



YOUR NEWS FROM

SLINFOLD PARISH COUNCIL

WHAT'S ON AT CHRISTMAS
A Festive Lineup of Events

SPOTLIGHT ON
The Alf Shrubbs Memorial Race

SLINFOLD CRICKET CLUB
Celebrating Their 250
Year Anniversary

Welcome to the Winter issue of the Parish Council News for 2025. Each house on our electoral roll (around 900) receives a copy to keep all residents informed of matters that may be of interest, including Parish Council activity and forthcoming meetings. We hope you enjoy reading this issue!

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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Council has a very helpful website, and has been adding posts to the Slinfold Facebook Page, all of which we hope will make it easier for residents to access information about what is happening within the Parish. On the website, there is an up-to-date news section, details of upcoming meetings and various documents, including agendas and minutes.

There is a calendar which lists all events taking place in Slinfold. If you cannot find what you are looking for then please email clerk@slinfold-pc.gov.uk.

You can also view agendas and minutes at the bus shelter in The Street or in the Village Stores.



Parish Council Chair

Adrian Roberts



Welcome to the Winter edition of the Slinfold Parish Council Newsletter. A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to bringing together the information enclosed in this issue. As always, we hope it provides a helpful update on the matters the Parish Council is addressing on behalf of parishioners, along with a snapshot of the many activities taking place across our community - most of which are made possible by the tireless work of volunteers, to whom we owe great thanks.

I'd like to take a moment to highlight two particular initiatives: the Cosy Café and the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group.

The Cosy Café began three years ago as a part-funded pilot, offering a warm and welcoming space during the winter months. It quickly became clear that it was a valuable and much-loved asset to the parish. To secure its future, the Parish Council successfully bid for maximum match funding to ensure it could continue. Its success is entirely down to the dedication of a small group of volunteers, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to Jane Slipper, Janet Walker, Claire Harrison, Lynn Brown, Clare Trott, Helen Dayneswood, Hilary Sherwin-Smith, Andrew Scott, Tim Harrison, and Chris Leyland.

If you've read previous newsletters, the parish magazine, or attended our AGM earlier this year, you'll know about the Council's commitment to shaping the future of our parish - particularly in light of evolving government

housing targets and the current absence of a Local Plan. In response, the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group was formed to help us navigate these changes thoughtfully and pro-actively. An update on their work is included later in this newsletter, but I'd like to personally thank Councillor Ed Skeates and all the councillors and resident volunteers involved for their time and insight.

As the nights draw in, let's look forward to everything Slinfold has to offer over the winter months, including all the festive activities we've come to enjoy.

So, make yourself a cup of tea or coffee, switch off your phone, and take a few quiet moments to browse through this newsletter. I hope it leaves you feeling, as I do, grateful to be part of such a wonderful village.

All the best,

Mr. Adrian Roberts
Chair of Slinfold Parish Council



A WARM WELCOME TO THE REVEREND

We're very pleased to welcome our new Reverend, Caroline Armitage, to our village and parish. It's a real pleasure to have you here, and we look forward to getting to know you in the months ahead.

We hope you will quickly feel at home, not only within the church walls, but also in the life of the village beyond.

We're excited to have you with us and wish you every success and happiness in your new role.



Welcome to New Residents!

Welcome to all the new residents of Slinfold who have arrived in the Parish since the Summer. We do have a Welcome team in the Parish, who bring useful information to new residents.

If you haven't received your welcome pack, please contact the team, whose details can be found at the front of the Parish Magazine.



SPOTLIGHT ON THE VILLAGE HALL AUTUMN UPDATE

It's been an exciting autumn at the Village Hall. Our first ever **Comedy in Slinfold** night, featuring **Andrew Maxwell** and other top comics, and the performance of **Victor & Albert** were both sell-outs, and Andrew was probably the most famous person ever to appear in the hall!

Alongside these new ventures, the Village Cinema continues to thrive, and it's great to see so many of the regular groups and activities keeping the hall busy week after week. The range of things that happen here really shows how much the Hall sits at the heart of village life.

