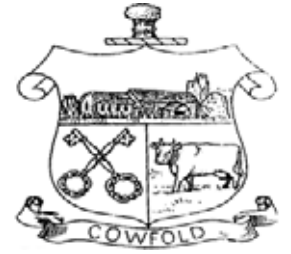




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Horsham POP (Partnerships for Older People) is pleased to announce the launch of its new cookery classes for older men.

Ideal for anyone who has come to cooking later in life, Mister Chef offers a comprehensive course for beginners and those who are keen to move beyond microwave cuisine. Lead by qualified Home Economist, Pauline McCartney, the classes will take students from basic cooking skills, food hygiene and nutrition to creating menus, entertaining and worldwide cuisine. "Many older men in particular struggle with cooking skills and eating healthily on a budget," explains Horsham POP's community engagement worker, Mary-Anne Walsh. "It's great that we now have the funding to offer a free course to help improve their enjoyment of making meals."

A Mister Chef taster session will take place on 24 February at Lavinia House, Horsham, when interested participants are welcome to try out a cook-and-eat class. There will then be the opportunity to sign up for the full course, running from 18 March to 13 May. "Our aim is to make cooking fun and interesting rather than a daily chore. Every week students will prepare and eat a recipe based around a theme. It's also a great opportunity to mix with others in a similar situation and make new friends."


For more information, or to book your place at the taster session, please contact Mary-Anne Walsh on: 07920 576339. Transport available on request.



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One very nice day out is to Cranleigh. If you catch the 9.25 bus from Cowfold to Horsham bus station. and wait 13 minutes you can catch the 63 to Cranleigh. The whole journey takes 1 hour and 9 minutes and winds through villages you just don't see if you go by car. Cranleigh has a wet fish shop and a very nice butchers, both of which sell the kind of fish and meat you don't find in a supermarket. It also has a market on Thursdays and a shop that seems to sell everything in the household and kitchen line, truly an Aladdin's cave which is bigger on the inside than it looks on the outside. There are walks around the area and many teashops and restaurants. The best bus back is at 17.59 which after an 8 minute wait in Horsham gets you back to Cowfold at 4 minutes to 7. Earlier busses leave Cranleigh at 54 minutes past each hour, but the wait in Horsham is longer. Our next outing is to Pulborough. I will let you know how it goes.

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WELL DONE COWFOLD: I am delighted to report that the Cowfold Poppy Appeal 2008-09 (which closed on 30 September 2009), raised a total of £3,794.33. As previously, years had ended on the 30 May, there was no way of making a direct comparison with earlier totals. As of 5 January, the Sussex Country total for the Poppy Appeal 2009-10 (closing on 30 September) stood at £1,016,736.87, while the national total was £28,375,247.88.

Meanwhile the Sussex Weald Branch is busy organising events to contribute to this year's appeal. If you do not yet have tickets for 'Bill Posters Will Be Band' at Cowfold Village Hall on 6 March, you are urged to contact Bob Farren (number below) as soon as possible.

On 11 September the Branch is organising a dance in the Village Hall to 'The Swing Commanders' to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain. If you want an idea of what they sound like, put the band name into the Google search engine on your computer and run some of their postings. It promises to be a good evening.

This year's Poppy Quiz will be Thursday 14 October at 7.30pm. We shall endeavour to ensure a licence is obtained to open "The Silver Lion" bar. Potential contenders might care to re-watch 'The Battle of Britain' film or look up Derek Wood's 'The Narrow Margin', as the History round will feature some themed questions! We look forward to seeing as many as possible on Remembrance Sunday on 14th November

The branch is still searching for a new Hon. Secretary. Any volunteers out there. You don't have to be ex-Service any more, anyone can join the Royal British Legion. **CONTACTS:-** Bob Farren, Chairman Sussex Weald Branch 01403 86454, Graham Daniels, Membership Secretary 01403 864063, Mike Gething, Vice Chairman 01403 864052

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John Blythe, Chairman

Another year then and another harsh winter! Only this winter's been a real lesson in survival, with a credit crunch still lurking and weather that reminds one of what Siberia must be like. It's difficult to focus the brain, never mind 'get physical' with gardening and planting up, etc. But we know if we haven't already or don't make a start soon, nothing will be there when we need it!

The Society have made a start already, planned this year's programme and prepared our Summer's Show Programme (FETE DAY, Saturday, 3rd July) that's almost ready for printing. Listed below meantime is the Society's 2010 programme and once again we think there's something for everyone.

