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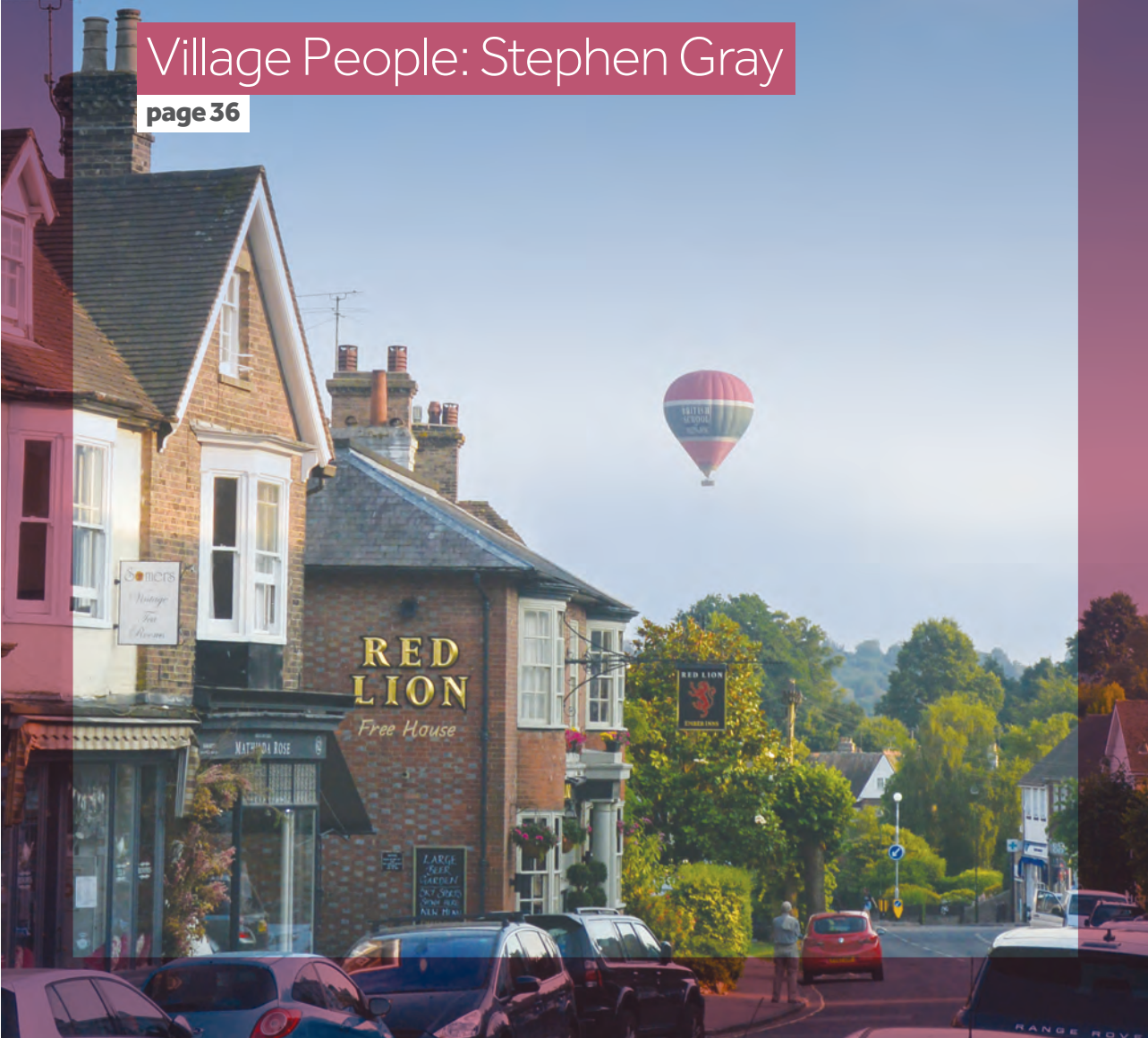
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## EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Welcome to the summer issue of Lindfield Life. Nothing sums this up better than our spread of **Holiday Snaps** on **page 66** – keep them coming if you're away this season.

If you want something to do closer to home, we have dug into our archives to bring you a **stroll perfect for summer** on **page 54** penned by my (long-suffering) wife **Emma Tingley**. On the previous page **Bob Campen** illustrates another '**Day out on the buses**'; the perfect way to use your bus pass.

