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Jeremy's pre-Christmas menu

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- Roasted pumpkin and star anise velouté, walnut, crispy kale
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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Well, congratulations, we made it! Christmas will have, for some, come around all too quickly while others approach the season with rather more anticipation.



As is normal, we are delighted to include a feature on what the **churches in the village** are doing over Christmas, and this starts on **page 35**. Along similarly seasonal lines you may also be interested to know that the Christmas lights are making a return to the house at the end of **Meadow Lane** (see **page 18**) and the exceedingly low-effort fitness test that is the **Denmans Lane Dash** is back on Boxing Day (**page 5**)!

Page 8 finds **Claire Cooper** having a look at the award-winning jungle garden created by **Tim Richardson and Clare Wilson** – and marvelling at the results of years of work.

Lindfield historian **Richard Bryant** opens the lid on the history of a bridge you may not have even known was there on **page 22**. On **page 30** we celebrate with **Oathall**, as we get a glimpse of its new science and maths school building. And look out for **page 41**, where we feature a couple of splendid photos from last month's **Bonfire Night** – courtesy of **Beth Mercer Photography**.

On **page 46** **Caroline Young** takes us off the culinary 'piste' by exploring some more supplementary recipes for the time of year. And, keeping with the Christmas theme, **Aysha Gilani** has persuaded six Lindfield residents to wear a Santa's hat and tell her their **favourite festive song** – which produces some varied results on **page 44**.

Finally, I will just mention the piece on **page 50**, where we highlight the locations of medical **defibrillators** around the village. We will run this item from time to time, so if you know of any units which should be included next time – please let us know.

Happy Christmas to you!

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Trying to find the Leslie family

By Charlotte Paton

I am researching the life of the Leslie family. A number of them lived in Lindfield from the early 1900s. I came to the village recently and saw the houses they owned that remain, Compton House being the home of the famous artist George Dunlop Leslie. I also saw the memorial to Robert Charles Leslie, also an artist, in the porch in the church.

Inevitably the more I find out the more questions arise. I wonder if any readers can assist me?

One of George's sons fell in love with Norah Rydon whose parents lived in Scaynes Hill. Their hopes of a future together were thwarted by her parents and I would like to find out what happened to her, but can find no trace of her after 1911. I know her father, Arthur Hope Rydon, helped support St Augustine's Church.

If you have any knowledge of the Leslie family, however small, I would very much like to hear from you. Call me on 01553 840145 or email: Charlottepaton16@gmail.com.

Lindfield's Lapland

By Alison Lainchbury

Lindfield Primary Academy's Christmas Fair is being held on Saturday 8th December 1-4pm.

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Ray hopes to get between 50-60 competitors this year, as the annual bit of fun gains popularity each Christmas. There will be two winners as he promises to separate ladies and gents results.

Ray explains: "As ever it is mandatory to wear fancy dress or a Christmas jumper. I will also be posting up 'official' rules on the Facebook page in due course."

Ray, who had a triple bypass operation this summer, is also hoping that the 2018 event will raise money for Sussex Heart Charity.

This year Lindfield artist and previous Dash competitor Leesa Le May has drawn the promotional poster for the festive event.

Participants meet at The Stand Up Inn from midday on 26th December, with the race starting at 1pm.

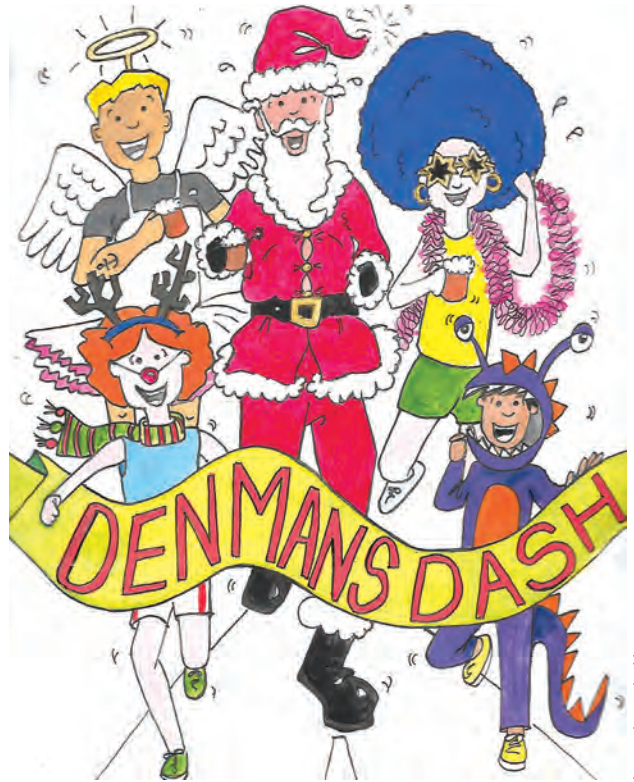


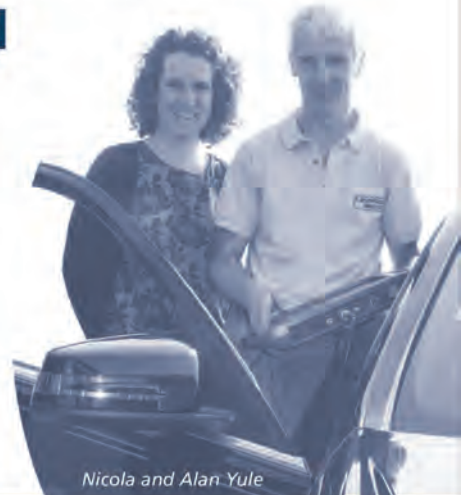
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Arriving at the café, after travelling by bus and train,

the children used signs to order their drinks and cookies.

"We sat together and John and Caroline taught us some new signs," said Tiger Cubs manager Claire Nibloe.

"We also took along a picture of our handprints to go on the wall as a record of our visit (a bit like a guestbook on the wall!).

"It was a really worthwhile and educational experience for both the adults and children!"

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Finding the village jungle

A Lindfield couple who transformed a patch of lawn into an exotic tropical retreat have scooped second prize in a prestigious national competition.



Tim Richardson and Clare Wilson have spent 19 years creating their dream garden, tucked away in the heart of the village, which blew away the judges of this year's BBC Gardeners World Magazine competition.



"We only found out about the competition two weeks before the closing date and entered online," said Tim. "There were 493 entrants and our garden was selected as one of the 11 finalists."

Tim added that all the shortlisted gardens were visited and photographed by professional photographer Paul Debois. "We had to fill in a questionnaire about the garden which was submitted, along with the photos, to a panel of judges including Alan Titchmarsh, Diarmuid Gavin and Kate Gould," said Tim.

Last month the couple received the exciting news that they had been awarded 2nd place.

"We were over the moon, particularly when we read the comments from the judges," said Tim.

Diarmuid Gavin had described the garden as: 'A tasteful and beautiful explosion of tropicana', adding 'the foliage contrast and use of colour is amazing'.

And Alan Titchmarsh commented: 'I love the colonial feeling of the verandah - it really takes you overseas. This is a cohesive and considered garden'.

"We will receive a trophy and a holiday to Singapore to visit the botanic gardens, which is all very exciting!" said Tim, who added that the garden featured in November's BBC Gardener's World Magazine.

Tim and Clare are well known in the village as keen allotment holders and members of the horticultural society. Tim is a regular winner in the flower and vegetable sections, while Clare has picked up many awards for her flower arrangements.

For the past two years they have opened their garden as part of the Lindfield Garden Trail and this year joined the NGS 'Yellow Book' scheme. "It's all been hugely enjoyable and a great success," said Tim.

"From what was always a very personal fantasy created from our joint love of gardening, we both feel we have been swept along by all the recent openings and publicity, and we have thoroughly enjoyed sharing it with everyone. We feel both proud and humbled by the response and comments we have received."

Tim and Clare have a website which covers their garden story – www.lindfieldjungle.co.uk





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John Cottenham had an interesting phone call the other day. It was from the grandson of the original owner of Box Butchers, which operated from 40 High Street in Lindfield in years gone by. He said how delighted his grandfather would have been to see the shop was thriving and the return of focus to first rate, friendly service and traditional craft butchery with direct links to the local farmers 'just like in the old days'.



John Cottenham has been a butcher since he was 16. He was trained by master butchers at a time when you learned it thoroughly - knowing how to break down a whole carcass carefully. The butcher must understand how to make the most of everything, out of respect for the animal, its environment and for the farming folk involved.

Cottenham's of Lindfield works with local farmers it knows and trusts, who have the highest standards of animal welfare and whose farms and animals it is familiar with. These partnerships are an essential part of the Cottenham's story and the reason you can have absolute confidence in the provenance and quality of their meat.

John runs the business with his wife Sally, a veterinary surgeon. They believe they have a special responsibility: "We know our animals were raised with care and skill, and we support our local farmers and the vital role they play in managing our local environment."

It is this passion for the local environment that captivated John's interest in deer stalking. Being a knowledgeable and qualified stalker, John provides a unique link in championing this wonderfully wild, sustainable food source. He is hugely passionate about protecting the wild herds he is fortunate enough to manage. Natural, wild venison is abundant in the fields and forests around us, and John personally selects all animals ensuring his customers can have absolute

faith in the virtue of the product and the correct way it was harvested. John explains: "Fallow, roe and even muntjac are available and so there's normally something in season. We've introduced a lot of customers to this versatile meat which is very lean and healthy. From field to butchery, we are completely in control and our venison can be transferred from where it was sourced and in our cold store within an hour."

Cottenham's of Lindfield also prides itself on good old-fashioned personal service. John has worked with his highly skilled manager Nicky for almost 15 years, and they both often say they know what a customer is going to want before they've asked! John also likes to listen to customer demand and has recently sourced very local goat meat from a Lindfield based producer. "Being low in cholesterol and saturated fat, whilst high in protein and iron, goat is a great red meat alternative and is proving very popular," John explains.

