



Infant Massage Classes

Using a combination of Swedish and Indian massage techniques infant massage can reduce colic and crying; promote bonding, adult-infant interaction and a better understanding; release tension and help sleep; and improve health and development by stimulation of respiration, digestion, elimination, circulation, the nervous and immune systems.

These classes are for babies up to crawling stage, about 8 or 9 months, with Mums, Dads or Caregivers. Classes are small, and last 1½ hours, 1 day a week for 4 weeks.

Contact Jenny Bleackley on 01444 457939 or email jennybleackley@aol.com. Certified Infant Massage Instructor and member of The International Association of Infant Massage.

Happy Birthday Bolnore

If you thought Bolnore Village was only a few years old, think again - and learn more about the past 1000 years on December 8th!

Stuart Meier will be giving a talk about aspects of Bolnore's history at a Friends of Ashenground Woods meeting (including AGM) that evening in the Ascension Hall, Vale Road. The meeting starts at 8pm, and Stuart will be talking a bit later on.

Stuart has been very involved with BVRA over the planning issues concerning Phases 4&5 and is particularly knowledgeable about the history of this area. You can probably tempt him to give an update on the planning issues too!

Keeping an Eye on the Neighbourhood

The Neighbourhood Watch is now operational across all of Phases 1 and 2, with coordinators appointed for the subsections of the Village. Details of the coordinators were circulated to all properties in the summer, but if you do not know who your coordinator is and have yet to join the Neighbourhood Watch, contact the Group's Chairman, Katie Delo, on katedelo@btinternet.com.

As the evenings draw in, home security becomes even more important. Regionally, each year sees a spate of early evening burglaries

associated with the clocks going back. Leaving your home during hours of darkness, without putting lights on or drawing curtains, suggests to the opportunist criminal that there is no-one at home. Sussex Police recommends various ways of improving security, such as (1) using an automatic time switch on an indoor light or on a radio to give the impression the house is occupied - though regularly change the timing on the switch as burglars can keep an eye out for patterns, (2) fit security lighting to come on at dusk, (3) ensure

Run for Fun!

Charity Fun Run planned for 2006

Plans are currently being hatched to organise a Bolnore Village Fun Run that should be held during the Easter Period of 2006.



Participants will sprint, jog or stroll over a course of approximately three miles that will include areas of the village and the surrounding woodland and footpaths. All levels of runners and walkers, young or old, will be very welcome to join in. Proceeds from the run will be going to a nominated charity, and the organisers are keen to speak with local or regional businesses interested in sponsoring the event.

For more information contact Simon Jones at simonrajones@hotmail.com.



that gates etc providing access to the rear of your property are locked, (4) ensure sheds are locked, as garden tools can be very useful for breaking in, (5) secure windows and keep door keys and car keys out of sight or, ideally, locked away, (6) use an intruder alarm.

If you suspect a crime, call 999. Sussex Police also operate a non emergency number for less urgent matters, 0845 6070 999 or email chc@sussex.pnn.police.co.uk.



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A Village Welcome

A warm welcome to all residents of Bolnore Village to the BVRA Newsletter. We hope to distribute newsletters a few times each year to provide updates on local events. The advance of technology means that a lot of communication (often quite lively!) takes place on-line, particularly on the forum, and the BVRA will be using www.bolnorevillage.net as the official web site.

Membership is open to all residents of Bolnore Village and costs just £5. If you are not yet a member please contact the Secretary, Steve Delo, at sdelo@closeteams.co.uk or 07774 860 874

The mission of the BVRA is to represent interests of all those who live at Bolnore Village - both freeholders and tenants. The recent proliferation of direction signs was largely resolved because the BVRA was able to act on behalf of the whole village. With over 100 members we are recognised by Peverel OM, the estate management company that is contracted to maintain shared areas of the village. Residents now have some degree of control in influencing how the village is maintained. We plan to make

full use of this in bringing pressure to speed up the delivery of some important infrastructure elements such as the Community Centre, Sports Field and the adoption of the Formal Gardens.

