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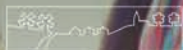
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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

October is here, and brings with it the smell of a new mayor in town! On [page 10](#) the 'two Kates' share the stories of each of the five candidates who are standing this year. **Election Night** is Friday 20th October at the Rose & Crown, with the after party very much being the Mayor's Procession the next afternoon. Do get involved, have some fun and raise some money for **The Independent State of Cuckfield** to distribute during the next 12 months.

On [page 18](#) **Phillipa Malins** steps back in time and remembers the **Great Storm of 1987**, which, of course, has its 30th anniversary this month. There are some brilliant photos which will take you right back to the time. Thanks Phillipa for sharing these.

Simon Yeend went along to the **Cuckfield Village Show** last month, at its first outing in its new home at the Baptist Church building. And there's good news for next year's event too. Read the article and find someone you know in the photos on [page 22](#).

If its drama you like, look no further than [page 26](#). **Cuckfield Dramatic Society** will be performing later this month. The **Bolnore news round-up** is on [page 9](#). If you are after a super-quick tea this evening – head over to [page 30](#), where **Sebastian Candelon** shares a 10 Minute Stew!

If you're into jazz at all – can I urge you to have a look at [page 34](#)? I went to this event when it was in Lindfield recently and very much enjoyed it. **The Roots of Jazz** is hosted by Cuckfield Baptist Church on 13th October.

On [page 37](#) village resident **Fiona Evans** talks new ideas in her interior design column. **Alexander, Evelyn and Andrew** all feature in the **Holiday Snaps** feature on [page 38](#). And the new **Sudoku** puzzle, courtesy of **Andrew Reid** is waiting for you on [page 41](#).

Enjoy the month, and don't forget **Cuckfield Bonfire** on Saturday 4th November at Cuckfield Park!

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New business to open in Cuckfield

A new business will be opening in the village next month when boutique wine merchant and off licence, Sacred Cellar, opens its doors on Broad Street.

Sacred Cellar owner Andrew Jenks is understandably upbeat about the new venture in the premises opposite the car park, formerly occupied by a florist.

The shop will sell fine wine, artisan spirits, craft beer and unique cider.

Andrew said: "More than 95% of our product range will have won at least one award or major commendation around the world, to ensure we focus only on the highest quality products regardless of price point.

"We will also look to retail products created by the best independent craft producers from around the world and across Sussex to offer a curated



experience for lovers of fine drinks.

"Our website will be launching as soon as our launch product range is 100% confirmed, and it will allow visitors to learn more about the team and vision behind the company as well as purchasing products in a secure way."

Andrew has lived in the village for two years and comes from a background in the luxury marketing sector, while his wider team have extensive experience across

the winemaking, craft brewing, national and international drink distribution, fine wine insurance and catering sectors.

Andrew's mother, Lesley, will be Sacred Cellar's operations manager but may be familiar to many in the village from her acting roles with Cuckfield Dramatic Society.

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Long serving Mr Chisholm to retire from Warden Park

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In a statement the school said: "After 37 years of distinguished service, clearly the teaching profession and the Academy will miss Mr Chisholm's patriarchal influence and yet with so much drive and enthusiasm it is great that he can apply this to other interests and ventures.

"Of course, his family will come top of his list, with their successful rugby prowess, along with Sue, his wife, also a much respected school teacher."

Mr Chisholm began his teaching career in 1981 in Salisbury after graduating with a degree in PE and Maths from Liverpool University.

He joined Warden Park in 1985 and this term will be his last. For the last 33 years, he has variously led the PE curriculum and held many pastoral roles. As Head of the then 'Junior House' he made a name for himself in helping the youngsters transition from primary school and quickly settle in and establish themselves at Warden Park. In recent years Mr Chisholm has held the most senior positions of Deputy Head and currently Joint Head of School.

Mr Chisholm managed the England Schoolboy Football team from 2004 to 2006 and was named National School's Coach of the year.

Last year, Mr Chisholm was honoured with an MBE for services to Education, charitable works and youth sports spanning his entire career.

An evening with bite

Rain or Shine will be bringing a new adaptation of Bram, Stoker's famous Gothic fantasy, Dracula, to the Queens Hall next month.

It's the famous vampire but with a comic twist. The show, entitled Dracula – Or a Pain in the Neck, will be performed on 24th November.

Following the success of The Hound of the Baskervilles last year, Rain or Shine are dying to bring you another classic novel.

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Planners turn down request for nursery in The Barn

The future of The Barn at the top of Bolnore Village remains uncertain after MSDC Planning Committee rejected the application to use the building as a day nursery.