January: - We started this year with a 'brief workout' by having a Skittles & Pizza evening at The Bull.

February: - '**Managing a Small Estate**', Mark Saunders, Head Gardener at Fittleworth House, comes to tell us how its all done (visit later in the year);

March: - '**A Year at Wakehurst**', Bob Judd a guide for 8 years talks about the history of the house and gardens;

April: - '**Water Efficient Gardening**', John Marder, horticulture and landscape officer for Horsham D.C. talks about using water wisely, by planning, design and good planting.

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Making small changes to our daily diet and increasing our levels of activity can have a surprisingly big impact on our fitness, health and wellbeing. Why not take the first steps to a healthier lifestyle by joining one of the fitness classes run by Cowfold's own KB Fitness & Nutrition.

Outdoor Fitness Bootcamp takes place on the Village Green on Mondays and Fridays, there are morning and evening sessions, which you can mix 'n' match to fit in



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May: - '**Gardening for Bio-Diversity**', Inspiring Children and their Adults, Martin Pett, formerly head gardener at London Zoo and with Sussex

Wildlife Trust inspiring teachers to develop school grounds into learning resource areas for children.

June: - '**Bees, Beekeeping & Gardeners**', Pam Hunter, Chairman of Central Sussex Beekeepers' Assoc. visits to tell us all about these wonderful insects.

July 3: - (Saturday) **SUMMER SHOW** - What classes will you enter?

July 11: - (Sunday) **Visit to Wiston House Garden**, open for this one day for the National Garden Scheme.

July: - **Village Garden Walk**, visiting more interesting Cowfold residents gardens to admire their hidden treasures.

September: - '**Conservatory & Patio Gardening**', Former Head of Horticulture at Plumpton College & Local Broadcaster David Fitton, M.B.E. offers us tips as a gardening advisory service and horticultural consultancy expert.

October: - '**Memories of a Garden Boy**', Laurie Manser started as a 'garden boy' in 1948 and rose to head gardener on two large estates and later as a Writer.

November: - **AGM** plus a Review of the Year and election of officers plus refreshments.

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1st Cowfold Scouts – Spring 2010

This is an update on some of the key issues that will affect 1st Cowfold in the coming year. I would also like to thank all of you that helped with the many events trips out and camps that made 2009 a successful year. A special thank you to all leaders and to Megan, Julie and Liam who moved on after all helping for a number of years.

Leaders

The scout troop have lost their full time leaders and Ellen has had to run the group almost full time. This cannot continue indefinitely and we really need leaders to help with this age group 10 to 14 years. The executive committee have asked Ellen to continue. We will have to consider the future of the troop during the next term. It is quite simple - with no leader we will have to restrict numbers, reduce meetings or close.

We will have no explorer leader from July looking after our 14 to 18 age group. Again it will be very sad to lose Explorers from Cowfold.

Executive Committee

Thank you to all our current members for their service in 2009. The group meets each term and is responsible for ensuring the group is run effectively and co-ordinates fundraising.

In the summer we will need a new chairperson suggestions and pressed volunteers welcome! We need someone to help with the administration of the group. Do you know someone locally, perhaps semi retired or retired who could help take on some tasks?

The Hut

We will be having a hut spring clean and lick of fresh paint one Sunday when the weather is warmer. We tried this last year but only two people turned up but at least the windows were cleaned! We will tempt you with refreshment please bring your paint rollers and buckets, date to be announced. You have been warned!

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Think about a safe place to go if you can't escape

The first priority is to keep people safe by getting them out of the building. If you can't escape, you'll need to find a room to take refuge in. This is especially important if you have difficulty moving around or going downstairs on your own.

Make sure everyone knows where door and window keys are kept

Decide where the keys to doors and windows should be kept and always keep them there. Make sure everyone in your household knows where they are.

Bedtime routine - When you are asleep, it takes longer to notice the signs of a fire. If you don't have a working smoke alarm, there will be nothing to wake you.

- To help prevent fires occurring through the night, it's important to check your home for fire hazards before you go to bed. Make sure you:
- Close inside doors at night to stop a fire from spreading
- Check the cooker is turned off
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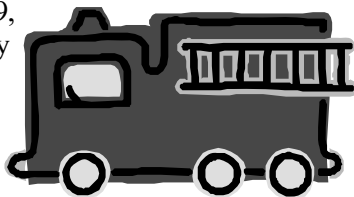
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Maintain your smoke alarm - To keep your smoke alarm in good working order, you should:

- Test it once a week, by pressing the test button until the alarm sounds
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Replace the whole unit every ten years

Make an escape plan - When you make an escape plan, involve everyone who lives in your home, including children, older or disabled people and any lodgers.

