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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

It seems there's lots going on down at **Holy Trinity Primary School** at the moment. More of the building work in another issue, but on **page 13** Claire talks to a few parents who are trying to drum up some gardening support from within the community to enable the children to make the most of the outside space at the school. There must be a few of our readers who could help? Maybe you?

On **page 22** we showcase the latest exhibition at **Cuckfield Museum** thanks to **Phillipa Malins** and **Sue Burgess**. This relates to the 175th anniversary of the arrival of **Haywards Heath railway station**, the celebration of which we have some details of on **page 33**.

Claire Cooper has teamed up with village resident **Richard Constable** for a new feature on **page 30**. Together they have dug up (pun intended!) the stories behind some of the gravestones in the churchyard at Holy Trinity. The stone featured today belongs to **Sir Harry Preston** - and he had quite a life by the sound of it!

Page 35 is where our quarterly newsletter from **Cuckfield Parish Council** starts - and there's plenty reported in this autumn issue. Meanwhile on **page 14** we share some of the news from nearby **Bolnore village**.

I'm grateful to Cuckfield's own **Peter Lovett** who is not only an enthusiastic photographer and **nature spotter** but also an extremely talented one too! On **page 16** Peter shares with us what we might find slightly off the beaten track at this time of year. We look forward to more at other times, thanks Peter.

Lastly, I hope you all have the **Independent State of Cuckfield's Mayor's Election** in your diaries? Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd October, for the record - **Ken Gregory** mentions it in his column on **page 40**. Hopefully you are supporting at least one of the 50 mayoral candidates in this year's race - so Election Night should be an even bigger scream than normal!

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Eight year old Lotte finds a way to help

Lotte North (aged 8, right), a pupil at Holy Trinity School, is holding a coffee and cake morning to raise money for stray dogs in Spain and earn her second Blue Peter badge.

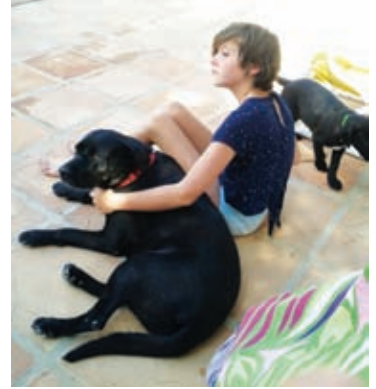
Lotte had the idea when she went on holiday to Spain to visit her grandmother. After meeting a neighbour who had rescued many strays, Lotte and her family wanted to do something to help pay towards food and vets' bills.

"Many of the dogs had been abandoned or ill-treated, and it was lovely to see them being so well cared for by the neighbour, a lady called Trina who has dedicated her life to the cause," said Lotte's mum Ruth North.

Trina has recently found new homes for many of the strays but is currently caring for 17 dogs, including two puppies that had been left in a dustbin nearby.

Ruth went on to say: "We would have liked to have taken all the dogs home but felt that this would be a good way to help Trina."

If you would like to support Lotte's coffee morning on Saturday 17th September just call in at Hazeldean (RH17 5BD) at the bottom of London Lane between 11am – 4pm. For more information please call 01444 474479.



Lotte's sister Alice with two of the rescued dogs

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Charity walk 2nd Oct

The Angus Rowland Forget Me Not Walk has become a popular tradition in Staplefield attracting hundreds of fundraisers who enjoy a Sunday morning walk (or run) in the glorious Sussex countryside.

This year, the event will take place on 2nd October, starting at 9am from Staplefield Village Hall.

It's the sixth annual walk to be organised by the family and friends of Staplefield student Angus Rowland, who died in 2011 from Acute Myeloid leukaemia aged just 14.

Over the years, supporters have raised thousands of pounds for Bloodwise (formerly Leukaemia and Lymphoma Research) organising and taking part in a range of events and personal challenges.

Walkers/runners can turn up on the day and have a choice of two routes - a 6.5 mile walk on muddy rural footpaths or a one mile walk mainly on roads. Registration at Staplefield Village Hall will start at 9am for the walkers and 10am for those who wish to run. The organisers suggest a donation of £10 per adult and £5 per child.

Dogs are welcome but must be kept under control as they may encounter livestock along the walk. Refreshments will be available at the village hall throughout the morning - so if the walk doesn't appeal why not pop in for a cuppa and cake?

Online registration at: <http://bit.ly/2bVfNxK>

For more information, please email angusfmn@brantridge.co.uk

Music for a royal occasion

In celebration of HM The Queen's 90th birthday in April this year, Cuckfield resident Ken Sagar will present a programme of music in Holy Trinity Church as a contribution to the celebrations.

The programme will include music connected with our Monarchs over the last 300 years - by Handel, Beethoven, Elgar and Walton, played on either piano or organ.

Ken has lived in Cuckfield for over 30 years and is well-known as an organist, piano accompanist and choirmaster.

The recital will start at 1pm on Friday 7th October. Light refreshments will be served from 12.30pm. Admission free but donations most welcome.



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Bee friendly at the market

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Now in its sixth year. If you've not yet visited – you're missing a treat! The next market will be held on Saturday 8th October.



Dramatic Society performs a special whodunnit

If you love a good murder mystery and good food – then Cuckfield Dramatic Society has the perfect recipe for a great evening's entertainment!

Members of the Society will be joining forces with Cuckfield & Lindfield Rotary Club to stage a Murder Mystery Dinner Evening on 7th October.

Murder On Air, by Andrew Hull, will be performed in the Millennium Hall in Scaynes Hill. The evening includes dinner (organised by Rotary members), with Dramatic Society members providing the dramatic parts of the evening!

All profits will go to local charities selected jointly by CDS and the Rotary Club.

Murder On Air is set in the heyday of radio at the 1957 BBC recording of the final episode of the saucy and popular radio sitcom Major Siddlington Rides Out.

A retired army officer who has an eye for the ladies (as well as a highly suspicious wife) the Major is forever in a tight spot, but somehow things always seem to work out in his favour!

But now 'Major Sidd' is due to draw to a close with the recording of a special final episode. A select audience has been invited to witness this historic event and meet the cast and crew. However, tensions are running high and the cast and crew are not quite the happy family that the public have been led to believe ...

To book your tickets, which cost £20, email mysterytickets@cuckfielddramaticsociety.com

Cuckfield Dramatic Society is also celebrating the success of its first ever Summer Stage School. Ten pupils enrolled for the course and three have now become fully fledged members!

Run by David Corbett, the classes gave members a valuable insight into the acting profession. "What we learnt will undoubtedly make a difference to our future confidence and performances," said CDS Chairman Peter Bowman. "I'm sure we will be offering further training next year so we can continue to offer our members and supporters the chance to take valuable steps to improve their acting skills and understanding. This, in turn, will help build on the society's recent progress and enhance its reputation."



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Rob rides for family fund

The Gillian Fabb Memorial Fund, featured in last month's Cuckfield Life magazine, will pedal towards its £200,000 target when Rob Harrington tackles the South Downs Bike Ride on 24th/25th of this month.

Rob (right) will be riding the entire length of the South Downs Way, starting his ride from Truleigh Hill at Shoreham and riding to Winchester on the Saturday (approximately 64 miles), and from Truleigh Hill to Eastbourne on Sunday (approximately 36 miles).

The charity is close to Rob's heart as he is married to Helen, younger sister of Gillian Fabb who died from a rare form of cancer aged just 8.

