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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

I walked into the office on 2nd January only to remember that dreaded job of packing up the Christmas Tree! It always seems sad to take it down.



However, it was also copy date for this magazine – so there were lots of positive things going on that day too!

On **page 4** there's news of **Cuckfield Dramatic Society's** forthcoming **February Frolics** show. Having attended it before, I need to organise my tickets – it was a superb evening I recall!

We welcome **Warden Park** Head to the stand in **Village People** on **page 8**. Thank you to **Dom Kenrick** for spending time with **Simon Yeend** to tell his story.

Page 13 is a collection of fabulous photos of the **Veteran Car Run** coming through the village last year, on **page 14** Simon finds out why **Mike Jourdain** spends a week making his house sparkly for Christmas and, on **page 17**, resident **Madeleine Summers** gives readers the chance to win a night in a winter 'bolt-hole' on the coast.

On our centre spread this month we are delighted to welcome **Cuckfield Society's** latest information about its fantastic **Village Show**. On **pages 20-21** you can view all the classes and find out how you can get involved later this year.

Chris Belton shares the latest goings-on in **Bolnore Village** on **page 23** – and following that are a number of other key news items for Bolnore, including **'5 mins with... Katie Marlow'** on **page 24**.

I'm grateful to **Andrew Symonds** for keeping the **Holiday Snaps** feature going in these cold winter months – on **page 31**. Do send us yours too – photos@ cuckfieldlife.co.uk is the email to use please.

On **page 33** you'll find the latest newsletter from **Cuckfield Parish Council** and, for those puzzle addicts, the usual **Sudoku** is printed on **page 36** – an easy one this month!

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Amazing year for Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity!

Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity is celebrating its first anniversary since relocating to new premises in Cuckfield. After opening its doors in February they have welcomed more than 25 families, who now attend weekly sessions at the Centre. The Charity offers an early intervention service for families with children under five who have cerebral palsy and other motor learning disabilities. They also offer additional activities to families such as swimming, music therapy, messy play, sensory sessions and an outreach support service.

All of this has been made possible due to the wonderful support and generosity of individual donors, companies and the local community. The Charity was thrilled to have recently received a donation of £10,000 from the auction of a portrait of Dame Vera by impressionist Sherree Valentine-Daines. The painting was auctioned at an event organised by Clarendon Fine Art at their gallery in Mayfair to support Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity and was attended by Dame Vera's daughter Virginia Lewis-Jones.

The Charity wants to thank Vega Europe, Puzzler



Media and Veritas Asset Management who sent donations in lieu of sending company Christmas cards.

For further information about the Charity visit the website www.dvlcc.org.uk or call 01444 473274.

The drama (and comedy) returns next month

Hot from the success of its Christmas Cabaret, Cuckfield Dramatic Society (CDS) is busy preparing for 'February Frolics'.

The event takes place on 23rd and 24th February and 9th March. This is another dinner theatre event comprising comedy sketches and a short play, which this year will be the French farce 'Mixed Doubles' by Georges Feydeau, directed by Ken Collins (who made his CDS debut as Dr Astrov in Uncle Vanya).

The main play for the first half of 2018 will be 84 Charing Cross Road from 30th May to 2nd June 2018, the hit play about the correspondence between a young struggling writer in New York and an antiquarian book seller in London. Covering the shared love of good literature as well as business and friendship, the action is set over a 20-year period, from 1949 to 1969.



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Immediately after Christmas is often a time when families evaluate their elderly relatives' needs – having spent a good number of hours in their company. David Dimelow, director of Everycare Mid Sussex, explains why this is the case: "We always get an increased number of enquiries in January and it's simply due to the family seeing small changes in their loved ones. Comments like 'mum doesn't make the trifle quite like she used to' and 'dad seemed to struggle carving the turkey this year' have both been mentioned to me by worried children."

David, who used to work in the IT industry, decided to make a change in career direction after experiencing some good (and not so good) care for his own parents while he was living 200 miles away. "I was adamant that only the highest quality home care services possible would do when it came to entering the home care market myself," he commented. "Having been a worried son on the other side of the table, I knew what level of customer care I had to be able to deliver."

David researched the domiciliary care market widely and visited a number of franchisors to make sure they shared the same ethos. "Everycare ticked all the boxes for me, with its enviable high standards." He started the business, serving Cuckfield and the whole Mid Sussex area, four years ago. David has an office team based in Burgess Hill and employs over 45 carers visiting many of the Mid Sussex villages.

The team is able to provide a variety of assistance to its service users. This includes doing housework, preparing meals, companionship, help with showering and bathing, waking night and sleeping night services, welfare checks and prompting medication.

One principal that is strongly held to is that Everycare makes sure that service users receiving regular care know the carers involved. "We know the vulnerable folk we work with don't like a string of different people arriving at different times," David said.

Everycare Mid Sussex can also offer more temporary care packages. This includes cover when regular carers

are away on holiday, or for rehabilitation when returning from hospital.

"Folks coming out of hospital will need to regain their confidence in all manner of normal tasks. We work with the family and NHS to define their care plan and then help them to get back on track."

The care services at Everycare aren't menu-based but, rather, outcome-based. David continues: "We ask 'What does success look like?' in order to develop a truly personal solution. When a service user is back on their feet and no longer has need for our help, we consider that to be a very positive result."

For some families, the ability to relinquish caring duties on a temporary basis can be enormously helpful. "We know that many carers just need a break, and often don't enjoy their own holidays if they are worried about loved ones for whom they usually care. Our carers can be briefed to act just as you would have done, so you can relax!"