Choosing an escape route

- Here are some tips to help plan your escape from fire:
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treasurer or Ellen and I. Details at the bottom of the letter.

Please do not ignore the requests as it makes means Sue has to rewrite letters, we are still chasing fees from last term. You can either pay a one-off amount of £105.00 or pay in three instalments of £35. If you would prefer to pay in instalments a further bill will be sent in April (£35.00) and September (£35.00).

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Race Night

We are hoping to hold a race night in March at the Scout Hut. We have almost sponsored all the races but most horses still have to sell. Cost £5. This has been very successful in recent years and has proved to be a fun night with bar and supper. For those of you that have not been there are eight horse races. They are chosen at random and you have the chance to bet on one of eight horses. Without the money from this night the group would have to raise more or increase fees so please get grandparents, friends, work colleagues to sponsor a horse and make the night a success.

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(3053)**Sunday, 7th March, 9.30 am: Henfield**, 6 miles or more various brisk circular walks (some stiles) around the byways, twittens and lovely countryside surrounding the village, excellent views. Stout footwear necessary as it will be muddy and rutted in places. Meet in the **car park behind "Budgens"**. Dogs allowed on a lead. 2 ½ to 3 hours. **Leader Zena 01273 493163**

(2087) **Tuesday, 9th March, 10.00 am: The Countryman Inn, Shipley going south**, new 5½ mile, flat (only 4 stiles), circular walk through farmland, now left to grow wild, to Pen Bridge, along an ancient droving road to Bentons Place farm and back north to Knepp Castle and the village. The Knepp Estate Manager, if available, will give us a ten minute talk. Could be wet and muddy in places. Could see Tamworth Pigs, Old English Longhorn Cattle, Exmoor Ponies, Buzzards and Fal-low Deer. No better way to finish than a drink, snack or meal in The Countryman. Meet in the pub car park (TQ 135214 RH13 8PZ). No dogs. 2¾ hours. **Leaders Bill 01403 256248 & Geoff 01403 258180**

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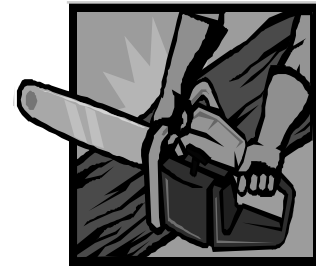
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from him. A constant complaint is parking outside fire stations, but many that do it are locals collecting milk or newspapers and they feel very aggrieved when asked not to do this. It is an unfortunate fact too that untidy parking in a high street will slow the speed of traffic down. But, two wrongs don't make a right. Many of the members are concerned about the subject of speeding motorists. Unfortunately lowering the speed limits doesn't always work, as many drivers ignore them anyway, whatever they are, and regrettably many live locally. The County Council is asking the cabinet member for Highways to consider how we can address the problem of speeding through villages and how we can address this through the rules and regulations. What we need is a full-scale investigation as to what we can do, what we reasonably can't and how do we make drivers more socially responsible. The full debate will be webcast and is available for some time afterwards; you can find it on the county website after 12th February. We desperately need to keep the killed and seriously injured (KSI) numbers in our county down and I know that the Police, the County and the Safer Roads partnerships are working hard to do so. Let us hope that all drivers do too.

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County Councillor Report

If there is one subject that dominates my postbag it is speed of traffic and the condition of our roads. We have recently experienced the worst snow storms in 30 years, which meant a real and unenviable struggle for those living in side roads and now we are trying to deal with thousands of Potholes affecting the road surface

Over £2m and nine teams have been diverted to searching out and filling potholes. Often these holes are 'cold filled' on a temporary basis. We know it isn't as good as a hot fill but a rapid response during rainy weather is often called for. There are some 2,500 miles of roads in West Sussex and the upkeep on them all is something of a strain on our budgets.

Unfortunately the weather doesn't recognise how much, or how little, money there is to spend and we are experiencing weather systems that are, to say the least, unusual, forecasting what you will need a year ahead isn't easy.

