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## EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

There's a lot going on in the village over the next few weeks! Which is great news for us, as it means there's lots to talk about on our pages.



We are privileged to feature an article by **Kate Fleming** on **page 18** in which she writes about the experiences of **May Botting** when she learned of the loss of her husband as he fought in **WWI** in 1917. This story serves as a poignant reminder of all those men who served and the dozens who didn't return to Cuckfield. The great news is that a dedicated team of volunteers created **Cuckfield Remembers** last year in order to run various commemorative events for us all to get involved in on this 100th anniversary of the end of the war. We have included a list of these with this feature.

Plus, of course, November brings with it **Bonfire Night** and the legendary Cuckfield Fireworks to Music! Timings are listed in our **What's On** guide at the back of the magazine – along with many other local events/meetings to make the most of!

Cuckfield resident **Heather Gosling** made her way to the recent **Cuckfield Book Fest** – and reports on **page 10** about what was on offer for the younger generation. Thanks Heather. We will feature an article in next month's magazine about the rest of Festival.

On **page 30** **Jacqueline Elmore** introduces music director at Holy Trinity Church, **Richard Jenkinson**. Thank you to Richard for taking part. If you know someone who'd make a great **Village People** – do please send us an email with any suggestions – editor@cuckfieldlife.co.uk.

In our **Bolnore** section residents have been busy fundraising for charities in various ways. See **page 33** for news of the **Dragon Boat team**, and **page 34** where **Della Mold** organised a **Coffee Morning** for Macmillan.

As ever, we've got 'village talk, by the village'!

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## Joint venture blooms

Two local business owners are working together to create a new concept on Cuckfield's High Street.

Sarah Brehaut (Pepperbox) and Belinda Campopiano (Chez Fleur) have recently launched their new joint venture selling fresh flowers from Pepperbox in the village.

Belinda explained: "Customers will be able to pick and mix their choice of stems from a select range of gorgeous flowers and foliage. Take them home to arrange or enjoy giving a wrap to a friend - with fixed prices for each flower and foliage you can choose how many to buy."

As part of them working together they have even used the services of Cuckfield's Miller Creative to create a collaborative logo.

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# Plenty of great tennis in Cuckfield

By Sue Ponsford

A lovely warm sunny autumn day greeted the twelve finalists, supported by friends and family, who all attended the final contest of Cuckfield Tennis Club's annual tournament on Saturday 1st September.

First off was the mixed doubles when Sheryl and Martin Shoesmith took on Clare Salimbeni and Jacob Nowinski. This was a close match, and, at one set to all, the title was decided by an exciting tie-break, with Clare and Jacob winning 10-8.

At the same time the handicap doubles were being played on court three where, after a long match, Jamila Driscoll and Wendy Markwick came out on top against Caroline Mower and Carolyn Bellerby.

The men's doubles was a thrilling match with seniors Richard Hallett and Sam Brookland overcoming the young guns Seb Hallett and Mickey Watt. Again, the title was decided in an exciting tie-break 12-10.

The ladies doubles ended in a win for Sheryl Shoesmith and Clare Salimbeni over Carolyn Bellerby and Wendy Markwick.

The men's singles final saw great tennis with Seb coming back from a set down to take the lead against Sam, where, unfortunately, he had to retire leaving Sam the winner.

A great day of tennis was accompanied by the usual delicious refreshments and ended with celebrations long into the night.



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# It's time to choose your new Mayor

By Mike Schlup

With election night rapidly approaching we bring you a rundown on this year's candidates for the 2018 Independent State of Cuckfield Mayor's election.

**Leanne Knapman** - This will be the 14th year that Leanne has stood for Mayor, and over the years she has raised more funds for the community than any other candidate. Leanne comes from a famous line of Cuckfield Mayors with both of her parents having successfully campaigned in previous years. Leanne is passionate about supporting the local community and helps to organise many events during the year including the Cuckoo Fayre.



**Edward Hill** is a relatively recent addition to Cuckfield's growing population and is the manager of the Talbot in the High Street. Edward's campaign message is: 'All states are independent but some are more independent than others'. On a personal note Edward admits that he has always wanted to run a tyrannical dictatorship.



**James Clark** is a familiar face to anyone visiting the Rose & Crown where he works as a kitchen porter. James has strong links to Cuckfield through his family although he spent many years studying gravity on the ski slopes of North America. James' campaign slogan is 'Make Cuckfield Great Again' and, if elected, he has promised to build a great wall between Cuckfield and Burgess Hill, which Burgess Hill will have to pay for.



**Paul Leppard** is a long time Cuckfield resident who has campaigned in the election for several years but so far unsuccessfully. His message is very simple: Vote for somebody rather than nobody, as the money goes to very worthy causes.

So, if you want to make a difference you can vote at any of the pubs or join in the fun on election night which takes place on Friday 19th October from 8pm at the White Harte. Remember to bring your pennies and pounds. The winning Mayor will then parade through Cuckfield on Saturday 20th October. The procession starts at 2.30pm from Warden Park school arriving around one hour later at the High Street where the Mayor will be presented with the keys to the village. It's a fantastic event which includes music and entertainment for the children.

If you would like more information or would like to take part contact the White Harte on 01444 413454 or email: [independent\\_state\\_of\\_cuckfield@hotmail.com](mailto:independent_state_of_cuckfield@hotmail.com).



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# Farewell to Post Office

Cuckfield village Post Office closed its doors for the last time on the 28th September.

Giles Darling originally took over the premises at the end of 2013 after the previous postmaster retired.

Giles, a village resident, explains: "I'm really very sorry that the Post Office is closing but my lease is up in November so I've made the decision not to renew it. Unfortunately, it's not a profitable business and I don't make enough money to make a living, so sadly that was the main driver behind my decision."

Giles had looked into various different ways of making the Post Office and shop more affordable in order to keep it open, like having a second counter or opening part-time, but these were not practical and sadly he had to make the difficult decision to close.

The shock closure of Cuckfield Post Office comes not long after Wealden Stores and its Post Office counter closed at the end of 2017.

Giles continues: "A lot has changed in the last four years as far as the Post Office is concerned. It used to be people collecting their pensions, posting letters and buying stamps or local businesses depositing their takings. Most pensioners now have their pensions paid directly into their bank accounts, fewer people are posting letters and I currently only have two businesses paying their money in here, which I'm really very sorry about."



Cuckfield Parish Council is trying to liaise with the Post Office to establish the options available to reinstate and maintain Post Office services within the village.



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# Warden Park student meets England captain Harry Kane

Zahara Cheeseman, Year 11 student from the Cuckfield school, was selected to attend the England Women's Goalkeeper Camp at St George's Park on the 6th and 7th September.

Zahara took part in three technical goalkeeping sessions where she worked with national team staff and eight other goalkeepers from across the age groups. There were a number of individual/group player meetings with pre and post training analysis.

To add to the experience, Zahara was lucky enough to meet many of the England World Cup semi finalist squad, including the England captain Harry Kane.

Zahara said: "It was a great experience and I hope I will be able to continue working and improving my game. It is very rewarding to know that all the effort and sacrifices that have been made have really paid off."

Zahara even got the chance to speak to manager Gareth Southgate, who spent time talking to her and other members of her training group.

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## Events for younger bookworms

### CUCKFIELD BOOKFEST

By Heather Gosling

This year's Cuckfield Bookfest for Children and Young People (which took place on Saturday 6th October) was a whirlwind of creativity. With sessions ranging from telling tales of WWI to learning about dinosaurs, the day was packed with fun for children and young adults. Tony De Saulles started the day with his Bee Boy trilogy. Tony engaged the audience with drawing bees, quizzes on bees and he even played his Bee Song on the guitar. The audience were captivated as Tony drew us into his world of writing, illustrating and bee-keeping! The Bee Boy trilogy takes an eye-opening approach to educating people on bees and how they help us. Tony devised a competition to design a poster showing the significance of bees in our world and all the entries were magnificent! Well done to all the winners who each received two of the Bee Boy books: *Bee Boy Clash of the Killer Queens* and *Bee Boy Attack of the Zombees*. The third book of the trilogy (*Curse of the Vampire Mites*) is to be released in February next year.

The following session was held by Caroline Crowe who read from her two books: *Is that an Elephant in my Fridge?* and *Pirates in Pyjamas*. This was an exciting session for the younger audience, who enjoyed singing, dancing, reading, and rhyming with Caroline.

Nicky Dee and Rebecca Skimming transported us back in time to 200 years ago when some of the first dinosaur fossils were found in Cuckfield. The pair taught us about how dinosaurs were discovered and why they became extinct. After much audience participation, quizzes and fun facts we learnt how to walk like a dinosaur!

Alison Milford told the touching story of Sam and Rose, a brother and sister who got caught up in The Great War. Alison skillfully weaved the tale of Sam and Rose and their wartime memories through the letters, postcards and Rose's scrapbook. The audience were entranced by Alison's version of the song *If You were the Only Girl in the World* - there wasn't a dry eye in the room!



