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2018 PROGRAMME

April 20th - 22nd
The Garden Show
Firle Place,
Firle (near Lewes),
East Sussex.
BN8 6LP.

knitpickers45@gmail.com
07740 351104

May 26th—28th
Cuckoo Fair
Laughton Showground,
Near Lewes,
BN8 6BN

pcandjc@gmail.com
01435 883435

August 18th - 19th
**Firle International Horse
and Dog Show**
Firle Place,
Firle (near Lewes),
BN8 6LP

knitpickers45@gmail.com
07740 351104

For contact details for all events keep an eye on the [Events Page](#) of our website

Chair

In our last newsletter we reported that Alan Bristow had not been well and had decided to stand down from his position as Chair. Sadly, as we are sure most of you already know, Alan died in June, which has been cause for great sadness to our members. Alan was ill for some time, but was always cheerful and retained his interest in Weald Crafts to the very end. He will be sorely missed, as not only was he our Chair, but he was also a founder member of our group.

**Review**

We are now approaching the end of our 2018 season with only Cooden Beach, Llama Park and the Battle Late Night Shopping Events to come. The thoughts of your Committee are already turning to our programme for 2019.

Our 2018 programme has been blessed with some lovely weather. On the whole our events have had large footfalls though at times it seemed too hot with the visitors more interested in ice creams and cold drinks!

As we look forward to 2019 your Committee have been reviewing this years' programme. The six fairs we attended to date have been well attended with large crowds. However the one new event added to our programme this year "Craft by the Rails" was slightly disappointing, mainly due to the unfortunate clash with a certain football match. However we will be in Tenterden next year when there should be no outside distraction. It was a great venue with the fascinating spectacle of watching the wonderful steam engines passing by outside our marquee, bringing back happy memories to some of our older members.

Your Committee are always looking for new venues and will always research any fairs brought to our notice. It was sad that our approach to the Big Cat Sanctuary was unsuccessful as having a marquee at such a venue, and being so close to the animals would have been a wonderful experience for everyone. We have received suggestions for future venues, and these are being considered.

**August 18th - 19th
Biddenden Tractorfest &
Country Fair**

Windmill Corner,
Tenterden Road,
Biddenden.
TN27 8BH

gray.mouse@btinternet.com
01424 751120

**September 8th - 9th
Laughton Autumn Show**

Laughton Show Ground
Near Lewes,
East Sussex.
BN8 6BN

gray.mouse@btinternet.com
01424 751120

**November 16th - 17th
Cooden Beach Hotel
Christmas Fair**

Cooden Sea Road,
Bexhill-on-Sea.
TN39 4TT

lalawebb@gmx.co.uk
01424 893076

**November 24th - 25th
Llama Park Christmas
Fair**

Wych Cross,
Forest Row,
East Sussex.
RH18 5JN

knitpickers45@gmail.com
07740 351104

**December 6th
Battle Late Night
Shopping**

Memorial Hall,
High Street,
Battle,
East Sussex.
TN33 0AQ

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01424 751120

Annual General Meeting

In the past years we have held our AGM in the Robertsbridge Village Hall. The meeting has been held in the evening when it can be wet and cold, and of course it is dark. With this in mind your Committee are considering holding this important meeting, say at midday, and this could be followed by a buffet lunch. It is appreciated that such a move will not suit everyone, particularly for those who work full time. However it might be that others would appreciate not having to drive in the dark and therefore find it easier to attend. We would appreciate any views on this suggestion and it is our intention to have this on our Agenda at our AGM in February 2019 which will be held as usual in the evening. Should any member wish to comment beforehand, please contact our Secretary, Jean Hardy, on 07740 351104 or email knitpickers45@gmail.com

BACS

Some of our members are asking whether they can pay their dues by BACS. On the face of it, our Treasurer Graeme, will be happy to consider individual requests. However it must be remembered that the reason we ask for 2 cheques is that the £10.00 deposit reserves the booking and the second (post dated) cheque for the balance is then held and presented about 4 weeks prior to the event. If we accept payment by BACS we would have to request full payment for the booking which could be a financial burden if more than one booking is made. The number of deposit cheques received also determine the size of the marquee which need to be booked in advance. As before we will welcome the views of our members.

Website

Members were recently asked for their thoughts on a revamp of our website. 3 replies were received with suggestions for change. In view of the GDPR legislation it will be necessary to modify the admin section to assist our Committee members in data base research. We will therefore continue with this exercise to assess its viability. If you have any thoughts on this matter please let us know.