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EDITORIAL



By David Tingley, Editor

So the big news in June is **Lindfield Village Day**. It's a superb day for the village to celebrate being a fabulous community and, this year, having knotted up 40 years of Village Days it feels especially noteworthy. See **page 22** for some brief information about it, but much more can be found online or in the Village Day official programme on sale now for just £1.

We will have our own stall on the Common this year, where we will be offering to take your photo in our large and bright Lindfield frame. Do come and find us and grab a picture for Facebook!

Elsewhere there are lots of successes to celebrate. The incredible 'marathon man' **James Skinner** on **page 12**. **Caroline John** recently completed the **London Marathon** and raised money for a charity right here in the village (see **page 15**). Both **Oathall and Blackthorns schools** have attained a 'Good' grade by Ofsted recently – see **page 6**. Plus, right near the back on **page 52**, we recognise the effort taken to raise over £1,800 at a '**Swoovathon**' in Scaynes Hill last month – fabulous work to all involved!

In our **history feature** this month, local historian **Richard Bryant** lifts the lid on the past of two Lindfield manor houses you may not have known about, see **page 50**.

On **page 40** we take great pleasure in showing the smiling faces of schoolchildren who took part in an Easter parade earlier this year. **Page 30** is where **Claire Cooper** talks to Lindfield artist **Sara Abbott** – and shows off some of her amazing pet portraits. And on **page 46** Joe Wayte reveals his sit down with mother and daughter **Denziloe** owners, **Maria** and **Sonia Grover**.

Of course, there's the **What's On**, this month on **page 62**, plus our other usual columns, including **Colin McFarlin's Recycle This...** which has attracted a lot of correspondence from readers this last month!

Here's to a fab June!

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Did you leave Oathall in 1988?

A group of ex-pupils are organising a 30 year reunion for those who left Oathall Community College in the summer of 1988. This will be held on the evening of Saturday 7th July in Haywards Heath.

Organisers have already made contact with over 150 former pupils via social media and contacts but are keen to reach out to the remaining few. For more info on the event and details of how to get tickets please email: oathall1988@gmail.com



Open Gardens

Lindfield Open Gardens returns this month with ten opportunities to see incredible outside spaces right here in the village.

The event is being run as a fundraiser for St Peter & St James' Hospice and takes place on Sunday 10th June between 1-5pm.

Visitors will be able to enjoy tea and cake from the gardens as well as getting inspiration for their own garden. There will also be plants, books and jam for sale too.

Tickets cost £5 (children are free) and can be bought on the day from any of the gardens.

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Beetle Boy author visits school

By Lucy Duncalfe, teacher

As part of our National Book Week celebrations, we welcomed award winning author of the Beetle Boy Trilogy, M.G. Leonard, to Lindfield Primary Academy on 1st May.

Maya led an energetic assembly in which she filled the children's imaginations with all things beetles! The children were awestruck by her passion and knowledge and enjoyed finding out about her journey to becoming a writer. Year 4 pupils became beetle experts and enjoyed creative writing workshops through which they planned stories based on their chosen beetle heroes. Most enjoyable was discovering the gruesome truths about beetle survival!

Maya proved an inspiration to the staff too, delivering a presentation about the importance of immersing children in the natural world and harnessing stories in all their forms from dance, theatre, screenplays and books. Many thanks go to our wonderful, supportive PTA for funding such a fabulous day!



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Blackthorns rated as 'Good' by Ofsted

Blackthorns Community Primary Academy has maintained a 'Good' rating from the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) following an inspection in March.

Ofsted inspectors praised improvements made, stating: The school has demonstrated strong practice and marked improvement in certain areas. This may indicate that the school is improving towards being outstanding.

The inspection was the first since Blackthorns joined the University of Brighton Academies Trust, sponsored by the University of Brighton, in 2015.

Referring to Blackthorns' Principal, Marianne Brand, it stated: You and your leaders are dedicated to ensuring all aspects of the school are as strong as they can be. You pursue this aim with passion, determination and vigour. As a result of your firm commitment, all pupils are supported extremely well and thrive in your school. You have an in-depth knowledge of each pupil's individual strengths and weaknesses, and you work closely with all staff to ensure that pupils' needs are fully met.

The report also noted:

- Teaching staff's strong subject knowledge, enthusiasm and passion enable pupils to reach their potential.
- Pupils are exceptionally well behaved and polite. They participate in a purposeful manner, showing



high levels of engagement in class.

- Parents and carers are overwhelmingly positive about the school. One parent, echoing the views of many, stated that they 'couldn't ask for a better school'.

The Trust was also commended: The multi academy trust (MAT) provides effective school improvement support and has made an extremely positive impact on teaching and learning. The MAT is a very active part of the school and has helped members of the local board to develop their understanding of educational issues and pupils' progress data. The Local Board members stated that the support they receive from the MAT is 'phenomenal'.

Ms Brand said: "It is wonderful to receive this outcome, and it is especially heartening to know that our improvement journey to become an outstanding school is on track. I would like to thank all of our pupils, staff, parents and carers for their ongoing contribution and commitment."

Oathall also 'Good'

Oathall Community College recently underwent an inspection by Ofsted, and it maintained its grading of 'Good'.

It was the first 'short' inspection by the government body since October 2013, where the inspectors observed 18 classes, scrutinised pupils' work and analysed data from staff, pupil and parent surveys.

The report considered the following areas as strengths of Oathall: The staff and leadership team has maintained the good quality of education, the school is supported and challenged well by its skilled governing body, the majority of students are meeting the

challenging targets set for them and inspectors found that the procedures to keep children safe are rigorous.

The college was also asked to consider a number of specific areas to improve, including the consistency of teaching across modern foreign languages and the attendance of disadvantaged pupils so that better progress can be made for them.

Edward Rodriguez, Headteacher, commented: "I am pleased that the inspectors concurred with our own evaluation of our performance and in particular the areas for improvement identified through our own development planning. I would like to thank all the college staff, and indeed students, who performed so well under such close scrutiny."

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Interested gardeners to enjoy looking at local land!



By Alison Granger

We don't know who actually thought up the idea to get village people together to open their gardens to the public to raise funds for good causes – but what a cracking good idea it was because it has now become a summertime tradition for many villages, and one that Scaynes Hill folks are very happy to participate in!

The Scaynes Hill Gardens, open on Saturday 9th June from 1.30-5.30pm, vary in size and design, and show how creative people can be by using shrubs, borders, colourful patio pots and other interesting additions to enhance their own plot, big or small. Scaynes Hill's newest addition is the allotments which are already proving productive and will be open to view.

Families are sure to enjoy Matthew and Karen Cousins' garden in Sunnycroft Close, which includes an O Gauge fine scale model railway, compete with Thomas

the Tank Engine and friends (pictured).

The track, which runs through the summer house, around the pond and fountain and over the replica Victorian bridge, was built and restored by model rail enthusiast Matthew.

The garden is among the ten gardens open this year, and most have partial access for wheelchairs. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations go to St Peter and St James Hospice.

Home-made teas will be served in St Augustine's Church annexe – the proceeds going to a family support charity.

Admission is £5 with no charge for children. Tickets and maps available from St Augustine's Church or from any of the gardens.

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Cockhaise farm Open Day 10th June

Cockhaise Farm is running an open day on Sunday 10th June from 11am-4pm. It is part of the national Open Farm Sunday programme and is not the first time the farm has opened its doors to the community.

The dairy farm will have sheep shearing, cow and calf, tractors, milking demonstration, children's woodland walks, tractor and trailer rides and a farm walk, along with a BBQ serving Cockhaise burgers and a chance to sample food and drink from the fantastic local producers. It is a chance for people to come and see how an organic dairy farm is run and how the farmers are trying to build for the future as well.

The Burdett family have been at the farm since 1986 and now farm over 650 acres at the site. The milk, from around 275 cows, is sold through the farmer owned cooperative, Arla.

Dan Burdett explained how they are seeking to make changes to the farm fields in the future: "In the next five years we will grow more diverse grassland, supporting more species of plant that are able to root much further down, therefore bringing more life to our soils. With this will come a greater ability to be able to survive the extremes of weather that we now face, with our soil being able to hold more water when it's wet and therefore be able to be more drought tolerant in the extreme dry."

Dan and the team will explain more about this and how the farm works at the FREE event on Sunday 10th



June. On the day they will be raising money for the Bevern Trust, a charity based in Barcombe that allows profoundly disabled people to get more from life.

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The summer personality

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By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

This month I continue with my series on colour psychology and seasonal personality types. Most of us are a combination of types but the dominant season will dictate the colours we feel most in tune with, be they the clarity and purity of the spring palette, the muted, sun bleached grey based tones of summer, the earthy hues of autumn or the extremes of the intense and icy colours of winter. There is also a style with each personality type and it is possible, and indeed extremely common, to be a primary of one season and a secondary of another. Crucially your primary personality relates to the seasonal colour palette which you resonate with and the secondary is all about the style. So I am a primary autumn, since I love and suit autumn hues, but my style is not typical of autumn but much more associated with summer so that is my secondary.

We have looked at the spring personality in last month's issue, so now we move on to summer and what that means in terms of colour and interior style. Think of a sun dappled garden on a July day, the late afternoon haze and how soft, and the vibrant shades of spring take on a more delicate, soft and muted tone; that's the summer palette. It's old English roses, tumbling wisteria, lilac and lavender. The summer palette is blue based, cool and calm like a painterly watercolour. The Farrow and Ball paint palette is very much summer and so many of its grey tones typify the timeless elegance, almost old world romance, of this season.

