

Sackville News



17th November 2017



Dear Parents,

The second half of term sees temperatures dropping and the nights drawing in but no slowing in momentum at Sackville!

Firstly, it has been great to welcome **Miss Woolley** and **Ms Paine** as study supervisors and **Miss Rule** and **Mrs Walker** as Learning Support Assistants. Also, **Miss Warran** has joined our drama department in preparation for taking Mrs Beasley's classes when she commences her maternity leave. Miss Warran trained with us so we are delighted about her return. Miss Woolley was also a student here recently and, with her sister teaching maths and her mum on reception, it is quite a family affair; **community** at its best!



It was a humble privilege to accompany our **Head Girl Charlie Main** and **Head Boy Tom Dean** in laying a wreath on **Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial in East Grinstead**. We joined the town in honouring those who gave their lives for the country on the 99th anniversary of the armistice at the end of the Great War. Students discussed remembrance during their tutor time that week, during which the theme of assemblies

was 'peace'. Year 8 students have reached the end of the First World War in their history classes and the **poem** on the right was written by one of their number as a response to what she had learned in lessons. I believe it is a fitting tribute.



Newly available data from the Government reveals that students in the sixth form made **significantly above average progress in their 2017 A level results**. This is for the **fifth year running** and is therefore really fantastic news.

Our year 13 class of 2017 may well be our most successful ever. The positive progress made in the sixth form follows their spectacular results at GCSE. What this means is that our students would have achieved **two whole grades higher in their A levels** than students from similar starting points in an average school. Thus, a student at a normal school **who would have gone**

on to get grades CCC at A level would have achieved grades BBC at Sackville; a significant difference which gives a lot more choice at university or apprenticeship level. Well done to the whole community on this tremendous journey.

We Will Remember

A million men went off to war.
A million men marched on.
A million men waved goodbye to home,
Then a million men were gone.

A thousand would fall by the rifle,
A thousand by the knife.
Thousands caught by enemies
Many spent their life.

To those who did we will remember
By wearing the flower of blood
The blood of those who were brave
And those who fought the mud.

When our men were taken
They were in many ways
They fought for their freedom
Three million shells, seven days.

However, we stand shoulder to shoulder
With all who did serve.
So when the guns fell silent
We do; as they deserve.

by Ella Brown, Sackville School

We were delighted to welcome a large number of people to our **sixth form open evening** earlier this month and feel confident that these students will keep up our well established tradition of success.



Several of our current sixth form students have enjoyed three informative visits to **Ulster University** of late, where they experienced **taster sessions in undergraduate study** of various different disciplines. As you will see in these photographs, our staff enjoyed the visits just as much as the students and we are grateful to the university for the link they have established and for their generosity in organising these occasions.

On 1st November, we were very pleased to host a visit from one of the most **senior of Her Majesty's Inspectors Matthew Haynes** who was keen to talk with classroom practitioners from a strong school, ascertain their views of the inspection process and share the



rationale of OfSTED procedures. Both Mr Haynes and our staff found the meeting extremely illuminating and very positive. Mr Haynes later wrote *"I just wanted to say a big thank you for hosting me last week and how lovely it was to meet you. I also would be very grateful if you could pass on my sincere thanks to staff – both for their generous time, and their hugely thoughtful and insightful contributions. Their ideas and points will be extremely useful as we develop our work further."*



Once again, this places Sackville as a leading national educational provider and such exchanges of views and sharing of practice is always of direct benefit to our students.



Sackville is proud once again to have another **Arkwright Scholar**. Following the success of Cameron Toogood last year, **Grace de Souza** was successful in gaining one of these sought-after awards.

Just over 400 scholarships were awarded this year at a ceremony at the **Institute of Engineering and Technology** in London, attended by Mr Treen.

