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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

We kick off this issue with a very summery theme: butterflies! Cuckfield resident **Oliver Whalley** (who also happens to be a wildlife specialist who works for Kew) has been down to the woods and, to his surprise, he discovered the rare and beautiful **Purple Emperor butterfly**. See **page 19** for the full story.

Keeping it outside, on **page 8** we share news of a **farm open day** which is set to take place in September. Laines Organic Farm has invited artists from London down to its country setting in order to express themselves in the open space. Sounds like something which may be worth getting along to if you can.

In our **Village Green column** this month, Margaret Tyzack More explores the concept of getting happy here in Cuckfield! **Page 14** gives you the ten key principles as set out by Action for Happiness and she thinks it's worth a try! As the summer is traditionally a 'happier' time of year for most of us, perhaps it's a good time for us to get a GREAT DREAM.

Cuckfield Village Show is coming up on 12th September and that is always a big treat for those who take part and attend. See **page 5** for a reminder about the event, on this its tenth anniversary. And there is still time to enter if you want to!

Taking the stand in our **Village People** feature this month are father and son Peter and Gavin Mortimer – as the two authors both publish their books at the same time. Read their fascinating story on **page 12**.

Amongst all this we have the usual **What's On** information on **page 22**, which includes a concert being performed by Holy Trinity vicar **Rev Michael Maine** (also **page 4**).

In next month's Cuckfield Life we will be focusing on the village High Street businesses and just how much goes on on this busy thoroughfare. Do email in and tell us what you like about your High Street, whether shopping or just walking, to editor@cuckfieldlife.co.uk. Thank you.

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Cuckfield to be featured in TV show

Legendary TV personality Penelope Keith was filming in the village earlier in the year, following the decision to include Cuckfield in the More4 series Penelope Keith's Secret Villages. The show in which Cuckfield is featured is rumoured to be airing in September.

Secret Villages takes Penelope on a journey through a part of the country during each show. Cuckfield is part of the second episode of the series, which covers Kent and Sussex. A small team researches different stories for each area and comes together to share what it found with the production company and Penelope herself.

Series producer and director Owen Rodd explained: "Once we heard about Cuckfield it was certain we would use it for the programme! The primary story we followed was that of the donkey races on Whitemans Green in the 1950s & 60s and then the subsequent formation of the Independent State of Cuckfield."

Penelope, who went to school in Seaford, met up with Cuckfield Mayor Rob Helliwell at his pub The Wheatsheaf, along with Martin Ingebretson, to learn more about the village.

The series will start on More4 at 9pm on 1st September. Cuckfield features in episode two.



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10th birthday for Cuckfield Village Show

Organisers of this year's Village Show are hoping for a bumper crop of entries to mark the 10th anniversary of the popular event.

Jo Roche, who started the event when she was 8 months pregnant and has been at the helm ever since, is delighted that the show has now become a regular fixture in Cuckfield's calendar.

"I'm really excited that the village show has reached its 10th birthday," she said. "It's always been about getting as many as possible to enter the various classes and categories. Remember, you don't have to enter them all; many enter just one or two classes."

She added that new 'under fives' classes have been added to encourage younger children to participate.

For adults, there's the ever popular flower, fruit, vegetable and cookery classes, along with a floral art competition for men with a Rugby World Cup theme, a 'selfie' photograph class and craft competitions for wooden items, soft toys and cushions.

Many villagers have already contributed to this year's event by helping to make special bunting being put together by Philip and Seb from Sussex Crafts. There's still time to make a flag to add to the bunting. Call in at the shop for more details or visit www.cuckfield.org, where you'll also find information about how to enter this year's show.

The Cuckfield Society Village Show starts at 2pm at Cuckfield Park on Saturday 12th September.



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An 'Open Day with a Difference'

By Claire Cooper

Performance art and organic farming will come together at a special event in Cuckfield on 12th September.