We're also breaking new ground this Christmas. Families in Slinfold have always had to travel to Horsham or Barns Green for a festive family show, so we're delighted to be staging **The Littlest Yak** here in the village. It promises to be a magical treat for children (and grown-ups) as the festive season gets underway.

Behind the scenes, though, we are still looking for someone to take on the role of Works Coordinator. This isn't a hands-on role, you don't need to do the jobs yourself, but simply to help keep track of what needs doing, arrange trades where necessary, and make sure nothing slips through the cracks. It's a vital but very manageable way to support the Hall.

No new acts have yet been booked for 2026, not for lack of enthusiasm, but because without a Works Coordinator, there just isn't the time to keep everything running smoothly and plan ahead.

Neil Peachey
Chair of Slinfold Village Hall Committee

If you think you could help, even in a light-touch way, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to one of the trustees or drop a note to admin@slinfoldvillagehall.co.uk

JOB OPPORTUNITY WORKS COORDINATOR

REQUIRED FOR
VILLAGE HALL

Village Parking

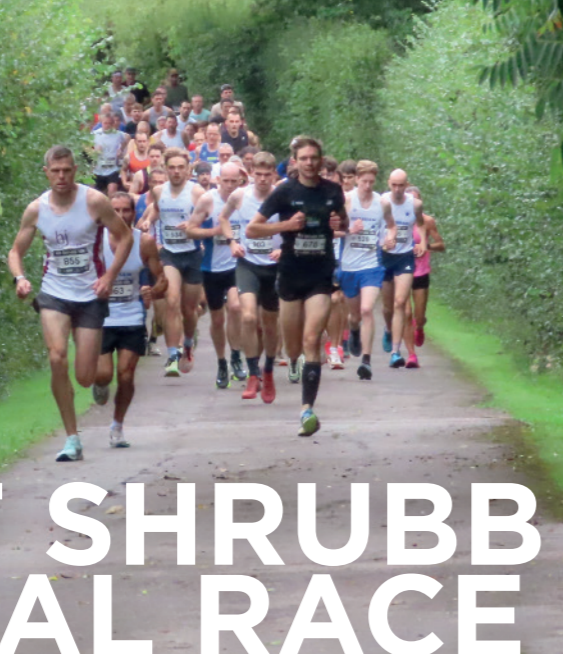
Don't forget that the school car park is a village car park outside of school hours and is maintained by the Parish Council. Please encourage visitors to use this car park when parking in the village centre.

Deputy Clerk Surgeries

The Deputy Clerk Sam will be at the The Cosy Cafe every Wednesday morning from 9.30am until 11.30am for any parishioners to come and have a chat about any issues they may have.

SPOTLIGHT ON

THE ALF SHRUBB MEMORIAL RACE



VASSOS AT THE START

The Alf Shrubbs Memorial Race day was a hugely successful legacy to a special Slinfold Athlete.

The Alf Shrubbs Memorial 10k and 5k events are mixed terrain trail races that take place in Slinfold, passing through the beautiful local countryside with the support of local land owners. They honour a local hero who was born in Slinfold and became one of the greatest runners in the world.

Following its successful relaunch last year, the Alf Shrubbs Memorial race returned to Slinfold in his honour to raise funds for community organisations, causes within the parish, and local charities. This year raising a staggering sum in excess of £8,000.

Having gone from strength to strength over the last two years, we saw entry numbers double across all distances in 2025 and reach capacity in our feature 10k race.

The inaugural 5k race had well over 100 runners take part and we expect it also to reach capacity in 2026.

There was a massive turnout for the youth races which included, in the 8 to 11 year 1 mile race, a Schools Challenge Cup competition sponsored by Farlington School.

We were honoured to have two celebrities on board : sports reporter, author and endurance runner Vassos Alexander and, the founder of Parkrun himself, Paul Sinton-Hewitt starting the races, presenting the medals and awards. The event was organised by a dedicated consortium comprising Slinfold Villagers and members of the three local running clubs : Horsham Joggers, Horsham Blue Star Harriers and Mel's Milers.

Special thanks go to our hosts Slinfold Cricket Club, to Mr Kevin Morley for the kind use of Crosby Farm and to the other kind land owners who have given their blessing to run the races over their property. The all-important cake stall was run by Slinfold Scouts.