The Arkwright Engineering Scholarships act as a beacon to the most talented STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) students in UK schools, and help to ensure that high potential young people engage with engineering careers. Grace received her Arkwright Engineering Scholarship after listening to inspiring addresses by **Pauline Cox**, Chairman of Trustees of the Arkwright

Scholarships Trust, **Ann-Marie Cowperthwaite**, of Ove Arup, and **Dan Alldis**, a previous winner of the scholarship.

Our year 11s have recently had their learning experience enriched by a powerful presentation on **road safety** and a drama workshop on **Romeo and Juliet** or **Macbeth** (the plays they are studying for their English literature exam in the summer).



Our **Y11 mock preparations** are well under way with targeted 'Inner Drive' seminars for small groups of students and revision skills workshops for

all. I have been very impressed with the approach and commitment of this year group and would like to wish them all the best for their forthcoming examinations.

Year 7 student **Callie Day-Williams** competed in the **UK Grand Finals for Latin and Ballroom dancing in Blackpool** this month. Callie came **2nd in Ballroom**, after competing against 33 other top-class performers. She also managed to place **5th in Latin**. This was a truly amazing achievement!

On Tuesday 7th November I was treated to an excellent evening of debating by young people in East Grinstead in the **Rotary 'Youth Speaks' competition** at Chequer Mead. We entered three teams:-

Charlie Main, Melissa Turner, Chloe Maraner (6th form) - topic: *'Unhappy ever after'* - should children's stories always have a happy ending?

Bryn Fagin-Adams, Tom Dean, Kit O'Callaghan (6th form) - topic: *'The significance of sport'*

Ellie Parkes, Gracie Stratford, Zoe Ray (year 7) - topic: *'Is the age of paper over?'*

There were entries from 8 teams from Lingfield College, Worth, Imberhorne and ourselves.

Congratulations to Imberhorne who emerged as the winners, with a topic of *'Is this the end of music as we know it?'*

Ellie, Gracie and Zoe were the **youngest competitors** and it was publicly noted that they are only 8 weeks into secondary school yet did magnificently well! Indeed, the confidence and





enthusiasm displayed by all of the Sackville participants was really admirable. Sackville also provided the **music** for the occasion so I would like to pay special thanks to **Michael, Tia** and **Seren** who performed so well in the second half to great applause. I am also extremely grateful to **Mrs Fleming** who trained and encouraged our debaters in preparation for this.

Mrs Fleming's enthusiasm knows no bounds because, accompanied by Mr Roberts, she took a group of our students to **Maidstone Crown Court** for a **mock trial competition** a few days later which saw **all three of our teams get to the finals**. Well done! On

Wednesday, Mrs Fleming then took a group of students to visit **Parliament** – she certainly deserves a rest this weekend.



On Tuesday, our fantastic Head Team organised the annual **Children in Need Quiz**. This was the tenth anniversary of the first of these quizzes and may well have been the best yet. It was certainly the best attended, and looks to have raised more than £700.

The quiz was once again won by a team built around the Maths Department. There were some tremendous performances from the student teams, many of whose wallets were not thick enough to buy a joker for every round, but finished high up the score sheet nonetheless.



Finally, I would like to share a recent piece of feedback that I was delighted to receive:-

"Dear Mr Grant

I just wanted to pass on my thanks to two GCSE students who helped me last Friday when I got on the wrong bus.

I am blind and when I realised I had got on the wrong bus, I was very worried. The two students reassured me and got off the bus with me at Ashurst Wood and waited with me while my friend arrived to collect me.

I am so very grateful. They were so kind."

These values of kindness and concern are at the heart of what we stand for as a school.

With best wishes,

Julian Grant
Headteacher

New App Detects Cyberbullying

Mr Lea writes:-

A new app has been developed called **Keepers Child Safety** that aims to keep children safe from cyberbullying.

The app tracks 'suspicious and abusive' content messages across children's smartphones and a number of social media platforms including - Facebook, WhatsApp, SnapChat and Instagram.

