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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

I hope you are well and truly ready for Christmas now! The amazing Tree Festival is over for another year and it's now just down to a bit of last minute shopping as we approach the 'finishing line' in a couple of weeks!

Thinking ahead to 2018, local school pupil **Megan** is selling her own Cuckfield Calendars to fund her charity trip to Peru later in the year. See **page 6**.

On **page 9** Simon Yeend talks to resident **Graham Silander** who is getting a **Speedwatch** campaign off the ground in the village. What a fantastic example of community spirit being alive and well in Cuckfield!

The two churches in the village share information about their Christmas services on **page 8** and **12**. Plus, on **page 25**, **Dan Woodfield** from Bolnore's **Grace Church** explains what's to come there.

On **page 19** new mayor **Evelyn Stenning** writes her monthly column, and over on **page 20**, Simon gets the lowdown from runner-up in the mayoral race, **Leanne Knapman**.

Our Bolnore pages start on **page 24** in this issue, and include a newsletter from property management company **Pembroke** on **page 30**.

If you want a top tip for how to look after your Christmas Tree this year, you could do worse than to listen to the advice from local grower **John Main** on **page 32**. **Fiona Evans** talks greenery for your decorations in her interior design column on **page 35**. And, if you're looking for more stuff to do at this time of year, our What's On round-up starts on **page 37**.

Finally, if you get away this festive season, don't forget to take your copy of Cuckfield Life with you in your suitcase please. We love to receive and print snaps from your holidays. On **page 34** **George Baty** shows off his beach attire from Queensland! Email your selfies to photos@cuckfieldlife.co.uk

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May we take this opportunity of wishing you all the best for a healthy, happy Christmas and New Year and THANK YOU to all of you for your continued support, it really does mean a lot to us. *Lin & Natalie*

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Homes Trust gets Co-op backing

Cuckfield residents have a chance to preserve a slice of village history ... and with minimum effort!

The Cuckfield Cottage Homes Trust has been providing low-cost, secure homes near Holy Trinity Church for elderly Cuckfield residents for well over a century.

The Trust owns the three cottages situated to the west of the Church, flanking the graveyard, and has recently been selected by both Co-op stores in the village to benefit from their community funding scheme.

Co-op members automatically contribute one per cent of the cost of qualifying purchases to their selected cause. Cuckfield Cottages Homes Trust trustee Stephen Gaimster would love Cuckfield Life readers to nominate the Trust as their chosen charity to ensure they can continue to provide comfortable housing to local people on low incomes.

The three original cottages were built in 1882 on Church Field and in the same year the Cuckfield Cottage Homes Trust was established. Subsequently these three



cottages were converted into six comfortable self-contained flats.

Stephen said: "The trust provides housing accommodation for persons in need, hardship or distress, who are 60 or over & followers of a Christian faith, who are local to Cuckfield. Residents pay a maintenance charge and the six flats are fully occupied.

"As the cottage homes are more than 130 years old, the maintenance costs are considerable and the trustees are seeking external funding from various sources to ensure the cottage homes are well maintained & updated to modern standards."

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Teams of six, men, women or mixed, throw for one hour, with a 5-minute break in the middle, to achieve the highest score. Three teams scored over 20,000, but one team reached over 30,000. Sponsorship raises money which goes to local charities.

Teams come not only from Cuckfield and Lindfield, but from Horsted Keynes, Haywards Heath, Burgess Hill and the surrounding area. This year over £10,000 was raised of which the majority was donated to the three main charities. A cheque for £3,000 was presented to St Peter and St James Hospice and another cheque for £3,000 was donated to Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. The final cheque for £2,200 was presented to Headway Trust and the balance allocated to other local causes.



The Rotary are now recruiting for the competition which will take place over January to March 2018. Why not get together your team of six for a fun evening? Contact David Wilson (01444 458777, dariwi@btinternet.com) or Bernard Jarvis (01444 412074, jarvis_bmnl@btinternet.com).

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Cuckfield calendars now available

One Warden Park pupil is using her skills and knowledge of Cuckfield to create a Cuckfield Calendar for 2018. Megan Tracey-Roberts Macrae is doing it as part of a fundraising project for her impending trip to Peru with the school.

"I need to raise £4,500 by the summer to be able to go to help in the communities and improve the lives of Peruvian children," Megan comments. "I am very lucky to have access to a good education at a good school and have proper toilet facilities to use. In Peru they don't have this."

Megan continues: "The trip is four weeks. During this time we help in the community, the School Feeding Project is one of these. The Kajilarakay community is poor with no basic sanitation or sewerage and a lack of drinking water. There is also a shortage of crops, leading to malnutrition. We will work on the school kitchen and greenhouse to provide a hygienic place to prepare food."

She would like to thank all the companies that have sponsored a page, and also the shops who have agreed to sell it on Megan's behalf. The calendar costs just £5 and is available now from Wealden Stores, Cuckfield Post Office, Willis & Co, Cuckfield I Wear and Cuckfield Pet & Country Store.



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Safety first: residents kick off Speedwatch campaign

By Simon Yeend

Cuckfield residents are mobilising to stop vehicles speeding through the village.

Graham Silander is one of the co-ordinators of the Speedwatch campaign, which will be supported by the Parish Council and the Police. He was prompted into action after witnessing cars speeding along London Lane as he walks his four-year-old son to and from Holy Trinity School.



Graham, who is an ambulance driver, decided to sound out interest in setting up a community Speedwatch and was surprised but delighted to find that 65 other people were prepared to volunteer time to set up the scheme.

"The limit in London Lane at school times is 20mph, but I regularly see drivers doing easily 40. The pavement is less than a metre wide and you have hundreds of kids going to Warden Park one way and loads of children and parents going the other way to Holy Trinity.

"There's been a couple of accidents along the junction with Glebe Road recently. I believe it's only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

"In my job I've had to come out and pick someone off the road. I've seen the damage a speeding car can do to a child and to a grown-up and these accidents change lives."

