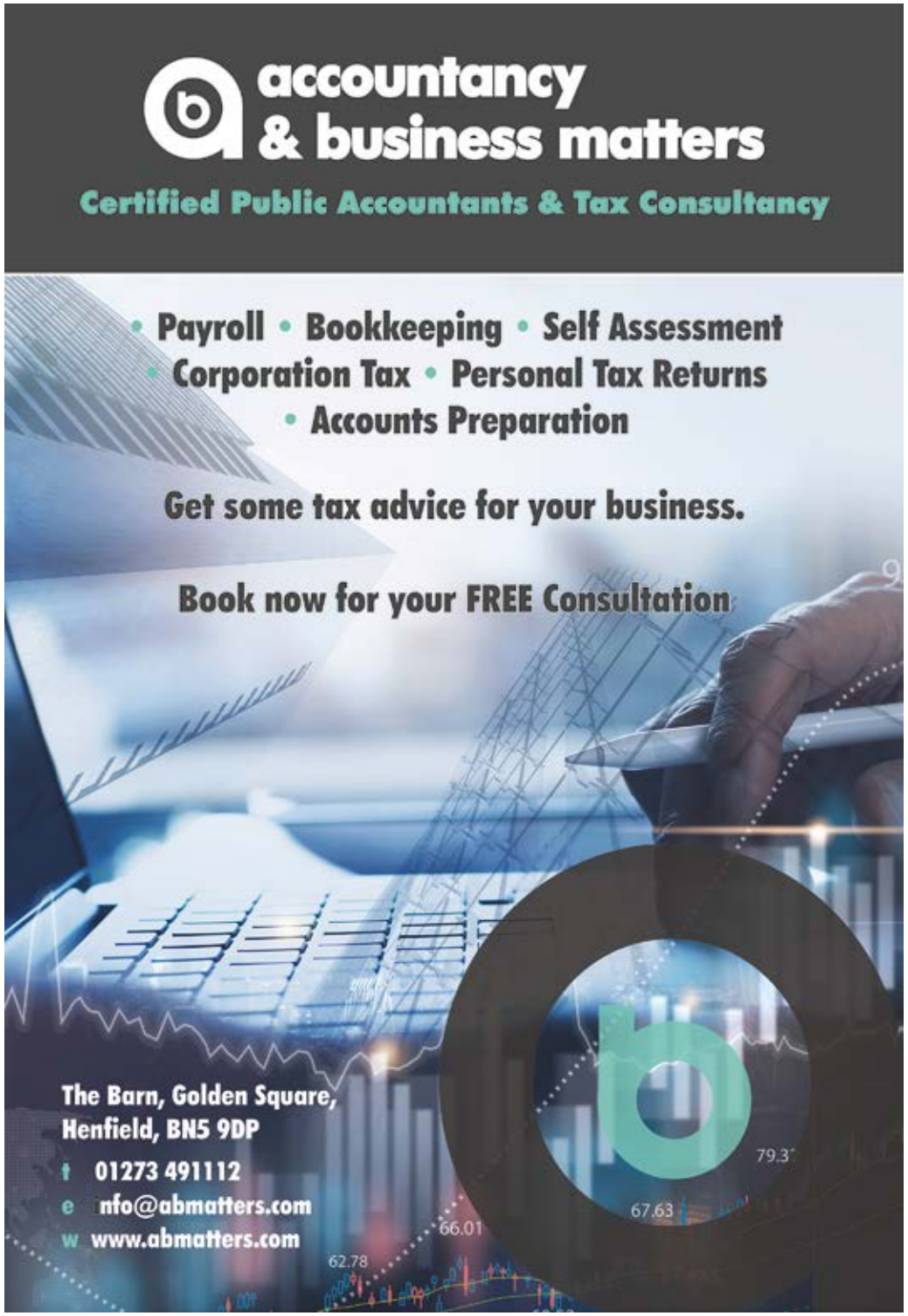
SCFL Premier Division action as we take on Lingfield. Come down. Make new friends. You will be made welcome. Bar and Kitchen open. Admission: General £10, Concession £5, Under 16s Free. Contact: Aelred Wilkinson 07984603745
E: secretary.stcfc@gmail.com

Saturday 6th December
Chanctonbury Chorus
19:30 – 22:00
St Andrew & St Cuthman, Steyning

