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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Here we are, right on top of Christmas. Are you prepared?

Whatever your situation, I hope you are able to find time to sit on the sofa with a cuppa and this month's seasonal selection of articles.

There's exciting news for **Haywards Heath Rugby Football Club**, as they recently unveiled the proposed plans for the development of their site at Whitemans Green. See **page 8** for more information.

Warden Park teachers and staff have also got something to smile about, as the academy has been recognised as an **'Apple Distinguished School'**. Headteacher **Dom Kenrick** tells us more on **page 6**.

If you live in **Bolnore** – we have some special content pages for you, starting on **page 10**. **Elaine Goodwin** takes the **'5 minutes with'** quiz on **page 12** and there's details of Christmas services at **Grace Church** on **page 13**.

On **page 20** **Jacqueline Elmore** goes **Behind the Counter** of Tom's Food on the High Street in the village. Thanks to **Tom Colvill** for sharing his story with us.

We know you love reading stories from folk in the community, so if you know of someone who you believe should be featured on our pages in 2019, do please **drop us an email** to: editor@cuckfieldlife.co.uk.

Page 32 is the home of a feature about the flourishing **Cuckfield Dramatic Society** – which is also proud to be hosting a **Christmas Cabaret** later this month. Check it out!

On **page 36** we have printed an updated location map of all the **defibrillators** in the area. Working with Cuckfield's **Wendy Tracey-Roberts**, we have made changes as needed. If you know of any more, or need to correct this information, do please let us know here.

Finally, I'm grateful to **Caroline Young** for providing us with a few last minute **Christmas recipes** on **page 44**'s Simply Good Food.

Happy Christmas one and all!



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Powerful projections

Cuckfield resident Iain Pringle set up a visual display to honour the men of WWI on Armistice Night, last month.

As seen here, the side of Iain's home (Durnford House) showed images of all 72 men from the village who died in the First World War – which he organised by rigging up a projection system from his parked car. The huge portraits had a big impact on those walking from the village to the Beacon lighting on Whitemans Green.

Iain, who is also a piper, played laments on his pipes as people arrived at the Beacon.



Photo: Jasmine Mamoany



Beacon lighting was very moving

As part of Cuckfield Remembers 1918-2018, the final element of the commemoration was the Beacon Lighting at Whitemans Green on Armistice Night. With thanks to Cuckfield Bonfire Society for its help in building and lighting on the day – this image was taken by Jasmine Mamoany with the 'There but not there' Tommy in the foreground.



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#ForTheNow exhibition goes live

A photographer and Cuckfield resident is showing her work in a unique exhibition at Green Tree Gallery this month.

Sophie Mitchell was granted rare access to Chestnut Tree House – the only children’s hospice in Sussex – in order to showcase the ‘life and colour’ which is on show at the charity’s building in Arundel every day.

Green Tree Gallery co-owner Sam Phillips explained why they are happy to support the charity: “In the frenzied run-up to Christmas it’s a particularly apt time to showcase how Chestnut Tree House helps children with life-limiting conditions live ‘For The Now’. We are delighted to give wall space to Sophie’s amazing photos which tell such an uplifting story.”

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Dom Kenrick, Headteacher, says: "This accreditation, as a centre of excellence, is testimony to the successful research, development and implementation that has gone on over several years to embed the use of digital technologies into our teaching and learning processes.

Through the use of digital technologies our teachers are providing innovative new learning opportunities that are empowering our students to deepen their learning, extend their creativity and develop their independence. This shows our success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishment. Warden Park continues to uphold its traditional values whilst ensuring that students leave with a strong digital learning background enabling them to work and collaborate in an increasingly digital world.

"Warden Park Secondary Academy is a high performing 11-16 school for 1,500 students living in the Mid Sussex area," he continued. "Student outcomes place us in the top 20% of schools nationally and we are heavily oversubscribed for places in Year 7."

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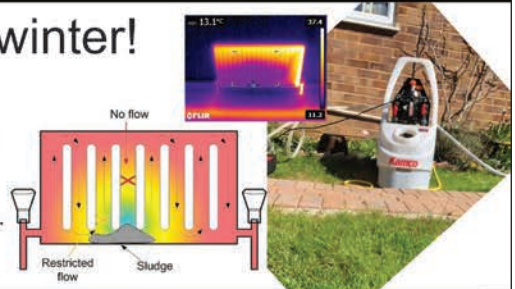
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Entrance Elevation

Exciting plan for Haywards Heath Rugby Club

For a number of years the clubhouse and related amenities at Haywards Heath Rugby Football Club (HHRFC) at Whitemans Green, Cuckfield have been deemed inadequate. Currently it does not satisfy the needs of a growing community of rugby players, families and supporters and is in reality no longer fit for purpose.

With the generous assistance of the club's main sponsor, Fairfax and its education foundation Fairfax Building Young Futures, the Club is planning to build a brand new, state of the art multi-sports pavilion at Whitemans Green.

This will provide the rugby club with a new two-storey clubhouse offering facilities to support other local sports clubs, provide Fairfax Building Young Futures with an operational base and offer enormous benefits for the

health and well-being of the local and wider Mid Sussex community.

The timetable for this project is ambitious but achievable with the goal to have the new facilities operating by the start of the 2020/21 season.

This development will bring tangible benefits to the

local community for the next decade and beyond. Both current and future generations of players and supporters now have a fantastic opportunity to create a new, prestigious and worthy home for HHRFC.



Elevation to Whitemans Green

The project is in full swing and a public consultation with the project team took place at the clubhouse on 5th December to discuss the plans and answer questions. If you were not present and have any queries then please feel free to contact HHRFC by email: rugby@hhrfc.co.uk.

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Bags of money

Children and parents from Bolnore Village Primary School have helped to raise money by sorting clothes from home.

The recent Bag2School collection in Bolnore saw 169 bags brought to the school! There was a competition at the school, between the classes, which resulted in three of the classes tying to win most bags donated – with 18 each for Maple, Mulberry and Juniper.

The service enables schools to fundraise, so the Friends of Bolnore Village Primary School gained £280 from this collection.



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Christmas Fair

The Primary School will be holding its annual Christmas Fair on Monday 17th December.

Organisers say that although the Fair will be on a smaller scale this year, it will still feature plenty of festive fun for young and old alike!

Held at the school between 3.30pm and 5pm, there will be a chocolate tombola, secret present room, raffle and refreshments – of course!

Although there will not be a grotto this year, organisers are hoping that Father Christmas will be paying a visit during the afternoon.

All are welcome to come along, buy some gifts and support your local school.