The other worry residents quite rightly have is speeding and excessive loads on large lorries. The police can address both but ask for your help in doing so by reporting anything that you see as unreasonable behaviour to www.crackdown.org this is a totally anonymous way of telling the police who they should target. And they do, I recently heard of a car salesman who constantly drove in an unsociable manner and had his car taken away

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COWFOLD HEALTH WALKS CONTINUED

1008) Wednesday, 17th March, 2.00 pm: Down & Up the Downs Link, 2 mile gentle flat stroll along the Downs Link. Surface suitable for mobility scooters and wheelchairs. Meet in the WSCC car park next to the Downs Link at West Grinstead. Dogs allowed on a lead. 1½ hours. **Leader Derrick 01293 523531**

(2094) Tuesday, 23rd March, 10.00 am: George & Dragon, Dragons Green, near Shipley, **New Walk:** (the pub with a gravestone in the garden). About 5 ½ mile circular walk on undulating Wealden tracks and through woodland, Could be wet and muddy in places. Meet in pub car park, good beer and excellent food (TQ 139235). No dogs. 2 ¾ hours. **Leaders Bill 01403 256248 & Geoff 01403 258180**

(2095) Thursday, 1st April, 10.00 am: April Fool's Mystery Walk, New Walk: about 5 mile fairly flat circular walk in lovely rural countryside. Could be wet and muddy in places. No dogs. Meet in **The Royal Oak car park, Wineham**. Very good food and beer available in this real Sussex pub.

(2084) Tuesday, 6th April, 10.00 am: The White Horse, Maplehurst, 4¾ mile, mostly flat, circular walk across farmland around the village. Good views of the South Downs. Could be wet and muddy in places. Good real ale and food in this Free House. Meet in pub car park (TQ 190246 RH13 6LL). No dogs. 2½ hours. **Leaders Bill 01403 256248 & Geoff 01403 258180**

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COWFOLD HEALTH WALKS CONTINUED

2054) Saturday, 10th April, 10.00 am: Warninglid – Slaugham, 4½ mile circular walk, some stiles and inclines, through woods and farmland along the High Weald Landscape Trail, past a lake to Slaugham church and returning past the major head-water of the River Ouse (Mill Pond) back to the start. Good views. Meet at the **Half Moon car park, Warninglid**. No dogs. 2¼ hours. **Leaders Bill 01403 256248 or Geoff 01403 258180**

(2087) Tuesday, 20th April, 10.00 am: The Countryman Inn, Shipley going south, As for 9th March above.



Cowfold Guides

Cowfold Guides ended the Christmas term with a party to celebrate their 35th birthday. We also enrolled 3 new members.

Now we are looking forward to our District Thinking day Event. Our senior section are planning a few outings. There is also a centenary camp coming up in May.

Any one interested in joining the waiting list.

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all their sponsor money, but Isabella alone has raised £77.30. Warden Park hopes that each Year 7 and 8 pupil will try to raise £25 each for their chosen Junior House charity. They are a great example to their school friends!

Not to be outdone – Chris Collins (Dad!) has been raising money for a Great Wall of China Trek in aid of St Catherine's Hospice in Crawley. So far he has raised approximately £1000 of his £3000 target through pre-Christmas raffles, sweet and biscuit sales. On 13th December he took part in a St Catherine's Hospice Santa

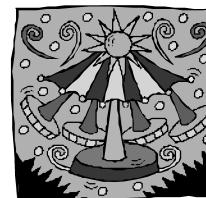
Run with the support of son Finlay. Watch out for future fundraising events...!!



Date for your diaries: SATURDAY, 3rd JULY

COWFOLD VILLAGE FETE

Don't miss it! Further News in Future Issues.



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Family Fundraisers!

Arianne Puttock, Finlay and Isabella Collins are Cowfold cousins with big hearts. In the last two weeks they have raised much needed funds for the Haiti Earthquake Appeal and Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Arianne watched the sad reports on TV about the Haiti disaster and recruited her cousin Finlay to help her organise and run a Cake Sale at St Peter's School on 22nd January. They emailed all their school friends and family and put up posters requesting cake donations. They were thrilled by the response – lots of yummy cakes were brought into school and parents and children queued outside the door in the rain to come and buy them! They made

£201.05 which has now been paid into the DEC account. Their hard work and the generosity of their friends mean that a shelter for two families will be provided to the earthquake victims, as well as enough food to feed the two families for two weeks.

Meanwhile, Isabella and four of her Year 7 friends from Warden Park School got together at the Dolphin

Leisure Centre on Sunday 31st January to do their very own sponsored swim for Guide Dogs for the Blind. They swam laps in relays for 45 minutes and exceeded all expectations by completing 80 lengths between them! They still have to add up



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Our

St Peters Church Fundraising Events

Fireworks 2009 was a much nicer night than 2008! We had a good crowd and as ever our thanks go to Gordon Tregear for letting us use the field and to John Chamberlin and Barry Sowton for organising the fireworks, as well as the numerous helpers who make it such a fun family event. We raised almost £450 from the evening – obviously our biggest expense is the fireworks, so if you know anyone who would like to sponsor them – please do get in touch!