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where members of local communities join, with the support of the Police, to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices. Without that data the Highways Agency will not instigate changes to speed limits or the design of roads.

Graham is hoping the new scheme will provide the Parish Council with the relevant information to enact some changes – not least in the attitude of drivers travelling through the village.

Graham said: "On London Lane there's a really narrow pavement and then a white painted line in the road. That's designated as a pedestrian area, but you try telling a pedestrian that it is safe to walk in the road or a motorist that that is not part of the road.

"The council want to physically move the pavement out to that line and cut the trees on the other side – the trees are mainly owned by the Highways Agency – so that would give more room on that side. And they can't do those changes without documented data.

"So hopefully we will show them how many people do speed up and down there.

"I guess seeing people in high-viz jackets pointing a hairdryer-like radar at them may make people slow down – and that is my only ambition to make people slow down and keep the children safe.

"We ought to claim this village as ours and say you

"The limit at school times is 20mph, but I regularly see people doing 40mph. I believe it's only a matter of time before there is a serious accident." **Graham Silander**

can't thunder through here at any speed you like. Delivery trucks are too large, the shops could have goods delivered in smaller vans. Tractors race through too fast and they are too wide for the narrow roads.

"The response has been amazing. I set up a Facebook page and posted it online and within 24 hours, 56 people signed up and that grew the next few days to 65 who had expressed an interest. So now we have to train them, which takes about half an hour, on the rules and regulations, and then the police come out and show them how to use the equipment and how to set up observation points. Some of the 65 are already trained and ready to go.

"Things move slowly but we hope to start early in the New Year.

"The equipment will be lent to us by the police, and the parish council have a fund from developers to help finance the scheme."

There may be Speedwatch sites set up on London Lane, Brook Street, Ardingly Road, Broad Street and Whitemans Green.

If anyone is interested then head to Facebook and the Cuckfield Community Speedwatch page or contact clerk@cuckfield.gov.uk

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Christmas at Holy Trinity

Dear friends,



At midnight, an ox and an ass,
Between lantern and star
Cried, Gloria....Lux in tenebris....
In a wintered byre

Lux in tenebris - Light in darkness - a quotation from the opening Prologue to St John's Gospel is quoted here by the poet George Mackay Brown in his poem 'Christmas'. His words lead the reader on a journey as he ponders the birth of Jesus in a stable from the viewpoint of the animals. In Christian terms, in this moment, heaven and earth are united, and humanity flooded with the light and the knowledge of the presence of the Creator in the face of a baby.

The two birth narratives recorded in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels form the basis of the Christmas Story we celebrate. What both seek to do in very different ways is to draw us on a journey of the knowledge of the presence of God within every aspect of life within our humanity. In this, Divine Love is present with each of us at every moment of our existence: in problems of self-image, addictions, family upheavals and breakdowns, mental health issues – in all these and more, God is present with us and offers the balm of love – a love made known in the face of Jesus Christ.

In Holy Trinity, the window at the west end of the north aisle (as you come in, look right!) is one of the Victorian artist Charles Eamer Kempe's finest windows. It depicts the Tree of Jesse. Jesse, the father of King David, lies sleeping at the bottom and successive generations are represented by Biblical characters – it's a family tree. You couldn't find a funnier bunch of people than these ancestors of Saint Joseph – some good, some flawed, some plain wicked. Yet at the top Mary holds the infant Jesus out to us, and he draws all towards the knowledge of Light in darkness.

May I wish you a truly lovely Christmas and a happy New Year from all at Holy Trinity.

Michael (Vicar)

The Cuckfield Nativity Thursday 21st December at 6pm

We journey from the church, travelling with Mary and Joseph around the churchyard and area singing carols. We find angels, shepherds, kings and even sheep and donkeys before we reach the newborn baby Jesus at the Old School and enjoy refreshments together. The Nativity lasts about 40mins and is suitable for the whole family. Bring a torch and wrap up warm!



Sunday 17th December

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

Thursday 21st December

- 6pm The Cuckfield Nativity (starting in church)

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

- 8am Holy Communion
- 9.45am Parish Eucharist
- 2.30pm Crib Service (church)
- 4pm Crib Service (church)
- 4pm Stable Service (Old School)
(Please note that the Crib & Stable Services are ticketed – free-
available from the Church Office Monday-Friday 9am-12noon)
- 11.15pm Midnight Mass – O come let us adore him - Christ the Lord

Christmas Day

- 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.45am Family Eucharist with carols - a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth



Garden of the Angels

By Kate Fleming

One of my earliest childhood memories is when I was six and I came home from school having caught the measles.

We lived in a 27-room rectory, which housed my parents, two sisters, a brother and a brand new baby. Baby Lucy caught measles and was so ill that my father, the vicar, Christened her one night in the parental bedroom. We were all summoned in our pyjamas, and became the congregation, along with my distraught mother, for this bizarre ceremony.

Father consecrated the water, held our baby over the chipped enamel bowl, welcomed her to the family of Christ and named her Lucy Margaret Cecilia. She screamed and so did I, and was sent to bed to calm down and be sensible. When father arrived to calm me down he stroked my head and assured me that our baby would get better and indeed, mercifully, she did, and the world has been made richer by her presence.

Sadly, this cannot be said for the stillborn babies, more than five hundred, buried in unmarked graves in Cuckfield churchyard. Sometimes anomalies of the present, of which this is one, can be understood by looking into the past. This enables us to plan for the future. In the early 19th century, and indeed up until the 1970s, any baby that was stillborn or died shortly after birth was buried in a communal grave with other babies or in a grave with an adult. Hospitals, in this case Cuckfield, assumed responsibility for the burial. Mothers, it appears, had no say in what happened to their baby and were discouraged, and often forbidden, to see or hold the baby. Fathers were excluded from the whole process of childbirth.