Gillian McClure, Pippa Goodhart and Rosemary Hayes, all three well known children's authors, gave tips to budding writers, including several young people. This session was extremely thought provoking as it outlined important skills needed to engage the interest of a young reader.

The storm of creativity continued in Joshua Raven's session. Joshua Raven is a Cuckfield-based author whose books are filled with adventure and fantasy elements - perfect for readers who enjoy a fast-paced narrative that grabs your intrigue from start to finish. Joshua read from his *Five Fingers* series and challenged the audience to come up with their own alternative ending. At the end of his session, Joshua unleashed yet more energy when he announced the winners of his creative writing competition.

The day ended as many books do: with a happy ending. What a wonderful end to a very special day; the end of the Cuckfield Bookfest for Children and Young People was enjoyed with music, refreshments and admiring everyone's hard work. Well done to all the competition winners who will each receive a school visit from either Tony or Joshua. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers and everyone who participated. And of course, a very special thank you to all the generous sponsors - Cuckfield Bookfest wouldn't be here without you!

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# Gold Fever



Gold crystals from Hope's Nose, Torquay, Devon. Specimen, photo and copyright John Hall

## By Nick Hawes, chairman The Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society

You may have seen an item of news a short while ago concerning someone who found a sizeable gold nugget somewhere in Scotland (see picture below). The finder was understandably coy about the location of the nugget, but it was reputedly worth several tens of thousands of pounds. However, the last nugget of comparable size was probably found several hundred years ago, so abandon hope of getting rich quickly!

There is a long history of gold mining in the UK with several gold rushes being recorded in Scotland, the most significant of which was at the Kildonan Burn in Sutherland in 1868/69.



The recently found large nugget from Scotland. Photo: BBC news

Gold has also been found at Wanlockhead in Dumfriesshire, the place where the annual UK gold panning championship has been held for many years and where the nugget above is believed to have come from. As an aside, if any readers are near the Leadhills/Wanlockhead area, the Leadmining Museum there is well worth a visit, in addition to the lovely natural scenery on display in the Leadhills area.

Gold is also present in Wales, and the royal wedding rings have been made from gold mined in the Clogau St David's Gold Mine.

However, while the gold found in these areas has an intrinsic value or royal connection, a nugget is just a nugget and is not necessarily aesthetically pleasing. Not so the gold from a small site at Hope's Nose near Torquay in Devon. Unique mineralogy gave rise to a tiny deposit of gold which crystallised out in exquisitely beautiful fern-shaped crystals. These crystals could be

etched out of the enclosing calcite to produce some of the most stunning and highly sought after gold mineral specimens in the world. Sadly the site is worked out and there is no more to be found.

Gold is usually mined in deposits where the gold is present only in minute flakes, often not visible to the naked eye, however it is still worth mining because of gold's high value. Occasionally geological processes will work to concentrate the gold in a smaller area and allow it to crystallise out in a vein of solid gold and, if there is room for crystals to grow, gold can form beautiful mineral specimens. If gold is generally rare, crystallised gold is extremely so, and large and aesthetically pleasing specimens can command astonishing prices in the collector community (for the rich collectors that is!).

In the mineral collecting world, gold specimens have a unique cachet – both because the metal is intrinsically valuable, but also because gold crystallises in the most beautiful ways with cubes, wires, octahedrons, hopper shapes or trigons (a type of flattened tetrahedron). Add to this a naturally high lustre and the beautiful and the instantly recognizable gold colour, and you have the potential for a beautiful gold mineral specimen. So sought after are gold specimens for the collector market that there are several mines worldwide which are operated just to produce gold in collector quality specimens; locations include Round Mountain Mine in Nevada and the Eagles Nest and Colorado Quartz Mines in California.

Arguably the finest gold specimen ever to be discovered is 'The Dragon' which was found in the Colorado Quartz Mine, Mariposa County, California in 1998 by co-owner John Emmett. The gold in quartz specimen is 18 cm tall and was sold for well over one million dollars. The Dragon now resides in the Houston Museum of Natural History.



"The Dragon" – probably the most famous gold specimen in the world.  
Photo: Nick Hawes



Shiny pyrite crystals from the Huanzala Mine in Huanuco Department, Peru.  
Specimen is 12cm x 8cm

With gold being so valuable, but also expensive to mine, attracting investment to fund a prospective mining venture has always been important and what better way to demonstrate the fortune to be made to an investor than by showing them glittering riches within part of the mine itself?

In this context it is not difficult to imagine unscrupulous people using other minerals which look like gold to hoodwink unsuspecting investors, especially when they are trying to persuade said investors to put money into a new mine. Indeed one old definition of a gold mine is 'a hole in the ground with a liar in the bottom of it'!

Mine owners would often arrange for prospective investors to visit their mine in advance of them parting with their money. As we have said above, gold is rarely visible to the naked eye, but that is hardly likely to get a prospective shareholder excited, so, often mine owners would 'salt' the mine by placing strategic chunks of nice looking 'gold like material', often iron pyrite a.k.a. Fools' Gold, in easily visible nooks and crannies in the mine to fool the investor into thinking that the mine was a sure bet for their money. The investor would then advance the funds and the mine owner would scarp to the nearest foreign country to spend their ill-gotten gains! History is littered with such scams.

So what is 'Fools' Gold'? In short, it has nothing to do with gold at all, but rather is iron pyrite, which chemically is iron sulphide. The only thing it has in common with real gold is a similar gold colour and the same cubic crystallization system. In contrast to real gold, it is plentiful and cheap and can be found all over the world. It makes for great value mineral specimens as they are shiny, attractively crystallised and relatively cheap.

Pyrite can be found here in Sussex - pyrite nodules form in the chalk, and if you walk on the Downs you can sometimes pick up spherical balls, often blackened on

the outside, which when broken open display beautiful radiating gold crystals. Nodules in the chalk can also be spiky and form spear shaped masses, these may often be brownish on the outside but again will be gold-coloured when broken.

One of the best places to find pyrite nodules in Sussex used to be Climping Beach near Littlehampton. The sea comes in over a wave cut platform in the chalk and pyrite nodules used to get weathered out and washed up on the beach at low tide. These can be a lovely shiny gold colour and can be up to one foot across! Sadly (for mineral collectors!) a combination of changing sea defences and scouring tides have, at present, completely covered Climping beach in sand so it is impossible to find pyrite nodules there – but you can sunbathe instead!

Because real gold is so heavy it is possible to separate it out from other rock, gravel or sand by 'panning', in essence using a specially constructed flat pan with riffles in the side to wash the unwanted material out, while leaving the flecks or nuggets of gold behind. At the Sussex Mineral and Fossil Show on 17th November, the Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society will be running gold panning for children (or adults!) where you have an opportunity to pan for real (not fools') gold. Come along and have a go!

The Sussex Mineral and Fossil Show is at Clair Hall, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath RH16 3DN, on Saturday 17th November between 10am and 4.30pm.

Also at the show are a whole range of mineral and fossil specimens for sale, or just to look at, competitions and other displays, food and a bar – come along for a fabulous day out right on your doorstep.

If you want to know more about the fascinating world of minerals or fossils, why not join the Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society? We are a friendly bunch who meet in the Methodist Church Hall in Perrymount Road in Haywards Heath on the first Friday of each month. Come along and meet us on a no obligation basis. Meetings start at 7.15pm and talks start at 7.45pm.

See our website for more details at [www.smls.online](http://www.smls.online) and we are also on Facebook – search for Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society.



Pyrite from Climping Beach, near Littlehampton 18cm tall x 22cm wide

# Charity fashion show 18th October

Jo Dennis, owner of JoJo Boutique in Cuckfield, underwent cancer treatment in 2017. Under the supervision of Dr Alexandra Stewart she was one of 139 patients who have been treated with the 'Papillon Machine'.

The Papillon radiotherapy machine has made a huge difference to the positive outcome of Jo's life, and she is eternally grateful. This machine, however, is unavailable to the NHS and had to be purchased by local donations through the Bright Cancer Care charity.

Jo hopes that the Fashion Show will raise enough money to help purchase the next generation of these machines, called a NanoKnife, here in the South East so that everyone can benefit.

Lin and Natalie from Cuckfield i Wear are also helping Jo with the show and have been instrumental in getting Christopher Biggins and Lesley Joseph to give their time and support to host the event. All the models will show Cuckfield i Wear's latest collections as well as footwear and clothing from JoJo Boutique.

Doors of the Queen's Hall open at 7pm and the show will start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 per head to include a glass of wine and canapes. These are available from Cuckfield i Wear and JoJo Boutique or on the door.

All profits from the evening will go to BRIGHT ([www.brightcancer.org](http://www.brightcancer.org)).



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Jo says: "Let's buy Dr Stewart this state-of-the-art NanoKnife equipment and give the best gift possible to future patients."



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# Cuckfield Remembers

1918-2018

By Kate Fleming

It was the letter every family dreaded receiving; the painful note that would tell them that their loved one was not coming home. During World War I many homes in Cuckfield would receive such a letter...