Fundraising joy for school

The Friends of Bolnore Village Primary School (FoBVPS) were delighted to find out that their grant application for the Morrison Foundation as successful as have been awarded £500 which will allow them continue supporting the school with their Forest School programme.

Jo Roberts commented: "Forest School is such an important part of being at Bolnore, providing children from across the whole school with the opportunity to learn outdoors and is also a great way to promote physical development and a healthy lifestyle. The FOBVPS have recently made a huge contribution to buying new tools, resources and rebarking the Forest School site. Without the FoBVPS support the school will not be able to continue to operate the programme in its current unique and successful way."

The school has also recently celebrated the amazing total of £3,500 raised via the Co-op's Community Fund.

Bolnore Book Swap open

Residents of Bolnore Village now have their own lending library available at the Woodside! The Bolnore Book Swap is a simple concept... give a book, get a book! Two bookcases have been installed, one for children's and one for adults' books. Take all your preloved books along, drop them off and choose any new ones that you would like to read. If anyone has books to donate but is not able to get to the Woodside, then please feel free to contact Amanda Saunders (aksanders1@gmail.com), who has set up the initiative, who will be happy to collect them from you.



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5 MINUTES WITH...

Elaine Goodwin

Elaine is a software developer for an IT company in Haywards Heath and she loves organising events that bring people together. She comes from a large Maltese family giving her 15 aunts and uncles and 49 cousins!

How long have you lived in Bolnore? 6 years

What's the best thing about being here?
The school and the school community

Favourite ice cream flavour?
Mint choc chip

How many houses have you lived in?
14 – 2 in Bolnore

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

Favourite holiday destination?
The Maldives

Song you play the most?
Promises – Calvin Harris & Sam Smith

What would you do if you won £1million?
Buy an old house to renovate

What was the last present you gave someone?
A colouring book

Strangest thing you've ever eaten?
Beef tongue in Japan

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

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Christmas in Bolnore

By Dan Woodfield

You are invited to celebrate this Christmas Season with Grace Church Haywards Heath! We are a friendly family church located in the heart of the Bolnore Village Community, meeting at The Woodside Centre. The church is made up of people from different nationalities, various stages of life (we have around 30 kids every Sunday) and backgrounds. We're very used to welcoming anyone and everyone.

We realise that Christmas can be a wonderful time of celebration and joy for many. For others Christmas can be a tough time for many reasons. Still for others, Christmas is a time which raises questions about life, hope and faith. Whichever group you fall into, you are welcome to join us!

Christmas holds a special place in the hearts of many of us as wonderful memories but also in our journey of faith and spirituality. At Grace Church, we want to provide as much opportunity to explore the meaning of Christmas as possible, to make the most of the spiritual significance of the season. All of our services include a Christmas message - digging into the historical events and spiritual significance of the Christmas Story and the birth of Jesus Christ. This is a particularly exciting part of Christmas for us, and we hope it will be for you too.

Christmas refreshments will be provided at all our events, making our Christmas Services a wonderful opportunity to meet new people from the community in a fun, relaxed and seasonal setting.

We will be running a number of special Christmas Services:

Carols by Candlelight – Sunday 16th December, 4pm – Join us as we gather to sing traditional carols under the soft glow of candlelight, enjoy mulled wine and mince pies, and reflect on the Christmas Story together. We run a Children's Christmas Party upstairs during the Carols as well, so feel free to bring the whole family.

Christingle Service – Monday 24th December, 4pm – On Christmas Eve, we fill The Woodside with as many people as we can fit and give a Christingle to as many children as want one. This is a family-friendly service with popular Christmas Songs, an age-appropriate Christmas Reflection and a Christingle for every child. Of course, Christmas snacks are provided both before and after the Service.

Christmas Day Celebration – Tuesday 25th December, 10.30am – On Christmas Day, we gather together to celebrate together as a local community. This is a short service with Christmas Carols and a Christmas Message to get us thinking about the significance of the birth and life of Jesus Christ. Don't worry, we promise we'll finish with plenty of time to get back for Christmas Lunch!



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Christmas carols for Alzheimer's Society

Residents from Cuckfield and the surrounding areas are invited to get festive by joining this year's Alzheimer's Society's Cuckfield Christmas Carol Concert.

Organised by members of the Mid Sussex Dementia Forum – a group of people living well with dementia – the concert will be held on Friday 14th December at 3.30pm at Holy Trinity Church.

The congregation will hit the high notes with traditional and non-traditional Christmas carols and readings.

The concert will be followed by a Christmas Café from 4.30pm with free refreshments and all are welcome to attend. Tim Wilkins, Alzheimer's Society Service User Involvement Officer for West Sussex, said: "A lot of hard work has gone into organising this year's Christmas Carol Concert in Cuckfield by these inspirational people with dementia, and I am sure it will be a fantastic event. This concert will also help raise awareness of dementia in the local area. Please come along and join us."

For more information on the event, or if you have any questions about dementia, call Alzheimer's Society Sussex Helpline on 01403 213017.



Sherlock Holmes comes to Cuckfield

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By Fiona Evans, Cuckfield Interiors

Christmas is calling and it's time to think about decorations. The shops are full of them. In our modern world we've moved on from paper chains and tinsel, as choices in decorations include clever technology that are fun to play with to create a 'Christmassy' ambience. Instead of plugging in strings of lights to wrap around the tree we can now have smart fairy lights that leap into action with the use of an app or by asking Alexa to switch them on. Christmas lights generate a calm, magical, twinkling space full of atmosphere. I like battery operated LED lights. It means that they can be used anywhere, in small or difficult places, without plugging into a socket (but you do need to be able to reach the on/off switch on the string of LEDs). White, coloured or flashing LEDs can be placed in glass containers such as jars, bottles, bowls or against mirrors to create something pretty unique. You don't even have to add lights to artificial trees now as some have inbuilt fibre optic lights which obligingly glow at the ends of branches when switched on or sparkle or flash with attached LED lights. Battery operated LED lights come in strings, ropes, curtains or clusters or made to look like flickering candles. Thanks to LEDs there is a whole world of Christmas lights out there which can change colour or hang on walls in shapes such as stag heads or Santa.

Then there is laser technology! A recent discovery in our household are dancing laser lights. Stars and shapes projected on to the floor or wall producing an animated display of festive shapes which small children love to dance and play in. We've come a long way from when real lit candles were clipped on to trees to signify that Jesus was the light of the world as nowadays clip on LED candles are a safer option.

