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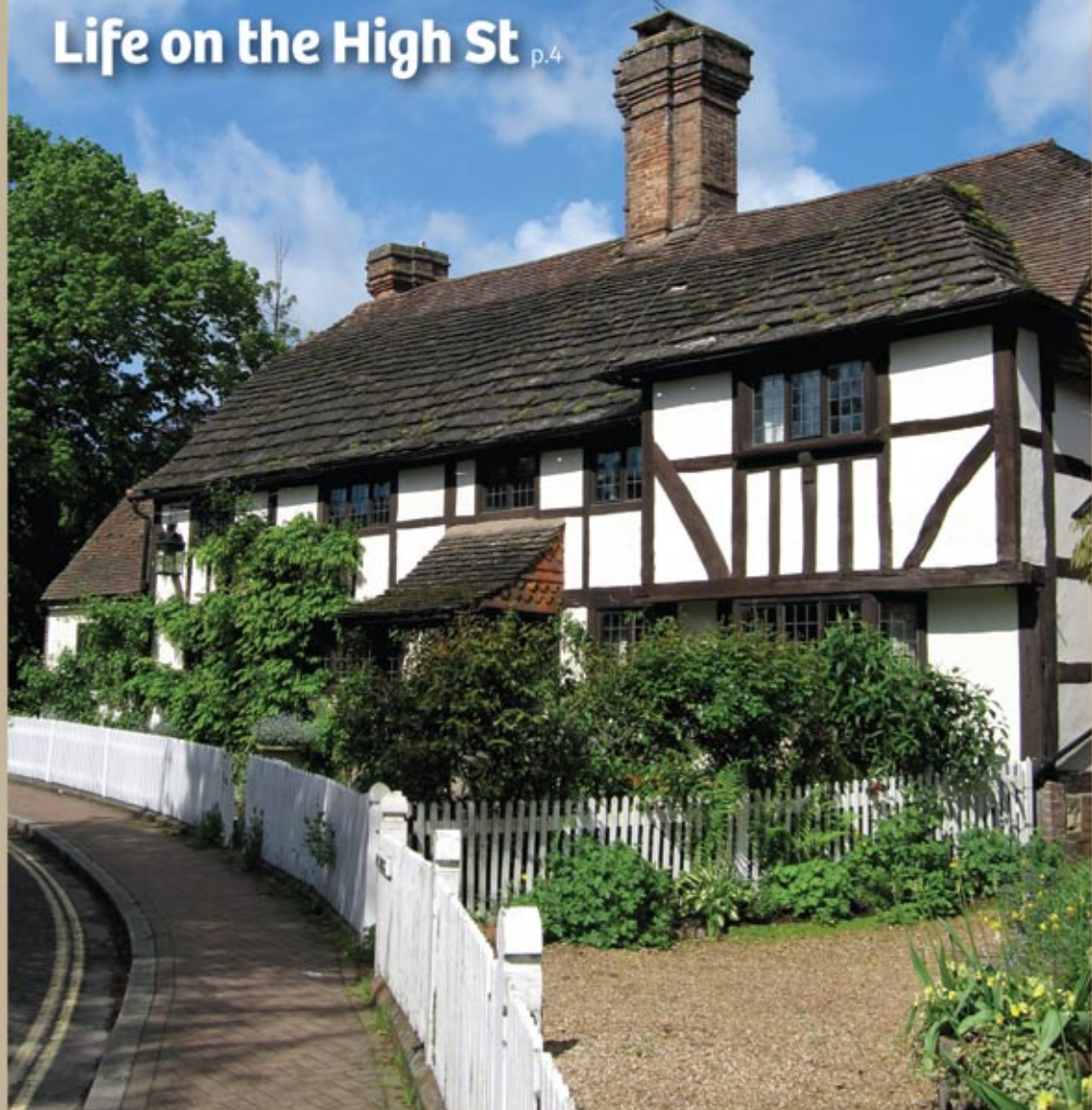
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Welcome!

IT'S OUR GREAT pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of Lindfield Life, our new village magazine. We have a simple vision: it's village talk for the village by the village. It's about life in Lindfield and the lives of those who live and work here. It's also a forum for our Parish Councils to communicate their news and we thank them for their support in starting this new venture - both have contributed to this first issue and will do so regularly.

We'd love to hear about what's happening, special events that are taking place or special achievements. General interest lifestyle articles are welcomed, as well as informative pieces on forthcoming events or news items. In addition to the editors, who live in the village, we are also very pleased to have Caroline Young as our community editor (your in-village contact if you like!), who would be only too happy to come along to your group/organisation and talk about this new venture and explain how you can be part of it.

We kick off our first issue right in the heart of village, on the High Street. Caroline talks to a local shop owner about his decision to stay put. If you're keen to get fit and go a little further afield now that the first signs of spring are emerging, then take a look at the first of three in a series on cycling in Sussex. Back home you may want to find out who may be living in your own garden, so check out 'Ladies I Love', the opening article of our monthly feature by members of Lindfield Horticultural Society.

So make yourself a cup of tea, find a warm spot in the sun and enjoy!

Emma & David Tingley, Editors

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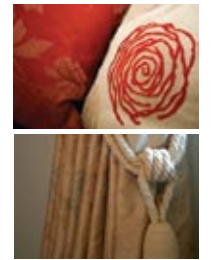
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Your High Street... a thriving shopping area or a museum?

By Caroline M Young

WE ARE VERY privileged to have one of the prettiest main streets in the whole of Sussex but how much longer will it continue to be more than just a collection of attractive buildings for tourists to admire? In the current economic climate we are in danger of losing those unique individual shops that make our High Street so interesting. Many years ago most of the buildings along the whole length of the street were thriving businesses, you could buy just about everything you needed right in the village. I am sure the reason many of us decided to live in Lindfield was because we had good shops within walking distance. Now we have just a handful and are in danger of losing more unless we use them - that is what shops are for, not just for looking at!



Photos: Paula Clark

The ram-raiding of our valued Post Office was a big shock to everyone, not least to our friendly Post Master and his wife. A lot of business was lost, especially over the

"we have just a handful and are in danger of losing more"

Christmas period, sadly not all of which has returned. Remember the post office is not only for stamps but all the other services it offers, including the convenience of a cash machine. Village post offices are disappearing all around us, use ours or it may one day go.

