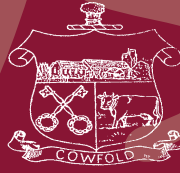


# NEWS

from Cowfold Parish Council



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Keeping you informed of the work of the Parish Council and the community of Cowfold

## ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE!

**Cowfold fete was another fantastic day. It was probably the best attended fete in living memory. It was estimated that close to 3000 people attended and everyone reported record numbers of visitors or record profits.**

Once again there was glorious sunshine to attract people to the Fun Fair which was a wonderful backdrop to a village fete that already had lots going on, classic cars, fun dog show, flower show, dodgems and even a big wheel. The flower show had over 550 entries in the various classes, including 119 children's entries and record entries in the vegetable section.

Many stalls were raising funds for worthy causes, the New Pavilion Fund, Help for Heroes, Muscular Dystrophy, St Catherine's Hospice, Sussex Pet

Rescue. The bulk of the money this year will be given to St Peter's School Memorial Swimming Pool Fund that badly needs some vital repair work done.

**Anyone who would like to know more about this village asset or who would like to contribute should contact the Fete committee on 07885 865175.**



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## SAVING THE 86 BUS

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In Cowfold we have been campaigning for fairer treatment and our 8 week long campaign during the council's consultation period has successfully resulted in delaying the fall of the axe from September 2011 until April 2012 for our 86 bus service to Haywards Heath. This means that as a village we now have time to work hard on a 'Use it or Lose it' campaign. We hope to show the bus companies, who have thus far relied heavily on District funding to run many rural services, that with pro-active, local, grass-roots marketing, they could actually take on these services commercially.

Without the bus a wide cross section of our community will be left stranded –

## DOES YOUR VILLAGE NEED YOU TO SAVE YOUR BUS?

from elderly to school and college children and from non-driving workers to Hospital out-patients and commuters who use Haywards Heath mainline rail station. Loss of these services make rural areas more isolated, businesses will likely close and our house prices will fall as villages such as ours become unattractive places in which to live.

We are lucky to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and villages as well as market towns – all offering us all sorts of reasons to get out and explore our local area. In the coming weeks we will research these areas and put together a 'brochure' advertising shops, cafes, pubs, beauty spots, walks and anything else we discover which can be reached via the 86 bus. We hope that some of the businesses we advertise may be willing to offer incentives to bus users... watch out for the brochure in a shop / post office / village hall near you soon!

**If anybody out there wants to know how we have managed to get this far and what we are doing next, you can contact us via our Facebook page 'Savethebus Eightysix' found at savethebus@hotmail.co.uk. If you have ideas to help our campaign, please get in touch.**

## AIR POLLUTION

### IN COWFOLD

#### USE THE BUS TO CUT IT DOWN

We are asked by Horsham District Council to comment on the management of air pollution levels in Cowfold. The results of recent tests have shown that levels of Nitrogen Dioxide, a pollutant associated with vehicle exhaust emissions, are likely to exceed the maximum allowed by law in some parts of Cowfold. The air pollution is due to the number of vehicles using the main roads through the village combined with the stop start nature of the progress of vehicles at peak times. One of the ways to cut down on air pollution would be to use the busses more often, both the 86 and the 17.

**Comments need to be made online at [www.horsham.gov.uk](http://www.horsham.gov.uk) or to Lisa Hawtin, Environmental Protection Officer, Horsham District Council, Park House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1RL. Email: [lisa.hawtin@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.hawtin@horsham.gov.uk) Tel: 01403 215200 Fax 01403 215461.**

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## COWFOLD NEW PAVILION FUNDRAISING

A big thank you to everybody who helped with the Café at the Village Fete on July 2nd – we made a fantastic £1,000 towards funds for the new pavilion. Thanks to all who donated cakes and sandwiches, to all who came along to lend a hand and to all who visited us to buy our wares.

The update news of the pavilion is that, much as the current passed plans would be wonderful, being realistic in the present economic climate, the money to build it will be beyond the capabilities of a small village such as Cowfold. We are the “wrong” postcode to apply for lottery funding and the sports foundations have no money for us. So, other possibilities that may be more affordable are currently being looked at and we will keep the village up to date on progress. It would be wonderful to get the project off the ground next year and endeavours to achieve this will continue in earnest.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next fundraising function which will be a Barn Dance on Saturday 15th October – watch for posters round the village.



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## 1ST COWFOLD BROWNIES

The Brownies have had a busy, fun packed term. We celebrated the Royal Wedding joining Brownies from other units at our own wedding reception complete with a wedding cake. We had a scavenger hunt and Teddy Bears picnic in the woods and ate more cakes!