He also joins the list of family members who have embarked on personal challenges to raise funds. Earlier this year Rob's father Steve Harrington (pictured, right) completed the Brighton Marathon, and in 2006 Helen's sister Philippa, who is now a Consultant Anaesthetist, completed the Three Peaks Challenge with fellow university students, scaling Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Mount Snowdon and raising £2,600.



Over the past 40 years the charity, which was set up by Gillian's mum Val and her late husband Tony, has touched the hearts of hundreds of supporters who have raised money in many different ways.

Among them is Val King who, for more than 15 years, gave up her Cuckfield home to hold a Christmas Fayre, a tradition later taken up by family friend Chris Musgraves. Val's husband Edward also supported the charity during his year as Chairman of Mid Sussex District Council, raising £9,000 with events including a civic dinner and golf day. The charity has special significance for the couple who lost their own son to cancer.

Other fundraising events have included sponsored walks, concerts, dances, swims and slims, a bar billiards contest and even brass rubbing. The Independent State of Cuckfield has given many donations from the Mayoral Fund, and the charity was also adopted by members of two local Masonic Lodges.

Money raised by the charity goes towards buying vital equipment for the paediatric laboratories at The Royal Marsden Hospital, supporting the work of Professor Chris Jones. One of the first pieces of equipment bought by the charity was a machine which carried out vital tests following biopsies for the Institute for Child Health.

"Children who are diagnosed with cancer nowadays



have a far higher chance of a complete recovery than Gillian did in 1976," said Rob. "However, we must not become complacent as there is still much room for improvement in diagnosis, treatment and prevention.

"You can sponsor me through Virgin Money Giving and donations will be quickly processed and passed to The Gillian Fabb Memorial Fund."

To make a donation visit:
<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/RobHarrington>

Note from the editor: We would like to apologise to the Fabb family for errors made in the previous feature printed in Cuckfield Life.

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School garden seeks gardeners!

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

By Claire Cooper

A group of parents is appealing to gardeners in the village to join an ambitious project to restore and maintain the six acres of woodland and gardens at Holy Trinity School.

The grounds, a unique and rare resource for a village school, have recently become overgrown and the small group of parents on the school grounds committee are finding it difficult to manage.

"The school is really lucky to have these extensive grounds but, aside from the mowing of grass by school contractors, the maintenance of the grounds is reliant on parent power," explained grounds committee member Suzanne Mark. "It's a massive job and there are only a few of us on the committee, so we are feeling pretty overwhelmed by the scale of the work! We do our best, but every year we lose parents when their children leave the school so we are constantly trying to recruit more help."

With a pond, stream, orchard, allotment, forest garden, a 'fairy dell' and even a yurt, (bought by the PTA with funds raised by Cuckfield Bonfire) the gardens have the potential to provide endless opportunities for the children to play, explore and learn.

The school uses the gardens as much as possible, and the children enjoy their outdoor classrooms, taking part in treasure and Easter Egg hunts and searching for bugs, butterflies and birds. They also enjoy growing vegetables and flowers, and the school's gardening club has its own sensory garden and eco-friendly greenhouse made out of empty drinks bottles.

"The gardening club at school has sold many of the plants it's grown to raise money for the school," said Suzanne. "The children from the club have in the past also won prizes at the Village Show for some of their vegetables. They have even grown pumpkins and made soup!" She added that the gardening club has also been awarded Level 4 by the RHS campaign for school gardening for its horticultural efforts.

"If we could bring the rest of the grounds back into use, there would be so many more opportunities for the children," added Suzanne.

"As many people have left recently there are now only a few of us on the committee but we want to build on the great work that's been done by previous parents involved in the past."

In recent years the committee was successful in getting a grant from the National Lottery to install a network of paths in the grounds to make it more accessible. "This enabled the grounds to be opened up for community events such as a sponsored Welly Walk, Scarecrow Festival and NSPCC open Gardens," said Suzanne. "Hopefully we'll be able to hold more events like this in the future, develop the grounds more and get them back into shape. We have big plans for things we'd like to do this year including creating an amphitheatre and a 'mud kitchen'.

"It would be wonderful if we could recruit a group of people living in the village, who maybe don't have a connection with the school but who enjoy gardening and whose knowledge, expertise and practical help would help us keep on top of the work so we can make full use of our lovely grounds."

The committee members, Suzanne, Susie Hall, Alex Plumley and Miranda Diboll, are currently setting up a series of weekend gardening days to tackle some of the major work such as cutting back scrub, clearing the stream and pruning low branches of trees and willow, and are appealing to villagers to join them. Similar days have proved successful in the past, particularly as they include a camp fire to cook bacon butties for the band of helpers!

"We'd love more people to join us on these days," said Suzanne. "And if they can bring or lend us tools and equipment – even better!"

If you think you can help, or would like to find out more, email the team on htgroundsteam@gmail.com or phone 07792726017. The next scheduled Grounds Days will take place on Saturday 8th October and Saturday 12th November from 9.30 – 1.30.



There's so much going on here!

By Sophie Barlow

Bolnore is now old enough, and indeed big enough, to be compartmentalised into regions and sub-regions with Old Bolnore and New Bolnore the current favourites, more on that another day. It is also sufficiently established to have a genuinely vibrant leisure and social scene which is focussing around the amazing and still relatively new Woodside, Bolnore's Community Centre and The Tim Farmer Recreation Ground, where it is situated.

Annual events of course bring the growing community together and many joined in with the fete again this year as well as with the first, and exceptionally successful, whole village Flea Market. The less said about excited teens using Bolnore as the centre for their exam celebrations or commiserations the better, and as thoughts turn to new starts as autumn arrives, younger Bolnoriens can begin to look forward to the Hallowe'en festivities. Yes, there will be a kids disco (Sat 29th Oct).

Over forty keen bat watchers joined the Friends of Bolnore and Ashenground Woods this week on the annual bat watch and were able to listen to bats (using some very cool kit) as well as see them in their natural habitat. What a wonderful group this is, with such committed volunteers who tirelessly help maintain the glorious woodland that hugs the Village, as well as working with the council to make sure this important part of Sussex's heritage is protected. If anyone is interested in joining this group or helping out on the odd

Sunday they meet on a monthly basis, usually outside the thatched cottage www.foabw.uk their latest activity was the very popular 'meet the owls' event earlier in the month.

Each week in Bolnore The Woodside hosts an eclectic mix of activities and groups, including regular quiz nights (next 24th Sept, 22nd Oct), Bolnore Village pre-school four days a week, sing and sign, Hayley Beeson School of Dance, Swoove Fitness, Beavers, Salsa, Pilates, Scouts, Creation Station baby discovery, Tai Chi, an afternoon tea dance every 3rd Friday, Youth Club, ballroom dancing, Grace Church, chiropractic and physiotherapy as well as popular nights when Woodies, the bar at The Woodside, is open to the public.

Outside you will find the successful Woodside Netball Club with training for juniors at 4-5.15pm, senior school 5-6.15pm and adults 6-7.30pm, on Sundays, as well as AFC Bolnore on a Saturday. You can contact The Woodside for information on any of these groups or to hire the venue on info@bolnorewoodside.org.uk or pop in and see them 9-12am Monday-Friday.

With more residents, more happening and more events to arrange the Bolnore Events Team would quite like to grow a little too, so if you would like to get a bit or a lot involved with current or future events please email us on events@bolnore.org.uk, all ideas and volunteers are very welcome.