The app works through an algorithm that detects 'emotion from texts' and alerts parents in real-time if their child is 'under threat'. The message is then forwarded to parents. Keepers is concealed from the child while identifying malicious text messages.

For more information visit www.keeperschildsafety.net

There is an **e-safety evening for KS4 parents next Thursday 5.30pm-7pm** in the main hall. Parents who want to go should email me on jlea@sackvilleschool.org.uk

7VOS Joey's Autism Dog charity bake sale

Miss Owens writes:-

On Wednesday 15th November Maddie Holland, Neve Bane, Amy Nolan, Vicky Majda, Euan Cottam, Lia Harding, Lauren Burchett, Hannah Gibbon and Patrycja Kolodziejczak from 7VOS held a charity bake sale in aid of Joey. Joey is a severely autistic child and his family are raising money for him to be able to have a dog specially trained for children with autism. The dog will change his life enormously.

The pupils worked extremely hard baking cakes after school and at home. It was a great success and the cakes sold out in the first 10 minutes, raising over £60.



Observatory Open Evening 1st November 2017

Mr Bush writes:-

It was great to see so many students, parents and guests from the wider community at our recent observatory open evening. Over fifty keen observers attended the session to view a glorious waxing gibbous Moon, with many of them taking some superb photos with their smartphones. We also slewed our main telescope to view Uranus, a tiny disc of blue-green against a black sky. The Ring Nebula in Lyra was another target, a planetary nebula looking like a ghostly smoke ring in the eyepiece, and Albireo and the Pleiades were also a glorious sight.

Thanks to all who sent photos of the event and for your kind comments, such as:

"Thank you for organising an open evening on the 1st of November. It was quite incredible to be able to observe the Moon in its true glory!"

"Thanks so much for a great evening"

Thank you to Maud Kendrick in year 8 for this lovely detailed photo of the moon.

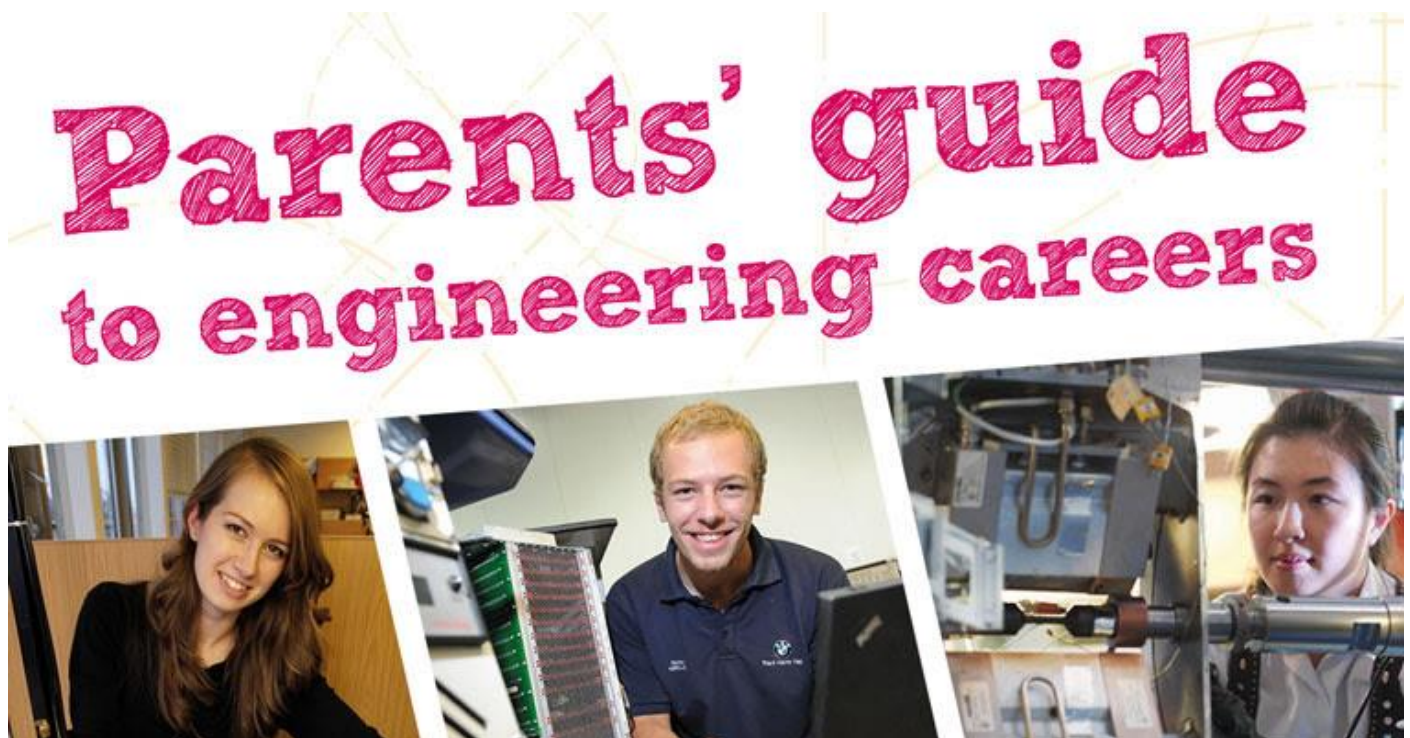
More updates are available here: <https://www.facebook.com/SackvilleObservatory/>

