

SOCIAL DIARY

● AGM – Friday 30 March 2007. Includes a talk from Sarah Robinson a representative of the CPRE Sussex, on the work of the CPRE and local conservation issues.

● Summer Show – Saturday 7 July 2007

● “Village” Show – Saturday 8 September 2007

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It may be sleet, snow or hail when you read this but a fair few of us in the village got together one windy night in January and started the ball rolling for the Summer Show. The first meeting was full of enthusiasm and great ideas – so now it is up to you – which side of the curtain do you want to be on?

Anyone who wants to join our merry gang is most welcome, just give me a call or send me an email and I will try my best to use your talents where they are best suited.

If you have sat in the audience before and thought “I’d love to do that, but I couldn’t, could I?” then now is the time to contact me. We love getting new people involved on or off the stage, and the best bit is that we party well afterwards!

The evening will start with a lovely Pimms Party kindly hosted by Stephen and Judy Cockburn at Marshalls. Our audience then make their way to the Queens Hall where the bar will be open for further refreshments. There are big changes to the usual food arrangements and this is still in the planning stages. Our wonderful food team has stepped down this year and we are currently deciding how we follow their excellent fare. Then finally, the gang behind the curtain get their turn to hopefully entertain those who are lucky enough to get a ticket! Tickets will go on sale in May, details to follow in the next newsletter.

Our theme is going to be ‘Swinging 60s’ and we’ll be delighted if the audience wish to participate by dressing up accordingly!

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Katie Stewart's recipe

Apple brown betty

Apples with brown sugar, lemon and cinnamon bake to a soft puree under a crunchy topping – this is a wonderful old fashioned pudding.

110g (4 oz) butter 175g (6 oz) fresh white breadcrumbs – (whiz trimmed bread slices in the food processor).
110g (4 oz) light muscovado sugar ½ level teaspoon ground cinnamon Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon 700g (1lb 8oz) cooking apples
Serves 4

Heat the oven to 180C (350F or gas no 4) and lightly butter a 1.2 litre (2 pint) baking dish. Melt the butter in a saucepan over low heat. Draw off the heat, add the breadcrumbs and stir with a fork until they are butter coated. In a separate bowl combine the muscovado sugar, cinnamon and grated lemon rind. Peel, quarter, core and thinly slice the apples – toss in the squeezed lemon juice to keep them white.

Sprinkle a third of the crumbs over the base of the prepared baking dish. Cover with half the apple slices in a layer and sprinkle over half the sugar mixture. Add a second third of the buttered crumbs, then the rest of the apples slices and the remainder of the sugar mix. Finally cover with the remaining buttered crumbs. Drizzle over any lemon juice remaining from the bowl of apple slices and sprinkle over 3 tablespoons cold water. You can prepare the pudding up to this stage in advance, if you like.

Cover the pudding with a buttered paper or piece of buttered kitchen foil. Place in the heated oven and bake for 30 minutes. Remove the buttered paper or foil and return the pudding to bake a further 30 minutes by which time the apples will be soft and the topping golden and crisp. Serve hot.

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Thoughts from the Chair

At last, Spring is on its way and as you start to dust off your lawnmowers for another busy season, our thoughts here at CuckSoc are turning to the schedule of events for this year, which kicks off with our Annual General Meeting.

The AGM is our main opportunity to update members on the work we do on their behalf and to reflect on the past year. Well, during my first year at the helm, I have had the opportunity to work with a great team of people, all of whom are committed to ensuring that CuckSoc continues to thrive. On the heritage side, it was been particularly hectic as a number of large-scale planning applications were considered. The publication of the Conservation Appraisal document provides a significant reference point for future historians as it gives a great insight into Cuckfield and its buildings in the early 21st century. Parking became even more a point of conversation, frustration and exasperation for many of the residents and traders, and culminated in the arrival of parking permits. And, of course, we saw the revival of the Village Show, which was a highlight for us all. Then, at the end of 2006, we launched a new website for the village; www.cuckfield.org

and work is currently underway to get all local organisations; traders; events and news included on it. Please visit the site and let us know what you think!

