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## EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

The big story in our July issue is always the round-up of both events organised by volunteers for the benefit of King Edward Hall: **Lindfield Village Day** and **Village Run**. Thanks to some fabulous photography by some very talented villagers, you can re-live Village Day on **page 40** and see some great action shots from the Run on **page 70**.

On **page 59** **Ayesha Gilani** talks to Year 6 school leavers and their parents to bring us a very special (and slightly tearful!) edition of **Pond Island Discs**.

On a similar theme you can catch up on the latest news from **Lindfield Primary** in its column on **page 42**, there's a special news story on **page 25** and **Blackthorns Primary Academy** also has plenty to shout about – see **page 14**.

As usual **Oathall Farm** attended the **South of England Show** last month, and we've featured a little of their success on **page 17**. Meanwhile, on the same page, **Scaynes Hill WI** took home a number of prizes from the same event with some excellent craft skills by members of the group.

Football coach and Lindfield resident **Matt Beard** has kindly agreed to tell his story in our **Village People** feature on **page 20**, written by **Claire Cooper**. As always this piece digs just a little deeper below the surface and is a great read. Thanks Matt and Claire.

On **page 45** we are featuring the story of resident **Suzanne Gielgud** as she starts the rather daunting journey of trying to make a movie! Not something you hear about every day, so do check it out and find out more.

All this alongside a number of other features in this packed magazine, including the **Parish Council Annual Report** which starts on **page 52** and **Lindfield Preservation Society's newsletter** on **page 60**.

Don't forget your LL **Holiday Snaps** too (**p.75**)!



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## An 'Outstanding' nursery in the village

Staff and parents at The Hickory Montessori in Lindfield are celebrating following its 'Outstanding' attainment at a recent Ofsted inspection.

The nursery, on Denmans Lane, has been in Lindfield for more than 20 years and achieved Grade 1 Outstanding in all areas of learning. The Ofsted Inspector said: "The practitioners are passionate about creating an environment where children have the freedom to learn and develop in their unique ways."

Flushed with success the owners recently announced plans to open Snowdrop House Montessori Nursery in Haywards Heath in September this year.



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# School's Rugby World Cup Bake-Off

Each year Haywards Heath Rotary Club sponsors the Oathall Community College Bake-Off competition. This year's competition theme was the Rugby World Cup in Japan.

Seventeen students entered by baking a cake at home and sending in a picture for consideration. These entries were then judged on creativity and skills with eight being selected to enter the final competition.

The competition took place in June with competitors being given four hours to bake and decorate their cake from scratch. The cake ingredients were provided by the Rotary Club and the decorations were provided by the students.

At the end of the competition the cakes were judged by a panel made up from WI members Kate Kent and Julia Vokes, and Mike Hoare and Nigel Vokes from the Rotary Club, Emily Hughes and Emma Brown from Oathall's catering team, as well as Emily Brock, three times previous Oathall Bake-Off winner.

Cakes were judged on appearance, skill level, taste and texture as well as on creativity and originality. The winning cake (pictured with its creator) came top in all of the criteria. The judges were particularly impressed by the original use of Yuzu, a Japanese



flavouring in the filling as well as the creativity and professional finish.

Every person who entered received a whisk and wooden spoon with the final entrants receiving an apron and recipe book. The top three entries also received gift vouchers as their prize.



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# Lindfield's top notch businesses win again...

By Claire Cooper

Two talented Lindfield business owners who triumphed in this year's Muddy Stiletto awards have more in common than just their trophies!

Fitness Instructor Esther Featherstone and jewellery designer and maker Richard Talman live just doors away from one another in Noahs Ark Lane and both have won the award for the second year running!

The Muddy Stiletto awards celebrate best businesses in Sussex chosen by thousands of customers voting for their favourite independent businesses across the 24 categories.

Best Fitness Instructor was Esther Featherstone, creator of Swoove, who is celebrating her tenth year of running her fitness classes in the village. "I am over the moon I have won again this year," she said. "It is a huge boost to my business and also raises awareness of all the fundraising work I do. I am very grateful to everyone that nominated me and then went on to vote for me - it means the world - thank you. Here's to many more years of swooving with the community!"

Best Jewellery Store Richard Talman runs his business (RTFJ) from premises in Wivelsfield Green. "I have been overwhelmed to have be awarded this for the second year running," said Richard. "My business plan was to give my clients an unparalleled service and this award has assured me I have done my best for them."



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## The best butcher in Sussex goes to...

Congratulations go to High Street butcher Cottenham's of Lindfield for its recent win at the prestigious Sussex Food and Drink Awards declaring them Sussex Butcher of the Year.

The awards received a record breaking 18,000 votes this year and aimed to celebrate the best of Sussex food and drink businesses, bringing together the whole local food and farming community. Greg Thatcher of RP Meats awarded John Cottenham his trophy stating that: "If you haven't been to this shop then you should pop in to say hello as it's a really fabulous food experience. The shop epitomises what this category is all about and they really are pushing the boundaries in what can be achieved in butchery. They are just doing everything

right – Cottenham's is a truly superb butcher's shop."

John Cottenham, his team and some of the farmers with whom he works so closely enjoyed a sumptuous seven-course Sussex banquet at the Amex Stadium followed by a glittering BAFTA-style awards ceremony. On receiving the award, John paid testament to his craft butchers Nicky, Luke and Josh and to his wife Sally, who helps run the business in between veterinary duties, and to all his farmers, most of whom farm along the South Downs and work really hard to provide a good consistent product. John said: "We had a really superb evening and are absolutely thrilled with the award. The standard of all the grand finalists was so incredibly high this year and we feel extremely proud to have won."

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# London to Paris riders success

By Vivian Brennan

On the weekend of 7th/8th June, five from Lindfield Warrior Cycle Club (Adam Stone, Paul Seymour, James Gaidner, Annette Smith and Vivian Brennan) rode the Duchenne Dash, a 300k cycle ride from London to Paris in aid of Duchenne UK.

The ride was really tough this year with shocking weather, relentless gale force head winds, lots of really heavy downpours of rain, a brutal ferry crossing and late ferry arrival, and therefore we were under massive time pressure to get to Paris for our time slot. But it was all so worth it!!

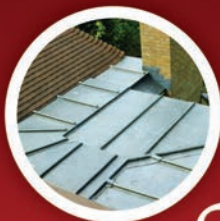
We rode alongside 20 mums and dads who have children with Duchenne MD who are praying for a cure to see their children live beyond the tragically short life span they will otherwise have.

For the last six months we have been fundraising and were blown away by the generosity of the local community. We want to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to all who have supported us in trying to reach our massive £16,000 target, and we are delighted to say, as of 11th June, we have raised £15,847.

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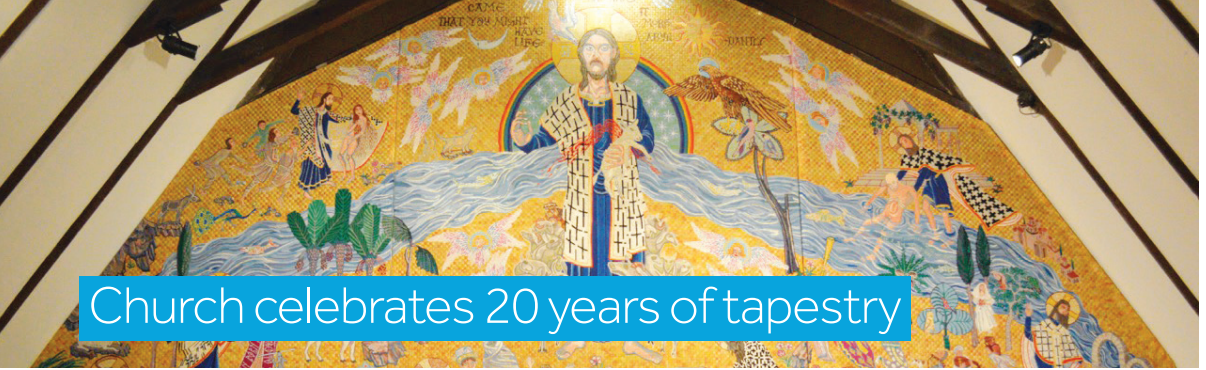
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## Church celebrates 20 years of tapestry

By Rev Lisa Barnett

On 18th July 1999 the work to produce the magnificent tapestry which covers the east wall of St Augustine's Church in Scaynes Hill was finally concluded when, in a special service, the Bishops of Horsham and Chichester blessed the finished tapestry. This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the tapestry, and the church is going to celebrate the occasion with a special Tapestry Open Afternoon on Saturday 20th July.

The tapestry came about in 1990 when members of the church wished to mark the 60th anniversary of Scaynes Hill becoming a separate parish from Lindfield, and the idea of creating a tapestry to cover the entire blank east wall was proposed. After a long period of planning, the first stitch was put in on 9th December 1991. Work continued for more than seven years with the final stitch being put in on 28th January 1999 after which the last of the three panels was hung in place. This was a remarkable achievement for a small village church.

The tapestry was designed by the artist Polly Hope and was stitched by local people. A dedicated group of about a dozen people stitched regularly but about 250 people from all over the world put in stitches. There are three million stitches in all!

Polly's design is based around stories from St John's Gospel. The amount of detail is extraordinary and the colours used are truly glorious.

Since its completion many hundreds of people have visited the church in groups to hear the story of the tapestry and enjoy a 'Tapestry Tea'. But we know that many local people have not had the opportunity to be part of a visiting group. On our Tapestry Open Afternoon everyone is welcome to drop into the church anytime between 2pm and 4pm. Short talks on the tapestry will run during the afternoon, and tea and cakes will be served in the annexe from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. We do hope that you will be able to join us on this special occasion.

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# Mark on the saddle

Lindfield resident Mark Plass has just completed the London to Brighton Bike Ride, which passed through the village on Sunday 16th June.

Mark completed the renowned 54 mile ride in a group, although he is fundraising for personal reasons. "I really wanted to say a big 'thank you' to The National Autistic Society for all the care and support the charity has given to my cousin Katie, who was diagnosed with the condition when she was two years old."

Mark was part of TEAM PLOBINSON with other locals Michael Robinson and Chris Downes as well as Michael's brother Steve.