The summer personality is elegant, graceful, thoughtful, caring, perceptive and feminine. You would also expect a summer person to be an incurable romantic. Attention to detail is important to a summer person and they are incredibly organised. Quality is also essential to a summer person, and they tend to be creative. A summer person is responsible and extremely conscientious, taking his or her role most seriously; ask a summer person to do something and it will get done.

The summer interior style is traditional with classic proportions and elegant workmanship. A summer

person would feel most comfortable living in a house with high ceilings so would be very quickly stifled in a cottage. You would not expect to find the circles of spring in a summer scheme but ovals and curves. Textures are smooth and brushed rather than sparkly and prints are subtle and unstructured. Georgian architecture is a great example of summer style.

So what does all this mean when it comes to designing your home? It's unrealistic to think that all families or even a couple will have the same primary and secondary personalities, so, when it comes to creating a space that pleases all, compromise will play a part. The need to find a common ground is not new of course. I have worked with clients for many years where a husband and wife have had differing tastes but now, with the understanding of the different seasons and the primary and secondary personalities, I find it so much easier to unpick the non-negotiable elements of each and identify where the scope for give and take might be. I don't think I have ever come across a client where there is no common ground, and I guess with a couple this should not be a huge surprise. At that very first briefing meeting a designer would be asking a number of questions of his or her client which would provide a number of clues as to their personality types. Words used, the way colours are described and dislikes will all provide insight into which season a person is more connected with and help the designer come up with the most universally appealing scheme. In my experience, common ground tends to be found around style, so a couple may each lean toward different seasons for their colour palette but their secondary personality (style) is the same season. We recently worked with a couple where one was primary autumn and the other primary summer yet both had summer as their secondary personalities, so the style was the common ground. With both parties happy with the style then compromises on palette were easier to hit upon!

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James on top of his game

By Claire Cooper

When James Skinner took up running ten years ago his motivation was simple – to lose weight and get fitter.

But after discovering he was 'rather good at it' and with the support of a local running club, James has risen through the ranks to become one of the elite in his age group. Earlier this month, James represented an England Masters team in the Great Birmingham 10k Run, winning his age group and finishing 16th overall in 33.12 - just three seconds off his personal best.

Cheered on by his biggest fans – wife Leslie and sons Oliver, 9, and Henry, 6, James was delighted with the result. "It was a hard race against some top quality runners, but despite the hot weather and a few hills at the end of the course I was very pleased to get so near to my personal best."

James, 45, was born in Lindfield and educated at Ardingly College. A sporty child, he was a member of the football and cricket teams and competed at cross country at county schools level.

"But as I got older I swapped athletics for skateboarding," he recalled. "I didn't start running again until about ten years ago when we moved out of London and back to Lindfield.

"I wanted lose a little weight and get fit and being back in the countryside motivated me to take up running again.

"I soon discovered that I was rather good at it, but I was very much a fair weather runner, running for relaxation and giving up over the winter months."

James began running seriously when he signed up for the Brighton Marathon in 2015. "People often asked if I'd ever run a marathon, so I decided to have a go to raise money for the NSPCC."

James completed the course but struggled. "I'd been injured in the run up so it went really badly. Afterwards I kept thinking about what might have been and was determined to get it right the next time."

After reading books about running, James embarked on a proper training regime and arrived at the start of the 2016 marathon in good shape.

"It was the perfect marathon and I hit my target finishing comfortably under three hours," said James. "I also met a few runners from the Haywards Heath Harriers who suggested I gave it a try."

It was a turning point in James' running career. "Joining the Harriers has made me into a different runner. It makes a massive difference to train with like-minded people who are incredibly supportive.

"I've learnt the importance of training consistently



Photo by Barry Cornelius

as, at my age, injury prevention is the top priority. It has transformed my running."

Since joining the Harriers James has won several individual and team county medals across cross country and road including:

Sussex cross country league V40 Gold 2016/17 season (joint winner) and 2017/18 season; Sussex half marathon championships V40 Gold (2016), Bronze (2017); Sussex 10k championships 2017 V40 Silver, 2018 V40 Gold.

Last year brought two huge achievements. James competed in the Sussex Grand Prix (road racing) championship, finishing as overall and masters (V40+) winner and went on to win a V45 Gold medal in the South of England Masters cross country championships.

This success led to James being selected as one of the six members of the England team.

"Being selected to run for the England Age group masters team was a great honour and a big motivation for me," he said. "I never dreamt I would get as far as I have and certainly couldn't have done it without the Harriers."

James currently runs around 65 miles a week and does much of his training early in the morning before getting on the train to London to his job at advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi. "It's hard work but a really great way to start the day," he said.

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explained. "The people of London were wonderful, and there was constant encouragement from the crowds along the route."

Caroline praised her husband, Felix, and their children Isaiah, Sapphira and Ariyana for being so encouraging along the journey to completing the marathon: "I couldn't have done it without their support."

The children of Tiger Cubs were grateful for Caroline's efforts raising over £1,000. They made and presented her with a thank you card which is proudly on display in her lounge. Tiger Cubs has already spent some of the money by replacing an oven which stopped working recently. "I'm really pleased they could use the money for something like that, that will last for a long time," Caroline said.

She's already applied to the public ballot for a place next year – as she'd like to beat her time!

If you'd like to add to Caroline's total you can do so at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tigercubslindfield



I took on the marathon challenge

Lindfield resident Caroline John has recently completed the London Marathon after a rather impulsive decision!

Caroline was inspired by a friend who, in May last year, put her name into the public ballot for entry to the London Marathon. "I just decided to do it too," Caroline said. "I knew who I'd like to run for, if I got a place, after Tiger Cubs had been so good for my daughter Ariyana. I wanted to give something back, and supporting a small charity gives an opportunity for the money to make a huge difference."

However, long before she had any idea whether she had a place at all, her first run didn't go too well! "Having never been a runner, I thought I had better give it a go! I only made it down Gravellye Lane to Luxford Road before having to stop in a heap!"

Caroline persevered and later in the year joined a running club – much to her own surprise! She was genuinely enjoying running.

Although she discovered in November that she hadn't got a place through the ballot system she ended up winning a place through the luck of the draw at Burgess Hill Runners – who had a number of places to give out to members.

She was delighted to accept the place, and spoke to preschool manager Clare Nibloe immediately to let her know she'd be raising money for Tiger Cubs.

With the collective advice from her running community, Caroline was able to gradually build her distance and improve her technique over the coming months. By March she'd worked up to 20 miles – the longest distance you do before tapering off and doing short runs in the lead up to the big day.

So, how did the big day go? "At 15 miles I was running under a flyover and realised that this was both the hardest and best experience of my life," Caroline



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The power of together



When mum of two Rebecca Downie started a business, Photography for Little People West Sussex, from her home in Lindfield last year it was the perfect way to fit work around family life.

But there was something missing – colleagues. “I had always worked for big companies and was used to having people around for support and to bounce ideas off,” said Rebecca. “Working on my own was a huge challenge.

“Then I thought to myself that there were probably lots of people in my position, working part-time and running small businesses with young children, and it would be great to set up a networking group to attract people like me!”

After sharing her thoughts with like-minded friends, including social media consultant Melanie Johnson of the Sussex Social, Rebecca took the plunge and launched Sussex Businesses for Families – a networking group for local people running family focused businesses to share ideas and support one another. “There are two requirements to join the group,” said Rebecca. “You have to be based in Sussex and your target audience must be local families.”

Since launching in July last year, the group has attracted almost 200 members from a wide range of family focused businesses, including Sussex Zest, Lushtums, Nibs and Scribbles and Poppy’s Parties. The group now covers around 30 different business categories.

“The group works on the basis that many of our business’s clients would be another business’s ideal client too. With word of mouth being one of the most powerful marketing tools, it creates a pool of like-minded businesses that can recommend you,” said Rebecca, who moved to the village from Australia four years ago and bought into the franchise ‘Photography for Little People’ last year.

“Around 15-20 business owners regularly attend our monthly get together at the Stand Up Inn and other locations, with others ‘dipping in and out’ as their work and family commitments allow,” added Rebecca. “Everyone in the groups speaks so highly of it – it’s a friendly supportive space. Our motivation is that: We’re all better together.”

The group also has an active Facebook group, with regular contributions from around 50 local businesses.

"I am quite strict with the Facebook group as I didn't want it to be just a place to advertise," said Rebecca, who added that business advertisements are restricted to Fridays. "The aim of the page is to share business support and information ranging from how to start selling on Amazon, to marketing advice and search engine optimisation. Sharing ideas with others can help you look at something in a different way which is hugely beneficial for small businesses. We have seen some fantastic collaborations, including the very successful 'Holiday Pop-up Shop' at the Stand Up Inn in May."

As the group flourished, with members enjoying the benefits of networking and information sharing, another gap in the market began to emerge.

"As parents with young families, we were all gaining so much from talking to each other and realised that a lot of the information would be really useful for our customers - local families. So we have decided to take the group out to the consumer market," said Mel, who, with a background in sales, marketing and social media, was the perfect member to take the idea forward.

After losing her job through maternity discrimination, Mel has joined forces with her web developer husband to set up The Sussex Social providing advice for small businesses on all aspects of social media and web development. "It made sense for us to work together and provide a really good package for businesses looking for really good service without expensive agency fees," said Mel.