Many thanks to this year's sponsors including AJW, Farlington School, Cordek, NFU Mutual, M&M Motors, Intent 91, Slinfold Golf and Country Club, Horsham Sports Injury Clinic, and Andrew Collins of Nowhurst Farm.

If you live in the village and would like to be involved on the organising committee don't hesitate to get in touch via the website.

RESULTS

FIRST 10K MALE FIRST
ROB SHERWOOD (1ST PLACE)

FIRST 10K FEMALE
ELSPETH TURNER

FIRST 5K MALE
JACK HAINES (1ST PLACE)

FIRST 5K FEMALE
CHARLOTTE AIREY

FIRST KIDS RACE MALE 5-7 YRS
EDDIE BURMAN (1ST PLACE)

FIRST KIDS RACE FEMALE 5-7 YRS
SOPHIE COLLINS

FIRST KIDS RACE MALE 8-11 YRS
OLIVER BLACK (1ST PLACE)

FIRST KIDS RACE FEMALE 8-11 YRS
SCARLETT PICKLES

SCHOOLS CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS
SOUTHWATER JUNIOR ACADEMY

FIRST SLINFOLD LADY
CHERYL BIRD (NEE PROBIN)

FIRST SLINFOLD MAN
MATT WHYMAN



MATT AND CHERYL

THE EVENT WILL RETURN IN 2026 ON SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER.
YOU CAN ENTER HERE ALFREDSHRUBB10K.EVENTRAC.CO.UK

SLINFOLD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Slinfold Golf & Country Club have been building their Junior Golf training programme, outside of the usual coaching offered by PGA Professionals, over recent years and celebrated the success of this with two big events this Summer!

First was the Junior Club Championships 2025, on Sunday 14th September. A number of the Junior members took part and they were delighted to crown Slinfold resident Max Menzies in 1st Place for the second year running! Closely followed by Sam Lewis in 2nd place and Charlie Alder in 3rd place.

Very excitingly, they also hosted for the first time a Junior Open Golf Championship, which saw 40 juniors from around the region compete. 11 of these were from the Slinfold Junior Golf section, and they took away 5 of the prizes!

The day-long competition was supported by Sussex County Junior Golf and was part of the Sussex Order of Merit, as well as a qualifier

for the Justin Rose Daily Telegraph Championship. Open to boys and girls under 18, the day entailed a gross and handicap competition over the 18-hole parkland course.

The Handicap Champion was George Brooker, from Slinfold Golf & Country Club with a net 66 and the gross champion was Oscar Tollit, from Piltdown Golf Club. Both now qualify for the Justin Rose Daily Telegraph leaderboard.

Nic Lewis
Junior Golf Member's Parent, using press releases from Slinfold GC

To become a junior member of the golf club, either visit the club or call 01403 791154. Further details are also available at www.slinfoldclub.co.uk



Will O'Halloran, PGA Trainee Professional at Slinfold Golf & Country Club comments:

"This Junior Open Golf Championship was a fantastic success. I get great enjoyment and excitement watching our juniors develop from our initial coaching through to club competitions, on to Sussex Open events and eventually representing the county. I can't wait to see how these champions and our other young golfers continue to progress."

SLINFOLD COMMUNITY SHED

Slinfold Community Shed recently celebrated its 3rd birthday by being formerly recognised as a charitable organisation.



The shed provides a friendly space for the community to chat, craft & create. A new member summed us up perfectly "I love coming here". And a founding member, who popped along to our September Open Morning, commented on how the warm and welcoming it was.

Run by a group of volunteers, we offer facilities for wood & metal-working using a variety of bench, power & hand tools and soft crafts such as needlework, knitting and crocheting.

The Community Shed is located by the football club, at Cherrytree Farm, just off Hayes Lane. Follow the signs for the Football and Tennis Clubs.

Linda Grubb
Slinfold Community Shed



Adult membership costs £25 per year or £2.50 for a drop-in session. Sorry no under 18s.



If you are interested in finding out more, just come along to the Shed and see what we do. You will be warmly welcomed with a cup of tea/coffee

Opening times are 10am to 12pm & 2pm to 4pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Or you can email us on slinfoldcs@gmail.com.