Did you know there are only three greengrocers left in Mid-Sussex and one of them is on our High Street (the others are in Haywards Heath and Hurstpierpoint). Paul's, our shop, has been in the same hands since 1992 and over the new year we very nearly lost it. Happily Paul, the owner, decided not to accept a handsome offer, which would have meant a change of use for the building, loss of jobs for his loyal staff and all the customers who offered him support. Paul asked his customers for ideas and advice, listened to them and has acted on their suggestions. The shop now has an everyday value section where the prices rival even the basic ranges in the supermarkets, a large selection of local produce and an organic section.

Keen to reduce food miles and ensure freshness Paul sources as much produce as he can, depending on the season, from individual small-scale local growers in Sussex and Kent. He also buys in Brighton market every morning to ensure everything is as fresh as possible, choosing produce for the best flavour not for perfect shape and uniform size. He offers a delivered organic box system, or phone in an order or come in and select your produce yourself - both can then be delivered. Fresh flowers, garden plants, free range local eggs and Lindfield bbq charcoal, even bird seed - they are all stocked by your local greengrocer.

It is so easy to shop at supermarkets who are rapidly selling everything from woolly jumpers to newspapers amongst the bacon and teabags. But their prices, the freshness of their plastic-wrapped produce and their presumed convenience is not always all it appears. Do they offer you a delivery service, an account, the newspaper popped through your letterbox or a friendly chat? No, but your local shops do.

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Cycling in Sussex

In the first of a series of three articles our cycling correspondent waxes lyrical about his favourite rides and why Lindfield is such a great launch pad for exploring Mid Sussex on two wheels.



by John Barling

IT'S APRIL. Spring lambs gambolling. Hedgerows bursting into life. Grassy banks sprinkled with fresh, wild primroses and woodland carpeted with scented bluebells. Definitely time to dust off, check over and wheel out

those bikes after a cold start to the year and pedal back to fitness. Yes, and Lindfield is ideally placed as a springboard to explore some of our magnificent local countryside on two wheels.



One of my favourite early season rides (around 15 miles) starts right here in the centre of our village and heads off along the Lewes Road, over Scamps Hill through Walstead and left past Great Walstead School, far away from the busy commuter runs and quickly into quiet byways. After coasting past East Mascalls Farm but long before reaching Cockhaise with its duck pond, en route to Freshfield, you soon realise that Mid Sussex is far from flat. It's about here that the stillness of the countryside is often punctuated with the sharp burst of the whistle from one of the Bluebell Railway's many steam locos as it chugs northwards from Sheffield Park Station to Horsted Keynes and beyond. As you pass under the weathered brick bridge at Freshfield Halt, look out for the old traction engines and caravans parked by the embankment.

Over the crossroads and gently up past Town Place (visit its thoughtfully planted gardens on special days in June and July) you'll cross the Sussex Border Path before climbing again to Ketches Farm and past yet another converted oast house before freewheeling (well, almost) down towards the crossroads at Sheffield Green. Cross over with care since it's a fast road, but when you repeat the ride try a short diversion, turning right along the A275 down to either the National Trust's treasure of trees, lakes and woodland walks (or just a picnic) at Sheffield Park or to the Bluebell Railway itself. Return in early May and enjoy a day of nostalgia on the famous steam railway run entirely by dedicated enthusiasts and enjoy some 40's Swing to the sound of the Perdido Players.

But not today. We must press on for another couple of miles into Fletching with its straight, gently sloping main street overlooked by the spire of its ancient stone built parish church. (Did you spot the herd of alpaca along the way?) The Griffin is the friendly pub on the right where families can sit outside at the back and enjoy a tasty snack or light meal. Check the brakes again, because after the right turn at the bottom of the street, towards Fletching Common, a steep twisting descent deserves some caution before you coast across the low bridge at Sluice Mill Farm. Here either a low gear or standing hard on the pedals is obligatory to plateau out past Netherall Farm before continuing straight ahead at the next junction back to the A275. Turning sharp left and then almost immediately right on to Banks Road towards the former Chailey New Heritage site (recently redeveloped for housing) will reward you with a panoramic view of the south westerly flanks of the Ashdown Forest. Pause for a while and just savour the moment.

At the end of the lane turn right down the hill. If all the route home were freewheeling like this ...wheee!... we'd be back in no time. You'll spot Lindfield Farm but



Photos by John Barling

it's nowhere near Lindfield.

Follow this quiet lane past Massetts to the three-way signpost and then right again down the hill to The Sloop, passing properties like Ham House and Bacon Wish; nothing at all to do with pigs I am told, but derived from old Saxon words painting pictures of enclosures, woodland clearings and watery meadows. Take a break at The Sloop and enjoy good food and refreshment in the garden at one of the many tables, or return later when the local Morrismen are performing their ancient dance along with a rich collection of traditional folk music. Linger too long here and you won't feel like getting back on the bike.

The return route over the stream and under the Bluebell Line to the north retraces the outward journey from Lindfield. Apart from the short rise to Cockhaise Farm and the abrupt slope up to Gt Walstead's gates, it's a short, leisurely ride back into the village.

Oh, and don't forget the helmet and hi-vis vest. Enjoy!

>> **Next month:**
Over the Ashdown Forest
into Winnie the Pooh country.

If you're feeling inspired, why not get out on your bike and raise money for a good cause at the same time? Taking part in the sponsored Sussex Weald Bike Ride on **Sunday 26th April** for St Catherine's Hospice is a great way to enjoy the beautiful Sussex countryside while supporting their vital work.

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MORE HOUSES FOR LINDFIELD

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Land between Gravelye Lane and Scamps Hill (Scaynes Hill Road)
Core Strategy pre-submission Document (site k)

Both Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Parish Councils objected to the inclusion of this site and despite these formal objections site (k) remains in the Pre-submission Core Strategy. Mid Sussex District Council will consider the full Core Strategy submission in July 2009, followed by a 6-week consultation period on the latter document starting September 2009.