*'Dear Mrs Cartner,*

*It is hard to be the bearer of sad news, but I think you would rather hear from me of the death of your gallant son - 1477 Private H Cartner, Royal Sussex....'*

*'It is my painful duty to inform you of the death of your brother, Private Croucher, who was killed in action on the night of 13th July...'*

*'....I know that your husband's death must be a great blow to you and I beg that you may accept the deepest sympathy from the officers and men in your great sorrow....'*

Letters bringing news that would change the lives of countless families forever.

Letters were the main form of communication between soldiers and those who remained and helped to ease the ongoing pain of separation. The letters brought joy to those in the trenches and also to those waiting at home, eager to receive any tiny snippet of news from their distant loved ones. Most communication took the form of words of love and affection but some received photographs or even 'trench cake' - a delicious treat of home-made fruit cake. Even copies of the Mid Sussex Times made their way across the Channel! All letters, parcels and correspondence provided comforting reminders of home for the boys on the front line.

May Botting regularly wrote to her husband George, a Lance Corporal with the Royal Marine Light Infantry, who was stationed in France. The letter which she started to write at 2pm on Thursday 16th August 1917 started like all of her letters to George with the following salutation: 'My dearest boy...'

May was so thrilled to receive a letter from George and wanted to tell him how very proud she was of his recent promotion. May then discusses news of the family and of friends in Cuckfield writing as if he is there in person and talking to him as normal. Later that evening May finishes her letter with a moment of tenderness and longing:



*'Fancy. It hardly seems possible, does it, we have been married 18 months? Can you get your photo taken now darling? Don't think I'm always wanting something though. Heaps of love from everyone and, of course, from me. Your loving wife, May x'*

Not long after May had written to her husband, on 23rd August 1917, George Botting was killed. George was instructing a recruit behind enemy lines when a faulty grenade exploded. It was to be her last letter to him.

The 20th August 1917 marked the final entry in George Botting's diary: 'Day of rest. Go to Auchel in the evening for a walk, quite a nice place. Actually boasting a bazaar after our style. Buy a pocket wallet for the photo of the best little girl in the world.'

May Botting never remarried. She lived the rest of her life with her mother at 4 Jubilee Cottages, Broad Street.

A lost generation of young men caused by World War I saw the traditional family structure change significantly. It was therefore left to the women of Cuckfield to fill in the huge gaps needed to keep the community active and purposeful. This was an enormous task for most of the women at the turn of the last century, summed up by Scottish Folk Group The Corries in this chorus:

*'But you never thought to question,  
You just went on wi' your lives  
Cause all they taught you who to be  
Was mothers, daughters, wives'*

Without fuss, without resentfulness, unobtrusively and effectively they 'rolled up their sleeves' and ran the shops, became barbers and went to work on the land, saving the country from starvation. They worked in

offices and factories, on the trains and even in the police force. They trained as teachers and nurses, forced to realise their potential, to contribute to society and to sustain a meaningful way of life for their families and the village in support of the war effort on the home front.

They did indeed 'keep the home fires burning' while their hearts were yearning with sorrow and grief, and with bravery, courage and superhuman effort turned the dark cloud inside out to find the silver lining.

In tribute and by way of commemorating these fine and gallant men, Cuckfield Remembers will be hosting a number of events throughout the village in early November. You may already have noticed the 'There but not there' soldier statue – which has been moved between various locations in the village.

A Photographic Trail includes photos of 37 of the 81 men who were killed during the war outside the homes where they lived. This fascinating visual tour will be open from 29th October – and will, we hope, enable residents to see the impact on this local community one hundred years ago.

There will also be a Tea Dance, a Community Concert and Cuckfield Dramatic Society will be reading 'Letters and Poems from the Front' on two dates in November.

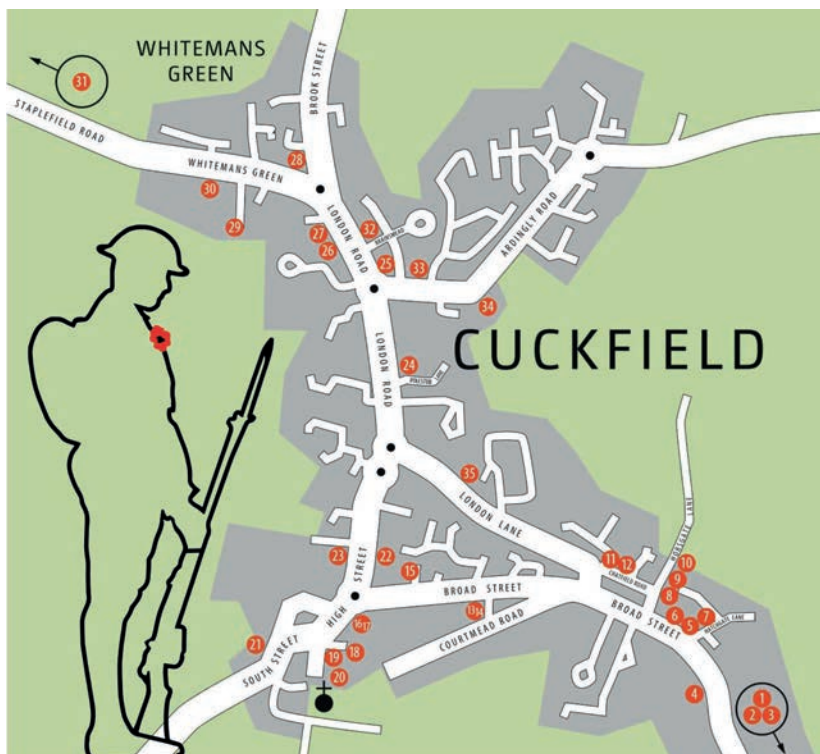
At 6.30pm on 11th November all are encouraged to walk from the locations of the Photographic Trail through Cuckfield to assemble at Whitemans Green for the national Beacon Lighting at 7pm.

More information can be found on all these events on Facebook and from the Cuckfield Remembers programme delivered to Cuckfield homes with this issue of Cuckfield Life.

Please do join us, and the rest of the country, in acknowledging the enormous contribution that our predecessors made to our way of life in this 21st century.

*'At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them'*

For the Fallen (September 1914)  
Laurence Binyon.



## Diary of Events



**Photographic Trail**  
(35 locations around Cuckfield)  
29th October – 18th November

**Letters and Poems from the Front**  
Cuckfield Baptist Church  
1st November 7.30pm  
3rd November 3pm

**Film: All Quiet on the Western Front**  
Cuckfield Baptist Church  
2nd November 7.30pm

**Community Concert**  
Holy Trinity Church  
10th November 6pm

**Tea Dance**  
Queen's Hall  
11th November 3pm

**Walk to Beacon**  
(Various locations)  
11th November 6.30pm

**Beacon Lighting**  
Whitemans Green  
11th November 7pm

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# Peace at Last 1918: Joy and Sorrow

CUCKFIELD MUSEUM

By Sue Burgess

Cuckfield Museum's autumn main display commemorates 100 years since the end of World War One and its immediate aftermath, both locally and further afield. We aim to show both the joy over those returning home and poignant reminders of sorrow for those who either lost their lives or were permanently affected by the war.

Various items from the museum's collection, including a range of war souvenirs that illustrate how the peace was celebrated locally and the welcome that returning servicemen received. The menu for the Welcome Home Dinner served at the Queen's Hall in 1919 is surely the sort of meal that men in the trenches would have dreamed of – every type of roast meat followed by Christmas Pudding even though the month was April!

The close links forged between the men who had fought are shown in an interesting set of photos from 1920 labelled 'a fancy dress fishing party'. It was organised by The Talbot for veterans who had survived the war, at least on the surface unscathed. Their top hats, false beards and decorated smocks indicate how determined they were to enjoy their return to a peaceful life.

The bureaucratic complexity of demobilisation and a period of huge adjustment with the coming of peace is evident from some of our paper archive which shows details such as uniform to be returned, the issue of plain clothes and even an early form of Jobseeker's Allowance.

If men had new lives to negotiate, many women in Cuckfield now found themselves on their own, either widowed or unable to find a spouse because the young men of their generation had gone. A number of local



women set up what became a flourishing cottage industry of glove making, something they could do either as individuals or as a group.

For those in mourning, we have an example of the bronze memorial plaque (Dead Man's Penny) sent to the next of kin of all those killed during the war with the name of the deceased inscribed but no rank, all being equal in death. Condolence letters arrived from the King and there were detailed discussions here at home to agree the design and site of a war memorial in Holy Trinity churchyard. Plans to have the memorial near the allotments were vetoed as it was felt disrespectful to the dead and their grieving families. The final memorial, looking towards the Downs, was paid for by public subscription and united the whole village in an act of remembrance.



The Peace at Last exhibition is running until early December and complements the museum's permanent collection of personal artefacts, souvenirs and items of interest from WWI, so do come in and see our new expanded display.