Alternatively, you can usually find us at the Village Market.



WHAT'S ON

The R&E Sub-committee is responsible for all Recreation and Environment including:

Appearance of the Parish and many of its amenities (such as the flowerbeds, phone boxes and noticeboards).

Activities to engage the community (such as Village Day, Youth Club, Cosy Café and Christmas events).

Maintenance of the Parish open spaces, including safety checks on the play areas.

We are always busy with activities to cheer up the Parish - here is an update of what has just happened and is about to happen.



SLINFOLD INDOOR MARKET

The Indoor Market is still running every third Saturday of the month in the Village Hall, and we are still raising money for local funds, such as the Scouts, the Slinfold Minibus Club and the Village Stores.

Please come along to find unique and often homemade gifts and homewares, as well as having a drink and a spot of lunch or slice of cake.

Or you can take a pitch for selling your wares by contacting Jane on 01403 790702.

4THEYOUTH

Join Slinfold Youth Club!

The Parish Council are happy to work alongside 4TheYouth to provide a Youth Club for our Parish children.

You can become a member of Slinfold Youth Club by going to www.horshamyouth.org.uk - this will provide you with reduced weekly entrance fee to the Youth Club as well as access to the discounts, trips, etc provided by 4TheYouth. We are really lucky to have a dedicated youth worker, Luise, and a regular group of volunteers who make the Youth Club so much fun.

www.horshamyouth.org.uk
Please do come along on a Friday night, 6:30-8pm.
Children from years 5-8 are very welcome!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are lucky to have a lively and thriving community in Slinfold, but it does rely on a small group of very energetic volunteers!

Please do offer your time to the many organisations when they ask as we do need more help, as people move away and move on. Keep an eye out for requests on the Slinfold Facebook page, in the Slinfold Parish Magazine or on the Parish Council website.

You can also contact Councillor Jane Slipper and the Parish Clerk as they are often on the lookout for volunteers - right now we have a number of activities for you to help with!

Contact Jane on **01403 790702**.

Clr Jane Slipper



MESSY CHURCH

Craft, celebration and food! Messy Church is a way of 'being church' for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Usually held on the first Tuesday of the month, at 3pm, for 2 hours. Occasionally held on the second Tuesday, so do check the signs in the village or the Village Diary online. Join us for the last session in 2025 and keep an eye out for dates in 2026!



COSY CAFÉ

We are delighted by the attendance and support for Cosy Café on Wednesday afternoons 1-5 in the Village Hall, with usually 50 people throughout the session.

We have a steady flow of regulars and new visitors enjoying our warm, social space every week.

Please do feel free to come along for free hot food, cake and drinks, sponsored by AJW Group.

Thank you to AJW, and our volunteers, who are doing

an amazing job at keeping everyone fed and this café so popular! We have one local ten year old budding baker, Alfie Brown, who provides a delicious cake once a month.

Please do come along to Parish Council meetings to hear of new initiatives and raise any new ideas!



FESTIVITIES AT THE RED LYON

It's Christmas time at The Red Lyon. From carol nights to hearty roasts and local ales, we've got a season full of cheer lined up.

THE RED LYON CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY 6/12

Live band (DYL), buffet and dancing all evening. Everyone is invited!

CHRISTMAS MENU NOW OUT!

Book your Christmas party with us. Friends/family, companies, clubs. Let us cater for your party.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

31/12 TIL LATE!

Music, dancing, Prosecco at midnight

UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

Look out for our January offers and events.

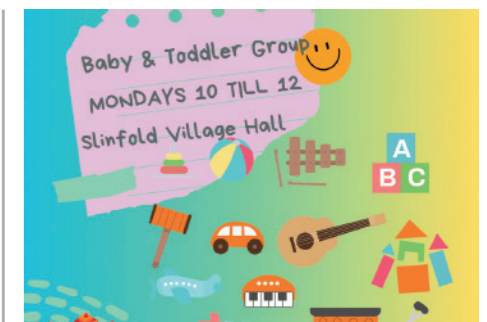
Follow us on Facebook: [redlyonslinfold](https://www.facebook.com/redlyonslinfold). Telephone **01403 790339**.