Winter Choral Concert

Chanctonbury Chorus are delighted to be performing some beautiful Christmas choral music for you to enjoy on Saturday December 6th, in St Andrew & St Cuthman Parish Church. Music will include exerts from the Messiah as well as Bach, Whitacre, Mozart, Lauridsen, Poulenc. The Chorus will also be preforming a specially commissioned work composed by our wonderful mezzo-soprano soloist, Lesley-Jane Rogers. It promises to be a very special evening - we would love to see you there! Bar available. Tickets (£15) from The Steyning Bookshop, Chorus Members, www.chantonburychorus.org. and Shirley Cook - 07592 810 828. We are supporting Parkinson's UK in memory of one of our much loved Chorus members. Contact: Shirley Cook 07592810828
E: shirleyfcook@gmail.com

Sunday 7th December
Steyning & District Business Chamber
12:00 – 18:00
Steyning High Street



Steyning Late Night Shopping

Christmas in Steyning - Shop Local this Christmas! ? Get into the festive spirit in the heart of Steyning! Enjoy an afternoon filled with Christmas shopping, festive food and gift stalls, alongside live choirs, bands and entertainers bringing seasonal cheer.
What's on:
• Festive food & gift stalls – perfect for unique local presents.
• Choirs, bands & entertainers to get you singing along.
• Traditional fairground rides for all the family.
• Raffle with fantastic prizes to be won!
Come along, support local businesses, and make this Christmas magical in Steyning. Contact Steyning Late Night Shopping

Sunday 7th December
Steyning Town Women FC
14:00 – 16:00
Memorial, Shooting Field, Steyning

Steyning Town Women v Saltdean Development FC

We welcome our friends from Saltdean and we would love you and your friends to be part of the afternoon. Come down with friends and make new ones watching some of the best women's football in Sussex. Bar and Kitchen will be open.
Up the Barrownesses.
L&SERWFL Admission: General £5, Concessions/ U16s Free. Contact: Aelred Wilkinson 07984603745 E: secretary.stcfc@gmail.com

Monday 8th December
Steyning Gardening Club
19:30 – 21:00
Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning

Christmas Social

As we approach the festive season, we are excited to announce that the registration list for our Christmas Social is now open! Join us on Monday, December 8th, for a delightful celebration filled with drinks, delicious food, and an engaging, interactive demonstration. To ensure we cater appropriately, please reserve your spot now to avoid any disappointment. Many of our wonderful members have already registered, either during our last meeting or through email. If you could send us a quick email at steyninggardeningclub@gmail.com we can include your name on our list to secure your spot. We do need to request a small fee of £10, and in return, you'll enjoy a delightful glass of bubbly, a fantastic buffet, along with the materials for our interactive demo, and overall, have a wonderful evening with both new and old friends. Contact: Alison Hamer 078177033434
E: steyninggardeningclub@gmail.co

Tuesday 9th December
Board Game Cafe
15:15 – 17:15
Penfold Hall, Church Street, Steyning, West Sussex

Board Game Cafe

The Neighbourhood Wardens have teamed up with Steyning Parish Church to run the Board game cafe. We have lots of games that we can teach you or if you have a favourite one bring it along! We have games for all ages, classics like Scrabble and Boggle, newer games like Qwirkle and Herd Mentality, and co-operative games such as Forbidden Desert and What Next? Or just come along for free hot drinks, biscuits and Christmas treats! This free event runs on the second Tuesday of every month (including school holidays where applicable). The Children's and Families Worker and Neighbourhood Wardens will be there so if you have any questions, or if you want to find out more about their roles they will be available to speak to. All ages are welcome. Contact the Neighbourhood Wardens for more details: Mike - 07734 387888 / Alison - 07734 387889
E: SBUB.wardens@horsham.gov.uk.
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Wednesday 10th December
Steyning History Society
19:30 – 21:00
Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning

The History of Press Gangs in Sussex

Presentation by Brian Lavery. Contact: Pat Blackie 01903812283
E: steyninghistorysociety@btinternet.com

Friday 12th December
Good Grief Cafe
14:00 – 16:00
Penfold Hall, Church Street, Steyning

Those who have experienced any sort of loss are welcome to join us for tea or coffee, biscuits and a listening ear. Contact:
Judie 01903813276
E: care@steyningparishchurch.org

Saturday 13th December
Steyning Downland Scheme
10:30 – 13:30
The Star Inn, 130 High Street, Steyning

Christmas Family Wreath Making Day

Join the Steyning Downland Scheme for our ever popular annual yuletide event - make your own natural Christmas wreaths, stars and decorations using holly, ivy and other locally harvested plants, while enjoying a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie! All materials provided. FREE mince pies and mulled wine. Raffle. FAMILY EVENT, KIDS WELCOME. Contact: Matthew Thomas 01903 817 996 E: office@steyningdownland.org