# The importance of being kind

By Jacqueline Elmore

In 2015 Warden Park Secondary Academy established a 'Kindness Council' in direct response to the tragic circumstances in which a student took his own life. The initiative was to be designed, driven and maintained by students with the aim of promoting caring attitudes throughout the school and the wider community. The initiative has been a great success, and in recognition of the positive work the school is doing in this area, the school was awarded the title of 'Kind School of the Year' by KindnessUK.com, a not-for-profit organisation whose goal is making kindness a greater part of everyone's daily lives.

Kindness is a theme strongly supported throughout the school, and especially by Kindness Co-ordinator (and PE Teacher) Martin Chappell who took on the role in September 2016. Martin explains: "The idea behind it was to create a kinder environment not just within the school but also within the wider community. The initiative was set up mainly in response to the death of one of our students. We decided to get in touch with Kindness UK, who actually made us an ambassador after our first year and subsequently recognised us nationally as Kind School of the Year."

Some of the charities that the Kindness Council supports include Red Nose Day, the Poppy Appeal and the Penny Run; this is where a group of students collect as many pennies as they can, to see how many coins can be lined up within ten minutes. Whichever group has the longest line wins a prize and all the money left then goes to charity. Last year the money went to the Rockinghorse Children's Charity and the year before that it was the Kent, Surrey, and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust.

The Kindness Council often attends the Cuckfield Mayoral Procession to try to get people more involved and aware of what they do. They work with Holy Trinity Church, and once a month they help the pre-nursery children by singing songs, reading stories and serving tea and coffee to the adults afterwards. The Council also gets involved at Christmas by delivering hampers to some of the elderly people in the community.

Martin explains: "We get so many thank you cards from people and they're just the nicest messages. We

work with the Sussex Dementia Trust which holds a Christmas Carol Service where some of our students will often deliver a reading. We also take part in the Christmas Tree Festival. The feeling of warmth that comes from being kind is lovely and ultimately that's what it's all about."

Martin has a new student at the school who has come to the UK from Lebanon. He is a refugee and speaks very little English.

"I was approached by the Pastoral Team and asked if we had any members of the Kindness Council that would be a good match to help him find his feet during the first few weeks and help him integrate into day to day Warden Park life.

"Most people know that I am in charge of the Kindness Council so I'd like to think that if a student is feeling a bit lost that they can come to me and have a chat."

In aid of the work that Martin and the students do on the Kindness Council they have clubbed together and created an assembly which will support Anti-Bullying Week in November.

"The students have been given 15 minutes to deliver it and will be given the opportunity to stand in front of their peers and explain to them why it is so important to be kind."

The effects of bullying can have a massive impact on all individuals, whether that is at school, work, college or socially. The themes behind this year's national anti-bullying campaign are 'choose respect' and 'wear blue day'.

Martin concludes: "Our uniform is blue already which obviously helps but they'll be other ways that we'll be introducing the blue theme throughout that week. It all kicks off on the 9th November, with Anti-Bullying Awareness Day taking place on the 10th November and International Kindness Day on 13th November."

For more information on how you can get involved please go to [www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/wear-blue-campaign](http://www.bullying.co.uk/anti-bullying-week/wear-blue-campaign)



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# Charity race night raises money for local hospice

Earlier in the year, Cuckfield Town Football Club (CTFC) ran its hugely successful Charity Race Night. Family, friends and members of the local community all attended to help raise funds for the escalating costs involved in running an amateur football club, as well as presenting a substantial donation to St Peter and St James Hospice in support of the continued and outstanding work that is carried out there. Various people associated with the club have family or friends who have received help from St Peter and St James Hospice, so it was considered a fitting charity to donate to.

CTFC's main sponsor, The Talbot Pub and Restaurant, once again helped to keep the guests fed and watered. A number of local businesses donated some fantastic prizes for the winning 'jockeys' and the always popular raffle helped guests dig even deeper into their pockets on the night.

Cuckfield Town FC has a long history and currently holds joint position of being the 23rd oldest football club in the world. It was founded in 1872 by Mr Wyndham and Mr Bunting and has endured many ups and downs over the last 146 years. It has worn the traditional colours of blue and white since being a founding member of the



Mid Sussex Football League in 1900. The club has played at Cuckfield Recreation Ground since 1925, and former player Tommy Cook even went on to be capped for England!

CTFC is also proud of its place in the community and enjoys a strong relationship with regionally respected youth football club, Cuckfield Cosmos - a local club for youth players to help them to continue to play for a Cuckfield club as they enter adulthood.

Following a lean period, the club is now on the way up again; having won the Mid Sussex Junior Charity Cup in 2016, the club is pushing for promotion back to the Premiership where it has historically resided - only time will tell if this objective was successful!



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## Cuckfield take the Salver

By Emma Fairbank

What a result! Another fantastic achievement from Cuckfield Men's team.

The men recently attended the annual 9-hole Salver Competition, held on Saturday 22nd September, which took place at Boars Head Golf Club in Kent. The Salver is contested between the five clubs that make up the 9-hole league, and is held at a different club each year - Cuckfield being last year's hosts. This time around Cuckfield took the spoils, ahead of Hever Castle Golf Club in second place.

Well done to all those who took part, another highly successful season, as the team also won the 9-hole league this year.

Our five pairs are: Brian Gallagher and Mark Weller, Pat Bates and Trev Harley, Richard Turner and Andy Holden, Tas Violaris and Shane Reed, Andrew Watson and Wally Stevenson.

Looking forward to next season already!

## If you go down in the woods today

By Ken Burgess, Chairman, New England Wood Trust

New England Wood is becoming ever more popular with walkers and their dogs; a great village resource. But in periods of continuous wet weather the footpaths become waterlogged and badly damaged by traffic in a very short time, damage that takes weeks of hard work by the volunteers to repair.

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## Richard Jenkinson

### VILLAGE PEOPLE

By Jacqueline Elmore

Richard Jenkinson played his first church service at the tender age of 11 years old. Now Director of Music at Holy Trinity Church, Richard gets to play the Walker Pipe Organ in the heart of Cuckfield village every week.

Richard explains: "I began playing for services as a young boy because my Dad is a minister of religion. You know that if your Dad is taking the service you probably have to go along!"

Richard was only 15 when he was appointed his first professional organist's post.

Richard is a Musical Director, Conductor, Organist and Pianist. He studied music at school before attending the Royal College of Music in London where he did a degree and a fellowship before entering the profession in his early 20s.

"I had various church jobs from assistant organist to organist to choir master, so different roles and different places."

Richard, who lives in Bolney, first came across Cuckfield when he met his new partner who lived in Haywards Heath having moved to the area from South London.

Richard recalls: "After my marriage ended, I moved back to Sussex. I grew up near East Grinstead in Ashurst Wood so you could say that I returned to my roots. I'd been away from church music for ten years as all of the other aspects of my career had taken over, during which time I got the job of playing the organ at East Grinstead Parish Church."

Richard is a man of many talents. Not only does he play and conduct at Holy Trinity Church, he also conducts many other choirs in the area. In particular, Richard conducts for the Kent Chorus in Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead Choral Society and Meridian Voices and, until recently, Richard was also conducting the London Orpheus Choir but decided to give that up due to pressures associated with the daily commute.

Richard took on the role of Director of Music at Holy Trinity Church in January last year and feels he has settled in well.

"I hadn't been doing any church music for about ten years and this one looked so good and it was so near to where I live. Take today for example, I've driven five minutes from home and I've had a meeting at the church office, now I'm meeting you and later I'll do some admin and then tomorrow I'll come in and play for a funeral service. This role fits my life very nicely."

Part of Richard's new role was to try to get more people involved in church life and especially with church singing.

"I was very attracted to this role originally because it is seen as a very musical place, and the church choir was relatively well known. We've since built up both the church choir and the adult choir. They now sing more regularly at the services and have grown in size and in confidence, and it's great working with a really musical and supportive Vicar!"

A year ago Richard set up the Holy Trinity 'Inspire Choir Club' with HTC choir member, Helen Swift.

The club is mainly geared towards children and takes place every Friday evening from 6.30pm at the Old School. Children from seven years and upwards can join and can stay affiliated with the club into their teens. There is plenty to do: food and drink in addition to a great variety of fun activities – even before the singing starts.

Richard explains: "The kids get to learn some of the music that the senior choir are singing, and then at a certain point on a Friday evening I take them from the Old School over to the church where the adults are already assembled and they all sing together for about 20 minutes. The children really love that part of the evening. And what's really lovely about it is the parents that are coming to collect their children often come a little earlier - before 8pm - so that they can hear that bit of the music and hear the children sing."

Richard is currently working with local musician Jane Haughton on a Remembrance event which will support the village with its Cuckfield Remembers celebrations. Part of the schedule is a concert held on the Saturday evening, the night before Armistice Day. The church has pulled together and will be using all available local talent in the form of a community choir, a children's choir and Richard's very own church choir.

"The other thing we're trying to build up is the concert side of the church. It has excellent acoustics and it's such a beautiful venue. At the moment we have the lunchtime concert which takes place every Friday at 1pm and that's ongoing. We sometimes get close to 100 people attending which is wonderful. Every month is different. Sometimes it'll be a singer or an organist. Last week it was a string trio. The aim is to create more of these concerts and try to encourage more people to come and enjoy the music."