The District Council has published a set of Topic Papers that cover the housing related Core Policies in the Core Strategy. Topic Paper 8.27 refers to site (k) and the Officer's view is that the number of representations received objecting to the development of this site was the lowest of all the sites included within the Pre-Submission Document and that the site was identified as one of the more suitable, sustainable and deliverable sites for housing when compared to other options considered. The Pre-Submission Housing Topic Paper 8.27 can be viewed on www.midsussex.gov.uk clicking on Environment & Planning and on to the Core Strategy.

It therefore looks as if, notwithstanding the objections, and because Mid Sussex District Council are finding themselves hard-pushed to find the new sites needed for housing to meet the South East Plan's target figure, the Officers will continue to push for the allocation of site (k) for housing.

Site (k) land between Gravelye lane and Scamps Hill (Scaynes Hill Road) has only received a limited number of representations objecting to this development.

Both parish councils strongly suggest that every resident writes individually with their comments to:

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Land between Gravelye Lane and Scamps Hill (Scaynes Hill Road)

An extraordinary meeting will be held on **Wednesday 22 April 2009**

TAKE ACTION

at 20.00 hours in the King Edward Hall, Lindfield, to further discuss the proposed inclusion of this site in the core strategy submission to the Secretary of State. All residents will be welcome.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 6th April 2009

At the Millennium Village Centre, Scaynes Hill at 20.00hr. This meeting will afford residents the opportunity to meet the Councillors who will report on this year's business. Our guest speaker from the Citizens Advice Bureau will discuss the Outreach Service. There will be an opportunity for residents to raise any questions. A glass of wine will be offered from 19.45hr and all residents are welcome.

Would you like to influence the way local services are provided?

Have you thought about getting more involved in the community?

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council for the Scaynes Hill ward due to the retirement of Mr Dennis Hicks. As no candidate has come forward, the Council can co-opt a new member.

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BOOK REVIEWS

A Thief in the House of Memory

Tim Wynne-Jones

by Maddi Barnaby (9yrs)

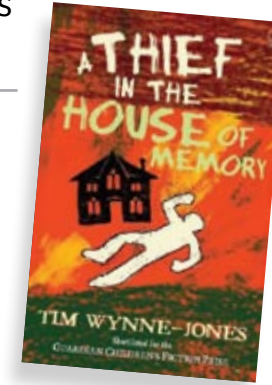
I GOT THIS book for Christmas and I couldn't wait to read it. The main character is Dec. Other characters are Sunny, Birdie, Dad and Izra.

The story is about a teenage boy trying to find out about where his mother disappeared to.

The story is based on a house of memory. The House of Memory is where Dec used to live until Dec's mother ran away and Dec's father got a girlfriend who didn't want to live in the house and made Dec's father build another just down the hill from it. They put all the things that they don't use anymore into the House of Memory. Dec and Sunny visit it a lot until one day they find something scary in there...

I found this a really interesting book. I had to concentrate hard on the story as Dec kept having daydreams about his mother. It was my first thriller and I loved it. It was quite scary and really exciting. It was a really good book to read as it made me want to read on and on to find out what had really happened to Dec's mother. I would like to read another book by Tim Wynne-Jones.

Both of these books are available from Bookstop, in the village.



The Return

Victoria Hislop

by Janet Wade

THE RETURN is a historical romance set mainly in the town of Granada during the Spanish civil war. The background to the story is thoroughly researched, and the result is a moving account about a Spanish family during this period of time.

The story begins in the present with two friends travelling to Granada in order to learn the skills of Salsa and Flamenco dancing. One of the friends goes for a coffee in a cafe and through chatting to the bartender, discovers an extraordinary tale of the Ramirez family who owned the cafe 70 years earlier.

Initially, life for the family was full of optimism and the Ramirez children looked forward to a happy future. One son was a teacher, another a talented matador, and the third a skilled musician. Their sister had a real passion for Flamenco dancing, and soon met Javier, a handsome and skilled guitarist who played for her. They frequently performed together and inevitably fell in love.

In 1936 however, Spain's fragile peace is shattered by the coup led by Franco, and the story continues with vivid descriptions of how the lives of each family member are torn apart.

Much of the story at this point centres on Mercedes who is separated by the war from Javier, and her quest to find him. She joins groups of escaping survivors to Bilbao, and descriptions of war-ravaged Spain, fighting, and the brutal atrocities are vivid and powerful. There is an inevitable twist at the end, after we read that Mercedes eventually escapes to Britain and begins a new life there.

I did not enjoy this book as much as Hislop's first book "The Island", but it is a good read and I learned a lot about life in Spain at that time. Descriptions are very vivid and real and it is very well written.



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NEWS

We'd love to hear from groups, organisations and individuals about what's been happening. Include a photo if you can. Email your stories to editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk

GAP Year news

NEXT MONTH local girl, Katie Cookney, returns from her recent Gap Year experience with the BMS World Mission's India Delhi Action Team and together with co-workers Amy, David and Hannah will be visiting local schools and groups in and around the village. Look out for Katie's itinerary in the May edition of Lindfield Life.

Farmers of the future?



CHILDREN AT THE ACORNS Nursery School enjoyed their visit to Oathall Farm so much recently, that Maggie, who takes the children on a guided tour of the farm, invited them back again ten days later to see the new born lambs. "It was extremely kind of Maggie to invite us back again so soon and the children were very excited to see the lambs. We love to take the children on outings to see and explore the world around them, and we are very fortunate to have Oathall Farm on our doorstep. The children are fascinated to see and learn about all the animals and stroke the chickens" said Janet Irwin owner of The Acorns.

Clean Up This Spring!

ST PETER & ST JAMES' Hospice are giving you the chance to 'clean up' in a different way this Spring by winning cash prizes of up to £1,000 in their Spring Raffle. Tickets cost £1 each and are on sale from the Hospice's charity shop in Haywards Heath. The draw will take place at Midday on Saturday 18th April.

Tennis Open Day

LINDFIELD TENNIS CLUB is holding an open day on Saturday 18th April from 2pm. They have four courts and a clubhouse situated on the common and welcome players of all abilities. Don't worry if you're a bit 'rusty', coaching is available to get you back to form! So pick up your racket and come and join us. For further information, please contact the Club Chairman on 01444 454453

Hall website goes live

LINDFIELD'S King Edward Hall, run by a management committee of local volunteers, has launched its new website: www.kingedwardhall.org.uk. It includes room hire information, and details of its fundraising events; the Village Run and Lindfield Village Day.

