



Rain or Shine – The Recruiting Officer

On Friday 5th August, the talented Rain or Shine returned to Cuckfield to perform their annual outdoor production; this year it was *The Recruiting Officer*.

Blessed with wonderful weather, the show was performed in the Angela Fox Nature Garden behind the Queen's Hall for the first time. The garden made a perfect backdrop for the show, and the actors made full use of the space by moving around the crowd.

There was an excellent turnout, with audience members bringing their own picnics to enjoy during the performance, with the opportunity to buy drinks and ice creams during the interval.

Rain or Shine will return to the Queen's Hall on Friday 27th January 2023 with *Sherlock Holmes and the Music Hall Mystery* - tickets will go on sale nearer the date.



Upcoming events for your diaries: Silver Sunday

We are delighted to announce that we're hosting another Silver Sunday afternoon event at the Queen's Hall on Sunday 2nd October, with the Singing Allsorts attending to entertain you.

Running from 1pm to 3pm, we will provide you with refreshments and entertainment along with the opportunity to spend some time with fellow members of our neighbourhood.

This event is specifically aimed at those of our community who may at times feel a little isolated or alone, so please don't be nervous, come along and make some new friends at this completely free event. All age groups are welcome.

In order to have an idea of numbers for our catering, please could you let Jane Forester know if you would like to attend, either via email jane.forester@cuckfield.gov.uk or phone 01444 454276, or even just pop into the office at the Queen's Hall next time you are passing.

We hope to see more new faces here this time.

Skate Jam

We are delighted to confirm we've booked Team Rubicon to return to Cuckfield for two more Skate Jam events – the first of which is on Sunday 2nd October. So, dust off your skateboards and kneepads and make sure you get there early to make the most of the free coaching on offer.

Equipment is always available to use, so even if you don't have all – or indeed any – of the gear, don't let that stop you.

This is a perfect opportunity to give skateboarding a go.



Stop Cuckstye Action Group Update

Cuckfield Parish Council continues to liaise with and support the recently formed Stop Cuckstye Action Group (SCAG). As well as contributing to the over-attended and very successful Question Time, it is providing funding for the first professional technical evidence report, looking into the significant landscape impacts from the proposed 1,600 houses.

Despite Jonathan Ash-Edwards (leader of MSDC) and Mims Davies MP assertions on record that they are seeking to remove the location from the site allocations, we are aware that MSDC officers are currently continuing with the plan as published in draft earlier in the year. The developer, Fairfax, is also continuing with their planning, designing and environmental surveying.

We await to see what the on-going political chaos will bring to the Levelling Up Bill, published just before the Prime Minister's ministerial evacuation and demise, and whether this will have any impact on the excessively increased housing targets. In the meantime though, District Plan timings mean SCAG needs to continue preparing its own robust evidence base to demonstrate why this development is completely unsustainable.

For the latest news, look up www.saynotocuckstye.co.uk (the website is currently being further developed). Funding for further evidence reporting and legal assistance is urgently required - please contact SCAG through the website if you can help.

New Faces

After just 7 months, we said a sad goodbye to Kate Ely, our Assistant Clerk, as she left the Parish Council to take up a dream opportunity working with a local charity.

Now we welcome Noemi Ripert, who joined us as our Communications and Admin Officer. Noemi lives in Burgess Hill with her husband and two children and has been self-employed for the last 10 years. She decided to take on a new challenge and started her new role with us in June. Noemi is French and has been living and working in the UK since 2008, she enjoys spending her spare time with her family and friends, going on long dog walks and cycling. Noemi also plays the piano and enjoys cooking and baking.

We also welcome Chloe Potts, who has joined us as a new Councillor. Chloe moved to Cuckfield from Haywards Heath in 2021 with her husband and son, after being members at Cuckfield Baptist Church for a number of years. She is a part-time Spanish teacher in Brighton and enjoys sewing, crochet and playing guitar in her spare time.



Sunday 2nd October
1 pm until 3pm

Feeling Isolated or Alone?

Want to meet new friends?

Come along to the Queen's Hall,
High Street, Cuckfield

Live music from
Singing Allsorts

Refreshments Provided

RSVP to the Parish Council Office

Tel. 01444 454276 or jane.forester@cuckfield.gov.uk





Angela Fox Nature Garden

Work has continued this year on the garden, with a line of pleached trees being planted to help retain privacy for our hirers and our neighbours, as well as the wide borders beneath the trees being filled with new plants. We are currently reviewing the plans for the next stage of development, which will see the garden progress nearer to completion – if a garden can ever be considered complete!

Free Defib Training event

We are delighted to be working with first aid instructor Katie Jardine, as she puts on a free 45 minute training session on how defibrillators work and can be used when they are needed most. It will be held at Queen's Hall on Wednesday 19th October, starting at 7.30pm. Just turn up, to get a practical insight into using the devices.

Council Meetings

September

- 22nd 7.30pm Planning
8.30pm Assets, Community & Environment
- 29th 7.30pm Full Council

October

- 13th 7.30pm Planning
8.30pm Roads & Traffic

November

- 3rd 7.30pm Planning
8.30pm Assets, Community & Environment
- 24th 7.30pm Planning
8.30pm Full Council



YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Cuckfield Parish Council – Opening Hours
Monday to Friday 10am – 3pm

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