History guru **Richard Bryant** takes us back in time on **page 46**, with a look at the past uses of and changes to Lindfield's pond and common. Take a look at the scale of the fair in 1935!

While we're talking about the common, Village Day chairman of the last ten years **Stephen Gray** has kindly agreed to feature in our **Village People** feature on **page 36**. We love to find out more about residents, so if you know someone we should be talking to, please send Claire and I an email to: [editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk).

Amazing people don't come much better than **Fran Norman** who is a grandmother who was strapped to a plane last month in order to raise big money for the wonderful work of St Peter and St James Hospice – check out the proof on **page 39**. Well done Fran!

Our regulars come in the form of **Caroline Young's recipes** on **page 40**, **Cavan Wood's book review** on **page 50**, **Isabella Mortimer's** environmental article on **page 14** and **Lindfield in Bloom** by **Heather Martin** on **page 35**.

**Claire Cooper** catches up with **Will Bennett's** mother Anne on **page 34** and **Lindfield Primary Academy** shows off its first **Colour Run** on **page 23**.

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# NEWS

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## Badminton star opens new club

A former England Junior badminton player is starting a new sporting initiative next month.

Jonty Russ, who lives in Lindfield, is creating a series of 'fun and dynamic' badminton classes in the area specifically tailored to children in school Years 1-3. Training at Little Shuttlers will help children develop basic game skills from scratch as well as increase hand-eye coordination. Classes will run every week day after school in various locations, including Millennium Village Centre, Scaynes Hill on Tuesdays and Lindfield's King Edward Hall on Thursdays.

"The first and most important part to any successful club is young and enthusiastic kids," explained Jonty, who won three junior doubles titles between 2014 and 2016 and has been awarded Coach of the Year in Mid Sussex by Badminton England. "Engaged children are the foundations for any great club. My vision is to build one of the most successful clubs in the country."

Little Shuttlers starts in September. More details on page 24.



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# Brett's work gets place amongst London gallery winners

Lindfield artist Brett Hudson is still celebrating after being announced a winner of the Hahnemuhle Fine Art UK Award last month.

Brett submitted a piece to the Royal Society of British Artists Exhibition (RBA) earlier this year, along with 3,500 others. "I took it up to London to be reviewed," he said, "and was delighted when I learned that it would be one of the 120 works of art on display."

The exhibition, held at Mall Galleries, was officially opened by RBA President Nick Tidman and broadcaster and artist Thomas Schafernacker and ran until the middle of July.



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# Crisp packet recycling comes to Lindfield

A Lindfield landlord is helping residents to be that bit 'greener' with the opening of a crisp packet recycling scheme in the village.

Andi Frost from The Stand Up Inn had been considering what steps she could take to reduce the landfill waste from the pub when she discovered various schemes run by recycling giant Terracycle. "I think it was the crisp packets that got to me, but, since we're in the service industry, reducing our sales isn't the best option. Recycling is the next best thing," she explained. "Talking to people across the bar made it apparent that everyone wants to do something, but they just don't always know what or how. If we make it just easy enough to make a change then it gets people thinking what more they can do, and hopefully effects a mini revolution!"

The packets are weighed when collected and turned into points, which equate to money donated to a charity – and Andi has selected Lindfield Primary Academy PTA to be the recipient. The school is also now a registered collection point itself.

There is a green bin round the side of The Stand Up, with a clearly marked poster on the front. Any brand of crisp packets (empty) can be put in, but not popcorn, pretzel or meat snack bags or tubes. Also accepted into the same wheelee bin are Ella's Kitchen food pouches and packets, plus all brands of biscuit, cake bars and cracker wrappers. Don't include any of the card packaging – as these are recycled by the council blue bin.

Andi cites a quote from Anne Marie Bonneau which she was inspired by: 'We don't need a handful of people doing zero waste perfectly. We need millions of people doing it imperfectly.'



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## New kitchen showroom

Observant visitors to the High Street will have noticed new shop signage at number 61. Kitchen designers Hamilton Stone Design (HSD) has recently opened its doors, in the shop that was previously Kitchen People.

Hamilton Stone Design was started 12 years ago by local couple Tony and Claire Homer. The business has always been based at More House Farm in Wivelsfield. When this unit became available they were keen to create a satellite showroom here. "The village has

such a lovely feel to it and being able to work with the local community in Lindfield is so exciting," Claire commented.

