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Welcome!

I'VE JUST RETURNED from an early evening stroll around the village and decided that it is definitely time to exchange my flip-flops for some warmer footwear! Although it has been a sunny day, there is a chill in the air. The leaves are turning and the first signs of autumn are all around us. It will be half term before we know it and then, dare I say it, the countdown to the festive season will begin.

Whilst memories of the summer still linger, we are delighted to bring you the winning entries from the summer Art Competition. The judges were all very impressed with the imagination and creativity shown, so thank you to all those who took up the challenge and entered. Take a look at pages 18 & 19 to see the winners and runners up.

We have got another jam-packed issue for you this month. Caroline Young brings us her usual 'good food' in the form of some hearty autumn warmers. For the green fingered amongst you, and for those just discovering an interest in gardening, Michael Elliot from the Horticultural Society brings some welcome advice on putting your garden to bed for the winter. The Horticultural Society writers are taking a break over the winter months and we look forward to their return in the Spring. There is lots of interesting and informative news from the Parish Council; be prepared to express your views and be a part of village life. And in our Village People feature, Arthur Woods proves that it is never too late to follow your dreams.

So, indulge yourself and take some time out of your busy day to put your feet up and enjoy this month's read.

Emma Tingley, Editor

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Harvest Festival

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The Church looks spectacular when it is full of flowers and we would like to invite people in the village to come and visit the Church on the afternoon of Saturday 3rd October or Sunday to see the flower arrangements. The Harvest festival family service is at 9.30am.



Local workshop jewellery exhibition

STUDENTS FROM The Jewellery Workshop in Lindfield will be exhibiting their work at the Green Tree Gallery at Borde Hill gardens on the weekend of the 3/4th October, with drinks and nibbles, between 10am & 12noon on Saturday 3rd. All jewellery will be for sale.

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Major Morton Francis James Barnes M.B.E. 1921-2009

By Margaret Nicolle

MY INTENTION is to give public recognition to the devotion and commitment Jimmy gave to the village of Lindfield. Those interested in finding out more about Jimmy's military career should call in at the parish office where a copy of the address given by Brigadier Denys Begbie O.B.E. MC. at Jimmy's funeral is available.

I first met Jimmy in 1987 when a parish council for Lindfield was re-established. At our first meeting, which was quite daunting as we did not know each other, Pat Calderwood advised us to choose Jimmy as Chairman stating that 'he was in the army, he will be able to keep control.' Our choice was a good one and Jimmy held the office of Chairman for nine years and, in addition, chaired the Finance Committee for seventeen years. With some strong personalities on the council it was not always easy to reach a consensus of opinion. However Jimmy always made sure that everyone had a chance to contribute to discussion, going round the table to draw in the more diffident. His shrewd management of finances, enthusiasm and persistence were key factors in the establishment of our parish office. When the council voted six for and six against, he showed huge courage in casting his chairman's vote in favour of the Denman's Lane office. It would have been easier to maintain the status quo, the advice given in local government manuals!

In 1987 we were immediately faced with problems; first the hurricane which took away many mature trees and then Wates and Cala with their development proposals for the periphery of Lindfield. Together with the Society for the Preservation of Lindfield we successfully challenged such proposals and Jimmy championed our cause like a lion defending its cubs! He nobly took on the chairmanship of the VJ celebrations in 1995 and those for the Millennium. He also chaired meetings of the Mid Sussex Association of Local Councils for many years. Until well into his eighties he remained active. I recall clambering up some very rickety stairs with him in a High Street house to examine roof timbers, part of our work in

planning. He was much more concerned about my safety than his own. He was always a very considerate caring person and a charmer with a great sense of humour. Councillors were usually referred to as 'Old boy' or 'My dear.' I conclude with a few quotes from current and former councillors:

'Jimmy would always fight the corner for what he thought was proper and most correct for the village.' Mike Allen

'He was a great communicator, tactful and well liked. He must have been handsome and dashing as a young man. He managed to get the parish council and Preservation Society to work together.' Sue Jupp

'Even in his eighties he helped stake out the course for the Fun Run. He was full of life and fun, a marvellous chap. He had a real twinkle in his eye.' Will Blunden

'An example of his clever ability to handle people and take the sting out of difficult situations was when two of us were annoyed about how he handled a particular agenda item and asked to see him. He agreed with our suggestion for a meeting to talk over our concerns. We duly arrived at his house at 10 a.m. the next morning but he wasn't at home. The following day we telephoned to complain and he said 'sorry old boy, I knew you were annoyed with me so I went off to play golf to allow you both time to cool off. We and Jimmy laughed at his cheek and that was the end of our annoyance.' Neil Kerslake

'When his wife Ann was seriously ill I only had to chair one Council meeting.' Pat Lawson

'Jimmy's social skills were well known by many in the village and whatever any differences at committee, one could be very certain of a jovial response in the Club. 'Just a small Grouse please.' God rest and bless, a true soldier.' Mike Allen



Jimmy working on Village Day

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Bennett returns to KEH



LINDFIELD DRAMATIC CLUB turns to Alan Bennett, one of England's best-loved modern playwrights, for its autumn production this year when it presents 'The Lady In The Van' at the King Edward Hall at the end of the month.

Probably his best known work of non-fiction, the play is the story of Alan Bennett and Miss Shepherd, the eccentric old lady who lived in a battered van in the author's drive for 15 years until her death in 1989. Funny, touching and, like the best comedies, with undertones of seriousness, *The Lady In The Van* is a truly original piece of theatre - most of it fact - comprising a series of incidents involving the indomitable Miss Shepherd, two Alan Bennetts and neighbours, social workers, doctors and numerous other characters. It was a West End hit in 2000, with Dame Maggie Smith in the title role. The Lindfield Dramatic Club production has Sally Cooper as Miss Shepherd and Tim Bishop and Richard Knapp as the two Alan Bennetts. Rex Cooper directs.