SLINFOLD LIBRARY PHONE BOX

Thank you to everyone for the steady supply of books in the Library Phone Box! It is always full of interesting and varied titles for anyone to take away and enjoy.



SLINFOLD BABY & TODDLER GROUP



Our baby and toddler group is a welcoming space for parents, caregivers, and their little ones to connect, play, and grow together.

Whether you're looking for a place to socialise, swap stories, or simply enjoy some playtime in a supportive environment, you've found the right place.

Each session includes free play, simple activities, songs, and plenty of time to chat and make new friends. There's no pressure - just come as you are, and enjoy the company of others who understand the joys (and challenges!) of life with little ones.

We can't wait to meet you and your child! Contact Jane on **01403 790702**

Clr Jane Slipper

Baby & Toddler Group
Mondays 10am - 12pm,
in the Main Hall



SLINFOLD CRICKET CLUB

As we reach the end of 2025, Slinfold Cricket Club proudly celebrates its 250th anniversary, having completed one of the most remarkable seasons in our history.



SLINFOLD CRICKET CLUB



The earliest recorded match involving Slinfold took place on 3rd May 1775 as noted in Mr John Baker's Horsham Diary. This historic entry describes a cricket match at Broadbridge Heath between Slinfold and Rudgwick.

To honour this milestone, the club hosted a special match in July against the prestigious Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), an institution renowned for its influence and heritage in the cricketing world. While the day was primarily about celebration, Slinfold emerged victorious. The festivities continued with a week of cricket involving all club teams, including a commemorative match against Rudgwick to mark our first ever recorded game

Throughout the summer, the club fielded six different adult teams, two women's teams and junior teams at five different age groups. All teams embraced the spirit of celebration and delivered what is

arguably the club's most successful on-field season to date.

Key achievements this season include:

- The women's teams won two tournaments and reached the finals day of the Sussex Slam softball competition.
- The junior under 15 team were crowned league champions, with all other junior age groups finishing near to top of their respective leagues.
- The adult 1st XI became Sussex Cricket League division 4 champions.
- Our midweek T20 adult team secured both the Horsham District Mirfield Cup and the Sussex T20 Slam - an impressive fifth win in 6 years.

All the above was underpinned by a dedicated group of adult and junior coaches who ensured Friday evening junior practice sessions ran smoothly,

often welcoming over 100 children. Meanwhile, the bar and BBQ provided a relaxing atmosphere for parents at the end of a busy week.

Off the field, the club continued to thrive. Our kitchen café opened every Friday morning, often extending into weekend mornings when games were played. The bar was open at weekends and selected summer evenings, and both the café and bar continue to serve during winter months. Additionally, our cricket club darts team compete in a local league on Monday evenings, with the bar open for home games.

We continued this memorable season with a magnificent annual Dinner and Dance, held in a banquet marquee at our ground. The evening featured the presentation of numerous trophies and heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed and supported our 250th year celebrations.

Martin Haines
Chairman, Slinfold Cricket Club



SPOTLIGHT ON WHAT'S ON AT CHRISTMAS

Slinfold Parish Council will sponsor several Christmas events again, bringing Christmas cheer across all age ranges! Join us throughout December for a festive line-up of events. From carol singing to Santa visits and twinkling light displays, there's something for all to enjoy.

30/11 CAROL SINGING

The season starts with carol singing in the Red Lion on Sunday 30th November at 4pm, accompanied by the Slinfold Concert Band.

6/12 CHRISTMAS-THEMED INDOOR MARKET

The Indoor Market will be Christmas-themed on Saturday 6th December, 10am til 2pm, with lots of stalls selling gift ideas and homemade goods.

FILM AND AFTERNOON TEA

Our older residents will once again enjoy a film and afternoon tea party, by invitation from Cllr Slipper.

12/12 CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Following that is the Christmas tree lighting ceremony outside the Village Stores, on Friday 12th December at 6pm, with mulled wine, mince pies, carols and Slinfold Concert Band. Once again, there will be a visit from Father Christmas!

12/12 DECK YOUR HOUSES CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION

Next there will be an outdoor Christmas decoration competition. Please email clerk@pc-slinfold.gov.uk to enter your house for judging, which will commence from Friday 12th December.