Animated, noisy battery-operated toy Santas, snowmen and penguins can bounce, trundle or run across a carpet singing an infectious festive song or zoom across a string beneath the ceiling responding to sudden noise such as a clap, thanks to battery power and LED lighting. Massive inflatable, lit Santas and snowmen can inhabit your garden to welcome guests.

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Who is Tom?

BEHIND THE COUNTER

By Jacqueline Elmore

Follow me as we drive into the village. See the grandeur of Cuckfield Park on your left, past The White Harte Inn on your right, standing proud since 1881, around the winding bend flanked by colourful cottages and under the umbrella branches of the old cedar tree. At this point, as you curve round to the left, directly on your right you will find a quaint and cosy snug, host to both great coffee and culinary craft. Most of us will have seen Cuckfield's iconic 'Tom's Food' sign on their travels, but who is Tom and what is Tom's Food?

Tom is Tom Colvill.

Tom opened the Tom's Food cafe in August 2014, initially at the back of Nicky C - his Mum's shop - within a charming little room complete with aged beams, stone floors and an abundance of authentic character. Years later, following a reshuffle, Nicky C moved across the road and Tom moved his business to the front of the shop.

"Mum and I were always looking at doing something together, a sort of joint venture; a combined business. She helped with the design of the place. Mum is a talented interior designer and really has an eye for these sorts of things."

Fast forward and Tom's mum, Nicky, is back at the original site selling her wares, adding once again to the charm of the cafe and helping to create a welcoming, tranquil warm ambience felt by all who walk through the door.

"Obviously having mum in the back room selling her stuff certainly helps with the atmosphere. Mum and I are very similar in our tastes so we have a joint say in

the overall look. Anything she buys for her shop she can obviously put in here - for instance the tables, chairs and some of the lamps are Mum's."

Tom spent most of his early life near the foot of the North Downs in Oxted, Surrey before leaving home for university where he studied building surveying. Following a period of work in London, Tom decided to try something different, something that he'd not done before, and something that he knew he'd enjoy. For Tom, that something was food.

Tom's interest in food and cooking stems from the lessons he learnt as a child growing up around his grandparents, particularly his grandmother - who turns 90 this month - who used to run a Bed and Breakfast in Findon.

"My grandmother is my inspiration. I remember baking bread with her as a kid. She was an amazing cook. She used to cook grandpa a three course breakfast every day before he went off to work. They were as fit as fiddles, swam in the sea and would eat anything - even dripping on toast!"

For Tom it's all about leading a healthy lifestyle, everything in moderation and learning new things.

"I change my lunch menu every two or three weeks and I like to push the boundaries. I like learning new things, so I never repeat the same menu. Modern British food is all very interesting but sometimes creating a fusion inspired by less well-known ingredients or something you've not tried before is just as fun."

Tom's Food is open Monday to Saturday as a cafe and then in the evenings, mostly weekends. It also caters for private groups.



Photos: Max Langran

"I started doing the private dinners when I first opened. I might have to prepare food for up to 20 people, normally three courses and a bespoke menu, but with that I have to plan ahead. I will scour the internet or look at my cookbooks for inspiration."

Tom recently got married and, with the help of his new wife Lorna, has begun hosting regular supper clubs which provide a more informal dining experience.

"With my wife around, we're trying to do more of the supper clubs together. I've just done a sherry evening with my cousin who works for Fortnum and Mason's in London where we created a five course sherry and food pairing. I hadn't really done anything that special before because it's normally casual dining, but it was a great success so I'm looking forward to creating more of this sort of thing in the future."

Tom is honest about the commitment it takes to get a small business up and running.

"When it's your own business you go to bed thinking about it and it's the first thing on your mind when you wake up. I order food every night for the restaurant and I cook it every day, so when I am at home I try my best to relax. Saying that, I truly love where I work."

It is clear that it is both Cuckfield itself and the people who live here that add to the attraction.

"Cuckfield is a lovely village, with very friendly people. It is small, so I do often see regular faces coming in to meet and enjoy a coffee. Once you've lived or worked somewhere for a certain amount of time you get to know people, and hopefully the people of Cuckfield feel the same way about me and visiting Tom's Food."

Tom's Food is housed in one of the oldest buildings on the High Street. Its low ceilings and quirky character go back as far as the 17th century.

"We've had so many people ask about the age of the property. And people saying 'oh my Dad used to live

here' or 'I know someone that used to live here'. There was an old headmaster who was brought up here, and an elderly gentleman whose grandparents were raised in the property when it was a house. It's amazing to be part of the local history and I love that Tom's Food is on Cuckfield High Street."

It's clear that Tom's passion for cooking is something that he hopes to continue more of in the future. Perhaps another Tom's Food is in the offing? Or maybe we will see some Tom's Food jams and chutneys? For now Tom is happy focusing on the here and now rather than looking too far ahead.

Tom does, however, have a dream. It's not about fame or notoriety but about having a simple vision of quality and happiness for himself, his family and his customers.

"My dream, given the choice, would be to buy a smallholding with some stables, a farm and convert it into a small boutique hotel with a few rooms; sort of a bed breakfast and somewhere that you can host events."

It is a worthy dream and if Tom's Food is anything to go by then it will be a wonderful place to stay, and especially to eat, drink and enjoy the company of others.



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Winning float for Holy Trinity School

By David Tingley

Cuckfield's Holy Trinity School was the proud winner of Best Float in the Mayor's Procession back in October. Although we featured lots of images from the event in last month's issue, we were very remiss and didn't include this winning effort. So here it is, complete with John the driver, who dressed up as The Greatest Showman! Well done to the school.



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Ambrose

Dear friends,

Christmas is almost upon us - the season of goodwill and the heart-warming glow of family and friends gathered together in celebration. Giant Santas and huge LED laden reindeer, Christmas trees and bells decorate communities and shopping centres the world over.

It seems far removed from the original event of the birth of the baby whose name the day bears, or indeed the lives of those who, for whatever reason, will find no celebration possible. Yet it is precisely for this reason that, if we strip the tinsel away, we find the true meaning of Christmas.

Ambrose (who lived in the 300s), pondering Luke's radiant account of the Nativity of Jesus, decided that it reflected every aspect of our lives. In Jesus is offered the possibility of true freedom, continual transformation and a call to the knowledge that we are loved beyond measure. What could be better?

With all best wishes for Christmas and 2019.

