

Dear Parishioners,

Recently I went to the clergy conference for our diocese in Canterbury. The theme was the Nicene Creed and how it has helped Christians across the ages and denominations to express their biblical faith. It was 1700 years ago in 325AD that the Council of Nicaea established this foundational statement about the Trinity and the deity of Christ.



At the conference there were speakers from Anglican, Roman Catholic and Eastern Orthodox perspectives, united in their appreciation of the Creed. It was encouraging to be reminded that at the heart of the Trinity is pure love between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Christians can declare the Creed as a way of expressing that love and as a confirmation of the faith.

The Creed speaks of God as the maker of heaven and earth, a fact that we celebrate especially at this harvest time.

You are warmly invited to celebrate harvest at All Saints on Sunday 5th October. There is Festival Communion for Harvest at 9.30am and an Informal Harvest Celebration at 11am. We will be bringing non-perishable goods for a local foodbank, as well as decorating the church with seasonal veg. For the early birds there is an 8am traditional Communion on the same day at Chelwood Gate Church. Once again our special collections at Harvest will be supporting the work of a local charity for homeless people.

There is a further way to celebrate! There will be a Harvest Barn Dance at Danehill Village Hall on Saturday 4th October from 5 to 7:30pm. There will be music from 'Square the Circle' band and food provided, but bring your own drinks. All ages are welcome. Tickets are just £7 per adult and £15 per family. To book your tickets, sign up at the back of church or ring Paddy and Gabriela on 01825 790269 or email harvest@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk.

Have a very happy autumn!

With warm greetings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paddy." with a small flourish at the end.

All Saints Church, Danehill with Chelwood Gate

October 2025

More information on services can be found at www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk.

Sunday 5th October 8am 9.30am 11am	Harvest Traditional Holy Communion (Chelwood Gate) Festival Communion for Harvest (All Saints) Informal Harvest Celebration (All Saints)
Sunday 12th October 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion (All Saints) Informal Service (All Saints)
Sunday 19th October 9.30am 11am 4pm	Holy Communion (All Saints) Informal Service (All Saints) Prayer and Praise (Chelwood Gate)
Sunday 26th October 9.30am 11am	Holy Communion (All Saints) Informal Communion (All Saints)
Sunday 2nd November 8am 9.30am 11am	Traditional Holy Communion (Chelwood Gate) Traditional Morning Prayer (All Saints) All Age Service (All Saints)



Singing, snacks, stories & craft activities for toddlers.

Monday, 9am -11:30am at All Saints | £3 per family.

6, 13, 20th October

We have action songs, children's instruments, activities and creche, children's microphone at



TNT Youth Club Night

Thursday 9th October. Sumo experience! 6.30pm to 7.45pm at Danehill Village Hall. Cost £2 (+50p for tuck).

For latest news see www.allsaintsdanehill.org.uk/
weekdays/tnt-youth-group or message TNT phone on
07305 659290

Community & Social

Pastoral Care

We offer home visits, telephone calls, a warm welcome and companionship, prayer time, Youth groups, Home groups and all of the activities below.

Shelagh Gilliam: 790803



**Monday, 20th October, 12:30pm,
Chelwood Gate Church.**

Lunch, good company and a thought on a Christian theme. Lifts available!

All Welcome, RSVP Gabriela or Paddy: 790269

Ashdown Café



Ashdown Café

Friday, 10th October. Come to Danehill Memorial Hall, From 10am-noon. Delicious cakes, biscuits , coffee or tea.

Everyone welcome!

Harvest Barn Dance



Saturday 4th October, 5pm to 7.30pm
Danehill Village Hall

With street food, bring your drinks

For tickets £7 adult, £15 family
ring Paddy or Gabriela 01825 790269
email: harvest@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk

At All Saints

23 Aug: Dominic Charles Tysoe Smith & Annabel Elsa Hope
Mockridge

13 Sept: Joshua Thomas Waddington & Rachel Susanna Hicks



Weddings

Funeral

2 Sept: Sir David Evan Naunton Davies

Round And About In The Parish

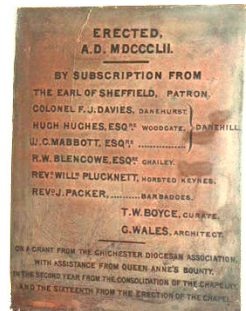


Caroline Genders very kindly donated to the Danehill Parish Historical Society some old records relating to Oak Farm and Richard Bertram House [previously known as the 1st Vicarage]. This article relates only to the Vicarage.