Saturday 13th December
Ms Zoe A Peate
14:30 – 16:00
Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning

Christmas Crackers - A festive fun afternoon for all the family from local choirs

Cantatrice and the Kaleidoscope Singers.
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Contact: Ms Zoe A Peate 01903812662
E: zoe@middlemead.plus.com

Saturday 13th December
Steyning Town FC
15:00 – 17:00
Memorial, Shooting Field, Steyning

Steyning Town FC v Horsham YMCA

Wo teams looking to maintain their challenge by taking the three points. It should be a good afternoon, some of the best local football in Sussex on your doorstep. Come down with pals - and make new ones. Bar and Kitchen open.
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Sunday 14th December
Steyning Parish Church
14:30 – 15:30
Vicarage Lane, Steyning

Shepherds Arise - A bygone Sussex Christmas

The Shepherds Arise Quire & Band directed by Stuart Walker present carols, readings, tunes from Sussex sources and a mummer's play. Free admission with a retiring collection. Contact: Parish Office 01903 813276

Sunday 14th December
Steyning Methodist Church
15:30 – 16:30
18 High Street, Steyning

The Light of Christmas

All are welcome to our Nativity service with Carols by Candlelight at Steyning Methodist Church. The service will be followed by tea and mince pies.
Contact: Liz Hall 01903815052
E: liz_hall@talktalk.net

Tuesday 16th December
Steyning Library
15:45 – 16:30
Church Street, Steyning

Christmas Storytime

Come and share some festive cheer with Christmas stories and crafts at the library. Contact: Steyning Library 01903 270330

Wednesday 17th December
The Agnes Collective
18:30 – 19:30
Steyning Parish Church, Vicarage Lane, Steyning

Voice of Christmas

The Agnes Collective are thrilled to be back and able to share some beautiful and magical Christmas music, with readings by John Tolputt. Tickets available from the The Steyning Bookshop. Adults £17 Child £10. Contact: Alexandra Gibson

Friday 19th December
Steyning Society
19:00 – 21:30
Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning

Christmas Supper

The evening will start with a reception at 7 pm, supper will be served at 7.45 and the evening will end with Jazz from the Sea Jam Quintet. 2 course meal with coffee/tea and mints after and wine before and during the meal. Tickets £35 from The Steyning Bookshop and the Museum. All are

welcome to attend. Contact: Julia Bonner 07876 231125 E: juliabonner@btinternet.com

Sunday 21st December
Steyning Parish Church
18:00 – 19:00
Vicarage Lane, Steyning

Nine Lessons & Carols

Beautiful candle-lit service telling the story of creation through to the birth of Jesus in words and music. Contact: Parish Office 01903813276

Monday 22nd December
Steyning Downland Scheme
12:45 – 15:00
SDS Gateway Building, Behind Mouse Cottage, Off Mouse Lane, Steyning

Youth Christmas Wreath Making

Join the Steyning Downland Scheme for our yuletide event specifically for Young People aged 10-16 years old. Come make your own natural Christmas wreaths and decorations by our fire pit. Plenty of chances to use our hand tools and collect natural materials for your creations. Free Hot Chocolate and snacks will be available. Contact: Matthew Thomas 01903 817 996
E: office@steyningdownland.org

Wednesday 24th December
St Andrew's & St Cuthman's
15:00 – 15:45
Steyning Parish Church, Vicarage Lane, Steyning

Crib Services

Our popular CRIB SERVICE at St Andrew's & St Cuthman's for children and families. Two separate services at 15:00. and 16:30. Contact: Parish Office 01903813276.

Wednesday 24th December
St Andrew's & St Cuthman's
23:00 – 00:00
Steyning Parish Church, Vicarage Lane, Steyning

Midnight Mass

MIDNIGHT MASS at St Andrew's & St Cuthman's. The traditional start to Christmas: Festal Choral Eucharist with carols. The service will end at midnight. A medley of carols will be sung by our choir before the service begins, from approximately 22:40. Contact: Parish Office 01903813276.

Thursday 25th December
St Andrew's & St Cuthman's
09:30 – 10:30
Steyning Parish Church, Vicarage Lane, Steyning

Christmas Day Holy Communion

Sung Eucharist for Christmas Morning. Contact: Parish Office 01903813276.