Father Christmas managed to fit us into his busy schedule again and came to the Christmas Fair, along with various stalls and the wonderful St Peter's School Choir who entertained us so well with Christmas Carols. Every one seemed to enjoy the games as well as the Mulled Wine and Minced Pies in the Café. The evening raised about £600 and our thanks go to everyone who helped and everyone who came and supported us.

Dates for your Diaries:

Saturday 17th April – Themed Dinner with Live Music in the Village Hall. The theme for this will be 'The Night the Titanic Sunk'.

Saturday 15th May - Safari Supper round the Village

Saturday 3rd July – an evening BBQ on the Playing Fields after the Village Fair as part of our Patronal Feast weekend.

Saturday 2nd October – Family Harvest Supper with Quiz

Saturday 6th November – Fireworks and BBQ on the Playing Fields

Saturday 4th December – Christmas Fair

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8am Holy Communion service (traditional language of the Book of Common Prayer) – a gentle service with a short address and no hymns, lasting about 35 to 40 minutes

11.15am Communion service in modern language, lasting just over an hour. On the *first Sunday of the month* this service is called "All Age Worship", with families particularly in mind. On other Sundays, the children go to their own activities during part of the service, to the "Sunday Rocks" group which meets in the belltower

6.30pm on the first Sunday of the month is Choral Evensong – a traditional language service with choir lasting about 45 minutes

During **Lent and Holy Week**, we have additional services, to which all are welcome. This year they are as follows:

- o 3rd March – Cowfold Lenten service
- 10th March – Bolney stations of the Cross devotions
- o 17th March – Cowfold Lenten service
- 24th March – Bolney stations of the Cross devotions
- Palm Sunday – 28th March:
 - o 8am Holy Communion at Cowfold

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In addition, it is hoped that sponsorship money will also be donated
There will be four separate "cloverleaf" legs of varying lengths, totaling around 10 miles. Each leg will be entirely separate and walkers can choose to do any number, with guidance notes provided. It is also planned to arrange a mini fun walk on the recreation ground for toddlers.

Complimentary refreshments will be available with a running barbecue to buy hot dogs and beefburgers

VILLAGE CALENDAR - 2011

Please, please, more photos - we have one month earmarked for a young photographer's "snap" - so get out with your cameras - high resolution is best for printing.

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A big thank you to everybody who helped raise over £8,000 in 2009 towards the new pavilion - well done and all assistance, however large or small, is greatly appreciated. Fundraising continues this year and details of events planned so far for 2010 are noted below.

But first, update news on the pavilion plans themselves. It will be appreciated that, since the first drawings, the economic situation has taken a turn for the worse and, as a consequence, grants are harder to obtain and less money is available for projects such as ours. With this in mind, the plans have been revisited with a view to reducing the cost and hence the overall amount that needs to be raised. The revised plans will be little changed in style but will have a slightly smaller footprint, with the inside rearranged to make full use of every possible space, ensuring that the facilities will still be just what is needed.

Once the new plans are finalised we will make them available for viewing at our fundraising events and on our notice board in the village hall. We should then be in a position to start applying for grants large and small whilst continuing with our own village fundraising, thus enabling the project to be brought to fruition in a sensible time scale.

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ST PETER'S CHURCH

10am joint service at Bolney (no 11.15am service at Cowfold)

Maundy Thursday – 1st April – 7.45pm at Cowfold – Joint churches' Eucharist

Good Friday – 2nd April – service at Cowfold at 10am (2pm at Bolney)

Holy Saturday – 3rd April – joint churches' Service of Light at Bolney at 7.45pm

Easter Sunday – 4th April – services at the normal times of 8am and 11.15am

ST PETER'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

If you are home on Tuesday mornings and would like to meet with other parents/carers, a warm welcome awaits you at St Peter's Church Baby and Toddler group. We meet on alternate Tuesdays in term time from 10am in church for a time of fun. All pre-school babies and children are invited to come along with a carer. There's no charge for the group and no need to book. We start with a cuppa and toys whilst families arrive, then have a Bible story and singing, before having more cuppas, play time for babies and arts/crafts, snackmaking etc for the older ones.

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For the remainder of the Spring Term we will meet on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd March. See the church website www.stpeterschurch-cowfold.org.uk or the

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