After a healthy, trouble-free pregnancy, Catharine Robinson's baby was stillborn on 8th November 1973 in Cuckfield Hospital. The baby girl was taken away, never seen or held by either of her parents, she simply disappeared. 'Baby Robinson', however, remained constantly and clearly in her mother's loving maternal memory, and so it was with immense joy that after 41 years she traced her baby's resting place to Cuckfield

churchyard. Catharine can now visit their shrine and give her baby the long-awaited blessing that she has dreamt of for nearly half a century.

As a mother, there is little that I can imagine worse than having a stillborn baby or losing a child at any age, and have been assured that our attitude towards these tragedies has changed and that this cruel treatment of fellow human beings has been firmly placed in the past.

In the meantime, the babies lie in the tranquillity of Cuckfield churchyard. A beautiful, lovingly kept place of memories and holy sanctuary for all the loved ones buried there. Everyone can enjoy the peace and calmness that permeates this consecrated ground and remember their loved ones.

This experience could be enhanced by an acknowledgement by us in the 21st century that the babies are at rest there and that we will care for them in their unmarked graves.

A bench or a commemorative sculpture is now planned for the churchyard in memory and as a reminder to us that life is precious however long or short it is.

Phillippa Malins, of Cuckfield Museum, heard about the mass grave and wrote to the Parish Council to see if they would be willing to erect a memorial in the churchyard.

Marie Dormer, the Parish Councillor with special responsibility for the churchyard, replied: "We need as much publicity as possible about the Babies Burial Ground and that Cuckfield Parish Council are proposing a commemorative sculpture. I want to reach as many people as I can as there are many people living who have a connection and might want to be involved or be present when the final sculpture is unveiled to the public. In the meantime, we are looking for an arts grant and have a sculptor in mind."

If you are interested in making a suggestion with regard to the nature of the memorial please contact the Parish Council via email to sam.heyne@cuckfield.gov.uk or telephone 01444 451610.

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When it comes to getting your roof repaired many people will immediately hear the title music of *Crimewatch* ringing in their ears, as they fear being ripped off by a 'cowboy builder'. Mark White, from



White & Sons Ltd, hears those stories all the time: "Yes, unfortunately there are a few rogue traders who have given this industry a bad name – our approach is totally different." One example of this is the cards they deliver to neighbours while they are working on a property, apologising for any disturbance they may be causing.

Mark's first job was as an apprentice roofer in Guildford – and he's been doing it ever since! "You get some spectacular views from the rooftop," he comments. "Even more so in areas like Cuckfield with some beautiful scenery around."

He started his own company in 1986 carrying out a variety of roofing projects, including some very notable buildings along the way. "We worked at Hever Castle and were asked to match an original Tudor lead hopper – that was a brilliant challenge to be given." Mark has also worked at the London Docks when they were being developed, Anne of Cleves house in Lewes and they also used to regularly work at the Ideal Home Exhibition building brand new show homes from scratch inside Earls Court. Mark even appeared alongside Mr Motivator doing his warmup on live TV!

But, whilst Mark's speciality is leadwork, he and his team can complete all aspects of roofing work.

"We say we do just about everything from the gutter upwards," he explains. This includes chimney stacks, Velux windows, light tunnels, flat and tiled/slate roofs. Anything from replacing one or two broken tiles, fixing a leaky chimney to a whole roof replacement – they can even just clean out gutters full of winter debris.

Mark's experience in the industry gives him an encyclopaedic knowledge of all things 'roof'. "We know that a number of, so-called, roofing contractors give bad advice, or no advice!" Mark explains. For instance, when replacing a roof you must obtain Building Regulations approval, and you must upgrade the insulation at the same time. "While working on one roof, I was called round to the neighbours property after the owners had been discussing both of their recent works to their houses," Mark said. "His contractor had said it won't need Building Regs and so hadn't applied for it. My customer's neighbour was furious when he realised that his roofer had given incorrect advice."

White & Sons Ltd is registered with the National Federation of Roofing Contractors, Trust Mark, Checkatrade and is part of the Competent Roofers scheme. The latter insists that most jobs are registered on the system with a start and end date, and spot checks are then carried out independently by an NFRC assessor. Plus, at their level, it also means they can self-verify Building Control regulations saving customers over £200.

Of course getting the right finish is imperative for homeowners, and that's why Mark is always committed to getting the right tile for the job. "Showing a tile on the floor in the lounge is one thing," Mark says, "but we like to take a few tiles up on to the roof for the customer to

After



Before



see it in situ – all before we place any order for the rest. It is that attention to detail and reassurance that customers need.”

White & Sons Ltd is a true family business. Mark’s wife Gill joined the business seventeen years ago and all three of their sons are also on the team. They have worked on a number of roofs in the village and Mark would be delighted to hear from you, if you have a concern about your own roof or would simply like some advice.



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Mark’s Roof Top Tips

To assess your roof, the best place to start is indoors.

- First look at the ceilings and look for any damp patches, dark marks or bubbling.
- Next check the loft area, ideally during sunlight. Missing tiles, holes in the roofing felt etc, can be seen more easily during sunlight, and will appear as bright spots. It is also important to check the timber work whilst in the loft. White water trails/marks can appear on rafters. Also notice if any of the timbers are starting to sag or have darker spots on them.

After checking the interior, you can then check the exterior.

- Look for any missing, slipped, or broken tiles. Tiles can slide into the gutter, so looking along the gutter line is an easy way to quickly check for obvious missing tiles.
- Tiles and slates start to flake and disintegrate, particularly during cold weather. Water enters small cracks in the surface of the tile before it freezes and expands. This is seen by small orange flakes scattering the roof.
- Freezing water can also cause the mortar to crack and disintegrate. Check all mortar work (such as ridges and hips) to make sure that the cement hasn’t disintegrated away from the tiles. This can result in a loose ridge tile which can cause damage to the rest of the roof in strong winds.
- It is also important to regularly check and clean the gutters. Leaves, dirt, debris and even tennis balls can all end up in a gutter, causing it to block. A blocked gutter can cause a leak due to the overflow of water needing somewhere to go.
- Moss can also cause a problem to your roof. Moss has the tendency to cling on to tiles and work roots through the tile. Moss also holds a vast amount of water. This then adds to the probability of a tile splitting.