The Committee rejected it on the basis that it was an over-intensification of commercial usage, particularly in regards to the level of traffic and parking issues it would cause at what is the main entrance and exit to the Village. Councillors on the committee described the application as 'ludicrous' and the county councillor even defined his council's highways safety assessment as 'absolutely nuts'.

The decision has had a mixed reaction in the village. Many welcome the rejection on the grounds of the traffic

problems that would ensue with dozens of young children being dropped off and picked up at a similar time to when the school's day starts and ends.

Others are disappointed that the building will now remain empty – at least for the short term – while others were keen to have more nursery provision in the village.

Chris Belton, chair of the Bolnore Village Community Interest Company, said: "This may be a disappointment to some and a relief to others. It may not be the end of the story. For that we will have to wait and see. The Committee listened to both objectors and supporters, took advice from their Planning Officer, debated the issues and came to their decision.

"In a conversation with the applicant after the meeting, we suggested a period of quiet reflection on both sides and the suggestion was made that we would talk again later in the month. They may decide to appeal, they may decide to walk away – we just do not know at this stage."

AFC Bolnore go goal crazy

AFC Bolnore has got its season off to a blistering start with high-scoring wins in league and cup.

In their first outing in their new red-and-white striped kit they defeated Polegate Town 7-2, with striker Aaron Stimson scoring six!

The club is selling off its original home kit (2014/15 season) to raise money for the AITC Disability Football charity - bringing football to disadvantaged people throughout Sussex.

Shirts cost £10 and come with a free pair of shorts and socks. They're selling quickly, so order your number now!

Bolnore Village Community Partnership will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Woodside on Tues 17th October at 8.15pm. All welcome.

Friends of Bolnore Village Primary School is holding a cake sale at the school on Monday 16th October at 3.20pm. Cake donations from reception classes or other year groups will be gratefully received. The school is nut-free, so no cakes or biscuit with nuts please.

Raffle and auction prizes needed!

Bolnore School is holding its Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December and the organising team is asking for help in securing donations for the raffle and auction.

The Fair is its biggest fundraising event of the year – but it's always a challenge to get the prizes in, in good time. Do you know a business who could donate something?

Please get in touch with the team by email to friendsofbvps@gmail.com if you have any leads or ideas.



Bolnore Scouts want to say a special thank you to one of the Beaver parents, Hazel Cotman, who applied for a £250 Team Sports Award from UK Power Networks on behalf of the scout group. The Scouts were delighted to discover the application was successful and the money will allow them to purchase items from their camping equipment wish list.



Race for Mayor is Hotting Up

ELECTION 2017

By Kate Horne and Kate Fleming

As the Village year rolls on, we find ourselves ready to elect our Independent State of Cuckfield Mayor again.

This year we have candidates entering the contest representing each of our pubs: **Leanne Knapman** for the White Harte, Daryll Radwell for the Talbot, Paul Leppard for the Wheatsheaf and Mark Dennis for the Rose and Crown. Evelyn Stenning is standing as an Independent candidate, along with Wilf Knighton – our current Mayor – who did just that and won last year.

The two female candidates are well known around the village. Leanne is a member of the Murphy family, many of whose names shine forth from the Mayors of Cuckfield board in The Queen's Hall. A working mother of three, she is a valued member of the ISOC committee. She recently ran a ladies clothes sale to raise funds in what is her 13th attempt to become Mayor. Could this one be lucky for her?



Evelyn Stenning

is a formidable opponent for the rest. A retired midwife, she will know many of the villagers in a special way! She has raised money for her campaign with coffee mornings, a village quiz and completed a five kilometre walk and is hopeful that on the night she can deliver the most money needed to become Mayor.



Daryll Radwell has been manager at The Talbot since last June, and to him this must have seemed like coming home because he was born in Cuckfield.

The Talbot plays a major role in the Mayor's Election weekend, and if Daryll is not wearing the Mayor's robes this year, he will be working as the Sheriff in the pub and in charge of handing the keys of Cuckfield to the new mayor.



Daryll is a supporter of The Independent State of Cuckfield, acknowledging the eccentricity of the idea but recognising the value of the reality to the community. His fundraising ideas for the future include a Community Cinema in The Hayloft, a Race Night and possibly even a Casino Night!

Paul Leppard has been a Cuckfield resident for most of his life. As a toddler he lived above what is now Lloyds Chemist in the High Street where his Father ran the pharmacy. After moving away for a few years he returned to Cuckfield in the long hot summer of 1976 and has been here ever since. So, it is no surprise to hear he enjoys being part of the Cuckfield community, taking a particular interest in The Independent State's Mayoral Election.

His mission, if elected, will be focused on the well-being of village life and the continuation of many events, organisations and groups that enhance our lives and make Cuckfield so special.