Children's club kickstarts the Spring

KICKSTART, a mid-week Christian club for 3 to 9 year olds, runs from 6-7pm every Wednesday in term-time. The theme for the Spring term is Waste Watchers, so we're learning about recycling our rubbish and ways in which we can care for God's world. Each week we have games, watch a DVD story and earn points for our teams. The club is held at Lindfield Evangelical Free Church. For further information, contact Gordon & Valerie Upton on 01444 482866.

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NOTES FROM MY GARDEN

by Martin Higgins

MISS WILLMOTT'S GHOST!

Now what gardener can resist having this sea holly (or *Eryngium*) in their plot? If you do not already know, be reassured that the ghostly part of its name refers to its silvery white colour rather than it having a tendency to wander around your garden once dusk has arrived. She is a plant however which needs to be placed remembering that she looks best when the light is not too bright, she is after all a ghost, but the plant itself prefers plenty of sun. One might say just like a woman to be so difficult to please, but I of course would not be so bold. If you place her next to something bright which goes well with silvery white, you would get full value irrespective of whether the light levels are high or low, and they would provide a lovely contrast which enhances each other.



Miss Willmott's Ghost

I often like to speculate about what the people were like who have had plants named after them and prefer my versions to the truth. Perennial geraniums are one of my favourite plants and provide plenty of scope for my imagination to run riot. Take Amy Doncaster for example. Graham Gough of Marchants Hardy Plants in Loughton, East Sussex (who by the way is due to give one of his famous talks to the Lindfield Horticultural Society in late autumn next year) named this geranium after its collector. The name conjures up a no nonsense lady but who perhaps when no one was looking was happy to reveal a softer side. Surely she must have had the latter since her plant is for me one of the more refined geraniums with smaller flowers which have a really rich violet blue colour. Having met Graham on several occasions I could have asked him what Amy was really like, but what if he had shattered my illusions? I should no longer every time I walked past her be able to smile as she showed a softer side to her nature and whisper "It's alright, I will not tell anyone".



Anne Thomson

But one of the very best geraniums has to be Anne Thomson; she is truly a pleasure to know. Wonderful rich magenta coloured flowers but with a touch of subtlety about them, which in truth cannot be said about all geraniums much as I like them. Anyway, Anne produces foliage which in Spring has a delightful yellow tinge, darkening to a richer, more familiar green in summer and then rarely discolouring until very late in the season when more Autumnal colouring comes forth. Although having slightly more refined coloured flowers than her relations, Anne is not shy about producing them in profusion and for a very lengthy flowering season. Blooms burst forth in mid-May and keep on coming into November, and in my garden even the first frosts are answered with a determination to show "That a woman's work is never done". Anne is a lady who is happy to exhibit her many charms but with a hint of refinement as well as a touch of steel when Jack Frost first pays a call.

Surprisingly Anne is not widely available but is stocked by Usual and Unusual Plants in Hailsham, East Sussex (tel: 01323 840 967). I should add that Anne is preferred by some good judges to my old friend Ann Folkard. The latter, it might be mentioned in a low voice, is more "brassy" with her more strident lemon-yellow Spring foliage, but I was introduced to her by the late lamented Christopher Lloyd in one of his many articles and have grown her ever since. Where you want to make more of a statement and let her embrace her neighbours she is the girl for you. You see it is all in a name, Folkard is telling us that she is less subtle than any Anne Thomson could ever be, even if of the same parentage.

But I must drag myself away from my beloved geraniums with not so much as a backward glance to Rozanne, Tanya Rendall, Mavis Simpson, Patricia, Mrs Kendall Clarke (no mere Kendall Clarke for this lady!), Ivan (yes there are some mere males)....

I am sorry fellows but it is the ladies who so often seem, for reasons which I cannot understand, particularly attractive - botanically speaking of course. This brings me onto another fine specimen, the rose Florence May Morse. She can only be found at Great Dixter Nurseries,

but that is no hardship since the gardens are such a delight to visit. They describe her as being a "Vigorous, red-flowered double floribunda... excellent pillar feature in a mixed border" which is where they grow her and so do I now. She is class lady who will answer to Florence May, or Florence May Morse but never to just Morse even if I try to curry favour with her by offering some rose fertiliser. But then I must expect a lady of stature to keep me in my place.

Mention of Florence May reminds me that another lady of the garden much grown at Great Dixter, and which particularly goes well with the former, is the *Hydrangea Annabelle*. She is a plant of some distinction, having large football-like flower heads, although she would prefer to call them domes. These start out green and progress through cream to white, and then make a good winter statement when pale brown. Annabelle is a lady who knows her worth although some alleged friends of mine have been known to mutter as they pass her "What a show-off", but I find that so long as I apologise afterwards on their behalf she takes it in good part. But this may have something to do with the fact that her one fault, well we are all allowed at least one, is that when her blooms get very wet they tend to bow down. She however knows that

I will gently shake them to aid their return to the vertical, but always will ask her permission first.

So my ramble comes to an end, but if you do see Miss Willmott one moonlit night, please give her my regards and remind her to come home!



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Renewing your business Lease

by Maurice Moore

ONE OF THE MOST fraught areas of business life from a business person's point of view is when their lease expires. Anyone involved in the renewal of a lease of commercial premises will be aware of a long drawn out process with, on the one hand, the need to liaise with solicitors about technical legal matters and on the other with surveyors about the rent payable under the new lease.

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will normally be started by a landlord serving a formal notice. Once a tenant receives this it is essential to pass it to solicitors expert in this field with a view to an early response.

A tenant can commence the renewal process of serving a notice seeking a new lease. This pre-emptive strike is affected by the service on the landlord of a Tenant's Notice. A knowledgeable commercial conveyancer will be able to advise tenants as to strategy and tactics; in particular is it best to try and get in a Tenant's Notice before a landlord serves his own Notice.

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Easter: Real love and real hope in real lives

Some wit has said, 'Forget love - I'd rather fall in chocolate!' At Easter we often do both. Chocolate commercialism distracts us from the traditional importance of this Christian festival about the love of God.