Richard and his music are now very much part of the Cuckfield community.

Richard concludes: "What I really like about Cuckfield are the people and the real sense of community one gets from being here. It's probably the friendliest and most



supportive place I've ever worked."

If you would like to join the Inspire Choir Club or the Parish Choir please get in touch with Richard direct at [r.jenkinson00@gmail.com](mailto:r.jenkinson00@gmail.com) or by visiting the website: [www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/church-life/choir-club](http://www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/church-life/choir-club)



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# News from Bolnore...

By Chris Belton

## Footpath / Cycle path

After a couple of years or so on the 'to do' list, the footpath and cycle path linking Bolnore Village to the old Rocky Lane road bridge is finally being installed and forms part of the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Plan. Leading from Kingfisher Drive, the existing footpath has been removed, widened and re-laid, new lighting installed and a proper exit to Rocky Lane established. Originally planned back in 2015, it will link Haywards Heath to the Village and join our existing dual use cycle/ pedestrian routes, although it will take some effort to ride up the zig-zag path joining Brooklands to Highbank!

## Even more ways to recycle

With help from the Primary School, the Community Interest Company has placed two more recycle bins within the main reception area of Bolnore Village Primary School.



These are to be used to recycle plastic bottle tops and old pens and empty correcting fluid bottles. None of these should be placed in the regular council bins, so keep them at home and just drop them off at the school when you're next passing.

There are also two bins in the reception area at The Woodside to collect baby-food pouches and the triggers from homecare products. I'm pleased to say that both are being used, and we have already emptied the baby-food pouches bin as it was full.

This is a good way to ensure we reduce the amount of waste going to landfill or contaminating the councils recycling bins.

## The Barn

Following the Planning Inspector's approval of the application to convert the Barn into a nursery, that refurbishment work is now well underway. We are pleased that the Barn is finally being used after seeing it stand empty for far too long.

# AGM 18th October

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The Friends of Bolnore Village Primary School recently pulled together a team of 'oar-some' parents to compete in the annual Dragon Boat Race at Bewl Water in Kent.

A team of 18 mums and dads, aptly named The Boln-oar Crusaders, stepped up to the challenge last month and competed in three separate time trials, rowing 250 metres against 50 other teams. The fastest 11 teams of the day then went on to compete in a final.

While the Crusaders didn't make the final, they have managed to raise an amazing £700 for the school, making their efforts truly worthwhile.

A spokesperson for the team said: "The day was great

fun. We improved our time on each race, so, while we weren't fast enough to get to the final, we certainly did ourselves proud, particularly as none of us had taken part in a Dragon Boat race before. It was harder work than you would imagine, and we got wet and tired, but it was a brilliant day. A few mum's in the team even dressed up as grannies for the occasion!

"We are pleased our efforts have helped raise funds for the school."

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## Biggest Coffee Morning comes to Bolnore

One Bolnore resident decided to join in with the national fundraising campaign for Macmillan Cancer Support by hosting the first World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the village.

"I'm not aware that there has ever been one before," Della Mold explained, "so I wanted to give it a go."

The event was a great success, raising over £500 for the charity, as Della sold cakes and held a raffle on the day.

"It was a fantastic morning with donations for the raffle from local businesses, including the Bolnore Co-op food store. It gave me a great feeling to know there are so many people that care and will help."



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**5 MINUTES WITH...**

# Louise Ferguson

Louise is a photographer with a studio in Bolnore with an avid love of travel – which she now shares with her family. She’s also one of the few people in the population who is allergic to chocolate!

**How long have you lived in Bolnore?** 8 years

**What’s the best thing about being here?**  
The beautiful woodland and countryside (and the people!)

**Favourite ice cream flavour?** Vanilla & Ginger

**How many houses have you lived in?**  
In Bolnore... 2. In my life... way too many!

**What would you like to see in Bolnore that isn’t here?**  
A coffee shop - I miss Cuppalicious sooooo much

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
Galicia, Spain.

**Song you play the most?** Any track from The Greatest Showman! My girls are obsessed!

**What would you do if you won £1million?**  
Make sure extended family is comfortable, then go on a round the world holiday

**What was the last present you gave someone?**  
A super cute print for a baby’s nursery

**Strangest thing you’ve ever eaten?**  
Tripe.. thanks to my nan in Yorkshire when I was kid

**What would you rather give up for a month – TV or music?** TV

**Which App on your phone do you use the most?**  
Spotify

**What’s your proudest moment?**  
Teaching my eldest daughter to ride her bike

**Your advice for life?**  
Never suffer alone - as a new mum who had Post Natal Depression, I can honestly say that admitting I wasn’t OK was such a turning point for me.

If you would like to provide your own answers for 5 Minutes With, simply email them to [editor@cuckfieldlife.co.uk](mailto: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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# Box Kart Champions at Goodwood

By Marco Van Dyke

Well done to Bolnore's amazing Cub Pack who brought back the silverware from Goodwood Motor Circuit at the end of last month.

Bolnore had two teams competing both making it through to the final shootout rounds with one of the teams beating 41 teams from around the country (as far as Manchester and Northern Ireland) to win the 2018 Supreme Box Kart Championship, following their success earlier this year in the Mid Sussex Masters.

A big congratulations to all of the Cubs who took part, leaders and volunteers (especially Scott for completely rebuilding the BoxKarts, Lena and Loz) and to the sponsors Simpson Autos at Chailey.

If anyone would like to be a sponsor of the Mid Sussex Masters which will be hosted by the Bolnore Village Scout Group again in 2019 please contact us on: [boxkart@bolnorescouts.org.uk](mailto:boxkart@bolnorescouts.org.uk).



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## Bulletin Board

The bulletin board for Bolnore is available at [www.pembrokepm.co.uk/bolnore](http://www.pembrokepm.co.uk/bolnore). Here you will find the latest management news from Pembroke. We will update this weekly on a Tuesday. It will include information regarding landscape maintenance and a list of ongoing repairs.

## Director Appointments

We are pleased to announce that Nadine Jenkins-Berry of Middle Village has now joined the Board of Directors for Bolnore Village Community Investment Company (BVCIC). Nadine moved into the village just over a year ago. We look forward to working with her.

## Major Decorations project in 2018

The major redecoration works are underway and making good progress throughout the Village. The following areas are now completed:

- 30 Roundway
- 2 – 4 Highbank & 10 – 28 Roundway
- 4 Roundway
- 31 – 41 (odds) Highbank
- 23 – 29 (odds) Highbank
- 1 – 21 (odds) Highbank
- 1 – 10 Brooklands
- 89 – 95 (odds) Highbank



Pembroke Property Management and BVCIC attend regular progress meetings with the contractors and surveyors to discuss any matters and issues that may arise. Residents will be made aware of any delays to the schedule but currently the works are on track to be finished by the end of October 2018.

Please note that children should not climb on the scaffolding at any time.

## Gardens and Landscaping

With effect from July 2018 KPS were appointed as the new landscaping contractors for Bolnore Phases 1, 2 and 3. KPS are a local company and are based in Scaynes Hill with a local workforce of over 100 staff. They are also the appointed contractors for Phases 4 and 5 which means we have a single, local contractor for the entire Village.

It has been agreed that Heyworth Ride and Heasewood will see the flower beds along the whole road to either side cut back hard, weeds removed and mulched. This will allow for new plant shoots to grow through naturally. The flower beds will be reviewed next year and a discussion will be held as to the next steps to maintain this area.

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### Residents' Surgery September 2018

The Residents' Surgery held on the 12th September 2018 saw two key topics raised; the latest accounts and the overall appearance of the village.

The Village appearance was discussed at length with representatives from Pembroke and Bolnore Village Community Interest Company Ltd. To this end have met with KPS and taken their advice on what can best be done within the constraints of time and within budget and have agreed a plan to make some improvements over the coming months.

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## Playgrounds

Mid Sussex Council are responsible for the maintenance of the playgrounds. Please contact the Landscapes Department for maintenance of the equipment, fencing, seats and bins. Email [parkspenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parkspenspaces@midsussex.gov.uk) or Telephone 01444 477439

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## Health and Safety

Please do not leave any items in the communal areas of the blocks of flats. When walking your dog, always clean up after them. Residents in houses and flats are responsible for the removal of their own bulky waste.

# Goodbye for now

## FROM THE MAYOR'S TABLE

By Evelyn Stenning

By the time you read this Cuckfield will be voting for a new mayor, so do read the list of candidates on page 6.

September was a busy month for me. I was lucky enough to be invited to attend the NSPCC Annual Meeting at the Old School and found out all about the wonderful work that the charity does. And I enjoyed a lovely meal at the Solo Lunch Group - what a happy group we are!



The annual Village Show was another happy occasion. The sun shone brightly when I opened the event and presented the prizes to the lucky winners. What a talented bunch we have in Cuckfield! Thank you to the Mid Sussex Brass Band for playing, the WI for providing cakes and refreshments and to everyone who helped support the event.