His campaign message is: Vote for somebody rather than nobody, as the money raised goes to very worthy causes.

Former accountant **Mark Dennis** is the owner of the Rose and Crown. Since acquiring the pub in 2014 he has engaged almost all his family in the business, believing that a true family business is most likely to see success. He is living his dream of turning his commercial experience to the food business.



The race is truly on, and we would be delighted if you can join us to celebrate this year's Election.

The final night of fundraising (and fun!) takes place at the Rose and Crown on Friday 20th October. The evening begins at 8pm, building to a climax at 11pm when the new Mayor will be announced.

You can make a difference either by donating before the Election Night or coming to the Rose and Crown and supporting our candidates on the night.

The weekend continues with a real Cuckfield spectacle. The new Mayor will parade through the village on Saturday 21st.

The Procession, which includes dancing, marching bands, vintage cars and beautiful floats, leaves Warden Park at 2.30pm. It travels up London Lane and along London Road and has a brief stop at Brainsmead. It sets off back down London Road to High Street, expecting to arrive around 3.30pm. The Mayor will be handed the keys to the Village, and there will be music and entertainment for the children.

The floats that accompany the Mayor on their first journey through the village are a sight to behold. Local organisations take up the challenge to create interesting, exciting and flamboyant 'moving masterpieces'.

Do you know an organisation who would like to take part? The Independent State of Cuckfield is keen to reward teams, groups, organisations, helpers and supporters by making sure each group that legitimately joins the Procession also benefits from the funds the Election raises.

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Brook St Chapel, now the Chapel Gallery

By Phillipa Malins, Cuckfield Museum

Cuckfield Museum remembers the Great Storm of 1987 with a display of photographs, memories and a recreation of what life was like with no power when people literally camped out in their houses, eating by candlelight and cooking over whatever sources of heat they could find.

Thirty years on from the Great Storm of 15th October 1987 and people who were living in Cuckfield at the time still remember vividly the ferocity of the storm, which luckily occurred overnight, so most were in the relative safety of their homes. But some people had to go out: Jose Wright set off in the early evening on night duty in the maternity unit at Cuckfield Hospital and felt the air was warm and muggy and weirdly still. Busy with her work, she thought no more of it till she was aware that the wind had risen and then rapidly intensified with doors slamming, windows banging and breaking glass all over the place. Every room had windows, so how to get the mums and babes to safety? The nurses moved the beds to the centre of the ward and the babies, who at that time spent the night in the nursery, were taken to their mums or their cots pushed against the inner wall. Emergency generators restored electricity quickly and the situation remained under control but it was fortunate the temperature was above normal for the time of year because, owing to the lack of windows and doors, the place was very well ventilated! By the morning the winds had calmed and Jose was able to drive home to Brook Street, driving up on the pavement to avoid trees in the road.

It was a changed world that villagers awoke to that day. Entrance roads to the village from the east were completely blocked by fallen trees. Daphne Stuart remembers that an ambulance, trying to get to the High Street, could not pass along Broad Street or Hanlye Lane but instead had to come down Courtmead Road, through the Play Meadow and the Observer Field (then one large field) and into Newbury Lane and South Street.

The bypass, which would have enabled the ambulance to approach the High Street from the South, was not built till 1989. A new father wishing to see his wife and baby at the hospital, resorted to walking across the fields!

People were astonished at how specific the damage was according to the route of the hurricane. Two semi-detached houses in Broad Street were affected quite differently. All electricity was cut off from Corelli while Purcells next door was untouched. One thing that emerges time and again is how kind everyone was to each other in this time of crisis. The family in Purcells ran a cable through to their neighbours in Corelli to allow them to use their refrigerator and freezer - a lifeline when all contact with the shops in Haywards Heath was lost.

Brothers Martin and Barrie Galbraith were building the new cricket pavilion next to Cuckfield Park. The drive to the Park was completely blocked, so the brothers joined a party of local men to clear the drive - see photo, which also includes Cuckfield Mayor Martin Ingebretson who came to give encouragement! The brothers then helped repair the roof and chimneys of the house which were badly damaged.

Outlying lanes were inevitably left until last when it came to restoring power. Sue Burgess remembers they were a month without power in Deaks Lane and it was six weeks before the Army sent soldiers to fix the phone lines. They lost 32 trees, including a lot of specimen Victorian planting, from their garden and grounds, some of which fell across the lane. Sue sold a good section of a fallen box tree in response to a letter in the Middy offering to buy box wood for model making as it is very fine grained!