See you all next time on Wednesday 6th December.



Is your child an engineer in waiting? A parent's guide to engineering careers launched

Mrs Wogan writes:-



With almost all young people wanting to make a [difference to the world with their career](#), there's even more reason for parents to ensure the [information they provide children about their career choices](#) is up-to-date.

Engineers are at the forefront of shaping the world we live in, helping to solve our biggest challenges.

From dealing with cyber security and minimising the impact of natural disasters to developing sustainable energy, food, housing and products; engineers help pave the way to a better future for everyone.

Engineers use their creativity and problem-solving skills to improve the design and performance of everything we use today and to develop the products and processes of the future.

To help parents understand the careers available and the routes into engineering careers, we've launched a [Parent's Guide to Engineering Careers](#).

But how can you spot an engineer in waiting?

There are some common signs that engineers will exhibit, even at an early age. A career in engineering could be right for your child if they do any of the following:

- Ask how things work
- Dismantle and re-assemble things
- Come up with solutions to problems

But it's not just those who display these signs who could make great engineers. Common personality traits of successful engineers include:

- Curiosity
- Open-mindedness
- Resourcefulness
- Collaborating with others
- Problem solving

If you notice your child shows any of these skills a future in engineering could beckon!

Engineering is a solid career with great earning potential.

Like doctors and lawyers, professional engineers are well respected and professional registration is recognised around the world. The letters they can put after their name demonstrate academic ability, expertise and competence developed by workplace experience.

The employment prospects are really good for engineers as it is one of the most in demand jobs globally. A recent survey found that 94% of engineering undergraduates had entered full-time work, were pursuing further study or a combination of both, three and a half years after graduating.

The average starting salary for engineering and technology graduates is around £26,000, which is approximately 10 per cent higher than the average starting salary for all graduates. With experience, average salaries can be between £35,000-£60,000 and for specialist roles and Chartered Engineers, they can be considerably higher. Many engineering employers also pay apprentices well above the statutory rate.

To prompt conversations about careers in engineering with your child and to explore their future options you can start by trying some of the below:

- Watch these [inspiring films of engineers on a mission](#) to help make the world a better place
- Trips to exhibitions, shows and museums, such as the Science Museum: [co.uk](#)
- Science and engineering TV shows, radio programmes, podcasts, computer games and apps. A quick internet search will point you in the right direction
- A simple careers quiz – Whose Crew Are You? – helps identify potential areas of interest. Find it on the App Store or at: <http://www.thebigbangfair.co.uk/whose-crew-are-you/>
- Attending The Big Bang Fair in Birmingham. If your child's school isn't already planning a trip, ask them to consider it. Or come along as a family on Saturday 17th March 2018: [thebigbangfair.co.uk](#)

Unsupervised students in school after 3pm

Mr Feist writes:-

Students who are on site after 3pm and not working directly with a member of staff should inform the Head's PA, Mrs Rowlingson of where they are and what they are doing.

