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## EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Hi and welcome to June's issue of Lindfield Life, which features a special eight page centre section about **Lindfield Village Day** – this replaces the separate event programme which has been produced in previous years.

Elsewhere we get the latest on the heart-warming **ducklings story** from the pond – which many will have seen online over the past few weeks. Read all about it on **page 9**.

Lindfield resident **Willy Bollschweiler** kindly takes his place as Village People candidate on **page 12** – where he tells **Claire Cooper** just how he coped when he was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis ten years ago.

**Lindfield Preservation Society** introduced something new at their recent AGM: the **Conservation and Design Awards** for the village. Read about the winners on **page 22**. Meanwhile, **Lindfield Bonfire Society** also celebrated with two of its members at its AGM – **John** and **Paul** are both featured on **page 27**.

**Richard Bryant** explores Lindfield's association with business in the cultivation industry in his popular **history feature** on **page 46**. Thanks Richard for these contributions to the magazine, which allow us to connect with the past.

We are pleased to publish the latest newsletter of **Lindfield Rural Parish Council** on **page 50-51**. **Bob Campen** comes back with another 'On the Buses' article on **page 52**. And, on **page 58**, **Caroline Young** talks all things berries – specifically strawberries. Yum! Great timing with Wimbledon not too far away now.

Lastly, if you love reading do take a look at **Cavan Wood's** book review on **page 67**. Plus we also have a suggestion from Oathall student **Isobel Dupée** for younger readers too. Thanks Isobel and Cavan.

See you at **Village Day** on 1st June!



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# NEWS

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## Lindfield Girl Guide takes part in humanitarian project

By Emily Aldridge

In August I will be taking part in a three week International Service Project with UK Girlguiding. I will be travelling to Mongolia to provide support and education to children; to enhance their wellbeing and improve their learning. We will do this through various educational, physical and creative activities. The teaching project will also involve providing English lessons to older children between the ages of 12 and 15. We will also undertake a project to renovate various rooms and classrooms to enrich the space for those that use it. I have a target of £3,000 to raise. Anything you can give, however large or small, would be greatly appreciated.

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Toby Whittome and Guy Kelsey ran sales and acquisition departments at Jackson-Stops in Central London before making a decision to open a Mid Sussex branch of the national agency.

Toby explained: "Having grown up just outside Scaynes Hill, I know this area extremely well! I love now being able to work so close to home and our location on Lindfield's amazing High Street couldn't be better for us."

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Rebekah's move from a long career in the fashion industry was prompted by the changes in her own skin as she aged. By understanding her hormonal changes, environmental impacts, food intake and



lifestyle choices, she was able to determine what was needed to help her look and feel her absolute best: "There is no such thing as one 'fix-all' product, it's all about understanding and treating your body as a whole – from the inside out – as well as finding the right product for you," Rebekah added. "My facials are about being healthy and looking the best you possibly can."

Face Saint facials – for all skin types from teen to mature – uses quality products, some of which are created by Rebekah herself, and include a combination of cleansing, manual exfoliation, massage, mask(s), extractions, Gua Sha, Radio Frequency, and Light Therapy, depending on your skin's needs.

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# Lindfield's nature drama unfolds

By Claire Cooper

Lindfield pond has often been at the centre of village news, but last month's mission to rescue 12 newly hatched ducklings is among the most heartwarming stories.

The 'Lindfield 12', as they have become known, were rescued from the pond in a race against time, after their mother was attacked and drowned.

The alarm was raised when resident Louise Beasley spotted the body of a female duck floating on the pond, with 13 tiny ducklings swimming nearby. "The ducklings were totally lost and trying to follow the other ducks who were in turn attacking them," she said,

"I've since been told that the male ducks had been fighting and had drowned the mother which was pretty awful," added Louise. "The ducklings were so small and looked like they had just hatched that morning, I know something had to be done quickly to rescue them so I phoned Wildlife A&E."

She spoke to Debbie Johnson who quickly arrived on the scene.

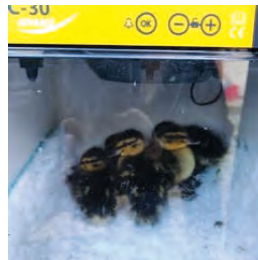
"When we arrived, fortunately most of the ducklings were sitting on the side of the pond, so after gaining permission to go through a garden to get to them, we managed to catch seven of them," said Debbie. However, the others had jumped back into the pond.

"We spent a couple of hours trying to catch the others but they were staying well into the middle of the pond," said Debbie who was faced with a difficult decision. "The longer we stayed on the water the more likely it was for the ducklings to get hypothermic," she said. "So we decided to take the seven back to the hospital and asked Louise to keep an eye on the others. If they came onto the garden again we would come back for another try."

Determined not to give up, Louise put out a post on Facebook which was quickly spotted by Samantha Gray.

"I'd been at a party at the King Edward Hall and when I returned home I saw Louise's post," she said. "I turned to my 12 year old son Jacob and said – do you fancy saving some ducks? We grabbed a cardboard box and we went off to the pond."

Samantha and Jacob were soon joined by residents



who fixed a pole to a large net, long enough to reach well into the pond, and the second rescue mission began!

"I swooped in and caught the first three ducklings quite quickly but the last two were proving elusive, and a third had already died," said Samantha. "But I was determined I wasn't leaving without them!"

With Jason directing her, Samantha continued to try and scoop up the ducklings, while keeping out of view so as not to scare them. "So many people stopped to ask if they could help," she said. "One lady brought a towel and another a pocket hand warmer to put in the box to keep the ducklings warm! It was a real community effort. After about an hour and a half we were absolutely thrilled to have caught all five!"

Debbie from Wildlife A&E rushed back to collect them. "We needed to quickly get them into the incubator as they would be so cold," she said. "But I'm delighted that all 12 have survived their ordeal and are growing by the day."

Debbie has been posting regular updates online and plans to return the 'Lindfield 12' to the pond as soon as their adult feathers have grown.

"It's been so lovely seeing the updates and I can't wait to see the ducks return to the pond," said Samantha.

**Wildlife A&E is a non-profit making organisation funded through donations and run by unpaid volunteers.**

**Anyone wishing to make a donation can visit the website: [www.wildlifeemergency.co.uk](http://www.wildlifeemergency.co.uk)**

# 'Love Lindfield' Community Collage

Be part of the 'Love Lindfield Community Collage' project for LAF2019 being facilitated by Lindfield United Reformed Church. Individuals of any age, groups and local business are all invited to contribute to a community collage celebrating everything positive about Lindfield, past and present.

The collage will be about four feet high and made up of thirteen large letters spelling LOVE LINDFIELD. Your contribution will be set in the letters and can be a photograph, a poem, a piece of artwork, a newspaper clipping, written words, a cartoon strip, a menu from a favourite eating place, a badge etc. that depicts a person, group, team or club linked to Lindfield who have brought you great joy. It may represent a place, shop, business or café in Lindfield where you've experienced happiness. It could be a memory of an event or celebration that has taken place in Lindfield over the years that has provoked a positive memory.

There are a few criteria to meet. Only one contribution per person or group please, no bigger than 10cm wide and 15cm high. This will become part of the display and can't be returned later. Anything you wish to be seen, your name for example, ensure it is on the front as the reverse will be hidden.

Contributions can be taken to Lindfield United Reformed Church on Monday or Friday afternoons



Example photo 'Remembering the happy occasion of 40 years of Lindfield Village Day'

between 2pm and 3pm or on Tuesday or Sunday mornings. Alternatively they can be placed in the church letter box or send by post to Lindfield United Reformed Church, High Street, Lindfield, RH16 2HL for the attention of Jacquie Odell.

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In Lindfield, Jonathan Ash-Edwards (Conservative), Andrew Lea (Conservative) and Andrea Lea (Conservative) were elected.

In the Rural and Urban Parish Councils, both had uncontested elections (where there were fewer candidates standing than positions available).

Lindfield Parish Council is therefore made up of the following councillors: Ian Wilson, John Stevens, Linda Grace, Margaret Hersey, Roger Pickett, Ron Plass, Stephen Henton, Val Upton and Will Blunden.

Councillors making up Lindfield Rural Parish Council are: John Dumbleton, Chris Hersey, Margaret Hersey, Keith Martin, Sol Mead, Brian Bunt, Keith Head and Trevor Webster.

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# The day I found out about arthritis

## VILLAGE PEOPLE

In 2009 the future looked bright for Lindfield IT consultant Willy Bollschweiler.

With one contract coming to a close, Willy took the opportunity to enjoy a few months' break, travelling the world with his wife Marian, before returning to work.

He was blissfully unaware that his life was about to change dramatically, leaving him in constant pain, weak and unable to lift a knife and fork.

Willy describes the shock of being diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis, his journey back to health and how he lives with the chronic condition which affects 400,000 people of all ages all over the country.



### By Claire Cooper

"I've always been very fit and active, enjoying walking, cycling and swimming," said Willy. "So when I noticed a severe pain in my left knee while out cycling, I thought I had maybe strained a joint or pulled a muscle."