Life may have been problematic in those few weeks following the storm but it also became much simpler. Fortunately temperatures remained unusually mild for the end of October and people's preoccupations centred around staying warm, clean and fed. Everyone definitely went to bed when it got dark, to save precious power,



View from the roof of Cuckfield Park when the damage had been cleared



The Wellingtonia in the churchyard took a beating but survived



Broad Street, a monkey puzzle tree came down in the front garden of Covert



Working party in the avenue of Cuckfield Park
(L tree surgeon, Dave Edwards, Martin Galbraith centre with chain saw, Barrie Galbraith 2nd from R, Mayor Martin Ingebretson R)



The great oak in front of Ockenden Manor

and it would be interesting to know if this had any effect on the birth rate the following summer! Like many other villages and towns affected, communities that were used to independent lives suddenly realised how in desperate times they needed to look to each other if they were to get through. Everyone vowed never ever to take the luxuries of heat, light and phone for granted again. It was a strange time, quite unique and never to be forgotten.

Display on until winter closure on 9th Dec. Museum open Wed, Thurs and Fri 10-12.30pm and Sat 10-3pm. More information from www.cuckfieldmuseum.org

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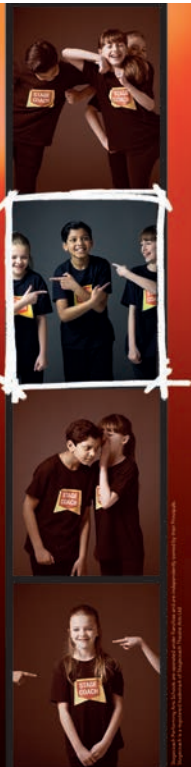
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The Show WILL go on

By Simon Yeend

After 11 years of taking their Village Show to the pastoral idyll of Cuckfield Park, the Cuckfield Society relocated the annual event to the Baptist Church.

And, judging by feedback from visitors last month, it was an acceptable move. Outgoing Chair Jo Roche said: "We knew it was a risk moving as we didn't want to lose the traditional 'Vicar of Dibley' appeal of the show, but we needed to simplify the event to ensure that it would survive for many years to come and I'm delighted the decision paid off."

The event now has a new committee ready to take it forward and ensure that it stays in Cuckfield's social calendar for years to come.

The standard of entries was at its usual high level and, thanks maybe to the weather, it was a bumper year for fruit, vegetables and flowers, which had their own room upstairs. The Show had a new winner this year in Janet Rawson, who stopped George Baty's run of three straight victories. George had to settle for second place with 24 points. Janet, who scored a whopping 43 points in the Best in Show competition, also won best in section for horticulture for her basket of home-grown vegetables.

Janet, runner up last year, was delighted to go one better this time. "It's great to win a cup and I'm just glad

that people appreciate all the hard work that went into growing the vegetables," she said.

"I'll be back next year. I can't resist buying a packet of seeds."

Judith Hallet also won a cup for Floral Art with a bee-friendly flower arrangement. Andrew Keiller triumphed in the Food & Drink category with his redcurrant gin. Other winners were Carol Symonds for her Winnie the Pooh quilling picture in the Crafts section, Den Jordan for Art & Photography and Kaia Hatton in Juniors. Elaine Baty won the Eileen Craigen cup for best preserve and Zoe Humphrey the Katie Stewart Cup for her Bakewell tart.

The Mid Sussex Brass Band set up inside the church, as a series of spiteful rain showers hit Cuckfield in the afternoon. The noise generated from being indoors was outstanding, as the band went through a series of popular numbers including Baggy Trousers and When I'm 64.

Jo, Trish, Anne, Peter and all the past committee members would like to say a huge thank you to the new team for stepping forward and taking over the running of the show; they might even get time to enter the food & drink classes next year! The new committee is keen to hear from anyone with ideas for the show, especially with suggestions for new classes. Please email them at cuckfield.society@gmail.com



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Chime for Action



By Simon Yeend

The bells of Holy Trinity Church may fall silent – ending more than 300 years of tradition – unless villagers step up to join the ringers.

David Wilson, who has been ringing bells for more than 50 years, says the situation in Cuckfield is getting desperate after three of the regular ringers recently moved away or retired.

There are 40,000 bell ringers across the country, but numbers are dropping as older ringers retire and fewer youngsters take up the hobby.

David moved to Cuckfield in 1975 after learning to ring in his native Suffolk and brought his passion for bell-ringing with him. He is determined that this part of our heritage is kept alive.

"Losing three of our band at the same time has blown a hole in us," he says. "Ringing for regular services and special occasions like weddings and Remembrance Sunday cannot be assured unless we recruit replacements.

"When I learnt 50 years ago, I lived in a village in Suffolk, there wasn't much else to do in the evening. Even the TV was only two channels then. The buses stopped running at seven, so if you wanted to go to the cinema it was difficult.