Students may contact Mrs Rowlingson if there is a problem between 3:00-4:30pm.



Students must never be alone but be in at least a pair.

All students not working directly with a member of staff should be off the site by 4:30pm.

Thank you for your co-operation.

More writing competitions (and one that is still going)



Mrs Pearson has collated the following



Competition	Entry requirements	How to enter/ get more information	Prizes	Deadline
Games Mojo Essay contest: The role of video games in my life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For writers aged 11-19. <input type="checkbox"/> Essays should be of 1000 words or more and should be written in English. <input type="checkbox"/> Field-specific jargon should be avoided or explained. <input type="checkbox"/> Figures and references are not required but up to 10 references (included within the text body) may be submitted. <input type="checkbox"/> The file containing the essay should include the essay title and the applicant's name, email, school name and county, which may be used when publishing the essay on Games Mojo's site. 	Visit the website: https://gamesmojo.com/blog/the-role-of-video-games-essay-contest Send your essay in .doc/.docx or .pdf format to essay-contest@gamesmojo.com .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Place: \$500 (approximately £376) + guaranteed publication at gamesmojo.com <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Place: \$300 (£225). <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd Place: \$200 (£150). 	30th November 2017
Tell a Tale - Gothic Fiction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Free to enter. <input type="checkbox"/> Stories should be fictional and must be no longer than 500 words in length. <input type="checkbox"/> Your writing should be based on the following quotation from the play <i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i>'s script as inspiration: <i>"It might be possible, of course, that far from being one, we may possess two selves."</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Following in the gothic tradition, think about the fears we have today and how they could be expressed in a dark but fun and emotional tale. Your tale should grip the reader in the way that gothic novels of the late 19th century captured the imaginations of their Victorian readers. 	Visit the website: http://theatrecloud.com/get-involved/creative-projects/tell-a-tale-gothic-fiction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde is touring theatres across the UK from February - May 2018. Everybody that takes part in this project will receive a £10 ticket offer on up to two tickets to see Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde at their nearest theatre. <input type="checkbox"/> At each city or town, Theatre Cloud will select two tales to send to the cast of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde. An actor will then choose their favourite tale and perform a filmed reading at the theatre. Each reading will be available to watch online and makes it onto the shortlist. <input type="checkbox"/> In the final week of the tour, the judges will review the shortlisted tales and decide which one comes top and receives an award of £300. Other awards include Jekyll and Hyde posters signed by Phil Daniels and family tickets to Dracula in Autumn 2018. 	21st April 2018
Quantic Quantum Shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Free to enter. <input type="checkbox"/> The competition is open to stories up to 1000 words long. <input type="checkbox"/> Must take inspiration from quantum physics and include the phrase "There are only two possibilities: yes or no" 	Visit the website: https://quantic.ac.uk/quantic-shorts/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> All shortlisted entries will collect awards including a one-year digital subscription to ScientificAmerican.com. <input type="checkbox"/> Winners will receive in addition a trophy and cash prizes of up to \$1500 (approx. £1144). <input type="checkbox"/> The winner of the Open category will also be featured on ScientificAmerican.com 	1st December 2017

Sports News


A huge number of fixtures in just three weeks back!