The Lady In The Van is on for four nights, from Wednesday October 28th to Saturday 31st. Tickets will be on sale at the Happpy Feet Boutique in Denman's Lane.

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On the move!

Jacqui Smith, Interior Designer

SO WE'RE IN. We've moved house and business. Furniture has yet to find its final resting place, boxes of bits occupy most corners and pictures sit propped up against various walls awaiting a hook but we've done the hard bit, the waiting on exchange date and the multiple box lugging. Having been blessed with the help of wonderful friends from the village and family members, things have gone pretty smoothly but I still found myself unable to sleep the night before we moved. So, as I sat at the table in my packed up kitchen diner which we had so lovingly extended, sipping a mug of hot milk and reflecting on how I had already mentally moved out, I let my thoughts turn to the new house and our plans for its interior. Laser measure twitching, David began planning new bathroom layouts as soon as we had completed our second viewing of the house. He had the floor plan on Autocad within hours of our offer being accepted. Having moved in I am doing what I advise my clients to do. Wait, live in the house, see how the light behaves, establish which rooms you enjoy spending time in, notice vistas that you would like to make the most of and consider where the natural focal points are or where you might need to create one.

Nesting is a strong instinct, so even the boys have been keen to make the place feel like home. All of the sanitary ware in the house is pastel pink. By way of injecting some quick fix boyishness into the family bathroom, Cameron and Piers were allowed to choose some new towels. Red is what they came back with, paying homage to their beloved Liverpool apparently. I shall happily admit that the pink and red combo jars every time I see it but it is short term and it has enabled them to put their stamp on it. My personal quick fix is table lamps - they will transform the mood of a room instantly. Keeping a table lamp and your bedside lamps easily accessible when you move will allow you to create that warm glow of home immediately and make the first night fish and chip supper all the more cosy.

What we have given careful thought to is how our home will change over the years as the boys grow up and the importance of investing in furniture, decorating etc that will work with the changing needs of the family. For the boys, toys and space to play are key at the moment but den potential will soon be important and a quiet place for homework. Living in a new property without making too many decisions too early on will enable you to see how you live, what works, what does not from both a practical and aesthetic point of view and then provide you with a clearer idea of what your priorities are.

If there are topics you would like to see covered here then please e-mail me at homefront@lindfieldlife.co.uk

A fresh approach to selling property

IN THE HIGHLY competitive world of estate agency it is difficult to stand out from the crowd. However a new company in Mid Sussex is hoping to make serious inroads into the market by adopting a low-cost model with no shopfronts or office networks but retaining a keen focus on delivering a highly bespoke service to their clients.

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Hedges: the heroes of the countryside

By Jane Donald, tree warden

WE DON'T SING about them or write poems to them like we do about trees, flowers or corn (Oklahoma!). But the "birds and the bees" have other ideas! They nest in them, forage and feed in them. They are not the only ones - animals and insects think they are great too!

Hedges act as living corridors, connecting different areas and habitats. They are a safe zone, if big and prickly enough, for animals and birds to seek refuge in and travel through.

Hedges also form boundaries to property, towns and villages. We have one around most of Lindfield. Some of these can be hundreds of years old and tell stories of our past. Farmers use them for keeping cattle and sheep in fields and for keeping unwanted visitors out. Where they surround crops, it is ideal to leave a narrow strip of land unplanted, next to the hedge, to allow creatures to move around.

The most common shrubs forming hedges are hazel, dogwood and hawthorn, known for its speed of growth. At the base can be found flowers such as wood anemone, primrose and bluebell. Creepers like bryony, bramble and ivy enjoy growing through this haven, helping to strengthen the thicker.

We must not forget hedgerow trees. These were planted every so often along the length of a hedge, to give it strength and value to the owner. Quite often these were oaks, standing out on a landscape and forming a visual impact. In modern times I'm sure that self-sets some times escape the chop and grow into mature trees.

Why am I telling you all of this? Not just because it is a fascinating subject, full of history, but to ask those who own these hedges or are thinking about developing new ones, to get advice about the care and cutting of these in order to promote wildlife use and preserve them for future generations.

Lindfield parish office have a DVD about this subject, along with brochures, which can be borrowed. The DVD is promoted by The Tree Council, RSPB, Natural Heritage and DEFRA, amongst others. It is very watchable and not too technical.

Basically the suggestion is that one does not trim a hedge when in flower or when carrying berries and nuts. This is when their full potential is realised. The ordinary householder could try to adhere to these rules, hopefully not upsetting a neighbour! Countryside hedges do not need to be cut so often, so this helps wildlife and saves money for the landowner.



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Village people



By Emma Tingley

I LOVE THIS job! Without it I'm certain that I wouldn't have had the opportunity to spend an evening with Arthur. An evening which left me buzzing with excitement as I returned home desperate to share a little of his story with whoever would listen. And now I have the absolute pleasure of now introducing Arthur to you.

Arthur Woods (pictured); husband, father, grandfather, international engineering salesman and octogenarian. Nothing too out of the ordinary there you may think, until you find out that since turning eighty three Arthur has written four books and is just finishing his fifth - and he's still working too!

Inspiration first came in the summer of 1961 when his travels as an engineer and international salesman took Arthur to Greece. "I woke early one morning and headed up the Acropolis in Athens before sunrise" he recalled, "as I watched the sun rise above the horizon, I was standing in the same place where St Paul had addressed a crowd of Athenians in about AD50 and thought that one day I might write about this man. Forty three years later - I did!"