"What I'd like is to get a few people up here that we can train or some people that are trained and get them back – even if they came just for services that would be a big help."

So what skills do you need to become a bell-ringer? David showed me the ropes (no pun intended) after climbing the spiral staircase of 38 steps up into the atmospheric bell tower at Holy Trinity, which has stood since the 13th century.

The bells are a tad younger at 200 years, but ringing from Cuckfield has gone on for more than three centuries.

"You don't need to read music. Or be particularly strong," says David, pulling the ropes on a 700kg bell that sets it off clanging furiously like an air raid warning. "This is the only time you need any real welly, when you've got to get this up."

The comedy image is of a monk flying up the bell

tower hanging on to a rope. Could that actually happen?

"It's unlikely, but yes," says David. "If you get a learner and they are heavy handed, the stay holding the bell could break and then there is nothing to stop that bell going over and over and over, the rope will go up and at that point the beginner had better let go. If you follow the instructions it's perfectly safe."

Change-ringing, unique to the British Isles and some Commonwealth countries, began in the 16th century when church bells were hung with a full wheel. This allowed control of the bell, which allowed sets of bells (usually six or eight) to be rung in a continuously changing pattern. Those patterns range from fairly simple to the incredibly complex methods.

"St Paul's put on orchestral level performances," says David. "What we are looking for here is someone who can do the basics. Play the instrument, play it with others and not make a mess. As long as the ringing and the striking is good it doesn't matter how complex or simple we do it, that's what we get judged on – how we sound outside."


Why learn to ring?

"In a way, it's a brotherhood," says David. "Because once you can ring you can go into any town and ring. It opens lots of doors and is a great way of getting local contacts.

"Although often hidden from view, bell-ringers are a friendly and sociable group. On occasions, we go to the pub and have an annual outing. There are people who, if you cut them in half and they say bell-ringer all the way through, and others like me who want to keep the tradition alive so we can make a sensible noise before services."

For details please call David Wilson on 01444 456777. Or pop in to Holy Trinity Church on a Thursday evening when they practise from 7.45-9.15pm.





Check out Chekhov!

By Emma Gosling, director

Written in 1897, *Uncle Vanya* is arguably the first modernist drama, full of conflict, unrequited love, frustration, rivalry, jealousy and a sprinkling of hope. It examines the complicated interaction between a group of people, secluded in a country estate in Czarist Russia.

The cast explored those themes during a workshop to deepen their understanding of the characters and how they relate, or don't, to each other.

I was first introduced to the play at South Downs college where I studied Theatre Arts. I thought I had a good understanding of the play then, but being only 17, full of life, hope and ambition, yet to have regrets, how could I fully comprehend the concept of wasted lives and what might have been?

I am extremely lucky to have such a talented cast who have astounded me with their insight and performance.

Paul Davey plays the title role and manages to interpret this quirky, disgruntled, jealous character as neither hero nor villain in such a way that we feel his pain and torment.

Dr. Astrov, who, it has been said, Chekhov based on himself, is a character way ahead of his time. A vegetarian who cares about the environment and conservation. He looks to the future but also broods about the past. He is mindfully portrayed by Ken Collins.

Sharran Rigby Smith as Helena, the beautiful, younger second wife of Serebrakov, is captivating to watch. It is amazing how she can convey so much with just one look. No wonder her talent was recognised by Brighton and Hove Arts Council for her portrayal of Mrs Van Daan in *The Diary of Anne Frank* at Lewes Little Theatre. She was awarded The Mike Padley Award for Best Supporting Actress.

Sonia, Vanya's niece, is described as being plain. Estella Balicki's interpretation of the character is anything but. Wise beyond her years, she will bring you to tears.

The retired professor Serebrakov quickly regrets his move to the country. It was a bit of a stretch for Martin Sheldon to embody this cantankerous, self-centred old academic, but he pulls it off!

Unlike her character Marina, the old nurse who dislikes change, Harriet Sheldon is returning to the stage after ten years to show us how it's done. Having

directed *Rebecca*, *The Importance of Being Ernest* and *On Golden Pond*, it is little wonder that her rendition is caring, tender and has insightful comic touches.

Keith Moss's depiction brings out the sensitive nature of Telegin, an impoverished landowner, down on his luck in life and love, he remains positive.

I am delighted to welcome Diana Martin to CDS, who is playing Mme Voitskaya. She has previously worked with Lindfield Dramatic Club.

Last but by no means least, our workman is Simon Perkins, who has been coaxed back to CDS after not performing for a few years. He only has a few lines but it's what you make of them. As Stanislavski is famously quoted 'Remember: there are no small parts, only small actors'.

