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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

I've always said it's people who make this magazine what it is. As you know all too well, we at Lindfield Life are all about local people.



On **page 24 Claire Cooper** meets a relatively recent convert to these parts, **Emily Lomax**. She didn't even know Lindfield existed before she bought a wedding dress from Mathilda Rose on the High Street!

Page 14 is an article about **Dennis** and **Judy Batchelor** after they have recently taken down their last big Christmas lights display in Meadow Lane.

Denmans Lane Dash is the Boxing Day event started by **Ray Gower** back in 2015. This year's event was a record turnout and, with the help of **Paula Clark** on camera, we've tried to capture the spirit of the day on **page 6**.

Another regular contributor is resident **Jennie Adams** who this month shares her thoughts on 'the best job in the world': a teacher, on **page 28**. **Caroline Young** serves up winter soup on **page 42**. And, on **page 40**, **Heather Martin** tells us what to do in the garden in February.

I'm pleased to say we have a number of **Book Reviews** for you to take a look at. On **page 32** our regular bookworm **Cavan Wood** reviews *Run for your Life* by Jenny Baker. While on **pages 30 and 31** local school pupils **Henry Forrest** and **Dominika Knotkova-Hanley** also suggest a couple of great books for younger readers.

And, if you're anything like me, you'll be fascinated by **Richard Bryant's** history feature on **page 36**. Here he looks at the area of **West Common** over the last 200 years or so.

Before I go, just time to mention that **Caroline Young** did find a home for the artwork by **Daisy Morris** (Dec '17) and passed the donation to St Peter & St James Hospice.

Have a great month everybody!

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LBS looking for stalls

Members of Lindfield Bonfire Society will be taking a leap into the unknown next month when they play host to a new fundraising event.

The Vintage and Antiques Fair will be held in King Edward Hall on Saturday 10th March, 10am to 3pm. During the day the members will be running a cafe offering hot drinks, bacon rolls and home-made cakes. Entry to the hall will be just 50p (LBS members, under 16s and OAPs free).

As part of the planning of the event the team is now looking for stall holders to take a pitch at the Fair. Get in touch with Sarah by email: lindfieldbonfiresoc@gmail.com or call 01444 487470.

All proceeds from the event will go to help cover the cost of the annual Lindfield procession, bonfire and firework display, which will be on Monday 5th November this year.

The Toll House closed for now

As you may have noticed, the Toll House Store & Café has closed. After four successful years of trading, business partners Charlotte Kell and Mary Collins decided the time was right to close their doors to pursue another exciting opportunity.

At the time of going to press, the pair were planning to hand over the business to a new incoming tenant, so watch this space for more news on The Toll House.

Charlotte said: "We have loved being part of such an amazing village community, which we will greatly miss, but the time is right for us to move on to something new. We have been overwhelmed by all the lovely comments from our customers since we announced the closure, and it's great to go on such a high."

Mary added: "We've created a great business and we are looking forward to seeing the next incarnation of this village institution and popping in for a coffee we haven't had to make! It would be great to take this opportunity to thank all our staff, sellers and, of course, our wonderfully loyal customers for helping us build the business. We couldn't have done it without any of them."

For more news on The Toll House visit Lindfield Life online or The Toll House Facebook page.

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Golf Club charity Drive In

The first day of January saw four new captains complete their 'drive in' at Haywards Heath Golf Club. The annual event saw over 150 members welcome in the new Captains. This year new Club Captain Mitch Clark inspired a 007 themed drive in arriving in typical James Bond style. The Club's chosen charity for the year was announced by Mitch: Motor Neurone Disease Association (MDNA), in particular the North Sussex division. Mitch, flanked by Junior Captain Tom Hopson, Ladies Captain Margaret May and Seniors Captain Terry Holman, will now set about their duties for 2018 and embarking on many fundraising initiatives to support their chosen charity.

The Captains' Charity Day raised over £15,000 with 140 players raising money.

Outgoing 2017 Captains Phil Keerie and Marian Bulley presented a cheque for £32,200 from Haywards Heath Golf Club to Michele Fleming, Chief Executive of Headway East Sussex. The money will be used to update the physiotherapy area and to provide new facilities: the use of the hydrotherapy pool and a fully equipped training kitchen at nearby Chailey Heritage School will offer clients a range of new rehabilitation opportunities.

Michele Fleming commented: "Headway East Sussex was delighted to be the 2017 chosen charity for Haywards Heath Golf Club and we are overwhelmed at



the generosity of its members. Having been involved in some of the fundraising events myself, I have been especially impressed by the warm community spirit of the members and their families who have been so inventive and committed to raising much needed funds for our charity. This is a tremendously generous donation which will enable us to provide vital gym and physiotherapy services and to run cookery and life skills programmes. We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the generosity of the Haywards Heath Golf Club community – they have made a real difference to the lives of local people living with brain injury."



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By Ray Gower

I was quite overwhelmed on Boxing Day by the number of people who turned up to compete and watch the third Denmans Lane Dash. I was hoping for a few more competitors this year but we doubled it. I was genuinely blown away.

I was also impressed by the entrants who made a great effort with their fancy dress. They got into the spirit of what the Denmans Lane Dash is and that is purely a fun event to give the local community something to do for an hour or two on Boxing Day.

I set the Dash up to give my friends and family a laugh and to get out of the house. I then thought it would be nice to open it up to the local community. This year proved that it is something people want, based on the wonderful compliments I received.

We were lucky with the weather again this year. The rain held off until just after the run when people had returned home.

It was a great race with more ladies taking part this year which was wonderful to see.

Keeping the rules much the same as last year, our winner was local born and bred Lindfield resident Seb Masters, who just edged out last year's gallant winner Daniel O'Hare. Seb was presented with the coveted Denmans Lane Dash trophy and a bottle of Champagne.

Our first lady across the line this year was Samantha Jeynes, in a very respectable position. Samantha was also presented with a bottle of Champagne.

Once again I thank the staff at the Stand Up for sponsoring us with the beer. Also my wife Nikki Gower and Tanya Skinner for marshalling the end of the lane, and Abby Skinner and Scotty Brand for assisting me at the beginning and the end to ensure we got the right people in the 'measure off'. I also want to thank everyone who took part and the supporters. It all made this a successful event.