The company employs five staff in the office and has six fitters – who have been busy fitting out the showroom in the six weeks prior to its opening. Although the main showroom will remain in Wivelsfield, Lindfield's shop will have 'a little bit of everything' and will usually have a creative consultant on hand for advice.

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## Yes to bargain hunting...

Lindfield businesswoman Penny Hoyle had an unexpectedly 'hair raising' day last month when a BBC film crew arrived at her high street salon!

Penny's hairdressing shop, Penny Black, had been spotted by researchers from BBC's popular show Bargain Hunt who were on the lookout for a traditional barbers.

"I got a phone call out of the blue saying they wanted to film some footage showing traditional barbers tools and that my shop looked perfect," said Penny, who was delighted when antiques expert Anita Manning turned up with the crew.

"I've always been interested in antiques and am a fan of the show when I get chance to watch it," said Penny.

"Anita was absolutely lovely, just how you imagine her to be, and there was plenty of banter with her colleague Batters, who had the most fantastic moustache!"

Penny stayed away from the cameras, but husband Craig was filmed finishing off a haircut. "Filming was done in lots of small snippets, so it will be interesting to see how they've put it all together," said Penny.



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# A chance to start the fireworks display

Lindfield Bonfire Society continues to fundraise for its November fireworks display and this year has come up with a new idea to give one lucky person the chance to start the event.

'Ignite the night' is the game which involves 180 numbered squares – all of which need selling before October. A sold square is filled with the buyers name. At the October LBS Committee Meeting a random number generator will be used to pick the winner – who gets to push the giant plunger to start the grand firework display at 8.30pm on 5th November.

Squares are being sold for just a £2 donation, and can be secured by contacting Mel Maynard on 01444 459067 or [melmaynard@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:melmaynard@hotmail.co.uk).

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# Summer fun

By Isabella Mortimer

Summer is here... school work has finished... beach cleans are taking place all over the country and all you need is a waste bag and protective gloves. Here is picture of my recent beach clean in Rottingdean.

In this article I will put forward some ideas of what eco friendly activities you can get up to in the summer holidays.

## 1 – Quiz time

On a rainy day, why not create a quiz all about the environment and eco friendly materials then test the knowledge of your family and friends. By using everything that you have learnt you can help them learn some new facts. You could also create a word search or puzzle.

## 2 – Wildlife prints

To get out in the sunshine and enjoy the fresh air does not take much effort. All you have to do is go on a walk or get out in your garden. Look around and see if you can find any leaves or old flower petals on the ground. After that get a book that you think is heavy enough (make sure it is ok with your parents as the book could get a bit dirty) and put your leaves or flowers in between one of the pages. Wait a few days, or longer if you can, then open it up carefully and you have just made your own unique creation. You can then make a picture out of them.



## 3 – New life

Before throwing away jam jars, coffee tins and other kitchen containers think about what you could use them for. There are many handy things you can make out of these such as: a place to store dog treats, pen pots, marble jars and there is so much more. Let your imagination run wild and decorate it with some cool colours and patterns; material or magazine cuttings.

## 4 – Seed bombs

Making seed bombs is great fun and helps wildlife using everyday items. What you will need to make these are: flour, soil, mixing bowl, water and native British wildflower seeds

First mix ten parts soil to one part flour. Next add water and mix until the mixture becomes a sticky dough, then roll into a golf ball size. After that, fill a tray with wildflower seeds and then roll your mud ball around until covered in seeds. Let your ball dry for a day or so and then throw it in your garden!



## 5 – Perfume

Collect some aromatic petals (rose petals and lavender are perfect) and/or herbs and mix with a small amount of water. Crush the petals in the water (perhaps using an old cork) and put into a jar. Then remove the petals/leaves from the mixture and you have home-made perfume.

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## Open Gardens raises £7,000 for hospice

By Jim Stockwell

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from the Hospice to the garden owners, cake bakers, gardeners, volunteers and visitors who contributed to this great community event.

Next year the gardens will open on Sunday 14th June 2020. To keep the event fresh, we would like to include new gardens as well as favourites from earlier years. If you would like to find out more or can help in any way, please contact Jim Stockwell on 01444 459363 or email: jamesastockwell@aol.com.

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
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# More than a flower show

By Claire Cooper

Green-fingered Scaynes Hill residents joined photographers, artists, cooks and craftspeople to produce an impressive display at this year's Flower Show.

The annual event, held in the Millennium Hall, attracted around 200 entries ranging from roses to rag dolls, and paintings to pot plants!

