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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Welcome to the June issue of Cuckfield Life – half way through 2019 already!



Our **Village People** candidate is **Dumani Ncube** who loves living right here in Cuckfield. **Jacqueline Elmore** went to meet him and she tells his story on **page 28**.

We are pleased to work with **Cuckfield Parish Council**, and on **page 32** we have the latest issue of their quarterly newsletter – which highlights all the recently elected parish councillors. It's also worth noting the news item which mentions road works on London Lane next month.

In **Bolnore** we celebrate a number of successes, including the appointment of residents **Matt Jeffers** and **Alastair McPherson** to office in **Haywards Heath Town Council (p.16)** and also **Lorenzo Collett** being recognised as a king fishmonger (**p.26**).

Cuckfield Music Festival, heavily promoted by us over the last few months, is finally upon us as it starts on 15th June. Do have a look at the item on **page 7** to make sure you are up to speed.

The annual **Staplefield Village Show** took place over the Bank Holiday weekend at the end of last month – and we're pleased to be able to report a well-supported event on **page 14**.

Many of you will be aware of the loss of the **defibrillator** at Whitemans Green last summer. On **page 36** we are pleased to bring good news in that respect – along with the map showing all defibs in the area, which we like to print periodically.

With not long until Wimbledon, it felt like a good time for Jacqueline to talk to **Cuckfield Tennis Club** about its history and plans. See the full article on **page 38**.

On **page 40/41** we are pleased to be able to share two **book reviews** from pupils at Warden Park. If you'd like to contribute one of your own – do please send it in to us: editor@cuckfieldlife.co.uk.

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Holy Trinity PTA Summer Fair

By Amy Hayden

We are proud to announce we will be holding our annual PTA Summer Fair again this year! It will be a fabulous day of family fun and fundraising and will take place on Saturday 13th July between 1pm and 4pm.

Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School has been running this event for a few years now thanks to our parent volunteers and our PTA. We would like to invite the local community to come along to have a lovely afternoon and help raise vital funds for our school.

We have seen a variety of stalls and games in the past, and a hugely popular BBQ and bar! This year we will continue this tradition and will have a variety of stalls for you to enjoy! We hope to have a local Fire Engine, bouncy castle, games, candyfloss, Beat the Goalie challenge and Cuckfield Tennis Club will be with us offering some fun and games, as well as entertainment from a range of fantastic musical and performance groups. There will also be a car show, displaying a range of beautiful cars for all to see!

Whether it's a go on the Bottle Tombola, Toy Tombola, Coconut Shy, Skittles, one of our many traditional fair games or exploring around our fantastic grounds we truly believe there is something for everyone at this fantastic event.

All our profits go directly back to the school to help fund essential equipment and to provide extra learning experiences for our children.

We have a fantastic raffle with tickets on sale during the Fair. Prizes are kindly donated by a range of businesses, including Ockenden Manor Hotel, Godstone Farm, Haywards Heath Golf Club, Tiny Tekkers, Fun Pots, Dolphin Leisure Centre, Codanza, Wakehurst, Nymans, The Oak Barn, Linear Fitness, Plumpton Racecourse, Elita at Oliver Cunningham, Cuckfield Pet and Country Store, and many more! We would like to thank all our raffle prize donors for their generosity and kindness. Thanks also go to our sponsors Hamptons and Cuckfield Bathrooms.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The Play Meadow – Update

By Flis Irving

You may recall this photo of The Play Meadow at the end of Courtmead Road, Cuckfield, and the article in the February edition about a public footpath claim which has been made to recognise a public footpath that used to go through The Play Meadow for many years in the 20th century.

I asked you to think back to see if you could remember walking through this field as described above. It seems that this was a way that many local people took from the 1950s until the 1990s when the gates at the bottom may have been padlocked preventing through access to Newbury Pond and the old golf course beyond.

There was a good response and we are still in the process of identifying further witnesses and evidence, so please do get in touch if you remember walking through the Play Meadow on family walks or to get to and from the allotments. Please email (flisirving@icloud.com) or call me on 01444 415341.



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Music Festival Ready to Frolic

By David Mortimer

This edition of Cuckfield Life will probably drop on the doormat two or three days before the first event of the Music Festival blows or scrapes its first note. So if you haven't yet booked the tickets you've been meaning to buy but forgot to get round to, now's the moment to rush to your keyboard or pop in to Marcus Grimes. As someone said in the pub three or four weeks ago, Cuckfield lays claim to being national champions for last minute buying!

See our website - www.cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk - to buy tickets online.

Sales are going well – one event indeed is already nearing sell-out – and, to utter those fateful words, everything seems to be going smoothly. None of the performers has reported a broken finger, developed laryngitis or been called away to a distant part of the world; none of our 50 wonderful volunteer marshals and bartenders has just realised they've forgotten a clashing family event; the printers have done their stuff and 20,000 brochures have – eventually – been delivered across Mid Sussex.

Of course, the smoother things seem to be going, the more one worries about last minute hitches - after our recent drought, for example, will there be a downpour



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on the night of our open air event, the Greek folk song evening on 19th June in Mill Hall Farm garden? (Though Michael Maine has very kindly offered us shelter in Holy Trinity Church if the worst were to happen.) Better to look on the bright side: if jazz is your thing we have the Mark Edwards Trio and the Speakeasy Revival Orchestra to satisfy the appetite; for classicists, the Horsham Symphony with Ensemble Reza (but hurry – 15th June is very close!) and Caroline Tyler; at a more intimate level, the a capella singing of No Strings Attached in the Talbot and, of course, the astonishing Dominic Ferris of Me and My Piano fame. And don't forget to support the next generation when our children's outstanding skills will be on display (free entry) at Warden Park School on 21st June. Hope to see you there.

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The organising team has gathered some of the finest local musicians to come and play. The styles are all different so there is something for everyone.

Cuckfield resident Sarah Rolph is part of Soulville – who are playing a set in the afternoon. Although only recently formed, members of Soulville have played together in various line-ups for years; Simon Anckorn on keyboards, Nick Daniel on bass guitar, Stef Grimmett on drums, Phil Paton on saxophone and Stu Barbour on lead guitar. Sarah explained: "It's a fantastic band to be part of! We play soul classics from artists such as Chaka Khan, Stevie Wonder and Alicia Keys."

If you're into house and dance then DJ Emz is the woman for you. Or maybe you prefer a bit of indie in which case Octopuses have you covered.

Local author Helen Baugh will be in the Chill Out Zone where she will be reading her fantastic children's books, including *The Witch with an Itch*, and creating magic with some of the spells from the books. Signed copies will be available on the day with profits going to the Friends of Woodlands Meed.



Sarah Rolph with Soulville

Woodlands Meed is the area's local special needs school and college students from the school will also be on hand to sell you their wonderful enterprise creations.

So, if you fancy an afternoon of entertainment, grab your picnic blanket and go along to what will be an amazing family friendly all-inclusive afternoon of great music, food, drink and entertainment.

