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NEWS FROM BOLSTER MOOR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 2018

## Community Christmas Sing: Carols in the Barn

This year's Christmas Sing will again be in Westwood Barn; the previous two events in the Barn were a brilliant success. The formula will be similar to last year with a selection of favourite carols to join in with, as well as new items from the Bolster Moor Community Choir, and the Clough Head School Singing Squad. The usual hot drinks, mulled wine and festive refreshments will be available afterwards free of charge. As in previous years, don't forget to wrap up warmly! Sincere thanks to Tony and Angela Garside for their help and use of the Barn.

Donations of mince pies, biscuits, cakes, etc and mulled wine would be welcome - Please bring on the night, or you could drop them off at the barn in the afternoon.

Parking is available in the farm yard or the roadside.

## Bolster Moor Community Choir

After the success of last year's community choir, Emily Reeves Bradley has kindly agreed to organise a choir again, with a view to doing some items for the Christmas Sing in the Barn on December 10th. We had great fun last year, and thanks to Emily's patience and expertise, we put in a credible performance! We are inviting all ages, boys, girls, teens and adults to participate, and we would love to have some more male voices! No previous experience required. Please try and recruit family, friends and neighbours to make an even bigger and better choir than last time.



We are planning to have four rehearsals at Westwood Christian Centre:

**Wednesdays 14th, 21st and 28th November, and December 5th, starting at 7.30pm for approximately 1 hour.**



**We wish all our readers a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year**

## Santa Clause is Coming

Father Christmas will be making a little stop outside Clough Head J&I School to meet and greet the children of Bolster Moor.

The exact date is still to be finalised, but will be announced in school, on Facebook and local posters.

Come along and see him before his long journey back to the North Pole.



## Disposal of Christmas Trees

We have again arranged with Liam Robinson, the local tree surgeon from 'A Cut Above' to shred any Christmas trees which local residents may want to dispose of. Please drop your trees in the corner of Michael Sykes' field, half way down Drummer Lane, next to Liam's premises, on

Sunday 6th January .

Many thanks to Liam and Michael for doing this.



**Julia Lee can be seen walking her dog Freddie around Bolster Moor, she has led an interesting life and has offered to share her story with us;**



When I was growing up in Hull I lived and breathed rugby league and despite barriers put in my way, I went on to become the first female referee in the 13-male game, officiating up to professional and international levels. After injury curtailed my refereeing career, I went on to work for the Rugby Football League (RFL) for more than 20 years, implementing many grassroots and participation schemes as well as delivering a £29million Sport England award.

I was born in 1968 in a city that has always had rugby league as its heartbeat, the rivalry between Hull and Hull KR a constant thread. After losing my father at three years old, Uncle Arthur took me under his wing although he was torn over her love of rugby league, thinking the terraces with its beer culture and swearing were not the right place for a girl. At school the boys would not allow me to play but I was not to be stopped and instead became a self-appointed referee aged 10. My time came in 1980 when Hull FC and Hull KR met in the Challenge Cup final at Wembley and I attended my first game and from that point

was hooked after my beloved Red and Whites lifted the trophy.

I didn't like to follow the crowd particularly and I suddenly belonged on the terraces and also, I was coming into my teenage years and you are allowed to swear on the terraces. It's that belonging that I do a lot of work with people because I think it's key to self-development. If you can find where you belong then you have a chance in life, whatever group it may be, it's important. At 17, fuelled by a few pale ales and a bet from a friend, I answered an advert for a referee and got a reply addressed to Mr Lee. Shocked a girl would want to be a referee, I persuaded them I could cope with any amount of brawling an under-11 clash would throw at me and allayed their fears over where I would change to be given the job. My first match was not an auspicious start to my refereeing career as I forgot different signals and training limited to a law of the game handbook and common sense.

I moved to London aged 18 to nanny and set up my own team as well as refereeing men's open age fixtures. When I went straight from doing under-11s games to refereeing men's rugby in London equally with no skills and no techniques. I took a law of the games exam then had to go and referee, I didn't have a clue what I was doing really. I would say probably the first three years I made it up because nobody really coached or trained me, nobody watched me, I cried off the pitch once because they started fighting and I didn't know how to stop them. They reminded me of that years later.