Should we be eating less meat? John makes the following bold statement: "Better to enjoy good quality well-produced meat a little less frequently, than bland and textureless, mass produced meat of unknown source. Remember a more economical cut from a well-bred animal that's led a stress-free life and eaten a good natural diet will always be better than a prime cut from a poor animal."

John comments: "The best bit about Cottenham's of Lindfield is being a part of such a vibrant rural community with a lively, well-supported High Street. Good food connects people and puts a smile on their faces. We are proud to support the Bonfire Society and local schools, as we are passionate about the local kids understanding and respecting where their food has come from and the tradition, care and craft that has brought it to them."

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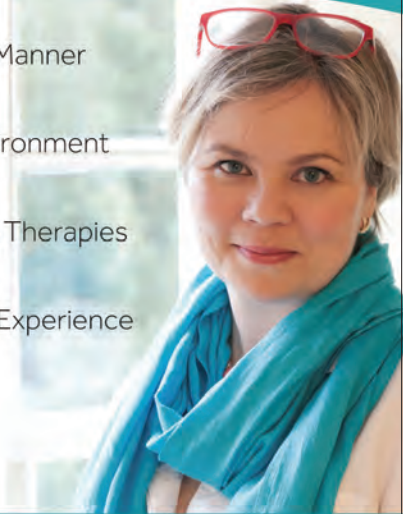
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Jerry, the footie hero

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Jerry Gurr



By Claire Cooper

When it comes to county football, Jerry Gurr's collection of silverware tops the table!

With four Sussex county league championship cups, four Sussex County Shields, six senior cups and a world record under his belt – Jerry's record is impressive, particularly for someone who has never kicked the ball!

In fact Jerry gave up football at the age of 22 after breaking his ankle in two places!

Jerry's success has come from the sidelines. As a referee, physio and manager, he has played a crucial role in many county success stories. His medical knowledge and quick thinking has also saved the lives of two young players.

But, after a remarkable 40 year career, Jerry has decided to retire from the game that has played such a huge part in his life.

He leaves his last club, Haywards Heath Town Football Club, on a high note. "We won the Community Shield against Brighton Under 23s," he said. "That's a great way to end my career."

"Of course I'll miss it, but it's the right time to go," added Jerry, who is planning to leave his home in The Welkin and move with his wife Sue to live near the sea at Bexhill.

Jerry looked back on his career which started as a 'football mad' schoolboy.

"I've been crazy about football ever since I got picked for the school team," he said. "Other than my wife and family, it's been the most important thing in my life."

As a schoolboy, Jerry played on the left wing scoring many goals, including 40 in one season with five hat-tricks! "That's what I've loved most - seeing the ball go in the back of the net!" said Jerry. "When you're on the winning side of course!"

He was preparing for trials with East Grinstead Reserves when his playing career came to an abrupt end. "I fell and broke my ankle in two places. When I heard it snap I knew that was the end of my football career."

After undergoing months of physiotherapy and desperate to keep football in his life, Jerry followed the advice of a friend and trained as a referee, completing a nine week course.

He was soon inundated with work. "I didn't realise there was such a shortage of referees," said Jerry. "I was 24 years old and refereed for the next 22 years - boy and man! I absolutely loved it."

After refereeing youth games all over Sussex, Jerry was asked to join the Surrey County League. "I was living in Turners Hill at the time, so it wasn't far to travel into Surrey," he said. "I ended up refereeing two matches a month in each county."

"It's good to work in another county where you're not known," he added. "It doesn't go down well when the home team players call you by your first name. The away team gets suspicious!"

But Jerry was always the ultimate professional. "You can never allow yourself to be biased and you certainly can't support any local team," he said. "I always made sure I was suited and booted, turning up in a collar and tie and not looking like Roy of the Rovers! First impressions count and I always liked to look professional."

Jerry progressed to refereeing intermediate football and was asked by the National Football Association to be an official at the Cup Final between Liverpool FC Under 18 and Brighton and Hove Albion Under 18 at the old Goldstone Ground in front of a crowd of around 4,000.

Jerry went on to referee or line every cup final in the Mid Sussex League, from the Mid Sussex Junior Cup

to the St Richards Hospital Cup Final between East Grinstead and Crystal Palace in 1991. Crystal Palace won with a talented team including a young Gareth Southgate, Stan Collymore and Ian Wright.



Jerry recalled another highlight of his refereeing career – one that put him in the Guinness Book of Records. "I had just blown the whistle to start a Mid Sussex Senior Cup quarter final match when I looked up to find the ball was already in the back of the net! An own goal had been scored in just four seconds. It turned out to be the quickest own goal in the world - a record that still stands today!"

After retiring from refereeing Jerry moved to Burgess Hill. But as the house was next door to Leylands Road Football ground, home of Burgess Hill FC, it wasn't long before the game was back in his life and he became club physio.

"With help from one of the player's dads, a physio at BHA, I learnt all about muscles, bones, strains and sprains and the various treatments and strapping techniques," said Jerry. "I absolutely loved it and had a great rapport with the boys!"

He was delighted to play his part in the club winning the County League Championship twice. "This would normally have led to promotion, but unfortunately our ground wasn't good enough to play in the league above," Jerry recalled. Undeterred, the team found sponsorship, improved the ground and went on to win the league again in the following season.

"We also won the RUR Cup and, in 2003, went on to reach the quarter final of the FA Vase. This was the biggest game in the club's career and a huge event for the town," Jerry explained. "A new stand was erected for a crowd of 3,000, and a park and ride ferried supporters from the town centre car parks." Sadly the team lost 2-1 to Tiptree Town.

"But we were so proud to have got to the quarter finals."

After promotion to the Ryman League, Jerry remained with the club for the next three seasons, until the family moved to Uckfield. "I was sorry to leave as Burgess Hill had been such a big part of my life."

But before long Jerry was back on the football field

again as physio for Crowborough FC. "We had a good season, winning the County Championships and promotion," said Jerry, who went on to manage the reserve team. "I was manager and physio with the reserves on Thursdays and physio with the firsts on Saturday!"

It was during his time at Crowborough when Jerry saved his first life after a player collapsed in the changing room. "He had gone into anaphylactic shock after a glucose drink reacted with steroids," Jerry recalled. "His heart had stopped, but I managed to resuscitate him before he was taken to hospital."

Several weeks later Jerry received a letter from Wealden MP Charles Hendry putting him forward for a community award. "I attended a special dinner and was commended by the Mayor," said Jerry, who thought that was the end of it, until a package arrived in the post.

"It was a Diamond Jubilee Medal from Her Majesty the Queen, inscribed with my name. I was so proud."

Jerry went on to become physio for St Francis Rangers first team on Saturdays and under 18 manager on Sundays. "I really enjoyed the lovely family atmosphere at St Francis," he said.

Then, out of the blue, came a call from Peacehaven asking Jerry to be their physio.

"It was a lovely club, and we enjoyed some great success winning the Sussex Senior Cup final at the Amex Stadium in 2014 and the county league (the third time for me!)"

The club also went on to win the Ryman League trophy.

Jerry stayed with Peacehaven for five seasons before joining Haywards Heath Town as physio working with friend and manager Shaun Saunders. "Shaun is an excellent manager, all the players want to play for him, and I knew he could do great things at Haywards Heath," said Jerry.

He was right. The club went on to win Division One and the Premier League, leading to promotion.

"Unfortunately we were demoted for having an 'illegal' player, but that spurred us on to win again the following year," said Jerry.

It was while scouting for players at a game in Ardingly that Jerry saved his second life, rushing to the aid of a player who had hit his head and swallowed his tongue. "He was turning blue and his heart had stopped.

"I didn't give it a second thought and just ran on to the pitch, flipped out his tongue and he started to splutter," said Jerry. "Shaun later told me I was like a whippet out of the trap!" The incident was splashed across several papers making Jerry a local hero.

Jerry continued working with Haywards Heath FC, enjoying more success, including beating Brighton to win the Community County Shield, before deciding to call it a day.

"I've had a wonderful 40 years, worked with some fantastic clubs and am very proud of what I've achieved," said Jerry.

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Firstly, I love the fact that it is on my doorstep. One of the things I really enjoy is when you are talking to people who are considering a move here, in most cases the things that are important to them are important to me too. I can talk about the school my boys attend (recently rated Outstanding by Ofsted – yay!), or where to grab a cup of coffee from, or where to eat. To be honest, most things I love appear to be food and drink related! Knowing the village is definitely an advantage when it comes to selling houses – it is a pleasure to show a potential villager around a property and chat with them about what it's like to live in Lindfield.

Which has been your favourite house sale over the past three years?

Sometimes it is the home, and sometimes it is the story behind it. Our first sale in the village happened to be an insurance broker I knew, but I didn't know where he lived. He'd not had any luck with another agent, and thankfully we found a buyer for him pretty quickly. He emigrated to Canada and it's great to hear how well he is doing. We sold a beautiful home on Lyoth Lane last year, and had four competing buyers for it. By the time we had completed I had got to know the buyers really well. We met up for a drink recently and they introduced me to friends as their 'realtor', which was a great introduction.



What advice would you give anyone thinking of selling their home?

I think the market is challenging at the moment, and, for many, the uncertainty with Brexit is causing concern. But the market is busy. Sellers need to be realistic on price – buyers do too – but there is plenty of activity. We have had some excellent months since we opened. October this year was our best sales month to date. I wouldn't have necessarily predicted that three or four months ago. The key focus is on selling your home, not just 'going on the market'. There are lots of buyers looking for properties, and not enough stock to currently facilitate their requirements, so having a strategy to your marketing and giving the correct advice is crucial.

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Meadow Lane to light up again

This life sized smiling Santa has an extra reason to be cheerful this Christmas.

After facing an uncertain future confined to a garden shed, Santa is making a comeback and will once again be spreading festive cheer from a Lindfield garden.

Santa is the pride and joy of Dennis Batchelor who, along with wife Judy, has raised hundreds of pounds for charity by creating a Winter Wonderland every Christmas in his front garden in Meadow Lane.