September also saw me visit Hinton Ampner in Hampshire, the Bombay Sapphire Distillery with the Cowfold WI and, together with some of the members of Holy Trinity Church, St Albans Cathedral where we attended the Eucharist service. I was also lucky enough to enjoy a visit to The Stroke Club to see how they are and to present a cheque to them on behalf of the Independent State of Cuckfield.

I expect some of you will have seen TOMMY - the aluminium silhouette of a First World War soldier - placed around the village. Tommy is part of the WWI commemorations and the 'there but not there' campaign marking 100 years since the end of the war. Tommy started his journey at Whitemans Green before moving to Barrowfield and other parts of Cuckfield. He's even made it to the cover of this magazine!

In the next week I will be visiting Holy Trinity Primary School to talk about my role as Mayor of Cuckfield and my life as a child here in the village.

As this will be my last diary update I would like to thank you all for your kind words on my 'Mayor's Table' reports. I really have enjoyed writing them. At the beginning of the year I did not think that I would have the healthy life that I have now. It is thanks to my family, friends, neighbours and medical staff that I am truly back to my happy self. I will be sure to keep you all up-to-date on my progress and how it continues after December.

Good luck and hats off to the new Mayor of Cuckfield! The final candidate will be decided on Friday 19th October at the White Harte Inn, with the fun starting at 8pm.

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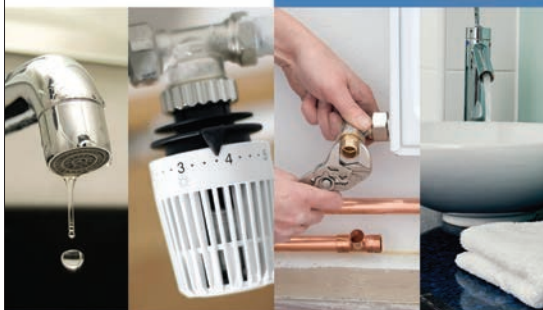
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# Using the wild fruit

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## Blackberry and apple pudding

(Serves 4)

Preheat the oven 180°. Combine 450g blackberries, 2 peeled and thinly sliced Bramley apples and 50g soft brown sugar. Tip into a buttered ovenproof dish. Break 2 eggs into a bowl, add 75g soft brown sugar and whisk until foamy. Beat in 75g melted butter, the finely grated zest of 1 orange, 4tbs orange juice and 200ml milk. Sift over 175g self-raising flour and gently mix together. Pour evenly over the fruit. Bake for about 35 min or until golden brown and firm to the touch. Serve warm with thick pouring cream.

## Apple and maple syrup tart

(Serves 4-6)

Preheat oven 180°. Stir 50g fresh white breadcrumbs and the juice and finely grated rind of 1 large lemon into 225g maple syrup. Leave to stand 10 min then stir in 1 large peeled and grated Bramley apple. Place a pre-baked pieshell on a baking sheet, pour in the filling and bake for 25-30 min. Best served warm.

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By Caroline Young

It is interesting to see how some garden plants reacted to the very hot spell we had earlier in the summer. I have a very prolific passion flower that is covered with very small bright orange fruits, and what I thought (for the past eight years) were white grapes, this year are all black. Make great jelly! Sadly my blackberries are very sparse. Blackberries are the commonest wild fruit in England and their seeds have been found in Neolithic burial sites. Remember, 9th October is the last date you should pick this luscious fruit as, the old saying tells us, on October 10th the devil spits on them making them poisonous! I hope to be able to find enough to make one of my favourite autumn puddings.



## Venison sausage casserole (Serves 4)

Cooler weather calls for warming dishes. I like to use venison sausages in this simple one-dish casserole but it is just as delicious with any other variety. I sometimes stir a generous spoonful of chilli jelly into the vegetables for extra kick. Lots of delicious sauce - just serve with crusty bread or a jacket potato.

Preheat the oven 200°. Using a dual-purpose shallow casserole (or use a frypan and transfer to an ovenproof casserole for the main part of the cooking) lightly brown 8 sausages in a little butter or oil just until pale golden brown. Remove with a fork. Add 100g diced streaky bacon, 2 thinly sliced large onions and some crushed garlic to the hot pan and cook gently until the onions are golden brown. Stir in 450g quartered tomatoes and 450g sliced button mushrooms and cook for 10 min. Stir in 100ml liquid - this could be stock, red wine, cider, apple juice - whatever you have handy. Bring just to the boil then arrange the sausages on top and bake for 20 min.

## Quick kedegeree (Serves 4)

Gently fry 1 large sliced onion in a little butter until golden brown. Stir in 1-2tbs mild curry paste and some crushed garlic. Add 250g cooked rice (either home-cooked or from a packet), a drained 400g can brown lentils and 100ml vegetable stock. Place 4 portions of smoked haddock on the top, gently pushing partly into the rice, cover and simmer over low heat just until the fish is cooked. Serve with some seasoned crème fraiche or natural yogurt and mango chutney.

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# Community champions awarded by MSDC

Mid Sussex District Council Chairman Bruce Forbes celebrated the efforts of more than 40 local people at the recent Community Service Awards afternoon, including three from the Cuckfield Life area.

The annual event, held last month at the South of England Showground, brought together the honoured and their family and friends at an Afternoon Tea.

Bruce said: "Today is a very important event in the calendar, when we honour the members of our community who have done so much to make Mid Sussex such a great place to live."

Each award was given out by the Chairman with the High Sheriff of West Sussex, Caroline Nicholls.

Cuckfield resident Mary Crouch was nominated by Cuckfield Parish Council for her service to Cuckfield Preschool for more than 25 years and her work with both St Peter and St James Hospice and the NSPCC.



Chairman Bruce Forbes, Mary Crouch and High Sheriff Caroline Nicholls

Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council nominated Ben Drake for a Community Service Award and said this about him: 'Ben recently stepped down from the Staplefield Association, which he chaired for many years, giving up a lot of his time as a dedicated chairman. He also worked with the Parish Council on the Neighbourhood Plan.'



Chairman Bruce Forbes, Ben Drake and High Sheriff Caroline Nicholls

Colin Sewell-Rutter was also awarded in recognition of his work on Cuckfield's Holy Trinity Church. His citation, submitted by Councillor Robert Salisbury, explained: 'Colin was wholly instrumental in the inception, fundraising and project management of the total refurbishment of the interior of the Church. Co-ordinating numerous (often tricky!) bodies he saw the massive project through to its final, truly stunning completion.'



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## Horsefield Green, Ardingly Road

Cuckfield Parish Council is happy to announce that Horsefield Green has recently undergone some maintenance. The pond has been dredged and the Green will be regularly mowed by its groundsman. A sign, life safety ring and a dog waste bin have been installed. A litter bin will be installed shortly. The pond will slowly refill over the winter months as rainfall occurs, as well as water provided from a natural source in the area. Planting around the pond will be completed in spring 2019.

This open green space is for the use and pleasure of the community. CPC request caution and care when accessing the Green, due to water and country hazards being present. Please ensure dog waste and litter is not left on the Green.



## Cuckfield Craft and Vintage Market

Cuckfield Parish Council has been pleased to welcome back the Craft and Vintage Market to the Queen's Hall this year, a long overdue return for this popular morning. We have two more dates scheduled, Friday 19th October and Friday 23rd November 2018, 9.30am to 1pm. Come along to source unique items for the home and garden or for Christmas. The market is a great way of spending the morning, looking at the many unusual and interesting items. Afterwards, relax in the cafe for morning coffee or tea and cake, or wander down through the village to one of the many cafes or restaurants which are open for lunch. Free Entry.

## Allotments

Cuckfield Parish Council has plots available at Whitemans Green. If you are interested in renting a plot please email: [caroline.hansen@cuckfield.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.hansen@cuckfield.gov.uk)

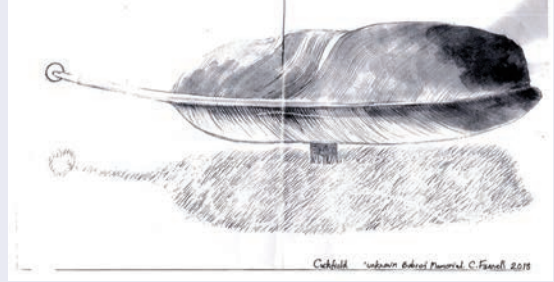
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## Commemorative Bench

A 'feathered bench' to commemorate babies who were buried in Cuckfield Churchyard after a short life has been commissioned by Cuckfield Parish Council. The installation is being created by Sussex based sculptor Christian Funnell.