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Inspirational speaker visits the academy

By Mrs Targett, Student Futures Manager
 Warden Park Academy was fortunate to have a footballing icon lead their assembly last month. David Dein MBE was a pivotal figure when the Premier League was launched in 1992 and had the foresight to bring Arsène Wenger to Arsenal Football Club in 1996, where David had been Vice-Chairman since 1983. During David's reign Arsenal won the league five times and the FA Cup five times in addition to many other trophies and silverware.

David managed to convey to the students his incredibly successful journey with many amusing anecdotes and often hard truths about what it takes to get ahead and make a difference.



The feedback from Year 10 after David's visit was very positive. Some of the comments included: 'The best assembly ever' and 'I don't even like football but it was really inspiring'. He talked about the turtle and how, if you are going to succeed in life, you sometimes need to stick your neck out!

We hope that David's message resonated with our students for their remaining time here at Warden Park and beyond.

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Twenty four Cub members walked from the Scout Hut at Longacre Crescent as far as the High Street, the Recreation Ground and Holy Trinity School in Glebe Road collecting over ten sackfuls of waste ranging from

old clothes to a 25 litre plastic jerry can. The Cubs meet every Tuesday at the Scout Hut and are doing a range of activities this term, including hikes and a weekend camp.

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The snail was part of the Snailspace Trail held in Brighton last year, and at the end of the event the snails were auctioned to raise funds for the Martlets Hospice. Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity is delighted to have one of the snails in residence as part of the snail trail tour for the children and families to greet each day.

Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity supports under 5s with cerebral palsy and other motor learning impairments. Parents and children attend hands-on small group sessions to improve a child's physical, social and emotional skills. The charity receives no statutory funding and relies entirely on the community to raise its funds.

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STAPLEFIELD VILLAGE FETE 2019

One of the best loved village fetes returned to Staplefield earlier this month with more visitors attending than ever before.

With something for everyone, this year's event included swing band The Perdido Players, St Mark's School Maypole dancers, students of the local HX Academy and the Ariel Musicality choir who entertained the crowds throughout the afternoon with plenty of song and dance.

Classic cars from all over the county made their way to the village green as part of the vintage car show and exhibited an impressive range of vehicles from a beautifully renovated Gypsy Caravan to the latest Tesla electric car.

The Dog Show delighted audiences and owners alike and the accounts of rescues in the 'Best Rescue Dog' category were both heartbreaking and heart-warming.

Organiser Maggie Chamberlain was very happy with the turnout and describes just how important the fete is to the community it serves: "For a small village we certainly put on a grand show. We are over the moon with the figures raised for the community; in particular the funds raised for St Mark's School, St Mark's Church and the Village Hall. We take pride that this traditional fete originating from the 1920s is still thriving. Of course none of this would be possible without our hardworking, dedicated Fete Committee and the villagers who pitch in to help."



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Bolnore residents take new roles on Council

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Alastair, who has been Deputy Mayor of Haywards Heath for the last two years, played a pivotal role in the initial stages of Bolnore Village Primary School, working as a member of the Bolnore School Group. He was also the driving force behind the building of the Woodside Community Centre and for setting up the Bolnore Village Community Partnership (BVCP) Charity, the group that he now Chairs which runs the Woodside.

Alastair said he is looking forward to an 'exciting' role as mayor for Haywards Heath. He commented: "It is a great honour to be elected as Town Mayor and I am looking forward to the good work we can achieve together as a community. My mantra has always been 'you cannot complain, if you don't get involved'. I am already involved in many community groups in the town and am looking forward to working with all the businesses, residents and community groups in Haywards Heath to see how we can pull together to create the future of our town."




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Start date announced for crossing

The long-standing campaign to install a pedestrian crossing on Isaacs Lane took a big step forward last month. It has been announced that work on the crossing, which will be located at the site of an existing pedestrian island on Isaacs Lane (A272) near the junction with Chownes Mead Lane, will begin on 29th July.

A petition to build the crossing was signed by more than 600 people over four years ago. Currently, approximately 150 children cross the busy road twice a day on the way to and from Warden Park.



The new crossing will enable children to walk and cycle safely to school and will provide a safe crossing point for other local residents too.

In addition to the new crossing, a shared-use footpath/cycle path on the Eastern side of Isaacs Lane will be built. This will link the new crossing with the existing footpath/cycle path at the Parkfield Way roundabout. Work will commence on the footpath at the end of September/beginning of October.

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Bolnore Summer Fete returns next month

The Bolnore Village Summer Fete returns for another afternoon of fun at the Woodside and recreation ground. This year the fete takes place on 13th July 2019 from 12pm until 4pm.

There will be lots of stalls and games for all the family to enjoy as well as a tombola, a bouncy castle, train rides, dog shows and much more. Food stalls, a BBQ and a beer and gin tent will be available as well as Woodies bar.

The fun will continue into the evening with a family disco and entertainment provided by TNT and the Amazing Amy. Tickets for the disco are £3 per child and are available from: alison.events@bolnore.org.uk.

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Borrowing stuff to cut consumption

A new Facebook group has been created to enable Bolnore residents to share items that are not in regular use. Items such as gazebos, electric saws, projectors and camping equipment, which are expensive to buy and only used occasionally, can be offered or requested via the group page.

Creator of the group Becca Lee commented: "Borrowing items that are only occasionally needed could help us all to consume less, save money and save storage space too. Bolnore is such a close knit, friendly community, it's the perfect place to start a project like this."

To join the group search Facebook for 'Bolnore Borrowing Group'.



5 MINUTES WITH...

David Humphry

David is an economist who carries out research on the financial sector. His interests are sports, the great outdoors and computer programming. David has recently completed a four year term as a parent governor at Bolnore Village Primary School.

How long have you lived in Bolnore?

11 years, 2 houses

What's the best thing about being here?

Great local resources: brilliant school, Woodside recreation centre and the woods

Favourite ice cream flavour? Mint choc chip

How many houses have you lived in? Nine

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

I'd love an all-weather sports pitch and a footbridge over the A272 for children heading to Warden Park

Favourite holiday destination? South Africa

Song you play the most?

Anything by REM, maybe - It's the End of the World as We Know it

What would you do if you won £1million?

I'd pay off the mortgage, but I think the main thing it can buy you is time to do whatever makes you happy

What was the last present you gave someone?

I bought my uncle an Amazon Dot for his 70th birthday

Strangest thing you've ever eaten?

When I was a boy I used to love vinegar sandwiches

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Chair of the Friends, Lorraine Maynard, commented "We have been very lucky this year to receive a donation of guide cards, magnifying discs and identification charts from the Woodland Trust and we have bought a stock of umbrellas for bug collecting too"

All ages are welcome, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information contact Lorraine at lorrainemaynard04@gmail.com or on 07802162275

Quizzing for charity

Last month Bolnore's ever popular Quiz Night raised £100 for Alzheimer's Research UK. The winners were 'Sorry We Were Chatting' for the second time this year. Can you beat them?



The next Quiz Night will take place at the Woodside on Saturday 29th June from 7.45pm. Hosted by Jim Hoodless, teams of 2-6 people. To book your table email alison.events@bolnore.org.uk or just turn up on the night.