Villagers are invited to an 'Open Day with a Difference' at Laines Organic Farm. The event provides an opportunity for artists to gain inspiration from the countryside and create unique new work, and for visitors to see the farm in a whole new light!

The event is being organised by fine art graduate Rosa, 23, who grew up on the family farm which is run by her mother Toos.

"I've always been interested in the connection between the city and the countryside," said Rosa, "We are so near to London and yet so different. In London space is always an issue – here we have acres of space!"

Rosa has invited the artists, many of them fellow students at Westminster University, to use the farm as a backdrop for their work. "I'm encouraging them to use the space to express themselves, so there will be no set themes," said Rosa.

The artists will be using much of the 12 acre site and visitors will be invited to follow a circular walk to explore the farm and experience the performances. Many of the artists have already visited the farm and some will arrive a week before the event to work on their exhibits. "In London you can feel starved of nature, so it's been fascinating to see the reactions of the artists when they arrive at the farm," said Rosa, who is currently working on her own exhibit.

The farm gates will open to visitors from 2pm, with guided tours running from 3pm to 5pm.

"There'll be a sculpture trail, storytelling installation, Tibetan as well as local singers performing their music and a 'zine reading space'," said Rosa. "There'll also be tea and coffee and a mini market with fruit and

vegetables on sale." She added that space is available for any local people who would like to exhibit, sell or promote their own artwork at the market.

Visitors arriving by car are advised to park in the village and walk to the farm, which is located on Newbury Lane just beyond Holy Trinity Church cemetery.

Anyone interested in exhibiting should email Rosa at rosafarmer@hotmail.com

To book tickets for the farm tours visit the following link: <http://bit.ly/1KTfQ9p>



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David and Gavin Mortimer

VILLAGE PEOPLE

By Claire Cooper

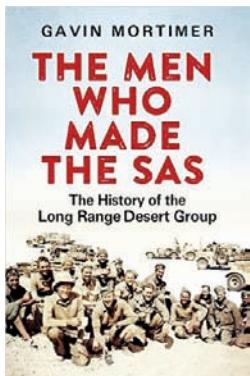
When David and Sheila Mortimer moved to Cuckfield more than 19 years ago, after 11 years in Lindfield, it was the start of a new chapter, both personally and professionally. Their eye was caught by the upcoming auction of the properties comprising Mill Hall School for Deaf Children, following its move to Newbury, and they were ready to downsize. They finished up with a wing of the old Victorian building, which had fewer rooms, to be sure, but with more space in and around them. Not quite what they'd intended!

"You're mad," said half of their friends, but Sheila fancied a project and David didn't positively object, which was just as well as he spent the next 15 months redecorating, mainly in evenings and at weekends and often at the top of a long ladder. And then there was a garden to be created. They chose to preserve some reminders of the old school. 'You too can have dreams' was painted above the stairs and is still there. So too, on the bedroom wall, is the painting of a happy witch with an owl and a fat ginger cat in the basket of a balloon sailing over the Downs.

It was as 'the project' was coming to an end that Sheila came home one day from her work creating children's books with a project that they had been approached to do, but for adults not children. Past Times (remember them?) wanted a book called Tips from the Old Gardeners. Would David, as an ex-publisher, be interested? He was, did lots of research and the resulting small book proved more successful than he expected.

This led directly, just as retirement kicked in, to a happy decade of involvement in researching and writing on some of the subjects that most interested him – history, wildlife and sport, especially cricket. The history was aimed at children in the 8-11 age bracket and the format was in the style of pop-up illustrations – for example of a three-masted sailing ship that carried 19th century Irish immigrants escaping the great famine.

David wrote eight of these books altogether. The first two, Life on a Famine Ship and Titanic: the Ship of Dreams, proved to be popular in the USA, Titanic selling 177,000 copies there. Some of the other titles were also issued in foreign language editions; one even had Russian and Albanian editions.