If you'd like to support Mark and his cause you can do so here: [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-plass](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-plass)



## GAPA 'perfect' student

Gielgud Academy pupil Madeleine Wrigley (16) was absolutely delighted to discover she had been awarded a perfect score for her Grade 6 Modern Dance exam in April.

Madeleine, who trains at the Gielgud Academy of Performing Arts (GAPA) in Lindfield, was awarded a Distinction with a score of 100 out of 100. The ISTD Grade 6 Modern exam is recognised by Ofqual as equivalent to a GCSE with bonus UCAS points.

Principal Suzanne Gielgud said: "We had a wonderful set of results for the whole school in our Easter session, but this is our very first perfect score and it's virtually unheard of. We're not aware of anyone ever achieving it before, so we're absolutely thrilled". Madeleine, seen here with her GAPA dance friends, said: "I'm still in shock and really can't believe it. I'm going to frame the mark sheet and hang it on my wall!"

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Despite what seemed like a headwind all the way home, several punctures and a couple of wrong turns, everyone had a great day and was relieved to see the welcoming committee outside church.

The team was comprised of: Laurence Trigwell, Paul Spensley, Crispin Billson, Dave Tuddenham, Simon Head, Oli Taylor, Olly Brown and Phil Hale, with Alistair McDermid and Jacob Neller in the support vehicle.

Over £4,000 has already been raised as part of the ride. If you'd like to add your support to the cyclists and Caminul Felix visit: <https://www.give.net/caminulfelixcycle>

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# Healthy Tuck Shop at Blackthorns



Children in the School Council at Blackthorns Primary Academy have recently set up a Healthy Tuck Shop, which opens for business each week at break times.

The members of the School Council identified this new project and visited another academy in the University of Brighton Academies Trust, Holmbush Primary Academy in Shoreham, which has been successfully running its healthy tuck shop for several years. They took the advice from fellow pupils at Holmbush and the new tuck shop was very popular during its first week of business. The facility encourages our children to have a healthy snack at break times.

Any profits raised from this project will be donated to the School Council's chosen charity: The National Deaf Children's Society.

# Singing Club to feature on TV

Blackthorns pupils were very honoured to welcome a film crew from Boom Cymru Television last month, who were filming for a programme entitled 'Adre' (At Home) during which Welsh celebrities are filmed in their homes and everyday lives. Internationally renowned soprano Elin Manahan-Thomas is a parent of two children at the school and also runs the weekly Singing Club. She teams up each week with the Academy's Music Specialist, Helen Moffatt, to provide this free club for Blackthorns children.

The Singing Club is invited to perform regularly around the local area, and one of its weekly sessions was filmed for Elin's 'Adre' programme. She was also filmed in a very sunny Lindfield High Street during the two days of filming. The final programme will be shown on S4C on Sky and the BBC iPlayer later this year.



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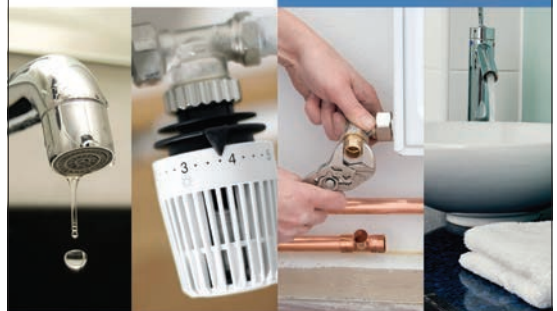
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# Scaynes Hill WI scoop craft awards

Talented members of Scaynes Hill WI are becoming the ones to watch at the annual South of England Show competition.

The women regularly return home with awards in the arts, crafts, story writing and cookery classes, which attract entries from groups from across Sussex, but this year they excelled themselves with one of the most successful shows yet!

The group was one of only two WIs to enter all 13 classes and members picked up awards in almost every one, collecting three firsts, three seconds and one third prize rosette, alongside a Highly Commended and a Commended certificate. Scaynes Hill also won the Visitors' Choice in the painting.

First prizes were awarded for a hand embroidered sampler in the 'Sew Beautiful' class, a crochet bedspread in the 'Cottoned On' category and an exhibit entitled 'My WI' which six members had put together. The exhibit featured a slice of Victoria sponge, flower arrangement, cloth napkin and a knitted tea cosy depicting a WI member!

Second prizes went to 'Summer Sensation', a flower arrangement featuring natural plant materials, '1919: A Woman's Story', a story and illustration based on a woman's experience at the end of the first world war, and 'A Summer Picnic', a hand knitted seasonal scene, which included a knitted bicycle, picnic basket, cricket bat and ball! The scene was made by three main members with contributions from a further 12.

The third prize rosette was proudly pinned on to Scaynes Hill WI's very own life sized scarecrow made from recycled materials, including drinks cans and a kilt made from sewn together crisp packets, in a class entitled 'If I only had a brain'.

Scaynes Hill's entries were also appreciated by the visiting public who voted their painting, bedspread, knitted scene and 'My WI' cooperative best in class and their knitted scene overall 'Best in Show'.

Susan Lodge, who co-ordinated the Scaynes Hill entries, said: "I am so very proud of all our members who took part. We may be a relatively small WI but we certainly pack a punch when it comes to craft!"



# Students help out at Agricultural Show

By John Blackholly

Over 60 Oathall Farm Club students attended this year's South of England Show at Ardingly. They represented Oathall Community College at an Educational Trade Stand, where we had chickens, lambs and pigs on display. The South of England Society was generous

in providing a large marquee and pens to house the livestock, allowing members of the public to get up close to the animals and speak with Oathall students. Students were very knowledgeable and spoke with confidence to the visiting public, developing confidence and interpersonal skills. They were also responsible for holding up the individual cattle breed boards informing the general public of the wide diversity of British farming during the main livestock parade in the afternoon.

Our three commercial pigs were judged third in their class and students gained a great deal of experience throughout the formal showing aspect of the show.



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Tamasha Indian restaurant, opposite the pond, had a full house for its dinner which benefited Macmillan Cancer Support last month.

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Restaurant manager Shamim Ahmed is pictured here with David Metcalfe of Macmillan displaying the extensive raffle prize list.

David said: "I would like to thank Shamim and his staff, but also all those businesses in Lindfield which had generously contributed raffle prizes to the event.

"£2,150 was raised on the night with all funds that are donated staying within Sussex to help the 60,000 individuals who are going through their cancer journey."

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# Matt's footie journey

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**Matt Beard**



By Claire Cooper

It's often said that it's not the team with the best players that wins, it's the players with the best coaches.

And when Lindfield football coach Matt Beard led the West Ham women's football squad to this year's cup final at Wembley, following their most successful season ever, much of the credit has to sit with the team on the touchline.

"Of course you need good players, but you need good people behind them and to be able to trust everyone to do their job," said Matt. "From the coaches and physio, to team doctor to the video analyst, everyone has a role to play in building a successful team."

But Matt is certainly not resting on his laurels following the team's success and is busy planning for the season ahead and raising the bar for his players. And with women's football enjoying a massive surge in popularity, there's everything to play for.

Matt looks back over his career to date, from his early days as a professional footballer, to his coaching career in the men's and women's game and his cup final glory.

Matt was brought up in South London, living in Colliers Wood, Sutton and Wimbledon.

Football was very much part of family life. "Dad was a scout and youth development officer for Wimbledon so I grew up with the game," said Matt.

"We were all great Wimbledon supporters, and I'll never forget the Cup Final in 1988 when we beat Liverpool 1 – 0 in one of the biggest shocks in the history of the competition!"

Matt attended Richard Challoner School in New Malden where he excelled at sport and was part of the school's most successful football team winning the Surrey and London Cup for the first time.

After leaving school Matt and his brother Mark went on to become professional footballers. "I played as a right full back for Brentford and Fulham, and Mark played for Wimbledon, Millwall and Sheffield United," said Matt.

But while Mark continued as a professional player, Matt turned his attention to coaching.

"Professional football didn't work out for me, so I got a job as an estate agent, enrolled on a coaching course, got my badges and began coaching non-league football," said Matt. "I became assistant coach

at Hampton and Richmond and then reserve team manager at Tooting and Mitcham, taking the team to 7th in the league and a cup final."

Matt's move into women's football came when he was offered the job of assistant coach at Charlton Athletic and then head coach for the Millwall Lionesses who were promoted to the premier league the following season.

As his reputation as a coach grew, Matt was offered a coaching job with Chelsea, a move which coincided with two other life-changing events. "I married my wife Debbie and we moved to Lindfield!" said Matt.

"My brother had lived in the village for some time and whenever I used to visit I'd always think how lovely it would be to live here. So when Debbie and I decided to get married and start a family Lindfield was the perfect place."

The pair married at Haywards Heath Town Hall and held a reception at the former White Horse pub. "It was such a fantastic location overlooking the pond, and we had a lovely relaxing day with family and friends."

However, commuting to Chelsea began to take its toll on Matt who reluctantly decided to leave the village for Epsom. "We were sad to leave but I needed to be near the training ground and commuting was taking up too much of my time."

There was a further move in 2012 when Matt took over as coach for the Liverpool women's team. "I was there for three years and we won the league twice."

Word of Matt's successful coaching record spread overseas, and he was head hunted by the Boston Breakers women's football team in America.

"By that time we had two children, Ellie and Harry, so moving to America was a great opportunity for the whole family," said Matt, who spent two years in America building the team. "The first year was a struggle as we had to completely rebuild the squad, but the second year was much more successful - the best since the team started."

Unfortunately in the third year the club folded after sale of the club collapsed, and Matt and Debbie decided to return to England and to Lindfield. "We'd had enough of moving around," said Matt. "Our children were growing up fast and we wanted to settle down somewhere where we could stay and become part of a community."

"We had always loved Lindfield, and we knew we'd be very happy moving back here. My brother Mark, who is now under 18 coach at Brighton & Hove Albion, is still here too, so we have no intention of moving again!"

Shortly after arriving back in Lindfield, Matt signed a contract with West Ham women's team. "The FA had launched a new league for the 2018/19 season," said Matt. "West Ham applied to be in the top division and was granted a licence. We were jumping two divisions, so it was a huge move for the club, and we only had six weeks to build the squad and recruit the staff."

"This was a completely different journey for me - building a team from scratch, getting to know the players and helping them to gel as a team," he said. "Only two of the players were from the original team, the rest were all new. It was a frantic time but we made it."