Scouts Fun Day

Bolnore Village Scouts will host their annual Activity Fun Day on Sunday 30th June at the Woodside.

The fun will start from 11am (until 1.30pm) and there will be a chance to have a go at that which the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts get up to at Bolnore Village Scout Group.

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Scouts welcome new leader Roxie

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The Cub pack is on the hunt for an experienced Leader and also a Chairperson to head up the Exec team. If you can help please email: roxie@bolnorescouts.org.uk.

Recycling update in Bolnore

By Chris Belton

Back in the summer of 2018 the Community Interest Company began trialling a recycling scheme for a number of items that should not be placed in the blue lid bins. Our aims were to see if residents would be willing to take the necessary steps to separate these items, to see how easy or not it might be to dispose of them properly and to see if we could generate additional revenue as a result.

We concentrated on milk bottle tops, baby food pouches, air and home care triggers and pens and correcting fluid. Appropriate bins were placed at two locations: Bolnore Village Primary School and The Woodside. We have had mixed results!

I would like to thank the Primary School and The Woodside for their help and all residents who have made the effort to support this trial to date. So, what is the current situation?

Milk bottle tops

There has been some success here and, so far, we have collected about 10kgs of tops! These have been passed on to an existing and well managed process that generates revenue for the Hurstwood Park Neuroscience Centre. Our original plan was to raise funds for the Primary School but the volumes needed to be worthwhile were simply too great. We would get £60 per tonne and we estimate it would take many years and significant effort to raise £60! Far better to join forces with an existing process.

Baby food pouches

The collection point at The Woodside is consistently full and this is proving to be the most successful of our ventures. We have already passed on our first batch and received notification that our revenue stream is growing.

Home-care triggers

Our least successful venture! The company to whom we wanted to send these items has closed this stream.

Pens and correcting fluid

This is work in progress and we have simply been collecting these items ready for passing on to the recycling company. More news on this at a later date.

What happens now?

We will continue to collect milk bottle tops, baby food pouches and pens and correcting fluid. We have had to close the home-care trigger collection. These triggers should be removed from their bottles and placed in the landfill bin where they will be separated at the waste site and sold on to generate revenue for the Council. The bottles should be placed in the blue recycling bin.



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The new award which was launched as part of the MFS Young Fishmonger of the Year competition is open to anyone under the age of 25 who has made a significant contribution to the fishmonger trade.

Lorenzo began his career as a trainee fishmonger at the tender age of 14 at the Fresh Fish Shop in Haywards Heath and in the last five years he has worked his way up to Shop Manager.

"I was given the job of Saturday boy and then I started doing every Friday. Last year I was offered a full time post where I began managing the shop and I have been doing that ever since."

All applicants that entered the competition were expected to do so by video, showcasing their technical knowledge whilst discussing their passion for the industry.

Lorenzo who is half Italian used to live in Milan as a young boy and remembers a fishmonger that lived in the town nearby.

"I once knew a fishmonger when we lived in Italy and whenever I would walk home from school he would come out of his shop and give me a piece of swordfish to take home. I guess that's where I got my first real taste of the sea and ever since have been enjoying fresh fish."

A main driver for Lorenzo is sustainability and to encourage responsible sourcing of seafood.

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There's a new DJ in town

VILLAGE PEOPLE



By Jacqueline Elmore

What warms a heart more than the sound of an old tune or going beyond retro to a past decade to listen to a timeless soul classic?

Our guilty pleasures come in many different guises but, for those of us who simply want the chance to dance our cares away, what could be more inviting than stepping back in time to a place where the sounds of funk and soul once used to live.

Cuckfield resident and 'old skool' DJ, Dumani Ncube (AKA Dustee Du) knows exactly why because he inhabits that nostalgic bubble every weekend whilst delivering his radio show and club nights from behind the decks of his electric booth in Brighton and across the South East.

"These songs are a reminder of a time so, yes, there's a little bit of retrospection in there but for me it's about the music and always has been."

Dumani's story starts in East London where he grew up before moving to urban Essex with his family who left Zimbabwe for the UK in 1971 during the turbulent apartheid years.

His parents still live in that same house in Essex and, like most of us, he sees that time as a reminder of a place where memories were sweeter and times were simpler.

"Growing up in Essex in the 80s was brilliant. There was a real sense of unity where I used to live. Our neighbours would always look out for us. We were all friends. If I lost my key there they were. Doors and arms were wide open and all the children would play outside on the street together."

Fiercely proud, Dumani has a real appreciation of togetherness, of attitudes and of community. Perhaps something he learnt growing up in the backyards of Essex or possibly from visiting his parents' homeland in Zimbabwe where culture and community go hand in hand.

"We've been (to Zimbabwe) a number of times and, yes, some of what you see is tough. There's racism and the corruption is rife, but on the flip side when you see the country and its landscape you are aware of its warmth and beauty. The values of the people that live there are what really stand out. They have a lot of love to give and what they do have they share equally."

Dumani's first introduction to music was through his brother who used to DJ back in the day when disco and soul were at their height and vinyl was never in short supply.

"My brother had all these old LPs in the loft. That was what led me to start collecting my own vinyl, and it just grew from there. I used to do music at people's house parties or birthdays. I guess it really kicked off one night when I was out with a bunch of friends at a club in London and they said to me 'you've got an amazing collection of music, why don't you think of doing something like this'. And, well, here I am."

After school was over Dumani was determined to pursue a career in the Creative Arts, so he followed his heart to Middlesex University where he spent a year on his feet studying ballet, contemporary dance and street jazz. Learning how to 'arabesque' was not quite what he had envisioned, so he left London along with his record collection in search of life by the sea; all the way to Brighton University where he sang and acted (and danced a bit) as part of a Theatre and Visual Arts degree.

It was during his time at Brighton University that he was thrown a bone in the form of a golden work experience opportunity at Blue Note Records - a label originally founded in Germany in 1939 by Alfred Lion and Max Margulis. The name itself is derived from the blue notes of jazz (and the blues) and can be remembered as the label that once signed legendary talents John Coltrane, Dizzie Gillespie, Miles Davis and Herbie Hancock.

"It was an incredible time. The label has a blue breaks section where hip hop artists sampled work from some of the original music. I was there at a time when the illustrators were coming into meetings and were deciding on what music they were going to put on the album. I was sat in an office that held the Blue Notes original back catalogue. Imagine that, being surrounded by some of the greatest music ever written."

Ten years ago Dumani decided to reconnect with some of his old music pals, and a plan was put in place to create a club night in Brighton. They found a venue, got a few DJs on board and Dumani pushed forward with the promotion for the gig. It ended up as one venue a month but has since developed into something much bigger. They now get to play 22 venues a month, give or take, and Dumani (along with close friend Adam Billingham) also has a prime slot on radio show 'Soul Casserole' that plays out across Brighton on the fourth Saturday of every month.