There may be one or two developments and changes next year, as the event grew a bit this year. However, we will worry about that nearer the time. But the one thing I will say is that I created this as a bit of fun for the locals on Boxing Day. That is how it must remain... FUN!



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Years 3, 4 and 5 ventured out into the academy grounds recently with the RSPB to take part in a series of workshops. Years 3 and 4 took part in a 'Bioblitz', which involved scouring the grounds for all sorts of species, including slugs, spiders and woodlice. Year 5 then collected evidence of habitats on an academy map, helping them to identify where we are already providing homes for animals and ways in which we could make changes to our grounds to encourage more wildlife. At the end of the week, 'Eco Warriors' (members of our Eco Club that meets on a Friday lunchtime) were invited to design and make bird feeders to position around the academy in preparation for the RSPB'S national 'Big School Bird Watch', in which we are taking part. It was great to see children enjoying the outdoors and thinking about biodiversity in their academy environment.



At the recent Mid-Sussex Cross Country Championships held at Warden Park Academy, in which over 20 local schools were represented, our girls' and boys' teams finished a brilliant 3rd and 4th respectively in their races. Over 140 runners took part in each of the two highly competitive fields. Well done to all of our children who took part, but a very special mention to Izzy Eifler and Ruby Stedman (pictured), who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in the girls' race. Izzy & Ruby, along with William Hartley, Harvey Gwynn, Bella Maddox and Jacob Roderick, are attending Mid Sussex squad trials in January.



Our Year 6 children had a magical day out in January visiting the Warner Brothers Studio in Hertfordshire. They enjoyed experiencing the authentic sets, props, costumes, animatronics and special effects used in the Harry Potter™ films. The aim of the visit was to inspire the children with their creative writing, so we look forward to fantastical stories in the coming weeks.



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Lynn Tulip, Festival organiser, said: "This is such an exciting initiative. The Festival is all about local arts, and this bursary is an opportunity for it to put something back into the community by supporting a resident's artistic endeavours and development."

In other news, the Festival programme is currently being formulated with a number of other innovative ideas added to the line-up. For the first time, there will be a food festival with artisan makers and street food sellers; the length of the High Street will be filled with a covered eating area and there will be a stage, which will play host to a wide range of performances.

Another major initiative will be a film project that captures the heart and culture of the village through the voices of its residents – all of this and more will be announced fully over the coming months.

Dates for this year's Festival are: 21st-23rd September. If you would like more information, would like to apply for the bursary, or would like to get involved visit www.lindfieldartsfestival.com or email enquiries@lindfieldartsfestival.com.





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Hannah makes speciality sorbet

Local Lindfield resident Hannah Miall, 22, has recently started a small business, 'Mialls', making and selling Boozy Sorbet from her family home.

After working at the Burgess Hill branch of Waitrose for four years, Hannah was left feeling dismayed at the unavailability of authentic and delicious sorbets and became aware of the gap in the market for such a product. "In August last year I took the plunge and left Waitrose with nothing but an exciting idea. I began by designing packaging and experimenting with ingredients for the next four months before finally launching in November."

Hannah discovered her love of cooking and quality ingredients whilst studying Home Economics at secondary school. "Mialls is all about making fresh, good quality ingredients into something delicious, all made from my home in Lindfield." There is a variety of exciting flavours, from Raspberry Prosecco to Minty Mojito. Hannah adds: "From this month we will have a fourth super exciting flavour as a result of a collaboration with Brighton Gin: G&T with chunks of orange peel."

The business operates through the website, in which customers can select tubs of their desired sorbet flavour and arrange a preferred delivery date with Hannah.



So, from supermarket customer service assistant to creative entrepreneur, is Hannah hopeful for the future of Mialls? "It's very early days but I've had lots of really positive feedback so far and I'm excited about the potential for growth in the future!"

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The last big Christmas lights display

By Claire Cooper

Every Christmas for more than 15 years, families have flocked to a little bungalow in Meadow Lane to enjoy one of the best seasonal displays in Sussex.

From Santa and his elves and reindeers to polar bears and penguins, Dennis and Judy Batchelor's house and garden becomes the talk of the village during the festive season, with a collection that has grown every year and raised thousands of pounds for charities.

But Christmas 2017 saw the last big showcase as the couple decided to scale down their operation and sell many of the items for charity.

"We are delighted to have raised around £800 and a few items have gone off to new homes," said Judy. "But there's a lot left and Dennis is already talking about putting on a smaller display next year."

Dennis was particularly pleased to hang on to his giant singing and dancing Santa after a £120 bid fell through. "I secretly didn't want him to go, so he's safely packed away in the loft ready to make an appearance again next year."

Dennis and Judy began their Christmas creations when they moved to their current house 18 years ago. "It's a bungalow, so the roof was really easy to climb on to," said Dennis. Their first big display raised funds for the former Court Meadow School where their granddaughter Nikki was a pupil. More recently the couple have raised funds for St Peter and St James Hospice.

"When we first put the lights up people said that no-one would find us as we are so tucked away," Dennis recalled. "But word spread and people now arrive from all over the village and beyond."

The decorations take two weeks to put up and Dennis spends around £300 making repairs and buying new features. "People think that the electricity will be the expensive bit, but funnily enough we've never really noticed a difference in our bills."

But LED lighting has made a big difference. "I used to spend hours trying to find the single bulb that had blown the whole lighting display," said Dennis. "LED has made

everything much more simple."

There is, however, still the occasional mishap. "One year I managed to blow up a reindeer. It survived but doesn't talk now and goes on display wearing sunglasses!"

One of his favourite features is a Santa which travels across a zip wire when children clap their hands. "We've also had a sleigh photo booth which has been really popular."

The couple love seeing the reactions of children. "As soon as Dennis hears someone outside he jumps out of his chair to see their faces!" said Judy. "We get wonderful comments and have had some lovely letters, which makes it all worthwhile."

The couple have lived in the village for 60 years and are very well known locally. Judy ran the playgroup at King Edward Hall for many years, and, as a self employed plasterer, Dennis has worked on dozens of village houses, including Finches Park Gardens, Linden Grove and Beckworth Lane. He also ran his own joinery business, Lindfield Timber Fix, and has worked with social services making ramps and fitting adaptations at the homes of people with disabilities.