But when the pain worsened and spread to other joints, Willy consulted his doctors. "I was deteriorating very quickly," he recalled. "It started in September and by December I was practically immobile. I couldn't lift a plate or hold a knife and fork - I was incapable of doing anything independently. I'm normally the family chef, but cooking was impossible."

All the major joints in Willy's body were affected.

"I was in a state of permanent pain and fatigue," he said. "I describe it as an all-consuming feeling of emptiness - it felt like my body just hadn't got anything left to fight with. I couldn't even think properly."

"The doctors couldn't be sure what was wrong and I was misdiagnosed twice."

By the end of December, Willy was referred to the Horder Centre in Crowborough where, following blood tests, x-rays and an MRI scan, he was finally diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.

Getting a diagnosis was a huge relief. "I was lucky that the consultant I saw in Crowborough is one of the country's leading authorities on rheumatoid arthritis. He started me on treatment which put me on the road to recovery and the excellent Rheumatology team at the Princess Royal Hospital ensured that it continued that way from mid-2010 onward."

Willy was given DMARD drugs and began to improve straight away.

"Before the diagnosis there were days when I didn't want to get out of bed and was in a permanent state of fatigue, but once the medication kicked in, I realised that the only person that could help me was me. If I wanted to get better then it was down to me. It's what the consultant told me it was exactly what I needed to hear."

In 2013 Willy was additionally given Biological drugs. "They really helped me to get my life back completely," he said. "The Biologic was like a blessing from heaven."

"It's been a long journey and a lot of hard work, but I'm more or less back to a normal life. I've learnt the importance of exercise and keeping mobile all the time, only stopping when I feel really sore," he said. "Exercise is so important mentally as well as physically."

Since his recovery, Willy has become a volunteer with NRAS and is keen to raise



awareness of the condition. "Before I was diagnosed I was completely ignorant about rheumatoid arthritis, and associated it with elderly people," he said.

"I picked up a leaflet while I was at the hospital and went on the NRAS website which was really helpful, particularly the online forum where sufferers share advice and information," said Willy. "I now post on the forum every day to try and use my experience to help others."

He added that the NRAS holds monthly meetings and runs workshops in Brighton for people who are newly diagnosed and for those who are living with RA.

"It may be possible to set up a support group in Lindfield & Haywards Heath if there's enough interest," said Willy.

"The biggest frustration with rheumatoid arthritis is the inability of people to understand the condition. People confuse it with arthritis which comes with old age, but RA can affect children and adults of all ages.

"The other problem is that, once diagnosed and treated, rheumatoid arthritis is an invisible illness. It's easy for people to assume that you've made a full recovery. People kept telling me how well I looked but I didn't feel like that inside."

The drugs also have side effects which can result in low moods and even depression. "Most people with chronic conditions can relate to that," said Willy.

Willy has sound advice for anyone who has been newly diagnosed. "I'd advise anyone with the condition to get their information from NRAS and keep well away from 'Dr Google!' Speak to your rheumatology team, be open, ask questions and don't hold anything back. Keep a diary, recording your pain, mood and mobility. This will help you and your care team to see if your treatment is working. It's important not to let the illness control you."

Since 2014 Willy has steadily improved and life has returned almost to normal. "I can't walk 20 miles like I used to but I can do seven or eight which I'm happy with," he said. "I can't cycle at the moment as I've had a knee replacement but I'm hoping to get back on the bike before too long.

"On a normal day I don't think about having RA. I do get flare ups but I have learnt to live with them. I go to the gym, walk, swim, play bowls and practice tai chi. I'm also back to cooking and baking which pleases my family!"

Willy has also begun to travel again, exploring the UK and enjoying walking in Scotland, the Lake and Peak Districts. "I'm probably stronger mentally than I was before and maybe I'm a little kinder too," he said. "My family has been fantastic and I don't think I could have got through without them. It's been hard for them too but they've learnt how to help me and not to feel sorry for me!"

RA awareness week runs from 17th to 23rd June and Willy will be holding a street collection in the village on 22nd June. "I'm very happy to chat to people about RA and answer any questions the best I can, so please stop and say hello," he said.

## Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) – the facts

- Founded in 2001, The National Rheumatoid Arthritis Society (NRAS), is the only patient-led organisation in the UK specialising in rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and juvenile idiopathic arthritis (JIA).
- Rheumatoid arthritis is a complex and serious, systemic autoimmune condition where the immune system attacks the joint tissue.
- Signs and symptoms include:
  - Pain, swelling and possible redness around joints
  - Stiffness in joints lasting more than 30 minutes, especially on waking or standing
  - Fatigue that's more than normal tiredness
- This chronic disease can affect organs such as the heart, eyes and lungs.
- If RA is not treated it can cause irreversible damage to joints and lead to disability.
- Improved treatments means most people diagnosed today can expect to lead full and active lives once the disease is under control.
- RA is often confused with osteoarthritis, which is a different disease caused by wear and tear of the joints as we get older.
- RA impacts heavily on people of working age affecting over 400,000 of the UK adult population, with approximately 26,000 new diagnoses each year. It affects more women than men.
- Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis (JIA) is an inflammation in joints in children under 16yrs. Around 12,000 children in the UK under the age of 16 have JIA.

For more information visit: [www.nras.org.uk](http://www.nras.org.uk)

## LINDFIELD PRIMARY

In the last week of the spring term the Academy took part in Autism Awareness Week. This was a powerful experience to enable all children to better understand what the term 'Autism' means, as well as how to best support their friends in our Academy who have Autism. During the week each class took part in a 'sensory overload experience' to help everyone understand how children with Autism may struggle with certain 'every day' scenarios and why they may display unusual behaviours in response. Mrs Hall reported, "In Year 6, we turned on the fan, played drums, flicked the lights and Mrs Mitchell and I were having a conversation with each other, all the while encouraging the children to keep doing their maths". Jake from Elm class explained that "at first I thought it was a living nightmare, so much going on at once AND we had to keep doing our work. When I realised what it was all about, it made me think about people with Autism in a very different way."

Our Year 5/6 tag-rugby team continued their recent form at the Mid Sussex tag-rugby tournament, securing victory for the 6th time in 7 years. The academy entered 4 teams in the competition, with all 39 children having a wonderful time and improving their skills throughout. However, special mention must go to the A team (pictured), who won all eight of their games en route to victory over local rivals Blackthorns in the final.



Early Years children enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Bluebell Railway. The day was filled with fun and lots of information. Among some of the day's activities was a steam train ride to Kingscote, a visit to the museum, a look around the Steam Works and a chance to stand on the footplate of the train!

Year 5 poets from Lindfield came a respectable 3rd place in a locality poetry competition that took place at our Academy. Jasmine, Isobel, Will and Sam performed 'Poetry and The Dragon' by A.F. Harrold. They were judged on their intonation, fluency, synchronisation, actions, enthusiasm and volume and scored highly in all six areas.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming the new families whose children will join the Academy in Reception in the new academic year as they begin induction sessions with us in June.



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# June busting out all over

## LINDFIELD IN BLOOM

By Heather Martin, chair

June is one of the busiest months for the volunteers at Lindfield in Bloom so we need your help!

Firstly we have our fundraising stall at Village Day on Saturday 1st June, where we'll be selling plants – come along and pick up something cheerful for your summer borders or kitchen plate. It's also the perfect opportunity to meet our team of volunteers and find out how you can get involved in supporting the group, or seek advice for your own garden.

Next we have our monthly community gardening session. We regularly look after the community borders by the medical centre in the Toll Gate car park and the raised planters by the Parish notice boards in Denmans Lane. Meet for this session in the Bowling Green car park at 10am on Saturday 8th June when we'll be helping members of the bowls club with planting and weeding of the sloping border by the car park.

Our monthly meeting takes place on Monday 17th June at 7.30pm in the Bent Arms and we'll be discussing the imminent visit from the South & South East in Bloom judges who will be taking a close look at our work in the community borders by the medical centre in the Toll Gate car park. We don't yet have the actual date the

judge will be here, but it'll be sometime between 17th June and 12th July, so if you spot any litter please do us a favour and pop it in the bin. We'll be doing our bit too!

Then towards the end of the month, on 23rd June, our volunteers will be out supporting the Lindfield Open Gardens Trail team. See the advert on page 55 for more details. However, it's safe to say it's from 1.30-5pm and all money raised from the afternoon go to St Peter & St James' Hospice. It's a great chance to get some ideas for plants that will do well on Lindfield soils and to buy some plants to take home, to chat and enjoy a slice of cake in beautiful surroundings. What a great way to spend a summer's afternoon!

For more details, to support Lindfield in Bloom or to join in with any activities, contact me (Heather Martin) on 07738 323082.

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## Lindfield Gin Festival: Raising money and having fun together

By Anna MacMahon

Last June the Parent Teachers Association of Oathall Community College organised a super successful event in support of the school. In fact, it raised £6,000 which helped to purchase equipment for the new Maths and Science block; equipment which will help to inspire and create a new generation of mathematicians and scientists.