Update on progress with Bolnore CIC

By Chris Belton, Chair

I am pleased to report that FirstPort has now officially confirmed that they accept the validity of the votes in favour of appointing the Bolnore Village Community Interest Company. This is very good news indeed and means we can now move forward and establish a formal plan. The legal work can now begin to transfer the responsibility to the Community Interest Company and together with Pembroke we are now working with FirstPort to agree the transfer documentation, and to complete a smooth management transfer before the end of the year.

There are a number of issues that are being addressed in preparation for 'the big day'. We continue to progress the redesign of the Bolnore website, we have identified from our recent residents' survey a number of key issues for Pembroke to work on and we are preparing to update local estate agents and lettings agents. At the recent village fête we had the opportunity to discuss our activities with Haywards Heath Mayor Sujana Wickremaratchi who listened to our concerns and activities to date with interest.

It is important that we continue to maintain forward progress! Thank you Chris Belton (Chair), Marco Van Dijk, Carlos Leon, Martin Heath

Drinks at Woodies

Woodies Bar will be open as usual every Friday and Saturday evenings, 7-11pm.

The next quiz nights are 24th September and 22nd October (bar open at 7pm, quiz from 8pm).

Lettings in Cuckfield

OPEN FOR BUSINESS

When Toby Carrington (pictured) made the decision to move from Brighton to Cuckfield with his wife Alison there were no rural specific letting agents available.

This thought stayed with him for many years and resulted in him starting Village Letts, a new letting agency specialising purely in the letting of residential and commercial property in villages, hamlets and market towns. Village Letts allows those looking to rent a property in one of the many villages, hamlets or market towns in Sussex see what they have to offer in terms of the schools, bus and train links, local pubs, dog walks and so on via a comprehensive website.

"The information we wanted when we moved was down to ourselves to find out," Toby explained. "We were lucky as my wife Alison grew up in the neighbouring village of Balcombe, but for those who don't know the areas, finding out more about the villages they are interested in can take up a lot of precious time. We hope to reduce that by supplying as much information on the villages as we can." Toby has been in the sales and letting industry for 30 years and lectures in Housing Law and Regulations to both landlords and agents all over England and Wales. Toby's expertise has led to some high profile appointments. He was interviewed by Kate Falkner, one of the country's leading independent property experts, on repairing obligations in letting. And he trained the two deputy mayors under Boris Johnson, the course that all landlords and agents have to take if they want to work with the London local authorities. He is currently part of a team training landlords and agents in Wales for the National Assembly under the Rent Smart Wales Scheme, so he certainly knows the business of letting inside and out. "I understand what it is like to be a landlord," Toby continued. "I am one myself. I also know the importance



of getting it right, which is why we not only credit check every tenant but we insure all of our rents throughout the term of the tenancy for free."

Toby has had the idea of starting a rural specific letting agency for some time, but since he launched the company in May he tells us they have gone from strength to strength adding new villages as they go.

"It's been really amazing how the business has taken off, as well as being very interesting and good fun doing the research for the website. You find yourself driving through a village or hamlet and suddenly you're saying to yourself 'I could live here', and I think that's how it starts for a lot of people when they realise they want that village lifestyle."

Village Letts is obviously into the village scene and looks to promote activities and businesses on their site. Toby explained: "We love the idea of villages telling us about what's on, the history and encourage their involvement. We will happily publish their photos and write ups. We have listed a number of villages so far, including Cuckfield, and are expanding on it on a daily basis. We also want businesses to send in information about themselves and they'll get listed for free, but obviously we are also looking for landlords. I hope that any landlords reading this will understand what we are trying to achieve, like what we are doing and want to use us."

If you are looking to rent out your property or are looking for a property to rent, then you can contact Toby on 01444 677776 or by email info@villageletts.com

If you are just interested in looking at the different villages listed so far and what they have to offer, then check out the website www.villageletts.com

You can also follow Village Letts on Twitter @Village_Letts and on Facebook too.



Nature notes...



By Peter Lovett

There is lots to see at this time of year with transient and sometimes tiny little fungi in vibrant colours of yellow, lilac, red etc. Pure white or white/green specimens may be deadly poisonous and just a small piece if eaten is fatal with no antidote. Brown ones and other colours can kill you too: slugs may eat them but humans should not! Don't pick any fungi from nature reserves like Cuckfield's New England Wood and please keep strictly to the paths to avoid trampling these delicate beauties.

Welsh Choir to sing in Cuckfield

The Friends of Holy Trinity Church are holding a fundraising concert next month.

The event, which will take place on Sunday 30th October in the afternoon, will see the group hosting a concert to be given by the London Welsh Rugby Club Choir.

This male voice choir performs on national television and radio, sell-out concert tours, rugby internationals and other sporting events. They also entertained a global audience of millions at the closing ceremony of the London Olympics. In fact they will be performing at the Royal Albert Hall in London two weeks before the event at Cuckfield.

Tickets cost just £15 in advance, and £17 on the day, and are available from fohtcc@btinternet.com, Wealden Stores and Pepperbox in Cuckfield, and Carousel Music in Haywards Heath.

The concert begins at 2.30pm and doors open at 2pm.



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Company relocates to Cuckfield



FrogBox, which provides marketing communications services to global companies including CBRE, JLL, Savills, Santander, Tesco and Trend, has moved from Haywards Heath to The Old Hospital, Cuckfield following the closure of The Priory.

Based in Haywards Heath for almost 10 years, the move is especially poignant as the Managing Director and Creative Director were both born in Cuckfield Hospital.

Managing Director Steve Wilcock said: "It's not gone unnoticed by my team that the office is now even closer to my home in Cuckfield, but everyone is delighted with the new location. The mixture of Victorian architecture and modern facilities, including super high speed broadband, make The Old Hospital a perfect location for a creative services company. It's proximity to The Talbot was most definitely not on my agenda. Honest."

Creative Director Piero Barba added: "Cuckfield's a great location for our business. We can be in the centre of Brighton in 15 minutes and London in 40 minutes when the trains are running. Once Southern Rail gets its act together, it'll be even better!"

The team at FrogBox have loosely hinted at buying villagers a glass of Prosecco at The Talbot to celebrate the relocation - if there's enough interest. You can email them at info@frogboxmarketing.com if you'd like to take up their non-binding quasipromise (subject to popularity, they'll shelve the idea if only one man and his dog respond), or not.

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Scouts plan school project in Uganda

A group of 29 West Sussex scouts and leaders will be cycling and rowing thousands of miles this weekend, but not moving an inch!

The fundraisers, including Cuckfield's Sam Mitchell, will be riding exercise bikes and rowing machines, at Linear Fitness at Borde Hill Gardens and the Orchards Shopping Centre, in their bid to travel 6,219 miles – the distance from England to Uganda, all in 48 hours.

The first cyclists and rowers will begin their challenge at 6pm on Friday 16th September and the event finishes on Sunday 18th.

The 22 explorer scouts and seven leaders are raising funds to travel to Uganda next August to help build a kitchen at a rural primary school.

"The school, in Mubende, Uganda, caters for more than 200 children but doesn't have a proper kitchen – just eight poles with sheet iron on top, all open with no preparation surfaces," explained scout leader Holly Watson. "One cook spends all day cooking the children's one meal of the day from this half built shack (below)."

She added that the school's water borehole is also unsuitable. "It is not secure and not deep enough, so dirty contaminated water comes through. Yet this is the only source of 'fresh' water for these children and for the local village.

"We want to build a brick structured kitchen with clean preparation surfaces and a safe cooking area, as well as re-digging the borehole so it reaches clean water, and secure it to make it safe."