Saturday 27th December
Steyning Town FC
15:00 – 17:00
Memorial, Shooting Field, Steyning

Steyning Town FC v Haywards Heath

We welcome old friends back to Steyning for this clash. It could be a classic Christmas match. One for family and friends. Come down and enjoy the afternoon. Let the kids stretch their legs in a safe environment. The bar will be open. And take a break from cooking with our award winning burgers. Up the Barrowmen!
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Thursday 1st January
St Andrew's & St Cuthman's
10:30 – 11:30
Steyning Parish Church, Vicarage Lane, Steyning

New Year's Day Service

Join us for a special, relaxed and informal service to greet the New Year, at St Andrew's & St Cuthman's, followed by sherry (or soft drink). Contact: Parish Office 01903813276.

Friday 2nd January
Vintage Years Club
14:00 - 16:00
Steyning Centre, Fletchers Croft, Steyning

Cyber Crime Protection

Doors open from 13:45. Today we welcome Daniel Sykes to talk to us about cyber crime and how to keep ourselves safe. Refreshments will be served from 15:15 and we will celebrate January birthdays and draw the raffle. Entrance fee is £3 (£5 visitors). Annual membership fee is £10 (each April). Always contact Bev Francis-Hills before attending for the first time/returning after a long break, for transport needs or any other information. Contact: Bev Francis-Hills 01273493894
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Bridging the Conversation: Helping Families Understand Modern Funerals, Prepaid Plans and Direct Cremations

Talking about funerals is never easy - but it's a conversation more people are ready to have.

Across our community, we've noticed a shift: families are asking questions earlier, seeking clarity on their choices, and looking for reassurance that they'll be cared for when the time comes. To meet that need, our team has been hosting informal drop-in sessions — relaxed opportunities for people to chat, learn, and ask the questions they might not feel comfortable asking elsewhere. What's been interesting is that the same themes arise time and again. Here, we share some of the questions that come up most often — and how we approach them.

Q: Why do people choose prepaid funeral plans - and are they always the best option?

A: Many families see prepaid plans as a way to relieve the financial burden on loved ones, and that's understandable. Part of our role is to ensure they understand all the facts. For example, did you know that although bank accounts are typically frozen after someone dies, the bank will release funds to pay for funeral costs once they receive the funeral director's invoice?

When people realise this, some prefer to retain control of their own savings rather than paying into a plan that functions much like a life assurance product. Our approach is to support whichever choice helps them feel most comfortable — but always with transparency about how each option works.

Q: What exactly is a direct cremation, and why is it becoming so popular?

A: We're hearing a lot more questions about direct cremation, partly because of national advertising. A direct cremation, or unattended cremation, is a simple, dignified option without a formal service. But it doesn't mean families can't make it personal. We often find that although families might not want a ceremony, they do want the freedom and flexibility to have some form of goodbye that's personal to them. Undoubtedly there is growing public interest in online and national providers for direct cremations, but we continue to find that families deeply value the personal connection offered by independent funeral directors. They also have the reassurance of knowing where their loved one is and when and where the cremation will take place so they can mark it privately if they wish. Others might choose to see the hearse leave or gather at a venue for a celebration of life. We see it as our job to show that simplicity doesn't mean lack of care or respect — it just means choice.

Q: Why should we encourage our loved ones to record their wishes?

A: We always say that one of the kindest things you can do for your family is to write down your wishes — even just the basics. Whether it's noting a preference for burial or cremation, or saying whether you'd like a religious or non-religious ceremony, it all helps when the time comes.

Families often tell us that when they don't know someone's wishes, they worry about "getting it wrong." For example, if someone loved going to Christmas services but wasn't a regular churchgoer, would they have wanted a church funeral — or did they just love the carols? When your wishes are written down, it takes that guesswork away. It's one less thing for your family to worry about, and those little details can make all the difference when the time comes.

Q: What's the key message you'd like the public to take away?