This year, we are incredibly excited for the return of this summer event, a highlight on the Lindfield social calendar! There will be 25 Sussex gins to sample, all with their own unique local flavour. We'll see the return of the very popular main raffle prize: a wheelbarrow full of gin! Heartfelt thanks goes out to all the wonderful

community shops, small businesses and other organisations that have so kindly donated contributions to the raffle prizes and supported us with other sponsorship opportunities. This year we are raising funds for new sound and lighting equipment for the school hall. We are proud to raise funds for our school and hope you will join us on this fun evening to help us reach our goal.

The Lindfield Gin Festival will take place on Saturday 15th June, starting at 7pm in King Edward Hall. A ticket costs £15 (which includes your first gin token), with gin tokens being sold for £2 on the night. Book your tickets here: [www.trybooking.co.uk/IOU](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/IOU)

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## Flower Club welcomes friends

By Jo Hartless

A warm welcome awaits you at Lindfield Flower Club, which was established back in 1958.

This month's meeting (25th June) will be a 'BAFFF' (Bring A Friend For Free) day, so we hope to see members bringing a friend to join in the fun and see what we get up to. At this meeting, our demonstrator will be Jilly Griffin, and her demonstration is entitled "Off The Wall". Jilly is a lovely person and her meeting will be very entertaining.

Our monthly meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month except during July and October, when the meeting is on the third Tuesday. We start at 2.30 pm, in the King Edward Hall (opposite the village pond).

Do come and enjoy a pleasurable afternoon seeing beautiful arrangements created and picking up tips about flower arranging, not forgetting the chance to take one of the arrangements home!

Should you require any further information please contact our Secretary Alison Hughes on 01444 482586, or just come along to a meeting.





## Open Gardens returns

Later this month there will be 15 Lindfield gardens open to 'inspection' on one special afternoon.

Lindfield Open Gardens is a lovely trail of private gardens of houses on roads including Denmans Lane, The Wilderness, Chaloner Close and Meadow Lane.

Visitors to the green sites will be able to buy plants and jam, as well as enjoying tea and homemade cake! Plus the gardeners themselves will be on hand to offer advice to anyone inspired to take back new ideas to their own piece of paradise.

The event takes place on Sunday 23rd June between 1-5pm, and will raise money for St Peter and St James Hospice. Tickets cost just £5 (children free) and a map and more information are available from [www.lindfield-gardens.co.uk](http://www.lindfield-gardens.co.uk)

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# Gran Fran takes on charity Wing Walk!

By Claire Cooper

Daredevil grandmother Fran Norman is gearing up for the challenge of a lifetime later this month, when she takes to the skies for a fundraising Wing Walk.

Described as the 'ultimate thrill for hardened thrill seekers', the challenge will see Fran strapped to the wing of a 1940s Stearman Biplane, for the epic flight - reaching heights of between 100 and 700 feet and speeds of up to 130mph!

She'll be raising funds for St Peter and St James Hospice and came up with the idea while browsing in the Hospice shop in Lindfield. "I picked up a leaflet with fundraising ideas, and I thought the Wing Walk looked a bit different," said Fran. "When my husband suggested he didn't think I'd do it, it made me even more determined!

"The Hospice does a fantastic job and I just wanted to do something to support them and to help other people."

Fran says she has always been adventurous, but this is her biggest challenge so far. "I've never been afraid to have a go at things, but it's still a massive challenge for me," she said. "When I signed up I thought I might attract a few more volunteers to join me, but it looks like I'll be on my own."

Fran will travel to the Damyns Hall Aerodrome in Upminster for the flight on 29th June, accompanied

by husband Chris and other family members.

Wearing a five point harness, Fran will be strapped, standing up, to a framework on the wing of the plane before taking off for the ten minute flight which includes manoeuvres such as steep turns, dives and zoom climbs!

"I'm actually really looking forward to it," said Fran. "I've been told that it's very cold up there so I need to wrap up warm and wear goggles of course. With speeds of 130mph, I might not have any teeth left at the end!"

While researching wing walking, Fran read about a 96 year old lady who completed a wing walk to celebrate her birthday. "I wrote to her and she wrote back telling me that it's great once you get up the air

and to 'just enjoy it!'" said Fran. "I thought if she can do it then I definitely can!"

Fran is hoping to raise £1,000 for the hospice. If you'd like to sponsor her, visit: [virginmoneygiving.com/FrancescaNorman4](http://virginmoneygiving.com/FrancescaNorman4)



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# Conservation and Design Awards

The first Conservation and Design Awards were presented to the recipients at the AGM of Lindfield Preservation Society in April.

The award scheme is a new initiative for Lindfield – but one which has been successfully introduced elsewhere in Sussex. It fits in well with the Preservation Society's objective 'to encourage the preservation, development and improvement of features of general public amenity or historic interest'.

The awards acknowledge the efforts of individual residents who embark on building work, using design and materials that enhance their property and retain the intrinsic character of the area. Small and large projects are eligible and could range from repairing an old wall, or replacing rotting sash windows with wooden double glazed replicas, to larger projects such as new builds and extensions. Many residents have renovated and improved their properties over the years, but it is important to emphasise that this scheme is not about interior design, although mention may be made of interior aspects of a restoration, such as using lime plaster or moulds to replicate missing parts of intricate historic corning. These awards are about external appearance. The repairs or building works must be visible to the public from the roads and pathways around Lindfield, however the scheme is not confined to the Conservation Area.

Eligible properties are normally identified through the planning process but residents may also get in touch with the Society directly through the website [www.lindfieldsociety.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldsociety.org.uk). Each year the Society expects to identify a small handful of properties where work has been completed and will get in touch with the owners in the autumn to arrange a visit. Owners are welcome to nominate their architects and builders for an award, if appropriate, and this year the owners of all three properties were accompanied by their contractors at the award ceremony.

Recipients of the first awards are pictured here and their owners and contractors are shown above at the awards ceremony.

### 13 Francis Road

This award acknowledged a high quality renovation of an 1860s cottage in need of repair. The individual architecture has been enhanced with the addition of a front porch and new double glazed windows to replace the rotting frames. Rising damp has been rectified and the single skin walls have been coated with insulation in a white rendered finish. The owner is Rachel Lucas and the builder Darren Butcher of Dane Carpentry & Joinery Ltd.





### Esmeralda Cottage, 43 West Common

This is an excellent example of a seamless side extension to a Turner house, designed to be in keeping with the character of the property. Reclaimed building materials have been used and a bespoke window on the front façade replicates the original windows. The symmetry of the roof slope provides a timeless appearance. The owners are Tim & Rebecca Field. The architect is Ian Crane of Fletcher Crane Architects and the work was carried out by builder Jason Cullinane and carpenter Ben Hutchinson.



Before



After

### Mead Cottage, Lewes Road

This award acknowledges the sensitive design and materials used for this small extension. The oak framework has been attached to two external walls which have not been altered or redecorated, thus retaining the original fabric of a Grade II Listed building. The owners are Anthony and Caroline Scott-Gall and the design and build was undertaken by Baileybridge, represented at the ceremony by Sharon Monger.





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# Bonfire members gain recognition

Two members of Lindfield Bonfire Society have been presented with awards in recognition of their commitment and hard work.

The awards were presented at the recent AGM.

The Ted Haskell Trophy was presented by Chairman Paulus Smith to John Drew. This award is voted by all members present at the AGM for the committee member they feel has benefited the Society the most over the last year.



Chairman Paulus Smith with John Drew (left)



Chairman Paulus Smith with Paul Chalky White (left)

The Phil Haskell Memorial Shield was presented to Paul Chalky White. This award is voted by the committee members for the non-committee member who they feel has given outstanding support to the Society.

"It was fantastic to see so many members present this year, we will need to book a larger room next year!" said Honorary Secretary Mark Tampion Lacey.

## Missionary comes to talk at All Saints

Members of All Saints Church in Lindfield will be welcoming the UK director of Operation Mobilisation – a Christian mission organisation working in 110 countries.

Matthew Skirton spent 20 years serving the people of Moldova, but he now leads the work of the UK team at OM. He will be speaking at a special evening, including supper, on Saturday 22nd June as well as preaching at all the Sunday services the next day.



Hugh Bourne, curate at All Saints Church commented: "It's easy to think that Christianity is an old and dying faith. But the work of OM is a great reminder that the church is growing all around the world, especially in unexpected places. We're delighted to welcome Matthew who brings a wealth of experience from OM's work all over the world."

For more information about the Saturday event contact the church office on 01444 482405.



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# Pond Island Discs

By Ayesha Gilani

We honoured the mamas, now it's time to celebrate the papas for Father's Day. A huge thank you to this month's castaways for bringing ashore their tribute tracks and sharing the heart-warming stories behind them.



Mandy Street and dad Malcolm  
**Money For Nothing by Dire Straits**  
"My wonderful dad used to play this in the car when I was little and I thought it was the coolest song! We drove all over the UK and through Europe on holidays and I remember it so fondly - he probably remembers it as extremely hard work! And he still gives me, and his granddaughters, lifts."