Another important facility that Everycare Mid Sussex is pleased to be able to offer is Live-in Care. As it sounds, this level of service places a carer to live with them 24/7. This service is ideal for folk who have been recommended to consider a move to a Care Home but who desperately don't want to leave their home, for whatever reason. This means the service users stay in familiar surroundings and locality, and the cost can be a lot cheaper than a weekly care home bill too.

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2018 trends

DESIGN AT HOME

By Fiona Evans, Cuckfield Interiors

What will be in, what will be out? If you like to follow trends and predictions in interior design here are some pointers for 2018.

The grey neutral palette is still a popular base (let's not include battleship grey) in a design scheme but overall the trend is moving towards bold colour. Amongst the colour trends for 2018 is Farrow and Ball's Studio Green, a very dark green which can appear almost black but alters in depth and shade with the changing light. Dulux has revealed that Heart Wood is their colour choice for 2018, an attractive greyish pink, and Aquamarine is the choice from Little Greene paint. Goodbye to white walls then and bring on the bold colours! Perhaps just a little at a time if you're not sure, such as a boldly painted kitchen cupboard or chair to make a statement.

Natural materials such as wood or stone will be a trend for 2018 and wooden panelling is a great way to add structure and style to an interior and provides an alternative way to display art. Depending on your style, Shaker or tongue and groove panels are great choices and look fabulous painted in bold or dark colours (if you would rather paint them than keep the exposed wood). Wallpaper with a panelled design is an easy and cheaper alternative.

If you would prefer modern panels there is a fantastic selection of textured and sculpted designs in wood, plywood and other materials which would create a great backdrop on walls and alcoves adding style and a luxurious finish.

The use of natural stone in interiors is growing in popularity with a seemingly endless choice of stone and finishes for floors and walls.

Alternatively, floors covered in herringbone parquet either composed of wood or vinyl will remain on trend. To be unique and perhaps a bit 'wacky', how about coloured parquet or amazing multi coloured parquet that you can design yourself? There are some great ideas and choices online.

Textured tactile fabrics just asking to be stroked, such as velvet, faux fur, woven, knitted or crocheted, will add depth and cosiness to an interior. It looks like textured velvet will be a popular choice of fabric for 2018, so a sofa upholstered in dark green velvet would be a great choice.

Mixed metals furnishings and accessories are right on trend; glistening copper, brass, gold, silver or steel. Brass lampshade frames, beautiful copper baths, copper coffee tables, metallic flecks in floor tiles and panels, the list is endless.

Botanical designs with large leaves and floral wallpaper and fabric in a large print, such as that sold by House of Hackney, is 'of the moment' and would create a fantastic impact and wow factor on entering an interior bringing 'the outside in'. Gentle botanical wallpapers by Farrow and Ball complement their paints beautifully for a more restful interior. Include green house plants and cushions to add depth and focus for a 2018 stylish interior.

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Magic moments

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"My role is to help ensure our young people leave school strong in the things that exams will never measure."

Dom Kenrick



By Simon Yeend

Dom Kenrick believes in special moments. Moments that children will remember. Moments that will enrich their lives.

Mr Kenrick has been Head of Warden Park Academy for just one term but has already stamped his mark on the school with this approach.

His is the first face most pupils will see when they arrive in the morning and the last face they see as they leave in the afternoon as he sees the kids off, encouraging, praising and looking hungrily at any apple pies baked in food technology that day! "I'll be out there in the morning to welcome students into school and in the evening I walk down to the road and wave the kids off and say thanks for all your hard work. It is important to do it so that students know that I think what they have done today matters. Perhaps they've got something that they've baked in food technology class or a piece of art work or something they have made, I will always ask about it. These little moments of recognition are important as they help to build confidence, resilience and self-esteem. Lots of the work students do is very challenging therefore it is important that they feel proud about what they have accomplished."

His approach makes him a popular figurehead following his move in the summer from Steyning Grammar. And he has been pleasantly surprised by the number of girls at the school who get involved in sport and are succeeding in other areas of the school curriculum.

"There's a massive number of young ladies here who are bucking the trend from every other school I've worked in, who are getting involved, being successful and being great role models, and hopefully going on to be healthy, successful adults in the future," he explains.

"We've got girls working in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) and Year 8 girls working in coding – computer science at the Amex.

"There are a lot of opportunities for girls to play sport here, and they are picking it up. Here, more than in other schools I have worked in, it's cool to be doing these things.

"The number of kids who are here at 8 o'clock in the morning to play netball is fantastic.

That is all helped by teachers committing and parents supporting that by dropping them off early.

"The girls football Year 10/11 are playing National and County Cup and hopes are high of reaching a final this year."

Dom grew up in North London but moved to Haywards Heath in the late 1980s

where he taught at St Paul's, when it was located in Oathall Road, then moved jobs to Chailey and then Steyning before landing in Cuckfield.

"There's a depth of tradition here – when I moved to Haywards Heath in 1989 people always associated Warden Park with excellence.

"One question I have always asked students throughout my career in whatever school I've been at is 'how many marks would you give out of ten for today?'. It's a good way to encapsulate views.

"The most common answer is seven. But here at Warden Park the most common answer is an eight or a nine! Twelve weeks in and I'm proud, really proud.

"There's something here in the students' psyche. Is it a combination of home, something about the school, the diet they're getting, the way relationships are here? But the majority here say eight or nine. A lot of students say ten to me, which is fantastic.

"I don't think there's real mystery to working successfully with young people," he says. "You've got to find something that binds them in a way that they can make sense of it and the thing that binds everybody is human contact – young people need to feel it is ok to be who they are and not try to be as others might want them to be.

"There are lots of things that young people buy into; my role is to ensure they buy into their education.