But this turned out to be Arthur's second book. The first

was his memoirs, not an autobiography but a collection of memories from his 60 years travelling throughout Europe, the Middle East and the USA, driving about 50,000 miles a year, and flying a further 20,000 miles. "I was 84, still working and getting a bit bored, so thought I'd write my memoirs and it was easy" says Arthur, "I had it all in my head and it took just twelve weeks to complete". As a well-travelled man one can imagine that he experienced a thing or two over the years but an evening with Arthur just gives you a taste of the sort of things he has seen and experienced. He shared with me a time when he was staying in Prague, recalling the precise date and place as if it were yesterday. On the 24th August 1968 he awoke to hear a commotion in the hotel. On opening his door he saw a maid who could speak a little German and he managed to find out that overnight the Russians had landed and taken over the airport and parts of the city. He got in his car and drove eastwards towards the Polish border to his destination - a car factory which he had been visiting for the last 18 months trying to secure a large order. When he arrived he was greeted with similar pandemonium, only to be told "we're finished! The Russians are here! Come back in a year and see how we are then but this order is cancelled!"

And more fascinating stories followed. One in 1963 involved a chance meeting with a man on a plane, a watch from Winston Churchill, a visit to Baltimore and an invitation to the Governor's Election dinner at which Arthur was taken to the top table where a couple of the Kennedys were sitting (he didn't say which, so if you're intrigued you'll have to read his book!). Another recalled a visit to the grave of Churchill on a mission for a friend and the memory of the 20 or so red phone boxes lined up outside the graveyard for the journalists.

As a ten year old school boy faced with the long summer holiday, Arthur recalls going to the library each day when it opened at 9am to get a new book which he read and returned the same day. After three days the librarian wouldn't let him have another book till the next day but that didn't curb his love of literature, nor did his time as a soldier during World War II when it was even more difficult to get books. Arthur still loves to read - usually two books a week, the newspaper every day, two on a Sunday, Private Eye and The Spectator. I'm convinced he has little time for sleep!

When I ask Arthur about life in Lindfield he raises his hands and laughs, "I've not been here much! I've travelled such a lot". With about six months of the year travelling, just popping home for weekends and a few days at a time over the sixty years he has lived in the village I guess that feels true. "The travel bug never leaves you and I've had a marvellous life - you couldn't buy it" smiles Arthur.

But writing takes much of his time now. "I promised my wife, Kay, that the third book was the last, then the fourth, but the fifth really is!". His home resembles a

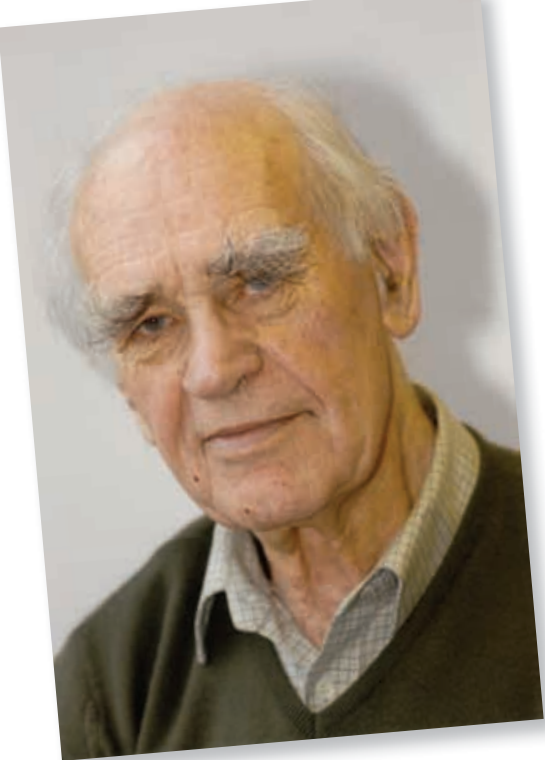


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library and it is in his study, where the walls are also lined with books, that Arthur spends 30-35 hours a week buried in his research and writing. "I used to write notes on bits of paper but then I'd forget where I'd put them" says Arthur, "I now hand write in books, I find the computer too frustrating. I'm a sprinter, not a marathon runner so I just want to get it done". I felt honoured that Arthur showed me the hand-written first principle copy of his fifth book, 'The Wine Game - Aristocracy of the Cork and Villainy'. Although the writing is done, the major job of finding a publisher is his next project.

So what are Arthur's top tips for any budding writer out there? "If you can read and write, then you can do it, you've just got to want to write - the trick is to get someone to read it, other than those who love you! I couldn't write a novel, I write about subjects that interest me" he says encouragingly.

And after sixty years travelling the globe, where are his favourite places? "Vienna is a city I love - it feels like a John Le Carre novel. And Positano in Italy. I first went there as a soldier in 1944, then decided to take the family back in 1957, since then we've been about 25 times". And now that he is spending more time in Lindfield? "It's got to be The Stand Up, the best pub Lindfield has ever had". And Arthur can be found there most Saturday mornings, so if you want to hear some of his stories first hand, perhaps that is the place to go.

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New colleagues

At the meeting of the Council on 25th June we co-opted Stephen Henton as a new Councillor to take the place of Derrick Johnson who has retired from the Council after fourteen years of service. Councillor Henton's working life was as the Company Secretary of several major public companies. After retirement he worked part-time for several years with the Institute of Directors as a business adviser. He will be serving on the Finance and General Purposes and Environment and Amenities Committees and

at the beginning of July we welcomed Pieter Hemsley (pictured) to his new job as our new Deputy Parish Clerk, replacing Vera Grainger who has taken a new post elsewhere.



We have a new website!

The Council's new website is now live at www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk, complete with a Community Page. Carolyn Nurse is our new Community Editor and she can be contacted either directly through the website (communityeditor@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk) or by more old-fashioned means through the Parish Office, if you have village news or events to contribute. We are aiming to maintain a directory of local organisations and businesses, which is still under construction. Please let us know if your details are incorrect.

We hope that you will find our new website to be "user friendly" and that you will find what you are looking for.

We now also receive emails at clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk. This address is routed through lindpc@gotadsl.co.uk and if you put the new .gov address into your address book you will not have to alter it again if we change our broadband provider in the future.

Christmas Festival Night & Christmas Street Lights

The date for the Christmas Festival Night this year is Wednesday 2nd December. There will be stalls in the High Street and activities in the United Reformed Church where Father Christmas will be in attendance for the younger children.