For many years Dennis brought smiles to thousands of Village Day visitors, creating imaginative floats for the procession supporting Court Meadow and the Bonfire Society. "We did everything from the Old Woman who Lived in a Shoe to Trumpton, Rupert Bear, Batman and Robin and even Gulliver's Travels, complete with miniature houses.

"I'd spend most of the year planning and building the float, and it always took up half of my double garage!" said Dennis, who also ran the children's roundabout on the common which was operated by hand. "It was a lovely traditional roundabout and even had swans to ride on," said Dennis. "Lots of people remember riding on the roundabout as children."

Every Village Day Dennis would arrive at the common at 5.30am to set up the roundabout. "I'd then nip home for a bacon sandwich before putting the finishing

touches to the float and taking part in the procession. Then, after operating the roundabout all afternoon, I'd dismantle and pack it away ready to go dancing in the evening!"

He stopped running the roundabout when the cost of insurance soared to £230. "I gave it to the fire station, but I'm not sure what happened to it after that. I'd love to see it working again!"

Dennis also rescued miniature Shetland ponies destined for the slaughterhouse in Ireland, which he kept in a field behind Walstead Place. "It was an expensive hobby as each pony cost £100 to buy, £250 to bring to England and then there were vets bills and vaccinations," said Dennis. "My dream was to buy a little cart so I could ride on a pony and trap to the Bent Arms for a pint but it never happened!"

Now 82, Dennis still works as a part-time gardener during the spring and summer and has around 20 customers. "I really enjoy gardening and generally helping people around the village," he said.

Dennis and Judy are grateful for all the support they have received from Lindfield residents over the years.

"We'd like to thank everyone who has supported us and donated to our charities," said Dennis. "We are always amazed at the number of people who take the time to come down and find us. Without their support, we couldn't have done it all these years."



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A quiet life

HOMEFRONT



By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

People often ask me how I come up with things to write about every month. Something always seems to spring to mind, often associated with a project. This month as I sat down to write my piece, my flow of thought was rudely interrupted by the demanding toddler-like urgency of my bleeping washing machine. This machine will remind me not once, not twice but eight times that the cycle has finished. The piercing pitch of it always forces me to stop what I am doing and switch it off immediately. In a world where technology is forever advancing, enabling connectivity and efficiency, I think many of us crave peace, an escape from the ringtones and notification alerts. We can choose not to look at things, turn away from the glare of a bright light, ignore our social media feed or simply close our eyes but noise can invade our day at any given moment. It's an assault on our senses and perhaps it's because I am getting older or that the world is getting noisier, or a combination of the two, but by the end of the day I just want quiet!

Since my sight loss five years ago, I have found that that sense of overwhelm kicks in so much sooner than it used to. This is largely down to the fact that my hearing has got better to compensate for the decline in my visual acuity but this is not always helpful. Standing at Farringdon station a few weeks before Christmas on my way back from a meeting, the cacophony of human voices was a complete assault on my senses, with three separate tannoy announcements announcing arrivals on different lines, phones bleeping, the whoosh of the trains and the general commuter hubbub. All I could think about at that moment was being home and away from the noise. At home I can (most of the time!) control the noise levels and whilst, yes, I have two teenage sons, I think they also appreciate the peaceful space which home provides.

Acoustics play a key role in design yet can often be overlooked. A room can be beautifully designed with

calming colours and mood lighting, but if the acoustics have not been considered you have a noisy space which can fly in the face of everything you have sought to achieve. This is fairly common in restaurants. Take a hard floor, minimal or no window treatments, metal legged chairs and glass tables and it's nigh on impossible to have a quiet conversation against the voices of other diners.

Sound relates to surfaces in four ways. It can be absorbed, transmitted, reflected or diffused. Curtains and soft seating will absorb sound; a surface like a plasterboard wall will transmit sound; some surfaces will reflect sound and others diffuse, scatter it. Ideally you want a balance. If sound is absorbed too much it can make a room seem lacking in life. If sound is diffused too much it can become hard to identify the source of the sound. I would imagine that most of us aim to create quiet homes, havens from the chaos of the outside world. The layout of your home plays a key role in noise transfer and should be very much a consideration when planning any major work. Sonic privacy between parents and teenagers might not be important now but could play a vital role in the family dynamic in years to come! There are a number of things you can do to improve the acoustics in your home. Windows perhaps unsurprisingly transmit noise. Of course double glazing and having well sealed windows will help but also planting shrubs underneath windows can mitigate noise transfer. Rugs will help with noise on hard floors and simple things like considering the position of noisy appliances will make a difference. By positioning the television against a reflective surface, like stone or concrete, you will amplify the sound. Open plan living has many positives but can be challenging when it comes to noise. Rugs, soft furnishings and partitions can help lessen the impact of noise. In any room, window treatments and/or soft seating will make for a much quieter way of living.

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William Edward Bourne

Private G. 1284. 2nd Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed on 27th January 1915 in action in the defence of 'The Brickstacks' Cuinchy. Buried at Woburn Abbey Cemetery, Cuinchy F721.

Survived by his wife of 6 Albert Cottages, Sunte Avenue, Lindfield.

Edwin Charles Burlong

Private 46339. 1st Battalion The Royal Fusiliers. Killed in action, aged 23 on 31st July 1917, the first day of the third Battle of Ypres. Commemorated on The Menim Gate Memorial, Ypres MR 29.

Survived by his parents of Dens Cottages, Buckshalls, Lindfield.

Jack Caplin

Private L. 10030. 2nd Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action at Aubers Ridge on 9th May, 1915 aged 18, having previously been wounded at the Marne in 1914. Commemorated at Le Touret Memorial MR 22.

Survived by his parents of 1 Prospect Place, Lewes Road, Lindfield.

Albert Edward Cormack

Company Sergeant Major 5460. 1st Battalion The Border Regiment. Killed in action aged 37 at Thiepval on 6th April 1916, having been previously wounded while serving in the Dardanelles. A veteran of the Boer War. Buried Auchonvillers Military Cemetery F35.

Survived by his wife of Somerset Cottages, Lindfield Common.

Edward Bartram Fawcett

Captain 92nd Punjabi Regiment, Indian Army was killed in action in Mesopotamia on 22nd April 1916. Commemorated at The Basra Memorial, Iraq MR38.