Melanie and Rebecca decided that the best platform to launch this to local families was through Instagram, providing a business showcase, useful local advice and their very own hashtag #bestofsussex.

"It's a place to share experiences and ideas," said Mel. "We want to hear from local families about places to go and things to do - everything from a recommendation for a family friendly pub, to a nice walk in the country."

The group also encourages parents to shop locally. "Many people aren't aware that most of the personalised products and unusual gift items they buy on the internet can be found locally if you know where to look," said Rebecca. "We want to let families know that these services are on their doorstep."

A Facebook page is in motion, and there are also plans for a website. "We'd like to share our members' 'behind the scenes' stories to get their messages out there and build relationships with customers," said Mel.

"We're really excited about the future of our group and potential of Sussex Businesses for Families," added Rebecca. "Once it gets up and establishes and the ball starts to roll, who knows where we might end up!"

Business people interested in joining the group can find more information on the Facebook page Sussex Business for Families.

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Scaynes Hill War Memorial restored

By Canon Lisa Barnett

Newcomers to the village of Scaynes Hill might not be immediately aware that the wooden cross in the front garden of St Augustine's Church is actually a War Memorial.

Originally dedicated on 27th June 1920, it commemorates the sixteen Scaynes Hill men who lost their lives in the First World War. The names of the fallen are engraved on a separate stone plaque inside the church porch.

During 2016 we became aware that this memorial was in need of some significant restoration work, and so began the process of learning more about the history of the memorial and how it might be conserved in memory of past generations and as a challenge to future ones. The war memorial is of an unusual type, especially in Sussex. It is a roofed crucifix, or Calvary, of Sussex oak set into a base of local sandstone.

We are delighted to have been awarded a grant from the War Memorials Trust to cover 75 per cent of the cost of the restoration of the war memorial, which has recently been completed.

The Calvary was dismantled and the fixing of the wooden structure on to the stone base was made secure. The figure of Christ was carefully cleaned and repaired and the stone base was cleaned and repointed.



St Augustine's Church is very grateful to the War Memorials Trust for its generous contribution to the work. Frances Moreton, Director, War Memorials Trust said: "War memorials are a tangible contribution to our shared past creating a link between the fallen and today. It is vital we ensure all our war memorials are in the best possible condition for their age and the charity is delighted to support this project. The centenary of World War I is a wonderful opportunity for local communities across the country to protect and conserve their war memorials. If anyone knows of any other war memorials in need of help please contact us."

Now that the restoration work has been completed, it seemed appropriate in this centenary year of the end of WWI that we should rededicate it and take the opportunity to celebrate the life of our village community in 1918 and now in 2018. There will therefore be a village celebration from 2pm on the afternoon of Saturday 23rd June, when we will hear various village organisations, such as the WI, the club, the scouts, and the church, tell us the story of their organisation 'Then and Now'. At 3pm we will move outside to rededicate the War Memorial and will then enjoy tea and cake together in the annexe.

All are welcome to this special celebration of the life of our village of Scaynes Hill.



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By Archie Ramsden (Year 6)

For the fifth time in the last six years, Lindfield Primary Academy has been crowned Mid-Sussex Tag-Rugby champions after a dramatic day of matches against schools from across the locality. Having shared the trophy last year with local rivals Blackthorns, history was certainly on the side of both village schools. Lindfield, who won the tournament in 2013, 2014 & 2016, took along three teams whilst Blackthorns, who were winners in 2011 & 2015, brought two, showing the strength in depth of rugby across both schools.

In the group stages, Lindfield A did amazingly well, winning 5 and drawing 1 (against the Lindfield B side which ended up in a thrilling 6-6 draw) while the B side won 4 and drew 2, so both Lindfield teams, in the established competition, qualified for the semi-finals.

Lindfield A played Harlands and won comfortably to send them through to the final, meanwhile Lindfield B played a competitive Blackthorns side, whose amazing defence showed why they always put up a fight. However, Lindfield's attacking brilliance put them through to the final. Blackthorns later defeated Harlands to take third place.

As the grand final was an all Lindfield Primary Academy affair, all the players put their heads together and decided that the cup should be shared between the two teams. That meant all the players and coaches went home smiling. James Smyth (Lindfield's coach) stated: "I am really glad that all our teams did so well. To have both teams in the final shows how hard everyone has trained over the last few months!"

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Appeal to fix the fouling

Dog owners who walk along the path next to Arthur Bliss House are being asked to keep a closer eye on their pets.

Residents at the sheltered housing scheme are concerned about a recent increase in dogs straying into their garden and leaving their mess behind.

Manager Peter Sleat explained: "The garden at Arthur Bliss House isn't fully fenced off, which means dogs can access the grounds very easily and leave their mess behind. This seems to be happening more often and is very unpleasant for the residents, some of whom are partially sighted.

"We know that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets, but wanted to highlight the problem and encourage everyone to keep an extra close eye on their pets while walking past the building."

Flower Show plans

Gardeners, flower arrangers and cooks in Scaynes Hill will be taking a step back in time as they begin preparing for the annual flower show on 1st September.

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the popular village event, the organisers have decided to use the original schedule. The first show, in 1978, saw gardeners growing and exhibiting very traditional vegetables such as cabbages, beetroot and carrots. There were also classes for the heaviest marrow and the longest runner bean.

The flower section was dominated by chrysanthemums, gladioli, asters and roses while home-made jam, sausage rolls scones and traditional Victoria sponges made up the cookery exhibits.

Handicrafts included patchwork and embroidery while children were encouraged to let their imaginations run wild making their own 'Scaynes Hill Horror,' a monster made from natural materials.

Secretary Dianne Elliott said: "We are encouraging everyone take an early look at the schedule as things were a little different back in the 1970s and keen gardeners may want to start planning their entries nice and early."

She added that some of the rules were also very different 40 years ago.

For more information visit: scayneshill.webplus.net or contact the show secretaries for a schedule. Copies will be delivered to the village at the end of July.

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Members of Oathall Community College's PTA will host a brand new event in Lindfield this month.

In support of the crowdfunding campaign to raise funds to equip the new Maths & Science faculty building at the school, the Lindfield Gin Festival will take place on 9th June at the King Edward Hall.

Annie Streeter and the team at South Downs Cellars are the masterminds behind this fundraiser and tickets are selling fast. Other than tasting many different gins with gorgeous garnishes to accompany, there will be a Raffle to Win a Wheelbarrow of Gin. The gin has very kindly been donated by numerous Lindfield businesses, which have been very generous, and the wheelbarrow donated by Bodle Bros.

Annie commented: "The target is to raise £25,000 for state of the art equipment for the building and I'm really excited to launch this fun event to help with that goal."

Tickets (£10 in advance, £15 on the night) can be bought from South Downs Cellars at 70 High Street or 01444 484285. The event starts at 7pm on Saturday 9th June.



Photo: Clare Ozkan Photography

Village Day 2nd June

Lindfield's annual Village Day is being held on Saturday 2nd June.

The day, which is a fundraiser for King Edward Hall, starts with a procession down the High Street (when the road will be closed to traffic between 12.15-1.30pm) which then enters the arena on the Common. The afternoon's activities are formally started when the local blacksmith undertake the 'Firing of the Anvil' at 1.45pm.

As well as some fun family games taking place in the arena, there will also be a fitting tribute to those fallen in WWI, carried out by members of Lindfield Bonfire Society.

With over 100 stalls on the Common, it is always a great place to bag a bargain - and a beer if you fancy it!

For more information about the day, residents can buy a programme from High Street shops for just £1. Or see the website: www.kingedwardhall.org.uk



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TV Gardener a hit

By Chris Gurr

The Lindfield Horticultural Society was privileged to sponsor a talk in April at the King Edward Hall by Nick Bailey, Garden Journalist of the Year for 2017. Nick is a regular presenter on BBC's Gardeners World. He has had a varied career in horticulture over 25 years, including six years or so as head gardener at the Chelsea Physic Garden. The Society has organised a trip to this garden in July.

All in all, the large audience in the Hall was treated to an interesting and fascinating talk, and the evening was an enjoyable and educational experience, as have all the talks arranged by Wendy Dumbleton for the Society in each of the three previous months of this year.



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Making the most of your garden

PROPERTY PAGE

By Mathew Gurr

It goes without saying that your garden (whatever the size) becomes a selling point from May and throughout the summer. With the sunshine finally looking like it is here to stay, I wanted to share some top Move Revolution tips to make the most of outdoor living and help us sell your home as quickly as possible for the highest amount of money!

It really is possible to take advantage of any outdoor space, even the most compact area adjoining your flat or house. If you only have a very small area, consider creating a 'secret garden'... invest in a 'cluster' of three to five gorgeous large pots and pack them with scented plants, or maybe lush plants to give a topical feel! Add a small bistro table and couple of chairs... perfect for that glass of chilled wine in the sunshine. Similar to indoors, the use of a mirror really does give the feeling of more space, it makes a small area feel full of light!

If you have a larger lawned area, invest in keeping your grass as green as possible. Freshly cut neat grass always looks amazing!

If your garden is a little bit overgrown putting in a few hours' work, or getting help to give your garden a 'hair cut' and a weed really will make all the difference. Not only will you get to enjoy all your hard work before you move to your next dream home, but also potential buyers will see a garden which is easy to maintain, with not much to do when they move in! If you don't have the time to do this yourself, there are plenty of local gardeners on Facebook who can help.