Following last year's festive display, Dennis announced he would be retiring and selling off many items for charity.

However, after dozens of requests from local families, Dennis' display will be back this Christmas – bigger and better than ever!

"So many people stopped me in the street and said how much they would miss our Christmas display," he said. "It seems that visiting our garden has become a tradition for many families whose children have grown up with it. I've even had a couple of lovely letters.

"Last year I thought I was ready to retire but I'm not the sort of person who can sit around and do nothing. I love doing it and can't wait to get back out there!"

Dennis added that he only managed to sell one of his decorations. "It was a little blue tree which was actually my wife's favourite!" he said. But this means all the old favourites will be back in the garden this year – from the singing and dancing Santa (pictured) to snowmen, reindeer and the popular photo booth.

There's even a new addition this year – a talking parrot!

Dennis will switch on the lights on 18th December and the display will continue every night until New Year's Day.

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Lindfield pupils perform with pros

Pupils of the Gielgud Academy (GAPA) from Lindfield performed with the Vienna Festival Ballet (VFB) during the UK tour of Coppelia at the Clair Hall in Haywards Heath in November.

The children had the unique and inspiring experience of performing onstage alongside the professional dancers. They all appeared as lifesize dolls in Dr Coppelius toyshop during Act Two of the ballet with GAPA head girl Eloise Harwood appearing as the Coppelia doll.

VFB is touring the production across the UK tour during 2109 along with The Nutcracker and Giselle.

Time to volunteer?

By Alan Dyke, Chief Scout

Calling all old Scouts and parents/grandparents in Lindfield!

The 1st Lindfield Scout Group has operated in Lindfield for over 100 years, being one of the very early Groups in the country. During that time generations of young people have benefited from the fun and adventure provided by the Group.

Today the Group is strong and well supported, with two Beaver Colonies, two Cub Packs and two Scout Troops, with meetings five nights a week during term time. We also run weekend events and fundraising opportunities. All of our Sections are full, and we run a waiting list for new entrants.

Our ability to continue to run such a full programme and accommodate the large number of young people, is totally dependent on adult volunteers. The group is run mainly by the parents of the young people, who give their time when they can. With an increasing number of parents working and travelling for work, it is becoming more difficult to sustain the number of trained adults we would like to have at our meetings.

Lindfield Scouts need some more volunteers, perhaps old Scouts who benefited from the friendship and training they received when they were young or someone who is active, enthusiastic and up for a new challenge. We have a number of openings that may suit any individual who can find the time, perhaps just 2 hours a week.



New adult volunteers are provided with appropriate support and training, and they will be joining an established team of Leaders. No one is expected to cope on their own or to be available for every event in the calendar. By having a well-supported team we can cover each other and share the responsibilities.

Come and join our leadership team, have fun, inspire the young people, get outdoors and be involved in the Lindfield community.

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Down by the River

LINDFIELD HISTORY

Lindfield: The River

By Richard Bryant, Lindfield History Project Group

When did you last stand on Lindfield Bridge and look at the river? It is quite easy when driving from Lindfield towards Ardingly not to notice you cross a bridge over the Ouse, as only the briefest glimpse of the river is possible. The dark, slow flowing water passes through private land with no public access, perhaps making it Lindfield's hidden and forgotten river.

The Ouse is 33 miles long and flows south in a gentle curve. Starting as a trickle near Lower Beeding it gains strength from a spring at Slaugham, and further small tributaries join as it journeys towards Upper Rylands Bridge (by the Balcombe viaduct). By the time it flows to the north of Lindfield it has grown into a river. The Scrase Stream that meanders through Lindfield joins beyond East Mascalls. The Ouse continues on its curving journey passing through Lewes and onward to the sea. Until medieval times it entered the sea at Seaford, but, due to silting up, the mouth became inaccessible to the larger ships being built at that time. In 1539 a man-made cut was made to take the river directly to the sea, with the new exit being named Newhaven, allowing ships to access Lewes. From Lewes to the sea the river was known as 'The Great River of Lewes' then pronounced Looze, from which the name Ouse is derived. The river upstream from Lewes was known as the Middewinde (various spellings) meaning middle. The last evidence for this name being formally in use was some hundred years ago when Midwyn Bridge was renamed Lindfield Bridge. The current bridge dates from 1938.

Throughout history the river has been a route for small craft to journey into the heart of mid Sussex. Thomas Pelham of Stanmer Park, MP for Sussex,

arranged in 1787, at the height of canal mania, for William Jessop to undertake a survey to see if the river could be made navigable for barges from Lewes to Slaugham. Jessop's report suggested the river be 'canalised', that is straightened, widened and deepened, from Lewes to Pilstye Bridge (on the Cuckfield-Balcombe road). The estimated cost was £13,595. The Upper Ouse Navigation Act passed through Parliament in 1790, creating The Company of Proprietors of the River Ouse. A contract for construction at the cost of £15,199 was signed and work started with a completion date scheduled for May 1792. Work did not go to plan and the builders were replaced in 1802. It was not until 1809 that 30 tonne barges, measuring 50ft long, could reach Pim's Lock at Lindfield. From the passing of the Act, it had taken 19 years to complete 19 miles with 15 locks. The decision was then made to terminate the navigation at Upper Rylands Bridge (the hump back bridge by the Balcombe viaduct). This final section opened on 22nd April 1812, required four locks and a small basin for the barges to turn in, which has long been filled in, but the wharf cottages remain to this day.

The total cost was massively more than the original estimates. Tolls never reached the expected levels and, to make matters worse, the clerk responsible for managing the toll money was accused of misappropriating the money over a ten year period.

The main cargos were wood, chalk, marle and coal, charged by the tonne per mile. Trade gradually improved and in the 1830s the canal company secured a contract from the London Brighton & South Coast Railway to transport the building materials to build the viaduct at Balcombe. The coming of the railways signalled

the terminal decline of the Ouse Navigation and the company closed in 1859.

A trade reliant on the river that lasted significantly longer was milling, with many mills being built on the river above Lewes. From the eighth century, land in and around Lindfield was controlled by the Canons of South Malling, with their Dean holding the land adjacent to today's Lindfield Bridge. A short distance downstream, the Dean was responsible for building a water powered mill on the banks of the river, hence the name Dean's Mill. A mill has existed on this site for over a thousand years. After the dissolution of religious houses by Henry VIII in the mid-1500s the mill passed into secular ownership. Following changing owners several times, it was acquired in the 1700s by the Pim family and a new mill was built in 1761. For a time their mill was both a corn and paper mill with both trades continuing to about 1850 when paper making ceased.

By 1858 the Pim family had left, and the mill was next occupied by Robert Jenner and his son, Samuel. In 1880 a new mill, which stands to this day, had to be built as the Pim's mill building was virtually destroyed by a severe storm. The milling continued, with a succession of millers, until around 1930.

Dean's Mill was bought by Mr and Mrs Horsfield in 1935 and milling recommenced, and, with a change in ownership in 1957, production of stoneground flour continued until 1976 when all milling ceased. The mill is now a private residence.

Shortly after acquiring the mill, Mr Horsfield diversified the business by converting the Elizabethan barn that stood in the grounds into a tea room and constructed a narrow gauge railway, Dean's Mill Railway, as a visitor attraction. The railway opened in 1937 and comprised some three hundred yards of track with cuttings, a short tunnel and station platform. Passengers travelled in an open carriage fitted with rows of bench seats, initially pulled by a small steam tank locomotive but this was soon replaced. Service was suspended during the war and recommenced with a petrol powered locomotive. The railway remained popular until its closure in 1957 following the mill's change in ownership. A Lindfield Life reader, Ron Batchelor, fondly remembers 'it was a real treat to be taken by my parents on a Sunday afternoon to Dean's Mill for a ride on the little railway with tea afterwards'. A memory no doubt shared by many youngsters in the decade after the war.

Next month's article will take a further look down by the river.

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Martha completes 10k fundraiser

Scaynes Hill resident Martha Main has completed a 10k run for Heatherley Home, a service for disabled adults run by Leonard Cheshire in Copthorne.

Martha is a mum of one, and Occupational Therapist at Heatherley. Money raised from the 10k run this year will go towards making the outside grassed 'football' area at Heatherley more wheelchair friendly. The fundraising team aims to raise enough money over the next year to equip the area with shelter, electricity, lighting and suitable ground materials.

Martha said: "Life in a wheelchair when you have severe impairments can be a huge challenge with many obstacles, but if I can make a difference to the lives of the residents here it would be fantastic."

Martha finished as the 9th female and came 50 out of 800 runners who competed. To sponsor Martha please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/martha-wiltshire1>



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Funky fitness friends raise funds

Clients at Lindfield's Potential Personal Training (PPT) dressed up funky and grooved their way through classes to 1980s music last month to raise funds for mental health research.

The swinging clients at PPT raised over £440 for the mental health charity MQ, a national research charity which is transforming mental illness through research.

Judith Pratt, a PPT client and an Ambassador for MQ, said: "It is fantastic that PPT has teamed up with MQ to raise funds for mental health research. Although the importance of mental health is now widely reported in the media, mental health conditions remain underfunded compared to other health conditions."

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Sir Paul Nurse opens new faculty at Oathall

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Headteacher Edward Rodriguez is delighted to have welcomed Sir Paul Nurse FRS, Nobel Prize winner and Chief Executive of the Francis Crick Institute, when he opened the newly refurbished maths and science faculty building at Oathall Community College last month.

As well as formally opening the building, Sir Paul hosted a question and answer session with Oathall students in which they asked Sir Paul about his career in science and put questions to him on scientific topics.

In a statement on the completion of the building, Edward Rodriguez said: "From the start of this project, we have been driven to create classrooms and laboratories and provide resources that will inspire our students to further develop a passion for maths and science. We want our students to experience these subjects through the skill and enthusiasm of our teaching staff, combined with cutting-edge technology and a truly inspiring learning environment. This effort has been encouraged by many different individuals



and organisations. Notably, WSCC, who financially backed and supported the project, and the successful crowdfunding campaign run by the PTA which raised over £30,000 to fund additional exciting teaching resources.