Nowadays when Dumani is not out on the road spinning his decks he works as a PR rep for a well known wholesaler and takes care of his family right here in Cuckfield.

So, just how does he manage to juggle his passion for music, his work life, time with his family and relax?

"That's easy. I have a very strong supportive partner. Without her I would struggle to do what I do. Let's just say she makes life a lot less complicated. We've not been here that long but the lovely thing about living in Cuckfield is the peace and quiet. My life is very busy, so coming back to the village means I can really enjoy some quality time at home with my family."

Much of Dumani's success as a DJ is clearly down to his positive attitude, affability and sheer determination. That and his killer smile. Last month he joined BBC6 music celebrity and DJ Craig Charles on stage at the Brixton Jamm - sharing a set with Craig is often a regular feature for him - before heading back to play his monthly spot at Savannah Bar in Haywards Heath.

Our conversation soon turns to the topic of musical inspirations and of key influences. Sure enough, great names like Otis Redding, Sam Cooke and Marvin Gaye all make it on to his list but after some careful thought Dumani brings it right back to where it all started, to home.

"For me, my main inspirations would have to be my two older brothers because without them I would not have the passion I have for music today."

Anyone who has taken to a dance floor and has experienced that feeling of exuberance that only the right music and the right moment can bring will understand that's where the magic truly happens.

A DJ is not just someone who plays records. He's a curator; someone who can manipulate music to create an atmosphere and tell a story. That's a gift. That's Dumani. That's Dustee Du.

To find out about and hear more Soul Casserole, look it up on Facebook or get along to Savannah Bar in Haywards Heath from 8.30pm on Saturday 29th June.

Getting back to singing

As a child of eight, Paul Johnson was given the option to join the local parish church choir or the Cub Scouts. He didn't want to join the scouts so he reluctantly agreed to attend choir practice in the hope that it would only ever be just one practice.

And so began a major love in Paul's life. He enjoyed it so much that he spent most of his early 20s singing.

Sometime later on, however, Paul's singing just stopped.

"In that time I married, moved to Sussex and got myself involved at Lindfield URC, and later at Haywards Heath Baptist Church (HHBC) where Margarete, our children and I worshipped."

Now Paul is back singing in worship at Holy Trinity in Cuckfield.

"This has been the most amazing step for me. The church family at HHBC has been very understanding. Director of Music Richard Jenkinson works really hard to ensure that we do something 'choral' at every service."

Holy Trinity is a relatively small choir, many members of which are either retired or part way there and they simply want to do other things with their leisure time.

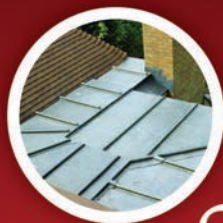
Paul adds: "We are a close group who enjoy having a laugh and not taking ourselves too seriously."



If you have sung before, or just want to give it a go, please get in touch with Richard direct at r.jenkinson00@gmail.com or by visiting the website: www.holytrinitycuckfield.org/church-life/music-and-choir

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Andrew Burton, Chairman

I've lived in the village with my family since 2006, so a relative newcomer! My children are currently at Warden Park, having been through Holy Trinity, and my wife works as a teacher in the surrounding village schools. I'm a consulting engineer, and I put those skills to use writing the Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan (CNP) a few years ago. Planning is our biggest long-term issue, defending the CNP policies which aim to protect the village's heritage and environmental distinctiveness.



Jill Butler

I've been in the village since 1991. I was born in Hurstpierpoint and am retired from my job in IT as a Service Manager. I'm a co-ordinator of Speed Watch; Vice Chair of the Cuckfield Society (currently planning the Village Show on 7th September); a member of Cuckfield Baptist Church (where I help with Mother and Toddler group, Friday coffee mornings and quarterly lunches) and sing in the Cuckoo Choir. I also play in a local boules group and enjoy jazz with the same group. I do an art class each week, whilst fitting in gym work to keep fit. In between all of that, the local U3A has an excellent theatre, finance and ancestry group.



This is my first time as a Parish Councillor and I'm already finding it very interesting. When you see me around the village, come and have a chat or a coffee with me.

John Dickie

My wife and I have lived in the village for more than twenty-five years; and before that I inhabited a High Street flat. We raised our three boys here; all attending Holy Trinity and Warden Park – they think Cuckfield was a great place in which to grow up. As Assistant Cub Scout Leader I helped the then Scout District Commissioner rebuild the 1st Cuckfield Cub Scouts pack. Later, as Chairman of the Chatfield Residents Action Group (CRAG) I got substantial first-hand, and sometimes uncomfortable, experience of the planning process. As a plant scientist still working in the Millennium Seed Bank at Wakehurst Place, I was glad to help with the development of the Environment section of Cuckfield's Neighbourhood Plan, and being a resident of London Lane gives me a keen interest in highways! I will serve on both the Environment & Community Assets and the Roads & Traffic Committees.



Andrea King

I first lived in Cuckfield in the 1970s and returned in 1997 after a stint in Ardingly. I have been a Parish Councillor for some years now. As Vice Chair of the current Council

I attend all committee meetings, but I am particularly interested in community buildings and environmental issues.

Steve Oversby-Powell

Originally from West Sussex, I've lived in the village for ten years and have been a Parish Councillor since July 2017. I have also been involved with Cuckfield Local (we run the monthly food market at the Talbot) for many years, and as the treasurer since 2014. My wife and I have twins attending school in the village, having previously attended the excellent preschool on London Lane. Professionally I am a Mortgage Broker based in the Square Mile. I am interested in ensuring that Cuckfield remains a high quality and characterful place to live.



Adrian Podmore

I have lived in Cuckfield for the last seven years and am keen to see that it retains its charm and character. I previously worked in the City and am now a partner in a restaurant business that was one of the founder members of the Sustainable Restaurant Association.



I am also a manager/trustee for a Friends group that looks after a local nature reserve in London while my main interests are birdwatching and wildlife conservation, where I volunteer with RSPB and the local wildlife trusts. I am also interested in renewable energy having been one of early members of Brighton Energy Cooperative.

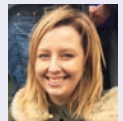
Colin Mercer

My wife and I lived in Cuckfield for 40 years before moving to Haywards Heath two years ago. We have two children and two grandchildren. I am a retired Transport Manager and now in my fourth term as a Parish Councillor. Interested in all aspects of the village my main aim as a Councillor is to improve road safety within Cuckfield. I have chaired the Roads and Traffic Committee for the past ten years and have been actively involved in the implementation of the traffic calming measures at Whitemans Green, the Puffin crossings in London Lane and London Road and the two zebra crossings in Ardingly Road, and I'm currently involved with the safety measures for London Lane.



Hilary Schan-Martyn

I am delighted to be elected as your Labour Parish Councillor for Cuckfield. Community is at the heart of Labour values. Ensuring all that live and work together to make up this village, young and old, in work or retired, are represented and have a voice is my pledge to you. As a volunteer with the Red Box Project, I'll be working to set up donation points for sanitary products and underwear, which will be delivered to local schools, so please look



out for a donation point near you soon! I'd like to hear from as many of you as possible about how we as a Parish Council can best serve you. I will be out and about in the village and at events, so do come and say hello, email me at: hilary.schan-martyn@cuckfield.gov.uk or follow me on Twitter @Hilary4Labour.