Darren Hughes and dad Dave  
**Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen**  
"My dad is a big Queen fan and back in the 80s this song seemed to be played on loop as he insisted on playing his Queen cassette in the car as we drove on our holidays. One time we took a wrong turn and ended up driving around the Arc De Triomphe listening to this song endlessly!"



Lisa Walker and dad John  
**Top of the World by Carpenters**  
"As my dad is a 1930's baby and I'm a 1970s baby our music choices rarely coincided! However I do have very vivid memories of family car trips in the 70s, with 4 kids and a Dalmatian, and listening to the Carpenters! So for you Dad, I choose this song because as the lyrics say "your love's put me at the top of the world!"



Tim Robinson and dad Rod  
**Teach Your Children by Crosby, Stills & Nash**  
"I have been very fortunate to inherit my dad's love of playing and listening to music. Music really underpinned our relationship, and whilst we shared a love for a number of bands and artists, Crosby, Stills and Nash were our favourites. Teach Your Children is a masterpiece and could have been my dad's mission statement!"



Emma Peck and dad Howard  
**I Want to Know What Love Is by Foreigner**  
"Whenever I hear this song I remember being a child in our family home in Lindfield and feeling happy and loved by my dad. He used to play this song in the car and my siblings and I would sing our hearts out. He has always loved music and is so passionate about the songs he loves."



Dan Brouder and dad Tim  
**Ring of Fire by Johnny Cash**  
"It was common practice in our house for everyone to be woken up at first light by Dad, singing in full voice. This wasn't always appreciated but to his credit he can really nail the bass-baritone voice of Johnny Cash. That's something I'll have to work on if I want to do the same for my boy."

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## Enjoying the South Downs (and doing your bit)

The Friends of the South Downs is the membership charity working to campaign, protect and enhance the landscape of the National Park, so that it can be enjoyed by everyone for future generations.

### Plumpton Plain South Downs Way Repairs

The thin soils of the South Downs Way can be quickly eroded and the exposed soft chalk is then easily cut by flowing water. The Friends have funded £15,000 to support the repairs of a 1,300m section at Plumpton Plain with a further £10,000 being funded by the National Park Trust. This restoration has seen the level of the track raised above the surrounding fields to allow a camber to shed water off the track and will have a long term benefit for the 80,000 walkers passing through each year.

### Campaigning

Find out how the Friends actively campaign to enhance the beauty of the South Downs, for example see and comment on its recent objections to the review of soft sand quarrying in the National Park [www.friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk/news](http://www.friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk/news)

### Friends of the South Downs overview

The Friends have been working with local film maker Richard Vobes, the 'Bald Explorer' who has filmed trustee Glynn Jones explaining about the group's inception in 1923, some of the key achievements and future plans. Take a look on this link to see the film:

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### Walks and Strolls

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Claire has reached her target for Macmillan Charity but additional donations are always welcome.

"I'd like to thank everyone who has supported me," she added.

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Actor Roger May completed the Brighton Marathon in 3 hours 42 minutes.

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This event supports the day to day activities of the King Edward Hall. It costs a lot to have such a vibrant place at the centre of our community and we manage this with no grants or other support. Our efforts this year will be used to replace lighting and windows.

We hope to be lucky with the weather – but come rain or shine we hope you will have a wonderful day, support the stall holders and enjoy the many events.

Help us to ensure the common is left in a clean and tidy state by taking your litter home or leaving it in one of the many bins provided. Last year everything was left in a wonderful state and I hope we can maintain that record in 2019.

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Stephen Gray, Chairman

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12.30pm

**Procession leaves Hickmans Lane Playing Fields**

1-1.30pm

**Procession arrives on the Common**

Presentation of prizes

1.40pm

**Samba band** (Main Arena)

2pm

**Firing of the Anvil** (Main Arena)

This Village Day tradition involves a blacksmith firing a series of controlled explosions in the Main Arena. For those with dogs or who aren't comfortable with loud bangs, we suggest you move away for this!

2.35pm

**Esther Featherstone and her Swoovers** (Main Arena)

3-4pm

**Children's Dog Show** (Small Arena)

3-4pm

**Traditional sports day games for all the family**  
(Main Arena)

4pm

**Raffle Draw**

**TIMINGS ON THE DAY**





## Children's Dog Show in the Small Arena

- 3-4pm (Register from 1pm)
- Under 12s only
- £1.50 per entry
- Max three entries

Categories are:

- **Friendliest Dog**
- **Best Junior Handler**
- **Best Rescue Dog**
- **Pet the judge would most like to take home**
- **Best in Show**

Thanks to Oscar Pet Foods for sponsoring the dog show – all proceeds from the dog show go to the King Edward Hall (registered charity).

Thank you to Di Morgan for judging the event.

## The Grand Raffle

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The Organising Team wishes to record its appreciation to the many people, in addition to those listed above, who help with the Village Run with marking out the course, marshalling, taking entries and dealing with refreshments; and with Village Day by marking out the Common, setting up and taking down stalls and gazebos, moving furniture to and from the Common, manning stalls for the King Edward Hall, and clearing up at the end of the day. We are very grateful to all those who donate raffle prizes, sell raffle tickets, make donations to the Hall, and to our business sponsors for their support for Village Day/Run. We also appreciate the help given with organising both events by Mid Sussex District Council.





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# Wildlife needs us

By Isabella Mortimer

In this article I will be explaining how our lifestyle choices affect the animals around us.



## THE FACTS/IMPACT

Our wildlife is being affected dramatically due to our actions, both locally and worldwide, from badgers and butterflies to penguins and polar bears.

Extinction is becoming an even bigger problem everyday; our rainforests, deserts, ice regions and local countrysides are losing some of the world's most magnificent creatures.

For example, a blue parrot called Spix's Macaw is believed to have gone extinct in the wild because of deforestation. The population of Adelie (not to be confused by the brilliant singer Adele!) penguins in Antarctica, have fallen by 65% in the past 25 years. This is not surprising given 75 million tonnes of ice breaks off every 20 minutes; this is destroying habitats for animals such as penguins and polar bears. Due to climate change, the ice splits and the remaining ice is left unstable for animals to be able to hunt on.

## THE SOLUTIONS

We can all make a difference by each taking small steps in our everyday life. Here are some ideas:

- Not using our cars so much when we can walk;
- Trying not to buy clothes that are poor quality and have to be replaced early, as making clothes involves producing a lot of CO<sup>2</sup>.
- Trying to resist buying unnecessary products and clothing which add to our waste as well as a lot of CO<sup>2</sup> being produced when they are made.
- Reducing consumption of meat products.

The reason that the animals around us are being treated in a disrespectful manner, is because we are putting ourselves before the life around us. This includes: purchasing unneeded items, using single use cups or bottles, buying plastic bags every time you go shopping and packing our lunch in plastic food containers that can only contain food in it once. Litter is dangerous because our local animals can get caught in sharp metal products like tins.

Every step we can take really matters.

## GETTING INVOLVED

Anything that you can do at home in your garden helps the wildlife thrive, such as: building a bug hotel for insects and other garden animals, providing food for birds (they love sunflower seeds from your sunflowers).

There are many things that you can get involved with around your local area like picking up litter and unused bottles.

There are charities that work hard worldwide to help animals that are in need of help and support. There are websites where you can sign a petition to show your support and some have really interesting articles and ideas, for example: [www.wwf.org.uk](http://www.wwf.org.uk).

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## Lindfield's hidden horticultural industry

### LINDFIELD HISTORY

Frederick Smith's nursery off Luxford Road

**By Richard Bryant, Lindfield History Project Group**

During the first three quarters of the last century horticultural businesses thrived in and around Lindfield providing much employment. The demand for house building land, the rise of garden centres, large scale commercial growing and other local employment opportunities contributed to their demise.

Before it became Linden Grove, the land had been used as a nursery. First in about 1906, it became home to the Orchid Nursery run by Andreas Jensen, who imported and grew orchids in a range of heated glasshouses. After the Great War he sold his entire stock of 16,000 orchids by auction. The nursery was then taken over by Christopher Jupp and traded as Phurah Nurseries growing summer bedding plants, pot plants and vegetable plants for over four decades.

Another nursery that began early in the 1900s was located behind the houses in Compton Road, in what today is the Tollgate car park. Like Phurah Nurseries it had a range of glasshouses and cold frames. According to Ordnance Survey maps it had disappeared by around 1950. The owner or what was grown is not known and if you have any information about this nursery please do get in touch.

The name Appledore Gardens suggests the road and houses were built on what might previously have been a market garden or an orchard, but again information has not been found. However it is known that nearby French Gardens took its name from a small market garden business of that name established on the land by the French brothers in the early decades of the twentieth

century. It specialised in growing salad crops under glass, for sale at market and by greengrocers until the mid 1960s.

The largest nursery in Lindfield was Box's, a name perhaps better known in recent decades for the butchers and greengrocers in the High Street. Their land stretched from behind the High Street, Lewes Road, and Luxford Road up to the line of Brushes Lane, north of today's Dukes Road. Originally this land comprised four fields, Great Tainter, Upper Tainter, Lower Tainter and Farm Mead. It is said the Tainter names were derived from tenter, as in tenterhooks, being the frames used in processing flax to become cloth that stood in the fields in centuries past.