Our village is expanding rapidly and will continue to do so for several years to come. I believe that the BVRA will help to develop the community spirit that the developers intended and we are fully supportive of a number of initiatives that are already taking place - from the creation of a Local Nature Reserve, Fun Runs, Garage Sales and more.

The committee normally meets every other month and we are always looking for new members to help. Please contact Steve if you would like to help out.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and can lend your support to the community - your comments are always welcome!

Chris Marshall (Chair, BVRA)
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BVRA needs YOU!



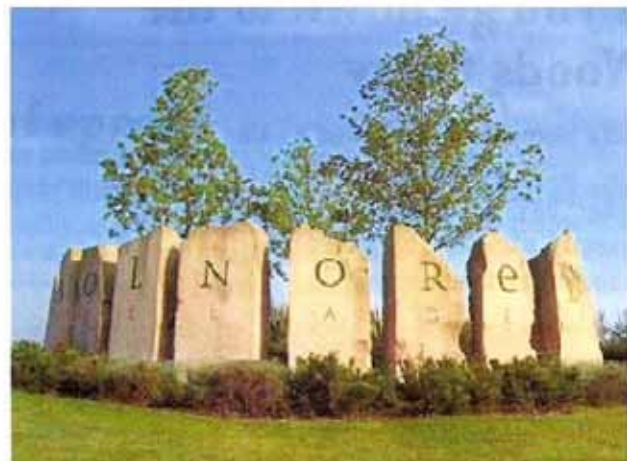
To function effectively the BVRA needs the active participation of residents. There are a growing number of initiatives that we want to do but we simply do not have the time or people to accomplish everything. These include:

School: press the county to provide, in accordance with their obligations, a school for Bolnore village.

Community Centre: find out who is responsible for providing this and ensure it is built.

Expanding coverage: Phases two and three need greater representation, far fewer homes are members than in Phase one.

BVRA can provide guidance and support, but we all have demanding full-time jobs and can not do it all. No special skills are required, though being available on email helps. Some of your time and a willingness to see a project through are the keys. Without your support, nothing will be done.



Useful Sites

The internet is the fastest way to communicate with the Bolnore community. Make sure you bookmark these sites:

<http://www.bolnorevillage.net/>

<http://clubs.vanadoo.co.uk/group/group.cfm?gid=2101298>

<http://www.getphases4and5right.org.uk/>



Bolnore Community Art Crest, MSDC and BVRA unite

In early August the BVRA was approached by Ivan Tennant of Plan Art Consultants. Together with Crest Nicholson, Mid Sussex District Council and others we were invited to take an active part in determining the strategy and implementation of 'Public Art' at Bolnore Village.

This opportunity provided a great chance to work together with Crest to promote some positive designs for a piece, or several pieces, of community art within the village, and the BVRA was glad to accept.

The working group have so far produced a draft strategy document, available on our web site, and are currently distributing a questionnaire for distribution to residents.

Please take a few moments to complete the questionnaire as it will have a real impact on the design of any art within the village. Even easier - the questionnaire is also available online at <http://www.bolnorevillage.net/34868.html>.

If you go down to the Woods today

Laura Morgan recently joined a walk in our local woods on the hottest October day on record. She was pleasantly surprised by the sights and sounds on the doorstep...

We are surrounded by glorious woodland, but I'm never sure where it's safe to walk - for me or for the protected species and wildlife. But this morning, on behalf of BVRA, I joined a walk led by Friends of Ashenground Woods (FoAW), MSDC, and English Nature, to consider the possibility of a Nature Reserve at Bolnore Village.

MSDC will soon own most of the woods, which are ancient and very beautiful, some with hardly a path

through, and a feeling you could get lost a hundred yards from the village. I had a glorious morning and learned a



lot (did you know Bolnore Village is 1000 years old, and that we live in the first industrial area in England,

A Garden for all Seasons Residents confused over promised facilities

BVRA together with other local residents' associations and environmental groups continues to press Crest to resolve a number of issues. A great deal has already been achieved, but much remains.