The need for a Vicarage arose following the construction of the original Danehill Church [this photo shows the church in

approx. 1893] - there had to be a Vicar and therefore he needed a Vicarage.

Colonel F J Davies, who resided at Danehurst, gave the site for the building and grounds of the Vicarage to Queen Anne's Bounty [the landowning arm of the Church of England]. The Vicarage was built in 1862 and there is a small plaque on the wall, just to the left of the glass door, giving the names of everybody concerned, including the first Vicar. This shows subscriptions were made by the Earl of Sheffield, Patron and also Colonel Davies. Hugh Hughes who resided at Woodgate was a subscriber and from the 1861 Census he is described as a Landed Proprietor at the age of only 31. They had staying with them Harriet Window who was a Fund Holder from Bloomsbury. They had 4 servants so clearly a well-to-do family.



Mr W C Mabbott is also a subscriber and although residing at Uckfield he held Forest Farm.

Rev. T W Boyce was the first Curate who lived at The Vicarage and his sister [Rachel Henning,] lived there with him for a few years before emigrating to Australia.

The house remained as the Vicarage until about 1939/40 when the Church sold the house,



because it was much too large for a modern vicar's needs. The vicar then moved into the village centre.

A developer bought the house, but the Army took it off his hands and later in the War it was used to house Prisoners of War, Italians, followed by Germans, who worked on local farms.

On the outside of the stone arch around the porch front door you can see Italian names and words scratched into the stone. Among these is 'VV il Re' [Evviva il Re i.e. God Save the King] to show they were loyalist Italians, and not Fascists, and this was generally true for the Italian Army.



When the Army gave the house up it was bought by a Mrs Bird and her daughter and set up as a nursery home for war orphans and unwanted babies. The Garden Lodge, was built as the incubator and nurses wing. They called the place Cherrills. It was sold again in 1954.

My thanks to the Danehill Parish Historical Society and Caroline Genders.

Jill Rolfe 740 446

The Hidden Costs of AI

AI has achieved extraordinary things. However, it comes with environmental, ethical, and personal costs attached.

The race to release AI-powered apps is intense, with developers competing to be first to market. Unfortunately, this often means security is treated as an afterthought. Recently, it emerged that one of Vyro AI's large databases had no protection at all. Users of their apps, which have been downloaded by millions, were left exposed. For months, a wide range of user data could be viewed and edited, potentially enabling the hijack of accounts.

This is not an isolated case. Your best defence is caution: do not share anything with an AI chatbot that you would not be happy to see leaked. Also check the permissions you grant to apps. Does your torch app need to know your location or access your microphone?

As AI use grows, the environmental strain is intensifying, particularly in water-scarce regions like northern Spain, popular with data centre planners. Despite aiming for a 'water positive' strategy, in December 2024 Amazon requested a 48% increase in its water allocation for current data centres there. In addition, Amazon's new data centre developments in the Aragon region are projected to consume more water than the entire

region currently does. Innovations to protect the environment have not prevented some insiders from branding big tech's environmental planning as 'unethical'.

AI systems rely heavily on human labour to label data, review content, and make the outputs seem intelligent. Much of this work is outsourced to low-paid workers in Africa and other parts of the Global South. Tasks can include moderating traumatic content or sifting through vast quantities of images and text, often under time pressure, and with little psychological support. This "ghost labour" is rarely mentioned, but it has been central to how AI operates.

AI has genuine benefits, but how much of it do we really need? When tools start replacing everyday skills like writing or problem-solving, do we risk the loss of those abilities ourselves? Crucially, when AI is allowed to refine its own code, will it respect human dignity and the value of life? Behind the intoxicating displays of AI, there are some very tough real world challenges to solve.

Roger Lyon, rlcomputersolutions.co.uk

Fletching Music and Arts Festival 2025

A transformative and intimate celebration of world-class classical music, art and community. Three days of immersive performances, featuring renowned musicians, artists, and speakers in the heart of East Sussex.