"Having such an eminent scientist visit the school and meet our students is a real honour and a fitting way to celebrate the achievements of all who worked so hard to complete this project."

The event was attended by staff, contractors and donors and included tours of the new building with maths and science teams in the classrooms.

Oathall has a tradition of excellent science and mathematics teaching with results well above the national averages. The previous building was erected in 1974 as a temporary solution – not expected to last more than 25 years. The design of this new faculty was based on the existing steel framework but with everything else constructed as a new build on top of it. Eight science labs and eight maths classrooms have been created in the building as well as a state-of-the-art IT suite.

When cutting the ribbon to officially open the building, Sir Paul thanked the parents present for their fundraising efforts and said that promoting the importance of maths and science was 'Looking to the future; the future of your children but also the future of your children's children'.



Rebecca takes first prize!

Lindfield photographer Rebecca Downie has snapped up the first prize in a national competition!

Rebecca, a newborn and family photographer from Kiln Lane, was crowned 'Photographer of the Year' at the Photography for Little People National Awards.



This is the first year Rebecca had entered the competition and she faced tough competition from fellow photographers from Photography for Little People franchises all over the country.

But Rebecca's photo, taken at the Tree Tops soft play café in Haywards Heath, won the hearts of the voters to take the top prize.

Rebecca also won in the categories Best Maternity, Best Newborn, Best Baby under Six Months and Best Family.

"I was honoured to win against so many talented photographers," said Rebecca. "Mostly I am really grateful to all the families who trusted me to capture some special and intimate times for them."

The competition was independently judged by the CEO of the The British Franchise Association, which Rebecca is very proud to be a part of.



Hot drinks giveaway

By Henderson McEwan

With the Guy making his annual visit to Lindfield Common, the High Street was overflowing with locals and visitors watching the procession and fireworks. Passing, as they do, the front door of Lindfield United Reformed Church they were welcomed with the popular free Hot Chocolate.

Some of the team of hot chocolatiers shown here were on an early shift implementing the logistics with others preparing and delivering at the front of the church to a whoever accepted the offer of one or more of the 1,075 hot chocolates dispensed.

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By Lynn Tulip

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Club President Otto Somodi talking to founder Brian Gubbin

Club celebrates 400th lunch

Haywards Heath and District Probus Club celebrated its 400th lunch meeting last month. Guest of Honour was Brian Gubbin, who initiated the formation of the Club 33 years ago.

The meeting, which was a Ladies Invitation Lunch, was held at Lindfield Golf Club – where the club of over 50 men meet each month.

Brian Gubbin addressed those present and reminisced about his role in forming the Club some 33 years ago. At the time he wrote to potential members, whose names had been suggested by the Rotarians, inviting them to an exploratory meeting with a view to forming a local Probus Club. The first meeting took place at the Golden Eagle in Haywards Heath in 1985, with an initial attendance of 19 people.

Brian, who joined the Hurstwood Park Neurological Centre's League of Friends 21 years ago, helped to raise over £3m in 2010 and was at the forefront of a campaign to prevent it closing. Sadly Brian passed away shortly after attending this notable anniversary for the Club.



More football trials added

At local people's request, additional trials for the Late Birthday Project football initiative, featured in last month's Lindfield Life, will take place during December.

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
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Time 4 Children hosted the event at Lindfield Golf Club which donated the venue and helped keep costs low with a special buffet just for Time 4 Children! The local musician Tom Ball performed throughout the evening providing the guests with music and song.

Vicky Chalmers, Founder of Time 4 Children, said: "We give our thanks to everyone who joined us for the evening. It was amazing, and we hope we showed our appreciation to everyone who continues to support us. Without these lovely people we wouldn't be able to continue supporting so many emotionally vulnerable children in our community. We must give one last thank you to the many local businesses which donated some wonderful prizes for our raffle."

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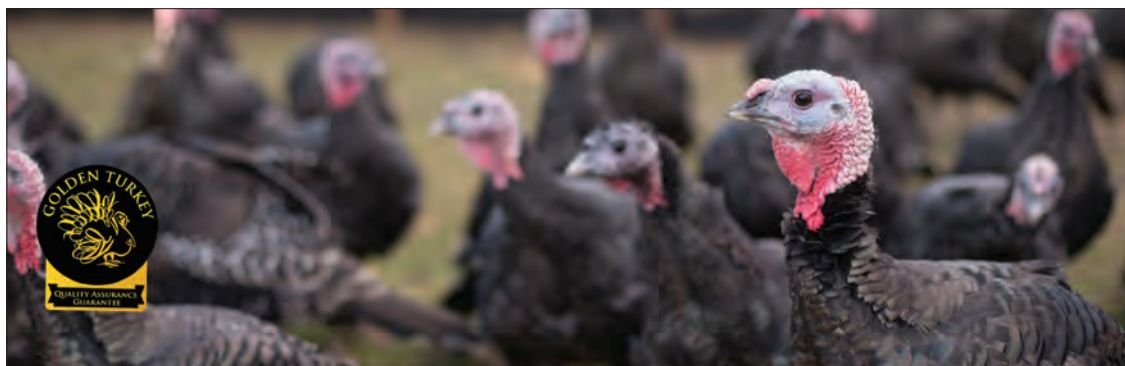
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Our Christmas cards love to portray scenes of a crisp snowy Christmas night. But the reality is that most of the world celebrates Christmas in the heat not the cold. Along the equator, parts of Africa, India and China are hot all year round. For the southern hemisphere it is the height of summer. It is only parts of the northern hemisphere that used to have cold Christmases; and these days it is hard to predict what will happen - who knows if we will have a White Christmas in 2018?

Whatever the weather, the heart of Christmas remains the same. In sending Jesus, God sent his unique Son into the world to redeem and rescue. The words of the angel to the shepherds out in the Judean fields still resonate in our ears 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord' (Luke 2:10,11).

We would be delighted if you would join us as we celebrate this 'good news of great joy' this Christmastime. Details of our services and meetings are overleaf. Have a joyous and blessed Christmas.

Keith Morrison
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Christmas Services

in Lindfield



All Saints Church

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Sunday 16th December	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) in Tiger Lounge
	9.30am	Morning Worship (with usual children's groups for 0 -14s)
	4.30pm	A service of Lessons and Carols (1)
	6.30pm	A service of Lessons and Carols (2)
Tuesday 18th December	10am	Tiger @Ten Carols in Tiger Lounge <i>Carols for over 55s, followed by coffee and cake.</i>
Sunday 23rd December	11.15am	Holy Communion
	5pm	Cornerstone Christmas Big Band Celebration
Monday 24th December	3.00pm	Christingle Service (1)
	4.15pm	Christingle Service (2)
	5.30pm	Christingle Service (3)
Tuesday 25th December	8am	Christmas Communion (Book of Common Prayer) in Tiger Lounge
	9.30am	All-age Christmas Celebration
	11.00am	Christmas Communion
Sunday 30th December	8am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) in Tiger Lounge
	10.15am	Morning service all together
	6.30pm	Cornerstone Unplugged in Tiger (coffee/tea served from 6pm)



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| Sunday 16th December | 10.00am | Nativity Service
A service for all the family, telling of the Nativity
The service will be followed by refreshments
from the hatch in the hallway |
| Thursday 20th December | 7.30pm | Carol concert
Join with us for an evening of Christmas music |
| Sunday 23rd December | 10.00am | Communion service and Christmas Jigsaw
<i>The children and young people will have a special
celebration of Christmas in their monthly
Jigsaw club</i> |
| | 6.30pm | Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
<i>A service of lessons and carols as we remind
ourselves once again that God's plan of
salvation was being worked out throughout the
scriptures. All ages are welcome to join with us
for this service. The service will be followed by
refreshments.</i> |
| Monday 24th December | 4.00pm | Crib Service
<i>A retelling of the first Christmas, particularly
appropriate to younger children, but suitable for
all ages</i> |
| Tuesday 25th December | 10.00am | Christmas Day Celebration
<i>We gather as a church family to celebrate Jesus'
birth. All are welcome.</i> |





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Sunday 23rd December	4.30pm	Carols by Candlelight, followed by tea
Tuesday 25th December	10.30am	Christmas Morning Celebration
Sunday 30th December	10.30am	morning service
Monday 31st December	11.30pm	'Watchnight Prayer' <i>All are welcome to any or all of our services over the Christmas period</i>



St Augustine's Church

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Sunday 2nd December	10am 5pm	Christingle Service—All Age Communion Carols around the Christmas Tree <i>followed by mulled wine and mince pies</i>
Sunday 9th December	3.30pm	Christmas Family Fun – making Decorations <i>followed by children's picnic tea</i>
Sunday 16th December	6pm	Christmas Carol Service <i>followed by mulled wine and mince pies</i>
Sunday 23rd December	10am	Parish Communion with Nativity Play
Christmas Eve	4pm 11.15pm	Children's Christmas Celebration, with craft activity Midnight Communion
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No smoke without a great fire!

By Sarah Tampion-Lacey

Lindfield Bonfire Society had a very successful 5th November this year. Thanks to the lovely weather, and our fantastic Bonfire Boys and Girls, setting up and bonfire building went well.

We were very pleased to welcome five visiting Bonfire Societies: Chailey, South Heighton, Burgess Hill, Littlehampton and Seaford.

We would like to thank Event Medic, SECAM, Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire and Rescue, Sussex 4x4 Response, Mid Sussex District Council, Lindfield Parish Council, SERCO, 6-10 Traffic Management, Etcetera Fire Services, Lindfield Arts Studio, The Comber Trust, Cottenham's, The Bent Arms, Haywards Heath Homecare, Burgess Hill Marching Youth and Aurora Fireworks.

We are also very grateful to The Rotary Club, Kangaroos, Court Meadow RDA and all our bucket collectors. The total charity donations will be announced in January.