David adopted the pen name of Duncan Crosbie for his children's writing - "to stop my former publishing colleagues laughing too loudly if they saw my real name on the work" - but he was happy to use his own name for the sports and wildlife books. In 2001 he was one of a small Anglo-American group assisting the University of Mexico to trap and monitor small carnivores in the tropical dry forest along Mexico's Pacific coastline. "It was immensely rewarding for the wealth of wildlife from birds to butterflies to reptiles," he recalls. "The highlight, though, was finding an ocelot in one of our remoter traps, tranquilising it, measuring, weighing and examining its condition, before putting on a radio collar and releasing it. We stood well clear for the last bit!"

Thus inspired, David was a member of the Sussex Wildlife Trust's Conservation Hit Squad for the next 14 years, going weekly to any one of the Trust's 35 reserves fencing, putting up barn owl boxes, planting hedgerows and even digging an otter holt on one occasion. "Four chambers, gravel on the floor and three entrances," he says; "the only things missing were the curtains!" Not surprisingly, perhaps, David wrote Sussex Wildlife for the Sussex Guides series, describing 20 different reserves across the county 'for enthusiasts like me, rather than experts'.

All this time he was active in Cuckfield life. He is a former chairman of the Cuckfield European Association, is currently a trustee of the Museum and also of New England Wood, being one of the Monday morning team working there. Together with Dr John Dickie he prepared the biodiversity survey of the parish for the Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan and has recently been co-opted on to the parish council.

David's sports writing includes a paperback series of Classic Clangers - rugby, cricket, golf, football and even, at the publisher's insistence, politics. But before these got under way he'd already published serious works (but with a light tone he insists) on the history of Test cricket at Old Trafford and at The Oval. "Lord's was quick to publish the story of the first 100 tests there, and yet both The Oval and Old Trafford had staged Tests before Lord's cashed in. I thought they deserved their voice too."

Classic Cricket and Classic Rugby Clangers both sold well but Rugby just went on and on, so, as the World Cup approached, the publishers reckoned it was time to bring it up to date with a new edition, and this has just hit the bookshops. It covers about 80 occasions, from the very first international match to the 2015 Six Nations when things went horribly or hilariously wrong. "Over time," David says, "some of the more spectacular cock-ups - like running into the goalpost instead of scoring the try there for the taking - have a habit of repeating themselves, so keep an eye on the World Cup to see who comes up with egg on their faces this time round!"

With parents who both worked in publishing it's perhaps unsurprising that David and Sheila's second son, Gavin, has inherited a gift for writing, although David insists: "He's better than I could ever have been - more imaginative, and with an excellent ability to structure a book."

Gavin lives in Paris but returns to Cuckfield very frequently, often in the course of his researches for one or other of the books he is working on. He says the book that gives him greatest satisfaction is Chasing Icarus, centred on the year 1910 when the argument about the most effective form of flight was at its peak - was it balloon, dirigible or flying machine? Cups and publicity attended all three, but the great American air show in New York finally decided the issue. Another favourite is The Great Swim, the story of the 1926 competition between four women to be the first female to swim the English Channel. The media spotlight was intense and when one of them made it safely, she did so two hours faster than the best of her male predecessors.

Gavin is best known, though, for his books on the SAS, the SBS and the American unit Merrill's Marauders in World War II. He has been described as 'arguably the world's leading authority on wartime special forces'. His new book, just out, is the sixth and last on this subject because, as he says, "when I first began writing there were still 50 or 60 veterans living; now there are only a handful." The Men who made the SAS: the History of the Long Range Desert Group recounts the extraordinary feats of the small number of men who, in 1940-41, explored and mapped the Egyptian and Libyan deserts to get behind Italian and German lines and report back on enemy strengths, dispositions and supply lines. Their daring work, using only modified jeep-type vehicles, pointed the way for the SAS to follow.