Whilst looking at the roof, it is also important to check the leadwork.

- The lead must be sealed properly in a brick chase. Missing mortar, or sealant, is a sign that it is not sealed sufficiently. The lead flashing will also start to slip or pull away from the brickwork.
- If possible, check to make sure that the lead has not started to crack and/or tear. This can happen as lead expands and contracts over time due to temperature changes. If lead is used in a long piece, this movement can cause the lead to split.

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Mayor about town

FROM THE MAYOR'S TABLE

By Evelyn Stenning, Mayor

I hope you enjoyed reading my first report from my Mayor's Table in last month's issue of Cuckfield Life.

Saturday 4th November was a busy day for me, as I had the Women's Section RBL Poppy Appeal Morning in the Old School. Huge thanks to all who attended. And in the evening I was delighted and honoured to light the bonfire for the Cuckfield Bonfire Society in Cuckfield Park.

It brought back a lot of memories of when I was a child when the Bonfire was held on Whitemans Green and we walked around Cuckfield in fancy dress carrying our lighted torches! Health and safety would never allow this today.

Sunday 5th November turned out to be a lovely autumn day and I saw the Annual Veteran Car Run as the old vehicles drove through Cuckfield. There were plenty of people lining the roads to cheer them on.

I had my second cataract operation during that week, so I was unable to attend the Remembrance Service to carry the Women's Section RBL Standard. Leanne Knapman laid the ISOC wreath. I understand it was well attended. I was well enough to attend the Remembrance Concert by the Ardingly Choral Society at the Dolphin Centre in the evening wearing my robes.

December has already been a busy month for me. Friday 1st was the ISOC annual senior citizen lunch, where I greeted my Cuckfield subjects. Friday 8th December was the Street Festival and Children's Fancy Dress, a Craft Fair in the Old School and not forgetting the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church over the weekend. I have a few other events that I have been asked to attend as Mayor.

I would also like to thank everyone who has sent me congratulations and best wishes on becoming Mayor of Cuckfield.

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The Wait Goes On

VILLAGE PEOPLE



By Simon Yeend

Leanne Knapman has set herself a massive target of raising £10,000 in the next year to ensure she is finally crowned Mayor of Cuckfield.

Thirteen times Leanne has stood for mayor and 13 times she's missed out. As she says herself, always the bridesmaid...

Cuckfield credentials don't come any deeper than Leanne's. Born and brought up in Cuckfield, she works at the Wheatsheaf as well as cleaning for two ladies in the village, and her two younger children go to school at Holy Trinity, while her eldest son is a pupil at Warden Park. She met husband Gareth in the Talbot and had her wedding reception in the Rose and Crown. A member of the Murphy family, her grandfather, dad, mum, cousin and uncle have all donned the mayor's robes.

It's only natural that she wants to join that roster and see her name on the board. In her previous attempts to become mayor, she has usually been pipped at the last moment by a big-spending rival.

Has she worked out how much she has raised for the village in those 13 failed attempts?

"No, I haven't," she says. "I always mean to but haven't got around to it. But it will be somewhere between £20,000 and £30,000."

This year Leanne raised £4,712, but fell short as Evelyn Stenning poured £8,484 into the pot. The previous year, she was convinced she had the mayor race nailed after raising more than £8,500 only to see Wilf Knighton go even higher.

"You have years where someone wins with two and a bit," says Leanne. "The years that I decide to go for it, someone else goes for it, excessively. So, I'm aiming for ten grand this year."

"I think Lindy Elphick won it with ten grand a few years back – I think she's the person who stands as the highest money raiser," and with a smile that comes easily to Leanne she jokes, "I'm looking to swipe her crown."

Leanne has already had her first event at the end of November, when Band of Dads played the Queens Hall. The takings were split between Leanne's campaign and Time for Children.

How does she feel when the results are announced and she finds out she is invariably second?

"I kind of knew I'd lost when Evelyn put her first bit of money in. The general consensus is you eke your money in bit by bit and then kind of throw in your final bit at the last minute. I knew she had raised a lot of money and I wasn't sure if I'd have enough. I thought it would be close, I was wrong. I think she put £2,500 straight in from the off and I looked at my mum and said 's**t, I don't think this is going to be my year.' Word gets around the village and I'd heard little snippets from people that they thought Evelyn had a few big backers, one said to me 'I'm telling you now so you're not gutted on the night.'

"If I ever do win it I'm not going to know what to do with myself. It's not them, it's me, oh my gosh."

"Last year it was so hard, I'd raised such a huge amount of money, surely, I thought, it must be enough. Firstly, I didn't know who Wilf was and secondly, I didn't have any idea he was running."

"He was just this guy sitting there with his wife and they kept coming over with big wads of cash and throwing it in the pot. I said to my mum, 'Who is this guy?' She said, 'I don't know.' And then it was kind of down to just us two at the end and I had no idea which way it was going to go, I think if anyone had seen my face at that election they would have seen something like this ..."



– she pulls a face akin to Edvard Munch’s *The Scream*.

“But gutting as it was to lose, you can’t stay upset for long when you realise that between us we raised such a huge pot of money for the community.”

Has winning become an obsession now after more than a decade of trying?

“It’s not a crushing desire to be mayor,” she says. “It’s often a struggle to find mayoral candidates each year. I don’t mind being beaten, as long as people are out there, doing their thing.

“The amount of times I’ve put myself in because we’ve got to July and August and there’s only one candidate and they’re not doing it really seriously, so I panic that there’s not going to be any money in the pot, so I say I’ll do it, I’ll do it. I assume the responsibility and then get beaten anyway,” again said in good humour. If the defeats hurt, she hides it very well.