Show secretaries Dianne Elliott and Angela Hicks were delighted with the range and quality of the exhibits. "The floral entries were particularly impressive considering the torrential rain earlier in the week and the judges were very complimentary," said Dianne. "We were very pleased to see a large number of entries in the children's classes and two men entering the Grape and Grain floral art competition."

The floral art is always one of the show's highlights, and this year's themes of wedding, christenings and play school attracted some stunning displays.

Handicrafts included knitted, crocheted and embroidered exhibits while the photography and art classes impressed the many visitors.

Children's entries ranged from miniature gardens on plates to Lego models, with every entrant receiving a small prize.

The show judges included Lindfield Life's own cookery writer Caroline Young who was delighted to award first prize in the popular 'Chocolate Fudge Cake' class to 12 year old Iona Hainge. Caroline had provided the recipe for the cake which had clearly proved popular with the Scaynes Hill cooks.

As usual members of the Scaynes Hill WI were kept busy serving tea and cakes throughout the afternoon.



## Results

Conservation Shield – Jos Kingston  
Flower Show Trophy – Helen Hicks  
40th Anniversary Cup – Jos Kingston  
Betty Hayter Memorial Salver – Emily Ludgate  
Hawes Handicraft Cup – Phia Castillo  
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## Kids Colour Run

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Taking place throughout the school day, children from Reception through to Year 6 completed laps of the school playing field, navigating a series of obstacles (hurdles, ladders, benches and hula hoops), before running through the multi-coloured powder station.

Parents and volunteers were on hand to throw powder (made from cornflour and food colouring), ensuring the children (and teachers) were covered with bright pink, blue, green, orange and yellow powder.

The children, teaching staff and volunteers had a great time – while helping to raise much-needed funds for the second phase of the Academy's major outdoor development project.

Says PTA Secretary Lynne Roberjot: "The idea for the Colour Run came



about as we were looking to create a fun, new event to end the Academic year, which would encourage the children to be active and help raise funds.

"All proceeds from the Colour Run will go to the next phase of development of the outdoor Trim Trail – a popular wooden climbing frame and activity centre which was installed in 2018, part-funded by the PTA.

"The event was an overwhelming success and has already raised over £1,000, with sponsorship still to come before the summer term ends."

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## 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...

### Plastic

There are lots of myths about recycling plastic. In fact plastic can be recycled over and over again, many more times than glass for example, and recycling plastic only uses 25% of the energy compared to making new plastic.



There has been so much in the press and on TV about plastic, I thought it would be useful to bring you up to date with what our major supermarkets are doing to recycle plastic.

Well the good news is that you will find recycling used plastic carrier bag bins locally in Sainsburys, Tesco and Waitrose. I did cover this last year but from my mailbag many of you still have questions on these bins.

As well as used plastic carrier bags, from any company, you can also return to the supermarkets:

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- the wrap you get on cucumbers
- Plastic magazine and newspaper wrappers (from your letterbox post)
- Fruit and veg supermarket bags
- Bubble wrap (pop the bubbles first – why should they have all the fun)

It is even starting to be marked on the packaging.

In fact, any plastic that you can do the 'thumbs test'. Difficult to describe but I will have a go: Put your two thumbs inside a plastic carrier bag and move them apart to stretch the plastic. See how it stretches? You can use the same test on other plastics in the list and you will get the same result. Have fun testing plastics and let me know if you find any other plastic that passed the test. All of these can be returned to the supermarkets' recycling bin. Please make sure these are all clean so they can be recycled!

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A group of Sussex-based fitness instructors are joining forces to raise a whopping £40,000 for local charities this autumn and are challenging YOU to help them meet the ambitious target.

Swoove instructors and enthusiasts from around the area will embark on a 40-hour Swoovathon – The Big Swoove - at Scaynes Hill Millennium Centre, starting at 7pm on Friday 27th September and finishing at 2pm on Sunday 29th September.

Swoove Fitness founder and creative director Esther Featherstone from Lindfield, who turned 40 in April, wants to celebrate by hosting the 40-hour event, with the help of as many people as possible.

"Swoove Aid has already raised £64,000 for local charities up and down the country," said Esther. "Another amazing £40,000 would boost the awareness, profile and funds of a further 40 local small charities, many of which don't have huge fundraising manpower and can slip under the radar.

"Those taking part are encouraged to challenge themselves and Swoove for at least three hours across



the marathon... or any length of time – even 40 hours if they feel they can do it."