Like the other nurseries, it opened around 1900 and continued until the land was sold for the expansion of Lindfield. At its peak up to 50 men were employed in growing trees, shrubs and perennial plants. The Box Nursery regularly won prestigious awards at major horticultural shows.

In 1935, Frederick Smith, an employee at Box's, acquired an adjoining field, off Luxford Road, and established his own nursery. His speciality was roses and he had a stock of over 4,000 bushes. With the advent of the blackout in World War II everyone needed a torch. To meet the demand for batteries Frederick Smith established a small factory employing 12 women in a shed on his nursery to make 'No 8 batteries'. Smith's Nursery (Lindfield) Ltd closed in 1976 and the land became Harvest Close.





Inside the Packing Shed at the 'Mushroom Factory'

Nearby, also in the mid 1930s, a Mr Slack purchased the land to the east of Eastern Road, behind Noahs Ark Cottage in Lewes Road, with plans to develop the site to primarily grow mushrooms. Lindfield Nurseries Ltd came into existence although locally it was better known as the 'Mushroom Factory'. It was a major undertaking, with eight 90 feet long windowless growing sheds, a packing shed and a covered yard plus ancillary buildings. Each growing shed comprised three rows of growing beds that ran the length of the building, with the beds having four tiers. Manure was delivered from farms and stables, but had to be well rotted before it could be used. On becoming rotted it was transferred to the covered yard, known as the turning shed, where it was constantly turned until ready for use as the base for the growing beds, and topped with compost or soil.



The mushroom growing sheds

To ensure a constant supply of mushrooms the sheds were used in rotation. The filled beds when sown with mushroom spores did not take long to germinate in the dark, humid conditions maintained in the shed. In a matter of weeks the mushrooms could be harvested and sent to the packing shed for grading and packing. At peak times, up to three tons a week were despatched to market. When each crop had finished the beds had to be emptied and refilled ready for the next crop cycle.

The spent mushroom compost was transferred to the market garden section of the nursery, adjacent to the sheds, where it was used to grow rhubarb and salad crops.

After a few years Mr Slack sold the business and shortly after it changed hands again when it was bought by the Filmer brothers. The business continued to trade successfully until the late 1960s and following closure, the land became the Noahs Ark Lane housing development.

Towards Lindfield parish's eastern boundary in Sluts Lane, latterly renamed Snowdrop Lane, and close to the Inn was Snowdrop Gardens, a nursery specialising in summer bedding plants, fruit and vegetables, run for many years by Mr H Cross and his son.

On nearby Lyoth Common was the site of Charlesworth & Company's renowned orchid nursery. Joseph Charlesworth while involved with the Yorkshire wool trade had pursued the cultivation of orchids as a hobby. In 1886, he decided to convert his hobby into a business opening an orchid nursery in Bradford. His passion was to create hybrid orchids and to obtain new varieties, he toured South America collecting new species and studied how they grew naturally. The nursery quickly prospered and Joseph Charlesworth decided to open a small nursery at Valebridge, Burgess Hill, to compare how growing orchids in the milder climate of Sussex compared with Yorkshire.

The results were very favourable and Joseph Charlesworth, in the early years of the 1900s, moved his entire orchid business to a new site at Lyoth Common. This nursery became a major and renowned grower of a large range of hybrid orchids which were exhibited at major horticultural shows, winning many awards. Examples of 'Charlesworth' varieties found their way into all major collections and continue to feature to this day.

A significant number of young Lindfield men found employment at the nursery. At the outbreak of the Great War, Joseph Charlesworth, as a proud patriot, offered his young employees a bounty of five pounds and guaranteed re-employment if they volunteered to join the Army. Sadly, not all who served 'King and Country' returned.

Following Joseph Charlesworth's death in 1920, aged 68, the company continued for a further 50 years. In 1971, McBean's Nursery at Cooksbridge, near Lewes acquired the stock and business of Charlesworth & Co. Resulting from the acquired collection, McBean's produced two new hybrid orchids, Royal Wedding and Royal Occasion, which were proudly supplied for the wedding bouquet of HRH Diana, Princess of Wales.

Like most of the other nurseries, on its demise growing gave way to housing although its past usage is recognised in the names Charlesworth Park and Orchid Park in nearby Northlands Wood development.

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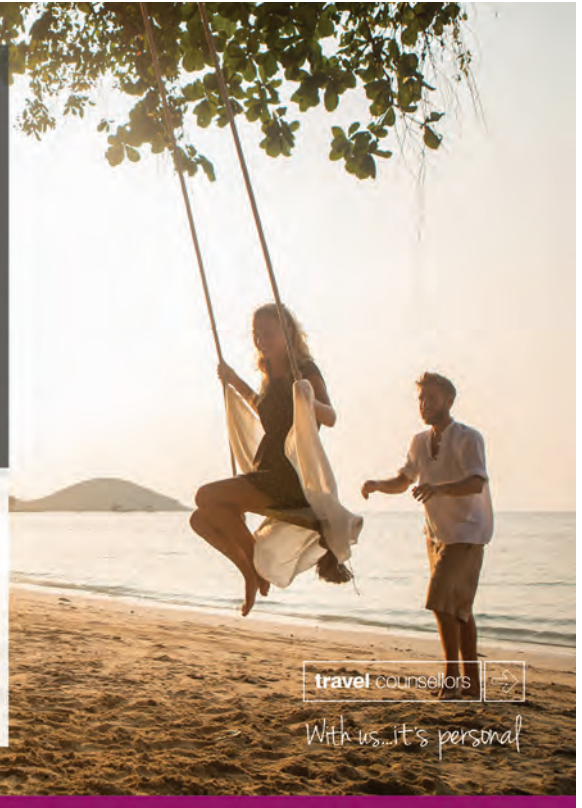
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### LINDFIELD ARTS FESTIVAL

By Ayesha Gilani

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#### A Taste of Limes

Limes of Lindfield is hosting a fundraising dinner in aid of LAF on Wednesday, 19th June. Indulge your taste buds with a 12 course tasting menu, showcasing local seasonal produce with local wines from South Downs Cellars. Tickets cost £40 per head. Book through <https://www.limesofindfield.co.uk/arts-festival-feast-night>

#### Festival Quiz Night

Quiz lovers have the chance to pit their wits in a fundraiser for LAF. Grab your team mates and join us for our Trivia Night at The Bent Arms on Friday, 28th June at 7.30pm. Teams of up to 6 people welcome at £5 per person. Book via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-kljzoe>

#### Colouring Competition

A reminder to all mini festival-goers, aged 11 and under, to get colouring our 10th anniversary festival poster. The designs, by Lindfield artist Tom Mackewn, can be downloaded from the LAF website or picked up from our stall on Village Day (1st June). Prizes to be won! Hand your entries to us on Village Day or send to: Lindfield Arts Festival Colouring Competition, 1 Pine Cottage, Pondcroft Road, Lindfield RH16 2EQ.

#### Roll Up, Roll Up to Circus School!

Brush-up your circus skills at our free play area on the High Street. Poi Passion Circus Arts will be on hand to show you the (tight) ropes! There will be hooping, Diabolo, plate spinning, juggling, stilts and more. All day family fun on Saturday 21st September.

Keep up-to-date with our festival line-up and news via <https://2019.lindfieldartsfestival.com> you can register to receive our monthly newsletter too.





# Lindfield Rural Parish Council Newsletter

JUNE 2019

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## Chairman's Report 2019

This report summarises 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 and I last reported (2018) that Wates had received approval for 200 homes plus school, to be located in the vicinity of Walstead Nursing Home. Wates have been quiet on the subject over the past months, but we understand they are seeking a contractor to build the development. There are two other locations where there has been no recent action, namely Buxshalls and Barrington Court (opposite Haywards Heath Golf Club). Other developments in the Parish are in the process of being built i.e. Heathwood Park and Lindfield Meadows in Gravelye Lane, Lindfield and Barn Cottage in Scaynes Hill (adjacent to The Farmers PH).
  - 2) A proposed major development at the Haywards Heath Golf Club is in the process of being formulated, by a developer proposing up to 1000 homes on the site and diverting High Beech Lane through the golf club area. There are several protest groups in the area and the Parish Council has submitted to MSDC a proposal to request that the Golf Club and Grounds should be designated as a 'Community Asset'; we await a decision.
  - 3) Anchor Pond – At the last Parish Meeting there was a heated discussion concerning the parking of vehicles at Anchor Pond and the Council's proposal to ban parking thereby impacting on parking in Church Road, Scaynes Hill. As residents probably noted it took several months to achieve that ban and the Council are now monitoring the parking situation in the area.
  - 4) Allotments – Scaynes Hill – We are progressively renting more plots and we shall expect to be at capacity when the development at Barn Cottage is completed. However, we do appear to attract some residents from outside the Parish.  
Gravelye Lane – At the start of the calendar year we had 13 plots vacant but in that short period we have rented all plots so from now there will be a waiting list. Of the new recruits several are outside the Parish. On both sites we are indebted to a small band of volunteers who maintain the areas.
  - 5) Other main features of the year were as follows.
    - a. Burial Ground – The Cemetery, Chapel and Lodge continue to provide funds for the community, but we must look this year towards developing the extension to the cemetery to provide extra capacity. However, it is still anticipated that we have burial capacity for the next 15 years on the old site.
    - b. We have continued to fund a raft of traffic calming innovations, but we would be grateful to learn of other suggestions from residents. We are continuing to communicate with WSCC with regard to a proposed crossing at the bottom of Westlands Road. WSCC are also investigating the possibility of a cycle route from Scaynes Hill to Lindfield.
    - c. At present the Council is considering projects that could be funded from the Infrastructure levy imposed on developers. We have received several suggestions (mainly from Councillors) but again we would appreciate suggestions from residents.
  - 6) The Parish Council continues to support local charities, the list of which is held by the Clerk.
  - 7) Finally, I would like to take the opportunity of thanking all my fellow Councillors, Santi (new Clerk), Sarah, Lin Stockwell (MSDC) and Andrew Lea (WSCC) for all their substantial support over the past period. However, we regret the retirement of two of our staff, Vera and Irene.
- We welcomed two Councillors recently, Sol Mead and Keith Head but Councillor Ray Jones (Vice Chairman) retired after many years on the Council and we wish him well for the future. We now have one vacancy on the Parish Council.