Martin Sheldon

I have lived in Cuckfield for over 20 years many of which were spent in Dumbrells, next to the Old School. Hopefully most of you will recognise me from Cuckfield Dramatic Society, which I joined within a year of moving to the village. Having taken early retirement from IT Project Management I feel now is the time to give something back to the community.



Andrew Symonds

I have lived in Cuckfield since 1970 with my wife Iris and three children. They have now all flown the nest and my wife died over five years ago. I have seven grandchildren who are scattered in London, Atlanta, USA, Aberfeldy in Scotland and Cuckfield. All that time I have been a member of Cuckfield Baptist Church and along the way have chaired the now defunct Cuckfield European Association and currently chair the Cuckfield Museum Trustees.



To many Cuckfieldians I am also the 'kipper man' who shouted at everyone to buy his kippers at the Cuckoo Fayre for many years! This is my first time as a Parish Councillor, and I have been elected to serve as deputy chair on the Environment, Community and Assets Committee. I look forward to representing a place for which I have such a long association and much regard for its healthy community spirit.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** was held on 23rd May. Chairman Mr Paul Mantrip prepared a report covering the activities of Cuckfield Parish Council for 2018-19. This report can be reviewed on www.cuckfield.gov.uk

The **Feather Bench Ceremony** will be held at The Old School on Saturday 28th September between 1.30-5pm.

London Lane Enhancement and Improvement Works will commence on 24th July. A drop-in information meeting has been arranged on Thursday 13th June between 3pm and 7pm in the Committee Room at The Old School, Church Street, Cuckfield. All members of the community are encouraged to attend.

Hedge Trimming residents are kindly requested to keep hedges that border pathways trimmed for ease of access by pedestrians.



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Life-saving knowledge

Where's your nearest defibrillator?

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

Cuckfield resident Wendy Tracey-Roberts Macrae has been working hard to ensure that two new defibrillator units are back up and running in the village.

Fellow resident and local electrician Guy Richardson has joined Wendy in her fight for safety and has kindly offered to fit the new units for free.

One of the new units has been placed outside Mansell McTaggart Estate Agents on the High Street and will be in the safer coded cabinet. The second unit has been erected on Whitemans Green, again in a safer coded cabinet and with a built-in CCTV camera.

If you notice that the status light is red and not green that indicates a problem with the unit, so please ensure that you report it.

Wendy says that we can all do our bit to help by getting involved. "Once the units are up, it is our responsibility as a village to maintain and check them."

Funds are still being raised at the Co-op at Whitemans Green where buckets have been placed at the tills.

Please look out for any orange donation boxes in any of the village pubs collecting money by the ISOC (Independent State of Cuckfield) for the purpose of maintaining these two units.

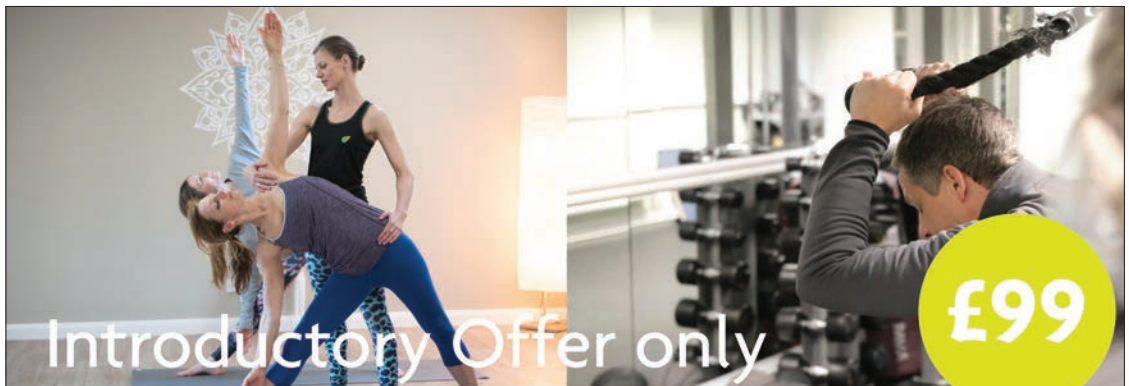
Wendy adds: "The units need replacement batteries and pads every 4-5 years; the pads cost around £45 and the batteries are £300. Ideally, we'd like to encourage the community as a whole to help towards the funding of these life-saving units."

Any local clubs should aim to register their details with the South East Coast Ambulance Service to enable any 999 call handlers to tell them where their nearest unit is in the village.

A third unit is currently being planned - please watch this space for further news.

If you are interested in finding out more, Wendy is organising a training session on the units but please be aware that there are limited places available. For additional information, please email Wendy direct at wendytrmacrae@aol.com.

There is also an app recommended by the Resuscitation Council. To download the app, visit the website: www.resus.org.uk/apps/lifesaver



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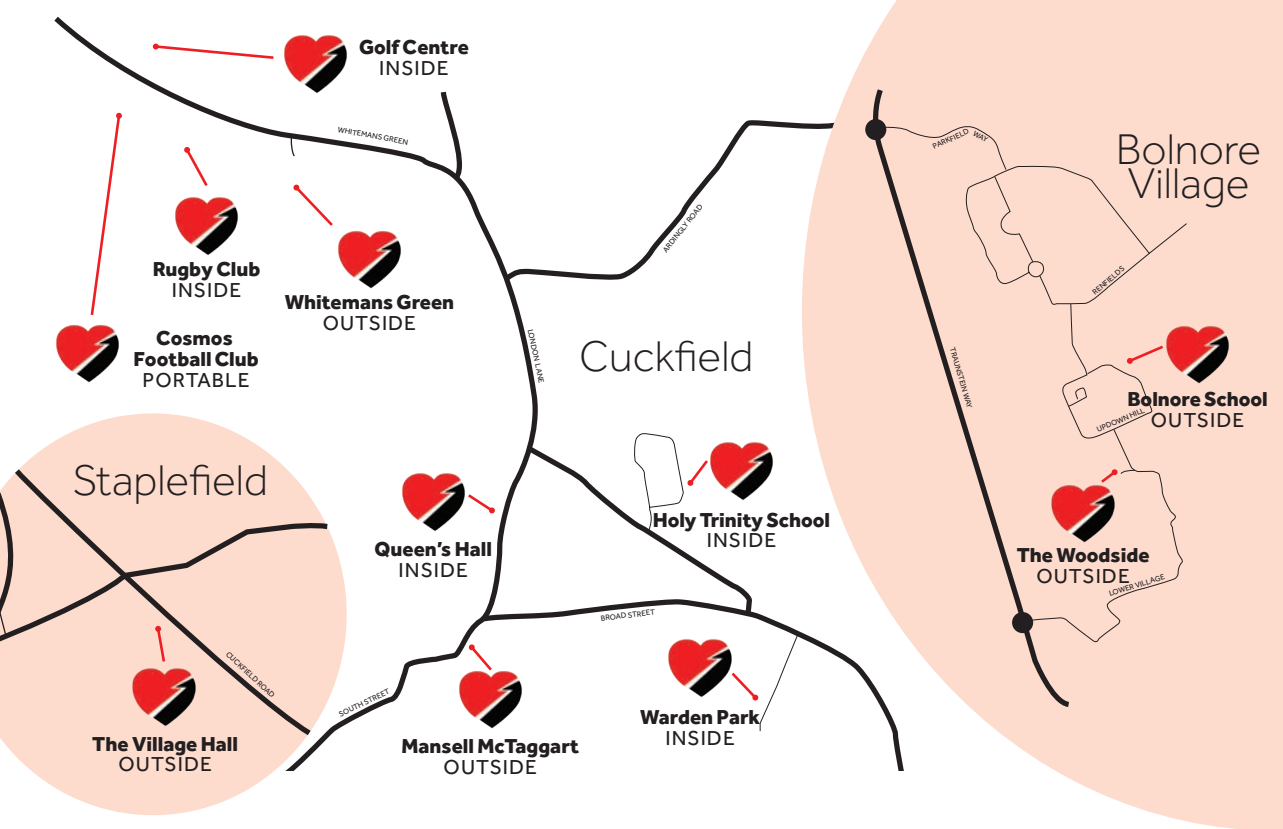
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Time to dust off your tennis whites, crack open the Pimm's and load up on your strawberries and cream as we swing into grass court season and head towards Wimbledon with Cuckfield Tennis Club.