"Qualifications are getting harder, and exam results are always going to be important because they are the 'ticket' to the next phase of education and without them doors close. However, young people are growing up in a generation where image is particularly important, 'where do I fit in?', 'what do I look like?', 'what do people think of me?' - it's tough for them. It is important that education does more than just provide qualifications. I also want our young people to grow up to be good parents, good partners, good neighbours, good citizens; able to manage well their physical, social and mental health. My role is to help ensure our young people leave school strong in the things that exams will never measure - self-esteem, curiosity, resilience, growth mindset, kindness."

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Classic cars in Cuckfield

Back in November hundreds of ordinary and extraordinary classic vehicles passed through Cuckfield as part of the London to Brighton Veteran Car Run. The annual event takes place on the first Sunday in November, and it was started to celebrate the passing into law of the Locomotives on the Highway Act, which raised the speed limit for light locomotives from 4mph to 14mph and abolished the requirement for these vehicles to be preceded by a man on foot. Here Nigel Wilson captures some of the finest examples on the 2017 Run.



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Lighting up the village

By Simon Yeend

Just like the Cuckoo Fayre, The Christmas Tree Festival and the Mayor's Parade, this event has won its place in the heart of Cuckfield residents.

We're talking about the Christmas Lights on THAT house on the left, down Hatchgate Lane.

Mike and Wendy Jourdain are the hard-working couple who bring this festive light show to the village – raising money for charity and putting a smile on the faces of the people who walk by.

They first started decorating the outside of their house with Christmas lights in 2002, just for fun and it was low-key. Then the bar was raised.

"In 2004 we purchased a full nativity scene and my father-in-law, Colin, made a wooden stable and since then we haven't looked back," explains Mike.

So why do they do it?

"There are a few reasons," says Mike. "Firstly, we see it as an opportunity to raise awareness and money for good causes. Every penny donated goes to the cause.

"Secondly, we use the turning-on event as a way of bringing together the local community with mince pies, mulled wine and sweets and soft drinks for the kids.

"And finally, neighbours and their families, kids walking to Warden Park and commuters expect it."

Each year the Jourdain's pick a different charity to benefit. In 2015 they raised £440 for Dementia UK, the previous year £420 went to Open Doors in Syria. In 2012 they generated £330 for the local Food Bank and in 2011 they raised £225 for Orchard House. Other charities to benefit include, Crisis, Help for Heroes, Chestnut Tree House, Yews Nursery and the Uganda Society for Disabled Children.

This year the Jourdain's have chosen Off the Fence and its mobile shower unit campaign for the homeless in Brighton.

Mike was shocked by the plight of the homeless in Brighton, where more than 200 people sleep on the streets every night and where almost 3,000 people spend the night in places like tents, cars or car parks.

"Mental health is now the big issue with more than two thirds suffering from some issue, while 20 per cent

of the homeless in Brighton are ex-servicemen," says Mike. "This charity will provide mobile showers, helping homeless people to stay clean and healthy. There are so many health issues related to poor hygiene."

When Cuckfield Life went to press they had already smashed their previous record by raising £1,073, helped by two donations of £100.

It takes Mike two days to get out the lights and test them and then a further three days to put them out.

"As we are not getting any younger we have decided to do it every two years.

Also during December, we normally have to undertake repairs – one year Frosty the Snowman's head flew off and disappeared down the lane. We eventually found all his parts including his nose!

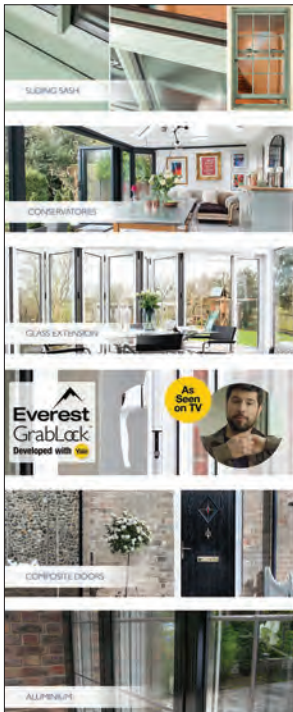
"We also VERY thankful for all the people who have given up their time, free of charge over the years to help us. Special mention to Wendy's father Colin, Rodney (our loyal electrician) and this year Phillip (who helped put the stable and signs up).

"People tell us they love the lights. In 2012 we found a hand-written note, scribbled on the back of an envelope. We have kept it – it says 'Every single time I walk home drunk from Brighton, I love looking at these lights and donating. Please keep this up for years to come'.

"One boy from Warden Park said he was always so pleased to see the lights going up as it made him feel that Christmas was coming. Other local kids have thought that Santa and even baby Jesus lived in our loft!"

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READER COMPETITION



By Simon Yeend

A Cuckfield resident has taken a gamble and bought a property that could well be bulldozed into the sea in less than 20 years.

Madeleine Summers fell in love with the metal beach huts in Brighton Marina and decided to buy one and turn it into a luxury mini boutique hotel, even though only 18 years remain on the 50-year leases and they are set for demolition in 2035.

Madeleine is offering Cuckfield Life readers the chance to win a free night's stay in the luxury 'bolt-hole' this winter, with a free bottle of champagne thrown in!

Madeleine, a 38-year-old mum of two, says: "I've purchased one of the very quirky concourse properties at Brighton Marina - the little yellow and white stripy metal buildings that are built out over the water on floating piers.

"It's a brave decision as they only have 18 years left on their leases, at which point they could well be knocked into the sea as part of the redevelopment of the Marina, which would seem such a shame and a waste. I heard another rumour that they might get supports drilled in and be listed, as they are some of the most unusual houses in the UK.

"I fell in love with their quirky charm and I've made it into a boutique 'hotel for two', complete with a double deckchair and fluffy blankets for snuggling on the lantern-lit deck... and a gin bar! And so, THE HARBOUR HUT is born.