A trip to Australia to follow the Great Britain tour turned into an opportunity to get more refereeing experience in 1988 in Sydney. On my return I started moving up the ranks and was awarded bigger games, right up to national conference and A teams. I was awarded women's – although not men's – finals as well as the Oxford v Cambridge varsity game with my first professional game at Keighley when Cougar-mania was at its peak in 1993-4. There were of course some testing times: I abandoned a game in the Yorkshire Premier Men's Division while the Batley coach refused to let me replace the referee after he had fallen ill ahead of a game against Featherstone Rovers in March 1993. Instead he ran up and down abusing me with no apparent thought of consequence with the club subsequently missing out on funding for the following three years. The players would address me as 'sir' I rarely experiencing ill-discipline although I would not have been interested in refereeing football, players are so much more disrespectful. There was another trip to officiate in Australia in 1996 and New Zealand 1998 where I took charge of a women's clash with Australia and New Zealand before injury and subsequent retirement to work developing rugby league for over 20 years for the Rugby Football League. With a career in Rugby League behind me I am no stranger to adversity. Through my personal experience and life-coaching qualifications, I have developed tools to improve personal resilience and confidence. I set up Commonsense Initiative to share these tools with young people and women and encourage them to follow their dreams.

Commonsense Initiative provides advice and support through a variety of coaching techniques and workshops that are specifically tailored to young people and women. The workshops and life coaching builds confidence and reinforce positivity across a variety of life experiences. I work with young people and women from disadvantaged backgrounds, encouraging them to believe in themselves and allow them to achieve their full potential. I take a "protect and prevent" approach to mental health in young people and women. The workshops and life coaching aim to provide a support forum for at-risk individuals and equip them with a practical self-help toolbox so that they can effectively deal with life's challenges. I also deliver a refreshing and uplifting keynote

presentations which highlight the struggle that many women face on the journey to achieving their goals.

Ref' a play inspired by my story has three performances in West Yorkshire which is a fictionalised account following the story of a girl called Alex as she tackles the status quo to prove she is as good as, if not better than, the men she works alongside.

Featherstone Rovers – 7 February 2019, 1900  
Batley Bull Dogs – tbc February 2019

**Life Coaching & Hypnotherapy**

I am Julia Lee, the Director of Commonsense Initiative. I can help you make positive changes in your life, achieve your aims and overcome personal challenges.

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Airedale High School, Castleford – 14 February 2019, 1900

Find out more about working with Commonsense Initiative or book tickets on [www.csi2012.co.uk](http://www.csi2012.co.uk). Or contact me 07740634082 email [julia.lee@csi2012.co.uk](mailto:julia.lee@csi2012.co.uk)

If you would like to follow Commonsense Initiative—Facebook; [www.csi2012](http://www.csi2012) Twitter; @julialeecsi2012 Instagram; CSI2012

## F1 STEM Challenge for Schools

*We are always delighted to hear of the achievements of the young people in our area, and so we were very pleased to receive the following article from Laurence Vines, who has lived in the Bolster Moor Community area of Harts Hole for around thirteen years. Laurence was 14 when he first started Centurion Racing. Here, in his own words, he writes about the amazing achievements of the Centurion team:*

### Last year Centurion Racing designed, built and raced the fastest car in the country in the F1 in Schools competition.

F1 in Schools is an international competition providing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) challenge for schools. The pupils form a team and can make an entry in one of three different classes – entry, development or professional. The teams need to collaborate to design, analyse, manufacture, test and then race a miniature compressed air powered high-density foam F1 car. The students are judged on car speed as well as supporting evidence of their design portfolio, enterprise portfolio (showing evidence of project management), verbal presentation, team identity and marketing display stand. The teams have to raise their own funding and, in effect, are a ‘small business’ run by the pupils.



In the 2016-17 academic year, Centurion Racing made their first entry in the professional class with a budget of £500 and became the first team from West Yorkshire to reach the National Finals in Silverstone. Last year (2017-18) we designed and built the fastest car in the country in the professional class. It covered the 20m track in 1.139s which was a massive 0.042s faster than the nearest competitor - more than four hundredths of a second faster than the closest competitors who were separated by only thousandths of a second. What makes this accomplishment more noteworthy is that this was achieved on a limited budget 250 times less than that of the other top teams (as we later learned from the judges). We used the CAD software provided for free by the competition organisers rather than the expensive software used by actual F1 teams (and some of the F1 in School teams) nor were we mentored by a university. Unfortunately, we narrowly missed attending the world finals – but we are very much aiming to get there this year.