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## A proper Italian in Lindfield

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Paolo Musumeci has been happy in the catering business since the age of 11. He grew up in Sicily and first cultivated his relationship with great food working with his grandad in the family patisserie business. Since those beginnings Paolo came over to the UK in 1997 and worked in various restaurants in and around Surrey.

"When I first came over I gave myself six months to see if I liked life in England, but soon decided I did. It was always my dream to open my own place one day."

Many in the village will know Paolo as the namesake of Paolino, which first opened in Lindfield back in 2012. He started the business with his (now) ex-wife. "When I first saw the site I really liked it," Paolo commented. "We immediately saw the potential in it, being on the High Street but set back from it."

Paolo has always been involved in the kitchen until he was sure that the quality of dishes was consistent from the chef team – something he's always been passionate about.

In 2014 they were able to extend the restaurant and create a conservatory which opened out to the paved courtyard. This increased the number of diners the restaurant could sit to 75.

Paolo left the business in 2017, following a breakdown in his relationship, and he wasn't sure whether he would ever get chance to enjoy working in leafy Lindfield again at that stage. However, as soon as he got the opportunity, he snapped up the keys and began planning menus.

"I had heard and seen some negative feedback for the food in the intervening years," Paolo commented, "plus the restaurant had been closed for months – which is always hard for regular customers to get their heads around."

But now Paolo is back – this time with his brother Antonio and Raffaella (manageress), and a new team out front and in the kitchen too. "Since we reopened in March we've designed a new menu. All from fresh ingredients, of course!"



The menu includes many of Paolo's favourites – Frutti di Mare (seafood dishes) and risottos, wrapped chicken, Swordfish roulada and home-made stone-baked pizzas. It also features great desserts and the trademark Italian home-made birthday cakes for those special occasions to celebrate in style. Plus don't forget the Gelato Bar at the front of the shop – the contents of which mesmerize the eyes of old and young alike!



Paolo explains that he is keen to welcome back any customers who may have been disappointed in recent years: "It's really important to me that we get back to the fantastic reputation for great Italian food that Paolino used to enjoy." And, as such, Paolo is once again back in the kitchen making sure every dish is spot on, every time.

Paolo's team look forward to welcoming new and returning diners to Paolino, which is offering a two course lunch for £12.95 and dinner for £14.95. A special two course Sunday lunch is available for just £15.95 too.

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# Studio Open House for LAF

Lindfield Art Studio will be opening its doors to Festivalgoers on Sunday 22nd September. Visitors can enjoy an Art Café and DJ Set between 11am and 3pm. Home-made cakes and refreshments will be served in the Studio Garden and art will be on sale all day. Exhibiting artists will be on hand to chat, and soft funk music will keep the atmosphere relaxed and chilled. The Open House will be running a raffle for an art gift from one of the artists at the studio and a free prosecco hour for adults to enjoy between 1pm and 2pm. Free workshops at 11.30am and 1.30pm too.

Leesa is also teaming up with other artists and Lindfield Life to create the Funky Frame Kids Art Trail on Saturday 21st September. "Each frame will give participants a clue – collect all 14 clues, sort the puzzle and you could win an amazing art bundle of goodies to take away," Leesa explained. There's also an opportunity to send in selfie snaps to the magazine for an extra prize. Pick up your free pencil and map on the day from the studio.



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## Community collage opportunity for LAF

By Henderson McEwan

There is still time for you as an individual, group or society to participate on the LOVE LINDFIELD community collage for this year's Lindfield Arts Festival in September.

Work is now well underway with art boards being painted and material in the form of photographs, poems, artworks and newspaper cuttings dating back to the 1930s being provided.

The collage is made up of 14 art boards painted with Lindfield memories and collaged with items sent in. It will be seven metres long when installed in the Lindfield United Reformed Church for the LAF event.

We are eager to have more contributions, from a range of people and groups, depicting what people love about Lindfield. The collage will span a time from the

past, with material from Lindfield's archives and older residents, to the present with contributions from local schools, residents and businesses. With your support we will spell out a passion for the village with this collage.

Please ask your family and friends for ideas of what they love about Lindfield and send us your memories of things that have made you smile and for which you have been thankful.

Items and your questions can be emailed to [henderson@lindfieldurc.org.uk](mailto:henderson@lindfieldurc.org.uk) or brought into, or posted to, Lindfield United Reformed Church, 52 High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HL. Closing date Friday 16th August. The collage will be on view at the church from 16th to 21st September. Come and relive happy times in Lindfield.