"I've brought it up to date with various quirky updates. A 'unique sleep' if ever there was one, in already quirky Brighton!"

The Harbour Hut has been furnished to a high standard with a copper bed, as well as copper toasters and kettles and the honesty Gin Bar – with seven types of gin – and a fresh supply of lemons, tonic water, and cucumber in the fridge.

For a chance to win a free one-night stay at The Harbour Hut you need to answer this question: In which year did Queen Elizabeth II officially open Brighton Marina?

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The 13th Cuckfield Society Village Show

Saturday 8th September 2018

Cuckfield Baptist Church

2pm - 5pm

❖ REFRESHMENTS ❖

❖ MID SUSSEX BRASS BAND ❖

❖ SILENT AUCTION ❖

Schedules containing rules and entry forms will be available
from July at :-

Cuckfield Post Office

and

www.cuckfield.org

Cuckfield Society members will be sent or emailed their own copy.

HORTICULTURAL

VEGETABLES

1. 6 runner beans
2. Longest runner bean - 1st prize only
3. 6 French beans
4. 4 white potatoes
5. 4 coloured potatoes
6. Heaviest potato - 1st prize only
7. Heaviest pumpkin - 1st prize only
8. A pumpkin or squash not exceeding 45cm in size
9. 6 cherry tomatoes
10. 6 tomatoes (non cherry)
11. Most unusual selection of tomatoes (max 6)
12. Heaviest marrow - 1st prize only
13. 3 beetroot
14. 3 chillies
15. 5 onions from either seed or sets, under 250g (9oz) each
16. 3 onions from either seed or sets, over 250g (9oz) each
17. 6 shallots
18. A garlic plait
19. 3 leeks
20. An aubergine
21. A bowl of edible leaves - please list contents
22. Posy of mixed herbs judged for variety - list contents
23. Selection of home grown produce in a suitable container, not exceeding 55cm in any direction
24. Half a dozen eggs
25. 2 sweetcorn
26. 2 cucumbers
27. 3 courgettes, not exceeding 20cm long
28. 3 carrots
29. 3 parsnips
30. A bulb of fennel
31. A brassica
32. Your most spectacular vegetable
33. Most amusing vegetable (can enter on day)

FRUIT

34. 3 eating apples
35. 3 cooking apples
36. 5 stone fruit
37. Plate of soft fruit (15-20 items)
38. A plate of exotic fruit

FLOWERS

39. 3 Dahlia blooms - pom pom/ball
40. 3 Dahlia blooms - any other variety
41. The single most fragrant rose
42. 5 roses
43. A posy of flowers
44. 3 hydrangeas
45. 3 gladioli

FLORAL ART

All exhibits maximum 60cm in any direction unless stated otherwise.

45. A floral arrangement, with any accessories, inspired by a nursery rhyme, not exceeding 45cm in any direction.
46. An arrangement in an egg cup.
47. "World Cup" a floral arrangement with any accessories not exceeding max 45cm in any direction.

FOOD & DRINK

48. The Katie Stewart Cup - Katie's Lemon Tart - to recipe given in the schedule
49. A Victoria sponge
50. 3 sweet muffins
51. A piece of bread pudding
52. 3 Oat bars

53. 3 pieces of shortbread
54. 3 Chocolate brownies
55. Soda bread
56. A speciality loaf
57. 5 breadsticks
58. Home cooked crisps
59. 1 jar of chutney any recipe
60. 1 jar jam
61. 1 jar fruit jelly
62. 1 jar of any other preserve, sweet or savoury
63. 1 jar of pickled onions
64. 1 jar red pesto
65. 1 jar marmalade any flavour
66. 1 bottle homemade beer, wine or cider
67. 1 bottle homemade fruit spirit

CRAFTS

68. An item made from recycled denim
69. A plaque made from salt dough
70. An item of embroidery no bigger than 60cm
71. A mosaic not exceeding 30cm in any direction
72. A knitted item of clothing
73. A toy - any medium
74. A handmade greetings card
75. A wrapped shoebox - judged for beauty

ART & PHOTOGRAPHY

ART - maximum horizontal or vertical size (including frame) 60cm, framed or unframed.

76. A watercolour painting
77. An acrylic painting
78. An oil painting
79. Charcoal or pencil piece of art
80. A pastel picture

PHOTOGRAPHY - unmounted, max size 20cm. Black & White or colour unless specified. Printed on photographic paper.

81. "Humour"
82. "Leaves"
83. "Photo of a toy"
84. "Museum"
85. "The South Downs"

KEY STAGE 3 & 4

86. Colouring skills *
87. Pom pom garland
88. Banana teabread
89. Origami item

KEY STAGE 2

90. Colouring skills *
91. Write a story about a pet you would most like to own.
92. Rocky road refrigerator cake
93. Diorama

KEY STAGE 1 & RECEPTION

94. Colouring skills *
95. A vehicle made from recycling bin
96. Necklace made from sweets
97. Gruffalo den - made in a shoebox

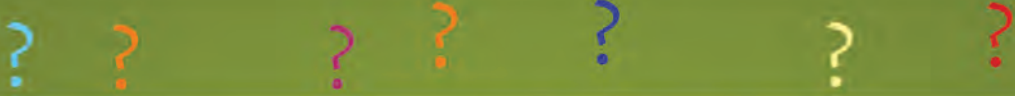
PRE SCHOOLERS

98. Colouring skills *
99. Grow cress on a plate

UNDER 5s

100. A potato print flower
101. A decorated crown.

* Download pictures from www.cuckfield.org from July.