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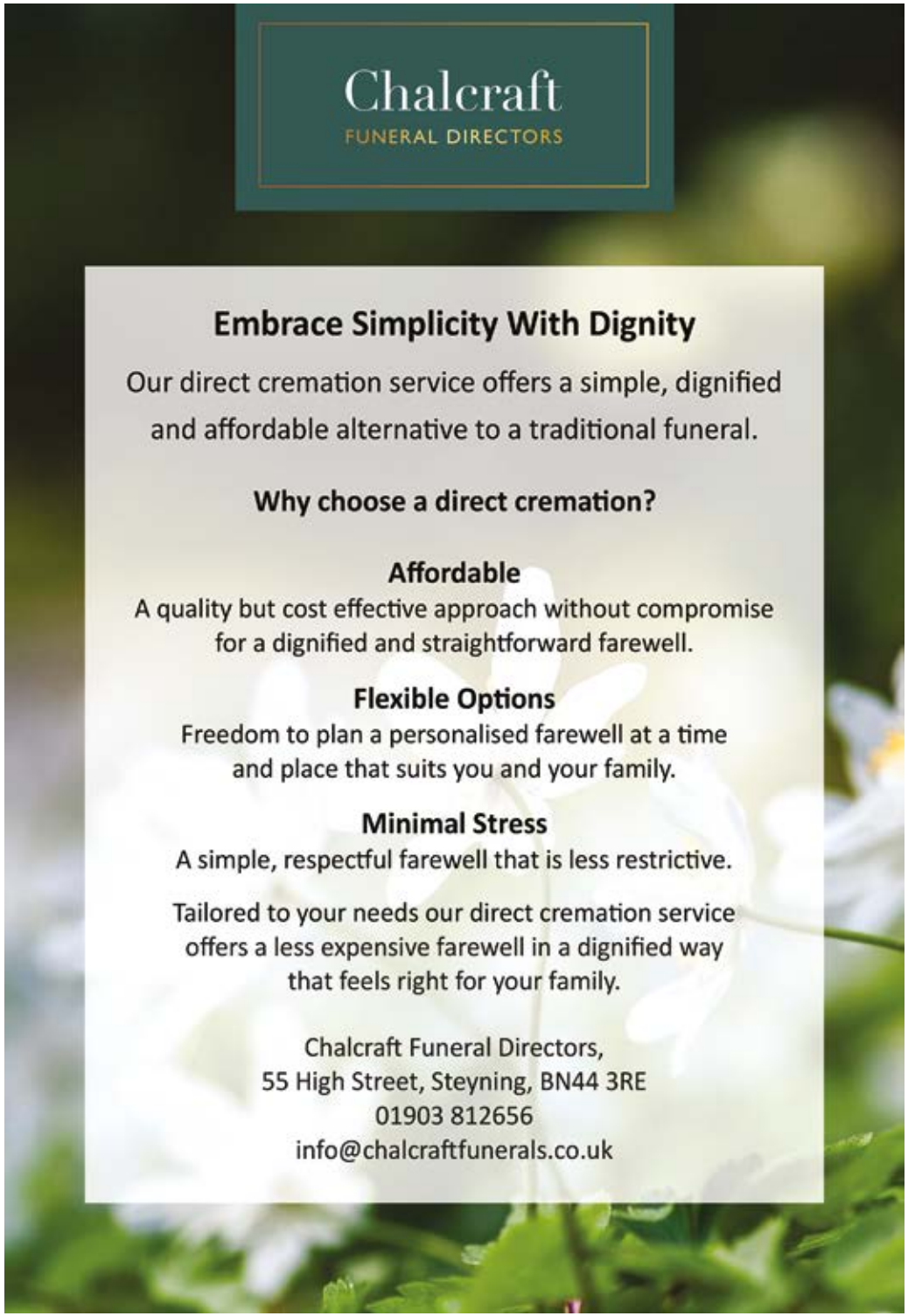

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December 2025 – An Ocean Oversight

December has a real indoors vibe. Short days, finishing work in the dark and inconsistent weather doesn't exactly motivate us to get out, even if we know it's good for us. This poses a challenge for connecting with wildlife, which we know can increase people's desire to protect the natural world. Despite many species hibernating or migrating, there is still so much to see. So throw yourself in at the deep end, I encourage you this winter to explore our beautiful Sussex coast.



That said, in reviewing my parish magazine articles of this year, I realise I've not included any marine species. This is awkward. If our marine team find out they'll be livid. But also, we work hard to connect people with blue spaces, promote the value and wonder of the ocean and fight for its protection, so how could I have overlooked it?

The marine environment has long since suffered from a lack of attention in the conservation world and beyond. At the risk of sounding like I'm defending myself, in a way it's understandable. We're terrestrial mammals, desperately under-resourced for the aquatic. We seek warmth, dryness, a firm foundation underfoot, and can align more easily with perils of the warm-blooded – and things with a face. Many of us value coastal connections; beach trips, swimming, travel to warmer waters. But our oceans are not a luxury. They are a lifeline. A critical feature of our ecosystem, which we and all other life on earth could not survive without.