In fact, the message of Easter is no less important to Christians than Christmas. The Easter message is simple yet profound: Jesus Christ, promised and sent by God, is the crucified and risen Lord who now reigns over the universe, to put a broken world and broken lives back together again. It's a simple message, because we're all familiar with heroic rescue stories; and it's a profound message because here is real love and real hope at work in real lives.

This Easter the churches of Lindfield invite you to encounter the love of God in the Christ of Christianity. Service times are detailed overleaf and everyone is warmly invited to come along.

Stuart

Stuart Dean
Curate, All Saints Church



Easter services at the three Lindfield churches

Maundy Thursday - April 9th

8.00pm **URC** United Holy Communion 8.00pm
Preacher: Canon James Clarke.

Good Friday - April 10th

9.30am **United Walk of Witness led by the Cross**
Assemble on Hickmans Recreation Ground and, at 9.30, walk via Denmans Lane up the High Street following a Cross, to a United Service at All Saints Church. The walk will witness to the Easter message of the extent of God's love, in sending His Son to bear the penalty for human sin. Jesus was ready to endure the agony of crucifixion, so that every man, woman and child could have the chance of spending eternity with God.

10.15am **All Saints** United Service

12 noon **All Saints** Service of meditation on the Cross

Saturday - April 11th

4.15pm **URC** Messy Church (See overleaf)

Easter Sunday - April 12th

6.00am **Sunrise Service at Ardingly Reservoir on Easter Sunday**
The first disciples discovered that Jesus had risen from the dead, very early on the first Easter Sunday, while it was still dark. This service offers the opportunity to share the thrill of celebrating His resurrection in just the same way - at sunrise on Easter Day. Gather in the car-park at Ardingly Reservoir at 6.00am. The sun is due to rise at 6.11am and this will be the start of a short service of praise to celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death.

8.00am **All Saints** Easter Communion

9.30am **All Saints** All-age Easter Worship (not communion)

9.30am **URC** Family Worship
Preacher: Revd. Charles Martin

10.30am **LEFC** Easter Family Service

11.00am **URC** Morning Worship & Holy Communion
Preacher: Revd. Charles Martin

11.15am **All Saints** Easter Communion at All Saints

6.30pm **URC** United Easter Celebration and Songs of Praise
Everyone is invited to share in a united act of worship at the United Reformed Church as the Easter celebrations draw to a close.

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home front

by Jacqui Smith, interior designer

IT'S THE SIMPLE things in life that maintain my equilibrium - a walk on the South Downs, the scent of an English rose, collapsing into freshly laundered pure cotton sheets amid a haze of that wonderful 'line dried' aroma. For me, these things are antidotes to stress. As life seems to become increasingly demanding and technology claiming to save us time seems to put more pressure on us, my home seems to be less of a castle than a haven, a retreat, a sanctuary where I am free to create my own environment, surrounding myself with things that make me feel good.

I like to choose materials which you cannot walk past without wanting to touch - rich fabrics, smooth wood or beautifully finished ceramics. As a self-confessed fabric and colour junkie I love to see how they can dramatically transform a room and how you feel within it. For centuries colour has been known for its effect on one's mood. Neutral colours are calming and tranquil. Yellow stimulates creativity whereas green is restful. Colours can be chosen to alter the perceived temperature in a room, make it lighter or to restore the proportions of an odd shaped space. Light colours promote a sense of openness whereas dark colours will make a room seem smaller. Fresh shades will make a room seem cooler while richer tones will add warmth to a room.

Textured cushions and throws provide real depth to a scheme, especially if the palate is fairly neutral. Snuggling under a sumptuous throw in the winter can be just as pleasing as being cooled by the gentle breeze of summer through a voile dressed window. And when it comes to dining, the weight of a crisp linen napkin on my knee somehow makes a meal feel special. Luxurious fluffy towels and soft cotton dressing gowns help to bring a sense of spa to your bathroom. Crisp cotton sheets teamed with contrasting throws and cushions on the bed never fail to make a bed inviting.

It was William Morris who said that one should only have things that are either useful or beautiful in one's home and this is a maxim which works for me. Accessorise with things you love, picking out the accent colour of your scheme. Whole room schemes are regularly modelled around a favourite painting or ceramic piece. Perhaps the view from the room is one of its best features in which case the window treatment should be simple, framing the vista rather than fighting with it. So, if a room does not feel right, lacks purpose and rarely gets used then a few simple changes could make all the difference. It could be a change of wall colour, perhaps that old chair could be re-upholstered in a fabulous cut velvet or maybe moving around some of your art may help you find a better backdrop for a favourite painting.

Simply Good Food...

by Caroline Young

I HAVE MET very few people who do not enjoy good food, simple food made from wholesome ingredients and eaten with pleasure. That is just what this column in our new village magazine will be devoted to. Delicious food with possibly some history, anecdotes and local food news as well. Contributions will always be welcome, be they your favourite dish or a recipe handed down in your family. Do you have any traditional Sussex recipes? Please share them with us.

April is a month of special days beginning with, of course, April Fool's Day. Why not start the month with a pretty dessert. Rhubarb probably is not listed near the top of our favourite fruits list as indifferent cooking can result in an unappetising result but handled with care it is delicious. The long slender bright pink stalks of the new season's rhubarb is now in the shops. Gently cooked with orange and honey, combined with creamy yogurt and piled into slender glasses this dessert is ambrosial. >>



Rhubarb Fool (Serves 4)

Cut 450g young rhubarb into pieces about 2.5cm long and tip into an ovenproof glass casserole. Top with the finely grated rind and juice of 1 large orange. Drizzle with a generous tablespoonful of honey. Cover and cook at 200°C for about 20 mins. Gently stir once or twice and cook just until tender. Allow to cool. Tip 300g greek-style yogurt (full or reduced fat) into a processor and add the rhubarb. Buzz just until combined leaving some pink streaks. Spoon into individual glasses and either serve immediately or chill until required (best for just 1-2 hours only).

Beef and cheese bake (Serves 4)

Preheat the oven to 190°. Cook 1 finely chopped onion in a little oil until soft and golden. Break up 450g best quality minced English beef and add to the onion. Cook, stirring, until no longer pink. Stir in 2tbs plain flour, 3tbs tomato purée, 1tbs red wine vinegar and 300ml beef stock. Bring to the boil, stirring, until the mixture has thickened slightly. Spoon into a shallow baking dish.