Photo: Mike Anton



Who's this guy?

Compton House, the care home on Compton Road, welcomed a 'guy' of its own last month, as he sat reading Lindfield Life! It was part of a fundraising initiative by the residents and staff for Chestnut Tree House.



A Traditional Christmas Concert

By Peter Swann, Band Leader

Yes, we call our annual concert 'traditional' as we will again sing together at least six carols, including Mary's Boy Child & Ding Dong Merrily on High. However, there is so much more to this celebration of the wonder of Christmas.

The Perdido Players 'Carol' Band will accompany the carols and our guests will entertain us with readings and music, including a classical guitar selection. Our church choir will be singing secular Christmas songs and modern carols.

Doors will open at 7pm on Thursday 20th December at Lindfield United Reformed Church with this free concert starting at 7.30pm. Refreshments and mince pies will be served afterwards.

All contributors offer their services freely to support St Peter and St James Hospice Community Nurses, and you are welcome to make a donation if you desire.

Why not come and celebrate the wonder of Christmas with us? You would be most welcome.



Illustration by Don Cranefield

Lindfield interiors finalists



The HomeSmiths team: Catherine Hazell, Jacqui Smith, David Smith and Jenna Knight.

Lindfield based interior design practice HomeSmiths has made finalist in not one but two design awards this year. Two of its projects were shortlisted: The Willows Care Home, Ipswich for Best Dementia Interior Design in the Dementia Care Awards and Fairfield Residential Care Home, Oxford in the Healthcare and Wellness category of the Society of British & International Design Awards.

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Amanda crowned Star Baker

A family recipe for Coffee and Walnut Cake triumphed at the annual Great Lindfield Bake Off last month.

Amanda Toule was crowned 'Star Baker' for her delicious cake – made from a recipe handed down by her mum.

An impressive strawberry sponge cake made by Mikki Taylor was awarded second place by local judge Claire Fuller, following much deliberation and tasting!

The annual event, held at Upstairs at Masters, was part of a Macmillan Coffee Morning which raised over £3,500 for the charity. Supporters enjoyed coffee, tea and cakes, and many went home with raffle prizes donated by local businesses including a hamper of goodies from Tufnells and a stunning autumn bouquet from Flowercraft.

Organiser Sue Masters said: "We'd like to thank everyone who helped to make the event such a success, from the people who made the delicious cakes to those who provided raffle prizes, Becky the Garden Chef who loaned us cups and saucers and everyone who came along to support us and enjoy the coffee and cakes."

Food donations to Lindfield URC

Lindfield United Reformed Church is collecting for two organisations during December.

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Pond Island Discs

By Ayesha Gilani

IT'S CHRIIISTMAAAAAS! What's that I hear you cry? Too soon for Slade? Well, FYI mince pies have been spotted in the Co-op since mid-August. So, welcome to the most wonderful time of the year on Pond Island. It's like walking (round and round) in a winter wonderland. There's chestnuts roasting on an open fire, mummy kissing Santa Claus and you really can stay - and snuggle with the ducks - coz baby it's cold outside. This month our Christmas-lovin' castaways kick-off our December playlist with their festive favourites.

So here it is, Merry Christmas..!



Chris Steynor
Tidings by Israel Houghton
"This track is a perfect mix of Christmas tradition, Christmas schmaltz and filthy harmonies."



Rachel Anscombe
Last Christmas by Wham!
"This is my Christmas favourite because I know all the words and I love to sing along. It reminds me of my youth, and who doesn't like a bit of Wham!"



Ted Robinson
What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong
"Not strictly a Christmas song but it really reminds me of Christmastime. It's also the song I used to sing to my children as a lullaby when they were babies."



Anna Ashley
Frosty the Snowman by The Jackson 5
"I grew up playing this song (badly!) on the piano but it's my favourite version."



Andrew Mills
All I Want for Christmas Is You by Mariah Carey
"We love and hate this track in equal measure in South Downs Cellars. To begin with we're groaning but by December 20th we're singing along."



Becca Belfield
Mrs. Santa Claus by Nat King Cole
"This is a Belfield Christmas favourite. We all love Nat King Cole and this song encapsulates Christmas for me. I love the idea of Mrs Claus as the strong and beautiful powerhouse behind the magic!"

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Another busy term at Lindfield Primary Academy is almost over as we prepare for the Christmas festivities – drama and singing in the Christmas productions, art and design as we make cards, decorations and calendars, fundraising at the PTA Christmas Fair. We enjoy it all!

Our children in Year 6 learnt a lot more about our village when they took a walk with local historian and Chair of the Lindfield History Project Group, Richard Bryant. Richard kindly guided the children around the village, telling them what life would have been like here during World War II and pointing out local landmarks that were significant in the conflict.

Year 2 children have also focused on history, learning about the Great Fire of London. They were asked to make their own version of



a Tudor house out of a cardboard box at home. The topic culminated with the houses all being lined up and set fire to in the playground to re-enact this historic event. The children were kept a safe distance away but certainly learnt how rapidly fire spreads from our 'Great Fire of Lindfield'!

House captains and children from our School Council got their hands dirty on a building site when they visited David Wilson Homes' Heathwood Park development to learn about the importance of staying safe on and around building sites. The visit saw the children taking a tour of the show home, building a wall with the builders and meeting 'Wilson' the company mascot. Thank you to our hosts for a fun afternoon.



Our Years 5 and 6 athletes showed incredible perseverance, respect and enthusiasm at the Mid Sussex Active Sportshall Athletics qualifying round hosted by Oathall Community College. They had a great time and qualified for the final, winning 1st place in our heat, with 364 points and 17 wins out of 24 events! Thanks to all the Oathall sports leaders who ran the event.

May we wish all members of our village community a very Merry Christmas. All are welcome to come along to the Academy to enjoy the festive fun at our PTA Christmas Fair on Saturday 8th December between 1pm and 4pm.



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By Caroline Young

I find organising of the traditional main meals of our festive season easy, but it is the other days that need a bit more thought! The fridge is full of cooked ham, turkey or other carcasses, all equally delicious even when served cold but in need of a bit of inspiration to make them a bit more festive. One way to do this is to serve vegetables that are just a little different. Try some of my ideas.



Sugar-glazed sweet potatoes

Use one medium-sized sweet potato per serving. Pierce with a fork then cook in the microwave until fork tender, turning once or twice. Cool slightly then peel off the skins and cut each potato into thick slices. Preheat the oven 180C and butter a shallow baking dish. Layer the potatoes in the dish, slightly overlapping like roof tiles. Combine (for 4) 2tbs soft brown sugar, finely grated rind 1 orange, a pinch of cinnamon and 25g melted butter. Spoon the butter mixture evenly over the top of the potatoes and bake for about 20 min, until golden brown.

Apple and potato gratin (Serves 4)

Preheat oven 180C. Peel and thinly slice 450g baking potatoes and 3 Cox's apples. Layer in a shallow baking dish adding seasoning and crushed garlic between each layer, ending with potatoes. Gently warm 200ml double cream and a generous knob of butter to melt butter. Pour evenly over the top of the dish. Cover with foil and bake for about 1 hour, removing the foil after about 30 min, or until soft and golden brown. Serve as is or top with grated cheese and return to the hot oven until browned.

Red cabbage with pears

Cook the red cabbage as usual adding a chopped onion and gently fry until just beginning to brown. Stir in crushed garlic, a pinch ground coriander, a little honey and apple juice or stock. Simmer gently until very soft. Add peeled and chopped pears, finely chopped preserved ginger and a dash of red wine vinegar or sherry. Continue to cook, uncovered, until the pears are just tender and the liquid has evaporated. Season to taste before serving.

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Independent Living

HOMEFRONT

By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

This week I caught a piece in Planning & Building Control Today (I know, it sounds like a properly riveting read doesn't it?!). The piece was covering a partnership between Loughborough University and world leading building science centre, BRE's (Building Research Establishment) Watford based Innovation Park. What they have done is create a dementia friendly home, one that has been adapted with the aim of educating housebuilders, carers and relatives on how to better support people living with dementia. The team has applied design principles focused on helping people to live in their own home for longer, therefore dramatically improving quality of life and reducing the cost of care. The aspect of this article which excited me most was how the project is being used to inform housebuilders on the role the built environment has to play in supporting people as they get older. This is not just about cognitive decline but also the sensory impairments which come with old age. The same logic applies in that many people would be able to live longer in their own home before moving to a care home if their living environment was more supportive of their sensory needs.

If I had to pick one thing which can make a huge difference in assisting people in their homes as they get older it would be colour contrast. Contrast between objects helps people make sense of their environment, and whilst it's vital to apply this principle for people living with dementia, it also plays an important role in supporting those with age-related sight issues. If simple colour choices can allow people to live in their own home for longer then surely it's worth doing? Ensuring that there is visual contrast between critical surfaces will help a person with poor sight, be it through dementia or old age, navigate their home as easily as possible. Skirting painted to contrast with the floor will outline very clearly where the floor ends and the wall begins. Architrave painted to contrast with the wall will define where the door is. For two surfaces to offer enough

contrast they must have a 30 point difference in their LRV. LRV stands for Light Reflectance Value, which is a measure of the amount of light which a surface reflects back into a room where the lighter the colour, the higher the index. The Dulux code is hugely helpful here. Take the following paint reference, 10RR 73/023. The first four characters tell you about the colour and the last three about the saturation of that colour but the middle two provide you with the LRV. So if you had this colour on the skirting boards, you would need a floor with an LRV of no more than 43 to provide visual contrast to a person with impaired vision. The same logic applies to light switches and things like grab rails in bathrooms.

Whilst colour contrast can help define a room, contrast in adjacent flooring surfaces should be minimal. A dark threshold strip or a dark floor mat against a paler toned floor can appear like a step to a person with dementia and might present a trip hazard. Similarly dark door mats can look like a hole. Ideally the flooring throughout the home should be the same colour regardless of the surface.