Michael (Vicar)

The Cuckfield Nativity Thursday 20th December at 6pm

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Sunday 16th December

- 8am Holy Communion
- 9.45am Family Nativity and Carol Service
- 6pm A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (followed by refreshments)

Thursday 20th December

- 6pm The Cuckfield Nativity

Sunday 23rd December

- 8am Holy Communion
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist

Christmas Eve (Monday)

- 2.30pm Crib Services (church)
- 4pm Crib Services (church)
- 4pm Stable Service (Old School)
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Although residents are pleased to hear that local policing will be strengthened by these 200 extra officers, they are already indicating that they would like even more. That is why the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, has opened a survey on her website to gauge potential support for raising more funding locally if the Government lifts the current cap on the police precept.

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Tuesday 15th January 2019: National closing date for starting school applications. You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

Tuesday 16th April 2019: Online applicants are notified by email, and others by second class post, which school their child is offered.

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Raising the curtain

CUCKFIELD DRAMATIC SOCIETY

By Jacqueline Elmore

Cuckfield Dramatic Society (CDS) has been entertaining the local community, on and off, for over 50 years and right now it's rehearsing for its next big production, 'A Christmas Cabaret'. The running theme for this year's event is the music of the 1970s; in particular some of the classic performances seen on Top of the Pops during what some referred to as 'the Me decade'.

For those of you old enough to recall the 1970s, you might remember it as 'the' decade, where popular culture and politics truly collided. Nixon invaded Cambodia. The Beatles parted ways. Tie dye and bell bottoms were worn with straight faces. Along with many iconic moments, the 1970s is best known for its music: Punk, Progressive Rock and D.I.S.C.O are just a few of the melodic movements that gained momentum.

This will be the fourth year running that Cuckfield Dramatic Society has put on its Christmas Cabaret, and local resident and CDS Secretary Martin Sheldon believes that this year's show might be the biggest and best to date: "We've got some really fantastic stuff planned. If you love the 1970s then you're in for a treat. There is something in the show for everyone: from Bowie to T-Rex, from Elton John to Neil Diamond and from Fleetwood Mac to Richards and Jagger. We've got it all."

Martin moved to Cuckfield not long after the rebirth of CDS in 1997.

"When we first arrived in Cuckfield we popped into the White Harte Inn for a quick drink and someone started

talking to my wife, Harriet. He asked her what she had planned now that she had moved to the village, and she said 'I was thinking of joining an amateur dramatic society' and he said 'well that's terribly convenient, because I'm the Chairman!'"

Shortly after, Martin's wife persuaded him to help with stage-building. Martin's later motivation for acting was to improve the quality of presentations he delivered at work. By getting involved Martin hoped to learn some new insights and techniques to improve his presentation style.

Martin himself dedicates up to 20 hours a month to Cuckfield Dramatic Society, and even more time if there is an active production being delivered. Not only does Martin act, he also helps with set design, administration, organisation and on occasion has even been known to wear the producer's hat.

However, it has not always been plain sailing and it takes commitment from all to make the society a success: "About ten years ago the society nearly closed, mainly because the original members were getting older, some had moved away and some simply lost interest."

Nowadays Cuckfield Dramatic Society produces a summer and an autumn play as well as club nights and other social gatherings. Its annual February Frolic (a one act play, sketches and a meal) draws in a loyal and enthusiastic crowd and for the last three years it has hosted a Christmas Cabaret at the Queen's Hall all decked out according to the theme of the evening.

“Our first ever Christmas production featured material from the real ‘Cabaret’ so it was a nod to the Burlesque era and to 1930s Berlin. We also threw in some 1940s American swing for good measure. The year after it was 1950s rock and roll, and last year we romped through the music of the 1960s.”

One of the most successful productions that Cuckfield Dramatic Society has performed thus far was its adaptation of Arthur Miller’s ‘The Crucible’ which was performed in ‘the round’ (a style of theatre where the audience is placed on at least three sides of the stage).

Looking further into 2019, Cuckfield Dramatic Society is currently holding auditions for its next big production ‘Stepping Out’. “We’ve already starting planning for that one. So we’ll be looking for dancers, and some people that can’t really dance particularly well but that we can help choreograph and teach the routine to.”

For Martin, living in Cuckfield means getting involved in community based projects, something that gives Martin a lot of enjoyment: “There are a number of reasons why I enjoy living in Cuckfield. There is an



Photos: Steve Bishopp

incredible sense of community here in the village. I think it’s a very warm place. It’s small enough so you can get to know most of the people within it. And when you walk down the High Street you don’t have to look very far for someone you know.”

For tickets to the 2018 Cuckfield Dramatic Society Christmas Cabaret please visit www.cdsweb.co.uk/audience/ticket-sales

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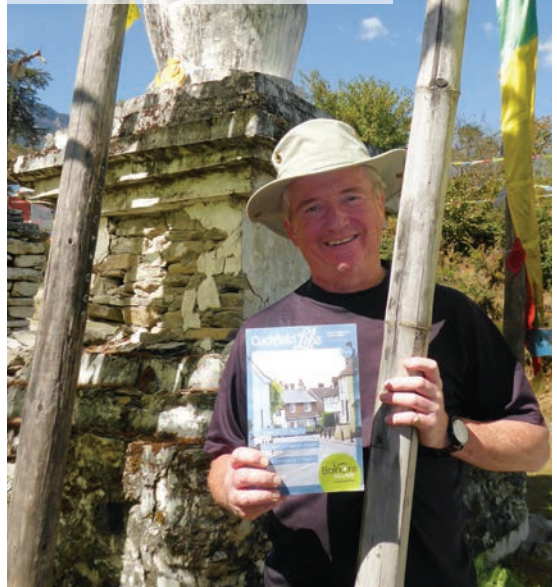
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Lifesaving knowledge

Where's your nearest defibrillator?

We last ran this article in February this year - and we vowed to run it on a semi-regular basis for the good of the community.

At Cuckfield Life we'd like to encourage everyone living and working in the village to familiarise themselves with the sites of the lifesaving defibrillator machines and learn how to use them.

After the recent discovery that the Whitemans Green defib had been stolen - we have changed the map to reflect this. But we also know of three more defibs at sports facilities in that area. There are also two machines in Bolnore Village - at The Woodside and at the Primary School, both of which are publicly accessible.

Several of the machines have been provided by the Sussex Heart Charity - and an application has already been put in to it see if funds may be made available for a replacement of the Whitemans Green unit. We also understand that the local Co-op store has pledged £250 to fund a new or replacement defib, plus the Independent State of Cuckfield has said they will be funding a defibrillator in full for either Whitemans Green

or outside the Co-op at that end of the village. Watch out on our pages for news of these new installations.

All of the machines are portable and contain full instructions, but why not give yourself a head start with an online tutorial?