The first season brought more success than Matt and the team could have dreamed of.

"Our aim was to stay in the league but we actually finished seventh," said Matt. "But the icing on the cake was reaching the FA Cup Final - that really was a fairy tale ending."

The team travelled to the final at Wembley to face Manchester City. "It was such a fantastic day, and a great experience for the girls, playing in front of a crowd of 43,000. The result was disappointing but we will learn from it."

"I'm incredibly proud of the girls, who have been absolutely brilliant!" Matt added. "I think it helped that we all started together, so we have a real feeling of cohesion. The atmosphere has been fun and relaxing - if we didn't win a game, no one panicked!"

The club has also recently been the focus of a BBC documentary, Britain's Youngest Football Boss, which follows the story of 18 year old Jack Sullivan who manages the West Ham Women's team. "It's been fun having cameras follow us around!"

Matt is now busy planning for next season. "Our main target is to progress in the cup competitions and reach at least the quarter final stages," he said.

"It will be tough as Arsenal, Man City and Chelsea have huge financial support and will dominate for the foreseeable future, but we are hoping to be near the top of the others in the league," said Matt.

"It's not going to be easy but we have a good opportunity to take some real strides forward."

He added that the club is also developing a new College Academy for players aged 16 to 21, which will ensure that girls continue playing after they leave school, along with a regional talent centre for 9 to 16 year olds.

"The profile of women's football has enjoyed a huge surge with more big businesses interested in sponsoring the game, which will all help with development," said Matt. "Girls now know they can now have a career as a professional footballer, and the success of the England team is attracting more players and supporters."

"So many people tell me they enjoy watching the women play more than the men," he added. "It's a very honest game - you don't get diving and cheating! It's not as fast and powerful as the men's game yet, but it's getting better tactically and as the players get stronger it will go from strength to strength."

With the Lionesses currently in France for the World Cup, interest in the game is reaching a peak. "The Lionesses have a good chance but America, Holland and Australia are all looking strong," said Matt. "It's going to be an exciting tournament that's for sure!"

# A hoot a minute!

Hollyrood, a residential support service in Lindfield for people on the autism spectrum, invited 'Owls and About' to showcase their beautiful birds to service users.

Five different owls, all of which were hand-reared and were very used to being stroked and handled, were given to service users to hold. The mother and son team, who are private owl owners with many years' experience, take the birds to a number of events to help increase public awareness and raise money for good causes.

Service users were delighted and in awe of the magical creatures as they learnt all about their new friends. Rachel Priestly, Service Manager at Hollyrood, said: "I am so pleased that staff and service users are able to enjoy this treat. It makes a real difference to their day if they are able to do something out of the ordinary, and this is definitely not ordinary. It gives everyone a chance to come together, learn and enjoy this wonderful experience. Not many of us are able to be this close up and personal to these beautiful birds."

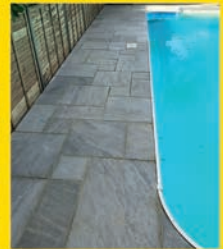
"This visit was only possible thanks to donations from the public," said Fundraising Manager Hayley Wicker-Bradbury. She also commented: "It fills me with great pride and pleasure to be able to support service users in this way. Public support gives The Disabilities Trust the ability to make activities like this a regular option rather than a one off. We would like to thank everyone who makes a contribution."



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# Role Model Week at school

By Vanessa Smith

The PTA, Local Board and teachers at Lindfield Primary Academy have been busy coordinating an exciting week of inspiration and experiences. For the third year running, a number of fabulous role models, including parents, grandparents and members of the local community, have been invited into the academy to share their knowledge and skills. Children have taken part in workshops and assemblies throughout the week which have included the role of a police officer with PC Lovelock and PC Swift, being a midwife with Sarah Syms and learning about life as a doctor with Dr Dymond and Dr Jones. It was a wonderful week and so motivating for us all to hear about the world of work and beyond.

Other activities enjoyed by our children included: a Q&A with a famous author over Skype, beekeeping, cabin crew experience and trying their hands at police work and CSI!

We would like to thank all of the volunteers from our community who have given up their time to inspire and enthuse all children and teachers across our academy. What an amazing week!



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# Centenary of National Peace Day

Photo shows troops returning after war marching down Lindfield High Street.

By Peter Swann

On 19th July 1919 Lindfield celebrated National Peace Day with games on the common, a cricket match, and a dance in the evening followed by fireworks.

We cannot hope to mirror the celebrations but feel that we should recognise at this centenary all the service people who returned from the fighting.

Returning to civilian life must have been difficult, especially if they were suffering physically and mentally.

Today the same situation applies to some of our own service personnel following conflicts in many war zones.

The Centenary Dance is on Saturday 20th July in the King Edward Hall at 7.30pm, with the Perdido Players Swing Band providing the music for the event which is in aid of Lindfield Branch of the Royal British Legion.

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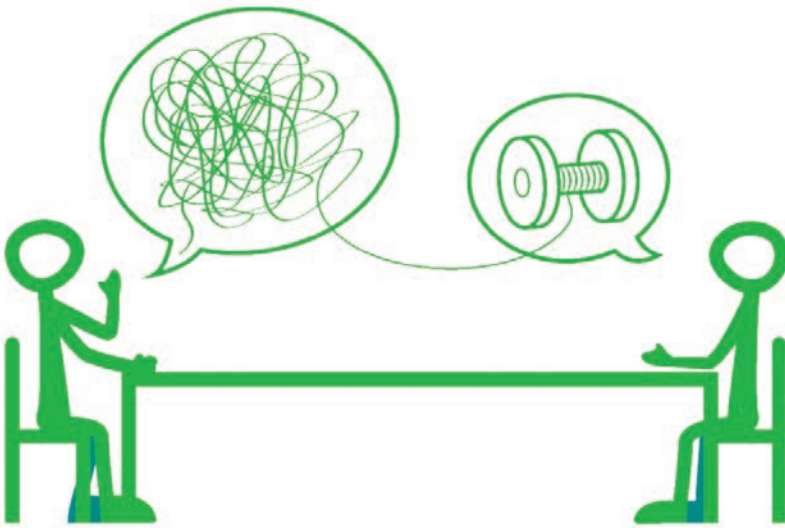
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## Coaching is everywhere...but what is it really?

By Lindsey Jones, Nine Dot Partnership

Life coaching, executive coaching, business coaching, success coaching... so what is coaching and how does it differ from training and mentoring? All of these terms tend to be used interchangeably, and it does get confusing since all three approaches seek to take a person to the next level, whether in a work setting, their own development or in dealing with life, generally.

### Training as a way to impart knowledge

Training focuses on giving a person new knowledge, skills or instilling new behaviours. It is a structured process involving the transfer of learning and is often seen as 'traditional' education. Like being in school, trainees are told what to do, shown what to do and allowed to try it themselves. Training can be quite passive. The trainee attends and is then likely tested on their knowledge. It often feels inflexible to the learner, or even frustrating, if they don't learn in a mainstream way.

### Mentoring is a way of sharing specific advice or skills

Mentoring is a process of sharing specific knowledge usually in a one-to-one setting. The mentor is generally regarded as an expert in his or her field and the relationship with the mentee is well-defined and generally part of a mentoring program. The mentor imparts their knowledge, advice and supports the mentee – this may be task specific and therefore quite short-lived or it could be more open-ended where the mentee's role is more complex.

### Coaching is a process to drive personal development

In contrast, coaching focuses specifically on enabling an individual to grow and develop.

Coaching helps the client identify their needs. These may not always be clear at the start and, as a result, different needs may come to the fore over time. A good coach, in conjunction with their client, defines an approach for addressing these needs. It's a collaborative and flexible process requiring the full engagement and participation from the 'coachee' – who, with support, designs their way forward.

This self-discovery and development of solutions allows the client to pin-point their route to growth;

therefore, there is a far greater sense of ownership, buy-in and commitment. Interestingly, since the coachee is ultimately responsible for their own progress, this generally leads to quite rapid and long-lasting change.

For the coachee, the sense of self-propelled development and growth is almost infectious and can affect change in all aspects of their life. This personal transformation can lead to new 'light-bulb moments' allowing the coachee to flourish further, often far beyond the original scope of the coaching arrangement.

In the workplace, regardless of its type, investing in coaching demonstrates to staff that you care about their specific development and them as individuals. As a result, coaching can increase satisfaction, loyalty and commitment thus reducing staff turnover and improving engagement. Coaching used to be reserved for the most senior managers within the organisation but now, increasingly, it is being utilised at all levels since the benefits are wide-ranging and have a positive ripple-effect both within teams and across departments.

### In summary:

- Coaching teases-out and identifies the needs
- Coaching allows for self-realisation and growth
- Coaching is tailored and person-specific
- Coaching develops the person over time, allowing them to flourish
- Coaching is collaborative, participative, flexible and is an active process
- Coaching signals personal investment and creates a positive ripple-effect

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## LINDFIELD IN BLOOM

By the time you read this the volunteers from Lindfield in Bloom will have welcomed the judges from South & South East in Bloom for the judging of the 2019 competition. This year we have entered the 'In Your Neighbourhood' category, which celebrates the work of small community groups coming together to make a difference to their local area. For this we have, since the autumn, been working on the borders in the Toll Gate car park and by the Medical Centre. These community borders have been worked by many different volunteers over the years, so it has been a pleasure for Lindfield in Bloom to continue this tradition in the village and we look forward to continuing to develop and maintain these spaces.

If you have an area of land local to you and your neighbours which you have been looking after together, why not consider entering the awards yourselves next year too? Just contact us at Lindfield in Bloom and we'll be happy to tell you more about it and discuss ways in which you could work in the community to enhance the horticultural, aesthetic and ecological benefits to your local area.



Our next community gardening session takes place on Sunday 14th July from 10am-midday at the Toll Gate car park. Additional volunteers are very welcome to join us - contact Heather Martin (Chair) on 07738 233082 for more information.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF LINDFIELD ARTS FESTIVAL

By Ayesha Gilani

### LAF Dolce Vita

Buon Appetito! Paolino is back and hosting a fundraising dinner in aid of Lindfield Arts Festival. Enjoy a special three-course set menu and entertainment from quirky Folk/Rock band Purple Shoes on Tuesday 9th July. Tickets cost £25 per person and include a glass of Prosecco. Don't delay, tickets are selling fast! Book online via <http://2019.lindfieldartsfestival.com/tickets> or visit Kell & Collins on Denmans Lane.