Quiz Night

At The Woodside, Bonore Village's community bar, on the Tim Farmer Rec, Middle Village.

All welcome, ONLY £2 per person, teams from 2 - 6 players

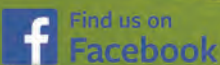
- 1st Prize: 3 bottles of wine (or anything to equivalent value) from our lovely bar selection. Could even be your last round of the night!
- 2nd prize choice of a box of chocolates to share or a voucher to spend behind the bar to the value of £10
- Last place: Wooden spoon goes into a draw at the end of the year for a special prize.

27th January, 8pm - QUIZ
24th February*, 8pm - QUIZ

Our fun quiz master always includes popular rounds for all levels, such as linkies, 'in a tweet', music rounds and more.

To join us and reserve a table email: events@bolnore.org.uk or just turn up on the night.

SAVE THE DATE!
Comedy Night
Sat 17th March



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Happy New Year!

BOLNORE CIC

By Chris Belton

Firstly, let me say on behalf of the Community Interest Company a Happy New year to all Bolnore residents.

The new Tattoo Studio (right) has been open in the Village Square for a few weeks now and it really is good to see what was once an empty unit being used again. I have lived in Bolnore for just over five years now and I have never seen it in use until now. For the first time in my life I stepped over the threshold of a tattoo studio when I went in to welcome them to the village. I never thought I'd see the day! We wish them well, although if they wait for my business, they will be waiting a very long time!

The initial work has already begun for the redecoration, inside and out, of the apartment blocks with a view to commencing the work in the spring. All affected residents have been issued with the required 'Section 20' notice. There are just over 50 individual items of work that need to be progressed. Tender documents will be sent out early in 2018 and the Community Interest Company will review the quotes with Pembroke once they are returned. A number of other major projects will be reviewed and undertaken during the year, although it is too early to state what will be done and when. Everything will be outlined on the Pembroke website once the details are finalised.



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5 MINUTES WITH...

Katie Marlow

Katie Marlow is the lollipop lady, midday meals helper and cleaner at Bolnore Village Primary School. Her passion, away from work and family, is the Tudors, and Henry VIII in particular. She has four sisters, and she is the second youngest.

How long have you lived in Bolnore?
Since 2005

What's the best thing about being here?
The community, the people are lovely

Favourite ice cream flavour?
Vanilla, the creamier and more vanillary the better!

How many houses have you lived in?
Six

What would you like to see in Bolnore that isn't here?
A pub

Favourite holiday destination?
Turkey, Ishmala, near Marmaris. The weather, the kids loved it, the people were great. Six years ago, still miss it

Song you play the most?
Truly, Madly, Deeply by Savage Garden

What would you do if you won £1million?
Buy a big house. In Bolnore. Then start up my own business, something in catering.

What was the last present you gave someone?
Some posh coffee for my husband

Strangest thing you've ever eaten?
Squid. It WAS dead!

What would you rather give up for a month – TV or music?
Music. I can't live without my Netflix

Which App on your phone do you use the most?
My bank app

What's your proudest moment?
Having my babies. I have three children

Your advice for life?
Enjoy it. Don't take things too seriously

If you would like to provide your own answers for 5 Minutes With, simply email them to editor@cuckfieldlife.co.uk along with a photo of yourself, or do please encourage a friend to send their answers in!

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School won't become an Academy

Bolnore Village Primary School has withdrawn its proposal to convert to an academy with Sussex Learning Trust.

The School Governors decided, after two terms working through the due diligence process, that they valued their independence and the school's core values more than the benefits that would come from joining the academy.

A statement from the school's governing body said: "As part of our due diligence, Governors have taken into account where we have come from as a school in terms of being the first parent promoted primary school in the country. We have also carefully considered the benefits to the school of converting to an academy and the potential impact on our independence.

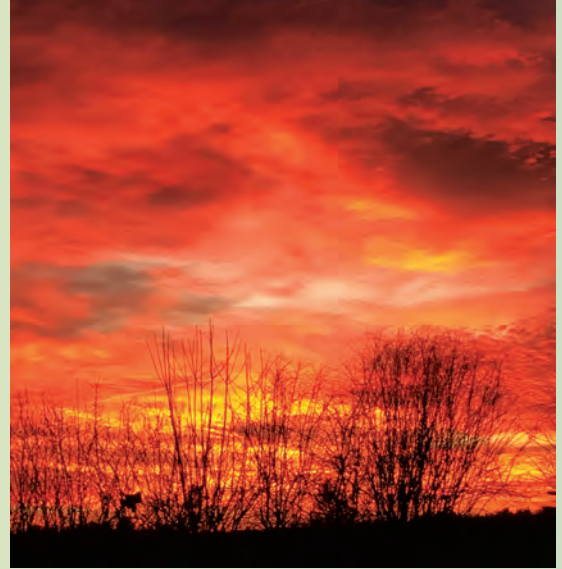
"We believe that, on balance, our autonomy, leadership and governance are too important to give up and indeed contribute to what makes us unique. As a result, we will not be pursuing joining Sussex Learning Trust this year.

"We would reiterate that our decision has been made principally around wanting to preserve our independence as a state maintained school for the near future."

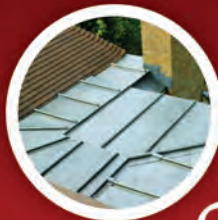
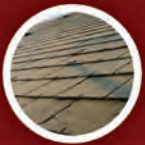
Pic of the month

In the week before Christmas, the village was bathed in an amazing sunset. Here is a picture of it, for those that missed it.