We do however have problems this year with installing Christmas Lights in the High Street due to the pollarding of the Lime trees. The height of the trees after pollarding earlier this year will not enable us to meet the standard clearance of 6.5m that is required, it is therefore very unlikely that we will be able to decorate the High Street. More about this later in the newsletter.

Parish walk: Lindfield under threat

By Cllr. Will Blunden, Chairman

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On Saturday 25th July Lindfield Parish Council led a guided walk around Lindfield to celebrate the village that we are so lucky to live in.

The walkers met at the Post Office at 9.30 am and enjoyed a gentle stroll along Lewes Road, taking time to admire the historic and attractive houses which make Lindfield so very special. We stopped by the stream to look at the land that the draft "Core Strategy Document" has identified for potential development: sites I, J and K which, if adopted would destroy our village as we know it now and Lindfield would become part of the "Greater Haywards Heath". Then we ascended and descended Scamps Hill taking the footpath past Criplands eventually breaking

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out onto Lyoth Lane. This part of the walk had taken us through site K, which is the site most under threat; every one agreed that this would be a disaster for Lindfield if allowed to happen. We then proceeded up Lyoth Lane, soon realising it is steeper than it looks, and down Snowdrop Lane passing the Snowdrop Inn (unfortunately closed). As we strolled down the gentle hill one of the walkers reminisced on the Cart Races organised by the Bonfire Society which took place here before the Health and Safety Rules prevented them from continuing.

Crossing the B2111 we followed the footpath which took us past Walstead Manor into woodland for a short stretch before changing direction and taking the path to Nether Walstead which brought us out onto East Mascalls Road. From here we were able to realise the extent of site J. We then strolled down Snowflakes Lane taking the footpath heading towards Lindfield Church, crossing the new footbridge provided by WSCC, up and down a gentle slope until we reached a concrete bridge. This marks the end of site J and the beginning of site I which includes the Newton Road field for which permission has already been given for 120 houses. We then continued our walk up to Hangman's Acre with the spire of Lindfield Church in view. After a short pause to take in the views and confirm how fortunate we were to have all this beautiful countryside around us and how important it is for us to fight to keep it, we returned back into the village.

If you also feel that our village has had more than its fair share of new development, please support the Lindfield Parish Council, the Lindfield Rural Parish Council and the Lindfield Preservation Society in their efforts to prevent these sites from being adopted.

The future of our Christmas lights

Councillors would appreciate the views of villagers on the Council funding the Christmas Lights in the High Street. As reported elsewhere in this newsletter, due to the pollarding of the Limes our current lights cannot be erected again as they are unable to be strung high enough to meet the standard clearance of 6.5 metres above the pavement.

There are a number of possible options for future years but they are complicated by conservation area and listed building issues, which we would need to discuss with the Planning Officers at Mid Sussex District Council at an early stage. However before we commit to even budgeting for any expense next year on this matter, we need to know if villagers want to see lights in the High Street in future years or not, remembering that if we are to have lights then this will mean a cost to rate payers within the parish in future years. An estimate obtained last year from a professional contractor amounted to over £12,000.00 for 16 post mounted motifs.

Please let the clerk have your comments by the 31st October either by email or complete the following slip and drop into the Parish Office in Denmans Lane.



Christmas Lights

I/we do/do not support the future provision of Christmas Lights in the High Street at a cost to parish ratepayers.

Additional Comments:

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Name

Phone No.

Littering

It is noticeable that a number of pedestrian routes to and from the High Street suffer from regular littering in the form of drink cans and bottles, sandwich and chocolate wrappers etc, very often in the same place time and time again. When we had our own street cleaner, he was able to put this right for the village but now with the more mechanical method this type of litter tends not to be successfully removed. We would ask all parishioners to keep our village roads and paths clean by either using the street bins provided or by taking their litter home with them.

Dog fouling continues

It is disappointing to report that instances of dog fouling within the village continue to be brought to our attention, particularly on the Common and Hickmans Lane Playing Field. Cleaning up a young child who has either walked in or fallen into such mess is both unpleasant and potentially blinding for the child. As previously reported these areas come under Mid Sussex District Council's Dog Fouling Regulations under which offenders can be fined £1,000.

There have also been instances of dog mess that the owner has picked up and bagged, being dumped in Denmans Lane and the twitten from Hickmans Lane to Finches Park Road. Do you know who the culprits are? We would ask all dog owners to bag and dispose of their dog's mess properly, if there is not a dog bin near by then take it home with you.

Please do not leave it to other more responsible villagers to clean up after you and your dog.

Trees

At a meeting earlier this year with Officers of WSCC and MSDC it was suggested that the Compton Road trees that were pollarded in 2006 should be re-pollarded later this year and the ones which had not been done should be pollarded at the same time, with the exception of the two at the entrance to Compton Road from Hickmans Lane, one of which was understood not to be a lime and should not be reduced and the other was to be left at full size to balance it. The Council agreed to support this plan of action. However we were then assured that the one previously thought to be another species is in fact a lime and we were asked to agree for these two trees to be pollarded as well as the others. The Council therefore reconsidered this on 27 August and agreed to support all the highway trees in Compton Road being pollarded or re-pollarded towards the end of this year.

Budget 2010/11

Councils are now being encouraged to consult residents on their budget plans: to identify what the Council would like to achieve in the next financial year and to publish plans well ahead of setting the budget, which gives residents an opportunity to comment on the suggestions and offer further ideas for consideration. The Environment and Amenities Committee discussed some first ideas at its last meeting on 6 August and we would welcome views on the following:

- Trees - to build a fund for repollarding in 3 years plus epicormic growth removal by contractors
- Contribution towards making good and painting white posts and metal railings around the Pond and in the twitten leading to the Medical Centre
- Expenditure on provision of new Christmas Lights or award of a contract to provide such lights for the High Street (see article above)
- Litter bins - programme of maintenance
- Refurbishment of signs (High Street and Sunte Avenue finger posts)
- Allotment tree survey
- Additional street litter cleaning in addition to that provided by MSDC
- Adult exercise equipment on the Common or Hickmans Lane Playing Field

The budget will also include various running and maintenance costs and contingencies. Councillors would welcome your comments on these ideas and any other suggestions you may have. It must be said however that we are limited to what we can do under the powers granted to us by legislation. Please send any feedback and new ideas to the Parish Office in writing or by email.