### Glow Wild Lantern Workshop

We are excited to announce that Same Sky, the award-winning community arts charity responsible for Glow Wild at Wakehurst, will be running a FREE workshop for LAF! Festival-goers aged five and over can create a colourful autumnal lantern, which will be used in a LAF parade in December. The workshop takes place on Saturday 21st September at All Saints Church. No experience needed. For more information and to reserve your place visit <http://2019.lindfieldartsfestival.com/tickets>

### Colouring Competition winners

A HUGE thank you to all children who took part in our recent colouring competition. LAF HQ was awash with colour thanks to your fantastic entries. We had an incredible response and it was a tough choice for the judges. Congratulations to our three winners: Charlie Redmond (4), Luisa Andras (5) and Lucy MacMahon (11). Well done! We hope you enjoy your prizes. Thank you to Tom Mackewn for your fabulous poster designs.

### Wake-Up & smell the Festival coffee

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### Traditional Barn Dance

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## Seafood and Rice Bowls (Serves 4)

In a large pan whisk together 175ml vegetable stock, 2tbs sun-dried tomato paste, 1tsp chilli sauce (or more to taste) and 400ml can coconut milk (full or low fat). Peel a medium-sized butternut squash and cut into bite-sized pieces. Deseed and cut 1 red pepper into strips and slice several spring onions. Add to the pan, bring just to the boil then reduce the heat, cover and simmer just until squash is soft. Stir in the juice of 1 lime, 200g large shelled prawns and 400g mixed diced seafood. Continue to cook until the fish is cooked – it will only take a few minutes. Serve in bowls over hot cooked rice – this is where 'boil-in-the-bag' Basmati comes in handy. Garnish with lime wedges and serve with garlic bread.



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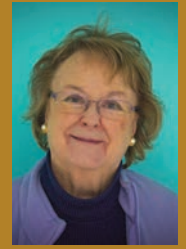
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By Caroline Young

Warmer weather makes me less inclined to spend so much time in the kitchen but we still get hungry! Happily we have a wide choice of home-grown summer fruits and vegetables to choose from which makes deciding what to eat much easier. Most require little or no cooking and are so simple to prepare. Sussex Blue cheese is made at Five Ashes near Mayfield. Lightly veined and very creamy you will find it in local cheese shops. New potatoes do not travel or keep well, so buy little and often – and local, Cornish or East Anglian grown.



### Chicken with Tomato and Pesto Sauce (Serves 2)

Cover 3 large tomatoes with boiling water and leave until the skins begin to split. Drain, peel and cut into wedges, discarding the seeds. Gently fry 2 large boneless chicken breasts (with or without skins) in 2tbs olive oil until golden brown. Spoon the tomatoes round them and continue to cook while you combine 200ml crème fraiche, 3tbs pesto sauce (hopefully home-made) and seasoning to taste. Add to the pan and bring just to a gentle bubble. Cover and cook over low heat for about 15 min or until chicken is cooked through.

### Chicken and Fruit Salad (Serves 4-6)

Whisk together 150ml each of mayonnaise and natural yogurt, 2 finely chopped pieces of stem (preserved) ginger and season to taste. Stir in 900g diced cooked chicken, 225g green grapes, some finely chopped spring onions and celery sticks (about 4 of each). Season to taste. Drain a 227g can pineapple slices, cut into quarters and stir in. Chill until serving time. Line a large platter with lettuce leaves, spoon on the salad and top with salted roasted peanuts.

### Tipsy Cake (8-10 slices)

Cut a sponge cake horizontally into three slices, place one on a flat plate and sprinkle with sweet sherry. Top with layer of thick custard and soft fruits. Repeat with the second layer of sponge, sherry, custard and fruits then place the third layer on top. Sprinkle with sherry then spread whipped cream over the top and sides. Refrigerate overnight then just before serving top with more fruit, toasted almonds and mint sprigs.

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# Another fun day in the sun

## LINDFIELD VILLAGE DAY



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Crowds turned out at Lindfield's annual Village Day last month celebrating a tradition that has taken place here for over 40 years.

The fun started off as the 'Fairytale and Fiction' procession moved slowly from Hickmans Lane Playing Fields and on down the High Street, past hundreds of gathered locals who turned out to see it come past. Blackthorns Primary Academy was awarded first place of the numerous walking floats while Lindfield Primary Academy PTA created a gingerbread house which led its walking supporters.

The run of great weather which Village Day has enjoyed for many years, wasn't broken in 2019 - which was a great relief to the many stallholders who filled the Common with games, food, quizzes and information.

As well as performances and sports day games in the main arena, there was also a popular Children's Dog Show - sponsored by Oscar Pet Foods with over 50 entrants.

The day was sponsored by local businesses Slake, Potential Personal Training, RTFJ and Lindfield Life, and is always the biggest fundraising event for Lindfield's King Edward Hall. The amount raised this year is just over £10,000 - which will pay for new lighting in the Hall.







## LINDFIELD PRIMARY

The summer term is always a busy one. July will bring sports days, our Year 6 drama production and hopefully some sunshine! But here's some things that went on earlier in the term.

Year 4 children went on a geography field trip to Cuckmere Haven, where they followed the meanders of the river down to the coast, learning lots of facts en route from their Sussex Wildlife Trust education leader.



Year 5 children enjoyed a visit from the West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, who spoke to them about fire safety and took them outside to see the fire engine.

Year 2 children visited the Sea Life Centre in Brighton as part of their 'Splish Splash Splosh' topic. They enjoyed seeing the marine life and a 'Turtle Talk' given by a member of the Sea Life Team.

A group of 15 children from Years 2 to 6 braved the showers to attend the South of England Show at Ardingly, where they enjoyed participating in a variety of activities based around farming and the countryside.

Huge congratulations to our Year 5/6 Quad Kids Squad, who were silver medalists at the Mid Sussex final held at Downlands School in Hassocks. A tremendous all-round effort from all ten athletes.






As we reach the end of the school year we will say a sad farewell to three long-term staff members. Teacher Ms Cottingham joined Lindfield Junior School when it was on the Common 22 years ago and transferred to our current site when the schools merged in 2000. Ms Curry has taught here for 17 years. Both are leaving to pursue other interests and more family time. Mrs Webster, most recently a teaching assistant in Year 3, is taking well-earned retirement after working at this site with children for approximately 33 years – having begun as a midday meals supervisor when it was Lindfield Infant School! Together these three ladies have clocked up 72 years' service - quite remarkable! Many in the community will remember them, and we are sure everyone will want to thank them for their dedication and wish them well.

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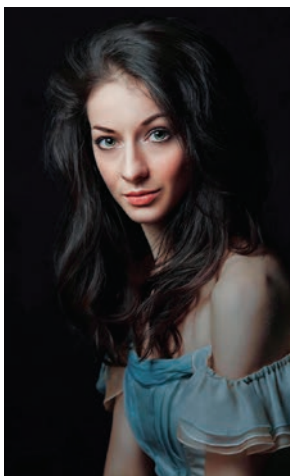
## Cameras, lights, action

Lindfield resident and award-winning documentary filmmaker Suzanne Gielgud is taking on the challenge of making her first full length feature film 'Olga'. It is the true story of a famous ballerina who, at the height of her career, had a serious mental breakdown, was sectioned and thrown into a mental asylum for 20 years where she was left and forgotten about until our great British ballet hero, Anton Dolin, went on a mission to rescue her.

Suzanne was inspired by the true story of Olga Spessivtseva who, by pure strength and inner faith, managed to endure an epic lifetime spanning the fall of Imperial Russia, the Red Terror of the Russian Revolution and extreme personal tragedy.

In 1991 Suzanne happened to chance upon Olga's obituary in the Telegraph and immediately knew that one day she would have to tell her story, so she has spent the last 25 years researching Olga's life to achieve a script worthy of Olga's life story. Her screenplay won a 'Best Unproduced Script' award at the 2018 Nice International Film Festival awards and received an honourable mention at the 2018 New York International Screenplay awards.

This year Suzanne has managed to attach high profile international ballet superstars to the Olga cast, including Laurretta Summerscales (right) to play the role of Olga and Xander Parish OBE (pictured above) to play the role of Anton Dolin. Dance legend and TV celebrity Wayne Sleep is set appear alongside Sharon Maughan (Holby City) and Alan McKenna (Doctors, Coronation Street). Along with a cast that is growing with



more prestigious talent each day, the creative team boasts multiple Oscar and BAFTA winning costume designer Jenny Beavan and Nige Watson, Season 3 Producer of the BBC's Killing Eve. Suzanne's husband Hollywood choreographer Piers Gielgud (nephew of Sir John) will be creating the memorable dance scenes.

All sounds very positive but the journey isn't all plain sailing. As Suzanne explains:

"I've had a bigshot Hollywood producer offer to make it, as long as he could bring in a Director of his choice, and guess what... his Director of choice was a male. So, I said no. Olga is my baby and I'm going to deliver it." Groups like BAFTA, Women in Film and TV and Directors UK are trying to generate change within the industry to women but the facts stand for themselves; a female has never won a Best Director BAFTA and only one woman (Kathryn Bigelow) has ever won a Best Director Oscar in its 90-year history.

Suzanne invites people to experience her feature film journey as it happens. She is releasing previews of the film shoots and clips on YouTube and social media as well as news reports in Lindfield Life. Anyone who wants to support this project can come on board as an angel investor and will be given the opportunity to appear in the film or visit the filmset. "We're planning to shoot in Eastern Europe and the UK, and there are some excellent locations here in Sussex. We've shot some test scenes in Sheffield Park and East Grinstead, and I have my eye on Lindfield next. We're going to need local support to make up our theatre audience of 1,000, so if anyone fancies appearing in the film they should get in touch." For details, go the Gielgud Films website: [www.gielgud.com](http://www.gielgud.com)



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# Walstead: A tranquil resting place

## LINDFIELD HISTORY

View towards the chapels c1900

By Richard Bryant, Lindfield History Project Group  
 This month's article looks at the reason why there is a burial ground at Walstead and its design. Until the early part of the 19th century burial facilities were mainly provided by the Church of England in parish churchyards and, for some high status burials, inside churches in vaults sunk into the floor. All Saints Church, like many other parish churches across the country, had existed for close on a thousand years and its churchyard had become full. Existing burials were frequently disturbed by new graves with the consequent fear of risk to public health. Similarly new interments within the church also gave rise to health concerns. There were also issues concerning the burial of non-conformists and members of other religions, as parish churchyards were exclusively Anglican.