If you've got a great photo from Bolnore, do email it in to photos@cuckfieldlife.co.uk



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Fab times at Christmas

Bolnore Village Primary School's Christmas Fair was again a huge success. Featuring the ever popular Secret Present Room, where children were able to bag bargain presents for their parents, Santa's Grotto (sponsored by Cuckfield Life) and Face Painting, the event pulled in the crowds. The Scouts did a roaring trade for their sausage hot dogs outside BBQ. The whole event raised £4,500, beating last year's total by £100.

The school also sent its choir to perform at the Holy Trinity Church Christmas Tree Festival.



Scouts get Bags of Help...

Bolnore Village Scout Group's application to the Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme has been successful.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch its community funding scheme, which sees grants of up to £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores – being awarded to local community projects.

The Scout's project, along with two other successful projects, in the region will go forward to a vote in Tesco stores where customers will decide the outcome each time they shop. Voting will take place from Tuesday 2nd January to Wednesday 28th February. The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £4,000, the second placed project £2,000 and the third £1,000.

Scout leader Marco van Dijk said: "Please see below a list of stores taking part in the voting on our project. So, please support us by voting for Bolnore Village Scout Group each time you shop!"

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Fings Ain't Wot They Used T'Be



Dear friends,

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At the start of this New Year, do you sometimes find yourself agreeing with the words of the title? I guess there is always something in the human psyche which, particularly as people reach a certain point in life, leaves them looking back fondly to days of yore. It is natural when so many pressures exist, yet, nevertheless, we will only find the best in life by living in the present and dealing with the world we live in. It is how we do this that will make all the difference to our lives.

Take the internet, for instance. It's a great tool and boon on many fronts, but, dare I say it, something of a curse on others! Yet we have the ability to press the off button on the iPad, computer or phone or whatever device when it begins to intrude on life in a deleterious way.

Christians believe that the steadfast love of God for all people never changes, no matter what; and we see this revealed in the face of Jesus Christ - the same yesterday and today and for ever. Hebrews 13:8.

May I wish you good health and happiness in 2018, with a prayer that each one of us will seek to make the world a better place to live in here and now.

With all best wishes,
Michael (Vicar)

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| 6pm | Sung Evensong (BCP) (2nd Sunday only - Holy Communion with discussion) |

WEEKDAYS

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| Monday, 9am | Morning Prayer |
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| Thursday, 9am | Holy Communion - Celtic inspired form of worship, with short discussion |
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Welcome to 2018

FROM THE MAYOR'S TABLE

By Evelyn Stenning, Mayor

Happy New Year to all the residents of Cuckfield and other people that read Cuckfield Life, which is always interesting thanks to Simon and David.

On 8th December it was a cold but dry night for the Christmas Street Festival organised by Cuckfield Parish Council, which I had the privilege to open. Congratulations to one brave little girl dressed as an elf who entered the Children's Fancy Dress competition. The 15th Christmas Tree Festival in Holy Trinity Church was another spectacular event. The different themes that were thought of were very imaginative. What do we do for next year? I believe the event raised more than £13,000, to be divided between the church and the chosen charity this year, Chailey Heritage Foundation. The Craft Fair in the Old School was another success – what a lot of people came from far and wide that weekend.

As I belong to several organisations in Cuckfield, I was asked to wear my Mayoral Robes at their Christmas events, also the NHS Retirement Fellowship and the Baptist Church lunch. I also presented cheques to the Museum Trust and the local Stroke Association.

On 15th December I was invited to attend the Mid Sussex Dementia Group Carol Concert in Holy Trinity Church and speak about ISOC and my Mayoral duties. The Cuckoo Choir was there, and it was a very moving and enjoyable event.

January at the moment will be a quieter month but I hope to visit the Brownies and the Next Step Nursery.



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Playgroup appeals for past children

By Mary Crouch

The Cuckfield Playgroup was set up in 1968 by a small group of mothers for the benefit of all the families in the village and has gone from strength to strength. We want to celebrate this important birthday at the end of April with as many past staff, past committee members and other interested parents as possible. We are still working on the format of the celebration, but if you would like to join us and have not been in touch recently with anyone at the Playgroup (we don't want to leave anyone out) please send a brief text/email to 07707815336 / mary.a.crouch@hotmail.co.uk - we look forward to hearing from you!

NSPCC Quiz Night coming

The Cuckfield Branch of NSPCC will be holding its popular quiz in The Queen's Hall on Friday 2nd March at 7.30pm. Tables of six can be booked now, and tickets (£12) will include a cold platter and homemade puds. There will be a bar and a raffle. Tickets will be available from Wealden Stores.

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To address this, Carol and Sarah set up in premises in Haywards Heath and now have around 20 well qualified and fully vetted tutors who cover most subjects at most levels. Parents can now meet all their tutoring needs in one place. "Our students and children say that they can concentrate better when tuition takes place in distraction-free surroundings," says Carol.

The centre offers one-to-one or small group tuition for ongoing support or exam preparation and revision (entrance exams, scholarships, GCSE, A levels).

Party raised over £1,000

Cuckfield Golf Centre was the venue for a special Christmas party which raised over £1,000 with the help of many local businesses and 140 party-goers.

This was the second year Helen Bryant had organised the party, held to raise funds for Breast Cancer Now, in memory of her sister-in-law Laura Painter - who died in 2016 from the disease.

Helen commented: "Laura was passionate about helping other people with secondary breast cancer. There is little awareness of the disease and it's distinction from primary breast cancer.

"I really want to thank all those who bought raffle tickets and the many businesses who were so generous in their support too."