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## Vacancy for Parish Councillor

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Lindfield Rural Parish Council has a vacancy for a new member to be co-opted to the Council.

Councillors represent the interests of the whole community and Government is more than ever looking to communities and local councils to respond to very local needs and priorities. Lindfield Rural Parish Council is looking for community-minded, proactive and practical people able to deal effectively with a range of issues. Councillors are required to attend monthly evening meetings. Also important is the ability to communicate and to work as part of a team with other Councillors.

As a Parish Councillor, you will be influential in local projects and plans and take responsibility for decisions made that will have a real impact on the future of the community.

Councillors must be over 18 and be a British National or a qualifying citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Community. They must also live or work or own land within the Parish or within 3 miles of its boundaries. Please note that this is an unpaid voluntary position.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council, please write to the Council setting out why you would like to be a Councillor and what qualities you would bring to this role. This should be sent to Santi Gil, Clerk to the Council, Lindfield Rural Parish Council, Millennium Village Centre, Lewes Road, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex, RH17 7PG.

## Council meetings in 2019

Tuesday 21st May

Monday 17th June

Monday 29th July

Monday 2nd September

Monday 14th October

Monday 25th November

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# A Day Out on the Buses

By Bob Campen

This is the second of the itineraries we have published, designed mainly for those holding senior citizens' bus passes. This time, a visit to the historic town of Lewes is in focus, and we work around the increasing sparsity of journeys on the one direct route between Haywards Heath and Lewes, the 166. This now has only five return journeys Monday to Friday, and none on Saturday.

The first step is to be at the Lindfield High Street bus stop in time for the No. 30 bus, departing 0930, and take it to Perrymount Road, arriving 0939. There may just be time to buy a sandwich in Waitrose, but you need to be back at the same stop to catch bus 31 at 0949. Take it all the way to its terminus at Uckfield bus station, due 1031.



If you live in the Lewes Road area, you may prefer to skip the first step by the 30, and walk to the stop in Gravelly Lane near the corner of Meadow Drive, where you can hail the 31 just after 1000.

You may wish to linger a while in Uckfield for a coffee. Note that there is no coffee shop in Tesco, but there is a Costa on the High Street a few yards back the way you came into the town.

There is a frequent service of buses from Uckfield to Brighton via Lewes. These are routes 28, 29 and 29B, and they leave Uckfield bus station at 11, 22, 41 and 52 minutes past each hour. The run to Lewes bus station takes between 19 and 28 minutes. The bus is scheduled to sit in Lewes bus station for 5 minutes before proceeding on to Brighton, so it is probably quicker to alight there rather than stay on the bus round into the High Street. Now you have time to explore in Lewes and have some lunch. There is the castle to visit, many old buildings, second-hand bookshops and the Old Needle-makers.

If you plan a short visit, you can get back to Haywards Heath on bus 166, leaving Lewes bus station at 1430, arriving Perrymount Road by Waitrose at 1512. Change here to the 270 at 1525 to take you back to Lindfield High Street at 1530. But if you plan to stay in Lewes for the afternoon, then there is the one last 166 at 1705 from



the bus station, arriving Perrymount Road 1751. Change here to the 30 at 1754 to take you back to Lindfield High Street at 1803.

If riding the buses is the big attraction to you, an alternative route home is available via Brighton, and this is more flexible time-wise. There are buses on routes 28, 29 and 29B leaving Lewes Bus Station for Brighton every 10 minutes until 1435, then about every 15 minutes thereafter. The journey takes 34 minutes to Brighton Old Steine (stop H), and another 6 minutes on to Churchill Square. It isn't too hard to find things to do and see in Brighton, and you might even have time to do a local bus trip, e.g. to Westdene and back on the 27.

The important thing is to be back at Old Steine, stop D, by the Royal Pavilion, to catch bus 270 or 272 back to Lindfield. Note that the 272 does not come from Churchill Square, and it is not a regular interval service. You can get the 270 at Churchill Square (by Marks and Spencer) or at Old Steine stop D. If your feet are killing you, you can easily get one of the 5's, 26, 46 or 49 to take you from Churchill Square; get off just after the bus turns left at the corner of North Street. These are the available journeys from Brighton to Lindfield.

Route no	270	272	270	270
Brighton Churchill Square dep	1622	-----	1738	1847
Brighton Old Steine (D) dep	1628	1722	1744	1852
Lindfield High Street arr	1741	1834	1851	1948

Please note that these travel details apply on Mondays to Fridays. Times on Saturdays may be different, and there is no service on route 31 on Sundays, nor on route 166 on Saturday or Sunday.

Bus routes and times are changed every so often, so if the magazine you are reading is "old" by a few months, you should not rely on these schedules without checking. [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info) is a useful website.

## Amendment to previous On the Buses article

If you are using the bus itinerary published in April's Lindfield Life (p45), please note that the No. 270 at 1845 from Ashurst Wood to Lindfield stopped operating after 26th April. The last opportunity to make the connection Tunbridge Wells – Ashurst Wood – Lindfield is now at 1640 from Tunbridge Wells.



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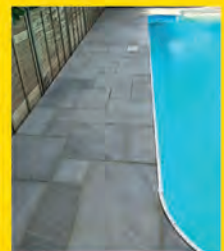
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# Speed Indicator results

Since late January 2019 Lindfield Parish Council has been operating two speed indicator devices on selected roads within its parish boundary. The Parish Council purchased the two devices and supporting equipment for a total cost of £4,535.13. Permission to operate the devices at these locations has been obtained from the Highways Authority (West Sussex County Council) and the owners of the equipment that the devices are mounted on (West Sussex County Council and SSE Ltd). All of the roads where the devices have and will be deployed have 30mph speed limits. The devices are normally installed for a period of two weeks. The data is then downloaded from the devices and uploaded onto the Parish Council's website (<https://bit.ly/2JvDi1i>)

Additional data is available on the website reports, including volume of traffic.

Table summarising recorded data recorded as at 30th April 2019

Road	% of traffic with mph bracket			Average mph
	<30 mph	30-35 mph	35 > mph	
Backwoods Lane	71.17	22.68	6.18	26.9
Blackhill (North-west bound)	48.48	41.48	10.45	29.7
Blackhill (South-east bound)	77.47	20.76	1.78	27.3
Hickmans Lane (North-west bound)	71.11	22.94	5.95	27.5
High Beech Lane (North bound)	51.18	43.06	5.76	29.3
High Street (North bound)	62.10	31.51	6.39	28.7
Portsmouth Lane (South bound)	51.68	39.28	9.04	29.4
Sunte Avenue (East bound)	66.03	26.45	7.52	27.7
West Common (North-east bound)	39.58	48.07	12.36	30.6
West Common (South-west bound)	35.40	45.08	19.52	31.1



In addition to the locations listed above, the devices will be deployed on Lewes Road (mid-May) and then will continue to be deployed in the above locations to obtain more data and act as a deterrent to excessive speeding.

The data recorded by the devices will be shared with the relevant highway authority (West Sussex County Council Highways). All adopted roads within West Sussex are managed by WSCC Highways (01243 642105).

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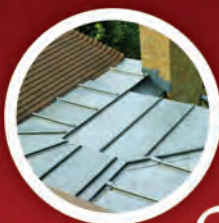
## Summer Pudding (Serves 4-6)

Line a 1 litre pudding basin, soufflé dish or 4 large teacups with clingfilm (this makes unmoulding easier) then with trifle sponges (see above). Prepare 675g soft fruits and tip them into a pan. Add 2tbs water and 150g caster sugar. Cook over a medium heat, gently stirring, just until the sugar melts and forms a syrup. Take care not to break up the fruits. Spoon into the prepared dish/cups and top with more bread/sponge slices. Once the dish is fully filled, cover tightly with clingfilm. Place a small plate on top and add a heavy can to weight it down. The idea is to compress the pudding so that the bread/sponges absorb the fruit juices. Chill overnight. Turn out of the dish on to a flat serving plate/plates just before serving and serve whole puddings cut into wedges.