“I’ve got so used to doing it that I can’t not stand,” she says. “But it’s got to the stage now where I’ve done it so many times that I need to see it through to victory. I’ve got to get it, just to say that I have done it. I will win, I just don’t know when.

“If I win, I’ll give money to Holy Trinity school and to again support a local lad called Sumner Malik who has DIPG, a rare type of brain cancer. I just feel so awful for his family that they have to go through all this hassle to get him treatment.

“All the money raised goes to good causes and that’s what keeps me coming back. It all goes in the pot and my kids have benefited from the money that has been raised – some has been given to their Preschool, and to the schools.

“I like the idea of it. It’s just daft and silly. People can take it a bit seriously. One year, one candidate was convinced they were going to win and at the last minute they threw a £500 cheque in the pot and they didn’t win. They completely and utterly threw their toys out of the pram, saying this is ridiculous, it’s a fix. And I said to them, ‘that’s the point’.

“They cancelled the cheque. It’s a bit of fun, you’re not a legal mayor, you just get to wear a silly cloak and a funny hat.”

So, what does Leanne like about Cuckfield?

“There’s not a lot not to like,” she says. “It’s close-knit, it’s got a nice feel to it. There’s not many places you could go where you wouldn’t feel welcome. It’s quite diverse for a little place. There’s a lot of different things going on.”

And Dislike?

“Only silly things like the great big trucks that drive through it, nothing about the place itself. There’s traffic issues, there always has been and always will be.”

Could she see herself ever leaving Cuckfield?

“It would take something really special to make me move away,” she says. “My family are all here. I don’t know how I’d feel if they left. Anyway, I can’t leave until I’ve become mayor!”



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Steven says: "I am really excited to be featured in the Brighton & Sussex Cook Book. To be surrounded by such amazing produce and be part of a dynamic food scene makes me very proud."

Cuckfield Life has a copy available to GIVE AWAY to one lucky reader, in a random draw. Simply email your name and address to competition@cuckfieldlife.co.uk before 19th December 2017.

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One year on

BOLNORE CIC

By Chris Belton

It is now one year since the Community Interest Company appointed Pembroke to manage the Bolnore estate. I am sure most residents would agree there have been significant improvements to the look of the village in that time. It is also a fact that it hasn't always been an easy task and that mistakes have been made. However, I believe, on balance, we are now very much headed in the right direction.

What residents see each time they walk through the Village is only part of the story though. The Pembroke website now has very detailed maps of the village showing those parts for which it is responsible and a list of current issues raised, as well as an outline of when those issues are to be resolved. Pembroke have also published in this edition their own quarterly report which I urge you to read.

We are now in a position to consolidate those gains and I look forward to the coming year.

The results are in!

Our mission is 'engaging with the community' and the recent survey has shown that residents are very much engaged! During November a survey was sent to residents of Phase 1, 2 and 3 asking for feedback of this first year. I would like to thank all those who took the trouble to respond and would also like to apologise once again for the teething troubles in getting the survey distributed.

Nearly half of all those asked responded. An initial review suggests that, overall, residents are satisfied with the progress, are satisfied with Pembroke's service and are satisfied about the Community Interest Company. There were many suggestions about what could be done differently.

The next step is to formally consolidate all of the responses into something that can be made available to all residents, and we will be doing that in the coming weeks. All the data will be made available 'warts and all', including responses to all of the individual comments.

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Christmas: The Story of Truth, Light and Hope

By Dan Woodfield

There are a few things I'm hoping for this Christmas – a good Christmas dinner, new thick socks to keep my toes warm, some good books for the winter months and time with my family.

I wonder what you're hoping for?

Good stories need hope, don't they? When we go to watch the latest cinematic offering, in the middle of the story, we're asking 'How is this going to work out well? Where's the hope, the happy ending to this story?'

Christmas is a story of hope. Wonderful, incredible, life altering hope.

Perhaps that sounds a bit strange. Surely Christmas is about turkey, presents, Santa and holiday rest? We might hope for these things, but I wonder whether we would define Christmas as being a holiday of hope?

Well, the original Christmas message is exactly that: hope for the world. The Christmas story is the story of the real God, stepping into the real world, to give real hope to real people.

Maybe I've already lost you. After all, the Christmas story is disappearing, right? I think of the scene in *Love Actually* when Emma Thompson's daughter tells her that she's going to play the first lobster in the nativity!

Could it be that we're losing the story of hope, just as our world needs hope more and more and more?

The original Christmas story is set against the backdrop of worry and fear; the Israelite people were subjugated by the cruel Roman Empire, God felt far off, distant. There was hope that things would get better, but you've got to wonder if the hope was flickering.

Against this backdrop, the Christmas story is unashamedly hopeful. Still being performed with gusto in nativities up and down the country, the original Christmas nativity is the story of shepherds, wise men and (often) farm animals filled with hope and joy.

Why? Because, that first Christmas, they saw God come near to them. They saw the Creator of the universe step into our world and, as one Bible writer puts it, be a light the darkness would never overcome.

What a hero for our story of hope! Hope for the world.

Come and discover this story of hope this Christmas! Join us for Christmas at Grace Church to dive into Christmas: The Story of Hope. We have a Family Carol Service (Sunday 17th December, 4-5pm), a Children's Christingle (Sunday 24th December, 4-5pm) and Christmas Day Celebration (10-11am), all at the Woodside. Refreshments will be provided.

School gets Co-op funds

The Friends of Bolnore Village Primary School (FBVPS) has been chosen for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund.

The funding round started last month and runs for 11 months until the 27th October 2018. This is a fantastic and easy way to potentially raise a large amount of money for the school, and FBVPS needs your help.

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4) Please share this with your local friends, family and neighbours and ask them to do the same.

A school spokesperson commented: "With continued pressure on the budget, this is a fantastic opportunity for us to raise a significant amount for the school that will directly benefit our children."