Buyers love to imagine themselves relaxing in a garden; with this in mind a shrewd investment would be

a gorgeous table and chairs accompanied with a large umbrella (remember to buy one that you will love to take with you to your new home!). There are so many outdoor rattan and wooden sets available... pick one that will be perfect for your garden. Remember to position your new table, chairs and umbrella in the right location to admire your home, see a view or in a location that gives complete privacy. And... always put the umbrella up to provide a lovely area of shade... you can add a jug of ice-cold lemonade and glasses on the table! If you don't have the budget for a new set of furniture, borrow a jet washer and clean off your existing furniture – a little bit of elbow grease will make sure that a potential buyer can sit on a clean chair!

Why not add a splash of colour with the use of hanging baskets and a pot plant on your garden table. These are all things you can take with you, they are also a cost effective solution to 'instant gardening'!

Consider adding a hammock to your garden – if you have two trees perfect for hanging a hammock, this really is an indulgent addition to a garden, just add a pillow and a buyer will look lovingly at the hammock and may even want to try it out! (If you don't have two perfect trees use a hammock 'frame' and choose the perfect place for a summertime snooze.)

In Lindfield we are so lucky to have some wonderful local shops. If you are looking for something for the garden, then I would highly recommend popping into Tufnells. If you are thinking of moving this summer, my team and I would love to hear from you, just call **01444 657657**.



Lest We Forget

During 2018 and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, the Lindfield Life is remembering the 64 men (as identified by Chris Comber), with a connection to Lindfield, who tragically died in that War. These are the names of a further six of these men and the remaining names will appear in the Lindfield Life until October 2018.

William Mansbridge

Private G 1578. 7th Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action aged 26 during the battle of Cambrai on 20th November 1917. Commemorated at The Thiepval Memorial MR 17.

Next of kin unknown but resided at 2 Alma Cottages, Alma Road, Lindfield.

Harry George Markwick

Corporal G 77540. 7th Battalion The Royal Fusiliers. Killed in action aged 38 on 27th August 1918 during the battle of the Scarpe. Buried Beaulencourt British Cemetery F560 and commemorated on the Brighton War Memorial.

Survived by his wife of 5 Luxford Road, Lindfield.

Albert Victor Newnham

Private L 10100. 2nd Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment. Wounded on the Aisne and died of his wounds in Paris on 16th October 1914 aged 20. Buried City of Paris Cemetery, F457,

and one of his brothers:

John Francis Newnham

Private 13608. HMS Tiger Royal Marine Artillery. Killed in action aged 19 on 31st May 1916 at the Battle of Jutland. Buried at sea. Commemorated at The Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Southwest MR3,

and another brother:

Noel Herbert Newnham

Bugler 14935 HMS Vanguard, Royal Marine Artillery. Lost aged 16 in Scapa Flow when his ship blew up on 9th July 1917. Commemorated at The Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Southwest MR3.

Albert, John and Noel were survived by their parents of 1 Laburnham Cottages, Compton Road, Lindfield and their brother, Jesse.

Albert NYE

Private 477678. Royal Canadian Regiment. Killed in action aged 29 in the Hooze Sector, Ypres on 2nd June 1916. Commemorated on The Menin Gate Memorial, Ypres MR 29 Canadian Section.

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WSCC Recycling Ambassador Colin McFarlin sheds some light on what can and can't be recycled in our domestic blue bins. If you have a question for him, email: editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk

What a great response to my article in the May edition. By the time you read this I will have replied individually to all your emails to the editor on recycling. Keep the questions coming...

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Thanks to Lucy and Sue for telling us Hurstwood Park Neurological Unit collects these. Collection box inside the entrance to the unit. Thanks to Jean for letting us know there is also a collection point at St Augustine's Church, Scaynes Hill.

There is some friendly rivalry at PRH, as Peter tells us the 'Friends of PRH' also collects these, and there is a collection bin just past the reception desk. There is also a drop off point in 'The Bay Tree' in the Orchards.

Also thanks to Donna for telling us the Cats Protection Centre at Chelwood Gate collects these, as disposable toys for cats. They also collect newspapers, old towels and blankets, cardboard tubes, egg boxes and drinking straws.

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Thank you for sending in your specific questions on recycling. Here are two you have asked about that I have picked out. Keep them coming

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During the Festival weekend a raft of entertainments and activities will be on the common, including a Literary Tent with a programme of author readings, a spray artist creating works of art on cellophane strung between trees and eight giant interactive gadgets with visual and auditory illusions from the Travelling Light Circus. Elsewhere in the village, specialist live karaoke band Rockaoke and female jazz



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Sara Abbott

VILLAGE PEOPLE

Dogs have always played an important role in artist Sara Abbott's life.

From caring for travellers' dogs and supporting animal charities to painting pampered pooches in Harrods' pet department, Sara has a natural affinity with our four-legged friends which shines through in her work.

Earlier this year, Sara's reputation meant she was invited to photograph and create a portrait of the supreme champion at Crufts!

But whether it's a pure bred champion or a Heinz 57 mutt, Sara's approach is always the same. "I attract the dog's attention by balancing a piece of cheese on my head," she said. "It works every time and brings a whole new meaning to the phrase: Say cheese!"



By Claire Cooper

Originally from Dover, Sara had an unconventional upbringing. "My father's international career meant we were never in one place for long," she said.

Sara continued her wanderlust lifestyle after leaving home. "When I was in my twenties I joined the Peace Convoy and travelled around England and Scotland in a converted bus," she recalled.

The freedom of moving and experiencing different landscapes, and the company of the travelling dogs, provided early inspiration for artist Sara, who also became interested in foraging and creating herbal remedies. "I became quite proficient at treating the various problems of the travellers' dogs," she said.

After settling so her children could attend school, Sara's knowledge of herbal remedies led to a job as a senior buyer for Culpeper the herbalists.

"However, I found myself living in Cambridge with a mortgage, credit cards and going off to work in my smart suits," said Sara. "Before long I realised that this wasn't the life I wanted. I'd always thought I'd be an artist and so decided it was now or never and I needed to make a change."

Sara moved to Brighton and was soon exhibiting in local galleries. She also made her mark on the city, creating a portrait of Gary Numan for the Neptune pub and a magical Alice in Wonderland mural in Middle Street.

Brighton is the perfect place for artists to experiment, and Sara began specialising in painting classical figures

'with a twist', including a painting of the goddess Diana the Huntress with her two dogs. "My Diana had piercings and tattoos," said Sara. "But surprisingly it was the dogs that attracted the most attention."

When a visitor who had seen the painting asked Sara to paint his dog it was a turning point in her career. Commissions for dog portraits began to arrive as Sara's reputation grew.

In 2012 Sara was invited to become 'artist in residence' at Harrods pet department. "It was all very intense," she recalled. "I had to dress very smartly and produce a painting under bright lighting while being constantly interrupted by someone handing me their phone to show me a picture of their dog, which was lovely but hard."

Sara painted live in-store every other weekend until the pet department closed in 2014.

On leaving Brighton, Sara helped set up a gallery at Todmorden in the Calder Valley, inspired by the Wuthering heights landscapes, and began splitting her time between Yorkshire and Sussex. "I have clients all over the country and a child in the North and South, so it worked well."

After a couple of years Sara relocated to Berkhamsted, setting up a studio in a beautiful Victorian Manor House. "It was just as eccentric as it sounds! A rambling old family house and the perfect place to paint landscapes of the Chiltern Hills. I loved exploring and helping out in the garden."

It wasn't long before Sara was working her magic on the interior.

"I decorated the dining room with clouds on the ceiling and fruit trellis for the walls. I also created a huge painting of Monet's 'Le petit-dejeuner' on the dining room wall."

This spring Sara returned to Sussex to be near her parents who live in Surrey and son in Brighton. "I've always had a soft spot for the county, so was thrilled to be offered fabulous studio space in Lindfield by an artist friend," she said.

The move to Lindfield coincided with one of Sara's most exciting paintings. She was invited by the Kennel Club to photograph the Crufts Supreme Champion, a whippet called Tease, with a view to creating a painting.

"I'd been going to Crufts for five years with my friend who has a stand there, but never thought I'd ever be among the professional photographers in the winners' arena," said Sara. "It was incredibly exciting, and an experience I will never forget."

Back in Lindfield, and working from the photographs, Sara created a stunning contemporary painting featuring Tease with the championship Trophy in the background. It is hoped the painting will hang at the Kennel Club headquarters in Green Park before being used to raise funds for Whippets in rescue.

Sara currently specialises in people, animals and landscapes. "I've painted a much loved racing pigeon and even a trout, and I love painting horses.

"I've painted Heather Mills' dogs, sold a cow painting to actor Chris Ellison, and chef John Torode bought cow and chicken paintings when they were exhibited at his restaurant. However, I'm still waiting for the corgi commission..."

Sara has a unique approach to her work which starts with visiting the client. "It's important to capture the personality of the pet by observing them in familiar surroundings."

During the visit Sara takes hundreds of photos in natural light. "I attract the dog's attention by lying on the ground with cheese or a treat on my head, getting that important 'eye to camera' shot," said Sara. "With the final choice resting with the client, we narrow them down

to the one which captures everything they love about their dog.

"We then agree on a solid colour background."

Sara uses oil and spray paint on a deep edge box canvas taking the colour around the sides to give a contemporary feel. "I totally love the work I do and can honestly say I've enjoyed every single one," said Sara. "Every dog is different, every painting tells a unique story and every one is an adventure."