Christian Funnell, who originally came up with the idea, felt that a large steel bench would have an uplifting effect on visitors to this part of the churchyard. His design to incorporate many parallel lines on the surface of the bench alludes to the unknown paragraphs that could have been written had these young lives continued. The bench, which creates a lift in the air, makes for a comfortable seat and the feathers symbolise, in many traditions, the soul that has come to rest. It is believed the bench will help parents who have been left with a loss over the years as the bench signifies this loss in a bold physical form. The contours of the bench will be forged



from a sheet of 6mm zinc sprayed steel, with the quill in concrete resulting in a simple functional form. Cuckfield Parish Council hopes parents and relatives will sit on the bench overlooking the beautiful views of the Downs in the distance in quiet reflection.

## Gazebo, Queen's Hall

With the recent completion of our outside Gazebo at the Queen's Hall we are pleased to share some photographs. This additional outside space has enhanced our facilities and the Gazebo is now licenced for marriages, making us one of the only venues in West Sussex that is able to offer an outdoor venue with a backup indoor space in case of bad weather. Recent weddings over the summer months have endorsed the Queen's Hall as a wonderful wedding venue. For all enquiries please email: jane.forester@cuckfield.gov.uk.



## Councillor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on the Parish Council for a new Councillor to join the team. If you are interested in applying for the role and would like to know more, please contact the Clerk, Sam Heynes, on 01444 451610 or [sam.heynes@cuckfield.gov.uk](mailto:sam.heynes@cuckfield.gov.uk) for further information.

## Cuckfield Christmas Street Festival

It's that time of year when our thoughts turn to Christmas, and preparations are well underway for our Christmas Street Festival on 7th December 2018, starting at 6pm and closing at 8pm. This coincides with the Christmas Tree Festival at Holy Trinity Church and the Craft Fair at the Old School.

The road will be closed from 5.30pm for stallholders to set up and the erection of the snow machine. Stalls line the High Street selling seasonal items, hot beverages and food all in the name of Charity. The road will then reopen at 9pm.

Cuckfield Parish Council is looking forward to this fabulous family event that brings our community together at this most wonderful time of the year. If you would like to be a part of one of the most popular events of Cuckfield's annual calendar, we would love to hear from you. Whether you are able to spare some time during the evening of the event, or would like to be involved in the planning, we would be happy to have you on board no matter how small a contribution you can make. Please email [frances.laing@cuckfield.gov.uk](mailto:frances.laing@cuckfield.gov.uk) for further details.

## Part-Time Weekend Caretaker Vacancy

We are looking for a part-time weekend Caretaker to join our team, to be based at both the Queen's Hall and Cuckfield Village Hall. The role will be 4-5 hours per week; these hours will be spread across both halls to meet and greet hirers and ensure the halls have been cleaned and vacated at the correct time. The hourly rate offered will be £8.38/hour. For further information, including a full job description, please contact the Clerk, Sam Heynes, on [sam.heynes@cuckfield.gov.uk](mailto:sam.heynes@cuckfield.gov.uk) or 01444 451610.

## Starting School - September 2019

The application process for children due to start school in September 2019 will begin on Monday 1st October 2018.

CPC has been requested to advertise the starting school application process.

The key points are:

- Apply online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions)
- Applications can be made between 1st October 2018 and 15th January 2019
- Special rules apply for house movers until 15th February 2019
- The Information for Parents booklet is available on our website now
- Further information is available by ringing 03330 142 903

Applications made after the closing date cannot be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may mean it is not possible to offer a child a place at a local school. Therefore, parents are requested to apply by the closing date. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact:

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# Adelphi sponsor local student's 'trip of a lifetime'

Cuckfield resident and Warden Park Academy student Elise Jones received sponsorship from Adelphi Group Chairman Stephen Holroyd for what she describes as 'the trip of a lifetime' to Peru in the summer of 2018. Here Elise describes her adventures in her own words...



## By Elise Jones

Our first project was situated in Lake Titicaca at an altitude of 3,812m. We worked at a school, an orphanage and a kindergarten painting a playground, making a path and laying the foundations for a dining area. We also travelled to an amazing floating island called Uros, which was entirely man-made from reeds! Later we camped overnight on a beach, and spent time chatting to the locals and their children.

Our second project was in Caylloma, in the Colca canyon, going up to an altitude of 4,300m. We spent our time building two greenhouses for a newly built school, working between brick making, mud mixing and trench digging. We celebrated National Peruvian Day with the locals on 28th July, and hiked into the Colca Canyon, experiencing some amazing views and fantastic wildlife.

We then embarked on the five day Salkantay trek to Machu Picchu, going up to an altitude of 4,630m! We walked for roughly seven hours a day, hiking up mountains and hills, and going down through cloud forests. We saw some fantastic views, and experienced a lot of rain! We had little sleep and no showers for the duration of our trek, but spent our last day at Machu Picchu – one of the great wonders of the world.

Our third and final project was based in Maras, down to an altitude of 3,380m. We worked on community and school toilet building, and building a large greenhouse for the educational and nutritional needs of young school children. We managed to complete the building of the greenhouse and toilets just in time as their last project team for the summer. It was very rewarding to see our last projects completed.

This experience was one I will never forget, and I couldn't have done it without the help of Stephen and his company. I was able to grow and learn so much through my many experiences, both before and during my trip.

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# At the going down of the sun and in the morning: We will remember them.



Dear Friends,

These familiar words which we hear on Remembrance Sunday are taken from a poem by Lawrence Binyon, written on the North Cornwall cliffs in September 1914 just a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. The British Expeditionary Force had already suffered casualties following its first encounter with the Imperial German Army at the Battle of Mons on 23rd August, in its rearguard action during the retreat from Mons in late August and the Battle of Le Cateau on 26th August, and its engagement at the First Battle of the Marne between 5th and 9th September 1914. No one, including Binyon, could have imagined the war carrying on for so long, with such catastrophic loss of life – perhaps as many as 40 million military and civilian deaths.

The sheer size of such numbers seems impossible to imagine, yet we can bring this home when we explore how our own community was affected. The Commemoration Board in the Queen's Hall records not just the fallen but all those men who participated. This gives us some understanding that every person within Cuckfield would have been touched in some way. Unrecorded are the wives, mothers, fathers, children, brothers, sisters and relations whose lives will also have been irrevocably changed by loss and grief or dealing with the lifelong consequences of the injuries or mental trauma of those who returned.

There has been meticulous planning by a dedicated committee of people involved with every aspect of Cuckfield life in commemorating the centenary of the end of the First World War on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. You will find details (Cuckfield Remembers) online and in brochures – each event representing food for thought together with the opportunity to remember the sacrifice of those who lost their lives.

We know from history that humanity finds it difficult to learn lessons on conflict. This is where we all have a shared responsibility to lead lives which reach out positively to those we meet. Sometimes this is hard, yet in doing so, we each in our own way begin to transform the world – and ourselves. As Mother Teresa said, 'If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other'. Amen to that.

With all best wishes,  
Michael (Vicar)

## Remembrance Sunday 11th November 2018

10.45am

**Cuckfield Service of Remembrance**

starting at the War Memorial in the churchyard  
and thereafter in Holy Trinity Church

# Celebrating village greatness!

## CUCKFIELD VILLAGE SHOW



**By Jill Butler**

The Cuckfield Society hosted the 13th Village Show at Cuckfield Baptist Church on Saturday 8th September. The weather was kind, the Mid Sussex Brass Band was in fine form and we were pleased to see a slight increase in the number of entries compared to last year.

Judging took place in the morning and was especially challenging for the Food and Drink judge who waded through the tasting of 17 Victoria sponges and 11 lemon tarts as well as brownies, breads, muffins etc, jams, jellies and alcoholic drinks. The horticulture section was well represented with lots of fruit and vegetables and beautiful flowers and some superb giant cabbages, marrows, leeks and pumpkins. We also had a good number of art, craft and photography exhibits.

Cups for Best in Section were won by Ian Roxborough, Vicky Cockram, Sally Forth, Jo Roche and Sheila Gilbert. The Junior Best in Show was won by Joseph Atkins. Zoe

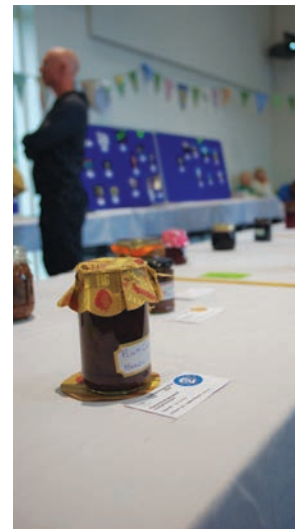
Humphrey won the Aileen Craigen cup for best preserve. Jo Roche won the Katie Stewart cup for the best Lemon Tart. Bertie Harding won the Jo Roche cup for her beautiful basket of home-grown produce.

The cup for Best in Show was won by George Baty, with Ian Roxborough and Ian Parsons both coming in joint second. Well done to all who exhibited this year.

Silent Auction prizes were generously donated by many of the businesses in Cuckfield. The auction raised £848 and will be used for Cuckfield projects.

The Village Show is the key event of the year for the Society, and we couldn't run it without the entrants, the judges and our team of hard-working volunteers who willingly gave up their time on the day. Outline planning has already started for next year's show (7th September 2019).