Gruffalo author discovers Bolnore

Award-winning author Julia Donaldson was in Bolnore recently, holding a workshop with Year 2 pupils at Bolnore Village Primary School and a book signing afterwards.

The snaking queue to get books signed by the author – who has written dozens of children's books, most famously the *Gruffalo*, – was testament to her continued popularity.

She has recently moved to Sussex from Scotland and said she is loving life in the south.



Hayden sweeping the board

By Simon Yeend

Bolnore schoolboy Hayden Harvey-Smith has been selected for the elite Snowsports England Park and Pipe Home nations academy.

Hayden, 13, joined the academy who train at Loughborough University throughout the year giving him access to world-class facilities to develop his passion.



His Dad, Mike, said: "We are very proud of Hayden, he is very talented and from the first moment he strapped in to a snowboard he was a natural, but he has put so much hard work in to progressing as a freestyle athlete both on and off the snow and he has a great work ethic. Most of all we love to see him progressing in a sport he loves, it's such a demanding sport both mentally and physically."

Last winter Hayden spent three months away from home – and school at Warden Park – in Austria honing his snowboarding skills and he hopes to reach elite level in the sport.

Cuckfield Life caught up with Hayden and fired some questions at him.



How old were you when you first started snowboarding and where was that?

"I was nearly eight when I started snowboarding at the Snowcentre in Hemel Hempstead. My first time in the mountains was in Val Thorens France. I have been so lucky to snowboard in France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and even Holland now, practising and competing."

How did you feel when you heard you'd been selected for the academy at Loughborough?

"Excited and proud. I love going to Loughborough to train, their facilities are top class. I was blown away the first time I saw it."

How hard is it to get on that course?

"It's quite tough, I had to send a video of me riding freestyle. I am in the Home Nations Squad, which is the starting point for snowboard athletes, so I am at the beginning of a long journey. But with hard work I hope to progress through the pathway. It's great to have the help and support of Snowsports England and the facilities and coaches."

And what do Warden Park think – with you missing that much school?

"They have been so supportive, especially my teachers who have taken time to provide work for me while I'm away training."

What is the training like?

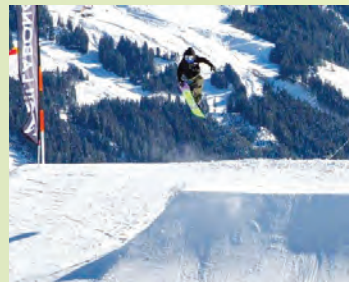
"It's hard work, learning new tricks can be painful and frustrating but when you nail a new trick you have been practising that feels great. When I'm away in Austria we train six days out of seven on snow and three evenings a week doing fitness training, so it's physically demanding. When I'm back home I'm always on the trampoline trying new rotations, and try to get to the snowcentre or dry slope once a week. It's great fun in Austria training daily with my Why Aint You Jibbin teammates. We push each other to learn new tricks. Powder days are awesome, we get out of the park and throw flips into the powder."

Last year you spent months away from home – how did that feel? What did you miss most about being at home?

"It felt normal. Kate and Steve, my coaches, look after me well and make me feel at home, plus we have three dogs to keep us company. I didn't get homesick but did speak to dad every day on the phone to tell him what I have been up to. I probably missed my friends most, and my bed, definitely not mum's cooking..."

Are you fearless?

"I don't think anyone is fearless, but just one of the challenges in snowboarding is overcoming fear. Sometimes you get quite scared attempting a new trick or dropping into a big kicker for the first time, but once you have done it a few times the fear goes."



Have you ever wiped out on the board?

"Every day! If you're not falling over you're not trying, you gotta push the limits to get that new trick. I seem to land on my head a lot and I bounce well."

What are your ambitions for the future? Go on tour? The Olympics?

"I want to represent GB in World Cup competitions, compete in the X Games, and obviously representing my country in the Olympics, which would be a huge honour."

Hayden is sponsored by Bear Essentials and Nicky' Sports Massage. His team Why ain't you Jibbin is sponsored by 32 Boots, Endeavour Snowboards, Air-hole face masks and Ford UK.

You can find out more about Hayden's exploits by at: www.facebook.com/haydensnowboarder or he's also on Instagram @haydenharveysmith - the more followers he has there will help him get sponsors.

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Benjamin Harris

Benjamin Harris, owner and Consultant Chiropractor at Falcon Health Chiropractic & Physiotherapy Clinic. His passion, away from work and family, is rugby. Not many people know he also has a qualification in dance!

How long have you lived in Bolnore?

Six years

What's the best thing about being here?

The woods, so relaxing on a day off

Favourite ice cream flavour?

Chocolate - is there any other flavour?

How many houses have you lived in?

1 or 2, depending when this is printed

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

A Lido!

Favourite holiday destination?

Sri Lanka, up in the mountains at Ella

Song you play the most?

Currently: Brighter Than Gold by The Cat Empire is a great get up and go track. YouTube it!

What would you do if you won £1million?

Go to Sri Lanka for a while, donate to Malaria No More and give the rest to my wife for safekeeping

What was the last present you gave someone?

A spa break

Strangest thing you've ever eaten?

Vegetarian sweet and sour pork. I ordered it just to see if it was a typo! (Delicious, by the way)

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

Easy, TV

Which App on your phone do you use the most?

Google Photos, pretending I'm a photographer

What's your proudest moment?

Becoming a father and all the cool bits that come with it

Your advice for life?

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Bolnore Village Scout Group Update

By Marco van Dijk, Group Chairman

Remembrance Sunday

Bolnore Village Scout Group braved an extremely chilly morning to attend the service on Muster Green to pay their respects to our armed forces current and past. All were incredibly well behaved and did us proud in the parade from Muster Green to Haywards Heath Library. The cubs also used one of their section meetings in the lead up to Remembrance to sell poppies to households in Bolnore to support the Poppy Appeal.