Sara's 60 x 60cm portraits cost £580 which includes a £100 donation to an animal rescue charity. "It's really important that my work also supports the distant cousins of my fortunate subjects, the dogs who find themselves down on their luck and in rescue," Sara explained.



"The charities are mostly dog rescue organisations, although I have supported Hen Heaven in Henfield, Compassion in World Farming and a pony sanctuary. I change the charity every six months and have a £2,000 target for each."

She recently raised £2,000 for Dogs on the Streets, a charity which supports dogs belonging to homeless people, and has donated portrait commissions for animal charity auctions.

Sara, who is currently raising funds for 'Chiltern Dog Rescue Society' and looking for new charities to support, is settling into village life, with her little rescue dog Karma. "It's such a pleasure to find myself in Lindfield. I'm intrigued and fascinated by the vernacular buildings that

have been here for centuries and excited to be a part of it at this moment in time. I'm still finding my way around but hope to get involved with the coming Arts Festival and find somewhere to exhibit my work.

"I love shopping on the High Street and was delighted to find an excellent greengrocer where I can fill my basket full of beautiful fresh veg without coming away with a single bit of plastic," she added. "Although my dog prefers the butchers next door which provides her with bones!"

To find out more about Sara, or nominate a charity, visit www.sara-abbott.com or her Facebook page.

The finest contemporary silver and jewellery on show in June

SUMMER EXHIBITION

Showing new work from many of the UK's leading silversmiths and enamellers, and with over 250 fabulous pieces of contemporary jewellery on show, John Higgins – founder of the Contemporary Silver Gallery – gets his ninth Summer Exhibition in Lindfield underway when it opens on 21st June.

Event organiser John Higgins explained: "It's such a pleasure and privilege for us to be able to show in Lindfield such a wonderful and diverse range of contemporary silver and jewellery, from every part of the UK, by the very best designer/makers and to see those key pieces which we commissioned for this exhibition in 2016/2017 finally come to fruition.

"We have commissioned new work from five fantastic silversmiths specifically for this exhibition, including several enamelled pieces from Jane Short," John explains, "and we are particularly pleased to welcome back Kevin Grey, who first exhibited here in 2010 and has subsequently gone on to win no less than three prestigious Goldsmiths' Company Awards since then. Kevin's groundbreaking and exciting modernist work combines cutting edge modern technology with traditional silversmithing techniques and is always quite exceptional."

Over 30 silversmiths will show their work at this year's exhibition.

"Whilst we initially focused just on contemporary silver," says John, "the inclusion of contemporary jewellery into the exhibition since 2013 has proved more and more popular every year. This year we are welcoming back seven of our favourite Jewellery Designer/Makers who have exhibited with us before, including Jane Adam, Kayo Saito, Jane Macintosh and Lucy Martin, and whose work is just beautiful and very popular with our customers, and a further three Designer/Makers, Gerlinde Huth, Rosina Beech and Adele Brereton who will be exhibiting with us for the first time and who produce really exciting jewellery.

In preparing this Exhibition, John has been working closely with Contemporary British Silversmiths (CBS), the leading association in the UK for contemporary silver. CBS promotes excellence in design and craftsmanship, and the association gives voice to a new generation of silversmiths, many of whom will be exhibiting in Lindfield. John comments: "Part of our support towards CBS is to provide exhibition space to silversmiths still in the early stages of their career, where they can exhibit and sell their work. I urge you to look at the pieces they have produced - you will be amazed!"

"Everybody is very welcome to come to the Exhibition," says John, "but we do ask that you give us a call or email beforehand so we know when you are coming."

Telephone 01444 483782 or 07715 491686 or email: john@thecontemporarysilvergallery.co.uk for a personal invitation, or visit the website: www.thecontemporarysilvergallery.co.uk/exhibitions for detailed information.

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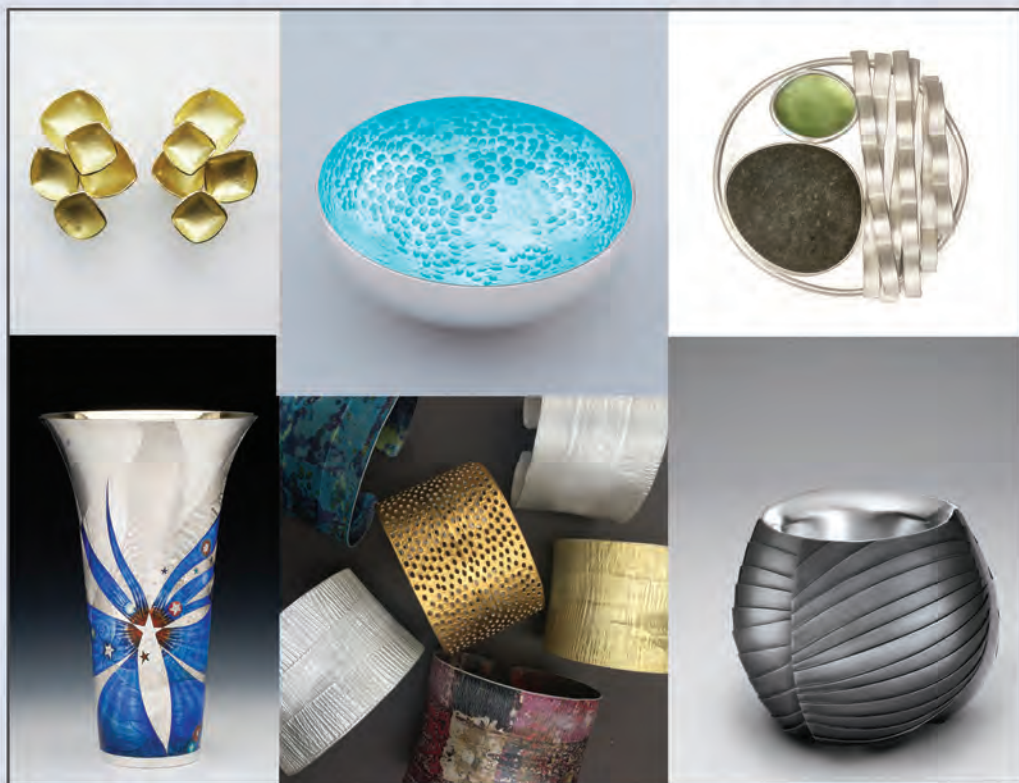
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Judges to inspect village

LINDFIELD IN BLOOM

By Heather Martin

Here at Lindfield in Bloom we've had a busy spring organising this year's events, and many of them are taking place this month!

We kick off with our fundraising stall at Village Day on Saturday 2nd June. The donations and money raised on this day enables us to buy plants for the whole village to enjoy, pay for equipment with which we can look after the plants and obtain basic items such as employer's and public liability insurance. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our stall, where you can pick up an entry form if you would like to take part in this year's 'Front Garden Gala'. Alternatively you may collect a form from 5 Dukes Road. Also at Village Day, ahead of our scarecrow trail which is running as part of the Lindfield Arts Festival, you'll be able to get some tips on how to build your own scarecrow.

A week later, on Sunday 10th June from 1-5pm, we are delighted to be supporting Lindfield's own Open Gardens Trail in aid of St Peter & St James' Hospice. Enjoy an afternoon visiting a range of gardens, large and small, to get tips and ideas for what you can achieve in your own outside space – there'll be coffee and cake and plenty of plants for sale too.

Throughout the month those of you who have planted sunflower seeds will need to keep your saplings well watered in dry spells.

Then, on the morning of Friday 29th June, we look forward to welcoming the judges from South & South East in Bloom who will be taking a guided tour through the village to see what the community has been up to and giving us hints and tips on where we can do even better in future years. The judges will be looking at three areas: community participation, the environment and horticulture. For the community aspect they will be gauging what is happening in financial and physical terms and in kind by way of support from residents, community groups and local businesses. In terms of the environment they'll be asking 'are we doing our best for the environment and wildlife?'. For example using water butts, recycling wherever possible, making use of compost facilities, and looking after and encouraging wildlife. These first two categories make up 25% of the marks each, with the final category, horticulture, being awarded the final 50% of the marks available. We have, of course, enjoyed wonderful support from across the community and have been told of one or two environmental projects being undertaken. We do, however, need your support on the horticulture front: while we have volunteers regularly checking the new planters in Denmans Lane, if you spot that the plants



are wilting in the sun between visits, perhaps you would provide them with a drop of water as you pass? Also, please don't use the planters for litter – there's a waste bin on the High Street just round the corner from Denmans Lane that's only a few footsteps away. We hope to see lots of pots, planters, hanging baskets and window boxes in use throughout the summer (if you have a water butt, rainwater can be recycled for your watering) and particularly on the day of the judge's visit. The judges really DO look at EVERYTHING that they walk/drive past, so every little effort really does make a difference on judging day. As it's our first year we are using their visit to provide a benchmark which we can work with in future years.

As always, if you have a project that you and your neighbours are undertaking together; or if your club or society has an idea for their outside space that we can provide support with, please do get in touch via email: Heather@heathermartin.co.uk or phone: 07738 323082.

Back to basics

SIMPLY GOOD FOOD

Classic pesto

In the processor briefly buzz 50g Parmesan, Pecorino or our local Twineham Grange hard cheese to rough chunks. Add 50g basil leaves, 50g pinenuts (toasted if wished) and 2 cloves peeled garlic. With the motor running, pour in 100ml olive oil to make a thick brilliant green sauce. Don't over process, the best result should be a slightly chunky texture. Season to taste, pour into a glass container and add a very thin layer of oil to seal the surface. Refrigerate.