Rub 50g butter into 115g plain flour until it resembles breadcrumbs. Stir in 100g grated Cheddar cheese, a good pinch mixed dried herbs and seasoning. Spoon over the meat. Bake for about 50 min or until golden brown.

IT WAS THE CUSTOM for our own traditional pudding, Sussex Pond Pudding, to be served on Palm Sunday. As with all traditional recipes there are numerous versions but I think the best is in the book British Food by Mark Hix. The perfect dessert for a cold damp day, when cooked and inverted onto a plate the pudding is sitting in a golden pond of lemony butter sauce. >>

Sussex Pond Pudding (Serves 4-6)

Combine 250g self-raising flour and 125g shredded beef suet in a bowl then gradually mix in 150ml milk to form a soft dough. On a floured surface roll out to a circle large enough to line a 1.5 litre pudding basin. Cut out one quarter of the dough. Generously butter the basin and drop the pastry into it, gently joining up the cut edges.

Blend 300g softened unsalted butter into 200g soft light brown sugar then spoon into the lined basin. With a fork, prick a large unwaxed lemon over its entire surface then push it into the butter mixture. Gently reshape the remaining pastry into a circle to fit the top, lay it on top of the filling and press the edges together to seal.

Cover with foil, making a pleat across the centre to allow the pudding to expand. Secure under the rim with string, also making a handle for easier lifting. Place in a pan containing enough boiling water to come half-way up the sides of the basin. Cover and simmer for 4 hours, topping up with more boiling water if needed.

To serve, remove from the pan and allow to stand 30 min. Remove the foil, loosen the sides and put a deep serving dish over the basin. Quickly turn the whole thing upside down. Serve immediately.

Sussex Pond Pudding takes a long time to cook and is chock-full of calories but what a treat on a chilly Sunday. Enjoy.



APRIL 23RD is St. George's Day, England's patron saint as well as that of numerous other countries such as Portugal and Greece, to name just two. If he really did exist, his origins are extremely obscure, he must have been a busy man. I wonder if he rescued a maiden from a dragon in every legend. My favourite story took place in Libya where he found a king's daughter, Cleodolinda, dressed as a bride, was to be sacrificed to the dragon who had been feasting on the villager's sheep. Valiant St. George charged to the rescue, the princess tied her girdle round the neck of the defeated dragon and led it back to the village where the astonished residents immediately converted to Christianity.

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Jennifer has been working in England for seven years. She first established her practice in Brisbane, Australia in 1988, after graduating from Sydney University.

Subsequently Jennifer taught chiropractic at Macquarie University for five years.

She has worked with Australian Olympic Athletes and members of the Australian Rugby Team.

Jennifer has done postgraduate studies in paediatrics and acupuncture and is passionate about chiropractic and the help it can give to people of all ages.

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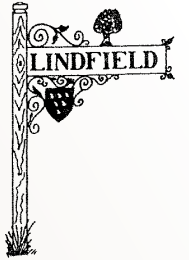
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“2008 was in some ways a sad year for the Society. Michael Anstey and Alan Gomme resigned as Chairman and Secretary respectively and at Christmas our previous Chairman, Peter Lawson, passed away suddenly. Their contribution to the rejuvenation of the Society and to its activities has been immense and we will always be most grateful to them.

At the forthcoming AGM we are also going to say “good-bye” to Michael Davies and Steve Willcox, who have also done so much for us. We are most grateful to Heather Martin who took over from Alan as Secretary and worked with us until the end of January.

We **urgently** need new members of the Management Committee who can bring fresh ideas to the Society and take on the challenges ahead such as the threat of a large housing development between Scamps Hill and Gravelly Lane and to undertake the more gentle, but none-the-less vital tasks of administering the Society and its membership. Please make contact with me or another of the Officers of the Society. I am planning to carry on for one more year as Chairman. **If we are to keep the Society and continue to benefit from what it does for the Village, we must find some new people to help to take it forward. Without some enthusiastic newcomers, or even some old hands, the outlook is bleak.**

2008 was a very active year, trying to avert the development of the Newton Road site and succeeding in getting the High Street trees taken in hand. The social programme of meetings and events continued to be well supported.

Please join us and be involved! The Society is very nearly **50 years old. It would be a great shame to let it go.**

**Andrew Fox
Chairman March 2009**

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ARRIVING AT Lindfield Primary School on 5th March, dressed as their favourite book characters, the playground was awash with Harry Potter, Cats in Hats, Alices in Wonderland, Where's Wallies and many many more. The excitement grew when teachers came out to ring the bell also in costume, though, notably, most of them baddies! Assemblies with the renowned Author/Illustrator team Knife and Packer, of Fleabag Monkeyface fame, kicked off the day. The pupils all drew characters from the series with step by step guidance, followed by readings and questions. Knife and Packer then kindly stayed to judge a book cover competition, after talking to some eager fans about how to tackle that first novel!

Throughout the day wonderful storytelling and drama workshops, based on The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl, were run by Jo Horsley of The Little Drama Workshop, which left the younger children and teachers beaming. Fascinating writing workshops were run by professional writers Deirdre Huston and Alison Carter for the older children, concentrating on the writing as career and the many possibilities that offers.

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The Parish Council Budget and Precept 2009/2010

AT ITS MEETING on January 22, the Parish Council approved its budget for 2009/2010 and agreed a Parish *Precept of £158,246. This is a significant increase on the current year, because the anticipated expenditure has increased from £132,000 to £154,300 and hitherto we have been able to make use of funds in hand to reduce the income required. However, it is always prudent to keep an adequate working balance of funds to cover several months' anticipated outgoings and provide for any emergencies and contingencies which may arise. * The Precept is the Parish Council's portion of the Council Tax and is our main source of income.

In all governmental spheres, national, regional and local, there is constant conflict between the need on one hand to eliminate waste and keep taxes low and on the other to provide the services the public demands. In Lindfield your Parish Council tries hard to maintain that balance. Our small office in Denmans Lane is cramped and inadequate and it has proved necessary to add to the accommodation available by renting additional space in Denmans Court. We intend to provide a more spacious reception area, with good accessibility for wheelchair users and space will be dedicated to the storage of the Lindfield Archives. With more room we should be better able to

respond positively to future opportunities and challenges to provide an improving service for our residents.