Action for Happiness

VILLAGE GREEN

By Margaret Tyzack More, Cuckfield Local

One Sunday afternoon recently I found myself in the Pantry Tea Room in the village to meet a gentleman who is co-ordinator for Happiness Cafés worldwide. These cafés are an initiative of Action for Happiness www.actionforhappiness.org, whose patron is the Dalai Lama. "What has that to do with Village Green?" you may wonder. Village Greens were places of coming together for the community to share, celebrate and so on, so why not try it here? Action For Happiness suggests that there are ten keys for happier living which are in the acronym GREAT DREAM, each letter giving us a practice towards happiness and well-being. - Giving, Relating, Exercising, Appreciating, Trying out, Direction, Resilience, Emotion, Accepting, Meaning. So, as a Village Green, here's my version from a Cuckfield point of view. Giving Nature a home: in my garden, in my village. Relating to others to build a diverse community for interactive hope and strength. Exercising whilst gardening and Exercising my right to say NO to the continued destruction of biodiversity in the cause of economic growth. Appreciating that I can buy my organic vegetables from a farm in our village free from pesticide and fertiliser contamination. Trying out ways to wake up to the fact that we are Nature and 'what we do to the Earth we do to ourselves'. Direction: following the golden thread of one's hopes and dreams as an exciting journey towards one's goal. Resilience: heaving a sigh of despair in the face of yet another environmental disaster such as fracking in our National Parks or opencast coal mining in Wales, then doing something positive to raise my spirits. Emotion: anger at the thought that EU environment laws might be watered down; hope and trust raised on hearing a robin singing in the tree by my back door. Accepting that small actions with my friends in the village, doing the Cuckfield Local Food Market, supporting bees and wildlife, can make a big difference. Meaning: the hope that sparkling fresh air, pure clean water, good fertile earth and the warmth of friends and neighbours will give meaning to the lives of all folk one day.

In the meantime, don't forget that our next Cuckfield Local Food Market at The Talbot is on 12th September from 9.30am to 12.30pm, continuing a tradition that goes back to 1255. Did you know that, according to Maisie Wright's A Chronicle of Cuckfield, King Henry III granted Cuckfield a charter to hold a market on Tuesdays?

Continuing the local food theme, the movement towards Food Sovereignty in the UK is growing quickly. According to www.foodsovereignty.org.uk, the Six Pillars of Food Sovereignty focuses on food for people, values food providers, localises food systems, puts control locally, builds knowledge and skills and works with nature. There is a four day National Gathering in October at Hebden Bridge, Todmorden, West Yorkshire for those of you who might wish to follow up this inspiring movement.

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Feng Shui in the home

DESIGN AT HOME

By Fiona Evans, Limited Editions

The English Dictionary says 'feng shui is an ancient Chinese belief that the way your house is built or the way you arrange objects affects your success, health and happiness'. I've scoured the internet to find out more.

Feng shui is all about the flow of energy (chi), creating good energy (yin) and banishing bad energy (yang).

De-cluttering is a good start to any interior design project and for feng shui a particularly important step as it's paramount to banishing bad energy (yang) in your home. To be thorough, de-cluttering includes mending broken articles that you would prefer to keep, creating good energy (yin).

In feng shui the windows are the eyes of your home and the front door the mouth, so make sure that the windows are sparkling clean to let in lots of natural light and that squeaky front doors are oiled. The idea is to create yin for every room in the house by carefully arranging and zoning your home into 8 areas. Nicole Sforza of www.realsimple.com says "with your back to the front door, the far left hand corner of your home is the money sector and the far right is the relationship zone." Other zones include knowledge, career and travel. Place items in zones that are symbolic, such as two matching chairs in the relationship zone. An open front door absorbs chi and to assist the energy flow through the home the staircase shouldn't be too close or facing the entrance. A mirror facing the door will reflect the energy back outside and a facing wall will block the energy flow (www.fengshui.about.com). Living rooms should ideally have two outside walls so that chi energy can enter easily and flow around the space (fengshui.lovetoknow.com). "Where you place furniture can impact the way the chi energy enters and moves around the room" says Sally Painter, a feng shui practitioner. "Avoid placing furniture in the pathway through a room as this can create negative energy." Grouping the sofa and chairs in the middle of the interior looks great but for a feng shui inspired home the sofa should be against a wall far away from the door. Objects should be stored in cupboards not on shelves and house plants are a positive feature.