Variations: use parsley and chives, walnuts or pecans. Try mint and toasted flaked almonds. Instead of nuts add 50g pitted olives to the basic method. Watercress Pesto – use a roughly chopped bunch of watercress, walnuts or hazelnuts and, if liked, a small chopped red chilli.

Creamy pasta sauce

For each portion stir 2tbs pesto into 4tbs crème fraiche and gently heat to piping hot before adding to freshly cooked plain or filled pasta.



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By Caroline Young

I am writing this at the end of April – and a hail storm is hitting the windows! When will this weather end – I want to be out in the garden hopefully making it look more interesting for this year's Garden Trail. One part I really want to concentrate on is my herb pots so that I can stock up on home-made pesto. Home-made pesto is a brilliant green chunky textured sauce full of fresh herb flavours. It only takes seconds to make in a processor, will keep chilled for up to four weeks and far longer in the freezer. The uses of pesto are almost unlimited – in addition to adding to rice and pasta dishes add a spoonful to a bowl of soup, to casseroles, in sandwiches, atop scrambled eggs or poached salmon. Combine fresh breadcrumbs, curd cheese and pesto to slip under the skin of chicken breasts before roasting. Now you know why I need flourishing herb pots!



Onion and potato bake (Serves 4)

Preheat oven 170°. Scrub and thinly slice 1kg small English new potatoes, dry thoroughly in a teatowel and tip into a large bowl. Mix together 4tbs pesto and 2tbs olive or rapeseed oil, add to the potatoes and mix well. Arrange two-thirds of the potatoes in a large shallow baking dish, top with a thinly sliced red onion and 4 sliced English tomatoes. Cover with remaining potatoes. Cover with a lid or baking parchment and bake for 50-60 min or until potatoes are just fork tender. Top with a generous layer of sliced soft cheese such as Brie, Mozzarella or a firm goats cheese and continue to cook for about 10 min or until cheese is golden brown.

Now for dessert.....

Strawberry and polenta cake

Equally good made with rhubarb.

Preheat oven 160°. Put 110g polenta, 225g plain flour, 1tbs baking powder, 150g caster sugar and the finely grated rind of 1 orange into processor and buzz to blend. Add 150g butter and buzz to crumbs. Whisk 1 egg with 1tbs orange juice and 1tbsp oil and add through the feeder tube just to combine. Press two-thirds of the dough on to the base of a buttered 23in springform (loose-bottomed) pan. Toss 350g small firm strawberries with 25g Demerara sugar and 2tsp polenta. Pile on to the base and crumble remaining dough over the top. Bake for 45-50 min then allow to cool for at least 20 min before removing the sides of the pan.

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The last Friday of term a sunny Easter bonnet parade saw children from across the school showing off their

wonderful creations in front of a happy crowd of visitors. Prizes included yummy chocolate eggs provided by the PTA and three book tokens that were very kindly donated by Damita Ewen from local business Details of Lindfield. As well as the hunt and parade children once again enjoyed a wonderful chocolatey treat generously donated by Lindfield Co-op for every child in the school.







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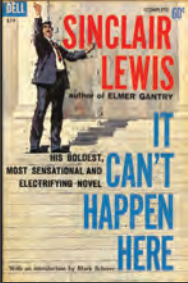
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It can't happen here by Sinclair Lewis

BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

This book was written in 1935 and yet it has the feel that it could be about today. A vain, proud anti-immigrant, fear inducing rabble-rouser runs for President and defeats the liberal elite determined to keep him from power. When he gets power, he starts to reorganise the USA in a way that could make him President for life. In the era of fake news and sound bites, we are familiar with the trend towards populist politics, but what is astounding is that very little has changed. The hypocrisy that is often there in these so-called men of the people taking on the elites is brilliantly exposed. In the story, one brave newspaper man is prepared to tell it like it is when everyone is becoming cowardly and afraid for their lives, an everyman character we can identify with. This is a cautionary tale, rediscovered over eighty years after its first publication, and it is a shame that its message that was once aimed at stopping Roosevelt's New Deal era from not taking men like Hitler seriously has a resonance today.

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This year's main ring attraction is the famous and renowned Atkinson Action Horses - best known for their appearances in television series Poldark, Peaky Blinders and Victoria. Visitors will be able to meet both horses and riders in between performances.

Other firm family favourites include the high-energy, micro-sized Shetland Pony Grand National; popular hound parades; world-class show jumping; impressive heavy horse turnouts and the amazing livestock display, with expert commentary showing the best of breed in beef and dairy cattle, sheep, pigs and goats.

Kelly Grant, Development Director of the South of England Agricultural Society, said: "There is so much to look forward to at this year's show including a new Entertainment Zone featuring the eye-catching music stage sponsored by Long Man Brewery and designed by award-winning contemporary designer, Morag Myerscough.

"Young fans of TV's PAW Patrol will also have the chance to meet characters, Chase and Marshall on the Saturday of the show and the Entertainment Zone will also feature a double decker bus, funfair, simulator, face-painting, blacksmithing demonstrations, Laser Qube experience and a fabulous food court.

She added that hundreds of students from schools and colleges from across the region who will be involved in competitions, exhibits and interactive demonstrations from a new tractor challenge to the prestigious Young Craftsman of the Year exhibition.

For more information and to buy tickets visit www.seas.org.uk and save 15% off the gate entry price.

Give your views on rural crime in the area...

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Do you think rural crime has gone up or down in Sussex? Do you feel safer? What's your view of the police in your community?

This year's survey in April and is open until 10th June. Anyone who lives, works or visits our rural communities is urged to respond and have their voice heard.

We know that there are certain types of crime and areas of vulnerability which impact rural communities and businesses differently from those in urban areas.

Alongside other measures, the responses to this survey will help to ensure that Sussex Police meets the needs of our rural communities.

The survey is available now online at: www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/survey and is open for submissions until Sunday 10th June.

Katherine Jenkins returns to the Park

The ever-popular Welsh singer Katherine Jenkins OBE is returning to West Sussex this summer for a charity concert staged by It's Magic Events.

Katherine, fresh from her West End debut in 'Carousel', will perform on Saturday 14th July in Victoria Park, Haywards Heath for what will be her seventh performance in the town.

Accompanied by the National Symphony Orchestra, she will appear alongside special guest John Owen-Jones, best known for playing the titular role in The Phantom of the Opera and Jean Valjean in Les Miserables.

The announcement comes after tickets went on sale for It's Magic Events' annual Summer Festival of Music, a five-day community initiative staged to raise funds for local good causes.

This year, It's Magic is supporting three charities: Woodlands Meed School in Burgess Hill, Kangaroos Fun Disability Clubs, and Sussex Autism Support.

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LINDFIELD HISTORY



By Richard Bryant, Lindfield History Project Group

From the mid 1800s until about 60 years ago Lindfield was virtually encircled by big houses and their grounds. This article looks at two of these houses: Barrington House, the last large villa built in the parish, and Buxshalls.

A large Edwardian villa, Barrington House was built between c1904 and 1906 to the north of By Sunte. Its extensive grounds had for centuries been used for farming and woodland.

The first occupant, Mrs Ann Phyllis Powys, was probably responsible for building the house as Barrington was a name within the family. Born Ann Greenwood at Wallingford in 1825, she had been married to Philip Lybbe Powys, an Eton and Balliol College educated barrister and MP for Newport Isle of Wight. They separated in 1863 and it is not known why she moved to Lindfield 40 years later. Mrs Powys lived in some comfort, as the 1911 census describes her as 'living on private means' with a cook, parlourmaid, housemaid and resident nurse to look after her. Ann Powys died at Barrington House on 21st February 1912.

In 1913 Barrington House was occupied by Mr and Mrs Charles Weatherby and their son Thomas. Charles Weatherby, born May 1860, was a partner in Weatherbys. He died in Lindfield on 24th June 1913.

Interestingly, seven generations of the Weatherby family have been involved in British horse racing since the formation of the Jockey Club, when in 1770 James Weatherby, a Newcastle solicitor, was appointed Secretary to the Jockey Club, Keeper of the Match Book and Stakeholder. This led to him publishing the Racing Calendar and later the first authentic Stud Book. Since that time, Weatherbys has provided the central

administration for horseracing and maintained the register of all thoroughbred horses in Britain and Ireland. Also acting as horseracing's bankers resulted in the creation of Weatherbys Bank. Weatherbys had been a family partnership until 1994 when it became a private limited company owned by the family. The death of Thomas Weatherby in 1915, denied the family business of a potential key member.

Thomas Weatherby attended Winchester College between 1907 and 1913 and played cricket for their first team. Being a keen cricketer he was a prominent playing member of Lindfield Cricket Club. At the outbreak of the Great War, he volunteered to serve King and Country and was commissioned, joining the 9th Battalion, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, and promoted to Captain in February 1915. From November 1914 his Battalion was training in Dorset, and, while stationed at Wimborne, Thomas contracted spotted fever (meningococcal meningitis) and died at the Alexandra Military Hospital, Cosham, on 8th May 1915, aged 20. His body was brought home and buried at Walstead Cemetery with full military honours; 150 soldiers from the 2nd London Rifles lined the approach to the cemetery and fired three volleys over the grave.