Girls' sports results

Netball				
U13A	Sackville (POMs Lottie de , Ella Saffery and Abigail Hall)	15	11	Brambletye
U13B	Sackville (POM Molly Sutton)	9	17	Brambletye
				
U15A	Sackville (POM Katie Cooper)	18	6	Imberhorne
U15B	Sackville (POM Heidi Crowther)	6	11	Imberhorne
U16	Sackville (POM Bethan Healiss)	14	17	Millais
Football				
U14	Sackville (Won 5-4 on penalties. POMs Hannah Plumb and Lucy Plumb)	1	1	Millais
U14	Sackville	10	1	Oathall
				
Hockey				
U12	Sackville	6	0	Millais
U12A	Sackville (Annie Lyons, Ella Saffery, Beth Currie)	3	1	Lingfield College
U12B	Sackville (Katrina Mutimba, Bella Ellis)	2	3	Lingfield College

U13	Sackville (POM Sienna Mogg)	8	0	Millais
				
U13A indoor	Sackville	3	4	Brambletye
U13B indoor	Sackville	0	3	Brambletye
U14	Sackville (POMs Hannah Plumb and Anika Raymond)	2	1	Lingfield College
				

Boys' sports results

Rugby				
U13	Sackville (Harvey Burgess 6, Noah Roberts, POMs Jules Leighton and Harvey Burgess)	35	15	Forest
U15	Sackville	12	20	Warden Park
U14	Sackville (POM Vincent Turner)	15	5	Oathall
U15	Winners of the Area Tournament (POM James Young)			
Basketball				
U15	Sackville (POM Finley Lee-Fisher)	38	47	Warden Park
				

Hockey					
U15	Sackville		0	2	Oathall
					
Football					
U12A	Sackville (Izaak Shimizu, POM Max Aubrey)		1	5	Tanbridge House
U12B	Sackville (George Mitchell, MOM Ben Wright)		1	0	Tanbridge House
U12C	Sackville (Stanley Pollard, MOM David Tirsoaga)		1	2	Tanbridge House
U12	Sackville (Ollie Randall, Harry Stone, POM Alex Mackay)		2	3	Blatchington Mill
					
U12	Sackville (Max Aubrey, Felix Robinson, Harry Stone)		3	3	Hazelwick
U12A	Sackville (George Mitchell, POM Ollie Randall)		1	4	Lingfield College
U12B	Sackville (Charlie Folland 3, Tay Aitken)		4	0	Lingfield College
					
U13	Sackville		beat		Hazelwick



U13B	Sackville (POM Aaron du Feu with a hatrick)	8	2	Hazelwick
U13	Sackville (Won 6-5 on penalties)	3	3	Littlehampton
U13A	Sackville	6	2	Lingfield College
U13B	Sackville	14	0	Lingfield College
U14A	Sackville	1	4	Lingfield College
U14B	Sackville (Elliott Vincent 2, POM Kieran Green)	2	7	Lingfield College
U15A	Sackville School (POM Sam Kelly)	9	0	Lingfield College
	Sackville School (POM Peter Kelly)	8	0	Lingfield College

Mixed cross country

Our mixed cross country teams were very successful in the recent Mid Sussex competition. Our year 7 girls scored 85 points after coming in 19th (Beth Currie), 21st (Chloe Grantham), 22nd (Katrina Mutimba) and 23rd (Sofia Celani).

In year 8 Abbey Hall was 4th, Rachel Tyler 5th, Hattie Williams 14th, Miah Blackburn 19th and Sophie Taylor 12th.

In year 9 Lucy Williams placed 2nd, Isaac Lancaster 3rd and Elana Lloyd-Edwards 26th.



Our year 10 girls won the team event with Antonia Deeley 1st, Katie Cooper 3rd, Erin Harnett 4th and Aliya Harvey 6th. Callum Stone came 3rd in the yr10/11 race.

Our amazing swimmers

Sackville has a justified reputation for swimming, and this year is living up to expectations. This Saturday we have a Sackville team competing in the **Secondary Schools Swimming Team Championships Finals**. This prestigious competition is at the London Aquatics Centre between 1pm and 5pm. Pop in and support if you are in the area.