Survived by his father-in-law, Major Henry Graham-Taylor of Lyndcote, West Common, Lindfield.

Charles Edward Ford

Private G. 2390. 8th Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action at the Somme aged 31 on 14th July 1916. Commemorated at The Thiepval Memorial MR 21.

Survived by his wife and two children of Crawley and by his mother of 12 Albert Cottages, Sunte Avenue, Lindfield.

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Village Day makes Channel 4!

Last year Lindfield Village Day was filmed as part of a new TV series which aired last month on Channel 4.

Village of the Year was hosted by Penelope Keith, who visited more than 75 other villages during last summer as part of the contest to claim the top accolade and the cash prize for that winning community.



The production company sought out Lindfield after hearing about the tradition of Village Day – which celebrates its 40th year in 2018.

Penelope interviewed Chair of Lindfield Parish Council Will Blunden and also visited one of resident Esther Featherstone's exercise classes in King Edward Hall.

Village of the Year (which was originally due to air in October 2017) can now be watched on catch-up at www.channel4.com

Lindfield Village Day returns on 2nd June this year, with a 'Ruby' theme for the High Street procession to link to the special anniversary. Watch this space for more details in due course.

Village Day is a major fundraising activity for Lindfield's King Edward Hall – which will launch a new website this month at www.kingedwardhall.org.uk

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Due to a dry winter in 2016/17, the groundwater levels started this winter's recharge season at a lower level than normal, according to South East Water.

A spokesman for the company commented: "The beginning to this winter was also drier than average in the South East - between October and November we saw a little more than 50 per cent of the rainfall we would normally expect, although during December we saw a return to wetter conditions.

Lee Dance, Head of Water Resources, said: "The levels at our two surface water reservoirs at Arlington and Ardingly are in a very good position - with Ardingly at 100%. These reservoirs store up to 8,300 million litres of water and together provide eight per cent of all the water we supply.

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"However, we are mid-way through the winter recharge season and, as always, we will continue to monitor the levels closely."

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Back-to-back titles for Lindfield athletes

Lindfield Primary Academy's Y5/6 indoor athletics squad won the Mid-Sussex Sports Hall Athletics title for the second year in a row with a fantastic all round display in the final at Sackville School in East Grinstead.

The team of 25 children competed across 24 different events including relays, long-distance, javelin, long jump and speed bounce. With over twenty schools taking part in the qualifiers, it is a fantastic achievement and the children are extremely proud.

In the 2017 event Lindfield were victorious by just two points, however, Lindfield's extra practice after school and during lunchtimes certainly paid off, as they beat their nearest rivals, Harlands, into second place by over 40 points this year.

The children are already looking forward to the county final in March where they hope to go one better than last year when they were runners-up.



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Excellent concert enjoyed

By Peter Ford

Just an hour before I wrote this article I was sitting in All Saints Church listening to a fabulous lunchtime concert.

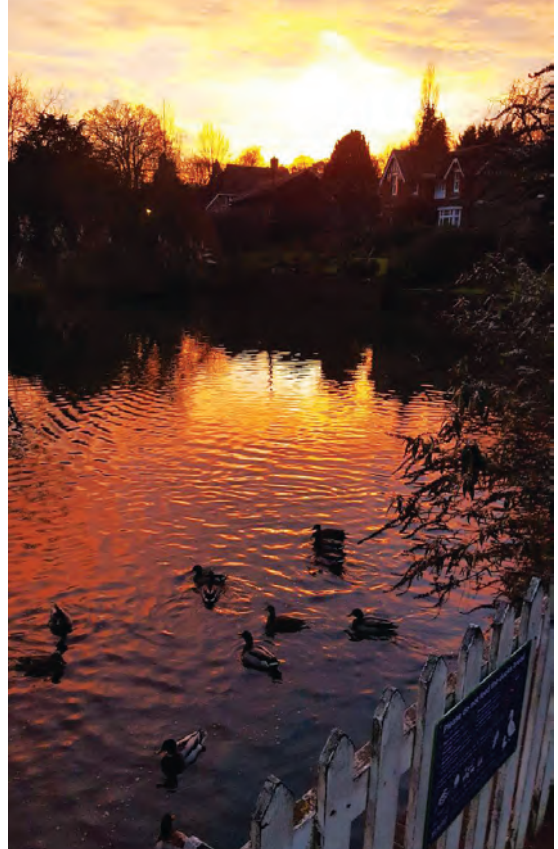
Alexander Ardakov, a graduate of the Moscow Conservatoire but who has been living in England since 1991, is a Professor of Piano at Trinity College of Music in London and was performing at the Tiger Arts Lunchtime Concert.



He played works by Scarlatti, Rameau, Daquin, Beethoven and Mendelssohn for just over an hour without a single sheet of music in front of him. One piece 'Seven variations on the theme God save the King' had the audience in his hands, so to speak. It was so brilliant they didn't know whether to stand in respect to the King. In the end we all just sat and marvelled at Alexander's control of the keyboard.

Tiger Arts Lunchtime concerts are held on second Wednesdays monthly. Admission is free and free light lunches are available in the Tiger Lounge from 12.15pm.

Next month, 14th February, we welcome 'Duo Illumina' Ellie Lovegrove (Trumpet) and Richard Moore (Organ). All are very welcome.



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From wedding dress to Walstead

VILLAGE PEOPLE



By Claire Cooper

When bride to be Emily Lomax visited Lindfield to find her dream wedding dress, she also unveiled the perfect place to settle down and bring up her family!

"I'd never heard of Lindfield, but when I arrived in the village to choose a wedding dress I just fell in love with the place," said Emily. "I'd been looking to move out of London and into the countryside but wanted to be somewhere where there was still lots going on. Lindfield fitted the bill perfectly!"

Emily and partner Richard Gossage were delighted when their offer was accepted on a cottage in Walstead. "It was the first house we looked at, so we were thrilled to have found somewhere so quickly," said Emily.

But just a few weeks later, when the family were busy making last minute wedding plans, Emily's father died suddenly.

"It was devastating, but Dad had been so excited about the wedding there was no question of cancelling our plans," said Emily. "The day was bittersweet but it was what Dad would have wanted."

Moving to Lindfield a few weeks later marked a new beginning for Emily in many ways. "I had lost my dad but was newly married with a one year old daughter, had a new job and was pregnant with my second child. There was so much to look forward to."