## Fresh Berry Tart (Serves 6-8)

About 2 hours before serving, place a prebaked 20cm pastry or biscuit crust case on a flat plate. Melt 75g plain chocolate (over hot water or in the microwave) and drizzle over the base of the tart shell. Beat together 225g cream cheese, 75g caster sugar, the finely grated rind of an unwaxed lemon and 4tbs double cream. Spoon evenly over the chocolate and top generously with soft fruits. Gently melt 4tbs redcurrant (or other jelly) jelly and drizzle evenly over the fruit. Chill for one to two hours then serve with whipped cream.

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By Caroline Young

Strawberries as we know them today are the result of "marrying" a well-flavoured but tiny Virginian wild fruit brought back from America by the plant specialist John Tradescant the Elder, with a larger yellowish strawberry, tasting slightly of pineapple, from the west coast of South America. Prior to this only very tiny woodland fruit were known here. The "marriage" took place in France in the early 1700s but it wasn't until 1821 that the first true English strawberry came to the market here, known as Keen's Seedling.

Strawberries and all our other homegrown soft fruits are now in abundance so now is the time to make Summer Puddings. Delicious now, they also freeze well. Once called Queen Mab's Pudding (I don't know why), it is traditionally made with thin slices of white bread to line the mould but I prefer to use a sweeter bread such as brioche or horizontally halved trifle sponges. As it chills overnight the fruit juices seep into the chosen bread/sponge, turning it bright pink. Individual puddings, made in teacups or ramekins, look very pretty served unmoulded and sitting in a puddle of thick cream.



## Caramelized Brioche Toasts with Berries

Using a thick slice of brioche (or Italian Panettone) per person, generously dust with icing sugar and pop under a hot grill until golden brown – keep an eye on them as it will only take about 1 minute. Serve piping hot topped with scoops of ice cream and fresh berries or a berry sauce.

## Summer Trifle (Serves 6)

Using a glass bowl, straight-sided if possible, layer Amoretti (Italian almond) biscuits alternately with lightly sugared fresh berries, sprinkling the biscuits with sherry or fruit juice. The idea is to have layers of different coloured soft fruits between the crunchy layers. When the bowl is two-thirds full top with a good quality chilled custard layer (homemade or bought), cover and chill overnight. Add a layer of lightly whipped cream and decorate with more berries and tiny sprigs of mint. Serve!

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# School life down on the farm

**OATHALL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**By Claire Cooper**

When teacher John Blackholly joined the staff at Oathall Community College he was a fresh faced NQT working in the PE department.

Thirty one years later, he is still at the school but has swapped his trainers for wellies to become Head of Oathall Farm!

John has been running the farm for the last three years and has relished his new challenge. "I feel very lucky to have changed roles but stayed within the same school," he said. "I'm passionate about teaching and have always placed a great emphasis upon the extra-curricular opportunities that education affords students," he said.

"One of the highlights for me is to welcome more than 20 students every night to the evening farm club, where pupils from all years volunteer to help out on the farm. It is a vibrant, diverse extra-curricular club that continues to offer a unique educational opportunity to so many."

John fondly recalls his time as a PE teacher, nurturing a love of sport among hundreds of former students. "I meet lots of ex-students locally who remind me of specific lessons but they all really remember the times spent representing the school at events, tournaments and a whole variety of competitions," he said.

"During my time with the PE department, we had county team success at basketball which was an early passion, then notably in rugby where one particularly talented group of students won the Sussex county trophy four years in a row - an outstanding achievement given the competition from Brighton College and Hurstpierpoint College, the major forces from the private sector.

"Some of the team are still playing rugby at Haywards Heath and I look back with great pride and fondness of my time teaching PE to so many local Lindfield students."



"I was also very proud to have been Head of Year, serving parents and students over 12 years of pastoral work helping to guide and support them during their time moving through the school."

John also worked as Head of Work Related Learning, Enterprise Coordinator and Vocational Manager. "These roles helped to re-focus my attention and energies on practical vocation education, gradually moving across to a different area of teaching," he said.

When former Farm Manager Howard Woods retired after 38 years, John picked up the mantle. "It was hugely challenging and a very steep learning curve but one that I relished," he said. "I had to hit the ground running!"

John was immediately impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of the students working on the farm. "I feel blessed to have so many wonderful student farm volunteers, some of whom start at 7.30am before school," he said.

Today the farm is home to four British Large White sows, three which have recently produced litters, 15 ewes with their lambs, one ram, 19 chickens, five Ayrshire and Aberdeen Angus cows and Bertie the cockerel who was hatched at home by one of the students!

The current highlight of the day for students is bottle feeding the two orphan lambs.

The farm day starts with weighing food and feeding the animals, mucking out, making beds, cleaning and filling water troughs and collecting eggs - all carried out by students. After school, the jobs are similar with students enjoying a chance to finish the day with a cuddle from the school guinea pig!

"We'd like to move towards having more small animals and maybe even reptiles!" said John, who has introduced the farm's first vocational Level 2 standard Animal Care Course, a new addition to the course curriculum.

John and his team are always proud to show visitors around the farm and their annual open day held last month, was a huge success. They also hold 'Carols in the Barn' at Christmas while the farm shop does a steady trade throughout the year with sausages among the best sellers.





Students are also looking forward to attending the South of England Show later this month, where they regularly bring home rosettes for their prizewinning pigs. "This year we'll be taking along our pigs and piglets, chickens, sheep and a cow to the educational tent, and students will be showing three pigs," said John. "Students will also continue the tradition of carrying the breed boards in the main arena as part of the Parade of Cattle, one of the highlights of the three day show."

Last year the students, led by John, entered and won a National Schools Farm competition, with farm team leaders taking well deserved accolades from the judging panel. "Winning the awards was very satisfying indeed, particularly as I had come from a different educational background," said John. "A huge well done to all farm club members and we look forward to another entry to this year's national competition."

John has particularly enjoyed watching students thrive and grow in confidence as a result of working on the farm. "I have found that when students are given responsibility, they rise to the challenges, helping to develop a wide range of leadership and personal skills," he said.

"Working on the farm has allowed me to encourage a whole new generation of students to develop teamwork, inter-personal skills and above all confidence to face the challenges ahead," he added. "Although I manage the farm and have a good knowledge of animal and agricultural practices, it is the work with students that continues to drive my enthusiasm for teaching. Seeing students develop into mature, confident and well balanced young people, able to forge a successful pathway post Oathall and post 16 remains at the core of my work."

"I am proud to say that the team here has the knowledge and experience to ensure that this wonderful educational resource can be sustained for future generations to come."





# Reader's poem



When I look up to see the clouds  
And sunlight on the distant hills,  
I want to stay, forget the toil;  
And look instead on Sussex soil.  
And later when I down to lie  
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## RECYCLE THIS...

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](mailto:editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk)



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. Do keep the questions coming...

### Plastic Bottle Tops



One of the most frequent questions I get asked is about plastic bottle tops, and in particular plastic milk bottle tops.

The basic rule to remember is to remove all bottle tops before you recycle the bottles. Rinse the bottle, shake dry and it is then OK to recycle.

All your recycling needs to be Clean, Dry and Loose, and with the tops off.

All the lids are then placed into your black top rubbish bin, please.

Let me explain. Yes, the lids are plastic but it is the size that is the issue. When all your recycling arrives at the West Sussex Recycling plant at Ford, Nr Arundel, one of the first processes is to remove glass.

This is done by allowing the glass to fall through the holes in a large metal revolving drum called a Trommel, that breaks the glass. However, the small plastic lids are small enough to also fall through the holes and pollute the glass.

So do remember plastic, milk bottle tops CANNOT be recycled in your blue top bin. No plastic lids smaller than coffee jar lid size please.

Did you know that charities collect these milk bottle tops, and raise money? A big thank you to Paul in the Greengrocers in Lindfield High Street, who has started collecting milk bottle tops for charity. His milk bottle tops will go to Princess Royal Hospital and raise money for the Hurstwood Park Neurological Unit.

Would you like me to give a talk to your local group on recycling?

Do you have an individual question on specific items you are not sure how to recycle? One email to the Editor, with a picture if possible, and I can let you know.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Keep Recycling.

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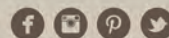
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## Enchanted Glass by Diana Wynne Jones

### BOOK REVIEW

By Isobel Dupée, Yr 7

When Andrew's grandfather, Jocelyn Brandon, passes away, Andrew inherits an old house and a field-of-care. Then, an orphan called Aidan stumbles into his life and everything in his life that was normal disappears.

I liked the storyline, the characters and the magic. I was disappointed that I had got to the end so quickly!

The only thing I disliked was the prologue and the first chapter. I was a bit confused about what was happening but eventually grasped the story. Apart from that, everything was great and very enjoyable!