Cuckfield resident Wendy Tracey-Roberts-Macrae needed to make use of the Whitemans Green machine when her neighbour collapsed. Unfortunately nobody on the scene knew where to locate this, so Wendy now strongly recommends we all get to know where our machines are and to have a go at the Lifesaver app, which is free to download on to an iPad or any smart phone. The app is also recommended by the Resuscitation Council. "Anyone, regardless of age or ability, can learn how to help," says Wendy. "Please give it a go. With our emergency services so overworked, we as communities can get better at helping ourselves, and it really does make a difference."

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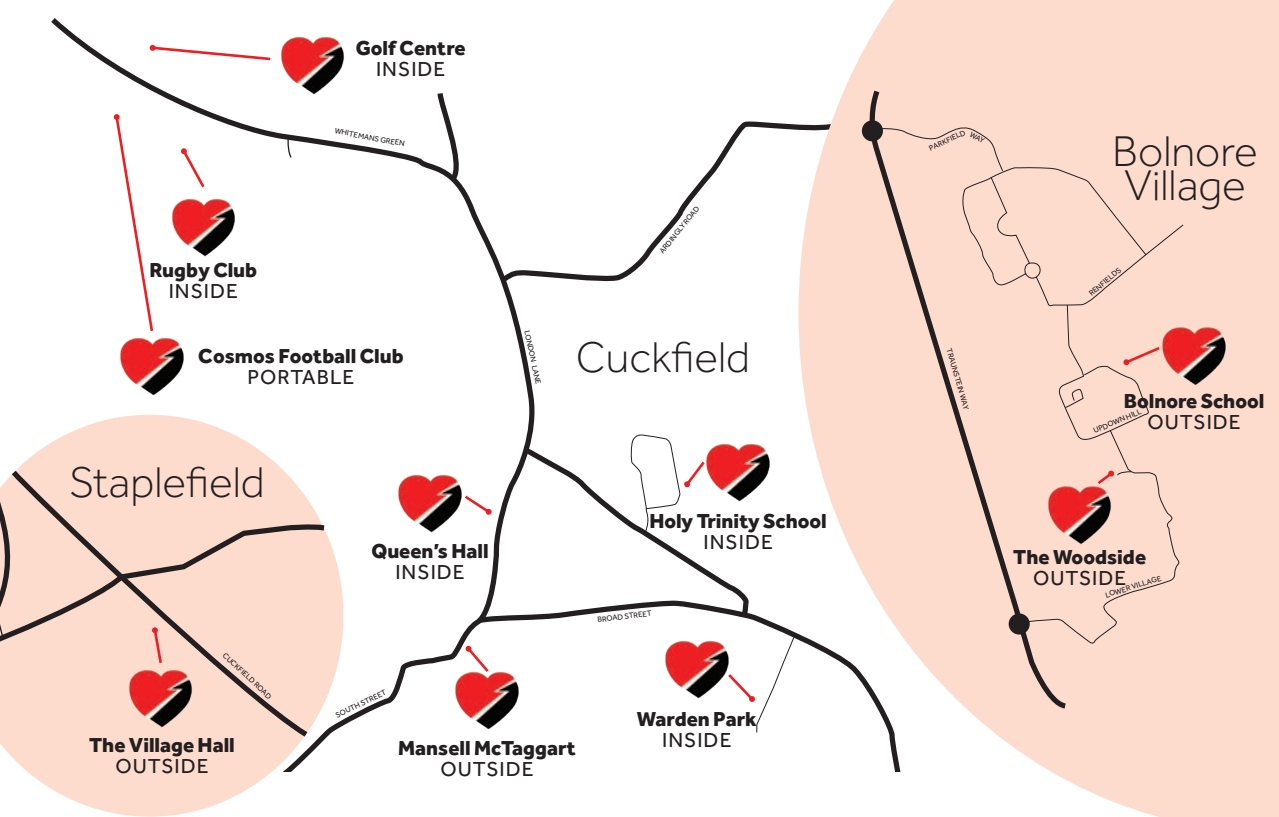
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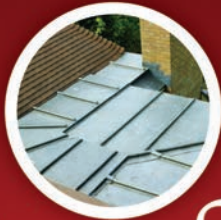
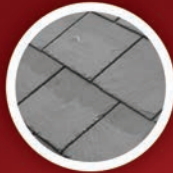
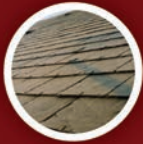
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'Remembers' concert went well

By Luke Mitchell

An excellent programme was performed on 10th November to commemorate one hundred years since the armistice which ended the First World War.

The evening concert, which drew an audience that filled Holy Trinity Church, included music by composers who wrote for the era: Holst, Vaughan Williams and George Butterworth, who died on the Somme in 1916. A wide range of talent was on display, applied in different contexts to give a texturally diverse show: Sussex folk songs were performed by Bonnie Flitney, Reverend Michael Maine gave voice to two moving songs (accompanied by Caroline Tyler on piano) and a group of village men gave a rendition of Silent Night, fully resplendent in soldiers' uniforms to reflect the 1914 Christmas Day truce. Warden Park and Oathall orchestras embedded a sense of tradition with a mournful performance of Elgar's Nimrod.

Jane Houghton, who directed the music, said: "My starting point was using the music as a vehicle for remembrance. I think it's wonderful to remember it in music, because a lot of people know the war poets, but they don't know the music so well."

The highlight feature of the programme was a performance of All That I Am, an original piece composed by Andrew Thurgood with words by Sally Symes. A choir (made up of 52 local people), flute (Sam Davies), cello (Hannah Carter), a treble soloist singer (Fearghus Beauchamp) and two talented solo singers Oliver Pilgrim and Isabelle Worssam conveyed simultaneously the serenity of home in Sussex and the horror of war on the front, by means of music that flows seamlessly between beautiful and discordant. The narrative is based around two real Cuckfield residents: a love story of George and May Botting who had only just married when war broke out. This beauty and discordance in the music portrays a profound story of two lovers split between two worlds: that of Cuckfield and that of the front.



Sally explained a little bit about the process of realising this story in music: "It felt right to use a love story. It was a love story of George and May, but also a love story of him and his country, which was a bigger picture. We used that, juxtaposed against him giving his vow to May: 'All I am I give to you'. All he was he gave to his country; it seemed like the perfect way to do the song". She also outlined some of the history of these two worlds and how, although they were far apart, the effects were tangibly felt: 'One of the letters that May sends to George says that the windows in Cuckfield were rattling with battle fire'.

Cuckfield Remembers was drawn to an appropriate close on the Sunday evening with a beacon being lit on Whiteman's Green – accompanying other villages and towns nationwide that did the same. The rain didn't deter Cuckfield residents from coming to pay their respects en masse – a spectacle which, along with the concert the night before, exemplified the importance of remembering profound loss of life a century ago.