Community Fundraising

Thanks to the Co-op Community Membership scheme and those who selected us as their chosen charity, we have managed to raise more than £2,000 for our Scout Group. These funds will be used to purchase more items from the wish-list to further enhance what the group can offer our children. As a relatively new group, we have been heavily reliant on the goodwill of neighbouring troops to let us use their equipment, and the purchase of our own core items will enable us to be self-sufficient. These include essential items for camp such as billies, pans, and stock pots as well as sporting equipment for use at section meetings and for wider activities.



The Scouts are also helping in the setting up of the Foodbank, which is working in conjunction with the Trussell Trust foodbank. The collection will be made at The Woodside, in a clearly marked point. The types of things that can be donated are listed on the website, <https://haywardsheath.foodbank.org.uk/> and include items you would not necessarily think of, like nappies, shower gels, shampoos and tin openers.

Finally, we now have confirmation that we will be running our own Box Cart challenge in 2018, so will share further details as we have them.

If you are interested in your child joining our Group or would like to help out as an adult volunteer, please contact Nigel Flude, GSL on GSL@bolnorescouts.org.uk. It would be great to hear from you.

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Introduction

It is almost one year since we have taken over the management of Bolnore Village. The first year has been extremely busy for us and our contractors. Pembroke would like to thank Bolnore Village CIC board for all their assistance and support over the last year.

Your Property Manager, Geoff Hollywood, does hold regular surgeries in Bolnore - see the Bulletin Board for the next date in 2018. Please feel free to email or call us with any queries or issues.

Bulletin Board

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



Sky Q Upgrade

We now have a workable solution for upgrading to SKY-Q for the Houses in Phase 1, 2, and 3 of Bolnore.

Here's how it will work:

- The installation process begins when the resident calls Sky to request Sky Q.
- If the upgrade is for a house, the resident will need to email Pembroke PM and request for the box on the street to be upgraded.
- The final step is for the Sky approved agent to install the Sky Q box into the resident's home.

To date we have upgraded about eight houses to Sky Q and we are not aware of any issues with the upgrade.

Gardens and Landscaping

Tree works

We have completed three weeks of tree works at Bolnore Village. The last stage we are completing is to reduce the foliage and brambles in Foundry Brook, which is in the lower village area. This area has not been cut back for years. We are hoping that bluebells will grow in this area in the spring. The Foundry Brook banks will be maintained on a more regular basis.

Grass and Hedges

The grass cutting season is complete. There will be very little grass cut between now and the end of February. The landscape contractors are completing the final cut of hedges between now and the end of the year.

Hedges infected in Bolnore

Most of the communal hedges infected with vine weevil have been removed. The hedges will be replaced over the next few weeks.

Council Areas

The board is continuing to apply pressure on the council to look after the areas of Bolnore for which it is responsible.

Playgrounds

Mid Sussex District Council is responsible for the maintenance of the playgrounds. Contact the Landscapes Department for maintenance of the equipment, fencing, seats and bins. Email: parksopenspaces@midssussex.gov.uk or telephone 01444 477439.

Contact the rangers about antisocial behavior or problems relating to dogs in playgrounds. Email: rangers@midssussex.gov.uk or telephone 01444 477561.

Major Works in FY 2017 and 2018

As previously reported, the major works to the blocks of flats is planned to take place from April 2018. The Section 20 Consultation with leaseholders will begin in December and tendering will occur in January.

The lamp posts and bollards throughout the village were painted recently.

Woodcote House car park gates will be repaired by the end of November. The motors for the gates need to be replaced.

If you would like to raise any maintenance issues with regards to the communal areas, please send an email to support@pembrokepm.co.uk

Kind regards, **Pembroke PM Support**

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Top tips for your tree

Here's some simple tips for keeping your Christmas tree fresh and fragrant all through the festive period from John Main, Oakgates Christmas Tree Farm in Scaynes Hill.

The key to good needle retention and maintaining a healthy looking Christmas tree is freshness. When choosing a tree a good guide is that a heavy tree is still holding moisture whilst a light tree has dried out. Better still choose a tree that is still growing and it's an easier way to judge size and shape.

Before bringing your tree into your home and placing in a stand, cut 1cm off the base of the trunk. This ensures that the tree stem is open and will take up water immediately the tree is secured in its stand. The same should be done if you are displaying the tree outside, but anchor it to a wall approximately half way up the tree with a suitable tie.

Position away from any radiators or open fires.

Trees are very thirsty! They may drink between ½ and two litres every day, so always use a water holding stand with a capacity of two litres.

With your tree watered, remove the netting and start on the business of decoration.

Check the stand daily and fill with fresh water as needed.

A Christmas tree is a natural product cared for by the grower for six to ten years before coming into your home. It is a plantation tree, grown for your enjoyment and not taken from natural woodland. For every tree sold it is common practice to plant a new sapling in its place. Choosing a tree can be great fun for all the family. Some Christmas tree farms operate a 'choose and cut' scheme (you choose, they cut). Trees can be taken away immediately or labelled for collection on a date nearer to Christmas. They are all different, so enquire first.

At the end of the Christmas season recycle your tree. In Cuckfield there is a collection point at Whitemans Green Recreation Ground and at Woodside Pavilion Car Park in Bolnore Village from 30th December 2017.

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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



George Baty on Four Mile Beach in Queensland



Local children perform with the pros

Local Sussex pupils from the Gielgud Academy of Performing Arts (GAPA) performed with the Vienna Festival Ballet Company last month, including one from Cuckfield.

The performances of Sleeping Beauty took place at the Chequer Mead Theatre in East Grinstead. Suzanne Gielgud, Principal of the Gielgud Academy, which is based in Haywards Heath, explained: "I am thrilled that my pupils had the opportunity to appear onstage amongst an array of international professional ballet dancers. It has given them a unique glimpse into a potential future career for themselves and has inspired them to keep working towards their dream of being a professional dancer."