<https://inmemory.breastcancernow.org/laura-painter>

Holiday snaps

As ever, Cuckfield residents have taken their copy of the magazine away with them. Do send yours in to photos@cuckfieldlife.co.uk



Andrew Symonds introduces Robbie Burns to Cuckfield Life in the Birks o' Aberfeldy

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Cuckfield Golf Course

Remodelling using inert landfill proposal

Cuckfield Parish Council and Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council hosted a public meeting for the community and all interested parties to discuss the proposed plans for the remodelling of Cuckfield Golf course using Inert landfill. The application has a potential for major impact on both villages and the respective Parish Councils wanted to give the community the opportunity to understand the proposals.

It is important to understand the matter is not a formal planning application at this stage, with the final decision being made by West Sussex County Council. Both Parish Councils asked the applicant to share the proposal and to listen to feedback from the community.

The meeting was held at the Village Hall on Monday 20th November and was well attended by over 150 members of the community putting forward a robust set of questions to the proposals.

Community concerns were raised over a number of topics, including the quantity and frequency of HGV movements to bring in the landfill required for remodelling, numerous environmental issues on the

landscape and the type of material being bought in. The economic feasibility was also challenged along with the significant disruption to adjacent businesses and neighbours.

The applicant and Golf Club owner, Robert Dickman, explained the golf club needed investment and remodelling of the course to attract new members and attract tournaments and competitions.

Paul Taylor of PT-CE Limited represented the agents acting on behalf of Cuckfield Golf Course and provided an overview on the plans, landscape and design, ecology and HGV traffic considerations. The meeting concluded after 2½ hours with the applicant taking away the community concerns before they submit a planning application.

All the applicants and WSCC documentation and scoping documentation is available on the Parish Council website and Facebook page. A recording of the public meeting is also available at <https://youtu.be/8yIRCTOLING>

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and provide further updates via the website and newsletter.

Cuckfield allotments

Just a reminder that anyone who lives within the boundaries of Cuckfield can apply for an allotment, but it will require your time and effort to cultivate, so maybe think of starting with a small plot. However, the allotment community is on hand to give advice to any new allotment holder. For further information, please contact Caroline at caroline.hansen@cuckfield.gov.uk or call 01444 454376.



New website launched

We are pleased to announce that we have launched our new website www.cuckfield.gov.uk

Please do take some time to browse the website to see what is happening in Cuckfield and find out more about the activities being undertaken by your Parish Council.

New staff member

We are pleased to welcome our new Assistant Clerk to the office of Cuckfield Parish Council, Caroline Hansen. Caroline grew up in Cuckfield and has recently returned to live here after many years overseas.

Roads and highways

Community Speed Watch

As part of trying to make our village safer, Cuckfield Parish Council now has a speed watch group. Thank you very much to the 16 volunteers who have completed their first stage of training. The second stage of training will be on 23rd January. We will then be able to go out with a speed gun monitoring the speed of traffic. The results will be sent to the police for any further action. If you feel you want to support your village in our efforts to make it a safer place, please register with our speed watch group by going online to www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk. Click on Join Existing Group and follow the instructions. The name of the group is Haywards Heath Cuckfield Parish Council.

Cuckfield Parish Council has purchased a Speed Indicator Device (SID). The SID is moved around the village to different locations and is providing us with some useful data. It also has the effect of slowing traffic down. When drivers see the speed they are travelling they generally show down. Below is a sample of some of the results we have achieved so far.

SID Data	Average Speed mph	Total Vehicles
Location		
Church Platt outbound	21.7	9497
Church Platt inbound	32.7	19553
Whitemans Green opposite Inholmes outward	29.3	22846
Whitemans Green Inholmes inbound	31.6	39011
Ardingly Road outbound Longacre Farm south	26.3	25556
Ardingly Road inbound Bylanes	28.4	17150
Brook Street inbound near Sparks Lane	33.8	9854
Brook Street outbound (Ashdown)	32.4	9416
Broad Street opposite Fairfax inbound	29.2	29233
Broad Street outbound towards bypass (40 mph)	32.4	22320
London Lane (column 7 heading) east	27.3	18864
London Lane (junction Glebe Road) west	26.8	17031

London Lane

We are continuing to work on a project with West Sussex Highways to improve the safety of London Lane. The aim is to improve the environment for pedestrians. To date consultants have been engaged and we are waiting for the result of a full topographical survey before the scheme is adopted. West Sussex Highways will be holding their next gateway meeting in January at which the Parish Council will be in attendance. Preliminary plans will be available at the meeting. We will then be in a position to consult with residents. We are aiming to commence work during 2018. The basic proposal is to widen the pavement, introduce bollards along parts of it and to tarmac the two lay-bys.

Commemorative sculpture or bench for the unmarked baby graves in Holy Trinity cemetery

The committee will meet soon to discuss the grant application, donations and timeline of the project and a communication strategy. In the meantime, a representative from the committee will reply to emails from the public who have shown an interest and sent in a donation.

As the grant will not cover the overall costs we are very grateful to those who have donated.

Anyone wishing to make further donations should contact sam.heynes@cuckfield.gov.uk who can provide bank details if someone wants to make a donation.

Horsefield Green, Ardingly Road

After much negotiation the Parish Council are now the owners of the open space area at Horsefield Green, Ardingly Road. The transfer was completed on Monday 4th December. More details will follow as soon as we have them.

Christmas street festival

The Christmas Street Festival, organised by Cuckfield Parish Council, was held on 8th December and was a great success. The evening kicked off with a short address by our Mayor, Evelyn Stenning, followed by the brass band. So many volunteers helped us bring this evening together and Cuckfield Parish Council would like to thank them all. Mid Downs Radio broadcast Christmas tunes during the evening and carols were sung by the Baptist Choir. Andrew Leask and Katie Horne ensured Santa had an amazing grotto to greet children and the Irish Dancers entertained us. Special thanks go to 4x4 Assist for marshalling the road closure and Shaun Simmons for security and helping throughout the day setting up for the event. Thank you to the people of Cuckfield and surrounding area who came and joined in with the festivities. We hope to see you all next year.