An errant tenant

LISTEN TO THE LAWYER

By **Martyn Gooch**, partner **Rohan Solicitors**

Question: I am a landlord of a residential property having granted an Assured Shorthold Tenancy agreement (AST) to a tenant. The tenant has failed to pay the rent and I want to evict him. How do I do this?

Answer: There are two routes available to a landlord wishing to recover possession of a residential property. Which one to use is dependent on whether the term of the AST has expired. Both procedures are outlined in the Housing Act 1988.

Firstly, irrespective of whether the tenant has breached the terms of the AST, a landlord is entitled to demand possession of the property when the term has expired provided that he gives the tenant at least two month's written notice in advance (called a Section 21 Notice). If the tenant still refuses to leave, the landlord can issue possession proceedings in the county court to obtain a court order. Obtaining possession via this path is known as the non-fault based route.

If, however, the tenant is in breach of the terms of the AST the landlord may, at any time during or after expiry of the term, seek possession by issuing the tenant with a different notice (known as a Section 8 Notice) demanding that the tenant leave within 14 days or face court proceedings. The Notice must highlight the breaches being relied on and those breaches must fall within one of the categories identified in the Housing Act. The relevant category in your case being 'non-payment of rent'. Others include 'breach of some other term of the AST' and that the 'tenant has been convicted of a serious offence whilst at the property'. The ground must be included in the Section 8 Notice and in the subsequent court proceedings should they become necessary. This route to recovering possession is often referred to as the fault-based procedure.

If the rent is payable monthly, at least two months' rent must be outstanding before you are able to issue a Section 8 Notice relying on non-payment of rent. If the tenant then ignores the Notice, continues to refuse to pay rent and proceedings are issued against the tenant, then the court will make an order granting the landlord possession of the property.

Possession claims can be complicated, particularly if they are contested by the tenant. It is crucial that you have complied with the various statutory obligations that are imposed on landlords before you even consider serving Notice on the tenant. For example, the landlord must protect the tenant's deposit in a government approved scheme and have provided the tenant with various documentation at the start of the tenancy. Moreover, there are a number of practical issues that must be addressed before you can take legal action to evict your tenant, such as ensuring the property has a valid EPC and that it is fitted with smoke alarms.

Martyn can be contacted by email on mgooch@rohansolicitors.co.uk or by telephone 01444 450901.

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The trustees of Cuckfield Cottage Homes Trust would like to thank the Co-op food stores in the village centre and in Whitemans Green for raising £2,310.55 to help with the maintenance of the Trust's six cottage homes.

A very big thank you to all the staff of the two local Co-op stores for supporting this great initiative, and also to all the Co-op's loyal customers. This funding helps the Trust to provide safe, warm and comfortable homes for deserving local older people. Located near Holy Trinity Church, the homes were built in 1882 and are therefore 136 years old. The Co-op funds will be used to ensure that these homes continue to be well maintained and updated to modern standards. This money was raised via the Co-op's Local Community Fund - a (1%) donation is made to the local causes when Co-op customers use their light blue membership card.

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WSCC Recycling Ambassador Colin McFarlin sheds some light on what can and can't be recycled in our domestic blue bins. If you have a question for him, email: editor@cuckfieldlife.co.uk



Thank you for all your individual enquiries about your recycling. By the time you read this I will have replied individually to all your emails to the editor on recycling. Keep the questions coming...

With Christmas just around the corner, here are some tips to improve your recycling into the New Year.

Did you know Christmas is the busiest time for our recycling team, so we would appreciate your help.

- Any items that have a plug, use batteries, need charging or have a picture of a crossed out wheelie bin on, as shown here, are known as Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). Take these and broken Christmas lights to your local Household Waste Recycling Site ('the tip') – the Small Electricals Recycling point
- When buying your Christmas wrapping paper, avoid metallic/plastic film or glitter – do the scrunch test – if it stays scrunched it can be recycled. Remove large bows and as much sellotape as possible
- Check your Christmas bin collection dates and Christmas recycling tips
www.midsussex.gov.uk/waste-recycling
- Take real Christmas trees to your local council Christmas tree recycling point
www.midsussex.gov.uk/treerecycling
- Tops off all bottles and containers please, and put in your rubbish bin. Remember 'Clean, Dry and Loose' in your recycling bin
- Remove non-recyclable packaging from boxes, such as polystyrene/plastic wrap and film, and place in your rubbish bin
- Large cardboard boxes – fold flat – if too large for recycling bin then please tear into smaller pieces (cereal box size) and place in recycling bin or take oversized cardboard to the Household Waste Recycling Site ('the tip') – do not leave to the side of the recycling bin as will get wet, and wet cardboard cannot be recycled and will not be collected
- Christmas cards can be recycled in your blue bin, or with your favourite charity
- Please do not place batteries in your general rubbish bin or your recycling bin at home – these can spark and cause fires – please recycle them at shops that sell batteries. They all have battery recycling points, usually near the checkout
- Black plastic food trays can be recycled



Do keep your individual questions coming on specific items you are not sure can be recycled. One email to editor@cuckfieldlife.co.uk, with a picture if possible, and I can let you know.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Be part of the Village Show competition...

Although it may seem like a long time away, Cuckfield Society are asking residents of the village to consider what they will be entering into the Village Show on 7th September 2019.

Next year's event will be the 14th annual Cuckfield Village Show and will be held at the Baptist Church, on Polestub Lane, as last year.

The list of entry classes is shown on the opposite page - some require more planning than others - hence this early notification!

Perhaps you fancy your chances at cultivating the Heaviest Marrow? Maybe flowers are more your thing? Or baking, art or photography? There's even classes specifically for children at various ages, including preschoolers.

Do have a peruse of the list here and begin working out what you'd like to enter.

More information on the event can be found on the website: www.cuckfield.org - entry forms will be available, but not until July.

Cuckfield Village Show takes place on 7th September between 2.30-4.30pm.