Three years on, life in Lindfield and being a mum to Freya, now four, and Vida, two, has inspired Emily to develop a new business. 'Emily is' aims to provide a unique coaching and career planning service, and draws upon Emily's vast experience from heading up the Volunteering Department of Voluntary Services Overseas, becoming Chief Executive of Think Ahead, a training programme for social workers, to managing a reggae band in South Africa!

'Moving to Lindfield marked a new beginning for Emily in many ways'

Emily grew up in Berkshire - the youngest of four children. "My parents fostered too, so there were always lots of children coming and going," Emily recalled. "Our house was a former children's home, so it was probably meant to be!"

Emily's father David was a BBC journalist, best known for his work with the Panorama current affairs programme. Her mother was an author, teacher and local politician, as well as raising numerous children. "My parents had a huge sense of adventure and travelled all over the world," said Emily. "Away from work, my parents' greatest passion was sailing. My mum introduced Dad to sailing and by the time I was five I had already sailed with them across the Atlantic Ocean," said Emily. She added that her parents were part of a crew of a replica Viking ship which crossed the Arctic route from Norway to Washington DC. "Mum still has her boat and can't wait to introduce my girls to sailing!"

After graduating from Glasgow University, Emily spent three years as a VSO volunteer in rural South Africa working with the Thohoyandou Victim Empowerment Programme.

"We were based in a very rural and traditional homeland area, where we were among very few white people," Emily recalled. "Our project provided support and refuge for victims of rape and domestic violence."

What started as a small relatively unknown scheme

was catapulted to fame when a local reggae band, led by singer Colbert Mukweho, wrote a song about the project. "We were amazed when it went viral!" said Emily. "The band was suddenly in huge demand, so I volunteered to manage them and we went on tour (alongside full-time work at TVEP)!"

"It was great to be driving through Johannesburg and stopping at traffic lights to hear our song being played on the radio! We appeared on chat shows in South Africa and toured for several months."

After returning to Britain, Emily spent a further ten years working with Voluntary Services Overseas, focussing first on running the Youth Programme and eventually heading up the Volunteering Department.

As Head of Volunteering, Emily led a team of 40 people providing support to VSO volunteers through all stages of their journey – from marketing, to the initial application, selection and recruiting teams, to resettlement on returning. "We arranged placements for around 700 people each year, matching people with roles, providing skills development training and helping volunteers prepare for living abroad," said Emily.

"We also did a lot of work supporting volunteers returning from their placements, helping them to bridge the gap and, in many cases, change direction. After working and living overseas and experiencing different cultures, volunteers are often reluctant to return to the life they left and are motivated to try something new," she explained.

After taking maternity leave and becoming mum to Freya, Emily returned to work with VSO and was immediately immersed in managing a huge reorganisation programme. "As part of the restructuring, my role became international, so I effectively made myself redundant," she said. "But it was a culture change which needed to happen." It also provided Emily with the opportunity to change direction.

"I applied for a place on the Clore Social Leadership Programme, which aims to nurture dynamic and diverse leaders with a social purpose – people who can really make a change in the world," said Emily. "Securing a place on the leadership programme was a very competitive process, so I was delighted when I was successful."

During the programme Emily enjoyed a secondment with the NSPCC's strategy unit.

CLORE also gave her the confidence to apply for, and land, her dream job as Executive Director of Think Ahead, an innovative fast track recruitment and training programme for mental health social workers.

"Mental health is a national challenge, and social workers have a vital role to play in providing support and improving relationships for people with mental health issues," said Emily. "Our aim was to provide training which would put social workers at the forefront of mental health initiatives – leading teams, building relationships, supporting and empowering people." She added that the role was a job share, providing the perfect work/life balance and precious time to spend with Freya.

Since late 2016 Emily has been working as a freelance



coach and trainer, focusing on leadership development, talent retention and organisational efficiency. She's worked with organisations all over the country and on projects ranging from providing a volunteer strategy for World Child Cancer Day to running a summer school for young people from Grenfell Towers.

She is also an associate trainer with The Smarty Train – a programme designed to help international corporate organisations unlock and nurture staff talent.

More recently, Emily has been working on a new project bringing career planning and coaching to the heart of Lindfield – combining her corporate experience with her newly developed parenting skills and helping others to do the same.

"Every day I hear other mums talking about the challenge of finding a career which works with parenthood," said Emily. "This is for so many reasons – practicalities are of course an issue, but often lack of confidence, change of values, fear of interviews and struggling to articulate skills in a different context really hold people back."

"But being a parent requires huge managerial skills and new parents develop a whole new range of talents which can easily be transferred into the workplace. Flexibility, multitasking and patience, for example, are all hugely beneficial along with resilience, the ability to communicate while under stress and achieving a huge amount in a small space of time."

"I'll be offering 1-2-1 coaching to help people understand and translate their skills and develop a personal career plan. This can range from helping people to update their CVs and online profiles to preparing for job interviews."

Emily is also working on setting up small group evening workshops, maybe in a local coffee shop, on CV development, interview techniques and networking.

"I don't claim to have all the answers but I'm confident I can provide the tools and training to people find the answers themselves," she said.

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Teaching: best job in the world?

By Jennie Adams

I'm often asked why I chose to be a teacher when it seems to be synonymous with an immense workload, ever changing goalposts and lack of funding, not to mention Ofsted!



My reply is simple – there is no other job like it! Don't get me wrong, it's not all harmonious classrooms and children skipping happily around the playground... but despite the challenges faced by those working within the education sector, I believe that it's one of THE most rewarding jobs out there.

But you can't escape the recent headlines regarding the well-being of educators. Put simply, the physical and mental health and well-being of teachers is at risk.

A recent survey commissioned by the Education Support Partnership makes for bleak reading. It states that an overwhelming majority of the UK's education professionals have suffered physical and mental health issues as a result of their jobs, and over half of those surveyed considered leaving in the past two years. This appears to go some way in explaining the findings of a National Audit Office report which revealed that last year alone, 35,000 teachers left their jobs for reasons other than retirement.

These are worrying statistics and with more pressure than ever coming from curriculum changes, changes in assessment, emphasis on performance data and Ofsted, the one topic that appears to be consistently swept aside is that of the health and well-being of those who teach.