Good luck to Sam Willes, Nathan Randall, Joe Lancaster, Ed de Barra, Abigail Hall, Ella Kessell, Rachel Davies and Emily Graziano.

Thanks to Miss Offler and Mrs Rigg for giving up Saturday to accompany the students.

WINTER CONCERT

22nd November 2017 6:30pm

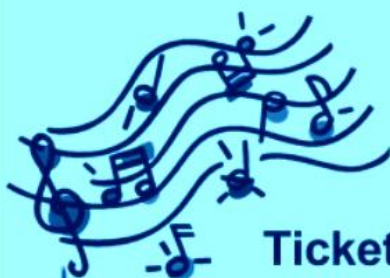
Sackville School Hall

Tickets Available in the LRC

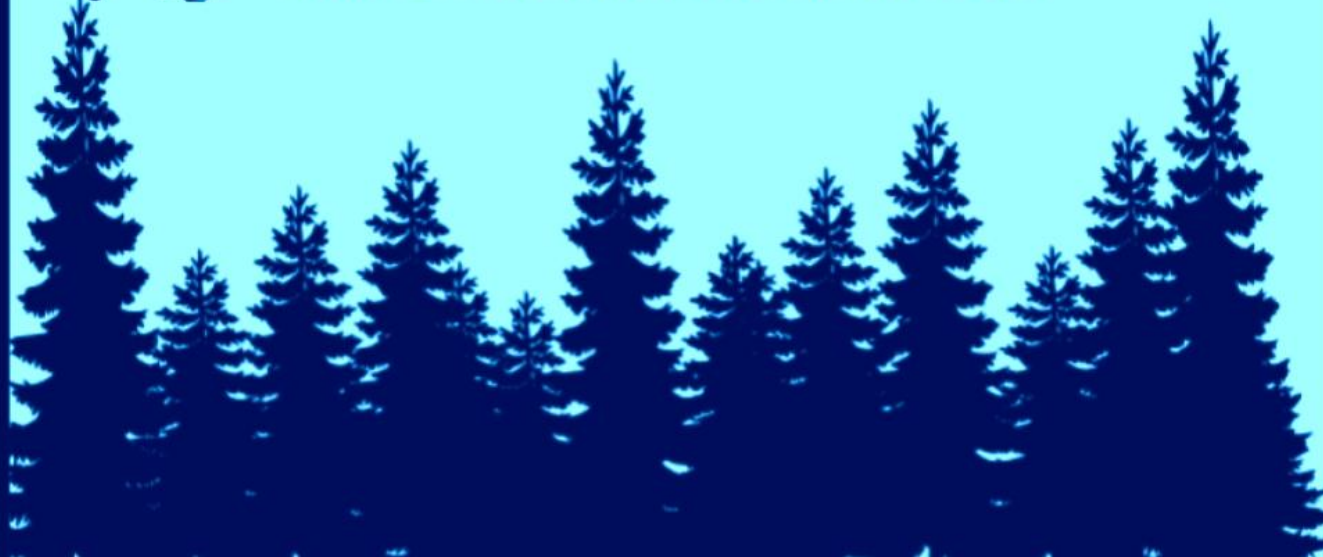
PRICE:

£5 Adults

£3.50 Children



Tickets Also Available At The Door



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Or you could try the Crowborough pantomime ...

A promotional poster for the Crowborough Community Panto production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. The poster features three main characters: a young woman in a red and green dress (Jack) standing with hands on hips, a woman in a red top and green and gold skirt (the Witch) looking up, and a large cow mascot (the Giant) standing next to her. A large beanstalk is on the left. The background is a blue sky with a sunburst effect. Text includes the title 'JACK and the Beanstalk', dates '8-10 December 2017', phone number '01892 300 567', website 'crowboroughpanto.com', and ticket prices '£8.50 / £7.00'.

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Poster design - www.crowbopanto.co.uk