I would recommend this book to pupils in Year 6 and upwards as it has some strong language and confusing scenes.

My rating would be 10/10 as it was a exciting, well-thought out story. I can't wait to read more of Diana Wynne Jones' books!


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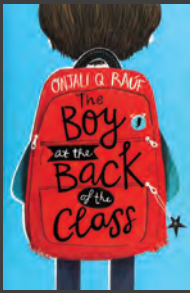
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## The boy at the back of the class by Onjali Q Rauf

### BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

This is a magnificent first novel of great power that reduced me to tears. A Syrian refugee joins a primary school but how will the children react? There are many who embrace him and there are those who do not. By choosing primary school as a setting for a novel about these issues, the author has enabled us to hear many voices and to realise that for many of us, we do not fully understand the crisis.

The book has a sense of something Sue Townsend might have written, authentically showing the mindset of children as the funny thing that can illuminate the barrenness of much adult thinking. Although this won the Waterstones Children's book prize for 2019, this is an outstanding, moving story that all ages should read.

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# Free Carers' event in June

Koorana Centre invites carers to the Haywards Heath Carers' Day to enjoy relaxing and therapeutic experiences and make like-minded friends.

The Koorana Centre in nearby Ardingly has been asked by Haywards Heath Town Council to organise its popular Carers' Day which will take place on Wednesday 12th June from 10am until 2pm at the Town Hall in Haywards Heath as part of National Carers' Week.

This free event, which is designed to support carers living in Haywards Heath and the surrounding villages, has been created to provide some much-needed respite. A number of therapists will be offering free taster treatments to include massage, Ayurvedic facials, Reiki and reflexology for guests who attend.

"We have run this event for over five years and feel it offers such a wonderful opportunity for carers to enjoy some much-needed time for themselves" said Gabrielle Anya Rafello, who is head of the Koorana Centre.

Carers can reserve a place by emailing the centre [info@thekooranacentre.com](mailto:info@thekooranacentre.com).

## Sloop Beer Festival in Scaynes Hill

Music and beer fans look set to flock to The Sloop Inn, in Scaynes Hill on Sunday 26th May.

A Beer and Blues Festival is being held to raise funds for 'Building Heroes', a charity based in West Sussex providing skills training and support into employment in the building trades for unemployed ex-service men and women.

The Festival, which runs from 2pm until 10pm, (the day before Bank Holiday Monday), will feature up to six different bands.

However, customers can sample the 20 different real ales on offer from Saturday 25th May.

The event also includes an all-day barbeque on the Sunday and the pub restaurant will also be open on both days.

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## Probus Club's history talk

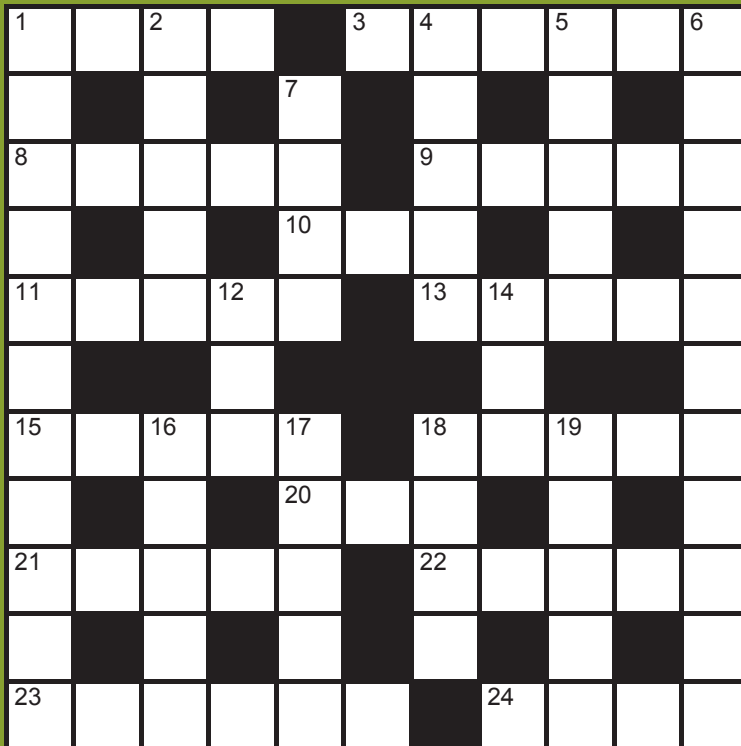
Last month members of Haywards Heath and District Probus Club were privileged to enjoy a presentation by well-known and popular historian Mark Perry-Nash on 'The Role of Women in the History of Britain'.

His talk, which not only traced the contribution that British women have made to British and world history, but how many of the pivotal events of our past were triggered or caused by a woman, often acting alone.

The talk began with how Cartimandua, Queen of the Brigantes, refused to join in Boudicca's rebellion against Roman rule, making it possible for the Roman Governor's two legions to overcome Boudicca's forces in AD 61. Much later, the group heard how a diminutive and seemingly submissive young girl would go on to be one of England's longest reigning monarchs Queen Victoria, who would preside over the British Empire at its peak and also save the monarchy that had been seriously under threat from Republicanism when she came to the throne in 1837.

Haywards Heath and District Probus Club was started in 1985 and is for men who are or have been in professional business in their careers and meets on the second Wednesday of the month.

# 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.75

## Across

- 1 Republic between Iran and Syria (4)  
3 Largest Samoan island (6)  
8 Former Portuguese territory in S China (5)  
9 Acute (5)  
10 Unity (3)  
11 Speak in a slow manner (5)  
13 Lute of India (5)

- 15 Got up (5)  
18 Japanese dish (5)  
20 Decay (3)  
21 In addition (5)  
22 Corpulent (5)  
23 Union soldier in the US Civil War (6)  
24 Is not (4)

## Down

- 1 At once (11)  
2 Capital of Ghana (5)  
4 Donkeys (5)  
5 Look for (5)  
6 Rude (11)  
7 In (4)  
12 Used to be (3)  
14 Acknowledgement of debt (1,1,1)

- 16 Many times (5)  
17 Efface (5)  
18 Cease (4)  
19 Prophets (5)

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

Find the solution to #35 in next month's magazine

Courtesy of <http://andrews-sudoku.blogspot.co.uk>

#34 Solution

2	9	8	3	6	4	5	7	1
6	1	7	8	5	9	2	3	4
5	4	3	2	1	7	9	6	8
8	7	2	5	4	3	6	1	9
3	6	9	7	8	1	4	5	2
4	5	1	9	2	6	7	8	3
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- 13th **Lindfield Evening WI** – 7.30pm  
Beekeeping - an informal talk about honeybees and beekeeping. (New members are very welcome: secretaryLEWI@gamailcom)
- 15th **Lindfield Gin Festival** – 7pm  
By PTA fundraising for Oathall Community College, 25 local gins to sample (Tickets available via [www.trybooking.co.uk/IOU](http://www.trybooking.co.uk/IOU) £15 entry includes your first token)
- 22nd **Sale of teak garden furniture**
- 25th **Lindfield Flower Club** – 2.30pm  
Demonstrator Jilly Griffin will be speaking, entitled 'Off The Wall'

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

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## AND ELSEWHERE

### May

- 27th **Lindfield Village Run**  
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### June

- 1st **Lindfield Village Day** – from 12noon  
([www.kingedwardhall.org.uk](http://www.kingedwardhall.org.uk) see p35)
- 4th **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – 10.15am  
Franklands Village Hall – Ridgeview Wine Estate talk by Esther Dawson
- 8th **Community Gardening Session** – 10am  
Meet by Bowling Green car park
- 12th **Carers' Day** – 10am-2pm  
Haywards Heath Town Hall
- 12th **Lunchtime Concert** – 1pm  
All Saints Church – Tiger Arts event features the Sussex Harmonisers. Light lunches served in the Tiger lounge from 12.15pm (Free, all welcome)
- 13th **Mid Sussex National Trust** – 2.30pm  
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Talk: Hampton Court by Tim Kidd
- 13th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – 10am  
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Nicholas Panes will give a talk on 'Wanli to Kangxi from 1572 to 1722' (Free for first time, 01444 483372)
- 15th **Sussex Chorus** – 7.30pm  
Hurst College Chapel (BN6 9JS) – Will Todd (£15/£5 from 01444 412579)
- 15th-23rd **Cuckfield Music Festival**  
([www.cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk](http://www.cuckfieldmusicfest.co.uk))
- 17th **Lindfield in Bloom Meeting** – 7.30pm  
The Bent Arms
- 19th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10am  
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Lecture: 'Indians, Buffalo and Storms' by Tony Faber (£7)
- 22nd **Flower Show & Plant Sale** – 2-4pm  
Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre - Annual Flower Show and Plant Sale with exhibits, plant sale, raffle and yummy teas served by WI
- 23rd **Lindfield Open Gardens** – 1-5pm  
Various gardens around village (p55)
- 25th **Mid Sussex Local History Group** – 10.30am  
Franklands Village Hall – A talk by Ian Gledhill (£3)
- 28th **LAF Quiz Night** – 7.30pm  
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