Our disconnect with the ocean environment is contributing to its demise, and we must turn it around. There is something fascinating about the unknown of the big blue, and once you start to investigate, you realise how truly epic it is. Although much is out of sight from land, the diversity of healthy UK waters has such colour and vibrancy, from royal blue Lobsters to 90s-neon Corkwing Wrasse, and other-wordly nudibranchs. In winter it's wild. The drama of furious waters, crashing waves and freezing sea-spray.



Nudibranch (Facelina auriculata)



Corkwing Wrasse

Watching, huddled in layers, a freezing cold nose and the promise of an after winter-walk's too-hot-yet chips. Heading to the water's edge for stone-sprinkled sand and shell treasure discoveries. And there's nothing like a stomp along a windswept beach to galvanise a slumped after-Christmas-dinner bunch. So, this December, why not skip a shopping trip, dodge the odd social occasion, push that deadline. Instead, head to the sea. And I'll submit many a marine article in 2026. Promise.

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The Snow Girl by Sophie Anderson
Usborne Books £8.99 paperback
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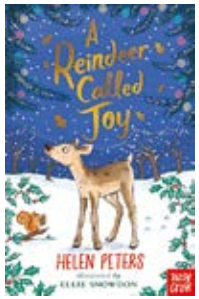
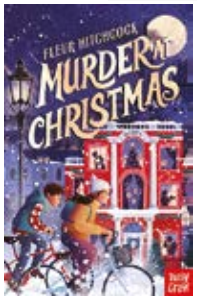
But Tasha knows that the snow has stayed too long in her village. Only, how can you welcome Spring, when your best friend is made of Winter?
Perfect for readers of 8+ years.



A Reindeer Called Joy by Helen Peters
Nosy Crow books £7.99 paperback
A new, seasonal adventure for animal-rescue duo Jasmine and Tom! Jasmine and Tom are at the Christmas market, admiring the star attraction - a family of reindeer – when suddenly a passing police car alarms the reindeer, and they jump out of their pen and dash off down the High Street! The parent reindeer are quickly found...but WHERE is Joy, the little calf? Of course, it's Jasmine and Tom who find her, but she's injured and needs round the clock care.... Can Jasmine and Tom nurse her back to health in time for her star appearance at the school Christmas Fair?
A short, illustrated chapter book, perfect for readers of 6+ years



Murder at Christmas by Fleur Hitchcock
Nosy Crow Books £7.99 paperback
A thrilling Christmas murder-mystery adventure for readers of 9+ years
After a dreary term away at school, Grace can't wait for a cosy Christmas with her mother and little brother Billy at their hotel in Bath. But the family's time together is suddenly interrupted when a shocking murder at their hotel throws everything into chaos.
When Grace's mother vanishes in the aftermath, Grace and Billy are on their own! Grace enlists the help of their clever, streetwise new friends Olive and Doug to find out why Mum left the hotel and what happened to her. As they dig deeper into the murder, the friends begin to suspect that nothing at the hotel is as it seems—and that everyone may be hiding something.



How Many Sleeps Until Christmas? by Rebecca Patterson
Quarto Books, paperback £7.99
Every parent will relate to this hilarious, heart-warming picture book, which captures the exciting (for some!) build-up to the festive season.
'How many sleeps until Christmas?' Mummy had a long think. *'Fifty-three.'*
'Not long now!' 'Quite long,' said Mummy.
From singing carols and decorating the tree, to wrapping presents (or siblings!) and preparing for Father Christmas's arrival, all the familiar family rituals are portrayed with humour and warmth.
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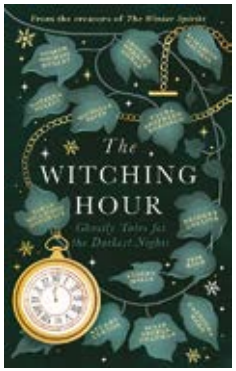



