



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Friday 22nd December 2017

News and appeals

Pedestrian injured in Billingshurst hit and run

Police are appealing for witnesses to hit and run on the A272 near Billingshurst.

At around 4.37pm on Wednesday (December 13) a 33-year-old man was walking on the eastbound carriageway towards Billingshurst near to the junction with Shipley Road.

A dark coloured Audi or red estate motor vehicle travelling west in a line of traffic pulled out to overtake the cars in front, and in so doing struck the pedestrian

The vehicle did not stop and continued on towards Billingshurst.

PC Louise Jukes said: "The pedestrian from Horsham suffered a broken arm. We are appealing for anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the driver of the vehicle to contact police [online](#) quoting serial 1049 of 13/12".

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/pedestrian-injured-in-billingshurst-hit-and-run/>

Ex-teacher given four years for sex offences against pupils at Horsham public school

An ex-teacher has been sentenced for sex offences against boys at a Sussex public school.

Peter Webb, 75, retired, of Kennedy Road, Dane End, Ware, Hertfordshire, was sentenced to a total of four years imprisonment at Hove Crown Court on Friday (15 December) for a series of sexual offences against young boys while

he was a teacher at Christ's Hospital School in Horsham between 33 and 43 years ago.

Webb had admitted 11 offences of indecent assault against a total of four boys aged between 10 and 14 at the school while he was a woodwork teacher and housemaster there between 1974 and 1984.

One boy was assaulted three times, another on two occasions, another on five occasions, and the other on one occasion.

He pleaded not guilty to another alleged indecent assault against a fifth boy at the school during the same period, and the court ordered this charge to remain on the court file.

The offences came to light when one of the victims contacted Sussex Police for the first time in November 2016. Police enquiries then identified the other victims.

Webb is now a registered sex offender for life.

He was also given a Sexual Harm Prevention Order (SHPO) to last until further court order, severely restricting his access to young people.

In May 2015, after a separate Sussex Police investigation, Webb had pleaded guilty to three offences of indecent assault on a boy then aged between 11 and 12 between 1983 and 1984 while Webb was a teacher at the school, and was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment. He was made a registered sex offender for 10 years.

Detective Constable Rebecca Wilde of the Sussex Police Complex Abuse Unit said; "Webb systematically targeted young boys while he was in a position of authority and trust."

Sussex Police had full co-operation from management at the School during both investigations.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/ex-teacher-given-four-years-for-sex-offences-against-pupils-at-horsham-public-school/>

Three arrested for drugs in Horsham

Three people have been arrested in connection with drugs supply to Horsham.

A Vauxhall Corsa was seen being driven suspiciously in Comptons Lane on Friday (December 15).

At around midday police stopped a vehicle at the junction with Station Road and Depot Road.

The Vauxhall Corsa was stopped and searched and the three occupants were arrested.

Two 17-year-olds boys; one from Billingshurst was arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class B (cannabis) and drug driving, and one from Cranleigh in Surrey was arrested on suspicion of attempting to possess a class A drug (MDMA). They have both been released under investigation.

An 18-year-old also from Cranleigh in Surrey was given a caution for possession of a class c and possession of a class B drug.

<https://sussex.police.uk/news/three-arrested-for-drugs-in-horsham/>

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Crime summary

Burglary

Reference: 1147 18/12/2017

Location: Lambs Green Rusper

Date and time: During the day on the 18th December

Details: Entry was gained to a property by forcing a door. Jewellery was stolen.

Other than Dwelling

Reference: 0807 18/12/2017

Location: Cricketfield Road Horsham

Date and time: Between 15th and 18th December

Details: A bicycle was stolen from an insecure garage

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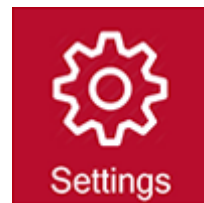
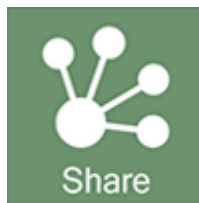
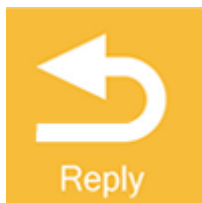
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