Festival Directors: Isabelle Peters & Charlotte Scott.

This autumn, the quiet village of Fletching in East Sussex becomes the setting for a festival unlike any other, one that invites audiences not just to listen, but to feel, reflect, and connect.

From 16 to 18th October the Fletching Music & Arts Festival will welcome internationally renowned musicians, artists, and speakers for three evenings of immersive experiences in Fletching's historic Parish Church. Blending chamber music, song, spoken word, visual art, and conversation, the programme is designed gently to challenge traditional concert expectations creating space for deep listening, emotional resonance, and community connection.

The wonderful artist Nathaniel Boyd will be exhibiting a selection of his paintings during the whole festival.

Single Tickets: £20 (£5 concession) Ticket price includes a glass of wine. All three performances Season Ticket: £50 www.fletchingmusicartsfest.com

The Arts Society, Ashdown Forest Lecture

Thursday 9th Oct, 2pm: **Painter and Plantsman: Cedric Morris, Irises and Beyond, Caroline Holmes**, Crowborough Community Centre, visitors £7.

Lift share, contact Lesley Boase 01825 740233
Visit tasaf.org.uk for details.

Skies Above

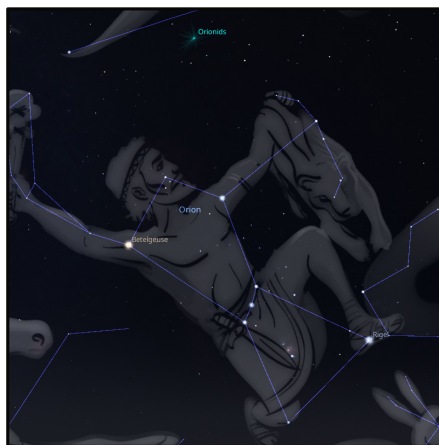
The Orionids

by Wren Martin



Autumn has well and truly arrived, but if we're lucky enough to get a gap in the clouds, keep an eye out for a glimpse of the Orionid Meteor Shower. This celestial display runs from the 2nd October to the 7th November, peaking in the early hours of the 22nd October, between midnight and dawn.

The Orionids happen when Earth passes through the debris trail left behind by Halley's Comet. These tiny fragments, most no bigger than a grain of sand, enter our atmosphere at astonishing speeds. As they burn up, they release bursts of light, leaving behind glowing trails of ionised gas across the night sky. Very few are large enough to reach the ground, but from our perspective, it looks as if stars are falling.



Orionids & Orion - Stellarium

The meteors seem to radiate from just above the constellation of Orion, which is how the shower gets its name. Orion rises in the east after midnight and is one of our brightest constellations, commonly spotted by finding the three bright stars that make up Orion's Belt.

Halley's Comet itself is one of our most famous celestial visitors, with recorded sightings going back over 2,000 years. The English astronomer Edmond Halley was the first to realise that comets weren't all individual occurrences, and that many were, in fact, the same comet returning on an orbit. In 1705, after analysing reports of comet sightings in 1531, 1607, and 1682, he predicted that this particular comet would return in 1758. When his prediction proved correct, this first confirmed periodic comet was named in his honour.

Halley's Comet takes 72–80 years to complete its journey around the Sun. Its last pass was in 1986, and it will not return until 2061. The comet's orbit is elliptical rather than circular, and at its furthest point from the sun it travels far

beyond Neptune, almost to the icy reaches of Pluto. Interestingly, Halley's Comet orbits in the opposite direction to that of the planets. The Orionids come from the debris left by the comet as it approached the sun, and due to these opposing orbits, the debris is moving in one direction while Earth moves in the opposite. This causes extremely fast meteors that light up our night sky at about 41 miles per second (66 km/s). We pass through the debris left by the comet as it left the solar system in early May – a meteor shower called the Eta Aquariid.

Even if we never see the comet itself, its path still marks our skies, and it's lovely that every year we are treated to the sight of its beautiful legacy.