In order to travel to Uganda and complete the project, each scout needs to raise £1,700 to cover travel fees. In addition the group is also aiming to raise £7,500 to cover the cost of the building work. 'Cycle to Uganda' is the first of several fundraising events planned.

"I'm so thankful for the opportunity to travel to Uganda next year!" said 18 year old Sam. "I can't wait to experience the Ugandan way of life, make new friends and, most importantly, help to provide a better lifestyle for those less fortunate through our work. Every bit of help we can give goes a long way!

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"We are all really excited about this trip and the journey leading up to it," added Holly. "Fundraising is hard work. For us leaders who have done it a while it's slightly less arduous, but for the kids this is a massive challenge!

"But everyone is doing really well so far and I am really pleased with how encouraged the young people are. This cycle and rowing event really will be a challenge for us but we have all taken the idea to heart and are spreading the word trying to raise sponsorship.

"I just hope our hard work pays off and plenty of people and local companies dig deep, not just for the benefit of the Ugandan Primary school but to show our young people that they are noticed, they are appreciated and if they try hard enough they will get what they set out to achieve."

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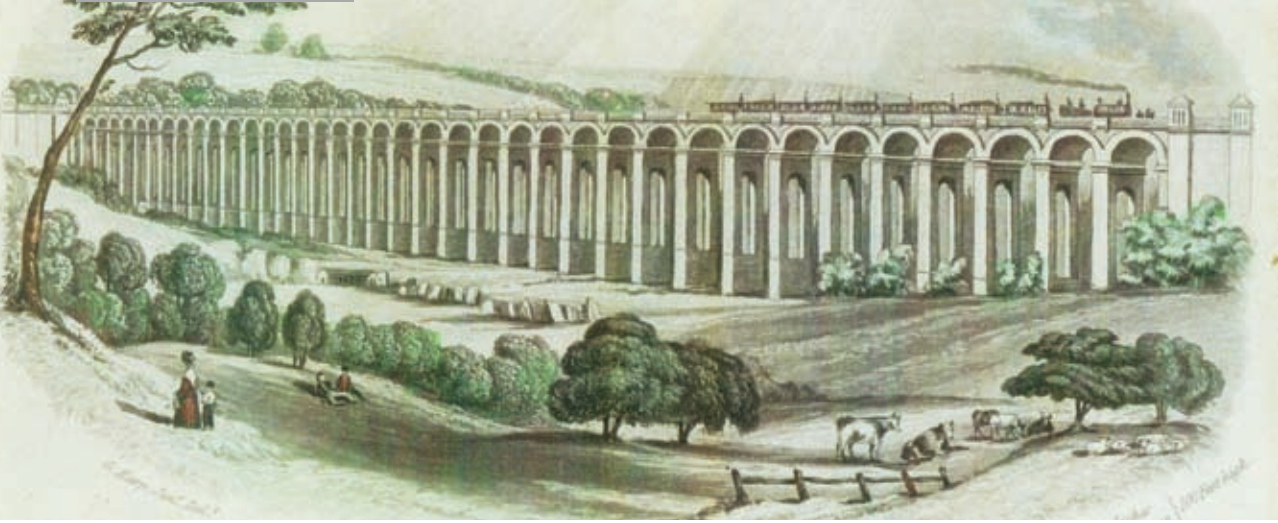
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Full steam ahead

CUCKFIELD MUSEUM



By Sue Burgess, Cuckfield Museum

Throughout the autumn, to complement the celebrations in Haywards Heath, Cuckfield Museum is devoting much of its display space to commemorating the railway station's 175th anniversary. We look at why the line did not come through (or rather under) Cuckfield as originally planned, and we remember Joseph Flesher, the engineer responsible for our local stretch of the line, who is buried in Cuckfield churchyard and whose descendants still live locally.

As Haywards Heath was initially a terminus, the first passengers had to rely on coach travel to complete their journeys beyond Haywards Heath (the replacement buses of their day!) but as confidence in this new mode of transport grew so did the popularity of the railway and Cuckfield rapidly lost the London to Brighton stage coach trade. Employment at the inns and in associated trades was inevitably much reduced but the railway itself offered new opportunities, as did the need for staff in the substantial houses being built for, or acquired by, wealthy professional men who could now work in London but live in the country – the first commuters. If you have ever wondered why there are so many large houses in Cuckfield, have a look at our special map display.

The Museum's picture collection includes an original George Childs water colour of construction work on the Haywards Heath tunnel, the creation of which proved a problem from the outset as it was very wet ground and caused Joseph Flesher's contract to overrun by nearly three months in 1841. We also show a copy of its counterpart* by the same artist looking south towards the Downs. Both these detailed pictures are graphic reminders of the notoriously dangerous conditions in which the navvies worked and our collection of associated accident reports makes grim reading.

Visitors will also see an enlarged copy of a previously unknown print, recently donated to the Museum,

commemorating a freight train crossing the Balcombe Viaduct on 21st September 1841, the first day the line was fully opened through to Brighton. Anyone who uses Haywards Heath station regularly will probably be interested in previously unpublished pictures from the early 1930s, prior to electrification of the line, of its total demolition and rebuilding with, incredibly, no interruption of the steam-hauled service.

Over 6,000 navvies were employed on building the Balcombe Viaduct between 1839-41. Their encampment stretched back across the fields to Cuckfield, and local legend has it that they were billeted in Barrack Cottages, Brook Street, hence the name. I think this huge number of men in the area would have had a considerable impact on a quiet country village!

Generous loans from the Bluebell Railway Museum, the Burgess Hill Model Railway Club and from individual enthusiasts mean that we can show a range of interesting models and railway artefacts. This display should appeal to anyone with an interest in railways in general and their impact on our area in particular.

*original in Brighton Museum & Art Gallery





Images: Top left: Commemorative print dated September 21st 1841 of a goods train crossing the Balcombe viaduct . Bottom Left: one of the model locomotives on loan from the Bluebell Railway Museum. Top: Mill Hall and Mytzens, two of the substantial mid-19th C houses built in Cuckfield. Above: Barracks Cottages, Brook Street and a detailed illustration of an 1841 freight train.

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A great garden harvest

VILLAGE GREEN

By Margaret Tyzack More, Cuckfield Local

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run....
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core.*

Thus wrote Keats in September 1819, nearly two hundred years ago. In 2016 some crops reacted badly to the wet early summer but, boy oh boy, has my garden been full of mellow fruitfulness! Blackcurrants weighed the branches down and were soon in the jam pan or the freezer. Blueberries likewise, but I did not net them this year after a cheeky blackbird hopped off a log and took a blueberry just a few feet away from me. Muffins with blueberries fresh from the garden are pretty tasty. Late raspberries are coming along nicely and my small plum tree yielding sweet juicy bites of delight so delicious that there won't be any left. I can't stop eating them. Deep gratitude for this bounty.

One thing that has to be said here is that there would not be a fruit harvest without all the necessary inputs. Not just 'the breezes and the sunshine and soft refreshing rain' but the pollinating insects too. Without them our harvests are in danger. The campaigns to protect the bees, such as the Friends of the Earth's The Bee-Cause (www.foe.co.uk), are doing their utmost to raise awareness of the crisis that our pollinators are in from dangers such as habitat loss, toxic neonicotinoid pesticides and climate change. Cuckfield Local took up this challenge and launched our Bee Friendly to Pollinators Campaign several years ago and continue to raise awareness in different ways.