The churchyard at Lindfield was so full, it is said, new burials were being interred on top of existing graves, which accounts for the raised ground in the northern part of the churchyard.

The government, recognising the widespread nature of these problems, passed the Burial Acts 1853. This Act allowed for the Parish Vestry, forerunner of a Parish Council, to form a publicly financed local burial board to establish a burial ground. Furthermore by 'her Majesty in Council' an order could be made that required the discontinuance of burials at specific locations. Such an Order in Council passed on 30th January 1854 applied to Lindfield, requiring 'burials to cease at once under the church and from and after the first of May 1854 in the churchyard burial ground'.

Lindfield churchwardens and parish overseers were faced with establishing a burial board together with the urgent and difficult task of finding a new burial ground.

Vaults, Aft.		
Minister	£ s. d. £ s. d.	
Clerk	1 15 0	
Sexton	0 7 6	
Registering	0 3 6	
Non-parishioners two-thirds more	0 0 6	
	2 0	
	3 17	

Steined Graves, Aft.		
Minister	£ s. d. £ s. d.	
Clerk	0 15 0	
Sexton	0 5 0	
Registering	0 3 6	
Non-parishioners two-thirds more	0 0 6	
	1 3	
	18	

Opening Vaults.		
Minister	£ s. d. £ s. d.	
Clerk	0 15 0	
Sexton	0 5 0	
Registering	0 3 6	
Non-parishioners two-thirds more	0 0 6	
	1 3	
	18	

Children under 12 Years of Age, to be buried in Common Graves.		
Minister	£ s. d. £ s. d.	
Clerk	0 1 0	
Sexton	0 0 0	
Registering	0 0 0	
Non-parishioners two-thirds more	0 3 8	
	0 6 1	

Persons Buried at the Expense of the Parish.		
Minister	£ s. d. £ s. d.	
Clerk	0 1 0	
Sexton	0 0 0	
Registering	0 0 0	
Non-parishioners two-thirds more	0 3 8	
	0 6 1	

Funeral Expenses.		
Board	£ s. d. £ s. d.	
Minister	2 0 0	
Clerk	2 0 0	
Sexton	2 0 0	
Registering	2 0 0	
Non-parishioners two-thirds more	11 0	
	14 0	

Extract of 1854 Burial Fees copy

Their aim was to acquire land near the parish church but owners were not willing to sell. Two grants extending the closure date for the Lindfield churchyard were given, to allow time to find a site, with the final deadline being 1st September 1854.

A two-acre plot on Walstead Common on the northern side of East Mascalls Lane was eventually identified as a suitable site. Walstead Common at that time covered over 35 acres and was part of the Manor of Walstead held by the Earl of Chichester, who made the land available.

A Vestry Meeting held on 11th May 1854 agreed that the Lindfield Burial Board could borrow the money 'required for providing and laying out the new burial ground' and for it to be charged to the parish poor rate. It was further agreed that the Board should 'provide fit and proper places in which bodies may be received



and taken care of previously to internment and to make arrangements for the reception and care of the bodies to be deposited therein'.

At a further Parish Vestry meeting on 29th June 1854, the Burial Board was authorised 'to expend the sum of Twelve Hundred pounds for the purpose of providing and laying out the New Burial ground.'

The following are examples of the Burial Fees set by the Parish Vestry to apply from 19th October 1854:

Vaults 4ft	
Minister	£1 15s 0d
Clerk	£0 7s 6d
Sexton	£0 3s 6d
Registering	<u>£0 0s 6d</u>
	£2 6s 0d

#### Children under 12 Years of Age buried in a

##### Common Grave

Minister	£0 1s 8d
Clerk	£0 0s 9d
Sexton	£0 0s 9d
Registering	<u>£0 0s 6d</u>
	£0 3s 8d

#### Persons Buried at the Expense of the Parish

Minister	£0 1s 0d
Clerk	£0 1s 0d
Sexton	<u>£0 1s 0d</u>
	£0 3s 0d

There was no tradition of cemetery design to draw upon and small burial grounds, like Walstead, were often utilitarian but with design references drawn from small country estates that is to say, an entry lodge, some landscaping, boundary walls and the mortuary chapels taking the place of the country house as the focal point. These four elements can be seen to this day in the Walstead Burial Ground.

Two mortuary chapels, stood a short distance behind the Entry Lodge, formed the focal point of the burial ground. The identical adjoining chapels each having their own porch and doorway, were dedicated for the separate use of the Church of England and Nonconformists. The Church of England chapel was on the eastern side. They were described, in language of the day, as being for 'Episcopal' and 'Dissenters' respectively.



Current view of Burial Ground



View of Entry Lodge c1900

The simply designed brick chapels with tiled roofs in the traditional ecclesiastical style had wood lined tunnel vaulted ceilings and tall stone framed, three light arched windows. By the 1900s the Chapels and Lodge were heavily covered in ivy. Today the Chapels have been sympathetically restored to retain their original character and are used as offices.

The Entry Lodge built of brick with a tiled roof had living accommodation on either side of the central arch and gabled entranceway that ran through the middle of the building. This archway, with sufficient width to permit the passage of a horse drawn hearse, aligned with the Mortuary Chapels behind, which had pathways running to their respective porches. The arch, although now bricked in, remains visible in outline at the rear of the lodge.

The original boundary wall enclosing the ground was built to a strict specification requiring a uniform height of five feet and one brick thick. This wall was replaced, when the burial ground was enlarged and the boundaries realigned, with the more substantial walls that largely exist today.

The original two acre site was laid out with two wide curving pathways running northwards across the burial ground from each mortuary chapel. Trees were planted around the perimeter and the ground generously planted with evergreen bushes such as yews and rhododendrons. Remnants of this planting can still be seen.

In the original layout the ground to the east was consecrated land for Church of England burials. A central area was given over to common graves, burials without headstones and those buried at the expense of the Parish. The ground on the western side was non-consecrated ground for Nonconformist and other burials.

In 1905 Lindfield Parish Council, the owners at the time, acquired an additional two and a quarter acres of land to enlarge the burial ground to its present size. The two footpaths extended to the new northern boundary have since been removed. Although perhaps not as pristine as in years past it remains a tranquil resting place, now under the care of Lindfield Rural Parish Council.

Contact Lindfield History Project Group on 01444 482136 or visit [www.lindfieldhistory.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldhistory.org.uk)



## Becoming by Michelle Obama

### BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

Few First Ladies have been as popular as Michelle Obama. This autobiography shows that the grace and calm she shows in public is not without struggle. Being a strong woman who had to give up her own desires so that her husband could pursue his dream to be a politician, from state level to Congress and then to the White House. The choices we make is the theme of her book and how we need to stop and reflect on how we get from one place to another. She is able to laugh at herself, seeing how some of her doubts about Barack were somewhat silly. She is a writer who loves the process and has produced a thoughtful, readable book.

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# Snagglepuss by Mark Russell and Mike Feehan

## BOOK REVIEW

By Harry Russell

This stunning graphic novel is set in a cold war America where lions, dogs and men walk the streets together, all under the glowing banner of capitalism. All is not well, however, as our protagonist Snagglepuss (a celebrated author and playwright) soon reveals. Beneath the facade of freedom, McCarthyism is on the rise; the gay community, including Snagglepuss, must hide their sexuality for fear of prosecution. Our hero becomes embroiled in the second red scare, and the novel tracks his desperate battle against the committee of un-American activities; a fight that could well spell his doom.

One of the key messages of the novel is the question of how we should define freedom. Should we place the freedom from foreign threats above other concerns or should freedom of speech, belief and mind be a country's true measure of liberty? In this debate the book succeeds admirably. It paints a realistic picture of the inner conflict of 1950s American society beneath the economic boom and capitalist euphoria. Students of history will enjoy the parallels to reality that the book brings.

Without a doubt, Snagglepuss is the best graphic novel I've ever read. An often overlooked literary form here is mobilised to its full potential. Far from being a 'comic', Snagglepuss exists at the crossroads of film and literature, taking the best from both to create a story with profound depth and meaning.

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## ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

### CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

**(Chairman of Council, Councillor William Blunden)**

Once again this has been an interesting and busy year for your Parish Council. Developers continue with their quest to build on the green fields that surround our village creating problems for our residents. The Parish Council works closely with our colleagues on the Rural Parish Council and the Lindfield Preservation Society when considering large applications.

During June we held a public consultation on the proposed replacement public toilets on the Common. This resulted in the Parish Council applying for planning permission, which was approved on 29th March 2019. The Parish Council will do all that it can to complete this project as quickly as possible but there is a due process that it must follow.

We were sorry to lose two of our Councillors during the year, Simon Hodgson and Matt Damsell, both due to work commitments. I would like to record the Council's appreciation for the contribution they both made during their time as Councillors and wish them both well for the future. However, on the plus side we gained one new Councillor when Ian Wilson was elected.

During the year we appointed a new member of staff; John Cunningham is now our Village Orderly. John quickly proved to be a great asset to the Council and village in minimising the effects of the disbanding of the CIC group (which had previously carried out similar tasks).

Following on from the Road Traffic Study the Parish Council purchased two SIDS (speed indicator devices). The Village Orderly, under the supervision of the Clerk, has been deploying the SIDS in different locations in the village, which has resulted in the lowering of the speed of most cars. The data recorded by the devices has been very useful and is shared with West Sussex County Council.

### PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

**(Acting Chairman: Councillor Ron Plass)**

The Traffic Study consultation showed that residents feel very passionately about issues relating to traffic within the village. All the data has now been collated and the report has now been submitted to WSCC Highways for review. We are hoping our WSCC Cllr Andrew Lea will do everything in his power to bring

some of the recommendations to fulfilment. The Parish Council decided to purchase two SIDS, which has had an immediate impact to the benefit of the residents.

The Committee has continued to review applications in the village, fulfilling its role as a statutory consultee. In the 2018/19 financial year the Council has reviewed 148 applications. Additionally, the Council has also considered, and opposed, large scale applications within the Lindfield Rural Parish Council boundary.