Amenity freighter

The Freighter will be in the Tollgate car park on Sundays 8 November 2009 and 10 January and 7 March 2010, 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 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.



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Parish Council Meetings October to December 2009

Thursday	8 October 2009	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	20 October 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee	8.00 p.m.
Monday	9 November 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	12 November 2009	Full Council	7.30 p.m.
Thursday	26 November 2009	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	1 December 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8.00 p.m.
Thursday	10 December 2009	Environment and Amenities Committee	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday	22 December 2009	Planning and Traffic Committee	8:00 p.m.

All meetings are held in the King Edward Hall, unless shown otherwise. Please check the noticeboard 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 end of each meeting for public questions/comments, except at "plans only" Planning and Traffic Committee meetings. 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.

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Cllr. Michael Davies	Cllr. Christopher Snowling
Cllr. Alan Gomme	Cllr. Valerie Upton
Cllr. Stephen Henton	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.

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Lindfield gets creative: Art competition winners



Photo: Alex Maynard

THE ART COMPETITION, set back in August, was met with a fantastic response as more than 45 artists entered, spanning the four age categories.

With all the pieces of work submitted, it was down to the judges to sift through them all at Lindfield Art Studio. Sitting on this board was Leesa LeMay, Julie Maynard, Alex Maynard and David Tingley.

“The level of creativity is excellent” commented Leesa, “and it’s across all ages.”

One teacher got her whole class involved - setting it as a mini-project. Mrs Ruse, from Lindfield Primary School, wanted to give children the opportunity to respond to the ‘memories of summer’ brief - as the class returned from their summer break.

The winning entries received an artist’s ‘goody bag’, courtesy of Artyfect - the arts supplies shop on Lindfield High Street. Runners Up collected a £15 gift voucher to spend in the shop.

All the artwork from the competition will now be displayed up and down the High Street in a Lindfield Art

Trail, in numerous shop windows, between Friday 25th September and Sunday 11th October - to showcase the quality of entries submitted. Make sure you check it out. In addition, winning entries can be seen on www.lindfieldlife.co.uk - and there is even photos of ALL the entries up on Artyfect’s blog at www.artyfect.com.



“The level of creativity is excellent”

Leesa LeMay

David Tingley, designer and co-founder of this magazine, said: “I am delighted that the competition got such a positive response from local talent. We want Lindfield Life to be part of the village, helping us all to engage together and encourage that sense of local community for Lindfield. Running events like this is always a risk (“Will anybody bother?”), but Emma and I have been so pleased to see and hear of those getting involved. We are also very grateful to Leesa, Julie and Alex for their personal involvement in practically running the competition - thank you all.”

Under 5's



WINNER

WINNER:
Rose
Worsley



JOINT RUNNER-UP:
Henry Clark



JOINT RUNNER-UP:
Emma Clark

5-11 yrs



WINNER

WINNER:
Hannah
Cawley



RUNNER-UP:
Hannah Easley

11-18 yrs



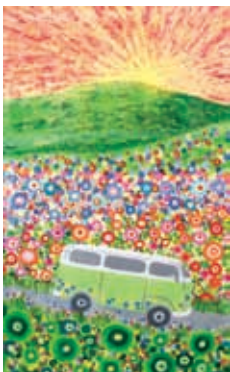
WINNER

WINNER:
Caite Bond



RUNNER-UP:
Emily Gibbs

18 and over



WINNER

WINNER:
Sarah Gauntleit



RUNNER-UP:
Philip Ladd

Equity Release – what are the options?

RECENTLY THE popularity of equity release schemes has grown as many retired people find they are asset rich (ie have a mortgage free home) but cash poor. An equity release or lifetime mortgage can enable them to release cash from their home to boost their finances in retirement, without the need to move. In today's Equity Release market, four main schemes are available:-

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HOME INCOME PLANS

Equity is released through a lifetime mortgage and is invested in an annuity to generate income for life. A cash lump sum can be available in addition to an income.

Anyone considering schemes should discuss it with those closest to them and should always take independent legal and financial advice before committing yourself in any way.

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Flower Club is 50... again!

By Maureen Stanley

2008 WAS a special year in the life of Lindfield Flower Club. In June of that year the club celebrated 50 years as a club.

Celebrations included an anniversary meeting with a film show of various events over the years and demonstration entitled 'Golden Fleurations', after which cake and wine were served. A toast was proposed congratulating the club on its commendable achievement and success for the future. This was followed in August by a Summer Luncheon, hosted by one of the club's members in her idyllic Sussex home and garden. In September 25 members visited Highgrove, an occasion that will be long remembered.

What did not happen during that celebratory year was that we were unable to have Dr Christina Curtis (pictured) as our Christmas demonstrator, to complete our celebrations.

Christina is well-known in the 'flower arranging world' being particularly talented, a national demonstrator and quite a character!

We are now delighted that she will be our guest demonstrator at our Christmas Meeting this year.

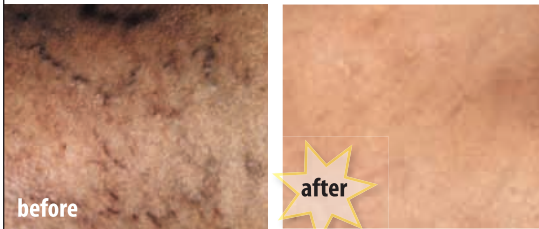
We warmly invite you to attend this open meeting, which will be held on Tuesday 24 November 2009 starting at 2.00 pm in the King Edward Hall. The demonstration is entitled 'CHRISTMAS GLITZ AND GLAMOUR' presented by Dr Christina Curtis. Christmas refreshments will be served on arrival, there will be a tombola and raffle - you could go home with one of Christina's arrangements!