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Sudoku #19

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		8		3		4		
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	6		5		4			
9	4				1		6	
		7		5				9
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Find the solution to #19 in next month's magazine

#18 Solution

1	5	2	6	4	7	9	8	3
6	8	3	1	9	2	7	5	4
4	7	9	5	8	3	2	1	6
3	4	5	9	2	6	8	7	1
9	6	1	7	3	8	4	2	5
8	2	7	4	5	1	3	6	9
2	3	6	8	1	9	5	4	7
7	9	4	2	6	5	1	3	8
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January

- 23rd **Haywards Heath & District U3A** – 2pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath – Presenting an illuminating talk on the topic of 'Ancient Mesopotamia 3000 – 1500 BC' Peter Leigh covers the development of Kingship; treasures unearthed during archaeological expeditions and the development of the world's first empires. All are welcome as well as U3A members, friends and neighbours to an entertaining afternoon with refreshments (www.haywardsheathu3a.org.uk)
- 24th **Arts Society Lecture** – 10.45am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath – Arts Society Mid Sussex presents: 'Aqua Triumphalis: Power and Pageantry on the Thames', a lecture by Peter Warwick. (Non members welcome: £7)
- 29th **Bridge Tea** – 2pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - An annual afternoon of bridge to raise funds for St Catherine's Hospice. (£40 per table, to book please contact Gaynor Kinchington on 01444 440452 or email: gaynor@uwclub.net)

February

- 8th **Mid Sussex Association National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall - Talk - The Beat goes On by Neil Sadler (01444 455803)
- 10th **Cuckfield Food Market** – 9.30am
The Talbot courtyard, High Street
- 14th **Mid Sussex Franco-British Society** – 8pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath – A film in French: 'Secrets d'Histoire: La Du Barry: coup de foudre à Versailles' (Visitors £4 entry. More info: 01444 452385 or dandbstevens@btopenworld.com)
- 21st **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10.45am
Clair Hall – 'Belonging and not belonging: the immigrant experience in Modern British Art' Lecture by Monica Bohm-Duchen
Non-members welcome: £7 on the door
- 24th **Ensemble Reza Concert** – 7pm
Haywards Heath Methodist Church
(Tickets £15, from Carousel Music and from Haywards Heath Music Society directly 01444 456227)

What's on this month

AT THE QUEEN'S HALL

Monday

- 9.30am **Pilates** (intermediate)
- 9.45am **Yoga Boutique** (Term time only)
- 11.15am **Yoga Boutique** (Term time only)
- 10.30am **Pilates** (beginners)
- 1.30pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 3.45pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Dog Training**

Tuesday

- 9.30am **Pre-school Football**
- 1.30pm **Yoga**
- 3.45pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Dog Training**

Wednesday

- 10.30am **Pre-school Singing**
- 10am **Stroke Support Activities**
- 12.30pm **Zumba Dance Class**
- 1.30pm **Line Dancing Class**
- 3.30pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Yoga**
- 7.45pm **Ballroom Dance Club**

Thursday

- 9.15am **Yoga**
- 9.30am **Pre-school Dance Class**
- 6pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Wedding Dance Class**

Friday

- 9.30am **Pre-school Singing**
- 7pm **Evening Flower Club** (2nd Friday/month)
- 7.30pm **Historic Vehicle Trust** (1st Friday/month)

Changes may occur to the above details, especially during the summer – when some events don't take place. Please note contact details for all regular classes/activities are available on the Notice Board at The Queen's Hall.

February

- 3rd **Race Night Fundraiser for Holy Trinity School** – Time TBC
- 10th **Mid Sussex Scottish Dancing Group** – time TBC Annual Dance
- 23rd **February Frolics** – time TBC
- & 24th Dinner theatre event with comedy sketches and a short farce (Details and tickets from www.cdsweb.co.uk)

March

- 2nd **NSPCC Quiz Night** – 7.30pm
Tables of six can be booked now, including cold platter and puds – tickets (£12) from Wealden Stores

AT WOODSIDE

Monday

- 9.30am **Sing & Sign**
- 4.30pm **Hayley Beeson School of Dance**
- 7pm **DDMX Dance Fitness**
- 7pm **Pregnancy Yoga (from Jan 2018)**
- 8pm **Kickboxing**

Tuesday

- 9.30am **Pilates**
- 5pm **Beavers/Cubs**
- 7pm **Pole Fit**

Wednesday

- 9am **Falcon Health Chiropractors**
- 9.45am **Yoga**
- 5pm **Hayley Beeson School of Dance**
- 7.15pm **Scouts**

Thursday

- 10.30am **Creation Station**
- 5pm **Beavers**
- 7pm **Bounce & Burn**

Friday

- 9.30am **Saplings**
- 9.30am **Stay and Play** (2nd Friday)
- 3.45pm **Happy Souls Yoga**
- 7pm **Woodies Bar** (subject to private hire)
- 7pm **Pole Fit**

Saturday

- 9am **Hayley Beeson School of Dance**
- 2pm **AFC Bolnore**
- 4pm **Post-football Bar** (matchdays)

Sunday

- 9.30am **Happy Souls Yoga**
- 3pm **Messy Church** (last Sunday/month)
- 4pm **Grace Church**
- 4pm **Woodside Netball Club**

Note: The Hub (out of school club) runs every weekday between 7.30-9am and 3.30-6.30pm. Bolnore Village Preschool is open every weekday starting at 9am (term time only).

January

- 27th **Quiz Night** – 8pm

February

- 24th **Quiz Night** – 8pm

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