If you have any ideas for new classes or events, please let us know by emailing [info@cuckfield.org](mailto:info@cuckfield.org).





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Liz and Peter Graydon in Index Town, Washington State



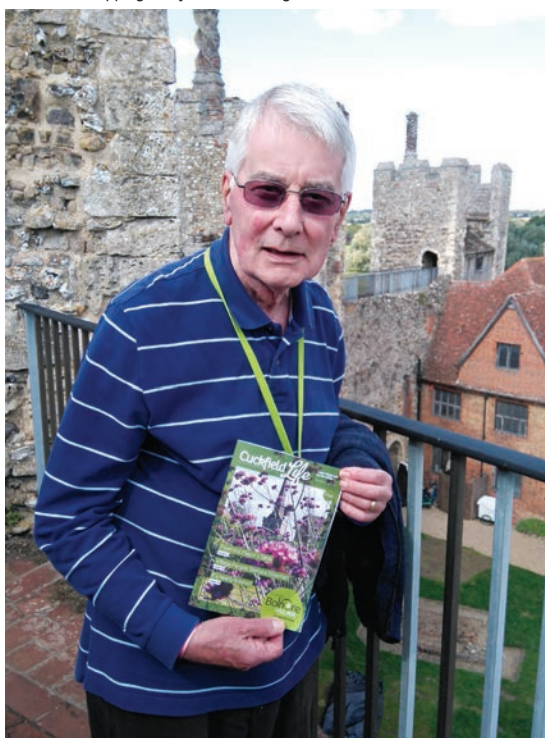
Neil Sadler shopping in Pays de la Loire region, France



Georgie & Jess Tingley in Copenhagen



Andrew Symonds Noah's Ark, Williamstown, Kentucky



Bob Campen at Framlingham Castle, Suffolk



# History book giveaway

## COMPETITION TIME

If the approaching date of 11th November 2018 is causing you to delve more into local history – then Cuckfield Life has a book giveaway that would be right up your street.

Former resident Shirley Bond wrote Cuckfield Remembered in order to not only tell the stories of those men from Cuckfield who died in WWI, but also to describe life in the village during the war – including the valuable part that the women of this area played in the war effort.

Simply email your name and postal address to [competition@cuckfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:competition@cuckfieldlife.co.uk) before 30th October in order to be included in the random draw – which will take place on that day.

If you'd like to buy a copy of Cuckfield Remembered, it is for sale at Cuckfield Museum for £10, or you can buy online via [www.woodlandspublishing.co.uk](http://www.woodlandspublishing.co.uk)

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## Too hot in the office?

### LISTEN TO THE LAWYER

By Martyn Gooch, partner Rohan Solicitors

**Question:** The temperature in my office during the summer heatwave was almost unbearable. What does the law say on this?

**Answer:** Uncomfortably hot offices can reduce productivity and lower staff morale, they can even cause health issues. The law is hazy on the maximum permitted temperature in workplaces, and there is no specific law for minimum or maximum working temperatures.

Employers must comply with health and safety laws and ensure that the welfare of workers is considered at all times. This includes making an assessment of the temperature in the workplace. There is a legal obligation on employers to provide a 'reasonable' temperature in the workplace. The recommended minimum temperature in a workplace should typically be no less than 16 degrees celsius. If the work involves rigorous physical exertion, the temperature should be at least 13 degrees celsius. These temperatures are not absolute legal requirements; the employer has a duty to determine what reasonable comfort will be in the particular circumstances.

Additional legal requirements oblige employers to make a suitable risk assessment of the health and safety of the workplace and act upon the risks. Employers must also appoint someone to oversee workplace health and safety matters, provide workers with information and training on occupational health and safety and operate within a written health and safety policy.

If a significant number of employees complain of issues with the temperature in the workplace common sense dictates that the workplace is too hot, and something should be done by the employer immediately.

Health and safety laws impose sanctions where an employer breaches their legal obligations to ensure the health, safety and welfare of their employees. These will vary depending on when the breach took place. Currently, the penalties include an unlimited fine and even imprisonment (the term of which depends on the severity of the breach; but could be up to two years). It is crucial therefore that employers take issues of health and safety and the temperature of the workplace seriously.

What practicable steps could an employer take to minimise the difficulties encountered by employees as a result of the hot temperatures? This is not an exhaustive list but will provide useful examples:

- Consult with your employees, i.e. ask what would make them feel more comfortable
- Place thermometers around the workplace and monitor them
- Provide temporary relief solutions such as fans or portable air conditioning units
- Offer flexible working hours
- Introduce a temporary clothing code

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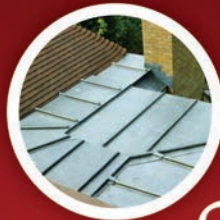
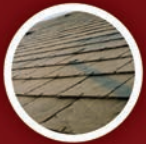
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## #27 Solution

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3	1	4	6	8	9	7	5	2
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#### October

- 17th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10.45am  
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - A Photographic  
Odyssey: Shackleton's Endurance Expedition  
on film by Mark Cottle. Coffee from 10am (Non  
members welcome, £7)
- 24th **RBL Women's Section Cuckfield** – 2.30pm  
The Old School - Annual General Meeting
- 26th **Homeopathy Talk** – 10.30am  
Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane – 'Better  
health with homeopathy' by Julie Plackett –  
hosted by Mid Sussex Homeopathic Group (non-  
members £3)

**Various Armistice Remembrance events from 29th  
October – see page 18 for listing**

#### November

- 1st **NT Live Broadcast** – 6.30pm  
Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint - Allelujah!  
(Tickets £14 Non-members [www.hurstfilms.com](http://www.hurstfilms.com))
- 3rd **RBL Women's Section Cuckfield** – 10.15am-  
12noon  
The Old School - Poppy Appeal Morning
- 3rd **Cuckfield Bonfire** – Gates 5.30pm  
Cuckfield Park RH17 5AB – Bonfire lit 6.45pm,  
Fireworks to music 7.30pm  
(Admission £8/£5 – parking £2)
- 6th **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – 10.15am  
Franklands Village Hall - Safe Haven for Donkeys  
in the Holy Land by Wendy Ahl
- 8th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – 10am  
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Sophie Von Der  
Goltz will give a talk on 'La Bella Forma - Fashion  
and Neapolitan Design'
- 9th **Cuckfield Flower Club** – 7.30pm  
Haywards Heath Methodist Church – Pots of  
colour by Pat Macdonald
- 17th **Sussex Mineral & Fossil Show** – Open 10am  
Clair Hall – (Ticket £2.50 adults, 50p children)
- 20th **Cuckfield Evening WI** – 7.30pm  
Cuckfield Baptist Church - Funeral of Queen  
Victoria by Pat Gallagher
- 24th **Coffee morning** – 10.30am  
The Village Hall, Deaks Lane, Ansty - Tombola  
Sales Table organised by Ansty Village Hall Trust  
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- 28th **RBL Women's Section** – 2.30pm  
The Old School - Oh What a Wonderful War by  
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### 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 **Tiny Teckers**
- 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**
- 10.30am **Yoga**
- 7.30pm **Wedding Dance Class**
- 7.30pm **Yoga**

### Friday

- 9.30am **Pre-school Singing**

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.

### October

- 19th **Cuckfield Craft and Vintage Market** – 9.30am-1pm
- 24th- **Cuckfield Dramatic Society** – 8pm
- 27th A Double Bill - The Browning Version & Dirty Business (Tickets from Marcus Grimes or [www.cdsweb.co.uk](http://www.cdsweb.co.uk))

### November

- 2nd **Parish Council Meetings**  
7.30pm: Planning, 8.15pm Estates
- 16th **Parish Council Meetings**  
7.30pm: Environment, 8.15pm Roads & Traffic
- 23rd **Cuckfield Craft and Vintage Market** – 9.30am-1pm

## AT WOODSIDE

### Monday

- 9.45am **Sing & Sign (3 sessions)**
- 4.30pm **Hayley Beeson School of Dance**
- 7pm **DDMX Dance Fitness**
- 8pm **Kickboxing**
- 8.15pm **Becca Lee Yoga**

### 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**
- 8.15pm **Bounce & Burn**

### Friday

- 9.30am **Saplings**
- 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

- 4pm **Grace Church**
- 4pm **Messy Church** (last Sunday/month)
- 4pm **Woodside Netball Club**
- 7.30pm **Zumba**

### October

- 18th **Bolnore Village AGM** – 8.15pm
- 20th **Halloween Quiz** – 8pm  
Book tables as this is one of our most popular quizzes. Fancy dress optional but always welcome! (Book by email: [Alison.events@bolnore.org.uk](mailto:Alison.events@bolnore.org.uk))
- 27th **The Halloween Disco** – 6pm - 9pm  
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult, fancy dress is preferred. (Tickets £3 per child, adults FOC - Book by email: [Alison.events@bolnore.org.uk](mailto:Alison.events@bolnore.org.uk))

### December

- 8th **Christmas Fair** – 11am - 5pm
- 9th **Christmas Carol Service** – Time TBC

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).

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