The feng shui kitchen is the heart of the home and should be clutter free, bright and cheerful. To further activate chi, add elements depending on the point of the compass that your living space faces; north facing the element is water, so a fish tank or painting of a waterfall perhaps? South facing the element is fire, so candles would work and decorate in warm reds or oranges. Wood is the element for facing East; use wooden furnishings with green or brown décor. Facing West the element is metal; decorate walls in blue, grey or gold (fengshui.lovetoknow.com).

To find out more about feng shui to achieve success, good health and happiness I recommend the above websites.



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What's been happening?

By Louise Smith

Woodside, our new community building for building our community, goes from strength to strength hosting a wide range of community promoting events and activities including:

July saw our annual **Village Fête**, with lots of fun for all, including performances by talented local dance school Hayley Beeson's school of dance, welly wanging, giant water balls and lots of cake! See photos on this page.

Children and Family Centre Stay & Play sessions aimed at 0-5 year olds are held throughout the year.

We also have regular **disco nights** at Woodies, our community run bar (bar open every Friday and Saturday evening), with great music, lights and good fun to be had! Bring your friends down for a dance and a drink!

We play host to **charity events** such as an upcoming Cream Tea in aid of Action Medical Research, a charity that raises funds for research into children's illnesses. Our coffee shop is open every Friday in term time.

Woodside Netball Club have had a great season, promoted to 1st division in the BMW League in Falmer and have just finished their first season in the Worthing league, winning all bar one game in Division One. Premier League here we come! Training runs at 5.30pm every Sunday, with Junior sessions starting soon.

Bolnore Book Group meets on the first Friday evening of the month; comfy leather sofas and the bar is open. All welcome!

The Craft Room, Bolnore's own craft club, meets one Friday a month at the Woodside. Feel free to bring any past projects with you for inspiration and share any tips and ideas.



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Grace Church, who organise the monthly Messy Church at the Woodside on the last Sunday of the month, are now holding weekly Sunday services at 4pm at the Woodside.

Please join in **Bolnore Lotto** and win whilst helping to raise funds that are used to pay for furniture and equipment, and help keep down hire costs and fund other community projects such as supporting new local groups. You can join from as little as £5 per month, paying monthly by credit/debit card, Direct Debit or upfront by cheque. For more information visit www.bolnorelotto.co.uk



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Daphne Knight

4th April 1928 - 12th July 2015

By Ron Knight

Daphne was the last of seven surviving children born to William Knight and Rose (nee Botting) of Cuckfield in Sussex. Raised in Glebe Road, Daph met Canadian soldier Bill Moldowin during WW2. They fell in love, married in 1945 and Daph became a 'War Bride'.

This brave, just 17-year old girl travelled alone by train to Liverpool, by ship to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and then the 3,000-mile, six day train journey to Vancouver on the West coast of Canada. Can you imagine what that took? Oh, and she was six months pregnant. She and Bill would have five children – Evelyn, Terry, Manny, Daphne and Melody. She survived Bill, and also her second husband Ken Hall. Ken was a Geordie, and a hero of the Dropping at Arnhem – 'A Bridge Too Far'.

Daphne died peacefully in her own bed as she had lived, independently, without fuss and on her own terms. Her children and grandchildren in Canada and her many nephews and nieces in Cuckfield, the rest of the UK, Spain and Australia, celebrate her life.

Her story can be read in the Cuckfield Museum.