Earlier this year we were on-site with a national house builder, consulting on the fit-out of a retirement living scheme. The subject of grab rails in the wet room came up, and one of the sales team raised concerns about how having them fitted might adversely affect sales. These days grab rails come in all sorts of finishes and I was able to show them a grab rail in satin nickel and one in charcoal grey to contrast with the lighter toned tiles. Had they not fitted grab rails they would have unwittingly sabotaged what they were seeking to achieve – retirement flats for independent living – and that most certainly would have had an effect on sales. Supportive design does not have to look ugly and projects like Loughborough University's dementia-friendly home shine a light on how achievable accessible and inclusively designed homes are.

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All of the machines are portable and contain full instructions, but why not give yourself a head start with an online tutorial?

The Resuscitation Council (UK) have produced plenty of information to help us all learn more about what to do in these dramatic and highly pressured times, should we find ourselves involved.

You can watch videos and play interactive games to increase your understanding. You can even download an app - see www.resus.org.uk/apps/lifesaver for more information.

At Lindfield Life we will commit to reprinting this map and information on a regular basis, in order to familiarise the whole village regarding access to this life-saving equipment - which can be used by anyone.

Please give it a go. With our emergency services so overworked, we as communities can get better at helping ourselves, and it really does make a difference.

If anyone knows of any other publically available defibs in the area, do please email us (editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk) and we'll update the map for next time.

We are aware of plans for one to be installed in Scaynes Hill shortly, and we also understand that one of the Lindfield schools is seeking funding to buy a unit too.



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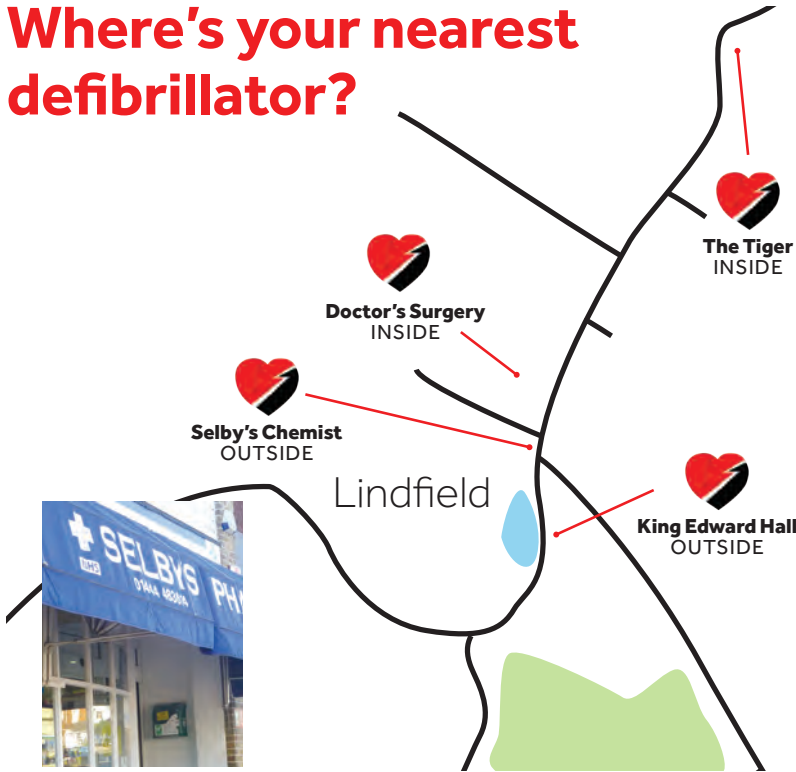
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Families of Lindfield's remembered

By Claire Cooper

Descendants of soldiers killed in World War I gathered for a special reunion at the King Edward Hall last month to share stories, celebrate lives and even taste a traditional Trench Cake!

The families were brought together by Gwen Newcombe, whose uncle, Sidney Frederick Smith, was killed in action in 1918.

Gwen came up with the idea while attending the Remembrance Day Services at All Saints' Church and listening as the names of the fallen were read out.

"I knew many of their descendants were still living in Lindfield – I had been at school with several of them – and thought it would be nice to have a get-together to mark the anniversary of the end of the War," she said.

With help from friend Kath Rusby, Gwen compiled a list of descendants, inviting them to tea in the Jubilee Room at The King Edward Hall. "I suggested they brought along any medals and memorabilia and stories that we could all share," she said.

Delighted with their invitations, the 21 descendants arrived at the hall to enjoy afternoon tea, including a wartime Trench Cake, made to a traditional recipe by Gwen's daughter-in-law Lin Newcombe. "The cake was very popular and several people took the recipe home!" said Gwen.

There were moving stories of how the war took its toll on Lindfield families, including the Newnhams from Compton Road. "They were a family of nine children," said great, great nephew Mark Bailey. "Five of the children served in the War and three were killed. Albert

Victor, aged 20, who was wounded in the Aisne and died of his injuries in Paris on 19th October 1914; John Francis, aged 19, killed in action at Jutland on 31st May 1916 and Noel Herbert, aged just 16, who was lost when HMS Vanguard blew up in Scapa Flow on 9th July 1917."



"Their father also served, re-enlisting after the death of his first son," Mark added.

Kath Rusby, who was unable to attend the event but was represented by her niece Fiona, lost her uncle, Jack Caplin, in the First World War. Kath wrote: 'Jack had lived at Prospect Cottages and attended Lindfield Primary School. On 3rd August 1914 war was declared and all the lads were called up. There was huge patriotism and they thought they were going on a summer camp in France. They all assembled on Muster Green and marched all the way to Newhaven. They soon realised they were not going on a picnic.'

By September Jack – a private in the 2nd Battalion of The Royal Sussex Regiment – had been wounded at the front at The Marne. The following year on 9th May he was killed in action at Aubers Ridge aged just 18.

Sue Powell has been researching the story of relative and soldier Leslie Wallace Ayling, a Private in the 1st/3rd Battalion, The London Regiment City of London Royal Fusiliers. "Leslie was married to my great aunt, Elizabeth Mary Rogers, and they lived at Spring Cottages in Lyoth Lane," said Sue. After finding a report of the wedding at All Saints' Church, Sue discovered that the bride's father was head gardener at Colwell.

Two years after the wedding Leslie was killed in action at Cambrai on 7th December aged 24. "While Leslie was away his wife gave birth to their daughter who sadly he never got to see," said Sue. "Elizabeth didn't re-marry and neither did her daughter, so the family line stopped there."

Jennifer Prior didn't realise she had a relative who served in the war until she was contacted by Kath Rusby. "Wilfred Winn was my mother's uncle or perhaps a cousin," she said. He died, aged 30, in hospital on 26th May 1918 from the effects of being gassed, was brought home and is buried in Walstead Cemetery. My mum was called Winifred so I now wonder if she may have been named after him," she added.

Gwen spoke of her uncle, Sidney Frederick Smith, a gunner in the Royal Marine Artillery Howitzer Brigade, 63rd Royal Naval Division, who was killed in action in the Ypres Salient on 28th September 1918.

"Sidney's story was always a very large part of my life. From when I was a small child I attended the Remembrance Day service sitting in the same pew that my grandparents were allotted for the very first Remembrance Service," she said.

A talented artist, Sidney sent home drawings, and beautiful embroidered postcards, to his family which have been treasured and handed down over the years. The precious cards and drawings are displayed in a book put together by Gwen.

"His pencil drawings included scenes of Lindfield village and pond, but the one I find fascinating is one with a horseshoe," said Gwen. "I had been brought up to believe that a horseshoe should be hung shaped like a letter U. If hung the other way it was considered to be unlucky."

Sidney had drawn his this way. "How ironic that the date he drew the horseshoe was 28th September 1917 exactly one year before he was killed on 28th September



1918," said Gwen. "It appears his luck had run out."

Paul and Naomi Stenning brought along a selection of medals awarded to great, great uncles Charles and William Baldock, two of the four sons of Edward and Annie Baldock of West View. Charles, a private in the 9th Battalion of the Royal Sussex Regiment, was killed on the first day of the battle of Loos on 25th September 1915 aged just 20. Charles had been employed at The Star in Haywards Heath. His brother William served with the Australian Army Corps after emigrating in 1907 with another brother, Harry. After becoming ill at Gallipoli, William jumped overboard from the transport ship Port Lincoln and drowned on 21st August 1915.

Also present were the Blunden family, relatives of brothers Percy and Walter Blunden. Percy, a Lance corporal in the 6th Battalion East Merst Regiment, was killed in action at the Somme aged 21. Older brother Walter, 24, a Lance Sergeant in the Canadian Infantry, was killed on Passchendale Ridge during the final stages of the Third Battle of Ypres. "We have a big family and I think a lot of information has been lost over the years," said Will Blunden. "So we are really grateful to Matt Taylor who has been researching the history of the Lindfield soldiers killed in action."

Katie Martin represented Herbert Fox, a private in the Royal Sussex Regiment, who was killed in action during the battle of Cambrai in 1918 aged 31.

The occasion also included Gwen's grandson Matthew Jones, aged 16, giving a moving account of a recent school visit to the battlefields in Belgium. "It was wonderful to hear a young person's feelings on all the moving things he had seen," said Gwen. "I was a very proud Grandma."

Gwen thanked the Bonfire Society for lending the 8ft high wooden poppies which adorned the room and the Combers' Trust which sponsored the event, and also her family for all their help and support.

She also presented guests with copies of the poem 'Dear Ancestor'. "We all had a great time reminiscing about the ancestors none of us had known but who were very much part of our lives," she said.



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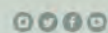
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DECEMBER 2018

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AUTUMN STATEMENT

The idea of a six-monthly report (the other being the Chairman's Report) updating residents on how the Parish Council (PC) has been involved in the community has been a success. Therefore, I am pleased to continue to provide this information.