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# HHGC planning developments

Campaigners fighting against the building of houses on what is currently Haywards Heath Golf Course (HHGC) have claimed what they call a significant victory in the last month.

The group called Stop HHGC Development announced that it had worked with both Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Parish Councils in succeeding in registering the golf course as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) with Mid Sussex District Council.

In England an ACV is land or property of importance to a local community, which is subject to additional protection from development under the Localism Act 2011. The listing of a property as an ACV lasts for five years.

Sarah Munday, from Stop HHGC Development, explained: "The club is enjoyed by large numbers within the local community, not only in its capacity as a golf course but also as a place for walkers and nature lovers who enjoy the many public footpaths and those who use the clubhouse for a wide range of community functions such as business networking events, Bridge Club, Rotary club, weddings, funerals, birthday parties etc. Far from being an exclusive establishment, HHGC is open to the community and provides a range of valued amenities to the local community."

However Martin Hubbard, chair of Management Committee of HHGC, put across an alternative view when asked about this development in the campaign:

"Whilst HHGC shares the view that maintaining a thriving golf club in the vicinity of Haywards Heath is of considerable value to the community, I would advise that this campaign does not represent, nor is it supported by, Haywards Heath Golf Club.

Martin goes on: "Most of the golf course is leased from a corporate landlord at a considerable rent. That lease is due to expire soon and the landlord has expressed a firm intention not to renew it. A failure to renew the lease would spell the end of the golf club unless an alternative site in the local area can be secured on economically viable terms.

"As part of the plans for the development of the High Beech Lane site, the Club is in advanced negotiations with the same developers who have reached agreement with our landlord for a deal which would secure the future of the Haywards Heath Golf Club on a new site incorporating the current Lindfield Golf Club. If this plan is successfully implemented it will result in the Club owning outright a larger and better course with new and improved clubhouse facilities. It would not only provide better facilities for the community but it would do so on a basis which would be viable for the long-term future.

Martin concluded: "If this campaign group were successful in blocking the development of this site it would, far from preserving the benefits of HHGC, threaten the very future of the club and its wider benefits."

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# New wrap-around care announced for school

For the last six months, Blackthorns school has been working very closely with the academy's Local Board to provide wrap-around care for Blackthorns children from September 2019.

Following a feasibility survey of parental views in the autumn, the leadership team have been working hard to look at the range of different options for providing breakfast and after-school childcare on-site at Blackthorns. The results of the survey showed that there was a very clear need within the community and the school is delighted to announce our new partnership with Treetops Clubs, opening in September.

Treetops have a number of very successful clubs across the south, with clubs provided at a number of other local schools. Headteacher Marianne Brand commented: "We are very excited to be able to more effectively meet the changing needs of our academy community, and look forward to working very closely with Treetops to mirror and build on the safe and nurturing environment that our academy provides to our pupils."



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# They did go to the (school) ball!

On the hottest day of the year so far, Ardingly Showground saw 150 of Lindfield Primary Academy's parents get dressed up and dance the night away for their Moonlight Ball.

Organised by the PTA, and with the help of generous local sponsors Jackson-Stops Estate Agents, the parents enjoyed food, drink and entertainment provided by local band Phoenix Fires and DJs Greg and Scott Walker.

The event raised over £2,000 and brings this year's total fundraising to a whopping £35,000. PTA co-chair Becky Downie commented: "We are so pleased that the ball was such a fantastic success. The generosity of local businesses who sponsor us and provide prizes for our events means we have been able to raise crucial funds for the school this year. Thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts and to all those who made this year's ball a success."

The money raised by the PTA makes a huge difference to the school and has helped to provide booster teaching groups (providing concentrated learning for the children that need it), subscriptions to maths and learning websites, renewing all books and implementing a school-wide book band



reading scheme, a quiet area (a huge help for the emotional well-being of children) and the new Island Challenge Climbing Frame, which has been a bit hit with the children!

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# Will continues to make progress

By Claire Cooper

Will Bennett, the former Lindfield student who lost both lower legs following a horrific climbing accident, is firmly back on the road to recovery and working towards his dream of competing in the Paralympic Games.

After two years in hospital, Will is not only preparing to move into a new flat but has taken up several new sports – thanks to his all terrain wheelchair, which Lindfield residents helped to buy.