Uncle Vanya will be performed by The Cuckfield Dramatic Society at The Queen's Hall from Wednesday 25th October to Saturday 28th October at 8pm. Doors open at 7.30pm for a cheeky Vodka!

Tickets: Wed/Thu £8, Fri/Sat £9. First night offer - two or more £7 each. No online booking fee from: www.cdsweb.co.uk or 01444 848156 & local shops.

Cuckfield Dramatic Society is looking for singers, dancers, musicians and speciality acts for its Christmas Cabaret. This year's theme is the 'Swinging Sixties - Bond meets Powers!' As in James Bond and Austin Powers set to a backdrop of '60s music from the Beatles and Motown to the Beach Boys and Jimi Hendrix.

Speciality Acts needed include acrobats, ventriloquist, escapologist, drag artistes, and funny compères... even performing dogs, as this year the organisers want it to be more of a variety show.

Auditions begin this month for shows that will take place on 7th, 8th and 9th December. Rehearsals are in Cuckfield, Monday and Wednesday evenings, but not everyone will need to rehearse on both these days each week.

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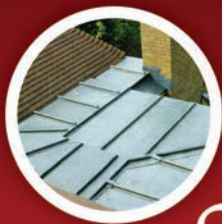
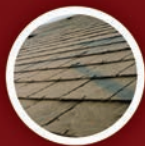


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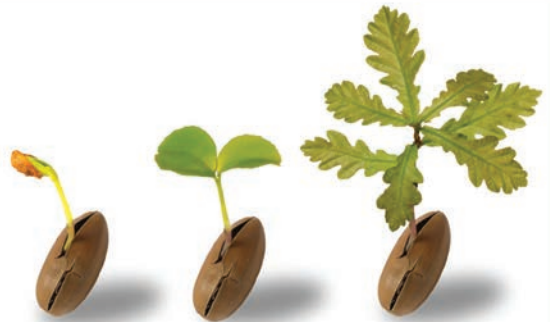


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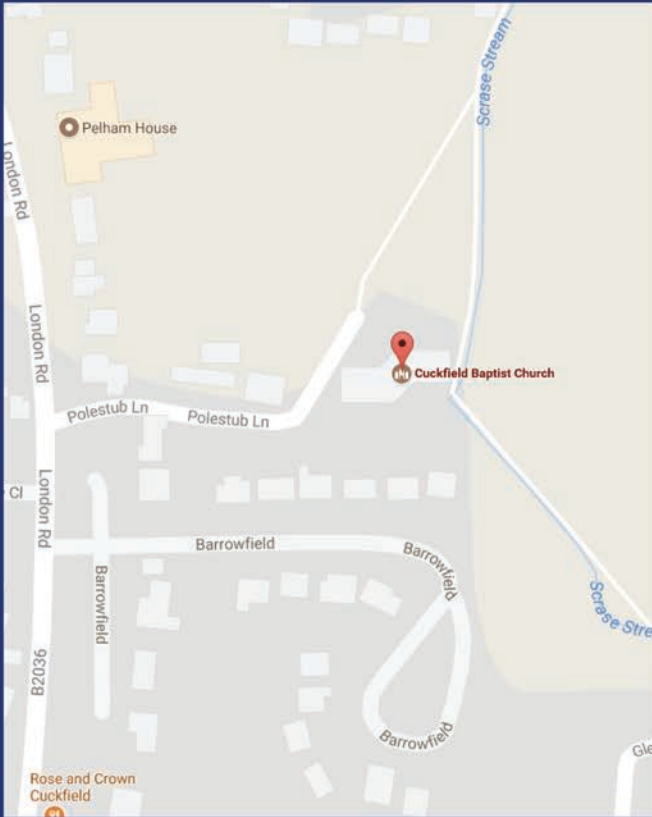
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And now the end is near

FROM THE MAYOR'S TABLE

By Wilf Knighton

The highlight this month was the Cuckfield Society's 12th Village Show. I was privileged to perform the opening and later present the prizes. In between I had time to examine the exhibits and what a high standard they all set. Indeed, I think the judges had a difficult job.

This is a truly community effort relying on sponsorship from some 20 local businesses which is much appreciated.

The new Baptist church proved to be a first-class venue, especially as it chose to rain on the day. The event was very well attended with refreshments available and music provided by the Mid Sussex Brass Band.

This month was the third visit for myself and Pamela to Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity. We admire the work they do with children under five with cerebral palsy and motor-learning difficulties. On this visit, we were pleased to see the children enjoying the new Magic Carpet and Sensory equipment. The work they do is a great contribution to society and we are fortunate they have chosen Cuckfield for their stimulating new premises.