Tickets are £7, available from Maureen Stanley - Chairman, by telephone 01444414352 or by post 9 Portsmouth Wood Close, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2DQ, together with a cheque made payable to Lindfield Flower Club and stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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By Christian Bates



Is it my age?

DO YOU SUFFER aches and pains, particularly of the low back, hips and knees? Have you ever been told this, "It's just because of your age"? Or even when someone has asked you about your aches you have said to them "Well it's my age, it's to be expected".

These are common phrases I hear in my osteopathic clinic, yet the people saying this are continuously getting pain relief from osteopathic treatment and are so grateful for it. Unfortunately we have been programmed to expect the pains from problems such as arthritis and "wear and tear" and to some degree this is true but I really don't think they should be accepted in full.

Osteopathy has much to offer arthritis sufferers, after all the musculo-skeletal system is the domain we are most familiar and successful with. Let's take a knee arthritis for example. It is true that if there is wear and tear to the internal joint surfaces then repair of these is probably not possible but there are so many structures related to the knee that can be helped. For instance all the outer ligaments that get inflamed can easily be reached and improved, all the tight associated muscles can be relaxed, including those of the low back. The joint can also be gently mobilised to increase its range of movement and improve the blood supply. All these treatments can give great pain relief and I often have patients who are then better able to move around the house, walk to the shops regularly or perhaps enjoy gardening and golf again.

So I would thoroughly recommend that you at least give osteopathic treatment a chance to prove wrong that annoying phrase "It's just your age".

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Simply Good Food...

By Caroline Young

OCTOBER IS a month of many little known traditions and special days. Did you know that October 10th is Devil's Blackberry Day? Legend has it, when St. Michael threw the devil out of heaven he landed in a blackberry bush, so you should not pick blackberries after that date as the devil will have spat on them! So quickly gather the last few berries and make a delicious fruit crumble.

Autumn Crumble serves 4

Peel, core and thinly slice 2 large Bramley apples into a large bowl. Add a good handful of blackberries. The exact amount of fruit is not crucial, always err on the generous side so that there is far more fruit than crumble topping. Add 50g caster sugar, toss lightly together and tip into a shallow baking dish.

Heat the oven 180°. Measure 150g plain flour into a bowl and add a good handful of porridge oats (not the instant variety). Cut 100g butter into small pieces and, using the fingertips, rub into the flour/oats until large crumbs form. Stir in 50g sugar, caster or Demerara. Spoon over the fruit and bake for about 45 min or until golden brown. Serve with custard, cream or ice cream.

In some parts of Cornwall the state of the weather on the 10th indicates what kind of winter we will get. If it rains, it will be a stormy season, if warm or breezy, it will be mild. Take note!



“Season of mists and mellow
fruitfulness,
Close-bosom friend of the
maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how
to load and bless
With fruit the vines that
round the thatch eves run.”

John Keats Ode to Autumn

The last Thursday in October is well-known as Halloween, or, in Hinton St. George in Somerset, Punkie Night. There lanterns are carved out of mangelwurzels (pumpkins) and called punkies. In Somerset the children parade round the village with their lanterns chanting

“It’s Punkie Night tonight, it’s Punkie Night tonight. Give us a candle, give us a light, if you don’t you’ll get a fright.”

Having experienced Halloween in the United States where even adults dress up in the most ghoulish costumes, parading with your carved punkie lantern sounds a much gentler festivity. However, do not discard the scooped out flesh of your pumpkin as it will make the most delicious and gorgeously coloured soup. Save some of the seeds too. Clean and dry them then cook in a hot non-stick frypan until golden brown. Great for nibbling and for sprinkling over the soup.

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Pumpkin Soup serves 4-6

Tip a 160g pack of cubed pancetta (with or without herbs) into a large saucepan. Add a good knob of butter and 1 finely chopped medium onion. Cook for about 5 mins, stirring, until soft and golden brown. Peel and cube 2 large baking potatoes and add to the pan with 1.2 litres chicken or vegetable stock, a crushed garlic clove and 450g diced pumpkin flesh.

Cover, bring to the boil and cook over low heat until the vegetables are very soft. Cool slightly then buzz in a processor or push through a sieve. Return to the pan, season to taste and stir in 150ml double cream. Serve sprinkled with toasted pumpkin seeds. Scrumptious!

Another traditional dish for Halloween was Mash of Nine Sorts, which originally contained nine ingredients including counting the salt and pepper. I have added a few extra items but the dish is still a creamy mix of vegetables baked to golden brown and very welcome after 'trick-or-treating'.

Mash of Nine Sorts

serves 4 generously

Peel and slice 2 baking potatoes, 2 carrots and 2 parsnips and cook in lightly salted water until tender. Drain and tip into a bowl. Add seasoning, salt and pepper and 3tbs hot milk and mash until smooth. Beat in a generous handful of grated mature Cheddar cheese.

Meanwhile gently cook 2 thinly sliced leeks, a thinly sliced small onion and 2 crushed garlic cloves in a generous knob of butter until golden brown. Stir into the mashed vegetables.

Preheat the oven 180°. Spoon the vegetables evenly into a shallow buttered baking dish and sprinkle grated Cheddar over the top. Bake for about 30 min until piping hot and golden brown. Delicious with sausages baked at the same time.

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The Time Traveler's Wife

by Audrey Niffenegger

Mary Leel

Mmm ... a dilemma. What should I do? What should we do? (What would you do?) I discuss with a daughter, a niece, a friend. Finally, a unanimous decision no, we won't. A relief really. Don't you just hate it when those screenplay writers and directors ruin a much-loved book? No, better not to risk it.