Planning has again taken the main focus with work starting on the groundworks at the Taylor Wimpey site in Gravelye Lane and the Nicholas King Homes Barn Cottage site in Scaynes Hill. The land stability report is still in progress at the Barrington Court site (opposite Haywards Heath Golf Club) and the Wates site at Walstead is in the process of being assessed by the developer. The proposed 1,000 homes plus revised road layout at the Haywards Heath Golf Club and the expansion of the Lindfield Golf Club is in the process of being debated and a Planning Application is expected soon.

The PC continues to establish ways of enhancing the Burial Ground and we are grateful for advice from residents. In addition, and after the successful development of a footpath on the east side, several residents now would like a footpath for disabled access on the west side. However, there are certain problems that need to be addressed before this can be considered, including the disposition of graves without headstones in the proposed footpath location.

The PC maintains a Works Outstanding list with details of progress as appropriate. This lists many aspects where the Council is involved, including highways issues, lighting, traffic calming etc. The PC is also assisting West Sussex County Council in establishing a cycle route from Scaynes Hill to Lindfield and feasibility studies are in action at present.

After a year the take-up of allotments at Scaynes Hill is very encouraging but there is still room for expansion as required. Please see below.

The PC decided for next year that we would not join Lindfield Parish Council in part funding the ever increasing cost of the 'Directory and Year Book' (Diary), with the result that our parishioners will not be receiving their free copy. Council would appreciate any feedback from residents.

A few months ago our Parish Clerk, Vera Grainger, retired from her post and we are now actively attempting to recruit a replacement (details below). Anyone wishing to apply please contact the Parish Office.

On behalf of Parish Councillors and staff I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Dumbleton
Chairman, Lindfield Rural Parish Council

Allotments available

The Parish Council is pleased to inform that the waiting list for allotments is now open at its sites in Gravelye Lane, Lindfield and Clearwater Lane, Scaynes Hill. Applications are welcome from both within and outside the parish. Please contact the Parish Office (01444 831 499) if you are interested.

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Interviews will take place in early December on a date to be agreed.

Council meetings coming up

2018-2019

2018

Monday 26th November St Augustine's Church Annex, Scaynes Hill

2019

Monday 14th January King Edward Hall, Lindfield

Monday 18th February St Augustine's Church Annex, Scaynes Hill

Monday 8th April King Edward Hall, Lindfield

Monday 29th April Annual Parish Meeting, Meeting of Electorate,
St Augustine's Church Annex, Scaynes Hill

Monday 13th May Annual Meeting of the Council
King Edward Hall, Lindfield

Meetings to commence at 8pm

An errant tenant

LISTEN TO THE LAWYER

By Martyn Gooch, partner Rohan Solicitors

Question: I am a landlord of a residential property having granted an Assured Shorthold Tenancy agreement (AST) to a tenant. The tenant has failed to pay the rent and I want to evict him. How do I do this?

Answer: There are two routes available to a landlord wishing to recover possession of a residential property. Which one to use is dependent on whether the term of the AST has expired. Both procedures are outlined in the Housing Act 1988.

Firstly, irrespective of whether the tenant has breached the terms of the AST, a landlord is entitled to demand possession of the property when the term has expired provided that he gives the tenant at least two month's written notice in advance (called a Section 21 Notice). If the tenant still refuses to leave, the landlord can issue possession proceedings in the county court to obtain a court order. Obtaining possession via this path is known as the non-fault based route.

If, however, the tenant is in breach of the terms of the AST the landlord may, at any time during or after expiry of the term, seek possession by issuing the tenant with a different notice (known as a Section 8 Notice) demanding that the tenant leave within 14 days or face court proceedings. The Notice must highlight the breaches being relied on and those breaches must fall within one of the categories identified in the Housing Act. The relevant category in your case being 'non-payment of rent'. Others include 'breach of some other term of the AST' and that the 'tenant has been convicted of a serious offence whilst at the property'. The ground must be included in the Section 8 Notice and in the subsequent court proceedings should they become necessary. This route to recovering possession is often referred to as the fault-based procedure.

If the rent is payable monthly, at least two months' rent must be outstanding before you are able to issue a Section 8 Notice relying on non-payment of rent. If the tenant then ignores the Notice, continues to refuse to pay rent and proceedings are issued against the tenant, then the court will make an order granting the landlord possession of the property.

Possession claims can be complicated, particularly if they are contested by the tenant. It is crucial that you have complied with the various statutory obligations that are imposed on landlords before you even consider serving Notice on the tenant. For example, the landlord must protect the tenant's deposit in a government approved scheme and have provided the tenant with various documentation at the start of the tenancy. Moreover, there are a number of practical issues that must be addressed before you can take legal action to evict your tenant, such as ensuring the property has a valid EPC and that it is fitted with smoke alarms.

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Thank you for all your individual enquiries about your recycling. By the time you read this I will have replied individually to all your emails to the editor on recycling. Keep the questions coming...

With Christmas just around the corner, here are some tips to improve your recycling into the New Year.

Did you know Christmas is the busiest time for our recycling team, so we would appreciate your help.

- Any items that have a plug, use batteries, need charging or have a picture of a crossed out wheellie bin on, as shown here, are known as Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). Take these and broken Christmas lights to your local Household Waste Recycling Site ('the tip') – the Small Electricals Recycling point
- When buying your Christmas wrapping paper, avoid metallic/plastic film or glitter – do the scrunch test – if it stays scrunched it can be recycled. Remove large bows and as much sellotape as possible
- Check your Christmas bin collection dates and Christmas recycling tips www.midsussex.gov.uk/waste-recycling
- Take real Christmas trees to your local council Christmas tree recycling point www.midsussex.gov.uk/treerecycling
- Tops off all bottles and containers please, and put in your rubbish bin. Remember 'Clean, Dry and Loose' in your recycling bin
- Remove non-recyclable packaging from boxes, such as polystyrene/plastic wrap and film, and place in your rubbish bin
- Large cardboard boxes – fold flat – if too large for recycling bin then please tear into smaller pieces (cereal box size) and place in recycling bin or take oversized cardboard to the Household Waste Recycling Site (The Tip) – do not leave to the side of the recycling bin as will get wet, and wet cardboard cannot be recycled and will not be collected
- Christmas cards can be recycled in your blue bin, or with your favourite charity
- Please do not place batteries in your general rubbish bin or your recycling bin at home – these can spark and cause fires – please recycle them at shops that sell batteries. They all have battery recycling points, usually near the checkout
- Black plastic food trays can be recycled



Do keep your individual questions coming on specific items you are not sure can be recycled. One email to editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk, with a picture if possible, and I can let you know.

May I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Carol Rieley

11th JUN 1944 –
22nd SEPT 2018

By Liz Carter

Lindfield resident Carol Rieley passed away peacefully at St Peter and St James' Hospice on 22nd September 2018.

Born in Oxford in 1944, Carol grew up in New Eltham in London. Despite her school and parents' ambitions for her to be a secretary, she was determined to be a Speech Therapist. Having qualified she moved to Bristol, where she met John in 1965. They married in 1967 and moved to Lindfield in 1974 with their children, Christopher and Elizabeth. Carol worked first at Cuckfield Hospital, moved to the Princess Royal Hospital and retired in 2006. She was proud to work for the NHS and felt fortunate to have had an enjoyable and fulfilling career, having helped so many people with their communication needs.

Through her work with patients who had Motor Neurone Disease she knew the vital support that the MND Association could give, so when informed that the local branch was going to close she refused to let it happen. She valiantly took on the role of Chair and recruited many friends and neighbours as the committee members. In 2014, after twelve years at the helm, Carol stepped down and trained to be an Association Visitor offering support to individuals living with MND and their families. In addition to her work with MND, Carol continued to use her skills as a Speech and Language Therapist by running a regular conversation group for the local branch of Parkinson's UK.

When Carol was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2016 she didn't become a victim. She treated her diagnosis in the same way she approached life – with strength, with dignity and with an opportunity to meet and chat to new people. She made friends with the staff at the Sussex Cancer Centre, bringing home-made scones and John's sweet peas for the team, and gave an extraordinary address to clinicians and patients at the 'Target Ovarian Cancer' conference in Brighton in 2017.

Carol and John were married for 51 years. Following her diagnosis she was determined to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, which she did in style with the family at Sandbanks in January 2017.

She loved living in Lindfield and recently was instrumental in the installation of the new benches on the common. Although she only got to sit on 'her' bench once (the curvy one by the playground) she was so pleased to know that they are being used.

She was feisty, loving, inspirational, charming, funny and never ran out of things to say. She read voraciously, loved life, the theatre, flower arranging, travelling, eating, cooking and entertaining.



I feel blessed to have had Carol as my mum and as a wonderful grandmother to my boys.

Communication was everything to Carol, and whilst going through her papers I found she had kept this quote from George Eliot: 'Voices – I think they must go deeper into us than other things. I have often fancied heaven might be made of voices.'

The village will be a quieter place without her.





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A window into the past

By Linda Grace and Margaret Nicolle

As next year will be the 80th anniversary of the outbreak of the Second World War, you may be interested to know that Helena Hall, a former resident of Lindfield, kept a journal throughout the war in which she records her experiences in the village, including her service as an Air Raid Warden. Having read the journal, we considered it to be unique and fascinating and wanted to share it with others. This article explains why we wanted to do this.

The Second World War is a key element of British national identity and continues to have a strong presence in British culture. It has left a rich legacy in a range of media that continue to attract a wide audience, including film, TV and radio, photography, journalism, music, art and literature. The range of material continues to grow. It should, however, be appreciated that anything produced after the war will be prepared with hindsight and will be shaped by the period in which it is being published.

There are other cultural forms which relate to the war, including websites, tourist sites and exhibitions. It is included in the school curriculum. People's memories have been recorded, and are invaluable, although they tend to be influenced by subsequent experiences and often relate how people want to recollect it. All of these will influence how the war is remembered.

Diaries exist. Written at the time, they enable the reader to travel back to those wartime years. Miss Hall's journal is a fine example. It consists of personal experiences and accounts from family, friends and acquaintances alongside reports from local and national newspapers as well as radio news broadcasts which provide a wider context. This combination makes it possible to experience the war as she did, and see events unfolding as they happened, as history was being made.