Three people are moving on at this AGM and we say grateful thanks to Bridget Wallace and Roy Amey, for their significant contribution to the roles of Secretary/Vice Chairman and Membership Secretary respectively.

No doubt, you will continue to see Bridget actively involved with the Museum and Roy can now give full concentration to bowling and his other interests. Special thanks must go to Andy Harrison, for the immeasurable contribution he has given during his 8 years on the committee, preceding me as Chairman and as Heritage Chairman for the past 12 months. Andy, you will be sorely missed, but we all wish you a well earned rest from committee life!

A number of new members have joined the committee over the past 2 years and, personally, I have found it a very rewarding experience and quite a bit more fun than I might have anticipated! However, losing three key members means that we need more people to step forward now. So, if you care about Cuckfield, its charm and special heritage and feel that you would like to do your bit to keep it special, then please telephone me or drop me an e-mail. We would love to hear from you!

I hope to see you all at the AGM....

Bernadine Burnell

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the 42nd Annual General Meeting of the Cuckfield Society will take place on Friday 30th March at 7.30 for 8pm in the Queens Hall, High Street, Cuckfield. All members welcome. Please notify any agenda items to Hon Sec by Friday 16th March.

Heritage Report for Newsletter Jan 07

By the time that you read this the traffic calming measures for London Lane and Ardingly Road should be in place. It has taken time to finalise the details, but you will now be able to judge the benefits for yourselves. This scheme has been financed by the Safer Routes to School initiative, a department of WSCC. If you have any comments to make you can contact them directly or through the Parish Council.

Work is now well under way in Meadowlands (The Copse) and first occupancy should be in late Spring. Once the first home is occupied the developers become liable to hand over funds to MSDC which will be used to provide improvements to the local area. Some of the funds will be used to create a safer junction by the Rose and Crown. It had been accepted by WSCC that the obvious solution was another mini-roundabout but they are less convinced now and a further traffic survey will be needed to finalise the eventual design.

Car parking continues to be the most contentious issue in Cuckfield following the introduction of parking enforcement and the disc scheme in the car park. Everyone will be aware that the car park is frequently almost empty while the surrounding streets are cluttered with parked vehicles. If people can't be persuaded to use the disc scheme or park more responsibly the knee-jerk response from WSCC is likely to be a proliferation of yellow lines which will spoil the look of the village and further restrict the available parking space! Village traders have noticed a falling off in business and attribute this to the inconvenience of 2 hour waiting and having to obtain a disc. The good news is that MSDC are listening and the short-term limits are to be revised. You should soon see the introduction of 4 hour bays and a reduction in the number of 2 hour spaces. Of course the bottom line solution is the provision of more car parking facilities, but where? The Parish Council are actively investigating the possibility of purchasing Tentercroft from WSCC. The building might be converted to provide accommodation of some form and the land could provide parking for around 40 cars. This is a very ambitious undertaking and is a long shot but we wish them every success. It can only help if you were to write to the Parish Council or County Hall to express your support for their venture.

Lastly, you may wish to know that the consultation conducted by MSDC concerning the Cuckfield Conservation Area has been concluded and the proposed changes to the boundaries should soon be in place.

Report on Cuckfield Society 2006 campaign for a more frequent bus service.

In the Summer newsletter we asked members what they thought about our bus services. We received 25 replies of which 18 said that they would use buses more if there were a reliable half-hourly bus service to Haywards Heath and beyond.

We then collected a further 170 names on a petition during September & October.

Armed with these responses we wrote to David Crockford, Transport Co-ordinator, WSCC. David spoke to the society and whilst he is sympathetic to our request, it does, of course, come down to economics.

Although there is the 40X service between Brighton & Haywards Heath hospitals, this is aimed at staff and is subsidised by the NHS Trust. To extend this or put on a new service between Cuckfield and Haywards Heath would mean another bus, which would cost around £100,000 a year. This would all have to be borne by Countryliner and so could only work if it made a profit. As only some of the passengers pay full fare it would take a lot of people to produce this sum, so it is unlikely that a second service would make economic sense.