From 1929 to the mid 1930s it was the family home of Sir William Pell Barton and his wife, following his return from India. Sir William Pell Barton was born in 1871. After university he went to India in 1893 and rose through the ranks of the political system holding many senior posts, such as British Commissioner. In recognition of his service, in 1927 he was Knighted Commander in the Order of the Indian Empire. An authority on the North West Frontier and the Princely States of India, he wrote a number of books, including *The Princes of India* (1934),

India's North West Frontier (1939), and India's Fateful Hour (1942).

Sir William and Lady Barton's younger daughter, Elizabeth Vidal Barton, married Sir Richard Hamilton 9th Baronet of Silvertonhill, a schoolmaster at Ardingly College, in April 1952 at Ardingly. Elizabeth, a prolific historical biographer, wrote the definitive account of the salacious Mordaunt affair that resulted in the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII, and friends being cited in divorce proceedings.

The Bartons were followed in the mid 1930s by Marquess Hastings William Sackville Russell, later 12th Duke of Bedford. He would appear to have owned Barrington House, as in 1948 records show he sold Barrington Lodge that stood in the grounds. A keen ornithologist, the Marquess bred many species of parrots and parrot-like birds in aviaries constructed in the grounds, approximately where Barrington Road is today. He occupied Barrington House until it was requisitioned by the military during the Second World War.

After the War the property was converted into flats and further modified in about 1970 into three separate dwellings.

Turning to Buxshalls, this name is Saxon in origin and over the centuries its land has seen many owners. The current house, called Buxshalls, was built in 1825 in the Italianate style by William Jolland as his family home. The estate comprised the house, grounds, entrance lodge (built 1876), two large fish ponds and four farms totalled some 500 acres. It passed down the Jolland family line and when Jolland's only daughter, Katherine Mary Jolland, married Lieutenant Colonel Dudley Sampson in 1878 they received Buxshalls as their home.

The Sampsons added the west wing to the house, which provided a large drawing room with bedroom above and also installed a new grand front staircase. In total there were four reception rooms, a billiard room, fifteen bedrooms and dressing rooms but apparently only one family bathroom. Looking after them in the 1900s was a butler, cook, four servants and a chauffeur.



The house, surrounded by impressive gardens that contained a balustraded terrace, lawns, herbaceous borders and Venetian temple, was set in picturesque parkland with ponds. The grounds, tended by several gardeners, ran down to the River Ouse with two



thatched boathouses linked by a covered bridge. In a wooded grove north of the house, the Sampsons built a mortuary chapel as the final resting place for their son who died in 1899 of diphtheria.

Dudley Sampson, born in 1841, joined the Army aged 16 and was posted to India. His regiment saw much action in quelling the India Mutiny. An illustrious military career followed during which he played prominent roles in many campaigns across India.

When not soldiering he was a fine sportsman and gentleman rider, with 42 wins in 52 races. Travelling was also another great passion. He was a keen writer and the author of several songs, including For Union and for Queen, a song for loyal Ireland sung at the Ulster demonstration at the Royal Albert Hall in 1893. The music for this song together with his The Veterans Song was composed by Lady Arthur Hill (famous for In the Gloaming). His book of Songs of Love and Life was published in 1918 after his death and republished in 2016.

Colonel and Mrs Sampson were social leaders in Lindfield, being active in all aspects of public life and supporters of local good causes. He played a major role in driving forward the building of King Edward Hall. Additionally, he was a Justice of the Peace, a County Councillor for the area and a Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex.

He died at Buxshalls in 1917 and his widow two years later; they were interred alongside their son in the mortuary chapel.

From 1927 Buxshalls was the home of Sir Henry Cautley, a barrister, judge and the Member of Parliament for East Grinstead from 1910 until 1936, and his wife. On retirement he was raised to the peerage as the 1st Baron Cautley of Lindfield. Baroness Cautley died in 1943 and on his death in 1946, aged 82, the barony became extinct. Buxshalls was owned from 1947 by Sidney Askew and his wife Dorothy, nee Rank (as in Rank Hovis McDougall). After they left Buxshalls, it became a residential home for the elderly and now stands empty, with an uncertain future.

More of Lindfield's big houses will be looked at in a future article. Contact Lindfield History Project Group on 01444 482136.

Lemonade served at Village Day



Once again Lindfield United Reformed Church will be setting up its lemonade stand at Lindfield Village Day on Saturday 2nd June.

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You and your friends can also compete in the Cup Stacking Challenge for your chance to win a £10 Amazon voucher!



Swooving bees

Swoove instructors Ellie Woollven and Amy Stuttle recently held a 3-hour Swoovathon to raise funds and awareness for local charity Group B Strep Support.

More than 40 people attended the event at the Scaynes Hill Millenium Centre, either to Swoove for one, two or three hours or just pop in and buy a raffle ticket and watch all the fun.

On the day over £740 was raised which, when added to sponsorship, gives a total of over £1,800. Many people dressed as bumble bees to represent the charity's logo, and the event was very colourful and high energy.

Jane Plumb MBE, chief executive at Group B Strep Support, told the pair: "You are raising vital funds for Group B Strep Support. Without the passion, drive, enthusiasm and generosity of people like you, we could not exist. Thank you so much!"



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UB40 to play at Borde Hill

UB40 and the Gipsy Kings will headline new festival 'A Boundless Summer' at Borde Hill Garden this summer.

The festival will take place on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th July 2018. UB40, plus support band Aswad, will be performing on Saturday. While The Gipsy Kings, featuring Nicolas Reyes & Tonino Baliardo, are the headline act on Sunday. Further special guests will be confirmed nearer the time.

The concerts will take place in the beautiful parkland setting in front of the lakes and with the backdrop of the Elizabethan Mansion House. There will be a range of catering and refreshments available to purchase on-site, and guests are able to pre-order a picnic hamper for collection on the evening of the show, to enjoy in the grounds. Attendees will also be able to bring in small camping chairs and picnic blankets from which to enjoy the concerts.

UB40 is celebrating 40 years in the business along with the release of a new album in conjunction with



PledgeMusic. The band has had more than 50 singles in the UK Singles Chart and sold more than 100 million records worldwide.

The Gipsy Kings, featuring Nicolas Reyes & Tonino Baliardo, will take to the stage on Sunday. It has been 25 years since the band captured the world's imagination with its self-titled debut album - a record that became gold and platinum around the globe, introducing millions of listeners to a unique, irresistible blend of traditional flamenco styles with Western pop and Latin rhythms.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2018

This report attempts to highlight the important issues that have impacted on the Parish over the past year.

- 1) The housing situation in the Parish continues to dominate the headlines with the appeal by Wates at Walstead (200 homes plus full school) being approved by the Minister. The development known as Heathwood Park (off Gravelye Lane, Lindfield) continues to grow to the full 200 homes and a second temporary entrance has been created off Scaynes Hill Road. The development opposite Haywards Heath Golf Club is the latest development to be approved in the Parish, this is despite strong evidence concerning the land stability and flooding issues. This approval was despite the District Plan and the Housing Supply figures being approved. We trust, in future, we should be in a position to resist further attacks on our valuable countryside and our infrastructure. In the past few years the Parish has had to accept in excess of 700 new homes, and we believe this figure is way above the figure that the Parish should be forced to accept!
- 2) The Parish Council viewed 72 planning applications, most of which were acceptable to the community.
- 3) The construction of the Scaynes Hill allotments is in its final stages and 20 (to date) are working their allotments. There are several vacant plots, but we are confident that all will be filled in due course. Many Councillors and staff worked on the development of the allotments, but a special thank you must go to Steve Minter and Andy Spooner. I would like to mention that an unusual feature is the supply of water on-site. This is pumped from a borehole powered by solar and wind generation – not many of those in the area!
- 4) Other main features of the year were as follows:
 - a. Burial Ground – The cemetery continues to provide funds for the community, and the Chapel and Lodge are also let to provide extra funds. We have electronically mapped the whole cemetery, but we are still in the process of attempting to establish vacant areas for burials, particularly where a plot was purchased but there is no written evidence of occupation.
 - b. Scaynes Hill Common and Anchor Pond (on The Farmers pub site) continue to be maintained as a result from advice from environmental groups. The parking problem at Anchor Pond should be resolved shortly but may have an impact on the parking in Church Road.
 - c. Gravelye Lane Allotments continue to flourish thanks to the support from a small band of volunteers who maintain the area. Despite some residents deciding to remove to the new Scaynes Hill Allotments, we now have a waiting list, mainly from the new estates off Gravelye Lane. The Allotment Cup was awarded to Ray Wicks – congratulations to Ray.
 - d. The Parish Council is in the process of considering several traffic calming measures and to that end we have purchased a vehicle speed indicator to be used mainly in Gravelye Lane, Lindfield and Church Road and A272 in Scaynes Hill. The data from that instrument will assist in developing further traffic calming measures. Additionally, we are discussing with WSCC Highways the proposal for a crossing at the bottom of Westlands Road, Lindfield to facilitate a safe crossing for schoolchildren.
- 5) The Parish Council continues to support local charities, the list of which is held by the Clerk.
- 6) Finally, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all my fellow Councillors, Vera, Sarah, Irene, Lin Stockwell (MSDC representative) and Andrew Lea (WSCC representative), for their substantial support over the past year. We welcome a new Councillor to the Parish Council, Trevor Webster, and report the resignations of Andy and Steve. We now have two vacancies on the Parish Council.