Find all the Skies Above articles, along with links to sources and further reading at <https://skiesabove.substack.com/>

Note: Last month's article stated that the next total lunar eclipse will be on 3rd March 2026. While this is true, the eclipse will not be visible from the UK. A partial lunar eclipse will be visible from the UK on 28th August 2026. The next total lunar eclipse visible from the UK will be on 31st December 2028. There will also be a partial solar eclipse on 12th August 2026, with totality taking place over the Arctic, Greenland, Iceland, the Atlantic Ocean, and northern Spain.



A promotional poster for a 'Music Bingo' event. The background is light grey with a subtle geometric pattern. At the top, the word 'Music' is written in a large, elegant script font, with 'BINGO' in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font below it. Below this, 'Back to the 80s!' is written in a cursive font. The date 'Friday 17th October' is prominently displayed in a bold, sans-serif font. Below the date, '£1 a sheet' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. Further down, 'Cash prize for 1st Place!' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. In the bottom left corner, there is a black vinyl record. In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo for 'The Club @ Danehill' with the text 'Bringing People Together Since 1994'. In the center, below the main text, there is a line of smaller text: 'Book online at www.danehill.org.uk or contact theclubdanehill@gmail.com'.

Uckfield Art Group

As the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is upon us it is time once again to invite you to **Uckfield Art Group's Autumn Exhibition** on 1st November., 10am-4pm, Luxford Centre, Uckfield

A Red Kite Tale

by Kerry Williams

Communications Officer: Conservation



Sussex
Wildlife Trust

On holiday in the late 90's, my family and I made a visit to a working Mid-Wales farm. As we watched from purpose-built hides, a group of magnificent wild birds of prey started to gather in the surrounding trees, eventually descending to pick up scraps of meat from the ground; a flurry of auburn feathers and forked tails. I remember being stunned by the sheer number; I was used to spotting a lone Kestrel or Buzzard but had never seen so many birds of prey at once.

The farm is famed for their supplementary Red Kite feeding, held there daily since advised by the RSPB in 1992, to support efforts to encourage the preservation of the species. The UK Red Kite population had been decimated due to long-term persecution, driven by an incorrect belief that they threatened game birds. Red Kites will hunt small mammals, such as Rabbits, but are mostly scavengers, preferring to take carrion rather than live prey. By the late 1980s numbers were drastically low, and with only a handful of breeding pairs in Wales, the species was nearly extinct in the UK.



Red Kite © Dave Kilbey

But change was in the air. Following a release of several birds in the Chilterns in 1990, efforts by many conservation organisations and committed individuals to support and resettle the species have made the Red Kite reintroduction one of the most successful and renowned conservation stories in the UK. The species now soars in many areas of the British Isles, which is home to an estimated 4,500 breeding pairs. Whereas during my Welsh farm visit we perhaps saw 80 birds, they now welcome up to 500.



Red Kite and chicks © Derek Middleton

witnessing part of such an incredible story.

We know that memorable interactions for children and young people with our natural world can create lasting connections; vital to the continued conservation of our precious wildlife and habitats. Even though they are now abundant in places, I am still overjoyed to see a Red Kite, perched in a bare branch or hovering over a motorway. When I do, I am often put in mind of that experience at the farm 25 years ago. I had no idea I was



Update from your Local District Councillor:

Cllr. Christina Coleman
Wealden Finances



Despite misleading BBC headlines, Wealden's finances are in robust health, with no debt in the General Fund. In fact, we are the only Local Authority in Sussex in this fortunate position. Furthermore, with Local Government Reorganisation on the horizon, Alliance Councillors agree that funds that have been raised within Wealden, for Wealden communities, should not be spent paying off the debt of neighbouring Local Authorities, but should be spent on projects that will benefit the long-term future of Wealden's communities.

While the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) does have debt, this is akin to a mortgage and is secured by considerable assets. The debt was imposed on local housing authorities by central government in 2012, when a self-financing scheme was introduced - essentially making Councils buy their own housing stock. The HRA account is entirely ring-fenced and separate from the General Fund which provides regular services to the residents of Wealden District Council.

Cllr. Rachel Millward elected deputy Leader of the Green Party

Cllr. Rachel Millward, co-leader of Wealden District Council, was also elected as deputy leader of the Green Party, on 2nd September. Rachel is committed to making Wealden "a place where people and nature thrive together" and has heralded numerous reforms and programmes to achieve that mission including: multiple initiatives improving rivers and waterways; saving leisure centres threatened with closure; approving new health centres; significant funding for vital community organisations such as Citizen's Advice; and substantial funding for nature recovery - to name a few.