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The day the Emperor showed up in Cuckfield

By Oliver Whalley

Anyone who knows anything about butterflies in the UK will know that of the 60 or so species we have, the Purple Emperor (*Apatura iris*), as well as being almost the largest, is a truly elusive and threatened rarity. Even for Victorian aurelians (butterfly enthusiasts) it developed a legendary reputation, with its iridescent purple flashing beauty that has for most of us been confined to the pages of books and dreams.

So imagine, as I walked sleepily out on this midsummer morning near Horsgate with my 3 year old daughter in my arms, when suddenly she jumped as I flinched to see a large butterfly swoop past my shoulder ... too fast and large for a red admiral or peacock, not orange enough for a fritillary ... a continental migrant or ... a butterfly centre rainforest escapee ... or perhaps ... white streaks on dark ... a huge white admiral (that I have seen soaring around honeysuckle in woodland glades). These were my thoughts as we ran over to a spot where the butterfly had settled on the grass. On stealthily creeping I gasped, instantly mesmerized, for there right in front of our noses, nonchalantly, confidently, even clumsily probing its yellow proboscis for the dewy broth of summer infused grass, was the legend of my boyhood dreams – walking – not elusive, not locally extinct, but just being.

Years before, I had once seen glimpses of purple emperors high amongst an oak canopy and tried to lure them down with dung and silver foil without success. But here in Cuckfield on 18th July, was the Purple Emperor himself, browsing through the sparkling dew without a care in the world and unfazed by a pair of wide-eyed monkeys.

After some wonder time, a must-take-a-photo pang came on, an iNaturalist moment. Weighing up a trade of real memories for possible images, I rushed back for a camera. Hurrying back, I could see the emperor alighting after acrobatically scattering Meadow browns over the bramble flowers pinkly warming in the sun. Just then,

like rabbit out of nature's cuff, out across short grass, the milk and plain chocolate lolloping sausages of a male and female stoat dived together under the brambles. Continuing on target, on my knees, I closed in on the Purple Emperor still drinking on the grass and, through my elation, converted words into evidence on a map (e.g iNaturalist.org) and record of these images.

"Guess what butterfly I just saw?" I said to Dad (who was brought up locally) over the phone. "Purple emperor," he said jokingly as the least likely. He had never seen one close-up.

My grandfather and father recorded clouded yellows, hairstreaks and fritillaries in these same summer fields. And today, despite huge declines in nearly all butterfly species, natural regeneration and understanding habitat may see the tide turning. A conservation approach at Wakehurst place has nurtured the silver washed fritillaries and purple emperors, whilst its revived meadows sees clouded yellows after a century.

Sussex and the South Eastern counties support the highest biodiversity in the UK, due to proximity to continental Europe. 18,000 years ago the last ice-sheet never enveloped and consumed our deer-browsed meadows, hornbeam glades, oak copse and alder dappled rivers. People here have loved and nurtured these fields, woods and rivers that run through our lives - we have had to protect them. The Millennium wood next to Penland wood provides willow saplings - foodplants for purple emperors and a host of moth species. Here in the reviving wood thickets, I have recorded nightingales and the occasional cuckoo. Blunts Wood, Paiges Meadow and the wonderful New England wood – these are Cuckfield's treasure houses and home to life and the true connections to our earth. Long may we preserve them from habitat-fragmenting developments and nurture them for our children (and our souls!) to remember the best things in life cannot be bought, least of all an emperor!

Holy Trinity Vicar's recital

Cuckfield's new Vicar, Reverend Michael Maine, will be performing 'Toccatà – A Recital of Great Organ Music' in his Church on Sunday afternoon 4th October 2015. Sponsored by the Friends of Holy Trinity Church, this special organ concert will include Widor's Toccata and works by Bach and Saint-Saëns. Church doors open at 2pm and the concert will start at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £10 (under 18: £6) and are available from Pepperbox and Wealden Stores in Cuckfield and Carousel Music in Commercial Square, Haywards Heath. Tickets can also be purchased from fohtcc@btinternet.com.