My term of office shortly expires and it is good to end on a high note provided by the Royal Air Force Shades of Blue Big Band charity concert in Holy Trinity Church, sponsored by Pat Gallagher, funeral directors, on behalf of the Mid Sussex branch of the RAF association. The evening was a great trip down memory lane with much of the programme stretching right back to the 1950s.

My final activity will be the presentation of a cheque to the Chairman of the Trustees of the Cuckfield museum.

Surprising how time flies. I have had a most enjoyable year and have met many volunteers supporting local good causes and charities. Many thanks to them all for doing such a wonderful job.

In conclusion, I would like to wish all the candidates in the forthcoming election the best of luck and thank the ISOC committee for all their hard work in keeping this great tradition alive.

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The future looks bright

DESIGN AT HOME

By Fiona Evans, interior designer

Each year interior design shows inspire us with an amazing array of furnishings and finishes. Everything from stunning textiles, statement lighting, fabulous rugs, carpets and beautiful tiles to the latest in curtain poles and all that is required to add the finishing touches to complete an interior design project. The 'Decorex' trade show I recently visited was exciting, vibrant and gave an insight to trends for the future, a promising prospect if you would like to add a special touch to your interior.

There was an amazing stand by Meystyle displaying wallpaper containing OLEDs (organic light emitting diodes), meaning the design within the wallpaper lights up at the flick of a switch! Imagine that as a focal point of an interior (see pics on Cuckfield Interiors Facebook page).

Another fascinating wallpaper was displayed by Lincrusta, a business established in 1877. Their wallpapers are deeply embossed, using linseed, creating fantastic designs, both modern and classical, and can be painted in neutrals, colours or trendy metallics. Use in interiors within panels, as accent walls, beneath dado rails etc.

Other wallpapers, such as those displayed by Blackpop, are distressed, patterned, opulent, colourful and unique in their design. House of Hackney produce stunning large-scale wallpapers in botanical designs.

I really love to see anything that is handcrafted, as it gives a unique edge to the finished interior. For instance, there were beautiful patterned and plain rugs which were either hand knotted, hand woven or hand tufted and available in an array of colours and choice of styles. A fantastic way to add art to your space.

Being a great fan of glass, I was drawn to the amazing selection of glass items, from stunning hand blown curvaceous crafted lamps, chandeliers, vases and bottles in dazzling colourless glass to those in glistening colours or infused with eye-catching metals. All very tempting as small or large statement pieces from Julian Chichester and Vaughan Lighting. Curiousa and Curiousa create magnificent coloured glass pendants that have caught my eye at design shows.

With an emphasis on Mid Century Modern, furniture designers displayed magnificent pieces finished to perfection, bespoke to your requirements and dressed in the latest designer fabrics, printed, woven or embroidered designs. Cox specialises in fabulous furnishings taken from nature, inspirational pieces in the form of branches, leaves, tree trunks in metals and glass.

Lighting is taking on new twists and turns with examples inspired from mid-century and industrial eras in line with the current trend for all things industrial. Large statement lamps with visible filaments fitted individually or in groups add to the industrial edge. LED lighting promises to be the way to go for the future with dazzling displays.

I must mention the stunning copper baths by William Holland. Elegant and traditional baths in a choice of five styles, an amazing focal point.

Holiday snaps

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



Alexander Goody on Sidmouth beach



Mayor of Karlstadt sees Cuckfield Life



Evelyn Stenning at Sid's cafe, Holmfirth



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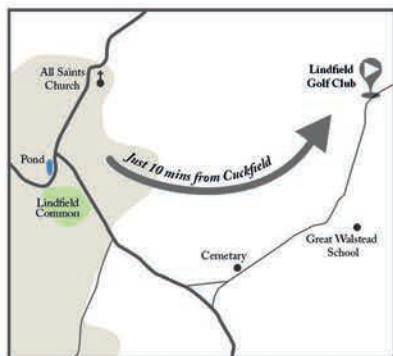
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Find the solution to #16
in next month's magazine

#15 Solution

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- 9.45am **Yoga Boutique** (term time only)
- 11.15am **Yoga Boutique** (term time only)
- 10.30am **Pilates** (beginners)
- 1.30pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Dog Training** (ring craft)

Tuesday

- 9.30am **Preschool Football**
- 10.15am **Preschool Singing**
- 1.30pm **Yoga**
- 3.45pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Dog Training** (obedience)

Wednesday

- 9.30am **Preschool Singing**
- 10am **Stroke Support Activities**
- 12.30pm **Zumba Dance Class**
- 1.30pm **Line Dancing Class**
- 3.30pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Yoga**
- 7.45pm **Ballroom Dance Club**