A job in education might not be for everyone, but it's important to remember the pivotal role that teachers play in children's lives. The education system is getting a bad press right now, but we must encourage people into the profession.

So here are seven reasons why I believe teaching is beyond incredible:

1. Teachers ignite a spark in children
2. Boredom is not an option – every day is different
3. Teachers are lucky enough to work with their biggest fans who are also their harshest critics - the children!
4. Being part of a child's 'lightbulb' moment is priceless
5. Teachers have the opportunity to inspire others and facilitate the discovery of hidden talents and passions
6. Teachers truly make a difference in the lives of young people. Indeed, for some children, teachers can even be the stability in their lives.
7. Even on the darkest, toughest of days, you will always find humour and compassion in the classroom

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Human Universe by Prof. Brian Cox and Andrew Cohen

BOOK REVIEW

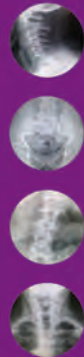
By Henry Forrest, Year 9

Within this scientific wonder of a book lie the answers, or science's best guesses, to some of the most philosophical, hypothetical questions ever posed by the human race.

From Copernicus to the search for extraterrestrial life, Cox's poetic descriptions, helped by Cohen's vast knowledge of the universe, take the reader on a journey of discovery. The reader does require a basic background understanding of astronomy but dipping in and out of the book for your fill of facts is also an effective tactic. The book also gives a valuable insight into the space exploration industry and what it takes to work within it. Cox relates many personal experiences working with famous scientists such as Carl Sagan to help the reader, if they can, to even begin to grasp the extreme complexity and the infinite possibilities of the universe.

I would recommend this book to any budding scientists wanting to expand their own knowledge of the universe, but I would give the general age group suggestion of 13+ simply because of the more complex content within the book.

Overall, I think that this book is a wonderful resource for knowledge as well as grasping complex ideas and should be treasured for its truly inspirational glimpse into the Human Universe.



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Charmed Life by Diana Wynne Jones

BOOK REVIEW

By Dominika Knotkova-Hanley, Year 8

'Charmed Life' is a spellbinding story from the critically acclaimed author Diana Wynne Jones. It is set in a fantasy universe, that might not be so different from our own after all, where the boundaries between worlds of magic and mayhem overlap.

When Cat and his sister Gwendolen, who happens to be a witch and a very talented one, are invited to live with the all-powerful enchanter, the Chrestomanci, (pronounced KREST-OH-MAN-SEE), who is in control of these worlds, their lives will never be the same again.

The story is written with style and poise, seeming like no matter how many times it is reread, it feels like you have stumbled on it for the first time. Each word has been chosen with grace and intellect, you are given a sense of quirky wisdom, just waiting to be unlocked. Even for the fifth or sixth time, it continues to amaze and delight.

Cat's curiosity begins to grow when Gwendolen wages war, and sparks begin to fly, but in a world where anything and everything lurks behind each corner, you can never know what to expect and it is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat until the very end...

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Run for your life by Jenny Baker

BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

Subtitled 'How one woman ran circles around breast cancer', this is an autobiography about how one person responded to the condition they faced.

There is no talk in this book of battling or defeating cancer- military metaphors that the author does not always find helpful.

What characterises Jenny Baker's book is a truthfulness about the darkness she felt and had to live with. Running enabled her to see a way of experiencing joy in the midst of the time, something that might not have been immediately obvious.

This book is a real insight into the issues that someone with cancer and their families face. She does not make herself a hero or a villain, but the very ordinariness of the tale is very helpful as this will help others to see possibilities and hope in what for many families seems to have neither.

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TRAFFIC STUDY CONSULTATION

Lindfield Parish Council is holding a 4 week public consultation (13th January - 10th February 2018) on its Traffic Study and seeks feedback from the public on the proposals. Feedback forms are available online, or at the Parish Council Office. Forms can be submitted up to Saturday 10th February.

Background:

In support of the Neighbourhood Plan vision and objective the Parish Council has set out nine sites for investigation of traffic improvements in their brief. The background of the reason for these sites is set out in the Parish Council Brief. These sites are:

- Denmans Lane;
- Hickmans Lane/Sunte Avenue & Hickmans Lane/Finches Park Road;
- High Beech Lane/Portsmouth Lane;
- High Street (from The Welkin footpath to All Saints Church);
- Lewes Road Pedestrian Crossing Facility;
- Lewes Road/High Street junction;
- Luxford Road-Brushes Lane corridor;
- Scamps Hill;
- West View.

A copy of the Traffic Study report, brief, F&Qs and Neighbourhood plan can be found on the Parish Council's website:

http://www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/Core/LindfieldPC/Pages/Traffic_Study_2.aspx

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Ballet pupils enjoy performance

Eight fortunate pupils from the Gielgud Academy (GAPA) had the unique opportunity to perform in a professional production of *The Nutcracker* at the Clair Hall in Haywards Heath over the Christmas period. Dancing in a sold out performance with the Vienna Festival Ballet (VFB) on its UK tour were Isabelle Hateley, Bella Cavalli, Isabella Evans, Emily Martin, Oliver Charman, Willem Paskins and Martha and Alice Gibson. Mrs Liz Evans of Lindfield, whose daughter Isabella danced in the show, said afterwards: "It was absolutely magical and what an amazing experience for these GAPA children to be dancing with real professional dancers. How blessed they are."

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Discovering West Common

LINDFIELD HISTORY

By Richard Bryant, Lindfield History Project Group

Today nothing exists of the West Common and you would be forgiven for thinking the area completely lacks historical interest. Less than two hundred years ago the unfenced common extended from Sunte Avenue down to the stream that runs close to Blackthorns and from Hickmans Lane south to Summerhill Lane and then east along Scrase Stream. The southern part belonged to the Manor of Ditching with the remainder by South Malling Lindfield and Framfield Manors. The land is mainly flat and in parts sloping with good well drained soil. In early medieval times, could this land have been the 'west field' of the Lindfield cultivated in strips by villagers in the open field system? Perhaps we will never know.

What we do know is that in the 1820s the land was largely unenclosed and contained only a few dwellings. In the north western corner, at the junction called Pickesgreen Cross, was a small old farmstead dating from at least 1600, part of Framfield Manor, called Wigsel's Watering, that extended into the area now Oakfield Close. This was replaced by the Bricklayers Arms, now the Witch Inn. In the 1870s the Bricklayers became a popular venue for 'bean feasts'; annual works outings travelling by train from as far afield as London and Brighton.