The journal produces knowledge which is unlikely to have been recorded elsewhere.

28th June 1940

Ellmer's the fish shop in the High Street, was closed on Tuesday. The fat man who presided there has German tendencies. He has not been interned yet, but is being watched.

30th June 1940

Mrs Pellett told me that at Paxhill last night a sentry shot his own officer. Apparently no reply was given to the sentry's challenge and the sentry thought it was someone raiding the camp.

16th September 1940

Mr Ridgeway and I patrolled the second time for 2 hours. Some new people from Cooden Beach had arrived in the afternoon, and were having difficulty in obscuring lights. We went a different way this evening along the grounds of Beckworth. We climbed over iron fences, negotiated barbed wire and came out in Beckworth garden, all our sector the whole time. We watched one of our planes on patrol with a bright light flying rather low. At 1.10 we returned to the Post and had some tea and biscuits and a rest.



10th March 1941

Washing tanks and lorries in the Pond has now been stopped although the surface is still oily. The swans hate the oil.

Daily life is also covered, showing how people were getting on with their work, domestic chores and leisure activities despite disruption caused by the war through air raids, food shortages, evacuees and troops stationed locally.

17th June 1940

Now that raids are more likely to descend on us, I have decided to pack away my favourite china ornaments and put them in a box under the stair cupboard where they will be better protected. They would soon be bumped off a shelf or mantelpiece with a near bomb.

Miss Hall wrote frequently about the weather. A subject that on the surface appears to be mundane, was for her of keen interest. During the war, there were no current weather reports in the press or on the radio so as not to help enemy invasion plans. Her references could be linked to air raids, which would have been less likely during bad weather.

29th January 1940

Now that it is a fortnight old the weather news, a State secret, may be told. It is the coldest winter Britain has had for over a century.

22nd January 1942

The weather keeps very cold. Children were enjoying sleighing, skating and sliding were in full swing on the Pond. It is a pleasure to see the Canadian soldiers skating.

Linda Grace and Margaret Nicolle's book 'A woman Living in the Shadow of the Second World War' is available from both of them. Email: margaretnicolle@outlook.com or lgrace15@hotmail.com or call Margaret on 01444 482685 or Linda on 01444 451696.

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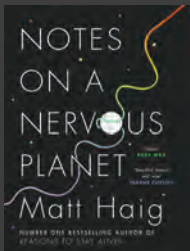
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BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

The modern world can be an odd place. We have all this technology to help us – or are we enslaved by it? Matt Haig's thoughtful and well written book shows us that it causes a great deal of anxiety. Indeed, why is it that modern life is making us so ill when so many physical diseases are being conquered? There are so many unrealistic expectations of ourselves and others which contribute to this. This is a book trying to make us realise that we need to enjoy the moment. That we need to stop and stare – not at our phones, but at the beauty of the natural world around us. Haig has some suggestions but he is not a guru, more a questioner and a sharer of his own experiences. This is a book that might be read profitably both by individuals and in a reading group, to share wisdom with others.

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The Unforgotten Coat by Frank Cottrell Boyce

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By Sara Da Bora, Year 7, Oathall Community College

Two Mongolian brothers, Chingis and Nergui, arrive at a school in Liverpool wearing fur coats and refuse to follow the teacher's instructions. Nergui refuses to remove his hat that's low on his face: "When you need your eagle to be calm," Chingis says, "you cover its eyes with a hood. When you want the eagle to fly and kill, you take off the hood." The class is amazed, and when Chingis singles out sixth-year Julie to be their 'Good Guide', things that had previously obsessed her (like make-up and boys) fall away as she buddies up with Chingis and helps the boys learn Liverpudlian slang and the rules of football – 'learning themselves ordinary' she calls it. They tell her they are hiding from a demon, explaining their tall tales with Polaroids which are actually photos from around Liverpool.



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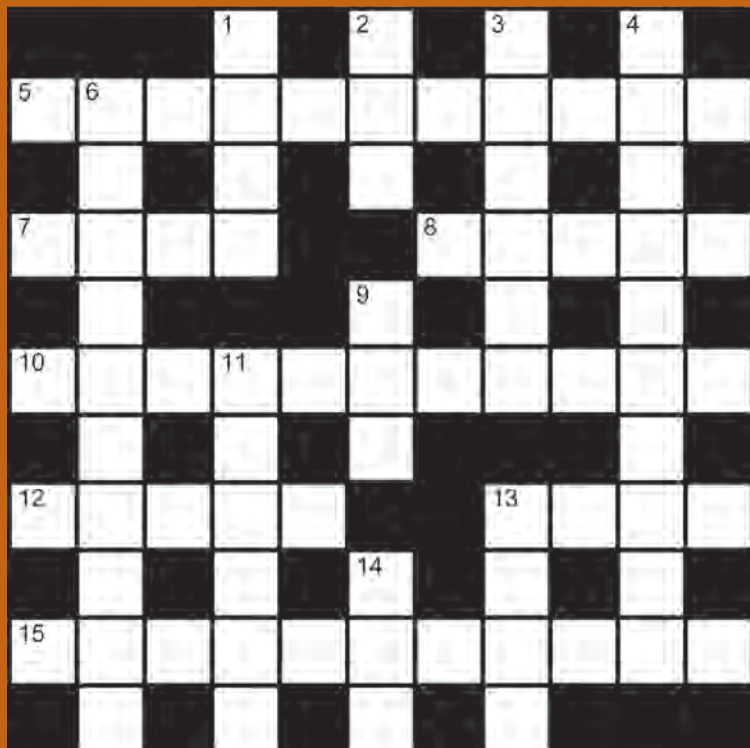


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Family crossword



Got 20 mins spare?
Have a go at this
crossword - which should
be varied enough for all
ages to answer some
clues.
Answers listed on p. 71

Across

- 5 Petty (5-6)
- 7 Stump (4)
- 8 Farm bird (5)
- 10 Degree of excitement during a debate (11)
- 12 Open space in a forest (5)
- 13 Central Chinese desert (4)
- 15 Untitled (11)

Down

- 1 Thick slice (4)
- 2 Large flightless bird (3)
- 3 Open up (6)
- 4 Quantifiable (10)
- 6 Birthplace (10)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 11 Dais (6)
- 13 Present (4)
- 14 Fenland cathedral city (3)

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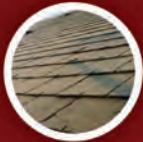
Find the solution to #29 in next month's magazine

#28 Solution

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2	3	9	5	6	1	8	7	4
7	1	4	8	2	3	9	5	6
8	5	6	9	4	7	1	3	2
9	7	3	2	8	5	6	4	1
4	2	8	3	1	6	5	9	7
1	6	5	7	9	4	3	2	8

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December

- 1st **MSOPC Christmas Party** – 2-4pm
Tea with entertainment provided by Anything Goes (Nicola@msopc.org.uk or 01444 424760)
- 6th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
(Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
- 8th **Haywards Heath Concert Band** – 1.30-4pm
An afternoon of music including refreshments, raffle and stalls. Also featuring Haywards Heath Singers. All profits in aid of Chailey Heritage. Free Entry (Alison Gilbert 07977 499280 or bandmaster@hhcb.org.uk)
- 20th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 22nd **Adur Concert Band** – 7.30 pm
Popular Christmas Concert – (Tickets from Tufnells Home or Jo Stevens 01444 235311)
- 23rd **A Holly Jolly Family Show** – 3pm
West End stars Matthew Goodgame and The Spinettes perform this show of Classic Christmas songs with mulled wine, raffle and children's face painting. Fundraising in aid of The Alzheimers's Society. Doors open 2.15pm (Tickets £12/£6, 07759 352479 or thespinettes@hotmail.com)

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

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AND ELSEWHERE

December

- 5th **Christmas Festival Night** – 6-9pm
High Street – Stalls, rides, entertainment and refreshments. Father Christmas arrives at 6pm. WARNING: High Street closed between 5.30-9.30pm (Deputy Parish Clerk 01444 484115)
- 6th **Pop Up Christmas Shop** – 9am-12noon
The Stand Up Inn - Christmas essentials from local businesses. Fundraising for PRH Special Care Baby Unit
- 8th **Christmas Fair** – 1-4pm
Lindfield Primary Academy - market, crafts, BBQ, bar and Santa's Grotto (£1 entry, kids free)
- 6th **Mid Sussex National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Talk: 'Bruges - it's more than Chocolate' by Melanie Gibson-Barton
- 12th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Lecture: Jane Austen's Christmas by Dr Claire Walsh (Non members welcome, £7)
- 13th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – 10am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Lecture on 'Looking at Clay Pipes - Hidden Treasures' by Jacqui Pearce (Tickets £8, call 01444 483372/414477)
- 14th **Christmas Messy Church** – 4-6pm
Lindfield URC - Christmas crafts and games, Bible story and dinner. No booking, No fee. Under 14s must bring an adult (Danny Goodall 07443 438970)
- 15th **Carols on the Green** – 5.30pm
Village Green, Horsted Keynes – Live nativity play with children and animals
- 15th **Christmas Concert** – 7.30pm
St Wilfrid's Church, Haywards Heath - Carols for choir and audience to join in with by Mid Sussex Choir (Tickets £10/£12 Carousel Music, or door)
- 18th **Advent Carol Concert** – 8pm
Ardingly College Chapel – Vivaldi Gloria and carols charity concert by Ardingly Choral Society (free entry, fundraising for St Peter & St James)
- 20th **Traditional Christmas Concert** – 7.30-9pm
Lindfield United Reformed Church - The Perdido Players 'Carol' Band will accompany the carols. Programme includes invited guests. Donation will support the work of St Peters & St James Hospice Community Nurses
- 26th **Denmans Lane Dash** – from 12noon
Meet at The Stand Up Inn – Race to run 1k while holding a half pint of beer! (Ray Gower, p5)

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