Wilder Wealden

Wealden has entered into a five-year nature partnership with Sussex Wildlife Trust, building on the existing successful relationship with the Trust, developed through the Wilder Ouse Project. The total funding approved is £1.2 million, which will be spent throughout the programme period. It will invest in existing and new projects, that restore natural systems, enabling greater habitat connectivity and improve resilience to climate change. In part this will be achieved through partnering with landowners, farm clusters, the Woodland Trust and voluntary organisations. Wealden will also become a formal partner of the Weald to Waves

project, which enables a nature recovery network, which spans approximately 100 miles across Sussex, and passes through the district.

Ashdown Forest

We all know that people only protect nature if they feel a connection to it. So, it is important that we safeguard our natural assets while also allowing people to enjoy them. Achieving the right balance isn't always easy. Next year is the centenary of Winnie the Pooh and the Ashdown Forest is expecting to see a significant increase in media attention and visitor numbers. If this is not managed well, it could put a significant strain on the fragile ecosystem - the protected heathland - that is the Forest. In recognition of the importance of the Ashdown Forest to residents of Wealden, the District Council has donated £450,000, to help prepare for the centenary celebrations. This funding will also help unlock further match-funding, to help promote and protect the Forest.

Councillor Ward Budgets

The Councillor Ward Budget scheme is now open until 31st March 2026. If you are aware of a local not-for-profit project in the ward of Danehill and Fletching that may be eligible for funding, please do get in contact. You can either email me directly or go to councillorwardbudgets@wealden.gov.uk.

As ever, if you have any questions, problems, or concerns, please do reach out to me and I will do my best to help.

Cllr. Christina Coleman, cldr.christina.coleman@wealden.gov.uk | 07718 208340

'Local Update - September 2025

Roy Galley

Commemorations

Commemorating historical events has been a big theme this summer. We did not have any major local celebrations of VJ Day. That is fraught with ethical issues, but without that war ending many more lives would have been lost.



As Chairman of the County Council, I attended a memorial of the Newhaven to Dieppe Raid in August 1942. Allied troops, the majority Canadian, sailed from Newhaven to land near Dieppe and hopefully outflank the Germans. Unfortunately, they knew our troops were coming and gunned them down on the beaches and took a lot of prisoners.

French and Canadian representatives attended a moving ceremony on August 10th in Newhaven. This was hosted by Kim Bishop, the lively Mayor of Newhaven. The following weekend, the High Sheriff, the Mayor of Lewes, the Mayor of Newhaven and I went over to Dieppe to join the French commemoration. We were there for two days but the French take these events very seriously and there were many activities there over several days. There are a number of locations where a vigil is kept and wreaths are laid. In France this is a big community event and a lot of young people are involved which is very encouraging.

Some may question why we continue to mark these anniversaries. It is about remembering those who gave their lives so we can be free of tyranny. It is also about younger generations understanding how fragile is the peace and democracy we all rather take for granted. The most memorable event was when French, Canadian and British representatives read out the names of over 1300 young men who were killed in and around Dieppe.

In September I will be joining the Royal Society of St George to mark the anniversary of the Battle of Britain. This was a game changing battle of the Second World War.

Road Safety

We have a lot of road safety issues at the top of the agenda at present:

- Extra measures have been introduced in Danehill along with the improved road surface.
- The signage going up to Nutley School has been enhanced and work is being done outside the school to put in a more level surface.
- We are awaiting improved signage near Buxted School.
- There are speeding and safety problems on the A22 between Pippingford and Wych Cross.
- A recent fatal accident has highlighted the dangers along Crowborough Road, Nutley.
- Speeding along the A275 towards Trading Boundaries continues to require better signage.
- A reduced speed limit will soon be introduced at Horney Common and on the road from Buxted to Hadlow Down.

Haywards Heath Music Society 84th Season.

Saturday 18th October at 3pm, Heath Methodist Church, Perrymount Road, HH.



MILO HARPER, harp, with Frederico Paixao, flute and Angus McCall, cello

Booking: www.haywardsheathmusicsociety.org.uk and book via WeGotTickets or telephone Christine Colbourne on 01444-456227.