Within our own Parish the Committee has recently raised objections to the proposed development on the former Tavistock and Summerhill School site.

The Parish Council agreed to back a resident's traffic regulation order application for Lewes Road.



SIDS

Members of Lindfield Parish Council:

Members can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the Parish Office, or by

**Cllr. William Blunden (Chairman)**

**Cllr. Linda Grace**

**Cllr. Stephen Henton**

**Cllr. Margaret Hersey**

**Cllr. Mike Leach**

**Cllr. Amanda Matthews**

Lindfield Parish Council Office is open on Tuesdays 1pm to 4pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 1pm – when members of the public are welcome to come along to look at planning applications for Lindfield, obtain the codes for obtaining concessionary railcards, or simply seek advice on issues of concern. However, if you do need to speak with someone outside our normal opening hours, then please contact the Clerk who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.

Parish Clerk:  
Mr Andrew Funnell

Deputy Parish Clerk:  
Mr David Parsons

Responsible Financial Officer:  
Mrs Tracy Ely

Village Orderly:  
Mr John Cunningham

# ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

**(Chairman: Councillor William Blunden)**  
The Environment and Amenities Committee is responsible for providing and maintaining the Denmans Lane Allotment site, the public toilets, some street lighting, litter bins, bus shelters and other items of street furniture. The committee also liaises with MSDC regarding management of the Common, the Pond and Hickmans Lane Playing Field and with WSCC on various highway matters. Winter maintenance, Christmas lights, the annual Christmas Festival Night and Spring Clean also come under this Committee's remit.



Removal of epicormic growth

This Committee has achieved several objectives for the benefit of the village, the main items being:  
We have where possible upgraded the Parish Council owned lighting columns to LED bulbs.  
The service area in the Denmans Lane public toilets has been upgraded.  
The Council successfully applied to MSDC for a grant in order to purchase a remembrance beacon, which was lit on 11th November as part of the National Remembrance event. The event was very moving and well attended.  
Additional crocuses were purchased and planted in the High Street verges.

Replacement litter bins have been purchased and installed around the village.  
Christmas Festival Night was a huge success thanks to the work of our Clerk, Deputy Clerk and the Working Group.



New litter bin

Arranged six refuse freighter visits to the Tollgate car park.  
We continue to organise the Village Spring Clean, which has been much better supported over the last couple of years - 20 people turned out for this year's Spring Clean.  
The only downside was sadly we were advised by MSDC that we are no longer able to undertake any work on the pond therefore our two pond wardens found themselves redundant. I would like to record the Council's thanks to Richard Powell and Brodie Branch for keeping the pond in such good order.

reference to page 12 of the Lindfield Village Directory and Year Book, which contains Councillors' addresses and phone numbers.

**Cllr. Roger Pickett**

**Cllr. Ron Plass**

**Cllr. John Stevens**

**Cllr. Valerie Upton**

**Cllr. Ian Wilson**

**Cllr. Cavan Wood**

## FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

**(Chairman: Councillor Stephen Henton)**

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is responsible for overseeing and reviewing the day to day financial matters of Lindfield Parish Council and to recommend to the Council the annual budget and the precept to be levied for the Parish. Staffing and the Parish Office accommodation also come under the remit of this Committee as well as governance, insurance, risk assessment, production of the Lindfield Parish Directory and Year Book and any matters of policy which do not fall clearly within the responsibilities of the other Committees or where there is conflict between them.

Putting together the annual budget is a major task. As Lindfield Parish Council has very little income from other sources, most of its funds have to come from the annual precept, which is one element of the Council Tax. In 2018/19 the precept was £156,000. If the amount required to fund the budget is underestimated, the Council is unable to obtain any further sums from other sources, other than loans for particular capital projects, so it is essential that reserves are held as a safeguard in case of unexpected but necessary expenditure. After careful consideration of the budget for 2019/20, it was agreed to retain the precept at £156,000.

Full copies of the accounts are available from the Parish Office. A breakdown of the budget for 2019/20 is enclosed with this report, together with an abbreviated version of the receipts and payments for 2018/19.

The ongoing work of the Committee includes reviewing monthly income & expenditure against the budget, carrying out periodic checks on the financial records and reporting to Council annually on the effectiveness of the internal audit and internal control procedures. The finances of the Council are subject to both external and internal audit – to date no significant problems have been identified and some helpful suggestions have been followed up.

The proposed capital project for providing public conveniences on the Common also comes under this Committee. In the summer a public consultation was held and 97% of those who responded agreed that they would like to see the provision of public toilets on the Common. The council successfully applied to Mid Sussex District Council for planning permission, which was granted on 29th March 2019. The next steps for this project are as follows:

- Apply for permission from the managers of Lindfield Common to undertake the works set out in the approved planning application
- Apply for permission under the Commons Act 2006 for consent to build on common land
- Apply to Mid Sussex District Council for grant funding  
Each year the Council sets aside an amount of money in the F&GP Committee's budget for grants/donations, either to local village based groups or to organisations whose activities benefit residents of our Parish.

Group	Grant/donation
St Catherines Hospice	£250.00
St Peter & St James Hospice	£250.00
Lindfield Arts Festival	£250.00
Lindfield Bonfire Society	£500.00
Lindfield Branch of the Royal British Legion	£250.00 grant was returned due to cancellation of event
Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council	£250.00
4Sight	£250.00
Kent, Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance	£250.00
Victim Support	£250.00
West Sussex Mediation Services	£250.00
Citizens Advice West Sussex	£250.00

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019 (abbreviated)

2017/2018			2018/2019	
£	£		£	£
		<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
162,000.00		Precept	156,000.00	
354.84		Interest received	950.26	
891.76		Allotments: Rents and licence fee	687.77	
4,437.19		Village Directory: Advertising	2,395.00	
13.50		Village Directory: Donations	42.50	
0.00		Village Directory contribution from LRPC (2018 edition)	666.66	
292.50		Christmas Festival Night	317.00	
2,622.00		WSCC: Contribution for tree works	-	
384.62		WSCC: Re-imburement for grass cutting	-	
11,083.32		Rent: Clock Tower House	9,500.00	
136.09		Other income	191.16	
		Battle's Over beacon MSDC grant	250.00	
7,809.36	<b>190,025.18</b>	VAT recovered	13,048.42	<b>184,048.77</b>
		<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
74,434.03		Administration	96,523.77	
25,203.00		Capital: repayment of loan for Clock Tower House; office equipment	24,719.00	
2,335.91		Other expenditure on Parish Office	8,250.64	
11,239.36		Finance and General Purposes Committee	11,972.00	
4,9478.63		Environment and Amenities Committee	43,666.79	
4,908.63		Planning and Traffic Committee	5,903.88	
9,019.83		VAT on payments	15,011.72	
0.00		General reserve	9,675.75	
	<b>176,619.39</b>			<b>215,723.56</b>
Receipts less payments	<b>13,405.79</b>		Receipts less payments	<b>-31,674.79</b>
<b>SUMMARY year ending 31 March 2019</b>				
Opening balance	253,193.42		Payments	215,723.56
Receipts	184,048.77		Closing balance	221,518.63
	<b>£437,242.19</b>			<b>£437,242.19</b>
<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>				
Current Account	-5,127.50			
Business Premium Account	91,487.43			
Issue Saver Account	135,000.00			
	<b>221,359.93</b>			
Petty cash in hand	158.70			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£221,518.63</b>			

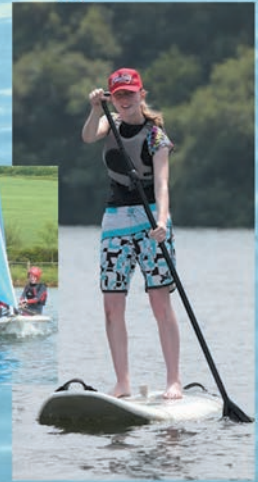
## BUDGET 2019 / 20 (Precept £156,000)

<b>FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE</b>	£
Administration	140,500.00
Chairman's fund	1,000.00
Grants/donations	2,800.00
Annual memberships/subscriptions	2,600.00
Village Directory	6,500.00
Newsletter/annual report	2,500.00
Members' allowances	2,500.00
<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>159,230.00</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE</b>	
Street lighting - Energy/maintenance costs	4,900.00
Street lighting - Upgrading streetlights	4,000.00
Street lighting - Christmas lights: High Street	5,000.00
Street lighting - Christmas lights: Village Pond	4,000.00
Maintenance / gardening (including Spring Clean and maintenance)	5,000.00
Allotments	6,000.00
Christmas Festival Night	1,000.00
Mobile civic amenity freighter	2,100.00
Denmans Lane toilets - running costs	13,000.00
Denmans Lane toilets – repair and maintenance	1,000.00
Digital mapping	400.00
Grass cutting (High Street)	2,000.00
Wilderness Field (fees and expenses)	5,000.00
Lindfield war memorial renovations	4,000.00
Upgrade of Hickmans Lane playground	20,000.00
<b>Sub total - E&amp;A:</b>	<b>79,400.00</b>
<b>PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE</b>	
Miscellaneous	200.00
<b>Sub Total - P&amp;T:</b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b>BUDGET TOTAL 2019-20</b>	<b>216,330.00</b>



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# Pond Island Discs

By Ayesha Gilani

Tissues at the ready folks - I'm feeling rather emosh! Yep, in the blink of an eye my Pond Island duckling is bidding 'So long, farewell' to her primary school years and swimming off to a larger pool of water. This month I asked my fellow parent castaways to dedicate a track to their own Year 6 graduate. School's (almost) out for summer and it's time to get the party started! My track of choice is Billy Joel's Vienna. It was a song that was played to my class by an incredibly inspirational music teacher back in the day. The words stood out to me then as they do now having watched my daughter and her friends work so hard this past year. Academic success may be something to aspire to and celebrate but so is slowing down, enjoying life and everything it has to offer. Here's to all you AMAZING primary school leavers out there. Gather your friends, your best moments and take a bow. Ladies and gentleman, the class of 2019 has left the building...

Ffion and Isla

**One More Time – Daft Punk**

"This song was released on my 21st birthday - I celebrated it then and now I dedicate it to my daughter Isla. I am so proud of all your achievements so far. You have worked so hard in everything you do, always trying your best. With this perseverance and determination all your goals are within easy reach! There will always be 'One more Time' to celebrate. Well done!"