Our latest initiative is the bright tea cloth showing wild flowers beloved by bees, butterflies and other pollinators. They are excellent value at £5 or £5.50 with a sachet of wild flower seed for your garden or wherever you feel could benefit from an addition of bee friendly flowers. Don't forget to drop off your red, blue and green milk bottle tops for recycling when you come.

The market is in its sixth year now and there are a number of stalwart suppliers of local produce who have been bringing their wares to the Market since its inception: Laines Farm's fresh organic vegetables, Cloughs of Lindfield's range of Sussex cheeses, the Oaks Poultry Farm and Chanctonbury Game. The Fresh Fish Shop in Haywards Heath bring fresh fish sourced daily from their trusted coastal suppliers and hand-picked by them from Billingsgate fish market in London. Add to that bread from the Kernel Bakery Forest Row and jams and pickles made nearby.

Keats also mentions 'the maturing sun'. This reminds me that 21st September is the Autumn Equinox, when the days and nights are equal and that summer is drifting into shorter days.

The next market is on Saturday 8th October at The Talbot between 9.30 and 12.30pm.



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Normal service

Dear Friends,



You will wonder why 'normal service' and why I was almost tempted to write 'will be resumed as soon as possible'. Some will know that I have been absent from Holy Trinity since the start of July through illness, something I am anxious never to repeat! However, during the period of my recovery I have found myself pondering many things, not least interaction within the human world with all its foibles, flaws and the many sorrows caused by the desire for power and control.

It is easy to be depressed by many of the situations which, day by day, fill the news. Yet amidst such news is the immense goodness which so many people experience through the kind actions of others – be it personal help or through charitable giving. Lives are transformed through the most basic interactions.

There are two chances to help others this month. You are just in time to bring good quality new or clean and serviceable winter clothing to Holy Trinity as we collect again for Samara's Aid – helping refugees in and around Syria. Packing is taking place on Saturday 17th September, so please do bring any articles of clothing to the church by that date.

We celebrate also our Harvest Festival on Sunday 2nd October. We are collecting food (tinned and non-perishable) for Family Support Work, supporting those many families in our area who need our help. Items can either be brought to services on that Sunday or left in the porch.

If you feel able to support either, this would be a blessing to people who need our help – a sign of love within our world.

With all best wishes,

Michael

Dates for the diary ...

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Sir Harry Preston

The picturesque cemetery at Holy Trinity Church, with its stunning views of the South Downs, has been the final resting place for generations of villagers, but taking a stroll through the grounds and stopping to read the inscriptions on the headstones is the key to many fascinating stories and hidden secrets.

Cuckfield resident and Museum committee member Richard Constable became interested in the history of the graveyard after moving to the village and researching his own family tree and has gone on to dig deeper, discovering fascinating stories, influential characters and colourful lives! He now includes the graveyard as part of his historical walks around the village.

With Richard's help, we are pleased to bring you the first in a series of features looking at some of the stories from behind the tombstones.

We start with Sir Harry Preston, sportsman, entrepreneur and personal friend of King Edward VIII, who is also (allegedly) buried standing up!



By Claire Cooper

Harry Preston was born on 19th February 1860.

His father, Harry Preston Snr, worked as a solicitor's clerk and was keen for his son to have a scholastic career, but Harry had other ideas...

Harry was sent to public school where he became interested in sport – in particular, boxing – and at 18 he joined the West End Boxing Club. When, in 1884, the Amateur Boxing Association instituted a Bantam Weight competition, Harry was the first to enter and made it through to the semi-final, only to lose by a narrow margin. Reports say that Harry was so small he had to give away two stone to his opponent!

Harry's first job was in teaching, which he described as the three longest years of his life! Following this, he obtained a job in the city as a shipping clerk for Jeremiah Lyon and Co, East India merchants.

But Harry soon decided that he wanted to be his own boss and that the hotel trade could provide the perfect opportunity. He became proprietor of a small hotel/public house in a very rough area of the London dockland, where he was also able to organise boxing tournaments. Fighting both in and out of the ring was part of Harry's life!

At the age of 31, he had the opportunity to take over the Grand Hotel in Bournemouth, going into partnership with another businessman. The hotel became a favourite of stars and celebrities. Among them was a man who wanted to develop a 'crackpot' idea of sending telegraphs without wires, and later succeeded. His name – Marconi! He became a friend of Harry's, later bringing his yacht to Brighton to visit him.

After a number of years Harry decided to split from his business partner, buying him out.

His next move was to Brighton, in 1901, buying a rundown hotel called the Duke of York – which later became Royal York Buildings, the former council offices near Pool Valley. At this time Brighton was considered

to be a run down place, described in the Daily Mail as 'unenterprising, unattractive and outdated holiday resort', but Harry soon changed that!

Following the hotel's refurbishment, he wined and dined London newspaper editors to promote visitors, particularly motorists, to the town and to encourage them to stay at his hotel. Harry sunk every penny he had into the Duke of York and had an overdraft of £3,000 – an enormous sum at that time.

The hotel went on to attract the rich and famous including Edward VIII, Lloyd George (Chancellor and later Prime Minister) and Donald Campbell, together with a host of stars from the entertainment world. Many became Harry's friends, often sharing rides along the South Downs. Harry loved horse racing and would often take a party to the races at Brighton and Gatwick racecourses (where the airport is now). Harry was also one of the instigators of the London to Brighton walk from the London Stock Exchange to his Duke of York Hotel.

In 1902, Harry bought his first car, and friend and cricketer W G Grace was keen to take the first ride. However, Harry told Grace that he had to leave Brighton for London at 12 noon and thought it was unlikely that Grace would be ready in time to join him, due to his position in the batting order in the match he was playing at the county ground. Grace turned up at 12 on the dot. He had been bowled out on the second ball – a highly unusual event...

Two years after taking over the Duke of York, Harry was approached by the RAC to open a speed track for cars. Harry went to Brighton Council with the idea but was turned down flat! Determined not to take no for an answer, Harry eventually convinced the council that it should go ahead on Madeira Drive, erecting Madeira Terraces to provide grandstands for spectators and laying the first tarmac surface in Brighton.

A Motor Race Week was held in July 1905. The highest speed recorded was 90.2mph by the famous racing driver of the day, S F Edge, driving a Napier. The world land speed record at this time was only some 15mph faster.

One of Harry's first friends in Brighton was wealthy landowner Sir John Blaker. In 1920 Sir John asked Harry if he was interested in buying the Royal Albion Hotel for £30,000. Harry declined saying all his money had been sunk into the Duke of York hotel.

Sir John lowered his offer to £18,000, but again, Harry refused. Sir John came back with offers of £15,000 and then £13,500, handing him a cheque for £1,500 as his first instalment! It was an offer Harry couldn't refuse and put him on his way to making his fortune. Harry renovated the hotel, carrying out large scale alterations creating a roof garden which overlooked the Palace Pier.

Harry was not only a sportsman on land but also in the air and on the water. He was a member of the West London Rowing Club and won several prizes for swimming at the St James's Club.

A photograph in his autobiography, *Leaves from My Unwritten Diary*, shows him as a passenger in a water-plane (a sea-plane). The pilot was Andre Beaumont who had won the Daily Mail Circuit of Britain Race in August 1913.

Harry owned a yacht, *My Lady Molly*, and took up yacht racing. He almost came to grief in 1911 when the yacht ran into a storm during a voyage from Erith to Cowes. The yacht became swamped and the engine caught fire, but Harry was able to make it back to Shoreham Harbour.