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CUCKFIELD VILLAGE SHOW 2019 LIST OF CLASSES



HORTICULTURAL VEGETABLES

- 1 5 runner beans
- 2 Longest runner bean - 1st prize only
- 3 5 broad bean pods
- 4 5 French beans
- 5 Heaviest marrow - 1st prize only
- 6 Heaviest pumpkin - 1st prize only
- 7 A pumpkin or squash - not exceeding 30cm
- 8 3 mixed squash
- 9 5 onions from either seeds or sets, under 250g (9oz) each
- 10 3 onions from either seed or sets, over 250g (9oz) each
- 11 5 shallots
- 12 3 leeks
- 13 5 mushrooms
- 14 A bowl of edible leaves - max bowl size 30cm diameter
- 15 Posy of mixed herbs judged for variety
- 16 Beefsteak tomato
- 17 5 tomatoes any variety
- 18 A head of celery
- 19 5 radishes
- 20 2 cucumbers
- 21 3 white potatoes
- 22 3 coloured potatoes
- 23 Heaviest potato - 1st prize only
- 24 3 carrots
- 25 3 beetroot
- 26 3 peppers
- 27 3 chillies
- 28 A brassica
- 29 A bunch of Swiss chard
- 30 3 courgettes, not exceeding 20cm long
- 31 The Jo Roche Cup - Selection of homegrown produce in a container
- 32 Most spectacular vegetable
- 33 Most amusing vegetable (can enter on the day)

FRUIT

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

FLOWERS

- 39 3 dahlias - cactus or semi-cactus variety
- 40 3 dahlias - decorative variety
- 41 3 dahlias - pom pom variety
- 42 3 dahlias - ball variety
- 43 1 dahlia any variety, one specimen bloom
- 44 The single most fragrant rose
- 45 5 roses
- 46 A posy of flowers
- 47 3 delphiniums

FLORAL ART

- 48 A floral arrangement, with any accessories, inspired by a song, not exceeding 45cm in any direction
- 49 An arrangement in a jam jar
- 50 A table centre piece

FOOD AND DRINK

- 51 The Katie Stewart Cup - Katie's Plum Tart
- 52 Lemon meringue pie
- 53 Vegetarian savoury flan
- 54 3 Chelsea buns
- 55 5 Viennese whirls
- 56 3 ginger biscuits

- 57 5 falafel
- 58 A ramekin dish of hummus
- 59 3 bread rolls
- 60 A speciality loaf
- 61 3 parmesan shortbreads
- 62 3 savoury muffins
- 63 1 jar chutney any recipe
- 64 1 jar jam
- 65 1 jar fruit jelly
- 66 1 jar red onion marmalade
- 67 1 jar marmalade any flavour
- 68 1 bottle homemade fruit spirit

CRAFTS

- 69 An upcycled garment
- 70 An item of woodwork
- 71 An item of embroidery or tapestry no bigger than 60cm
- 72 A hat
- 73 A knitted or crocheted item of clothing
- 74 A bag - any medium
- 75 A handmade greetings card
- 76 A cushion

ART (Max size 60cm H, 60cm W, including frame)

- 77 A lino print
- 78 A landscape - any medium
- 79 A portrait - any medium
- 80 A still life - any medium
- 81 An abstract - any medium

PHOTOGRAPHY (Max size 20cm H, 20cm W, unmounted)

- 82 Enthusiasm
- 83 The spirit of Cuckfield
- 84 Beach
- 85 Destruction
- 86 Transportation picture (old or modern)

KEY STAGE 3 & 4

- 87 Something I've made at school
- 88 Make a mobile phone case
- 89 Savoury quiche (no fish)
- 90 Design a bracelet

KEY STAGE 2

- 91 Something I've made at school
- 92 Write a poem
- 93 3 flapjacks
- 94 Build a mini magical creatures garden from foraged materials

KEY STAGE 1 & RECEPTION

- 95 Something I've made at school
- 96 A piece of art made from the recycling bin
- 97 Necklace made from dried pasta
- 98 Create a character from the Lion King

PRE-SCHOOLERS

- 99 Something I've made at pre-school
- 100 Something I grew
- 101 A hand print picture
- 102 A mask

Christmas cranberries

SIMPLY GOOD FOOD

Cranberry and raspberry relish

(Makes about 300ml.)

Combine 1 small very finely chopped onion with 3tbs red wine vinegar in a pan and cook, stirring until the onion is softened. Stir in 4tbs orange fine-cut marmalade, 1tbs grated fresh ginger and 250g each of fresh or frozen (no need to thaw) cranberries and raspberries. Cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until the fruit has softened and the mixture thickened slightly. You could add some roughly chopped pecans or walnuts at this stage. Pot, cool cover, and refrigerate.

Chestnut mousse (Serves 6-8)

Dissolve 75g soft brown sugar in 2tbs hot water, then add 2tbs rum. Whisk together 439g can unsweetened chestnut puree and 500g plain full fat Greek yogurt until smooth then slowly whisk in the rum syrup. Spoon into individual glasses and chill for several hours. Cover if overnight. To serve sift over icing sugar and top with a marron glace.

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By Caroline Young

The cranberry, a fairly recent addition to our festive menus, has long been a staple ingredient in America both for Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. Wild cranberries, which grow in sandy bogs on trailing vines, were harvested by the American Indians and then by the English settlers, the Pilgrim Fathers, in the New England States where they must have been a very welcome addition to their spartan diet. Today they are harvested using mechanical scoops and often transported back to the packing plants by helicopter to protect the vines and bogs. Knowing the history of these little tart berries perhaps we should accord them a bit more respect! Instead of just opening a supermarket jar, why not make this very delicious relish yourself? For a special Christmas breakfast treat lightly toast thick slices of the bread and serve hot spread with butter or cream cheese.

Cranberry and banana bread

Measure 3tbs milk and 1tbs white wine vinegar into a small bowl and leave for 10 min. Preheat oven 160°C. Butter and line a 2lb loaf tin.

Beat 115g butter and 200g caster sugar until fluffy, beat in 2 eggs then 2 well mashed bananas. Sift over 300g plain flour and 1tsp bicarbonate soda, add the milk mixture and gently blend together. Stir in 75g dried cranberries. Spoon into pan, level top and bake 50-60 min until the bread tests cooked. Leave in the tin for 5 min then turn out on to a wire rack to cool. May be frozen.

Festive bread and butter pudding

(Serves 4-6)

Arrange slices of panettone bread in a shallow ovenproof dish, slightly overlapping like roof tiles and tucking chopped candied fruits or mincemeat in between each slice. Whisk together 2 eggs and 600ml full cream milk or single cream. Strain over the bread and leave to stand for 45 min. Bake at 170°C for 45 min or until the top is crisp and golden.