We went canoeing at Southwater lake and got to jump into the lake still wearing all our clothes. A few weeks later we entered the District Brownies Canoeing Regatta and our team came third, an excellent result. We completed

## Brownies

challenges to earn our Agility badge and had an evening at the swimming pool.

Finally, we said goodbye to some older girls who are moving on. We celebrated their time at Brownies with a whole evening on a huge bouncy slide and making ice-cream sundaes.

*By Cowfold Brownies.*

Brownies is for girls age 7 – 10. We do have vacancies so if you would like to find out more please call Natalie on 01403 891344.

## GRAND BARN DANCE IN AID OF THE NEW PAVILION FUND

**Saturday 15 October 2011 Village Hall from 7.30pm to 11.30pm**  
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## COWFOLD VILLAGE HISTORY SOCIETY

Allan Johnston will give a talk about “The changes in local agriculture during the 20th Century” on Friday 21 October at 7.45 for 8 pm in the Village Hall. We will hear about land ownership and use, family life, employment and the innovations of machinery and science, plus personal and humorous stories.

Members free and non-members £3 incl tea/coffee.

In July, John Chamberlin regaled a large audience about his considerable research of St Peter’s “Churchyard and

Church Marks”, insisting that he is not an ‘expert’. However, the questions kept coming – perhaps it was the Pimms that helped!

Meanwhile, we are photographing the “Ten Objects” chosen to represent Cowfold, continuing our Oral History project “Capturing the Voice of the Village”, and working on the 1911 Census and a project about Fowler Bros

Are you interested in joining? If so, contact: [sucrofts@aol.com](mailto:sucrofts@aol.com) or 01403 864602”

## COWFOLD EVENING WI

Cowfold Evening WI meets in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month except August.

Contact Sue Stanbridge for more details on 01403 864574.

September meeting Lifelites. A charity specialising in fun and educational experiences for children in hospices. Simone Enefer-Doy

**October**  
 Annual General Meeting.

**November**  
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## NEWS FROM ST PETER'S CE (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

### COWFOLD SUMMER TERM 2011

The Summer Term has again been very busy with sports, swimming and summer fetes! The children in Years 3, 4 and 5 learned a set of dances to perform at the Horsham Schools' Country Dancing Festival in June, the Cowfold Fete in July, and the school Summer Fayre also in July. The children danced really well and I was very proud of them.

The Cowfold Memorial Swimming Pool has provided all the children in the school with an opportunity to learn to swim in class lessons and enjoy fun sessions in after school clubs. The pool was again open in the school holidays for community use from 2-4pm weekdays from the 25th July to the 19th August. We are very grateful to all the support from staff and parents which enables the pool to run, and also to the Cowfold Fete Committee for donating funds to the pool this year.

Key Stage One children really enjoyed their work on the 'Seaside' this term, which included a visit to Brighton Sea

Life Centre and some fantastic writing and art work about the seaside. Key Stage 2 children enjoyed their topics on 'Healthy Me' and 'The Tudors.' The end of year production of 'The Piper' was excellent with some amazing performances from Year 6 children and good singing from all the children.

We said goodbye to nineteen Year 6 children this term and wish them every success in their new schools. We look



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forward to welcoming the new children to school in September.

**Gail Sainsbury Headteacher**  
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The County scheme offers new parents a starter pack which is delivered in two instalments. They also receive £30 in

vouchers for additional cotton nappies. Since 1999 this scheme has resulted in over 5,000 tonnes being diverted from landfill. This has saved £5,000,000 in landfill charges. The scheme costs the residents £20,000 every year, or about 5% of our annual prevention budget. In waste prevention we have more than saved our money and prevented landfill.

**Please remember the three r's. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and lets head for a minimum amount of waste going to landfill.**

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## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SUSSEX WEALD BRANCH

The Legion celebrates its 90th Anniversary this year. As part of the nationwide Poppy Party Weekend celebrations, on 10th June last, the Sussex Weald Branch upgraded its usually low-key Cheese and Wine Party into a “posh do” in the Village Hall.

The celebrations were also an opportunity to bid a formal farewell to our President, Rear Admiral P. G. V. Dingemans, CB, DSO, RN (Ret'd), who is moving away from the village. Chairman Bob Farren thanked the Admiral for his service, his wisdom and his guidance to the Branch over the years and presented him with a book on naval history on behalf of the Branch. He will be succeeded by Mr Jeremy Smethurst, a popular choice with members.