Following the arrival of the railway, the road running along the western edge was made up and named Station Road (Sunte Avenue) as it was the most direct route from Lindfield to the station. The first housing built was Albert Cottages, typical small Victorian houses with shared wells and privies at the bottom of the garden.

Towards the southern end, near Oakbank, stood two cottages known as Golden Nob. The 1851 Census listed four families, the Beard, Bish, Gorrage and Miles families, totalling 19 men, women and children living in the cottages. All the adult men were agricultural labourers. The Golden Nob cottages were demolished around 1860, when Summer Hill was built by Charles Catt, a brewer and son of William Catt of the Bishopstone Tide Mills. The Catt family lived in the house for many years and farmed nearby land. From the late 1940s it became a school.

In 1835 three acres of unenclosed land held by the Manor of South Malling Lindfield was sold for £56 5s 0d to John Elliott, a Lindfield blacksmith. John Elliott operated the forge in the middle of the High Street (mentioned in last month's article) and built the forge at Spongs in Brushes Lane. Perhaps with an eye for a quick profit, John Elliott sold the land to Edward Humphreys in October 1838 for £153. In today's terms this is the land of Chestnut Close across to the west side of Summerhill Drive and north to Hickmans Lane.

For a couple of years Humphreys rented the newly enclosed land to James Harding of Burnt House Farm, before taking back the land on which he built a house in 1844. The Poor Rate Valuations in the late 1840s record

this house as Westfield Lodge, owned and occupied by Edward Humphreys; no connection with the baker of that name. It was approached by a long diagonal drive, and when Summer Hill was constructed the drive was extended to this house and entrance lodges built.

By the mid 1850s Humphreys was living at Pear Tree House (junction of High Street and Lewes Road), another fine house he built along with St Annes. Westfield Lodge was rented to tenants before being acquired by William Copeland in c1870 when the property was renamed The Chestnuts.

The Mid Sussex Times in May 1877 carried an advertisement for the letting 'unfurnished, a well-built detached villa residence, most pleasantly situated, approached by a carriage drive from the high road, and within 15 minutes walk of Haywards Heath Station, and known as The Chestnuts. There is a large drawing room and dining room, two other sitting rooms, six bedrooms, and a dressing room, kitchen, scullery, cellars etc, also a capital garden with greenhouse and vinery'. Even in those days easy access to the station was a desirable feature and evidence of Lindfield becoming attractive to commuters.

During the 1880s, The Chestnuts was taken by a Mr Hartland and then by Mrs Gertrude Lysons, the widow of Rev Canon Samuel Lysons, rural dean of Gloucester, a noted antiquarian and an early proponent of British Israelism. This was the belief that British people are 'genetically, racially and linguistically the direct descendants of the Ten Lost Tribes of ancient Israel'.

The Chestnuts was sold in 1895 for £2,000 and subsequently described as being 'brick built and cement faced', with grounds containing a good lean-to vinery, stables, detached coach house with loft and a small cowshed. A substantial property but unfortunately we have no photographs of the house and grounds. (If any readers have a photograph, please do make contact). The new owner was Charles Catt of adjacent Summer Hill.

Following a succession of tenants, in 1909 William Lancelot Knowles J.P., a member of the Stock Exchange, and his wife took up residence, having previously lived at Pear Tree House. A county cricketer, he had played for Kent, Sussex and Gentlemen of England and in 37 first class appearances as a right-handed batsman scored 1439 runs with a highest innings of 127. He was unstinting in his community service being involved with many clubs and organisations in Lindfield, Cuckfield and Haywards Heath.

In 1933, The Chestnuts became the new home for the Parents' National Educational Union School (PNEU) started 12 months earlier at Plumpton by Mrs Seymour and Mrs Morgan. Called the Summerhill PNEU School it was the twentieth such school in Sussex and one of a family of about 800 scattered around the world. All the schools worked to a common ethos and curriculum. A notable local example, with its roots in the PNEU system,

is Burgess Hill Girls School which continues to thrive today.

After two years it ceased being a PNEU school and changed its name to Lindfield Preparatory School under the headship of Miss Arnold. Education was provided on the 'Froebel and other modern methods' for children aged 6 to 12 years, with a kindergarten for younger children. It advertised 'Bright, colourful classrooms, Small Classes, Individual attention' and 'All general subjects taught' with a large garden for games, tennis and cricket. A limited number of places were available for boarders. The school was short lived and closed in about 1937, the building reverting to a private residence. There was no connection between this school and the school later established at Summer Hill. The house continued to be occupied as a private residence until being demolished in about 1960 and shortly after replaced by Nos. 1 – 8 The Chestnuts.

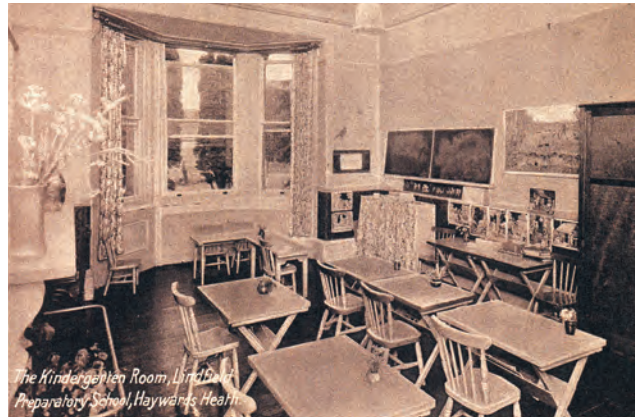
Returning to the 19th century, the Common was divided by a section of the New Chapel to Brighton turnpike road, now West Common. By the 1840s, the Common on both sides of this road had been enclosed with fields, except for an area around Appledore Gardens but this soon became enclosed. In 1852, at the Red Lion, four acres were auctioned as four building plots fetching £138, £145, £82 and £82. The first two lots restricted the building of any dwelling of less value than £200. None of the plots were built upon at that time.

It was not until the interwar years that the area started to be developed with the building of Haywards Heath Senior School and housing at Oakbank and along West Common and Sunte Avenue plus the creation of a market garden, French Gardens. Houses started to appear along Summerhill Drive, and although Chestnut Close was constructed by 1937 houses were not built until a few years later. The remainder of the houses on West Common land are predominantly post war.