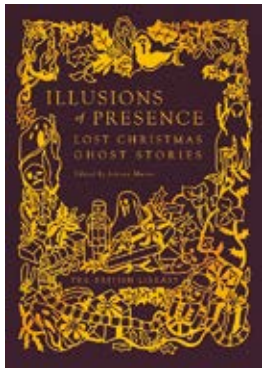

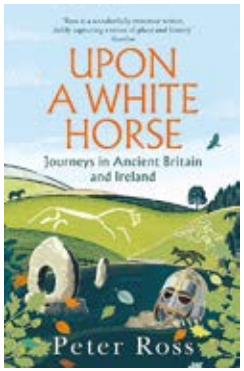

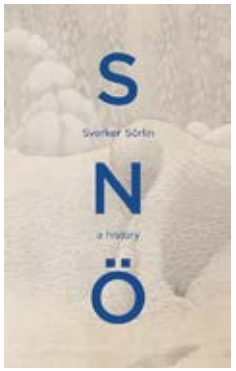

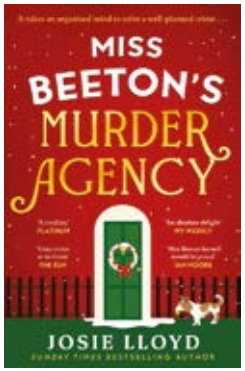

Cauda Equina Syndrome: A Rare but Serious Condition



At Well Adjusted Health we aim to keep you informed about important health issues affecting the spine and nerves. One such condition is cauda equina syndrome (CES). While CES is very rare, it's crucial to know about it because it can cause serious problems if not treated quickly.

What Is Cauda Equina?

Cauda equina means *'horse's tail,'* and it refers to a bundle of nerves at the lower end of your spinal cord that looks like a horse's tail as it spreads out inside your spine. These nerves control movement and feeling in your legs and also manage functions like bladder and bowel control.

How Common Is It?

Cauda equina syndrome is rare. It affects about 1 to 3 people per 100,000 each year. This means it doesn't happen often, but because of the serious effects it can have, recognising it quickly is very important.

What Causes Cauda Equina Syndrome?

The most common cause is a slipped or herniated disc in your lower back pressing on these nerves. Other causes can include injuries, swelling, infections, or tumours pressing on the nerve bundle.

Signs and Symptoms to Watch For:

- Sudden, severe lower back pain
- Weakness or numbness in one or both legs
- Trouble controlling your bladder or bowels, such as difficulty urinating or incontinence
- Numbness in the areas that would touch a saddle if you were sitting on a horse (inner thighs and back of legs)
- Difficulty walking or standing

Why You Should Act Fast:

Because it is so important to treat CES quickly, it is considered a medical emergency. If the nerves stay compressed for too long, it can cause permanent damage like lasting bladder or bowel problems, leg weakness, or even paralysis.

How We Can Help?

While emergency surgery is usually needed to relieve the nerve pressure, chiropractic care can help you maintain overall spinal health and manage back pain early. We work closely with medical professionals to support your recovery and keep your spine strong.

Chiropractic training ensures full awareness of rare but serious problems like cauda equina syndrome. Asking about bladder or bowel control issues is a routine part of relevant examinations, allowing Mark at Well Adjusted Health to quickly identify warning signs and refer patients for urgent medical evaluation when needed. This focus on thorough assessment helps protect patient health by catching rare conditions early.

If you or someone you know experiences any of the symptoms mentioned above, please seek medical help immediately.

At our practice, your well-being is our priority. We hope this information helps you stay alert to rare but serious conditions like cauda equina syndrome so you can get the care you need promptly.

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December 2025: Gardening Journal

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December's here, and let's be honest — it's easy to forget about the garden when it's cold and grey outside. Most of the autumn colour has faded, the trees are bare, and things can look a bit bleak. But there's still plenty to enjoy if you know where to look! Evergreen shrubs and winter-interest plants can bring a surprising amount of life and colour to the garden at this time of year. So, throw on a warm coat, brave the chill, and take a wander around your local nursery or garden centre — you might just find the perfect plant to brighten up those dark December days.

Plant of The Month: Viburnum tinus Eve Price

When the garden fades into winter's quiet palette, Viburnum tinus 'Eve Price' steps gracefully into the spotlight. With its glossy evergreen leaves, clusters of soft pink buds opening to creamy white flowers, and shimmering blue-black berries that follow, this compact shrub adds life, structure, and colour to even the bleakest months.

Native to the sun-soaked slopes of the Mediterranean, Viburnum tinus has long been valued for its resilience and evergreen charm. The cultivar 'Eve Price'—believed to have been selected at Wakehurst Place in West Sussex—earned the Royal Horticultural Society's Award of Garden Merit for good reason. It's hardy, reliable, and effortlessly elegant, thriving in UK gardens where others falter.

Reaching around 1.5 to 2.5 metres in height, it's perfectly proportioned for smaller gardens or mixed borders. It flourishes in sun or partial shade, tolerates wind and coastal conditions, and asks for little more than well-drained soil and the occasional light prune after flowering.