Other notable achievements include winning the Innovation Award at the regional stage of the competition for building own reaction timer using a Raspberry Pi and a power bank from Poundland and for associating an augmented reality image of our car with our business cards. And at the national finals we arranged for Ellie Sax (<http://elliesax.com/>) to play at our pit stand – an event which we live-streamed to an audience of over 500. You can see some of what we did by watching our videos on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rW11O2Cu9c4>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L4MzDGC3iz4>



I am Laurence Vines. I founded Centurion Racing and I was responsible for designing and building the fastest car in the country. I would encourage others with an interest in science or motor-sport or business to enter the competition – it is a great learning experience and is great fun. And if anyone out there would like to support Centurion Racings bid to get through to the World Finals this year then please contact me at [laurencevines@outlook.com](mailto:laurencevines@outlook.com) for details of sponsorship levels – your company name could race with us to the finish line on our car!





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**WE'RE ON THE WEB!**

[www.bolstermoor.org.uk](http://www.bolstermoor.org.uk)

**The dates of the next Community Meetings  
are :**

Tuesday 01 January 2019

Tuesday 05 February 2019

Tuesday 05 March 2019

**All meetings begin at 8pm at the Golcar Lily.**

*We love to see new faces, so if you can spare an hour a month, do come along!*

Please visit our newly updated BMCA website at  
[www.bolstermoor.org.uk](http://www.bolstermoor.org.uk)

We welcome any items of local news, events, or articles suitable for inclusion on the website from members of the community.



**CHRISTMAS 2018  
OPENING TIMES**

Pub Opening Hours

Christmas Eve  
Monday  
12:00-11:00pm

Christmas Day  
Tuesday  
12:00-3:30pm  
**CLOSED EVENING**

Boxing Day  
Wednesday  
12:00-6:00pm

New Years Eve  
Monday  
12:00-2:00am

New Years Day  
Tuesday  
12:00-6:00pm

Food Serving Times

Christmas Eve  
Monday  
12:00-9:30pm

Christmas Day  
Tuesday  
**RESTAURANT CLOSED**

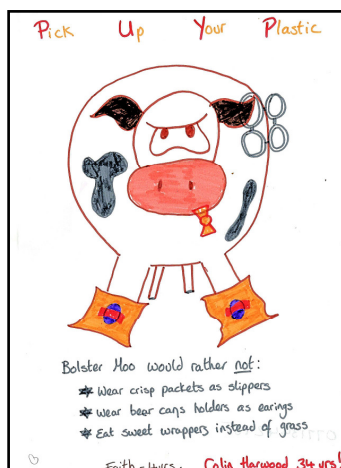
Boxing Day  
Wednesday  
12:00-4:00pm

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**Normal menu & specials  
served all day**

**"Bolster Moo" Poster Competition Winner**



The BMCA recently ran an anti-litter poster competition which was to feature "Bolster Moo", a local friendly cow living in a field round here. The idea was to draw attention to plastic waste and discourage other types of litter which ends up in fields and hedgerows, harming livestock and other wildlife.

**Congratulations to Faith Harwood (with a little help from dad!) for their winning entry.**

Faith, who lives in Fixby, entered the competition whilst she was enjoying a family day out at the Westival Festival in August. A book token has been duly dispatched to Faith for her lovely eye-catching 'pick up your plastic' poster. Look out for the winning design in our notice board on Bolster Moor Road near the Farm Shop.



**Llandudno - Another Grand Day Out!**

It was another Grand Day Out (in the words of Wallace and Grommit) on our community coach trip to this lovely seaside

resort on the North Wales coast. Not quite wall to wall sunshine, but still, it was dry and reasonably warm. As usual at the seaside, a fish and chip lunch tempted many of us, we were certainly spoiled for choice. A stroll along the traditional pier afforded lovely views of the sea and surrounding hills. It was also a good place to find delicious ice cream, if a seagull didn't snatch it first - ( it did happen to one of our group!) The tramway ride up to the Great Orme was another enjoyable part of the day; stunning views and other visitor attractions made the trip up to the top worthwhile.

Many thanks to all who came along to make it an enjoyable community event, and thanks also to people who helped with publicity and money collection, and last but by no means least, our excellent driver from Stott's coaches, Malcolm Arthur.

**Westival Festival**

Back in August, the BMCA and Westwood Christian Centre held a joint festival - an occasion for families to come along, relax in the sun and enjoy the activities on offer, as well as the BBQ, cake stall, Dark Woods coffee and pop up bar. There was also a Big Sing, and live bands later in the day and through the evening.

Thank you to the many people who made the day into an enjoyable and successful event - from the organisers, cake bakers, helpers on the day, and the bands/ musicians, many of which donated their time free of charge.