John Dumbleton

Your Parish Councillors:

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Lindfield Rural Parish Council Office is open to the public on Tuesdays 12.30 to 13.30 and Thursdays 10.00 to 11.00

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in an alternative and particularly attractive venue this year – the parish church of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Scaynes Hill – and, as usual, there was an excellent attendance. There were two guest speakers. One was a representative from Sussex Police and his report generated a positive debate included in which was an up-to-date on the

role of the Police Community Support Officers. He was also able to assist with the lively exchanges concerning parking in residential roads.

There was also a positive response to the interesting talk from the MSDC Wellbeing Officer, subject to which has had a great deal of recent publicity.

Parish Precept and Budget

At its meeting in January the Council agreed its budget and precept for 2018/2019.

The precept for the previous financial year 2017/2018 was £52,323 and the Council agreed to increasing the precept for 2018/2019 to £55,205. Although this was a 5.5% increase, slightly above the 3.9% RPI inflation increase (as at November), the actual impact per household based on a Band D property was an increase from £38.09 for the year 2018/2019 to £39.09, which was an increase of 2.61%. In real terms there was a £1.00 per year increase for a Band D property. The difference in the percentages was due to changes in the Council Tax base, which takes into account more households being included in the calculation.

The budget was increased to meet known increases in charges/fees and maintenance commitments. It also included an allowance for professional fees relating

to new data protection regulation and the necessary upgrading of the Council's computer systems. During 2017/2018 Council funding was used to provide new allotments at Scaynes Hill, including a bore hole and pump for the water supply, a new path to the remembrance garden at Walstead Cemetery and the refurbishment and replacement of fingerposts in the Parish.

Parish and Town Councils in Mid Sussex vary widely in terms of size, financial assets and commitments. However, with regard to the precept Lindfield Rural Parish Council compares favourably to other Parishes of a similar size. The Council is committed to ensuring that the budget is sensibly managed and is investigating methods to improve administrative efficiency in 2018/2019.

Bus Strategy Consultation – Have your say

West Sussex County Council is developing a new Bus Strategy which will explore ways in which the County Council can work with bus companies and other partners to help sustain and improve bus services.

The County Council would like your views on the proposals for the new strategy and if there is anything else which should be included.

For further information, and to take part in the consultation, please go to the website: www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses or call 01243 642105 to request an information pack.

The closing date for feedback is 6th June 2018.

Lindfield Rural Parish Council Allotments

The Council is pleased to inform that there has been a positive response from residents to the opening of the Parish Council's new allotments site in Clearwater Lane, Scaynes Hill. Over 50% of plots have been taken so far and there are still vacancies. Applications are welcome from both within and outside the parish. Please contact Cllr. John Dumbleton (482633) or the Parish Office (831499) if you are interested.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2017/18

Income & Expenditure Account

	2017/18	2016/17
	£	£
Income		
Precept	52,323.00	51,565.00
Allotment Rents	1,200.50	992.00
Walstead Cemetery	20,265.00	27,290.00
Investment income	93.69	88.72
Lodge income	13,493.00	12,850.00
Chapel income	6,477.00	6,000.00
Misc Income	31,992.77	2,163.90
Total income	125,844.96	100,949.62
Expenditure		
Staff Costs	31,063.49	29,737.75
Other payments	79,870.50	68,931.68
Total Expenditure	110,933.99	98,669.43
Excess of Income over Expenditure	14,910.97	2,280.19

Balance Sheet

Current Assets:		
Debtors	689.38	4,588.79
Balance at Bank	248,028.25	226,282.03
	248,717.63	230,870.82
Current Liabilities:		
Creditors	(8,714.30)	(5,778.46)
Net Assets	240,003.33	225,092.36
Capital & Reserves		
General Reserves	12,120.57	31,604.40
Earmarked Funds	212,971.79	191,207.77
Retained Reserves for year	14,910.97	2,280.19
	240,003.33	225,092.36

Note to Accounts:

These draft financial statements are unaudited at the time of publication.

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PROPOSED REINSTATEMENT OF PUBLIC TOILETS ON LINDFIELD COMMON

Lindfield Parish Council is holding a four week public consultation (1st June - 29th June 2018) on a proposal to reinstate and manage public toilets on Lindfield Common. Feedback can be submitted on our website (via Survey Monkey) or by completing a feedback form. Electronic copies of the forms will be available to download from our website. Hardcopies will be available at the Parish Office. Forms can be submitted up to Friday 29th June 2018.

The Parish Council will host a display stand about the proposals at Lindfield Village Day (2nd June 2018). Members of the public will be able to complete hardcopies of the feedback forms at the stand.

Background

Since 2005 Lindfield Common has not had any public toilets after these were removed by the District Council. The closest public toilets to The Common are located in Denmans Lane and are managed by the Parish Council. The Council now seeks public feedback on whether to reinstate toilets on the Common. The proposed location to install public toilets will be to the north of the Lindfield Bowls Club car park.

Subject to the feedback received, it is proposed that the Parish Council will:

- Submit a planning application for the toilets to Mid Sussex District Council;
- Apply for permission to carry out works on common land;
- Apply to Mid Sussex District Council for a capital grant.

A copy of the site plans, and a Frequently Asked Questions can be found on the Parish Council's website: www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Hard copies of the site plan will also be available to view at the Parish Council Office during the public consultation (Public opening hours Tues 1pm-4pm, Thu & Fri 10am-1pm).

House borders

LISTEN TO THE LAWYER

If you have a legal question do email editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk and we'll put it to Martyn.

By Martyn Gooch, partner Rohan Solicitors

Question: I am in a dispute over a property boundary. My neighbour has suggested using mediation to try to resolve it. What does this involve?

Answer: Mediation is one form of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). ADR is a term that describes several techniques that are used to promote early and cost-effective settlement without the involvement of the courts. Court proceedings are expensive, damaging and stressful- even more so if the dispute is between warring neighbours. Wherever possible, court action should be regarded as the 'last resort', and parties should always try to resolve the dispute amicably.

Mediation is a voluntary and confidential process using the services of an independent mediator who will help to negotiate an agreed settlement. Typically, a mediation would take place at a neutral venue, however, it is common, in the case of boundary disputes, for it to take place at the property involved. The mediator's role is not to offer opinion on the issues in dispute or impose a decision if agreement cannot be reached, it is to seek common ground between the parties and facilitate a settlement that both are comfortable with. For the process to work effectively both parties must engage with the mediator and be willing to compromise.

Although a mediation can take place at any stage of the dispute, usually mediations undertaken at an early stage have a higher success rate than those conducted later down the line when both parties' positions are entrenched and neither is prepared to be flexible.

Many organisations offer services of trained mediators, and these can be found by searching online. Mediators are often solicitors or barristers and will understand the legal process and the impact disputes have on the individuals involved.

There are a number of advantages of using mediation to resolve a civil dispute instead of using the court system. The costs can be far lower and the procedure is less stressful and time-consuming. The parties can also explore alternative solutions that may not have been previously considered or are not available through the courts. Finally, mediation can reduce the level of animosity between the parties meaning it is often possible to re-establish a positive relationship once the dispute is resolved; this is generally never the case when disputes go to court.

Success rates of mediation are high, often quoted at over 75%. If you do reach agreement on a boundary dispute at mediation and that resolution results in a change to the boundary position, it is important to ensure that professional legal advice is sought when recording that agreement at the Land Registry.

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- 7th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11.15am
(Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
- 9th **Lindfield Gin Festival** – 7pm
Oathall PTA Fundraising Event (Tickets available from South Downs Cellars or 01444 484025)
- 14th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11.15am
- 21st **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11.15am
- 23rd **Sale of Teak Garden Furniture**
- 26th **Lindfield Flower Club** – 2.15pm
In house workshop
- 28th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11.15am

Please refer to the King Edward Hall notice board for additional information regarding the above events.

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- 29th- **Kids Holiday Club** – 1.30-4.30pm
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June

- 2nd **Lindfield Village Day** – Procession leaves Hickmans Lane Playing Fields at 12.15pm and joins the fun/stalls on the Common (www.kingedwardhall.org.uk)
- 7th- **South of England Show**
9th Ardingly Showground (Tickets www.seas.org.uk)
- 9th **Scaynes Hill Open Gardens** – 1.30-5.30pm
Tickets and map from Scaynes Hill Church, Church Road, RH17 7NY (£5 per adult)
- 10th **Cockhaise Farm Open Day** – 11am-4pm
Cockhaise Farm, RH16 2QP
- 10th **Lindfield Open Gardens** – 1-5pm
Various locations around village (www.lindfield-gardens.co.uk)
- 13th **The Mid-Sussex Franco-British Society** – 8pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Summer Soirée Amicale for members (www.midsussexfrancobritish.co.uk)
- 14th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – 10am
Clair Hall - Lecture on 'Unity in Variety, Christopher Dresser, Pioneer of Modern Design 1834-1904' by Matthew Winterbottom (Tickets £8 call 01444 483372)
- 14th **Mid Sussex Assn National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall - Talk: 'Portrait of a Victorian Garden - James Bateman and the story of Biddulph Grange' by Russell Bowes
- 15th **Messy Church** – 4-6pm
Lindfield URC - Activities, fun and food (dinner). No booking, No fee. Under 14s must bring an adult (Danny Goodall on 07443 438970)
- 20th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10.15am
Clair Hall – 'The Punch and Judy Show: A Subversive Symbol from Commedia Dell' Arte to the Present Day' lecture by Bertie Pearce (Non members welcome: £7 on the door)
- 23rd **Sussex Chorus** – 7.30pm
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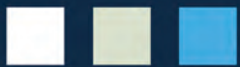
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