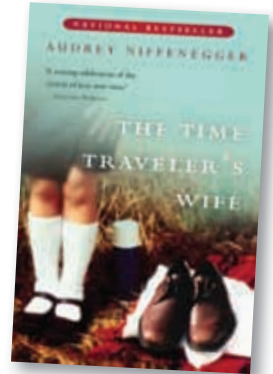
Then the friend breaks ranks and sneaks off to a small cinema in Brighton, on her own, buys a ticket for "The Time Traveler's Wife". Well!! And her verdict? "Go and see it!" So niece and I did and we, perhaps surprisingly, enjoyed it.

As faithful to the book as the constraints of making a movie permitted, and with the essence of the story captured, it's a film to be enjoyed whether having read the book or not. But of course the book is so much more. A story of hope, despair, fear, longing, sadness, patience but above all the power of love to change and redeem.

The time-travelling is intriguing and amazingly portrayed, carrying with it a tremendous burden and often

almost unsurmountable difficulties. It can also bring tremendous joy and reassurance.

Niffenegger is incredibly creative as she spins the tale of Henry and Clare's love for each other. Clare meets Henry, aged 36, for the first time when she is 6 years old and, unbeknown to her, already married to him in the future! Henry doesn't meet Clare in 'the present' until she is twenty and he is twenty eight, making both these first meetings interesting to say the least! The logistics of Henry's time travelling, which is completely out of his control, takes some working out by both author and reader but almost appears believable, such is the strength of the narrative as the reader enters into Henry and Clare's lives. The power of good writing! Read it. You won't be disappointed.



The Princess and the Wizard

by Julia Donaldson

Jaya MacGregor, aged 6

It's about a girl who is a princess and she's very pretty. A wizard gets cross because she doesn't invite him to her birthday party. The princess is given seven chances to escape by disguising herself or she will have to work for the wizard forever. Her first six chances go badly wrong because the wizard keeps winning the game. Then for her

last chance she thinks at first it will go wrong so she has to think of a clever plan...

All the pictures are sparkley and colourful. I had fun reading this book and it has a lovely ending.





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By Gabrielle Hall

LINDFIELD HAS had a real buzz about it lately. It's been good to see visitors wander along the High Street on numerous sunny days. The lime trees certainly looked much happier and our pond has become home to several sets of ducklings. So what of this optimistic mood? Could it be the time for new beginnings?

Early in August a new business arrived. Situated in the very heart of the High Street, 'Villandry Home' opened its doors to some very curious passers-by whose attention was drawn to three elegant crystal chandeliers and the giant potted olive trees which graced its window. They looked absolutely stunning.

Specialising in hand painted furniture, French gifts and interior accessories that combine the best in both French and Scandinavian design, this new 'home store' clearly has so much to offer. In my opinion, it would not look out of place in the fashionable King's Road area of London. There is china, glass, silverware, books and a natural collection of textiles which includes table clothes, cushions, throws and bedding.

"Everyone has been so friendly and welcoming" said Sarah, owner of Villandry Home. "I love being back here in Lindfield and as someone who grew up in the village I can really appreciate what Lindfield has to offer" she continued. "It was a natural choice to move here. My

business was expanding and I wanted to be somewhere more central".

Inside the space is light and airy and home to an interesting and unusual blend of old and new pieces. Great care has been given to their arrangement and I felt very comfortable browsing. The furniture seemed to come in every size. Large antique pieces have been lovingly restored and hand painted and some of the accessories are made from hammered metals and reclaimed timber. Colours are neutral - soft greys and warm whites with a few subtle contrasts in deeper, earthier tones. Everything sits together in perfect comfort.

I loved the delicate fragrance that wafted through the air to greet me. It was from a fabulous range of French candles made by Compagnie de Provence. Other well known brands include Cote Bastide, Votivo and Linum who produce the contemporary range of textiles made from natural fibres. I also loved the combination of textures found in wicker baskets, crisp soft cottons, rustic linen, powdered stone and shiny silver and glass. It was a real feast for the senses.

Sarah certainly has an eye for what works and she is delighted to help customers make their choice. In time she hopes to extend the 'interior service' to include curtain making and upholstery and would like to launch a dedicated website for the store early in the New Year.

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Putting the garden

By Michael Elliot

OCTOBER IS TRULY the end of the growing season, by the teens of the month we are more than likely to have a frost which will shut down the vast majority of plants and trees for the winter. However, you cannot have a dormant season from the garden, it still needs tending, cleaning, protecting and revitalising because I can promise you that in only five months time the battle for supremacy within the garden will start again.

Winter is the only time of the year that you can successfully beat the weeds, so you must make the most of it. Get into your flower beds and rake around your perennials but make sure you take the weeds away and more importantly make sure you get the roots of dandelions, dock, plantains and buttercups. Even if you have cleared the weeds from your beds in October make sure you hoe again in December and February and after

that February hoeing don't forget to sprinkle Growmore or the equivalent on the soil you have hoed.

In early October, before the frost, make sure that you have potted up and brought in any tender fibrous rooted plants that you wish to save. With some plants like fuchsias, geraniums and impatiens you may still be able to take cuttings but do not discard the mother plant until you are sure those cuttings have taken. Tuberous tender plants can be left until after the frost but really for safety's sake you should lift them before the weather turns really cold in the middle of November.




I am a great believer in lifting Dahlias and by doing so I rarely lose them. Cut the stalks to about 3 inches above ground level and tie your label on extremely securely, dig up the plant, put it on the patio and knock off and hose off all the soil. Do this in the morning of a dry breezy day and leave them till mid afternoon to dry. Shred lots of newspaper and cover the bottom of a cardboard box, put your dahlias into the box upside down, sprinkle liberally with sulphur and then cover with more shredded newspaper and continue until the box is full, the fuller the box the better. In your shed find a space at least six inches away from the sides, place bricks on the ground and bubble plastic on those bricks and put your box on the bubble plastic. Finally put bubble plastic loosely around the box and on top of it and then forget about them until early March if you have a greenhouse and mid April if you don't.