Danehill Film Night **Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale**

Tuesday 21st October – 7:30pm
Danehill Memorial Hall

Tickets - £10 on the door or www.cinemobile.uk/tickets



Danehill Parish Historical Society

Oct 28th, Robert Lewin, World War II, In and Around East Grinstead

7:15 for 7:30pm, Danehill Memorial Hall, RH17 7HS
Members free, visitors £4
Membership £15/annum



Ashdown WI

We are always doing something different, in August on a perfect summers day we visited Michelham Priory. If you want a new place to go for coffee or lunch it is ideal. We booked a guide for our visit to the house which made the history of the Priory come alive.

Our evening meeting in September was entitled 'so far so good'. Malcolm Wells is a civilian who received the MBE for his charity work. Malcolm left school with no qualifications but the ability to play the cello. Life has led him into the army playing in an orchestra, seeing how dogs are trained to help injured service men, and doing six weeks medical training to set up an emergency hospital during the Falklands War. Never standing still Malcolm has had a full and varied life.

Now we are into October so what is next? Come along and find out! Our meeting is on the 14th October, 7:30pm at Chelwood Gate Village Hall. WATCH OUT! Nov.12th, Dec.10th, Jan.14th, Feb.11th, - our meetings will be on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS ! 1:30-3:30pm.

Yvonne Smith

Next Magazine

Deadline for the next issue is **Wednesday, 15th October**. Copy to parishmagazine@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk. Printed copy to the Vicarage or The Drum, Box's Lane via the cat flap. Phone: 07426 258083

Advertising to **Carol Williamson** at advertiser@allsaintsdanehill.org.uk



St Peter's Church Chailey, Saturday,

, 11th October, 10am-1pm.

chaileyc@gmail.com

Report of the Danehill Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 held at Chelwood Gate Hall at 7:30pm

To receive reports from District and County Councillors.

County Report – Cllr Galley's report had been circulated prior to the meeting. He reported on a motion from the Green Party to postpone the local government re-organisation and reported on the recent fatality on the Crowborough Road. He also reported on the possible resurfacing of the road near Pippingford and near Sheffield Green. Both sites were areas of speed concern, the latter is not in the Parish though the Parish Council had contributed to speed data collection.

Some frustrations were raised about the process to get blue badges or temporary blue badges.

District Report – Cllr Coleman reported on the lack of benefit to being part of the priority programme for the local government reorganisation. WDC has gone into partnership with Sussex Wildlife Trust to support nature networks and tree planting within the District. Additional funding has been put into Ashdown Forest. Social procurement and policy programme was progressing, saving money in procurement and aiding funding in local investment. The Council award programme was underway. Danehill Action Group were having a meeting on 11th September at 7:30pm at the Social Club talking about Project Ripple and WDC funding.

Parish Council meeting

The Clerk reported the new date of the Finance meeting for 22nd October at 10am with the SLR meeting to follow at 11am.

To receive an update on insurance claim.

The court date was set for 6th February 2026. The Clerk would attend as requested.

To receive an update on tennis courts.

The Clerk was currently getting quotes for the surface and fence replacement and would report back in due course. The idea of a new court was not supported at the current time and the Council would consider refurbishment of the current courts when quotes were applicable.

To consider re-surfacing the path in the memorial garden.

Cllr Bowes – Cricks reported on various issues within the memorial garden.

The path – This was professionally laid and the Council felt a professional weeding would be preferable to tarmacking the path – The Clerk would action this.

To consider requesting permission to trim the grass edge of the track (Forest owned.)

Previous requests had been declined so the Council resolved not to continue with this request.

To consider policy on Memorial plaques on existing posts.

The Clerk would circulate the current policy.

To consider a possible increase in number of memorial benches (3 more)

-More would be welcome – The Clerk reported that there were no current limits on benches within the garden.

To consider memorial hall update and associated costs and plans.

Cllr Hogg provided an update on the reduced number of trustees and the current stage of the transfer.

To receive update on emergency plan.

All the information had been input and now just needed to be tidied up into a more user friendly format for instruction. The helpers contact details also needed checking before finalising it.

Next meeting : 8th October 2025 at 7:30pm.