He was also a world class breeder of bull terrier dogs which he gave away to all his friends.

Harry's first wife Ellen died in 1913, and a year later he married Edith Collins, hotel manageress at the Royal Albion Hotel.

Undoubtedly, Harry's most famous friend was Edward, Prince of Wales, later becoming Edward VIII and, following his abdication, Duke of Windsor.

In 1920 Harry approached the Prince to enquire if he would become patron of the boxing tournament he was planning to hold in Brighton to raise funds for the Royal Sussex County Hospital and the Royal Alexandra Hospital. The Prince's brother, the Duke of York (later King George VI), also agreed to be a patron. The match took place at The Dome and Harry himself took part, fighting Tom Ringer, featherweight champion of 1908.

Harry went on to promote many boxing tournaments in London and celebrity shows at Brighton Hippodrome, with all the profits going to the Royal Sussex (there was no NHS in those days), where he became president and life governor.

As popular as Harry was, author John Beverly Nicholls was not so complimentary, saying: "Sir Harry was not quite a gentleman, was tiny with a bright mauve complexion, and had the curious habit of drenching

himself in a variety of expensive toilet water."

He added that Harry and the Prince of Wales were: "Very small and very rich and, if one may be forgiven for mentioning it, rather common!"

Harry's reputation with the working class in Brighton became tarnished in 1926 with his involvement in the General Strike. A large crowd gathered at the tram depot in London Road and several hundred police and special constables arrived on the scene. There were reports of indiscriminate brutality from the mounted police armed with long whips and attacking everyone, including women and children. One of the mounted police was Sergeant Harry Preston.

In 1933 Harry was knighted for his service to charity and became Sir Harry Preston, receiving 3,000 letters of congratulations from his friends. (He said later he was unaware he had so many!)

For around 20 years, Harry had a country home in Ansty – Apple Tree Cottage, in Ansty Lane. The house was filled with treasures and gifts from friends and prominent people. Harry was vice president of the men's social club and cricket club. Nothing delighted him more than to spend time in his rural retreat with his dogs and Shetland ponies and entertaining prominent people from all walks of life.

Sir Harry died on 13th August 1936, after several weeks of illness. Tragically, just a week later, his great friend Captain Chandler, a former heavyweight boxer, died following complications arising after he gave blood for Harry to have a transfusion which he hoped would save his life.

His funeral service was attended by hundreds of people, including stars of stage, screen and sport - too many to fit into St Peters Church in Brighton. His burial at Holy Trinity was attended by the largest number of mourners ever seen in Cuckfield, and it took two large motor coaches and eight cars to carry the 400 floral tributes to the village.

The Brighton Herald reported: 'The passing of Sir Harry marks the closing of a chapter in the history of Brighton.... Brighton has lost her greatest ambassador, and the realm of sport one of its greatest figures'.

Harry was very specific when choosing his grave at Holy Trinity churchyard. His Will revealed that he selected the plot so he would always be able to see his beloved South Downs. He also asked to be buried standing up so he could get the best view!

Sir Harry's tombstone, a two metre high block of quarried granite, is thought to be a scaled down replica of the war memorial at Muster Green in Haywards Heath, and is one of the first graves to be seen when entering the churchyard from the Courtmead Road gate. It bears the simple inscription: In Memory of my Beloved Husband Sir Harry Preston, born February 19th 1860, died August 13th 1936.



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Station Approach in 1916, sourced by Charles Tucker



Station Approach today



Haywards Heath station remembered


Later this month Haywards Heath will be celebrating the 175th anniversary of the opening of the railway station in the town.

In 1841 the cost of a 1st class single ticket from London Bridge to Brighton was 10 shillings (around £50 approximately) and there were around 82 households in the immediate area. Today Haywards Heath has a population of more than 33,000, having developed hugely due to its proximity to the railway.


The fun takes place on Sunday 18th September with The Bluebell Railway's Stepney engine paying a visit to Haywards Heath railway station - plus you can get a rare chance to ride the Haywards Heath to Ardingly route, normally closed to mainline traffic.

There will be a Victorian-themed grand procession moving from the station up to Victoria Park, with many local groups and organisations taking part - including Lindfield Arts Festival. The park will be set up with a funfair, stalls and entertainment for all the family.

For more information on the day, see the following website: www.hh175th.co.uk



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Painted spaces

DESIGN AT HOME

By Fiona Evans, Cuckfield Interiors

Brighten up your living space and extend summer by picking up your paintbrush. But, with so many technical advances in the world of paint, is it simply a case of choosing a super trendy grey or a vintage colour straight from the 1950s plucked from a growing collection of match pots? What about the finish which will help define the mood?

Gloss, satin, eggshell or a glistening metallic are durable choices for woodwork, and for walls a moisture resistant or durable emulsion for vulnerable areas, or a chalky emulsion for walls benefiting from a softer but perhaps less robust finish. Chalky emulsions are calming and teamed up with eggshell on the woodwork are particularly great for older properties. To encourage authenticity in historical buildings consider something more specialist such as lime wash for a lovely chalky finish (applied to porous lime plaster) or a distemper for a soft powdery finish. There is so much to consider: Is the paint low odour or will the VOC levels further destroy the earth's atmosphere? Can you wipe it without removing some of the finish? How robust is it? Is it childproof? Is it water based so that the brushes can easily be cleaned? I would say that a water based paint is the easiest to work with and would probably be low VOC, a wipeable paint is the easiest to maintain, gloss the most robust for woodwork, while a chalky paint on the wall has the most appeal.

Choosing the right hue can be calming, relaxing or exciting. Colour pigments in the paint catch the light which changes throughout the day, so ideally look at your sample paint choices daubed on the wall (to be decorated) at different times; in daylight, artificial and candle light. For a brighter look with a real hit of colour, use emulsion with a sheen and gloss on woodwork to bounce the light around the space.

An easy approach is to unify all interiors with the same neutral background using colour or a stronger neutral in accent. But now strong colour is back on trend perhaps it's time to be braver with paint choices or go bespoke and have paint made up to match an accessory or wallpaper in your choice of finish. Wallpaper mimicking paint can appeal in some instances, such as a mural resembling a painting, to really achieve impact and depth. A small corner of the room with a mural depicting a fantastic view, a seascape, a landscape, a metallic surface, bookshelves, panelling or even a world map?

Paint conceals ugly bumps; it can also heighten or stretch the interior by painting skirting and picture rails the same colour as the walls. Soften window frames by using the same colour as the wall and hide radiators by doing the same. Tired floor boards or dingy concrete can be spruced up with floor paint or go a step further by painting faux rugs or carpet runners on exposed staircases.

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Council

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Cuckfield Village Hall

Back in February 2015 the Parish Council purchased the old Youth Club and renamed it Cuckfield Village Hall. Whilst some minor decorating work was initially completed, the Council was aware that a major programme of redecoration was required to make the best of this valuable village asset. After months of careful planning, the first phase of this work took place over the summer holidays. The previously dark and black-painted North Hall has had a complete facelift, and is almost unrecognisable. The walls and ceiling have been refreshed and the old carpet tiles have been replaced with beautiful wooden flooring. Thanks to Mary Crouch and Jane Revell for their efforts in getting the hall ready to be decorated, and thanks also to First Call Decorating and Balcombe Flooring for their work during August, we now have a Village Hall to be proud of. If anyone is interested in hiring the hall for evening classes, birthday parties or events, please contact the Parish Office for availability. Watch this space for details of a relaunch of the hall for the local community.