Back in the garden pull up any dead annual plants and discard, do not cut down or clear any dead foliage from your perennials, let nature protect itself although it never hurts to sprinkle a few slug pellets around. (Remember you only need one slug pellet every 6 square inches, so don't overdo it but do it regularly). Where you have tasty plants like Hostas it's a good idea to give a puff of ant killer to deter the woodlice. Foliage should be cut down in late February/early March after the any prospect of snow should have gone. Of course there are always exceptions, such as hellebores, where you remove the old foliage as the flowers come.

Once you have weeded your flower beds and cleared the annual plants you should top dress the soil around your perennials. I usually use the soil from the growbags I have had in the greenhouse, just make sure that you have taken out any hard roots. Spread liberally on the exposed soil and let nature do its work. You just need something with some goodness in it, any compost or well-rotted manure will do.

Every English Gardener's pride and joy is supposed to be his Roses and for that reason I must give them a mention.



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to bed

I read an article last year published by the RHS suggesting you pruned your roses with a hedge trimmer to 6 inches from the ground. However, I believe in cutting bedding roses twice, once in November to about 9 inches and again in February to the first clear bud on the outside of a stem. I also believe that in November old woody stems and knotted stumps should be cut away even if this only leaves a couple of stems, Roses always grow best on new growth. At the first pruning in November also put well-rotted manure around the plant. Rambling Roses should be reduced to four or five runners and tied into a trellis, any side shoots jutting out should be removed and the growing tips taken out to the height of the trellis. You should never be afraid to hack a Rambler they always come again.

Clematises are something that always look a mess in the garden during the winter and it's a good idea every other year to reduce the woody runners. Start at ground level and follow up three or four strong stems taking them up to four feet and then cutting off and pulling out every thing above them. Do this early in the winter, as it would be damaging to do if the Clematis had started to bud up.

Lastly we come to the lawn, which is also shutting down for the winter. You will probably still need to cut once a fortnight until November but please make sure that you put the mower on a higher setting so that you keep the grass at least 2 inches high. Again it's a good idea to top dress your lawn during the winter, not with compost but with sand. Go to the Builders Merchants and buy a bag or two of sharp sand and roughly spread it over the lawn, laying it thicker under your trees or in very shady places, then rub it in by dragging the back of your rake across the lawn. This is far cheaper than lawn sand and more beneficial to the grass's root systems. There may be a little salt in builder's sharp sand but at this time of year it will have no adverse effect.

Lindfield Horticultural Society wishes all the readers of Lindfield Life a rewarding and active Winter, Christmas and New Year. Don't forget our winter programme of talks on the second Wednesday of each month October to May with the exception of December, in the King Edward Hall commencing at 8pm and that membership of the Society costs as little as £3.00.



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"For all the saints"...



Lindfield United Reformed Church 1858

By Rosemary Davies

WHAT SORT OF image goes through your mind when someone mentions the saints? Is it old paintings, perhaps a triptych – a three-part altar piece with saints, each with its own attribute to help you identify them, like St Catherine with her wheel, St Barbara with her tower or St Peter clutching his bunch of keys to heaven. When, in our prayers at the communion service, we remember the saints who have gone before, I am reminded of my own personal saints – members of my family and friends who have sat at the Lord's Table with me and have influenced my life. It is such a special place to be remembering and giving thanks for them. But there is also another sort of saint – I call them past saints of Lindfield United Reformed Church. They are not commemorated in stained glass or oil paint but are built into the very fabric and life of our church – both the visible and the invisible.

Two of them lived at the beginning of the nineteenth century and this October in Lindfield United Reformed Church we are going to celebrate Frederick Hamilton's visit in October 1810 to a friend's house in Lindfield when he preached the sermon that was eventually to lead to the building of our first chapel. Frederick Hamilton was a well-known figure in Brighton and we have even found an imagine of him. That sermon was not just a "one-off". He continued to share his faith and exhort the folk of Lindfield over the next three years.

But equally important was another man whose name is less well known. He was Stephen Wood. "Stephen who?" you ask. Why him? Well you will just have to come along to our exhibition "Lindfield URC Past and Present" 14th-17th October from 10am to 12.30am to find out but I will just give you a clue. There would not now be a United Reformed Church in Lindfield's High Street if it were not for him. His signature appears on a lot of documents in Brighton but his face seems to have faded into obscurity. William Allen could have described him and Oh! if only the walls of Ryecroft could speak! However we do not

really need to see his image – as our present site is proof of the sort of man he was.

At the same time we shall also be celebrating the opening of our present church in 1858, which was due largely to the efforts of my third man who lived for several years in Milton Villa (now Milton House) on Black Hill. John Ebenezer Judson would probably have described himself as a servant of God rather than a saint and a very energetic and effective missionary servant he proved to be. To use a current, rather overworked phrase, he certainly "made a difference" to the non-conformist cause here in the village, in the county of Sussex and in the history of Congregationalism. The legacy of these three men endures to this day in Lindfield, Ardingly,

Cuckfield, Haywards Heath and Brighton, so do come along in October and find out more.

Space does not allow me to recall here subsequent saints who have followed in their footsteps but we do indeed have a story to tell. We shall endeavour to include as many of them as we can in the exhibition, together with a record of those events and activities within living memory that have been part of our very rich heritage and the background to our church life today.

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Ladies that do!

FORMER AND CURRENT landladies got together recently in the village. Mrs Kina Martinet, aged 95, and Sharon Perry are pictured here outside the White Horse during the summer. Mrs Martinet was the owner of The Bent Arms between 1955 - 1975 and was visiting Lindfield from her home in Rye, Sussex. Sharon Perry is newest landlady in the village, having taken over The White Horse in June.



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