Doug Mower, Chairman, explains the club's long history and how it has, over the years, attracted members from throughout the village and beyond. "A lot of people won't know this but the club has been around now for almost 100 years. In fact 2020 will be its centenary year. Next year we're hoping to organise some special events to honour the club, all the people who have played here and are still playing with us today."

Cuckfield Tennis Club was originally founded in 1920 when two smaller clubs amalgamated. At that time there were two courts in Vicarage Field but it wasn't until local resident Mrs Richard Worsley donated the recreation ground to the village that it became what it is today.



Cuckfield Tennis Club 1952 - Peggy Mower and Edward Fox (cravat) front row

Even the onset of the Second World War didn't stop many of the players from playing. They were known as 'tennis soldiers' and would always want to play when they were back home. During the war years there was even a big challenge cup between Haywards Heath and Cuckfield (which, incidentally, Cuckfield won). The club also has a claim to fame as Edward Fox, the film and television actor, was a dedicated member during the 1940s.

Doug who took on the role for the club in June last year, says that they are keen to draw in some new faces for 2019.

"Our age ranges start from around five years old, and our oldest member, still playing today, is 92. But we're looking to increase and grow the membership of the club. We want to do that steadily though. Our retention rate is very good. Inevitably you'll lose people along the way but most of those who are with us stay on for many years."

Doug adds: "A few weeks back we were at the Cuckoo Fayre where we opened up the courts to locals. We were absolutely inundated. We had lots of young people queuing up to play. It was a great afternoon."

The courts at Cuckfield Tennis Club used to be managed by Mid Sussex District Council and were run much like the other clubs in the area, including Lindfield, Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath.

In 2016 that all changed when Cuckfield Tennis Club took out a 25 year lease with the council to lease the courts and grounds.

"That totally changed our status. All sorts of things took place around that time."

Those same courts remain open to the public and anyone can book online via Cuckfield Tennis Club. It costs £6 for an hour and any revenue earned goes straight back into the club.

The club is owned by the members who appoint a committee of seven, who currently all live in and around the village and who play at the club. Every year an AGM is held where the committee are appointed. The committee helps to advertise, promote and manage the club.

In 2017, following the takeover of the lease and some hard work by the committee, they were able to improve the grounds. More than £30,000 was spent resurfacing the courts.

Those funds came in the form of charitable donations from the local community and some money that had been collected from members over the years.

"We received generous donations from the Independent State of Cuckfield and the Mayor. There were also a number of other contributions made, all of which we remain most grateful."

One advantage of being part of a tennis club like Cuckfield is their affiliation with the LTA, also known as the Lawn Tennis Association; being associated with the LTA means that any member gets access to the Wimbledon draw.

"Based on membership numbers, the LTA will award pairs of tickets. Over the last few years, the club usually receives about ten pairs. These are mostly Centre or Number One Court tickets, on different days. What we do is we say to the members which tickets would you like – at the official standard rate of course – and enter their names into the draw and the first person out of the hat gets to choose which tickets they want most."

Gerry Canning has been Membership Secretary since 2010 and part of the club since the 1980s and explains what it is that makes the place so special.

"It's always been a very sociable club where good people meet. Those people are now my good friends. Some members may have left the club or moved on but what's great is that we all still keep in touch."

Doug's parents first met at the tennis club.

"Peggy, my Mum, was a member of the club. My Dad joined because back then it was just the sort of place you might meet someone and even fall in love. And that is



exactly what happened. Alan and Peggy fell in love and were married for almost sixty years."

If you've got a passion for tennis and want to improve your skills or would like to try out a new sport then please visit www.cuckfieldtennisclub.org.uk for more information.



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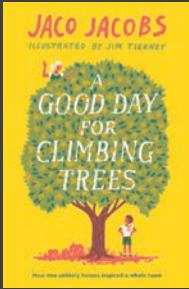
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A Good Day for Climbing Trees by Jaco Jacobs

BOOK REVIEW

By a Year 7 Warden Park student

This book is about a boy called Marnus and he is always being ignored. His little brother runs kissing lessons without his parents knowing. The brother treats Marnus as his slave, which he doesn't like. A girl turns up. What does she want? You'll have to read more to find out!

I would rate this 7/10. I enjoyed reading it and it kept me interested throughout.

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Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone by J.K Rowling

BOOK REVIEW

By a Year 9 Warden Park student

We all know how brilliant the films are, but being an avid reader, I was ashamed to think that I have never read the Harry Potter books! I was so pleased that I enjoyed this book equally as much, if not more, than the films we all know and love.

Harry Potter starts his wizarding journey at Hogwarts and faces his first encounter with 'he who must not be named'. The book is packed with as much magic and mystery as I anticipated and I'm really excited to have already started reading The Chamber of Secrets.

I cannot recommend reading these books enough, if you haven't already done so. I promise they will not disappoint!

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Museum talk on Victorian botanist

Cuckfield Museum, housed in the Queen's Hall, will play host to a talk given by Sarah Oldridge later this month.

This beautifully illustrated talk will tell the story of Marianne North an eminent Victorian botanic artist. She was notable for her paintings, extensive foreign travels and unusual plant discoveries.

Admission to the talk on 25th June (8pm) costs £5, but for members and patrons of the museum it is just £3. This will take place in the Council Chamber and numbers are strictly limited. Reserve your place in advance by contacting Mike Nicholson on 01444 457488 or events@cuckfieldmuseum.org.