There are government initiatives to support local bus services but at the moment these only apply to big towns like Worthing. However, this could change. We will keep up the pressure so that we are first in the queue if finance does become available

One thing people told us was that they didn't know when the buses ran. A link to all the timetables is now on the web site on the Local Information Page (see below). WSCC said they would enquire about what happens to the last bus which arrives in Cuckfield at 19:58 and then seems to disappear. We agreed that if this ran back into Haywards Heath it would be useful for people going out for the evening.

If anyone has any problems with the Countryliner service, they can be contacted on 01483 506919 or by emailing info@countryliner-coaches.co.uk. We have been informed that if a bus fails to arrive for a return part of a journey, passengers are entitled to take a taxi home and will be reimbursed the cost of this on receipt of a valid ticket. We must record all occasions when the bus doesn't arrive and send it in writing/email to Countryliner and David Crockford at WSCC (David.Crockford@westsussex.gov.uk).

Village Show

You should have received in this newsletter an insert listing the classes for this year's village show. This will give the green fingered and the creative amongst you plenty of time to plan your entries and order your seeds/start your needlework project. The full schedule should be with you by the end of May giving details of rules and entry information. Check out the village website for early sight of these and to see our "Top Tips" page giving you inside info from the experts on how to display your produce to make it look its best and how to grow those extra long runners!

This year's horticultural classes are largely unchanged but check out the new "heaviest pumpkin" class - who will be our champion grower? Most other sections will see new classes to give you a fresh challenge this year so have a look through the list and get planning!

www.cuckfield.org A NEW WEBSITE FOR CUCKFIELD

In the last newsletter we introduced you to the new village website www.cuckfield.org. Developed by a team of locals under the sponsorship of the Cuckfield Society, the site is now well and truly live and contains a whole host of information about our village.

Check out the Clubs and Societies pages which give information on many of the groups in the village including the Cucksoc and the Museum. Visit these pages to see what's available in the village to exercise your mind or your body! Or visit the Business pages which list most of the businesses in the village and have a handy search facility. From looking up opening times to finding a plumber, these are the pages for you. If you are a local business and are not listed or you would like to update your entry, simply go online and contact info@cuckfield.org.

The Local information pages cover everything from local government contacts, rubbish collection information, mobile libraries, links to bus timetables, details on schools, local history, days out and much more; a real one stop shop for all you need to know about living in Cuckfield.

And finally, the Events Diary, listing all the dates not to be missed in your social calendar! Never again will you miss the Summer Show or arrange an event to clash with something else in the village. If you know of any other dates, please let us know about them.

If you live or work in Cuckfield then the website is for you! It has been developed by local volunteers and is free for all users. It does however depend on your support, both in terms of the information it contains and the use it gets, so if there is anything which you think is missing, incorrect or could be improved upon, please do let us know. It is being maintained on a weekly, if not daily basis so we hope that it will keep up with local goings on and provide the whole village with a valuable resource of information and entertainment.

Village life online..... have you tried it yet?

To introduce the website, we are running a competition with a prize of life membership to the society, worth over £100. All the questions relate to Cuckfield and the answers can all be found somewhere on the site. Simply log on to www.cuckfield.org and follow the link. The lucky winner will be drawn at the AGM on 30 March. If you do not have access to the internet, please send an SAE to Crouchlands, Whitemans Green, Cuckfield, RH17 5BZ and we will send you the questions.

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ACCOMMODATION / HOTELS

Ockenden Manor [Click here to open website.](#)
Ockenden Lane, Cuckfield, W.Sussex RH17 5LD. Tel. 01444 416111.
"A place for peace and serenity, this lovely Elizabethan Manor house is a haven for those that need to 'get away from it all'. Just an hour from London and 20 minutes from Gatwick its peaceful ambience and flower filled rooms will soon relax you."

ESTATE AGENTS

Marcus Grimes [Click here to open website.](#)
High Street, Cuckfield, West Sussex RH17 5JU . Tel. 01444 451018. [Email:](#)
Properties for Sale and to Rent in the local area. Marcus Grimes is an independent family firm operating from 3 key office locations in Mid Sussex. All branches offer each others properties with Haywards Heath office open 7 days a week. Listings on primelocation.com and rightmove.co.uk. Over 20 years trading experience of Cuckfield.