Sarah and Yasmin

**Back To Life – Soul II Soul**

"This track reminds me of the summer of '89 - I'd taken my GCSEs and was excited about going to college. My parents had bought me the tape which I played again and again! If only Yasmin knew what a cassette tape was! The song is such a summer classic and I still love it now... 30 years on!!"



Maxine and Joey

**The Gambler – Kenny Rogers**

"Our favourite song is 'The Gambler' by Kenny Rogers. Joey loves the deeper meaning to the track and it teaches a good lesson in life. We listen to it on Saturday evenings at home playing cards and singing along - very badly!"



Julie and Sammy

**Don't Dream It's Over – Crowded House**

"This song was released the year I sat the equivalent of GCSEs in New Zealand. The lyrics 'you'll never see the end of the road while you're travelling with me' made Sammy laugh. He loves visiting my family in NZ but the plane journeys feel like they will never end and it also reminds him of getting lost with me on car journeys – even with satnav!"



Scott and Scarlett  
**Everybody Loves The Sunshine (Live in Ibiza) – Jamie Cullum**

"This is the ultimate summer song with a real melancholy vibe. That's how I imagine Scarlett in the future will reflect on her time at Lindfield Primary. She'll look back with amazing fondness and a tinge of melancholy. She has loved her time there and grown so much as a person, she continues to amaze us every day. This recording was an impromptu performance at Café Mambo in Ibiza recorded back in the day... now that makes me feel melancholy."



Paul and Maddie  
**I Wanna Dance with Somebody – Thrill Collins**

"This song takes me back to when Maddie was a baby. I used to dance her around, singing to her and it has stuck as our song ever since. As she makes her journey onwards we want her to know just how proud we are of her and her achievements. We wish her all the luck in the world. She'll bid an emotional farewell to Blackthorns - it's a wonderful school. As a family we give our heartfelt thanks to Marianne Brand and all the staff for the support and guidance they have given to us all."





Several planning and traffic matters are currently affecting our village:

## **Taylor Wimpey: 130 units at Gravelly Lane / Lewes Rd**

Construction of Taylor Wimpey's housing estate, dubbed 'Lindfield Meadows', at Gravelly Lane on the ridge overlooking the Village Common, is now in progress. We are keeping a close eye on proceedings with a view at least to minimising its impact by preserving the trees on the ridgeline, which provide some level of screening.

## **Tavistock and Summerhill School site**

The site of Tavistock and Summerhill School was subject to a highly inappropriate proposal for large blocks of flats that was withdrawn last year following widespread opposition. A subsequent application for 38 units is now under review. The new proposal remains in our view a transparently speculative attempt to overdevelop and urbanise this prominent site, and we have objected to it.

## **Reside Developments: 48 houses at Portsmouth Wood Close (now being pursued by Croudace)**

We still await a detailed planning application for 48 houses off High Beech Lane, a scheme that received outline planning permission despite a history of land instability and flooding in that area. We will work to see these issues addressed fully when the application materialises.

## **Haywards Heath Golf Course**

The would-be developers seem to have adopted the tactic of attempting to have this site included in the District Council's next list of sites officially allocated for development. This would effectively grant permission in principle for large-scale house building. We expect a public consultation on site allocations this summer. It will be very important at that stage for residents to object to including this site on the Council's list.

## **Campaign to stop Heavy Goods Vehicles**

We, as well as other concerned residents, continue to lobby West Sussex County Council to restrict the intolerable levels of HGV traffic rat running through Lindfield. The Council refused to act on our detailed proposal of 2016, which would have banned HGVs from minor roads (except for access) across the district. Local residents, with our support, are now pursuing the more limited objective of at least banning them from Lewes Road between Gravelly Lane and the High Street (except for access). This would largely remove the temptation for hauliers to use Lindfield as a short cut to sites farther east. Again West Sussex County Council is resisting, but we will persist.



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# Memories of Bell Ringing

By Eric Dawes

It was my pleasure to write a few articles for Lindfield Life some years ago concerning my early days here in the village. Since the amazing work carried out recently at All Saints Church and the chance I had to see the new bells, it prompted me to write again about my early years here.

I was born in Lindfield in 1926 and spent the first 20 years of my life growing up here. A great deal of my growing up took place at All Saints Church, where I followed my brother Leslie into the choir. There was a full boys choir of 16 with some 12 men in those days. I joined the 'afternoon choir' when I was eight years old and graduated into the full choir soon after. My brother was Head Boy, and I followed him into that exalted position later on.

Visiting the church recently I was able to see the beautiful new bells on display, and that is what prompted me to write this short piece. My brother was a ringer and was very interested in the mathematics of the various peals that were rung. He used to write out all the 'changes' on long pieces of paper. When I was 11 years old I joined him in the bell tower and began to learn the way to ring. The Tower Captain was Mr Baines, and he allowed me to handle one of the lighter bells. I found the powerful swinging 'solly' often had a mind of its own and it took masterful hands to control it! This soft, coloured part of the bell rope was there for two reasons, I think. First to indicate to the ringer where to grab the dangerous swinging rope and also to save hands from damage in catching the rope as the swinging bell directed it. This is not surprising when you consider the weight of metal in a bell swinging around above your head in all but a full circle!

You will understand that my ringing days were very short as the war started and the lovely bells fell silent. My ringing days in Lindfield were all too soon curtailed.

I do know that the experienced can pull the bell into action, make it ring as expected with its full circular motion, hold the bell steady for a while when following a complicated pattern and then get the bell to 'set' (that is, remain upside down) ready for the next ring. All this they can do while watching the other ringers and making their bell strike at the right moment – something I sadly never got to learn but have the greatest admiration for the skills of those who can.

I was so pleased to see the new bells in church, as once they are hung in the tower they are seldom seen by anyone – just heard and enjoyed! May they ring out for many, many years to come. I will think of my brother ringing the old bells and of my very short time in the tower each time I hear them.



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The first Sunday ring is expected to be on Sunday 21st July.



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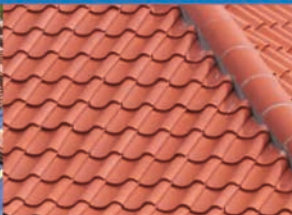
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# Resplendent rainbows captured

After a rather beautiful rainbow formation on the first weekend in June, these residents managed to frame the moment nicely. Thanks for sending these in Ade, Emily, Steve and Beth. If you take a photo of the village which we could print on our covers, we always need more, so do please email them in to [photos@lindfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:photos@lindfieldlife.co.uk) please.



The Common by Beth Mercer Photography



Down Dukes Road by Emily Billson



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# Lindfield 12 return



There were happy endings, celebrations and a few tears as the 12 orphan ducklings rescued from Lindfield pond finally returned home.

Editor David Tingley was delighted to capture the moment when Debbie Johnson from A&E Wildlife released the ducklings and watched them swim away. Last month Debbie had responded to an urgent call from a villager who noticed the ducklings' mother had been drowned by the male ducks. With help from Lindfield residents, Debbie rescued the 12 and has been caring for them until they were strong enough to return home. Residents have enjoyed following their progress on the Wildlife A&E Facebook page and looking forward to their return.

After releasing the 12 orphan ducklings back on to the pond, Debbie commented: "They couldn't believe the space! And they were greeted by the six ducklings and mum already there. It was lovely to see them all swim off together!"

Lindfield pond also welcomed another visitor this month when local photographer Chris Lee spotted a heron calling in at the pond for breakfast!

And just weeks after rescuing the ducks, Debbie was back in the village to rescue an orphan fawn, named Lindi, who is thriving and will be released back into the wild very soon.



Photo: Chris Lee

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# Lindfield Village Run

The traditional cross country run which is Lindfield Village Run took place on the second Bank Holiday in May and was as popular as ever. Over 650 runners took part in the event, which raises funds for Lindfield's King Edward Hall – a registered charity.

The event was sponsored by local businesses Potential Personal Training and Six Physio and took place under some perfect weather conditions.

The 10k race was run by 293 runners, and won by Callum Stone with a time of 40:45m. Second place went to Ian Kenton (41:23) and Ben Short came in third place (43:38).

For the 5k Family Fun Run, 372 people entered the race, which was won by Nicholas Hollan-Ellidge with a time of 19:04m. Ryan Armstrong took second spot with a time of 19:46 and Archie Guppy came in third place with 19:51.

This year there was a special award given to the fastest family group. Rory and Oscar Dalglish won The Newcombe Cup for 2019.

Among the many positive comments heard from runners after the event: 'Lovely event and a perfect first 5k for my 11 year old grandson. So well organised and fantastic volunteers. Well done to all involved.'

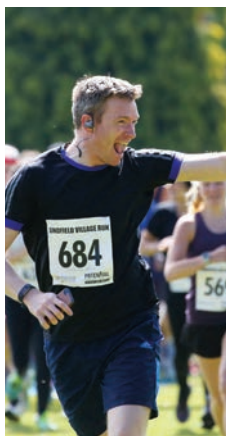
Full results for both distances are available online at: [www.kingedwardhall.org.uk/village-run](http://www.kingedwardhall.org.uk/village-run)

Lindfield Village Run is organised by a group of volunteers from the community. If you'd like to be involved next year, get in touch with the team by email at: [run@kingedwardhall.org.uk](mailto:run@kingedwardhall.org.uk).



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# Make something cool

By Isabella Mortimer

In this article I will be showing you how to make your own creations out of your recycling or non-recyclable products.

## THE FACTS:

Glass milk bottles are used an average 13 times before being recycled. This is great because it means that fewer milk bottles are being produced in factories that create global warming. Plastic bottles can be recycled but only after lots of electricity and energy is used.

Did you know that in the year 2003 the recycling of glass saved enough energy to launch ten space shuttle missions! Another problem that has grown is that we produce and use 20 times more plastic a day than we did 50 years ago. These problems will keep growing unless we do something about it.

## THE IMPACT:

As I have said in earlier articles, plastic and non-recyclable materials are finding their way into our oceans or adding to landfills, which is damaging our environment and the animals around us.

## THE SOLUTIONS:

You can make loads of cool creations with your old packaging. These are unique and save buying new things that have lots of packaging.