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Tennis Club hosts Junior Inter Club competition

The sun was not the only thing shining on Saturday 1st June as the inaugural Junior Inter Club Team Competition brought five junior tennis teams together in a dazzling display of junior tennis.

Teams from Cuckfield, Forest Row, East Grinstead, Nutley and The Cumnor House Alumni gathered at the picturesque Cuckfield courts. The teams played a doubles tie-break competition where each doubles team played each other in a fast format designed to rotate the experience for players. A team represented by ex Cumnor House students were clear victors on the day with a score of 160. There was a closely fought battle for second place with Nutley, on 126, just winning out over Cuckfield who scored 125.

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Ansty Plant Sale

The largest event in the Ansty Garden Club calendar is the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale held this month to raise funds to keep the club going. The money raised goes towards our speakers and the inevitable administration costs.

Ansty Garden Club was founded in 1995 by a small group of residents of the village to encourage gardening enthusiasts to get together to enjoy their hobby and also socialise at various events throughout the year arranged by the newly formed committee. Members meet each month in Ansty Village Hall with the next formal event being a Summer Supper on 24th July.

Chairperson Derry Baillieux explained: "It is a very successful club and I feel privileged to be part of it. We are able to achieve a well-balanced course of events for the club with committee members working together as a team and keeping the momentum going."

The Coffee Morning and Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 22nd June between 10.30am and 12.30pm at Ansty Village Hall.



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WSSCC 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@lindfieldlife.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. Do keep the questions coming...

Plastic Bottle Tops



One of the most frequent questions I get asked is about plastic bottle tops, and in particular plastic milk bottle tops.

The basic rule to remember is to remove all bottle tops before you recycle the bottles. Rinse the bottle, shake dry and it is then OK to recycle.

All your recycling needs to be Clean, Dry and Loose, and with the tops off.

All the lids are then placed into your black top rubbish bin, please.

Let me explain. Yes, the lids are plastic but it is the size that is the issue. When all your recycling arrives at the West Sussex Recycling plant at Ford, Nr Arundel, one of the first processes is to remove glass.

This is done by allowing the glass to fall through the holes in a large metal revolving drum called a Trommel, that breaks the glass. However, the small plastic lids are small enough to also fall through the holes and pollute the glass.

So do remember plastic milk bottle tops CANNOT be recycled in your blue top bin. No plastic lids smaller than coffee jar lid size please.

Did you know that charities collect these milk bottle tops, and raise money? There are various collection points in the area, but I know there is a collecting 'bin' at Princess Royal Hospital, which raises money for the Hurstwood Park Neurological Unit.

Would you like me to give a talk to your local group on recycling?

Do you have an individual question on specific items you are not sure how to recycle? One email to the Editor, with a picture if possible, and I can let you know.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Keep Recycling.



Special food for dads

SIMPLY GOOD FOOD

Fresh berry tart

Instead of a large tart shell this filling could be spooned into brandy snap baskets or meringue shells. Serve up to two hours after making to avoid the pastry softening.

Tip a 250g Mascarpone cheese into a bowl and beat in 50g caster sugar and 3tbs lemon or lime jelly marmalade or lemon curd. Spread evenly in a 20cm baked pie shell. Pile fresh berries over the top. Melt 3tbs jelly marmalade and drizzle over the fruit. Alternatively sift icing sugar over the top just before serving.

Gypsy tart

This is a version of an old recipe developed in the Nestlé Test Kitchens way back in the 1960s. It is a strange recipe but a great favorite of butterscotch lovers.

Preheat oven 180°. Place a bought 18cm pastry case on a baking sheet. Whisk together 200g full fat evaporated milk, 225g soft brown sugar and 1tbs lemon juice. Pour into the pastry case and bake 30 mins. Remove from the oven and leave to stand 15min during which it will set firm. Serve warm or cold.



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By Caroline Young

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Chocolate rum cake

Preheat oven 180° and butter and line a 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin. Sift 125g plain flour, 25g cocoa and 2tsp baking powder into large bowl. Stir in 125g soft brown sugar.

Whisk together 2 egg yolks, 6tbs rapeseed oil, 6tbs milk and 1tsp vanilla. Add to the dry ingredients and, with a wooden spoon, beat to a smooth batter. Beat 2 egg whites to stiff peaks and gently fold into the batter with a metal spoon. Tip into the cake tin, levelling the top. Bake for 45 min or until tests cooked.

Meanwhile measure 100g granulated sugar and 125ml water into a small pan. Warm over low heat until the sugar has melted then bring just to the boil. Stir in 2tbs rum. Prick the surface of the hot cake with a fork and spoon the syrup evenly over the top. Leave until cold before turning out on to a serving plate.

Whip 125ml double cream to soft peaks and swirl over the top of the cake. Chill for at least 2 hours. Just before serving sift a little cocoa powder over the top.

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Dear friends,

The ongoing dramas surrounding the Brexit process, together with the result of the recent European elections, will seem to bring on a sense of a veritable earthquake in political terms. Are we seeing the end of the two-party system which has dominated our nation for centuries?

What of climate change? We all want to save the planet, yet the rise of the global economy has raised more people out of poverty around the world than at any time in human history. If you stop buying fruit and vegetables imported from Africa, the knock-on effects will bring ruin to countless people. All of this and more reminds us that the vagaries of life twist and turn all the time. In that respect it is more a sense of déjà vu!

The Christian Church often marks Pentecost (celebrated fifty days after Easter) as its birthday. Certainly we have Luke's wonderful account (Acts 2) which describes in vivid terms the way in which the early followers of Jesus found their lives turned upside-down by the dynamic of God's Love. This led them to start drawing others to a new understanding of life itself and of revealing the depth of the divine love open to all people. They found this to provide a rock-solid foundation to life, no matter what twists and turns it took.

Wherever you are on your journey, may you know this same foundational love and connectedness to all you meet.

With all best wishes,
Michael (Vicar)

SUNDAYS

(Modern Language unless stated BCP = Book of Common Prayer 1662)

- 8am Holy Communion (BCP 2nd and 4th)
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist (1st Sunday of the month: Family Service - sometimes a Eucharist)
- 11am Sung Holy Communion (BCP – 1st Sunday of the month only)
- 6pm Sung Evensong (BCP) (2nd Sunday only – Holy Communion with discussion)