Weekend Caretaker Required

Owing to the very busy nature of our popular Queen's Hall, we are looking for a new weekend caretaker to join our team. Hours will vary according to the events taking place; generally duties will be to open up and secure the building at the end of each day, ensure evening events have vacated the premises on time and on occasion to attend and oversee wedding ceremonies. Generally, ensure that premises are in a clean and tidy condition at all times. For further information and a more detailed job description, please contact the Clerk on 01444 451610 or email clerk@cuckfield.gov.uk

Welcome to New Members

We are pleased to welcome a new Councillor to the Council, Frances Laing. Fran has lived in Cuckfield since 2012 and was a member of the committee which organised the Christmas Street Festival last December. Fran brings extensive marketing experience to the Council and will be making a key contribution to the revitalisation of our website as well as the marketing strategy for the Queen's Hall. We are looking forward to some exciting changes.

We are also pleased to welcome a new member of staff to the office team; Lindsay Gayler is joining us as Deputy Clerk in September. Lindsay, who lived in Cuckfield until recently, brings a strong local awareness to the role and will be taking ownership of some of our key committees.

We also say a huge thanks and farewell to Ashley Serpis, our Locum who has been with us since June supporting the new Clerk and the Councillors with his invaluable knowledge of the world of local Councils. We wish him all the best in the future with his retirement plans.

Business Plan

Over the past couple of months Cuckfield Parish Council has been working hard on producing a business plan outlining the areas of focus for Councillors for the remainder of their term. Detailed below are some of the highlights from the plan. If you would like see the full version please visit the Business Plan page at: www.cuckfield.gov.uk

Planning Update

As reported previously, the Parish Council was represented at the planning appeals for 4 or 20 new houses along Broad Street (the last remaining open field before the bypass roundabout).

We argued that the application was against numerous policies in the Cuckfield Neighbourhood Plan. Unfortunately, without a District Plan in place to demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply, the Neighbourhood Plan becomes largely irrelevant. The Planning Inspector determined that new housing should take priority over the preservation of Cuckfield's distinctive character, which includes the gap between the village and Haywards Heath, and allowed the appeal for four houses. MSDC has now submitted the draft Plan, and it will be scrutinised by an external examiner. The council is hoping to have the Plan adopted by April 2017.

Communication and Governance

Cuckfield Parish Council aims to be professional, competent and to be open and accountable in all we do in order to ensure the sound financial management of our resources. This includes continuous promotion and public participation in Parish Council activities and initiatives, ensuring we are meeting all required laws as well as good governance practice.

Our aims:

- Be well informed about the needs and opinions of the Parish's residents and businesses by consulting with them on major issues.
- Consult with other tiers of local government to ensure the parish's interests are best served.
- Provide access to all relevant local information, news and activities via an easy to use and up to date website
- Deal with enquiries and fault reports from members of the public speedily and efficiently.
- Work with traders to ensure the village centre is sustainable and vibrant for the community, recognising the importance of a general store and Post Office in the village centre.
- Update the Communications Plan.
- Enhance the existing Parish Council website to improve the user experience, providing access to local government and signposting people to other service providers.
- Continue to provide opportunities for public interaction and comments at each Parish Council meeting. Share a report of the previous year's Council activities at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- Keep up to date on district, regional or national issues affecting the Parish Council.
- Appoint representatives to appropriate external agencies and committees.
- Continue to share regular news updates via Cuckfield Life.
- Improved signage for facilities and tourist signage (Museum, Toilets, Village Centre).

Planning

Planning and development continues to take up a large part of the Parish Council's time and resources. We review and comment to the Local Planning Authority (MSDC) as a statutory consultee on every planning application within the parish. These have risen considerably in number over recent years, as many residents have chosen to extend, rather than move, during the economic downturn. This year 44 applications have been reviewed, and we have objected to 8 of these, on the basis that they do not meet Neighbourhood Plan policies.

Our aims:

- Regular and ongoing monitoring of the Neighbourhood Plan policy targets to review the success of the Plan and to identify whether any changes may be required in the future.
- Continuing discussions with MSDC over the production of the District Plan.
- Discussions with Taylor Wimpey (Buttinghill Drive) and

Martin Grant (Horsefield Green) on the impact of these developments and resulting open spaces.

- Expand Blunts Wood and Paiges Meadow Local Nature Reserve into the Borde Hill Millennium Wood, working with MSDC and Borde Hill.

Environment

The Parish Council seeks to maintain the character of the village (especially the two conservation areas) and to extend good environmental practice to all parts of the village.

Our aims:

- Provide annual High Street floral displays plus winter flowering planting in selected areas.
- Work with Burgess Hill Town Council teams to control the timing of cutting flower rich verges and to continue the maintenance of our numerous Twittens.
- Administer the upkeep of the churchyard to ensure its good maintenance and diverse ecological mix for the much valued calm, peaceful atmosphere.
- Improved children's play equipment at Chapelfields. (£106 contribution).
- Continued collaboration with enthusiasts who organise the summer public access days to the Parish Council-owned ROC Nuclear Bunker.
- Run our two popular allotment sites in a way that is fair to everybody and take over the Glebe Road site from MSDC.
- Seek advice from expert ecologists.
- Improve the flowering content of our meadow surrounding the bunker by a winter grazing scheme, bramble control and carefully timed seasonal grass cutting.
- Undertake environmentally sustainable activities such as continuing the sheep grazing in the small meadow and retain bee hives in the Observer Field.
- Install an outdoor exercise area for adults, to be situated either at Whitemans Green or in Worsely Memorial Ground. New Club House facilities in Worsely Memorial Ground.
- Take over the Allotments at Glebe Road from MSDC and incorporate into Village Allotments plan.

Estates

The Estates Committee will oversee the acquisition of the new public open space proposed at the Horsefield Green and Buttinghill Drive developments. It will also oversee the management and running of these new open spaces, alongside our existing land ownership at the Observer Field and Courtmead Road.

Our aims:

- Acquire the new Open Space at Horsefield Green and Buttinghill Drive.
- Create a long-term and sustainable management plan for each new site.
- To maintain and preserve all parish-owned open spaces (including the Observer Field) for the benefit of the community and environment.

- Collaborate with enthusiasts who organise summer public access days to the Parish Council-owned ROC nuclear bunker.

Roads and Traffic

The Roads and Traffic Committee represents the Parish in all matters relating to highways issues within the village. We work closely with West Sussex Highways Authority to implement traffic calming measures and maintain pavements. Some recent successes are the two new zebra crossings installed in Ardingly Road, the Puffin crossings on both London Road and London Lane, and the traffic calming at Whitemans Green. The committee also manage the maintenance of the council owned street lights, and have recently negotiated amendments to the new street lighting scheme within the village in order that heritage lamp heads were used throughout the conservation areas of the village instead of the modern lamp heads proposed, thus maintaining the distinctiveness of these areas. 'Section 106' funds from developer contributions allow us to fund these projects. Further traffic calming aims (to the right) are planned for the future.

Our aims:

- London Lane Traffic Calming - Plans have been drawn up, these are available at the Parish office. We are awaiting the release of S106 funds to allow us to proceed.
- Additional Car Parking - Expand the Recreation Ground and Whitemans Green car parks (working with MSDC) with improved access to the village centre.
- HGV Restrictions Through Village - We are working with Lindfield and other villages to progress a co-ordinated plan to require HGVs to use main roads and have delivery only access to Mid Sussex villages (working with Highways and Police Authorities).
- Pedestrian Safety and Highways Improvements at Whitemans Green Roundabout – realign the roundabout together with the introduction of tactile paving. Design plans are available in the Parish Office.