Here are some ideas of the materials that you can use, but there are many more:

- Juice bottles/plastic milk bottles – make fantasy fairy homes, beautiful terrariums and hanging baskets
- Old magazines – cut some shapes (a tree, flower) out of some black card and place it on top of a mixture of bright magazine cuttings and make a flower or tree of pictures or words
- Yoghurt pots and string – wind the string round the pot and make a money box
- Egg boxes – stick them on to some card and make designs or make a long crocodile

Let's start collecting milk bottle tops and drop them in at the greengrocers in Lindfield to help our local hospital. Collect at school, at home and get your parents to start at work. Jazz up an empty old coffee jar and let's see how many milk bottle tops Lindfield residents can collect.

There are many things that you can make like cool money boxes, watering cans, flower planters and many more simple creations! All you have to do is grab a few materials out of your recycling bin, so, come on, what are you waiting for - make some fun things for you and your family to use!

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# Blooms, Opera and Gin

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Borde Hill's series of beautifully planted and linked garden rooms are still bursting with colourful blooms through late summer, and each of the garden spaces has its own distinctive character and style for visitors to enjoy.

For those seeking a cool botanical refreshment to enjoy while admiring the gardens, Borde Hill has the perfect tonic, as on Saturday 13th July the Estate hosts the Sussex Gin Festival, which will take place in the South Park.

Those dreaming of balmy days in the Mediterranean can choose to step into the romance of Borde Hill's Italian Garden, which centres around a formal pool. This area started life as the family tennis court before being converted by Robert Stephenson Clarke in 1982.

Maintaining the Italian spectacle, Britain's leading outdoor touring company, Opera Brava, will be performing two open air productions within the Garden against the magical backdrop of the Elizabethan Mansion



House. La Traviata takes place on 26th July and The Barber of Seville is being performed on the 27th July, with a chamber ensemble.

For further information about all the Summer Events at Borde Hill and to find ticket prices, please visit [www.bordehill.co.uk](http://www.bordehill.co.uk) or call 01444 450326 for details.

## Cockhaise Farm Tours available

A recent visit to Cockhaise Farm in Monteswood Lane was enjoyed by 20 residents of Lindfield. The Fairer World Lindfield group was given a guided tour by farmers Jeremy and Dan Burdett who were keen to explain their approach to sustainable organic dairy farming. Jeremy has been on the farm since 1986 and his son Dan joined him in



2008. They have four full-time staff who look after 300 cows plus 100 young stock which are non-milking breeds. Cockhaise covers 700 acres and their method of farming aims to build soil fertility and create a vibrant ecosystem.

Dan told the visitors that for many years they had grown a large area of arable crops such as wheat, oats and beans, but now the farm is mainly growing grass. They are now bringing greater diversity into the fields to build up organic matter in the soil through 20 varieties of grass, herbs and deep rooting plants. Everyone was fascinated by the intricacies of managing soil and grass, which results in healthy

organic milk and greater biodiversity on the land.

Another tour of the farm is scheduled for Wednesday 3rd July at 6pm. If you would like to book a place, please contact Peter Desmond at: [fairerworld@growthinternational.com](mailto:fairerworld@growthinternational.com).

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## Holiday snaps

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Etty Billson at Stonehenge with Lindfield Life

## Professional local photos now available

Lindfield photographer Beth Mercer, who is featured on our cover this month, has begun selling prints of her Sussex photos on her own website.

Beth, who has lived in the village for nearly nine years, has always been passionate about photography but made it professional in terms of her career, following her training at the London School of Photography in 2015.

She explained: "I'm always so pleased to get fantastic reactions from people whenever I post any new photos online, and lots of people have asked where they can buy them. So I decided to make it possible at: [www.bethmercerphotography.co.uk](http://www.bethmercerphotography.co.uk)

"I'm always doing shoots around the county, including right here in Lindfield. It's very exciting to think of my work being hung on someone's wall."



Photo: Beth Mercer Photography

## RECYCLE THIS...

Colin McFarlin is a Volunteer Waste Prevention Advisor with West Sussex County Council and sheds some light on what can and can't be recycled.



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...

### Recycling bin overflowing?

We want to say a big thank you to everyone who recycles all that they can. The recycling rate in West Sussex is improving!

More and more people are recycling at home and, if your recycling bin is anything like ours, sometimes by the time it's due to be collected it's getting pretty full!

Some great advice is to 'wash and squash'. Particularly for items such as milk and fizzy drinks bottles, and detergent and bathroom bottles. Give them a quick rinse and then squash them down. Do remember to take the tops off.

Large items of cardboard can be torn into smaller pieces – the size of a cereal packet is ideal.

If you've done all this and your bin is still full then why not get in touch with Mid Sussex District Council who may be able to organise another recycling bin for you. Email: [wastematters@midssussex.gov.uk](mailto:wastematters@midssussex.gov.uk)

Just a little reminder though, please ensure that all your recycling is:

- **CLEAN** – free from food and drink leftovers - a quick rinse will do.
- **DRY** – keep your recycling bin lid shut – soggy paper and cardboard can't be recycled and can clog up machinery at the recycling plant.
- **LOOSE** – not tied up in plastic bags.

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I received an email asking how to recycle inhalers, and I would like to share the response with you all.

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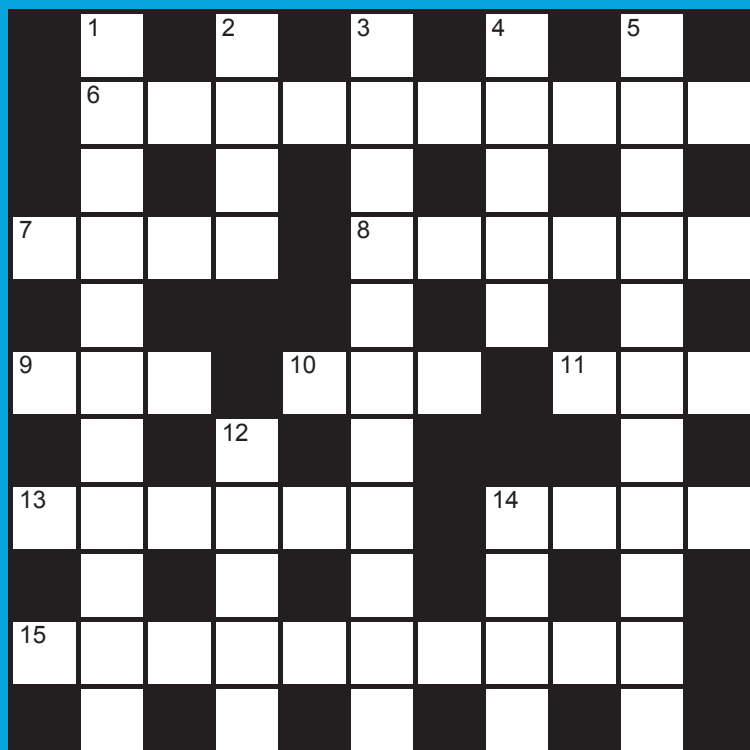
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**Do you have an individual question on specific items you are not sure how to recycle? One email to editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk, with a picture if possible, and I can let you know.**

Looking forward to hearing from you. Keep Recycling!



# Family crossword



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Answers listed on p.79

## Across

- 6 From e.g. Portsmouth or Basingstoke (10)
- 7 Passport endorsement (4)
- 8 Cause to remember (6)
- 9 Malt beverage (3)
- 10 Statute (3)
- 11 Some (3)
- 13 Hun king (6)
- 14 Vale (4)
- 15 Brave (10)

## Down

- 1 Moving to and fro (11)
- 2 Fijian capital (4)
- 3 Defraud (5,6)
- 4 Fragrance (5)
- 5 Without purpose (11)
- 12 Unit of capacity (5)
- 14 Entrance (4)

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		8			3	6		
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Find the solution to #36 in next month's magazine

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

## #35 Solution

2	5	6	7	4	8	9	1	3
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4	1	8	5	3	9	7	2	6
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6	8	4	9	5	7	1	3	2
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- 13th **LHS Summer Show** – 2pm  
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- 16th **Lindfield Flower Club** – 2.30pm  
Demonstrator Barbara Caldecourt on theme 'Moving Through Time'
- 20th **Centenary Peace Dance** – 7.30pm  
Perdido Players Swing Band celebrate the centenary of National Peace Day. In aid of the Royal British Legion (Tickets £10, 01444 450335 or from The Lindfield Club)
- 27th-  
31st **THE ADVENTURERS ART CLUB** –  
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Please refer to the King Edward Hall notice board for additional information regarding the above events.

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### July

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- 6th **Fire Station Open Day** – 11am-4pm  
Haywards Heath Fire Station – Rescue demos, engine rides and BBQ
- 7th **Cats Protection Fun Day** – 10am-4pm  
National Cat Adoption Centre, Chelwood Gate, RH17 7DE
- 9th **Ensemble Reza Concert** – 12.30pm  
Haywards Heath Methodist Church – Schubert's String Quartet in C Major
- 9th **Purple Shoes at Paolinos** – TBC  
Paolinos – LAF fundraiser set menu with folk/rock band (Tickets from Kell & Collins)
- 10th **Tiger Arts Concert** – 1pm  
All Saints Church - Features Margaret Watson playing her harp. Margaret will play music from the pops through to popular songs from West End musicals and on to classics. Light lunches will be served in the Tiger Lounge from 12.15pm (Free, donations welcome)
- 13th **Sussex Gin Fest** – 12noon-10pm  
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- 13th **Chailey Repair Café** – 10am-1pm  
Chailey Village Hall (next to The Five Bells)
- 14th **Community Gardening Session** – 10am  
Toll Gate car park – Organised by Lindfield in Bloom
- 19th **Messy Church** – 4-6pm  
Lindfield URC - Includes activities, crafts, bible stories and dinner. No booking, no fee. Under 14s must bring an adult (Danny Goodall 07443 438970)
- 20th **Tapestry Open Afternoon** – 2-4pm  
St Augustine's Church, Scaynes Hill
- 26th **Open Air Opera** – 6.30pm  
Borde Hill Garden – La Traviata by Opera Brava (£35/£10 [www.bordehill.co.uk](http://www.bordehill.co.uk))
- 27th-  
28th **Wild Wood Weekend** – 10am-5pm  
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