WEEKDAYS

- Monday, 9am Morning Prayer
- Wednesday, 10.30am Holy Communion – followed by Vicar's Coffee and Cake in the Old School
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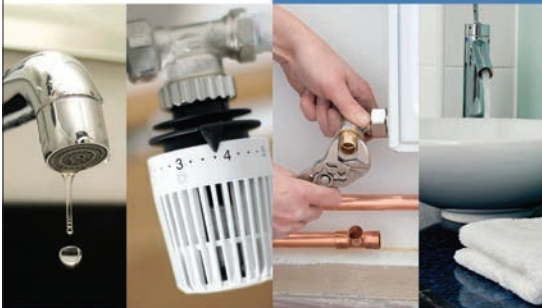
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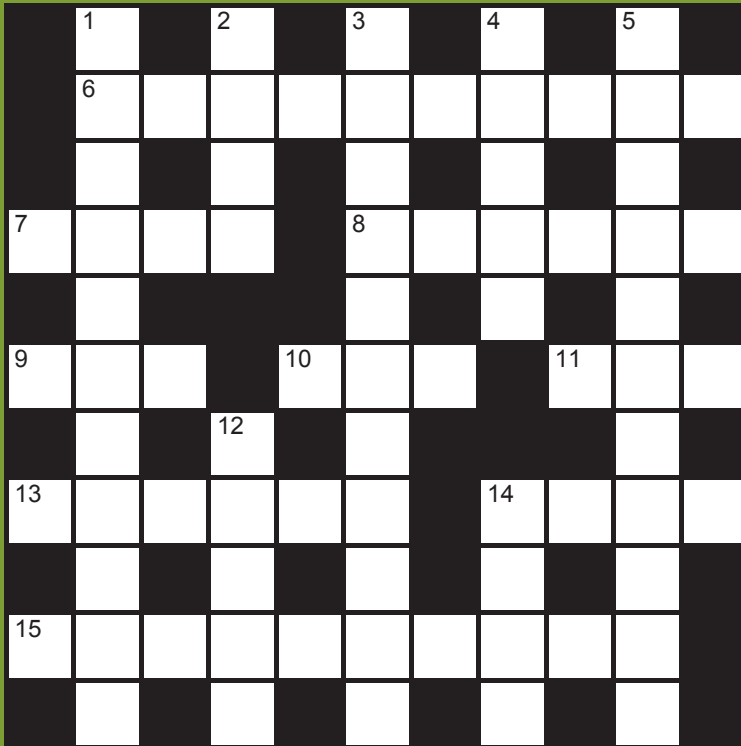
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- 7 Passport endorsement (4)
- 8 Cause to remember (6)
- 9 Malt beverage (3)
- 10 Statute (3)
- 11 Some (3)
- 13 Hun king (6)
- 14 Vale (4)
- 15 Brave (10)

Down

- 1 Moving to and fro (11)
- 2 Fijian capital (4)
- 3 Defraud (5,6)
- 4 Fragrance (5)
- 5 Without purpose (11)
- 12 Unit of capacity (5)
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Opening the Fayre

FROM THE MAYOR'S TABLE

By Leanne Knapman

It's been nearly a month since the annual Cuckfield Cuckoo Fayre dawned with a clear forecast but a bit of a chilly start.

Thankfully it takes more than a nip in the air to put off our fantastic supporters so I knew we had a good day ahead!

A stunning vintage car arrived to collect me from my parents' house, along with a suitably dressed driver, from where we set off at a steady pace for Cuckfield Recreation ground.

As we approached the main arena I got to see lots of smiling faces and the chance to wave back after doing a quick circle round the grounds. A quick 'hello and welcome' on the microphone was swiftly followed by a local Irish dancing group, and, as they entertained the crowd, I went for a wander around the stalls.

I was warmly greeted by James (from the Rose and Crown) at the bar for a fortifying glass of wine before working my way through the multitude of fun stalls, including ice lollies, wheel of wine, cake sales, tombolas, raffles, smack the rat, candy floss, burgers and many more!

There was entertainment from a great band called the Straw Dogs and I had a go at the Zumba demonstration which was fun. For the little people we had a mini steam train and the delightful Poppy's Parties keeping them entertained, and there was also a dog show for our four legged friends.

ISOC always struggle with enough helpers on the day, so to help us make next year really amazing, please email us at info@cuckfieldstate.org if you can spare an hour or two on the day.



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What's on this month

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June

- 11th **Cuckfield Evening WI** – 7.30pm
The Baptist Church, Polestub Lane - Made and Making Gift Boxes (change of date due to Music Festival)
- 13th **Mid Sussex National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Tim Kidd talk on Hampton Court
- 13th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – 10am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - 'Wanli to Kangxi, Chinese Blue and White Porcelain 1572-1722'
- 13th **The Talbot Pub Friends Quiz** – 8.30pm
Hayloft, Talbot Pub - General knowledge quiz (£2 pp)
- 14th **Cuckfield Flower Club** – 7.30pm
Outing to RHS Hyde Hall (£5, Sue: 01444 831602)
- 15th **Cuckfield Music Festival**
-23rd Various events and venues
(www.cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk)
- 19th **Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath – Talk by Tony Faber (Non members welcome £7)
- 26th **RBL Women's Section** – 12.30pm
Lunch at the Wheatsheaf
- 27th **The Talbot Pub Friends Quiz** – 8.30pm
Hayloft, Talbot Pub - General knowledge quiz (£2 pp)
- 30th **Family Bug Hunt** – 2pm
Meet in the woods at Ashenground Railway Bridge. Bug Hunt organised by FoABW

July

- 2nd **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – 10.15am
Franklands Village Hall, Haywards Heath
- 10th **Singing Allsorts and Friends** – 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield - Summer Charity Concert with the 'Brighton Choir with No Name' and Sussex Homeless Support (£10)
- 12th **Cuckfield Flower Club** – 7.30pm
Methodist Church, Haywards Heath - Mad about Flowers by Graham King (£5, Sue: 01444 831602)

What's on this month

AT THE QUEEN'S HALL

Monday

- 9.30am **Pilates** (intermediate)
- 9.45am **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 **Preschool Singing**
- 10am **Stroke Support Activities**
- 1.30pm **Line Dancing Class**
- 3.30pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Yoga**
- 7.45pm **Ballroom Dance Club**

Thursday

- 9.30am **Preschool Dance Class**
- 7.30pm **Wedding Dance Class**
- 7.30pm **Yoga**

Friday

- 9.30am **Preschool 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.

June

- 25th **Museum Talk** – 8pm
'Marianne North, Victorian Botanist' a talk by Sarah Oldridge (Book with Mike on 01444 457448 or events@cuckfieldmuseum.org)

July

- 5th **Craft and Vintage Market** – 9.30am – 1pm
Stalls and café

Save The Date

The Rain & Shine Theatre Company have now confirmed this year's annual performance of Shakespeare in the Park on Friday, 2nd August 2019 - As You Like It – in Cuckfield Recreational Ground - doors open 6pm for picnics - 7.30pm Performance

AT WOODSIDE

Monday

- 9.45am **Sing & Sign (3 sessions)**
- 4.30pm **Hayley Beeson School of Dance**
- 7pm **DDMX Dance Fitness**
- 8pm **Kickboxing**
- 7.30pm **Becca Lee Yoga**
- 8.30pm **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**

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).

June

- 29th **Quiz Night** – 7.45pm. This monthly Bolnore fun quiz is hosted by Jim Hoodless. Teams of 2-6 people (alison.events@bolnore.org.uk)
- 30th **Bolnore Village Scouts Activity Fun Day** – 11am – 1.30pm

July

- 13th **Bolnore Summer Fete** – 12noon-4pm
- 27th **Quiz Night** – 7.45pm

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