Few plants offer such versatility. Planted alone, it makes a handsome evergreen anchor for borders or courtyards; grouped together, it forms an informal hedge with year-round presence. In winter, its delicate blooms are a welcome surprise, especially when placed near a path or window where their subtle beauty can be appreciated up close.

For a rich tapestry of seasonal interest, pair it with other winter performers such as Hellebores, Sarcococca 'Winter Gem', or Mahonia 'Winter Sun'. Beneath its evergreen canopy, scatter early bulbs—snowdrops, iris, or crocus—for a gentle lift of colour. Add Cornus 'Midwinter Fire' behind it for a fiery backdrop, or silver-leaved companions like Artemisia to highlight its dark foliage.

Viburnum tinus 'Eve Price' is the kind of plant that quietly earns its keep. It flowers when little else dares, feeds the birds with glossy berries, and stands unfazed through wind and frost. Dependable, graceful, and full of winter promise—it's a shrub every garden should make room for.

Jobs to do this month include:

Ornamental Garden:

- Give the borders one last tidy before Christmas by removing any debris, leaves etc.
- Check newly planted shrubs for wind rock (loosened soil around base) after strong winds firming soil.
- Avoid any pruning when frost or snow is forecast.
- Replenish birdfeeders as soon as they run out.
- Plant winter flowering shrubs like daphne and sarcococca.
- Prune acer, betula before mid December to bleeding cuts.
- Mulch if the weather is still mild.

Vegetable Garden:

- Harvest winter vegetables like sprouts etc.
- Clear any remaining plant debris and compost.
- Prune free standing apples, pears, currants and gooseberries.
- Do not prune stone fruit until spring to avoid silver leaf disease.
- Prune grape vines by mid December.
- Continue to plant fruit bushes etc.
- Divide and re plant rhubarb.
- Lag outdoor taps and pipes to avoid them freezing.
- Ventilate greenhouse on mild days.

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High Jinks in the High Street

For centuries Steyning's High Street has been the backdrop for the lives of our townsfolk.

There was, for example, the rather exciting occasion, reported by the West Sussex Advertiser in 1803, when *'On Monday last a bull, belonging to Mr. Gates, a butcher, ran wildly through the town of Steyning, attempting to toss every person that stood in its way, but only succeeded in throwing one, an athletic sack-weaver who, whilst he was down, actually took the bull by the horns and held him till he was relieved by others from his perilous situation.'*

Cattle in the street were not, of course, an unusual sight. They were there on the regular market days and during Steyning's three annual fairs. A publication of 1730 mentions *'The fair* [at Steyning], *for cattle and pedlary, on 10th of October is much the greatest, there having been two or three thousand Welch cattle sold at it in a day besides an abundance of other cattle, sheep, hogs and horses'* The Welsh contingent were still favouring Steyning Fair in the 1790's when Edward Abel, working for Mr. Jones of Llanddewibrefi in the west of Wales, drove some of his cattle all the way to Steyning – a good three week trek. One can imagine that a certain amount of Welsh would have been heard in the pubs of Steyning on those occasions. Many years later Edith Rapley remembered how, on the way to school, she had always taken a long way round on market day to avoid the heifers – which she was frightened of – and which were tied to the railings at the end of Church Street.

For much of the week the High Street was empty enough for small boys to be able to roll their marbles down the gutters at the side of the road or for girls to play skipping games in the Street. But early each morning men, and boys as young as eleven, would crunch their way down the High Street in their hob-nailed boots on their way to work at one of the outlying farms. The census of 1861 shows that two thirds of Steyning's farm workers were living in the town itself and would have had to do this early morning walk.

However, when something of more moment happened in the Street a small crowd would quickly gather – though it is not always possible to tell from old photographs what it was that was attracting attention. In the photograph of a man examining what at first glance looks like a large heap of animal droppings, the way that the group of people is standing well back suggests to us that it may, instead, have been a bee skep, woven from straw, which had fallen off the back of a cart. We know, from other photographs, that the harnessing of the White Horse horses to the fire engine would also draw a crowd, attracted by the ringing of the fire bell beneath the town clock. If the fire was outside Steyning a telegram would be sent and the messenger boy from the post office on the other side of the road would dart across to ring the bell. If, though, the fire was during the night the alarm was carried to Steyning by bicycle. When, on a cold January night in 1904 Knepp Castle caught fire, the message reached Steyning in this way, though rather belatedly as the under-footman deputed to cycle off into the night lost has way and, by the time Steyning's fire engine arrived at the scene, the Castle had been completely gutted.

On this occasion there would have been few people gathered to see them off into the night though maybe rather more to welcome their return.



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