19/12 SLINFOLD CHRISTMAS TRAIL

Lastly, the Slinfold Christmas Trail will run from Friday 19th December after school breaks, through to New Year's Eve, with treats for all participants.

We hope you all find something in there to bring you festive cheer!



Over the last 5 years, the families of the village have been lucky enough to have a special visitor come to their doorstep in the days before Christmas.

With Santa understandably forced to close his grottos in 2020, he decided to come and check on those who have made it onto his nice list at their front doors, showing each child that he was aware of the good things they had done over the year. Even though those restricted times have passed his visits are more popular now than ever with 97

children across 45 homes receiving a visit last year and it's looking like being even more this time around.

This really is a magical experience for all those who are visited and a perfect start to the Christmas period.

You can find all the details at www.slinfoldcc.co.uk/santa

SLINFOLD TENNIS CLUB

WWW.CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK/SLINFOLDTENNISCLUB



MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

All our club sessions have resumed. Here is our weekly tennis schedule. There is something for everyone.

- MONDAY**
From 5pm - Mixed Social Session
- TUESDAY**
10.30am to 12pm - Coach-led Group Adult Improvers
1pm to 3pm - Men's Over 60s
From 5pm - Ladies' Social Session
- WEDNESDAY**
3.45pm to 5.30pm Junior Coaching: different age groups,
7.30pm - 9pm Team Coaching:
- THURSDAY**
10am to 12pm - Ladies' Social Session
From 5pm - Men's Social Session
- SATURDAY**
2pm to 4pm - Mixed Social Session
- SUNDAY**
2pm to 4pm - Mixed Social Session

Members book the courts outside these club sessions for private play. Our two coaches offer private lessons for players of all levels.

out of the three courts, the carpet was rolled back and substructure and the tarmac were levelled out. After court closure of nearly three weeks, we are so pleased to be back on court again and good news, they feel like new!

We are a very friendly club and welcome new members. Come along to one of our club sessions for a free trial or have some coaching. Please check out our website or contact us. Chair, Peter Bird: pcbird26@gmail.com

Membership Secretary, Jo Marlor: joannelmarlor@gmail.com

Junior Coaching Coordinator, Kristine Amann: juniocoachingstc@gmail.com

Kristine Amann
Slinfold Tennis Club

About eight years ago, the courts at Slinfold were resurfaced from hard tarmac to carpet and an artificial clay in-fill, an investment which we have never regretted. The carpet and sand are more porous than tarmac alone which allows rain water to drain faster and the court is less slippery, enabling play throughout the year. Another advantage of carpet/sand is that it is soft underfoot which reduces the impact on joints and helps prevent injuries.

This year, a thorough cleaning of the court surface was required. The old sand was removed, the carpet cleaned by pressure washer and fresh sand added. At the same time, due to settlement in certain places on two

SLINFOLD RECYCLING SCHEME



A monthly collection of the following items is held at the Slinfold Indoor Market.

Please help us to save items going to landfill and help raise money for local charities.

Sussex Green Living collected 3,000 kgs of recycling in the year to 31st March 2025, raising £2,436.31		£600 was donated to Sussex and Kent Air Ambulance	Bottle tops raised an additional £120 for Horsham Springboard Project , supporting people and families with Learning Disabilities.
Asthma Inhalers	Ferrero Rocher/Kinder - transparent plastic boxes, gold plastic trays, aluminium and plastic wrappers	Make-up - empty eye shadow compacts, mascara tubes and wands, lipsticks, flexible plastic and metallic tubes, highlighter and bronzer tubes	
Bottle tops - plastic only	Foil Balloons	Mobile phones, sat navs, iPods, cameras and old film, cables and leads, incl. broken ones.	
Bras - separate bin at entrance to the hall	Gloves - disposable and made of latex, vinyl, nitrile or polythene	Pencil, Crayons, Pens, highlighters and felt tips	
Coins and notes, even if unchangeable or out of circulation	Household batteries	Stamps	
Corks	Ink cartridges and refills	Water Filters (any make)	

Any of the above can be placed in empty bread bags if you choose. The scheme is run by local volunteers - Jan **07484649353** and Anne **07786375685**.