Major work is being done to bring our newly acquired public toilets in Denmans Lane up to standard and look after them adequately (and there is pressure to provide toilets on the Common to replace those demolished several years ago). The Village Directory & Year Book remains a very popular service to the community, but, with a decline in advertising income in the existing economic climate, the cost to the Council's own funds is escalating and we have to ask whether this is something parishioners wish to pay for. Communication is also vital (website, newsletter, noticeboards, etc), but this too has to be paid for.

The routine costs of providing and maintaining local services such as street lighting, covered bus shelters, litter bins, allotments, the community gardens, Christmas lights and extra freighter visits are also increasing.

Further details are available from the Parish Office so, if you have any questions, please address them to us through the Clerks there. As usual, more details of the year's accounts will be published in the Annual Report during the summer.

The Dogs (fouling of land) Act 1996

DOG OWNERS in the village should be aware that MSDC is now enforcing The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. Although most local dog walkers are considerate of others by cleaning up after their dogs, there are unfortunately some who do not. The Act makes it an offence NOT to clean up after a dog fouls on a public highway, adjoining footway or verges and all footpaths or on land "designated" by MSDC. In Lindfield the Common and Hickmans Lane Recreation Ground have been so designated. MSDC can issue an offender with a £25 Fixed Penalty Notice payable within 14 days. In the case of a person refusing or failing to pay such a penalty, they can be summoned to the Magistrates Court where the maximum penalty is currently £1,000.

New Bus Shelter for High Street

COUNCILLORS are considering providing a new bus shelter in the High Street outside the Stand Up Inn and would welcome comments from villagers about its location and design.

Public Toilets

THE PLANNED total refurbishment of the toilets in Denmans Lane is currently in progress and it is hoped that this work will be completed and the toilets reopened during April.



New notice board

PLANNING PERMISSION has been received for the additional community notice board on the wall of LEAF on Denmans Lane. The new board should be installed shortly and local societies and organisations will be advised of the arrangements for displaying material in the board, once these have been agreed by Councillors.

New website

THE COUNCIL is progressing the design and development of a new website which will include a community section that is intended to enable village societies and organisations to publish their details and events. The new .gov.uk web site should become operational and replace our existing website during the summer.

The High Street trees – the end of the saga?

AS PC GEOFF BENNETT commented recently "It's much lighter in the High Street now."

And so, after almost two decades wait and then two and a half year's argument between conflicting experts, the full pollarding of Lindfield's High Street limes has been completed, in accordance with the very clearly expressed wishes of the residents in the Village Action Plan questionnaire in 2005.

Of course, it has been a bit of a shock and it all looks a little bald and bare at the moment. Some trees look like telegraph poles, others stand like clenched fists. But anyone who has lived or travelled through continental Europe, or even observed happenings in Compton Road in recent years will know that lime trees are very resilient. By mid-Summer most will have sprouted a multitude of shoots and a covering of leaves. Within a couple of years they will have a good crown on them, albeit one much more manageable and easily controlled than in recent times and residents in adjacent properties will not need to have the lights on all year round.

It is true that, as some experts warned, some of the trees may not survive their somewhat drastic treatment. However, some new trees were planted (at a point when all the existing trees were going to be felled), so there should be replacements available.

There remain a few outstanding points to be resolved between the official parties – the WSCC, MSDC, the Parish Council and the Preservation Society. First, some sort of ongoing maintenance plan needs to be agreed and funded. We must never let the situation degenerate like this again. Second, a decision has to be made about the management of the Compton Road trees (and maybe some others in the village). Work was done in Compton Road in 2006/7 with 9 trees pollarded and others



trimmed. Now a long term, consistent policy needs to be agreed and implemented for both Compton Rd. and the High Street.

Nevertheless – at last the basic issue has been resolved and we think we can all be satisfied that the future of "Lindfield's crowning glory" has been secured, though it may take a little while to recover from the somewhat drastic remedial treatment required to ensure its survival at all.

It remains for us to thank Jonathan Ullmer, County Maintenance Manager WSCC Highways Department and his team, Councillor Margaret Johnson, our County Councillor and the representatives of the Lindfield Preservation Society, John Jesson and David Macmillan, who have worked indefatigably to enable us to reach this satisfactory outcome.

Spring Clean & Street Sweeping



THE COUNCIL is arranging the annual Spring Clean on Saturday 25th April. Volunteers should meet at the King Edward Hall from 9.30 am and should come equipped with garden gloves. Refreshments for all participants will be available in the Jubilee Room later in the morning.

Councillors remain concerned about the standard of street cleaning being delivered by SERCO following the transfer of Paul Frost to Haywards Heath. Observations from residents about uncleared litter and the abuse of public litter bins would be welcome and should be made through the Parish Office.

PARISH WALK TO BE PLANNED

FOLLOWING ON from the successful guided walk led by the Parish Council last year to celebrate Sussex Day, it is proposed that we organize a similar walk this year. The walk will take place during June when hopefully the weather will be kind and we will be able to appreciate the beautiful countryside that surrounds our Ancient Village with all its history. The walk will be approx 4 to 5 miles long and taken at an easy pace, if you are interested in coming along please let us know via the Parish Office. The date, as soon as it is known, will be published in the Lindfield Life and displayed on the Parish Council notice board.



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Parish Meeting - Greening Lindfield

THE ANNUAL Lindfield Parish Meeting will take place in the King Edward Hall on Thursday 23rd April commencing at 8 pm. This is the meeting that allows the Electors of the Parish to express their views and put forward resolutions for the benefit of the Parish.

Many of our residents have expressed their concerns about climate change and the benefits of low carbon living, so we have invited representatives of The Greening Campaign to give our parishioners a presentation on Greening Lindfield.

The Greening Campaign states that it takes just one person in a community to raise their hand and say they want to reduce the effects of climate change. That one hand will be joined by other hands and together those hands will (re) build a community that is more sustainable, will reduce its effect on climate change, and will create a plan for adapting to a future with a changed climate. That person with that one hand raised can be you!!!



The Greening Campaign is made up of communities where one person raised their hand. The Greening Campaign supported them and taught them how to engage their community, and best of all, supported them in beginning to reduce the energy their community uses and to live more sustainably.