Mansell McTaggart Estate Agents [Click here to open website.](#)
The Nook, High Street, Cuckfield, West Sussex RH17 5JX. Tel: 01444 417600 Fax 01444 450336.
Opening Times: Mon - Friday 9am till 6pm Saturday 9am till 4pm (Sunday 10am till 1pm)
Residential selling Agents for properties within Cuckfield and surrounding area. Largest Independent firm with 6 offices located across Mid Sussex. Established in 1947 and open 7 days a week. Listings on mansellmctaggart.co.uk, fishhomes.co.uk and primelocation.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, CUCKFIELD!

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Cuckfield is a wonderful town to live in and this website clearly shows what a wealth of clubs and activities it has to offer from the youngest resident to the oldest.

So how about making a new year's resolution to get more involved in village activities and help the community to thrive. In the process you'll probably make many new friends, learn new skills and give yourself a challenge for 2007!

You could meet other parents by visiting [Cucklogs](#) parent and toddler group held in the Old School every Monday and Thursday morning. Join the [Cuckfield Sports](#) and help preserve the very special atmosphere of our town. Support the [Museum](#) in its work or join the [Sussex Association](#) and find out more about our twinning partners in Aumale, France or Karlstadt, Germany. How about getting fit and joining the [Lawn Tennis Club](#)? And for the show offs amongst you, the [Summer Show](#) takes place on July 7 and the [Village Shop](#) on September 8.

Information on all this and more can be found in these pages, so what are you waiting for...?

MOVING TO CUCKFIELD? **JOIN THE SITE** **ABOUT US**

If you're thinking about a move to Cuckfield, but can't decide whether it's the place for you or not, [read this personal view](#) of one recent convert.

Do you want to be part of village life online? Do you have a club, society or local business? Read our joining pack and see whether Cuckfield.Org is for you.

For more information about the background to this site, have a look at the [About Us](#) page.

SEND PINK!

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Events - February 2007

Date	Event details
Saturday 3rd	Cuckfield European Association's Annual General Meeting with Patrice Héry giving a talk on "The Calvados and Cheeses of Aumale". See the CEA's events page for more information.
Friday 9th	7.30 for 8.00pm - "Who is my Neighbour?" - Dr John Dale talks about the history of ideas of health care in Sussex before the 20th century. How did medical care develop and how was it implemented in places like Cuckfield Workhouse? Organised by Cuckfield Museum and being held in the Queen's Hall.
Friday 9th	7.30pm Friends of Warden park Race Night & Curry. For more info click here .
Saturday 10th	9.30am - 5.30pm "Change the Dream" Symposium. This multi-media experience explores the link between environmental sustainability, social justice and spiritual fulfilment, and offers a compelling path to immediate positive action for those wishing to take steps in their own lives and in their communities. Click Here for more information.
Wednesday 21st	7.30pm - ANNUAL Public Meeting of the Trustees of New England Wood, in the Library, Queen's Hall. The Chairman and Treasurer will present their reports and members of the public can question the Trustees.

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ALLOTMENTS

There are three allotment sites in Cuckfield. One at the West end of Courtmead and one behind Haleigh's Cottages on Brook Street. These are both managed by the [Parish Council](#). The third site is off Glebe Road and is managed by MSDC.

HALLS TO HIRE

Halls and rooms are available to hire at the following locations:

Queens Hall, High Street

The Hall offers various rooms for hire with charges ranging from £10.50 per hour for the Council Chamber to £55 per hour for the large Main Hall for private functions. There are special rates available for community groups and a discount for regular hirers. The Main Hall and kitchen may be hired from 9 am - midnight for a wedding at the special all day inclusive rate of £450. For full details of activities and booking arrangements please contact the Hall on 01444 454276 or the Parish Clerk on 01444 451510.

Old School, Church Path

The facilities in the Old School include the large Tudor and Victorian Halls and fully fitted kitchens. If you would like information about hiring any of the facilities in the Old School, please contact the Dennis Griffiths, the Old School Manager (telephone 01444-456900). Between 9 am and noon Monday to Friday