Anne-Marie Morris, the County Councillor, was given a tour of Parkfield Way to explain the difficulties with site construction access. Mrs Morris has kindly agreed to press the local highways authority to withdraw their tacit support for the use of Parkfield Way.

Several have been formally directed to demand the conveyance of the Formal Square to common ownership, as is clearly laid out in the terms of contracts for purchase with Crest and the Bolnore Village Management Scheme.

At the recent WSCC "get to know you" meeting we asked for details of their progress on the school and community centre, particularly in light of increasing demand with future development phases.

BVRA attended the November 4th Biodiversity Conference to demand that statutory consultees on phases four and five require greater environmental protection for ancient woodland both during and after the build.

formerly crashing with hammers making cannon for Henry the Eighth's ships?).

And there's much more to learn about the woodland and the history of Bolnore, but today, all I noticed was peacefulness and a rustle - was it a dormouse preparing for a long winter slumber... perhaps confused by summer temperatures!

With little persuasion I ended up joining Friends of Ashenground Woods, you can too! And if you're interested in village history, FoAW will

be talking about it on 8th December.

Contact Janice Tipping on 414053 - JaniceTipping@aol.com - for more details.



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Woodland Wonderland on your doorstep

FoAW aim for Preservation, Protection, Enhancement and Enjoyment

Ashenground Woods is a hidden treasure on the doorstep of Bolnore Village, between the village and the railway, south of the bridleway that runs from Bolnore to Ashenground Road. Janice Tipping, of the Friends of Ashenground Woods is passionate about their natural beauty and the need to preserve them for future generations.

This beautiful semi-natural ancient woodland consists of relic stands of Hornbeam, Ash and Hazel coppice, with Oak and Mature Beech. A wide variety of small mammals, birds, insects, reptiles, fungi and wild flowers are all to be found. The area needs to be managed in a way that allows it to be used and enjoyed recreationally but at the same time

protects and enhances it as a valuable and increasingly scarce wildlife habitat.

Mid-Sussex District Council (MSDC) acquired the Woods and together with



the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BCTV) helped to set up Friends of Ashenground Woods in 2004. A Steering Committee is in place.

The FOAW assist in woodland management and care; holds Task Days to carry out various tasks such as coppicing and litter collection;

arranges Special Interest Days (these have included a Bug Hunt, Nature

Walk, Bird Watch, Woodland Picnic, Evening Walk and Fungus Foray); Monitors and Influences development of surrounding land; and promotes interest, understanding and responsible enjoyment.

We would love to have more Bolnore Village residents as members, including families with children. For membership enquiries please contact Debbie Rendall 01444 456202. For general enquiries telephone Janice on 01444 414053 or email JaniceTipping@aol.com.

See our entry on the MSDC website under 'Nature Conservation Sites' where you can also find a copy of our latest Newsletter and the Autumn/Winter programme.

Car trouble flares due to lack of spaces

Anyone who gazed lovingly at the scale models in the barn would have noticed just a smattering of tiny cars parked neatly in marked spaces.

The reality at Bolnore is a design heavily focused away from car use - garages hidden behind buildings in blocks, narrow and twisty roads and severely limited spaces available for additional vehicles.

A message thread on the forum raised a number of issues: Parking on pavements; parking half on pavements; parking on, near or opposite junctions, parking in front of bollards preventing access for emergency vehicles; cutting corners at speed; and ignoring give way and right of way signs.

The road layout is a fact of life and we all need to act responsibly when driving and parking. Common sense and courtesy to others are the most effective response. The BVRA could ask the council or Peverel to put up more

signs, road markings or even (as has been suggested) employ a private clamping firm, but for the moment we should all try to give a little more consideration when driving and parking within the village.