Thursday

- 9.15am **Yoga**
- 4pm **Disability Fitness**
- 6pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Wedding Dance Class**

Friday

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

October

- 14th **Cuckfield Preschool Jumble Sale** – 10.30am to 12noon. A chance to grab fantastic bargains while raising funds for the Preschool. Also, an opportunity to declutter for the autumn, should you feel able to donate your jumble. Jumble accepted at the venue from 8.30-10am on the day. Any queries, please contact publicity@cuckfieldpreschool.co.uk or 01444 450438

November

- 9th **'The Magic of Pantomime' by Ian Gledhill, Historian** – 2.30pm. Ian's enthralling talk reflects on the history of this enduring and peculiarly British institution with anecdotes from years of appearing in and producing Pantomimes. To book, ring Mike Nicholson, 01444 457448 or email events@cuckfieldmuseum.org
- 24th **Dracula or A Pain in the Neck! Comedy by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company** – Doors 7pm, show 7.30pm

AND ELSEWHERE

October

- 14th **Disco Night** – 7.30pm
The Woodside, Bolnore Village
(tickets £8, info@swooveaid.com)
 - 17th **Cuckfield Evening WI** – 7.30pm
Cuckfield Baptist Church, Polestub Lane
AGM
 - 17th **Bolnore Village Community Partnership AGM** – 8.15pm
The Woodside, Bolnore Village
 - 18th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10.15am
Clair Hall. Hans Christian Anderson. Lecture by Karin Fernando. Non-members welcome: £7 on the door
 - 20th **Cuckfield Mayor's Election** – 8pm
Rose and Crown, Cuckfield
 - 21st **Cuckfield Mayor's Procession** – 2.30pm
For details of route and timetable see story on Page 10
 - 21st **Quiz night in Bolnore** – 7.30pm
The Woodside, Bolnore Village. £2 per person, teams of up to six. To reserve a table email: events@bolnore.org.uk
 - 25th **Royal British Legion Women's Section** – 2.30pm
Old School, Cuckfield
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 - 28th **Ansty Village Hall Trust coffee morning** – 10.30am-12.30pm
Village Hall, Deaks Lane, Ansty. Tombola and Sales Table for that early Christmas present
 - 28th **Family Halloween Disco** – 7.30pm
The Woodside, Bolnore Village. £3 per child, includes party bag.
For tickets email: events@bolnore.org.uk
- ### November
- 3rd **Lunchtime concert** – 1pm
Holy Trinity Church. Eloise Irving soprano. Tea/ coffee from 12.30pm
 - 4th **Cuckfield Bonfire & Fireworks** – gates 5.30pm
Cuckfield Park
 - 15th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10.15am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath. How we got IKEA! Scandinavian design 1880-1960. Lecture by Dr Anne Anderson. Non-members welcome: £7 on the door

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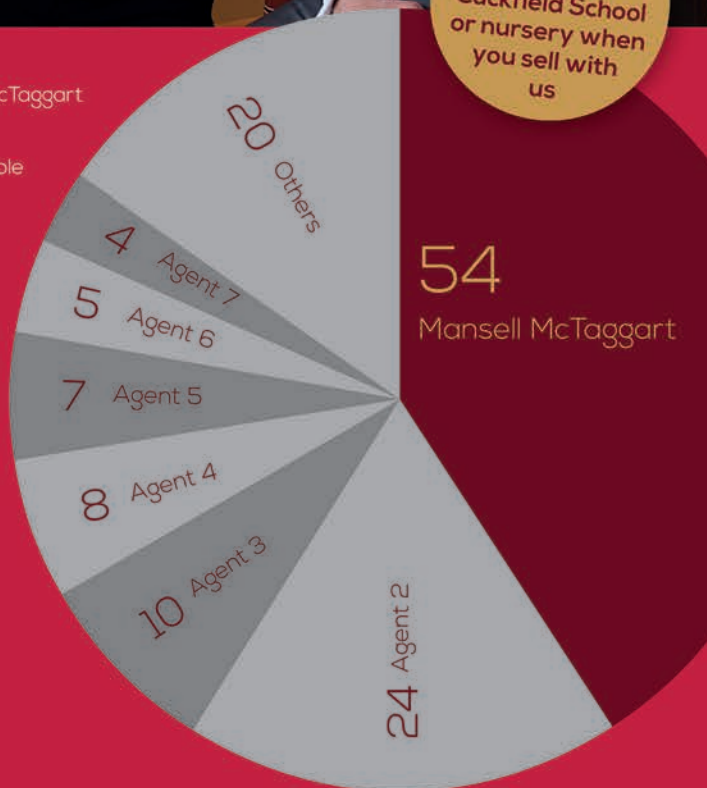
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