The President (Designate) then thanked the Admiral for his confidence, saying how the Admiral was a hard act to follow and that he would do his best to live up to the traditions of the Legion. He also thanked the Hon. Secretary, Geoffrey Case, his wife Jan, Jennie Baldwin and Kate Wydra for all their hard work in organising the event; and the three young men who acted as waiters for their contribution.

Later that month, the Branch's annual BBQ was held in Partridge Green. The event was deemed successful and enjoyed by all who attended. Our grateful thanks to Ann and Norton Collins for allowing their Garden to be used, supplying the food and for enlisting the

help of their family to cater the event. The Poppy Appeal will benefit to the tune of some £400 as a result.

Finally, don't forget that on 8th October the “Bill Posters Will Be Band” will present their comedy jazz evening in Cowfold Village Hall; and we have booked the “Swing Commanders” for 17th March 2012. Tickets for both events, the profits from which will go to the Poppy Appeal, will be available from Chairman, Bob Farren, on 01403 864544.

**Michael Gething**  
**Vice Chairman**  
**01403 864052**

## NO SUCH THING AS THE DOG POO FAIRY

Unfortunately the Parish Council is again receiving complaints about irresponsible dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs. Please make sure your dog does not foul areas used by other villagers. Either use the bins provided or take it home, double wrap and put it in your own bin.

## NEW MEMBERS NEEDED ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome two new members to its ranks, Mark Denton and Paul Dittmer, and we look forward to the contribution that they will make to improving the life of the village. The parish council still has vacancies and if you are interested in what happens in your local community, willing to get involved, to ask questions and to seek answers, why not think

about becoming a councillor. You don't need qualifications, just to be over 18, live in the village and care about the community. Meetings are in the evening and the commitment would be as small or as large as you can make. The Council has an overall responsibility to improve the quality of life in the village. More information from [clerk@cowfold-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cowfold-pc.gov.uk) | 01403 864806.

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## ST PETER'S CHURCH COWFOLD

Villagers will have noticed the major building works underway at St Peter's church! We are carrying out urgent repairs to the roof, and the current project for 2011 is the second of three huge undertakings. During the works, services are being held as follows:

8am – Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion – at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bolney.

11.15am – Communion service held in St Peter's School, Cowfold (First Sunday of the month is Family Service).

6.30pm – First Sunday of the month only – Choral Evensong at St Mary Magdalene Church, Bolney

### SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA

St Peter's church is again collecting filled and gift-wrapped Shoeboxes for poor families in Eastern Europe which will be delivered in time for Christmas by Worthing-based charity "Link Romania". If you would like to take part, you will need a medium-sized shoebox, a leaflet which includes the customs

form ; £2 in cash to attach to the gift-wrapped box, towards transport costs; and a variety of small gifts. For more information, see [www.linkromania.co.uk](http://www.linkromania.co.uk). Boxes are intended for the WHOLE FAMILY (not just children) and contents might include scarf, disposable razors, tights, crayons, sweets, notepad, pens, etc. The deadline for receipt of filled boxes to 22 Thornden, Cowfold, is 5th November. The necessary leaflet can be obtained from Cowfold Post Office or call Julie Stretch on 864199.

### ST PETER'S BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

St Peter's church Baby and Toddler group has been running for almost 10 years. We meet on alternate Tuesday mornings in term time from 10am to about 11.45am. Our home-base is the church, but whilst the building works are underway, we are meeting in Cowfold Village Hall. There's no charge and no need to book – just turn up. We



sing songs, have a very short story, do arts/crafts, play with toys and there's lots of cuppas for the adults. All babies and preschool children are welcome with their carer.

Dates for the first part of the autumn term are:

13th and 27th September, 11th October.

### ST PETER'S "FRIDAY CAFE"

On Friday mornings during term time from 9am to 10am, you are invited to call into the Reading Room at Cowfold Village Hall for a free cuppa and hot buttered toast. People of all ages are welcome to pop in for a chat. There's no charge, no need to book and no religious content. Just come along and meet some new people.

## WHO IS WHO ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

- Chairman:** Vic Allmond Tel: 864936
- Vice Chairman:** Chris Collins Tel: 864196
- Members**
- Mig Cutbush – Tel: 865190
- Mark Denton – Tel: 864904
- Paul Dittmer – Tel: 891344
- Sheena Lucas – Tel: 864489
- Eileen Precious – Tel: 864321
- Guy Sibley – Tel: 865343

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The Parish Council meets in the Village Hall on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Meeting are open to all.

The Planning Committee meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm. Check with Parish clerk on 864806