Parish Council meetings

SEPT – DEC 2016

22nd Sept	Planning	7.30pm
	Finance	8.15pm
13th Oct	Planning	7.30pm
	Environment	8.15pm
3rd Nov	Planning	7.30pm
	Community Buildings	8.15pm
17th Nov	Roads & Traffic	7.30pm
	Estates	8.15pm
24th Nov	Planning	7.30pm
	Finance	8.15pm
8th Dec	Planning	7.30pm
	Full Council	8.15pm



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FROM THE MAYOR'S TABLE



By Ken Gregory

Preparations are well under way now for this year's Mayor's Election to be held at The Talbot pub in the High Street on 21st October - 8pm start till the last carriage home!

We now have our fifty candidates who will be having their own individual fundraising events, so please support them.

I attended a coffee morning in the Old School at the beginning of the month to raise funds for Evelyn Stenning's campaign. It was very well supported, so if there are any other events by candidates on the list please let me know and I will try to get along and support, my number is 01444 457547. I'm also happy to provide any other information about the election weekend.

The day after election night sees our procession which starts at Warden Park Academy at 2.30pm. If you would like to enter a float or take part contact Jim at the White Harte on 01444 413454.

The procession goes up London Lane, London Road to Brainsmead and back down into the High Street to the Talbot for the handing over of the keys of Cuckfield to our new Mayor. This should happen at about 3.15pm, after that we have half an hour's entertainment for the children when Brillo takes centre stage, so come along and have fun.

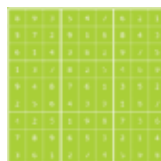
In one of my earlier reports I mentioned that we have a lot of ISOC committee members standing down over the next year and are in need of some new blood. So if anyone out there feels that they would like to get involved with village life you would be welcomed with open arms. Again contact Jim at the White Harte 01444 413454.

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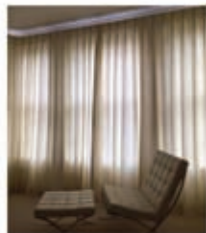
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- 9.30am **Pilates** (intermediate)
10.30am **Pilates** (beginners)
11am **Diet & Fitness Class**
7.30pm **Dog Training** (ring craft)

Tuesday

- 9.15am **Pre-School Football**
9.30am **Music Class for Children**
1.30pm **Yoga**
3.45pm **Dance Classes for Children**
6.30pm **Dog Training** (obedience)
7pm **Pregnancy Relaxation Class**

Wednesday

- 9.30am **Music Class for Children**
10am **Stroke Support Activities**
12.30pm **Zumba Dance Class**
1.30pm **Line Dancing Class**
4pm **Dance Classes for Children**
8pm **Ballroom Dance Club**

Thursday

- 9.30am **Balance Class for Children**
7pm **Dance Class**

Friday

- 9.30am **Music Class for Children**
7pm **Evening Flower Club** (2nd Friday/month)
7.30pm **Historic Vehicle Trust** (1st Friday/month)

Changes may occur to the above details. Please note contact details for all regular classes/activities are available on the Notice Board at the Queen's Hall.

September

- 16th **Cuckfield Craft and Produce Market** – TBC
9.30am-12.30pm

October

- 22nd **NSPCC Autumn Fair** – 10am-12.30pm
Variety of stalls, coffee, free entry.

ADVANCED NOTICE

December

- 20th **The Hound of the Baskervilles Performance**
by Rain or Shine Theatre Company – 7.30pm

AND ELSEWHERE

September

- 17th **Lindfield Arts Festival** – various
Various events (www.lindfieldartsfestival.com)
- 18th **Haywards Heath Railway celebrations** – various
(www.hh175th.co.uk)
- 20th **Cuckfield Evening WI** – 7.30pm
Baptist Church, Polestub Lane
'Marianne North: A Victorian flower painter'
by Sarah Oldridge
- 22nd **Mid Sussex Ass. National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath
'The Strange History of Buckingham Palace'
by Wright Patricia
- 28th **RBL Women's Section** – 2.30pm
The Old School, Cuckfield
'Musical Afternoon' with Robert Hammersley

October

- 4th **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – 10.15am
Franklands Village Hall, Haywards Heath
'Riding Out' by Pam Goodall
- 7th **Organ Recital** – 1pm
Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield - FREE
Light refreshments from 12.30pm
- 18th **Cuckfield Evening WI** – 7.30pm
Baptist Church, Polestub Lane - AGM
- 19th **Mid-Sussex Decorative & Fine Arts Society**
Clair Hall, 10.15am 'The Corked Conjuror:
Comedy, Contempt and Credulity in Georgian
England' a lecture by Ian Keable
(non members welcome, £7 on the door)
- 21st **ISOC Mayoral Election Night** – 8pm
The Talbot, Cuckfield
- 22nd **Independent State of Cuckfield
Mayor's Procession through Cuckfield** – 2.30pm
Leaves Warden Park and goes through village
- 19th-
22nd **The Weald of Sussex Art Club Annual Exhibition**
The Martlets Hall, Civic Way, Burgess Hill
(19th-21st 10am-5pm. 22nd 10am-3.45pm)
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- 30th **London Welsh Rugby Choir Concert** – 2.30pm
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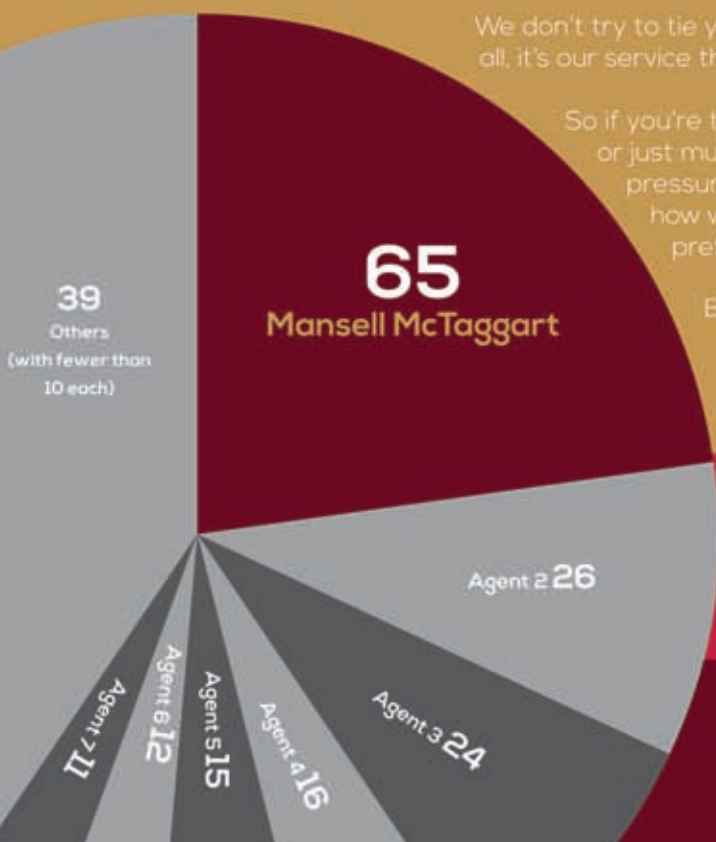
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Best wishes

Richard, Mel and Michael

*Source: rightmove.co.uk, all residential sales agreed in R-57 in the year to 16 Sep 2015



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