Ways of Seeing

CUCKFIELD MUSEUM

There's still chance to catch the summer main display at Cuckfield Museum, featuring work from second year Design and Craft students from Brighton University.

The students are exhibiting items they have made, inspired by objects in the museum collection and by their field trips to Cuckfield's New England Wood.

The students visited the Museum earlier in the year to take a close look at items normally kept behind glass or in storage. Their work, in a variety of materials, is shown alongside the objects which caught their imagination and the accompanying texts explain in detail how each individual student approached the project.

The museum is now open on Friday afternoons from 10am to 4pm and also on Wednesdays from 10am to 12.30pm and Saturdays from 10am to 4pm.



Leona Quayle

I chose a pair of small leather boots that would have been worn by children in the workhouse because I felt that any individual identity was lost; the boots are identical and there is not even a left and right.

The decoratively rusted steel box symbolises the workhouse and entraps a pair of rusted wire boots which represent the children.

The embroidered bandage pillow represents the memory of the child that has been lost over time. Using a magnifying glass distorts the viewer's perspective, highlighting lost identities.



Indigo Rumbelow

My work is an exploration of what can be made, harvested and learnt from the ground beneath our feet.

These pots are made from clay dug in New England Wood.

I was inspired to inscribe them by the wording on the museum's six Grace Plates.

After I processed the clay by washing and sieving it, I fired it at different temperatures and noted the resulting range of colours.

Using a potter's wheel, I threw the clay into pots.

Do look at my short film on www.indigorumbelow.tumblr.com



Cat Dimond

Each of these spoons is made to represent a person from Cuckfield's history.

The ladle is made of raised and forged steel, etched with hands to represent the need for the basic amenities provided by the workhouse.

The steel spoon etched with rowan leaves and berries is a medicinal spoon for the child of the Church Street cottage where the cache was found, combining charms against witchcraft with more modern medicine.

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

10am Stroke (Association) Club

8pm Best of Ballroom Dance Club

Thursday

9.30am Pilates

August

14th **Cuckfield Evening Flower Club** – 7.30pm
'Simple Pleasures' by Christina Payne

September

11th **Craft Fair** 9.30am – 12.30pm

11th **Cuckfield Evening Flower Club**
Supper (members only)

15th **Cuckfield Museum talk** – 2.30pm 'The Poor Will Always Be With Us' by Dr Caroline Adams, Archivist and Historian. Caroline presents a fascinating and illustrated talk on the thought provoking subject of how society viewed and responded to the plight of 'the poor' from the 17th century, through the establishment of Workhouses, and their closure in the 20th century (tickets from Mike Nicholson 01444 457448)

AND ELSEWHERE

August

30th **Last Wave on Broadway** – The Broadway, Haywards Heath 11am-10pm. Tickets: adult £8 (£12 on the day)/child: 11 & under FREE from www.itsmagic.org.uk or 01444 800045 or in person from Idle Wild, Savannah & Orange Square in Haywards Heath

September

4th Local band '**These Thousand Hills**' perform at The Haunt, Brighton

10th **Mid Sussex Association of the National Trust**
2.30pm 'Wild Life of Devon, Dorset and Yorkshire' by Patrick Coulcher

12th **Cuckfield Local Monthly Food Market**
The Talbot, 9.30am - 12.30pm

12th **Laines Organic Farm** – Open Day with Difference
2pm onwards

12th **Cuckfield Society Village Show**
Cuckfield Park, 2-4.30pm
Tents, teas, brass bands, giant pumpkins, funny photos; they'll all be at Cuckfield Park for this traditional village afternoon.

18th- **Lindfield Arts Festival**

20th Various events – www.lindfieldartsfestival.com

Advance Notice

4th October: Angus Rowland ForgetMeNot walk

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