The Greening Campaign is a structured programme with Four Phases for you and our community to work through. This is your community and your future; this can be your campaign with your creative development. Let Lindfield join the other communities fighting Climate Change - together we can make a difference.

The Greening Campaign now has over 50 active communities, with more joining every week, with your support Lindfield could be the next, helping to protect the environment for future generations.

So if you want to make a difference, and help protect our planet, please attend the Parish Meeting on the 23rd April and make your views known.

Street lighting contract

FOLLOWING NOTIFICATION to all local councils of EDF Energy's intention to cease providing public lighting maintenance services, the Parish Council has now chosen a new supplier to take over the contract for maintaining the street lights that are the property of the parish from 1 April 2009

The Lindfield Directory & Year Book

THE LINDFIELD PARISH Directory & Year Book continues to be one of the best and most useful items that the Parish Council provides to residents, and it will continue in 2010. Residents look forward to receiving it, in fact many are awaiting its delivery. Some use it as a diary while other residents use it as a source of information on associations, churches and clubs that meet in the village and people find the opening times of the medical centre very useful. 3,400 Directories are printed each year and 3,275 are delivered to homes by a group of volunteers. Advertisers receive a complimentary copy.

Mobile civic amenity collection

THE FREIGHTER will be in the Tollgate car park on Sundays 31 May and 5 July 2009, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Please note that due to current legislation they cannot accept items such as microwaves, televisions, computer monitors and fluorescent tubes. These can still be taken to a civic amenity centre. Please do not leave rubbish in the absence of the refuse freighter.

31st
May

5th
July

CORE STRATEGY

AS YOU WILL SEE in Lindfield Rural Parish Council's newsletter, which also appears in this publication, Mid Sussex District Council, in July, will be considering the full Core Strategy Submission Document, which identifies land between Gravelye Lane and Scamps Hill (reference Site K) as a suitable site for a development of 500 dwellings. Lindfield Rural Parish Council and Lindfield Parish Council have both objected formally to

establishing a policy for development at this location and we are jointly arranging an Extraordinary Meeting to raise public awareness of the implications of the inclusion of this site in the Core Strategy Submission to the Secretary of State. We hope to see many residents at this meeting on 22 April at 8 pm. in the King Edward Hall and that every resident will write with their comments to MSDC

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS April 2009 - June 2009

Tuesday	7 April 2009	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	14 April 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	23 April 2009	Parish Meeting (not a Council meeting)	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	5 May 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	12 May 2009	Annual Meeting of the Council	7.30 p.m.
Tuesday	26 May 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	28 May 2009	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	4 June 2009	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	16 June 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	25 June 2009	Full Council	7:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in King Edward Hall, unless shown otherwise. Please check the notice board in Denmans Lane for any additional meetings that may be called. All meetings are open to the public and there is a period set aside at the beginning and the end of each meeting for public questions/comments. At meetings of the Planning and Traffic Committee, up to two people for and two against each planning application are allowed to speak, for a maximum of two minutes each, at the invitation of the Chairman.

MEMBERS OF LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL:

Cllr. William Blunden (Chairman)	Cllr. Derrick Johnson
Cllr. Margaret Nicolle (Vice Chairman)	Cllr. Mike Leach
Cllr. Mike Allen	Cllr. Roger Pickett
Cllr. Michael Davies	Cllr. Christopher Snowling
Cllr. Alan Gomme	Cllr. Valerie Upton
Cllr. Margaret Hersey	Cllr. Steve Willcox

They can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the Parish Office, or by reference to the Lindfield Village Directory and Year Book, which contains details of individual contact numbers.

HOW TO CONTACT THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council office continues to be open 3 times a week - **Tuesdays 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** - when members of the public are welcome to come along to look at planning applications for Lindfield, obtain bus passes and railcard vouchers, or simply seek advice on issues of concern. However, if you do need to speak with someone outside our normal opening hours, then please contact the Clerk who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.

Parish Clerk: Mrs. Christine Irwin
Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs. Sue Kolien

Deputy Parish Clerk: Mrs. Vera Grainger

What's on at: The King Edward Hall

- 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Country Market (Sheila Hobbs 483396)
- 5th, 19th, 26th
Ruwach Christian Church - Morning and Evening services (Janet Hilton 459025)
- 21st, 28th
Cups and Cakes Charity Coffee Morning (Claire Fuller 415135)
- 4th
Lindfield Horticultural Society Spring Show (Alison Elliott 483039)
- 8th
Lindfield Horticultural Society - Meeting with guest speaker
- 10th
Ruwach Christian Church - Morning Service Good Friday (Janet Hilton 459025)
- 12th
Ruwach Christian Church - Morning Service Easter Sunday (Janet Hilton 459025)
- 17th
Lindfield Crafts and Market (Beverley Smith 440274)
- 23rd
Film Show Evening "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button" (Gillian Alderman 483181)
- 25th
Lindfield Parish Council Annual Spring Clean

More info at www.kingedwardhall.org.uk. If you would like to hire the King Edward Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary for further information on 01444 483266 or by e-mail on bookings@kingedwardhall.org.uk

Lindfield Horticultural Society

Saturday 4 April - Lindfield Horticultural Society Spring Show will open to the public in the King Edward Hall at 2.00pm. The Spring show also hosts the annual photographic classes. As usual, there will be teas with homemade cakes available and plants for sale. Entry is 50p, children free.

Wednesday 8 April - Lindfield Horticultural Society talk in the King Edward Hall at 8.00pm. The speaker will be Ed Ikin, Head Gardener at Nymans. He will talk about Nymans' history, how they make it look good whilst being green and about future plans. There will be lots of images of the garden to illustrate the talk.

Dates for your Diary next month

Saturday 2 May is the Plant Sale and Coffee Morning in the KEH Jubilee Room from 10.00 - 12.00 - don't miss it!

Wednesday 13 May sees the return of Fergus Garrett, Head Gardener at Great Dixter, who will talk on 'Continuous Colour in a Mixed Border'. This special event will be by ticket only, initially available to members only. If there are any left, they will go on sale to the public in mid-April.

The 2009 Lindfield 10½k VILLAGE RUN 5k FAMILY FUN RUN

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