Picture shows Olivia Floyd from Cuckfield and Bailey Johnson from Forest Row.

Christmas Greenery

DESIGN AT HOME

By Fiona Evans, Cuckfield Interiors

The first ever decorated Christmas tree as such was seen in Latvia in 1510 then the idea spread to Germany, but when Prince Albert introduced a candlelit tree from Germany into Queen Victoria's court at Christmas 1846 a new fashion was born in Britain.

Real or artificial, glittery and sparkly; loud, glaring and overstated, minimal or rocked up to the max, the choices are endless when it comes to modern day Christmas tree decoration and style.

If you're not a fan of sweeping up fir tree needles, artificial trees have become more stylish and diverse if you fancy investing in one. Some looking natural like the spruce they're mimicking (they look real) with lights already attached, while alternatives come in glistening silver, black, white or a vibrant colour. They can be purchased cut to shape with a flat back or shaped to fit into a corner. Artificial white birch trees dressed with lights give a more mystical, gentle feel. There are also some ingenious examples of creative alternative Christmas trees on the internet to inspire you to make your own, such as: amazing cardboard constructions, items arranged against a mirror to give the effect of a tree, even articles arranged going up a bookcase to resemble a tree. Crafty ideas for making your own Christmas tree can be seen on www.diy-enthusiasts.com, for example trees made from fruit, fabric, buttons or felt.

Alongside the tree it's the lights that create that special ambience and mood, with choices such as strings of battery operated LEDs that can be wound around the branches, placed in glass vessels or used to brighten empty corners without the need of a plug. Rope lights (which need to be plugged in) containing LEDs can be bought from garden centres bent into 'Christmassy' shapes such as bells, candles and stag heads and hung on the wall. Dancing lights projected on to the wall or floor by a laser gizmo demonstrates how current technology takes Christmas on board.

Holly has been used in winter festivals for hundreds of years celebrating many beliefs, for example it is an important plant to Pagans with their close association to nature, and Druids used it in head gear believing it to have magical powers. In Norse mythology beliefs associated holly with Thor, the god of thunder, while in Roman mythology holly was given to the god Saturn during the festival Saturnalia. In Christianity it symbolises the crown of thorns that Christ wore on the cross.

Ivy has been used as decoration in winter for thousands of years, the leaves symbolising eternal life and regeneration in spring. It is now incorporated into Christian festivals, the heart shaped leaf symbolising eternal love.

Mistletoe has long been believed by many cultures to have powers of fertility as by kissing under the mistletoe ensured fertility with the removal of one of the berries after each kiss. Once all the berries have been picked then the magic has gone!

Happy Christmas!



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Find the solution to #18
in next month's magazine

Courtesy of <http://andrews-sudoku.blogspot.co.uk>

#17 Solution

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What's on this month

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December

- 13th **Arts Society Lecture** – 10.45am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath – Arts Society Mid Sussex present: 'We Three Kings: music, art, poetry and legends inspired by the Magi' a lecture by Peter Medhurst (Non-members welcome: £7)
- 13th **Lunchtime Concert** – 1pm
All Saints Church, Lindfield - Dr Rachel Smith (Flute) & Paul Gregory (Classical Guitar) playing work by Debussy and Bach
- 16th **Charity Winter Ball** – 7.30pm
Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre - Black tie, live music, raffle. £20 ticket includes 'posh buffet' (info@swooveaid.com)
- 16th **Adur Concert Band Concert** – 7.30pm
King Edward Hall, Lindfield (Tickets may be purchased from Tufnells Home, Lindfield or Jo Stevens 01444 235311)
- 17th **Hurst Village Cinema** – 3pm
The Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint – Showing of 'Their Finest' PG (www.hurstfilms.com)

January

- 5th **Sussex Flutes Recital** – 1pm
Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield - A very talented ensemble of flautists (Free entry)
- 11th **Mid Sussex Asc. National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall - Talk: Secrets of the Royal Pavilion by Jackie Marsh-Hobbs (01444 455803)
- 23rd **Haywards Heath & District U3A** – 2pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Presenting an illuminating talk on the topic of 'Ancient Mesopotamia 3000 – 1500 BC' Peter Leigh covers the development of Kingship; treasures unearthed during archaeological expeditions and the development of the world's first empires. All are welcome as well as U3A members, friends and neighbours to an entertaining afternoon with refreshments. (www.haywardsheathu3a.org.uk)
- 24th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10.45am
Clair Hall – 'Aqua Triumphalis: Power and Pageantry on the Thames' lecture by Peter Warwick. Non members welcome: £7 on the door

February

- 8th **Mid Sussex Association National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall - Talk - The Beat goes On by Neil Sadler (01444 455803)

What's on this month

AT THE QUEEN'S HALL

Monday

- 9.30am **Pilates** (intermediate)
- 9.45am **Yoga Boutique** (Term time only)
- 11.15am **Yoga Boutique** (Term time only)
- 10.30am **Pilates** (beginners)
- 1.30pm **Dance Classes for Children**
- 7.30pm **Dog Training** (ring craft)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

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.

AT WOODSIDE

Monday

- 9.30am **Sing & Sign**
- 4.30pm **Hayley Beeson School of Dance**
- 7pm **DDMX Dance Fitness**
- 7pm **Pregnancy Yoga (from Jan 2018)**
- 8pm **Kickboxing**

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**

Friday

- 9.30am **Saplings**
- 9.30am **Stay and Play** (2nd Friday)
- 3.45pm **Happy Souls Yoga**
- 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

- 9.30am **Happy Souls Yoga**
- 4pm **Grace Church**
- 4pm **Messy Church** (last Sunday/month)
- 4pm **Woodside Netball Club**

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).

December

- 16th **Quiz Night** – 8pm
- 17th **Carols by Candlelight** – 4pm
Carols with a Christmas party for preschool to Year 2s)
- 24th **Children's Christingle Service** – 4pm

January

- 27th **Quiz Night** – 8pm

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