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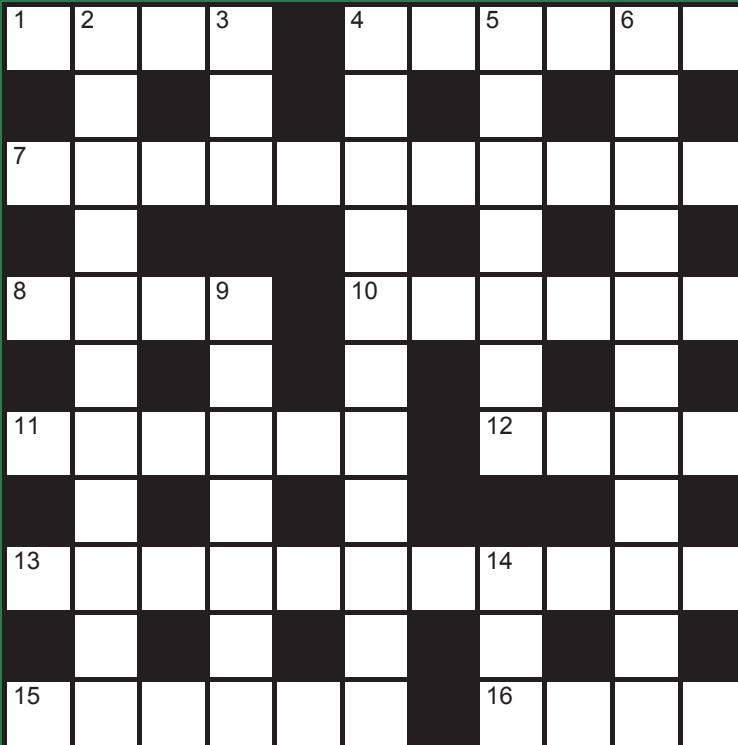
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Across

- 1 Agitate (4)
- 4 Suppose (6)
- 7 Astronomical model (11)
- 8 Literary work (4)
- 10 Anglo-British WWII agent (6)
- 11 Gaming tile (6)
- 12 Group of three persons (4)
- 13 Brave (11)
- 15 Capital of Greece (6)
- 16 Prickly seed vessel (4)

Down

- 2 Switchboard operator (11)
- 3 Flee (3)
- 4 Those who study heavenly bodies (11)
- 5 Snake (7)
- 6 Climber (11)
- 9 Systematically arranged body of facts (7)
- 14 Steal from (3)

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Find the solution to #30 in next month's magazine

#29 Solution

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Fire starter

FROM THE MAYOR'S TABLE

By Leanne Knapman

Well what an exciting time I've had at the start of my term as mayor! Saturday 3rd November saw me down at Cuckfield Park lighting the bonfire. A huge thanks to all those involved in helping to run the event. It raises a large amount of money for the village school and other local good causes. I've seen firsthand just how much planning goes into the event so it's always lovely to see so many people enjoying the evening with their families.

Remembrance Sunday was a sombre day, starting off with me having the honour of laying a wreath at the memorial service outside the church. It was quite possibly the busiest service I have seen in years.

That same afternoon the Independent State of Cuckfield (ISOC) held a tea dance at The Queen's Hall. Well done to Kate and all her helpers for putting on a fantastic event that was enjoyed by people of all ages. The cakes on offer were truly mouth-watering! After the dance, I just had time to take my children home for a quick bite before it was time to head up to Whitemans Green, where the bonfire crew had been busy once again setting up a beacon on the pitch.

It was my absolute pleasure to be asked to light the beacon on this amazing remembrance occasion. I do hope you all managed to take part in some of the wonderful events that were put on as part of the Remembrance weekend to pay tribute to those who fought and never returned.

I'm now speeding towards Christmas and looking forward to all that entails!



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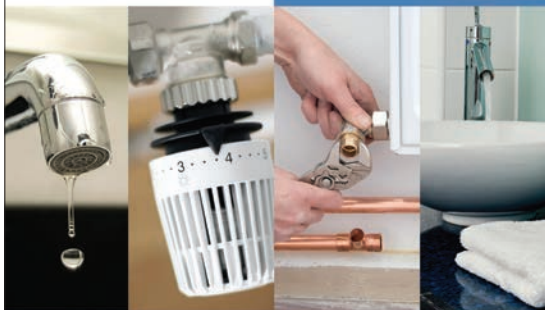
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December

- 12th **RBL Women's Section Cuckfield** – 2.30pm
The Old School Cuckfield - Pantomimes Doug Eaton and Party
- 12th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Lecture: Jane Austen's Christmas by Dr Claire Walsh (£7 on the door)
- 13th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – 10am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Jacqui Pearce on 'Looking at Clay Pipes - Hidden Treasures' (Tickets £8, 01444 483372)
- 14th **Cuckfield Flower Club** – 7.30pm
Methodist Church, Haywards Heath - Tis the Season by Eleanor Bracken (Sue Spooner, chairman on 01444 831602)
- 14th **Carol Concert** – 3.30pm
Holy Trinity Church – Organised by members of Mid Sussex Dementia Forum. Concert followed by Christmas Café from 4.30pm
- 18th **Cuckfield Evening WI** – 7.30pm
The Baptist Church, Polestub Lane - Christmas Party for the Members
- 18th **Christmas Special Concert** – 1pm
Haywards Heath Methodist Church – Lunchtime concert by Ensemble Reza, including Howard Blake's The Snowman. Refreshments and mince pies from 12.30pm.
- 18th **Advent Carol Concert** – 8pm
Ardingly College Chapel – Vivaldi Gloria and carols, charity concert by Ardingly Choral Society (free entry, fundraising for St Peter & St James)

January

- 4th **New Year Organ Recital** – 1pm
Holy Trinity Church – Michael Maine plays a programme of old and new favourites (free)
- 16th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10.45am
Clair Hall - Lecture: Undressing Antiques by Mark Hill (£7 on the door)
- 17th **HH Ceramics Group** – 10am
Clair Hall - Tessa Wolfe Murray 'From Travel to Templates - a Life of Slab Building Pots' (Tickets £8, call 01444 483372)
- 17th **National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall - Talk: 'Sir John Gage & Firle Place' by Helen Poole

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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 Tekkers**
- 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.

December

- 13th **Parish Council Meetings**
7.30pm: Planning, 8.15pm Estates
- 20th **Rain or Shine Theatre Co** – Doors 7pm
Sherlock Holmes and the Curious Case of Dr Jekyll and Miss Hyde (Tickets £10/£6)

January

- 3rd **Parish Council Meetings**
7.30pm: Planning, 8.15pm F & GP
- 24th **Parish Council Meetings**
7.30pm: Planning, 8.15pm Full Council

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** (match days)

Sunday

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

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

December

- 15th **Christmas Quiz** – 7.30pm
Jim Hoodless is Quiz Master and runs this last, and best, quiz of the year! Book your table early via alison.events@bolnore.org.uk

January

- 26th **Quiz Night**

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