Photo: East Sussex Record Office

Map of West Common area in 1829 with current roads overlaid in white



Lindfield Prep School Kindergarten Room. Photo: J Potter

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Between 23rd and 29th April, nurseries, early years groups, families and children are being encouraged to organise or take part in a Muddy Puddle Walk.

Sophie Pirouet, Fundraising Campaigns Manager at Save the Children, says: "We hope everyone will get outside this spring, come rain or shine, and help raise much needed funds for Save the Children.

"It's so easy to take part, and it's the perfect excuse to explore the outdoors with your little ones. By jumping in muddy puddles like Peppa Pig and raising money for Save the Children you can help give children a brighter future."

For more information and a free Muddy Puddle Walk Fundraising Pack full of fun Peppa Pig inspired activities to help you get started visit: www.MuddyPuddleWalk.org

The fundraising pack also explains what life is like for children in different countries, helping little ones to see how they can make a difference through supporting Save the Children.

Plenty to do in the garden

LINDFIELD IN BLOOM

By Heather Martin, Chair

What better way to work off those mince pies and keep away the winter blues than a spot of gardening? At this time of year there is still plenty to see and do in the garden, particularly looking after wildlife for example by ensuring that birds have access to water and leaving the spent seedheads on your plants for another month to provide them with a little food, and while also providing some protection from frost for the plant itself. Maintenance-wise winter's the perfect time to prune your fruit trees. Leaving sufficient space between the branches for a pigeon to fly through without hindrance will ensure that there is a good flow of air through the tree, helping to keep disease at bay. If you prefer to stay indoors, take a look at your borders from your window and consider whether you have enough year-round interest – if not, make a note of where to add in an evergreen or variegated shrub, or perhaps a deciduous tree or shrub with interesting or colourful bark. Perhaps you might be able to see the tips of spring bulb leaves popping their noses above the soil in anticipation of spring? We've spotted the first daffodils in full flower in a Lindfield front garden already! Local garden designer Hilary May has kindly donated some flowering bulbs to Lindfield in Bloom for the planter in Denmans Lane which we can all look forward to enjoying in the months to come.

We here at Lindfield in Bloom have plenty planned for 2018. We will be supporting the Parish Council's Village Spring Clean and continuing to maintain the plants in the Denmans Lane Planter, as well as running a competition for the village which we hope everyone will have a chance to be involved in – more details in a future issue of Lindfield Life! We will also be supporting the fabulous Lindfield Open Gardens Trail in June in aid of St. Peter & St. James' Hospice and, for the first time, the village will be taking part in the South and South East in Bloom Competition, which celebrates all horticultural, environmental and community projects which are being run in the village. If your club, society, school, business, neighbours or community group is planning any gardening or environmental events or projects this year please do let us know, as the South & South East in Bloom judges will be interested to hear all about it. Equally, if you would like to run a project but don't know where to start, please get in touch with Lindfield in Bloom and we'll support you in any way that we can.

If you would like to get involved in supporting Lindfield in Bloom or would like to know more, please get in touch with me by phone or email (07738 323082 heather@heathermartin.co.uk) or come along to our next meeting on Monday 19th February at 7.30pm in the Bent Arms.



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Roasted vegetables with

sausages (Serves 2 – easily doubled)

Preheat oven 200°. Line a large shallow baking tin with foil. Into a large bowl put about 225g peeled and cubed butternut squash, 225g broccoli florets and a thickly sliced medium red onion. Add 2 minced garlic cloves, 2tbs olive oil, a good pinch of dried sage and rosemary and seasoning. Toss to combine and tip evenly into the lined pan. Cook for 10 min. Stir gently then add 4 sausages and continue roasting for 15-20 longer or until sausages are cooked through.



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By Caroline Young

It's very grey and damp outside – just the weather for rich, warming casseroles – very delicious ... but brown! Why not cheer things up with more colourful cooking? My way is to include lots of brightly coloured vegetables – red and yellow peppers, red onions, squashes, carrots, tomatoes and green leaves plus crusty brown tops on dishes such as gratins and savoury crumbles. The first recipe is my very basic vegetable soup but you could add small pasta shapes or canned beans to make it more substantial. Do take the time to cut the vegetables into neat even sized pieces and don't be tempted to overcook the soup, the vegetables should still have a little 'bite' to them. Serve topped with a sprinkling of Parmesan cheese or a spoonful of herby pesto.

Roasted salmon and sprouts

(Serves 2 – easily doubled)

Preheat oven 200°. Line a shallow baking tin with foil. In a small bowl combine 4 minced garlic cloves, 4tbs olive oil, a good pinch dried mixed herbs and seasoning. Trim and slice 225g Brussels sprouts and tip into pan, add half the seasoned oil and gently toss to combine. Roast for 10 min. Add 75ml white vermouth (or wine) to the remaining garlic oil. Arrange 2 large boneless salmon fillets in the pan and spoon over the wine mixture. Return to the oven and bake just until the salmon is cooked through – about 8-10min.

Macaroni cheese with leeks and tomatoes

Make your favourite mac-n-cheese recipe, then stir in simmered sliced leeks. Tip into a shallow dish and top with sliced tomatoes. Cut a French stick into slices about 2.5cm thick, generously butter and place buttered side up on the tomatoes. Generously sprinkle with grated cheese (smoked Cheddar is delicious) and bake until a rich golden brown.

Cheese and tomato pie

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- 13th **Lindfield Preservation Society** – 2.30pm
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- 22nd **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
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- 8th **Mid Sussex Ass. National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath – The Beat Goes On
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- 9th **Messy Church** – 4-6pm
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- 10th **Cuckfield Food Market** – 9.30am
The Talbot courtyard, High Street
- 14th **Mid Sussex Franco-British Society** – 8pm
Clair Hall - A film in French Secrets d'Histoire:
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- 21st **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10.45am
Clair Hall – 'Belonging and not belonging:
the immigrant experience in Modern British
Art'. Lecture by Monica Bohm-Duchen. (Non
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- 24th **Ensemble Reza Concert** – 7pm
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- ### March
- 2nd **Women's World Day of Prayer** – 2-3pm
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