SLINFOLD CE PRIMARY AND PRE- SCHOOL GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

Responsibility
Respect
Compassion
Courage

READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPARE TIME TO INSTILL A LOVE OF READING IN THE NEXT GENERATION?

WEEKLY MONTHLY AD HOC

Slinfold Primary School are looking for volunteers to visit the school regularly and listen to children read. If you have any free time, please get in contact. All help will make a big difference.

DBS checks will be carried out by the school for all volunteers

01403 790253 office@slinfold.w-sussex.sch.uk

We are awaiting confirmation for the exciting new building development that is expected to start in the new year. A huge thank you to all of the community who came and supported the public consultation, the response and feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The school continues to grow and we are now almost full to capacity. I believe that this hasn't happened for many years, a testament to the fantastic community spirit.

We continue to strive for excellence at the school and would like to extend an invite to those within the community to come and read with our pupils. The help and support is invaluable in helping the children become well-rounded individuals. Please drop by the

school office or contact the team on **01403 790253** or office@slinfold.w-sussex.sch.uk.

I would like to extend a final message to Mrs Sarah Elphick who is coming to the end of her term as Chair of Governors. For 12 years, Sarah has worked tirelessly to improve the life chances for many children in the community and has supported the school on its path of rapid development and success. I am sure that you will all join me in wishing her a huge thanks and congratulate her on her efforts - she will be sorely missed around the school.

Iain Campbell
Headteacher

SLINFOLD CONCERT BAND



The Concert Band has been busy over the Summer, enjoying many performances in the open air! Below are some of the listings for the Slinfold Concert Band in 2026.

For up to date information, don't forget to visit the website: www.slinfoldconcertband.org. Make sure you don't miss the Slinfold Concert Band accompanying our evening of carol singing in the Red Lyon 30th November from 4pm.



Chestnut Tree House Benefit Concert
£900 Raised for a great charity

Thank you to everyone who made the **Chestnut Tree House** benefit concert in September such a special and successful occasion: family; friends; St Mark's Church; our MD, Chris; the great team at Chestnut Tree House; our fabulous guest musicians; the makers and servers of delicious cakes and teas - all these people helped to create a wonderful event.

- 30TH NOVEMBER**
Carol Singing
The Red Lyon, Slinfold, from 4pm
- 6TH DECEMBER**
Horsham Churches Together Carol Service
Horsham Carfax, 11am to 1pm
- 12TH DECEMBER**
Slinfold Tree Lighting Ceremony
6pm
- 17TH DECEMBER**
Mannings Heath village hall from 7pm



CONTACTING YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

For further information visit the Parish Council website www.slinfold-pc.gov.uk or email: clerk@slinfold-pc.gov.uk

CLERKING TEAM

If you need to contact the Parish Clerk, **Mike Simpson**, you can reach him at **07894 858048** or clerk@slinfold-pc.gov.uk.

You can also reach the Deputy Clerk, **Sam Bell**, at deputy.clerk@slinfold-pc.gov.uk.

ENVIRONMENT OFFICERS

John Pilkington and Tony Burroughs, assisted by Tim Harrison, are out and about in the Parish on a regular basis. If you are concerned about a particular area which needs attention, please email eo@slinfold-pc.gov.uk or contact the Parish Clerk.

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This newsletter is created in collaboration with Slinfold Parish Council. Some articles are written by the editing team, using the information provided by the Councillors and the local Council websites.

Please feel free to request items to be included in future editions – please contact the Parish Clerk. The next edition will be in the Summer of 2026.



Money Matters

The Parish Council's annual accounts are available to view on the Parish Council website under Parish Council – Documents – Financial Reports. The accounts detail all the income and expenditure for the financial year and are audited as per the annual schedule.

The Council has a small fund for helping local groups and organisations. Details of our grants policy and an application form can be found on our website.

www.slinfold-pc.gov.uk



Parish Council Meetings

Meetings are open to the public and the press (who have a right to attend) and are preceded by a session for public comments. Council meetings take place in the Village Hall. They are held on the last Thursday of the month at 7:30pm – do check the website before attending to check there are no changes.

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