Lindfield Life readers rallied round after reading how Will, a soldier and former pupil at Lindfield Primary Academy and Oathall Community College, became paralysed and lost both legs following a rock climbing accident. The Bennett family is well known in the village – dad Geoff was the village policemen and a scout leader for many years and mum Anne a former driving instructor.

Earlier this month we were delighted to receive the following update from Anne:

'I just wanted to update the wonderful residents of Lindfield about William's progress. He was discharged from Salisbury Spinal Unit on the 26th March, two years and one day after his accident, and is living in temporary accommodation in Bristol.

He hopes to be moving later in the year to a fully adapted flat in an area of Bristol which was his preferred choice, where he used to live and knows the area well.

Since leaving hospital William has already taken part in the Inter Spinal Unit games held at Stoke Manderville,



where his team came 2nd out of 16. The games incorporated many sports including basketball, which he has discovered he has a natural aptitude for and intends to pursue further.

The money kindly raised by the residents of Lindfield has already proved invaluable, enabling William to purchase an active wheelchair and hand cycle attachment. The purchase of the van will probably have to wait until William is at his permanent address, where hopefully he'll have allocated parking.

Again we can't thank everyone enough for making all these things possible and for giving William a brighter future.'

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# Welcoming the judge

## LINDFIELD IN BLOOM

By Heather Martin

I write this while looking back on another busy month for Lindfield in Bloom. In June we not only enjoyed the Open Gardens Trail but also welcomed Paul Daubre, our allocated Judge from South and South East in Bloom, to the village. This year we entered the community border by the Medical Centre into the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' category of the competition. The border has been maintained by volunteer community gardeners from Lindfield in Bloom since the autumn, and I hope that villagers have been enjoying the reinvigorated blooms. We'll find out later in the year what the Judge thought of our efforts, and in the meantime our regular monthly gardening sessions continue over the summer - contact me by email: [heather@heathermartin.co.uk](mailto:heather@heathermartin.co.uk), for the next community gardening date.

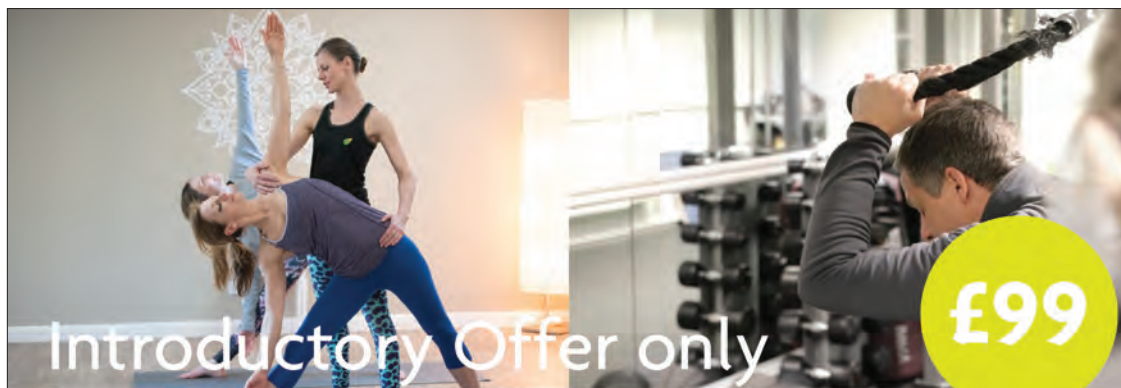
For our next event Lindfield in Bloom is hosting a Flower Festival at All Saints Church throughout the Lindfield Arts Festival week in September. You'll be able to come along to All Saints Church from Tuesday 17th to Sunday 22nd September, in between church services and other organised events, to enjoy the floral exhibits created by local organisations and cast your vote for the 'visitor's favourite' display.

If you would like to take part, the theme for floral exhibits is 'My favourite poem or book'; while school,



nursery school and individual children's entries are invited to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of Eric Carle's *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* with a planted Wellington Boot. The formal flower arrangements will be displayed on the windowsills inside All Saints Church, while children's planting displays will be outside, lining the path into the church.

If you or your group would like to participate by creating an exhibit, please contact Christine Clark on 01444 457308 or email [p.clark421@btinternet.com](mailto:p.clark421@btinternet.com) for full details and to register by 19th August. Registered entrants will be provided with full details of the available space for arrangements (including props) by the end of August.



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# Ten years a chairman

## VILLAGE PEOPLE

Village Day is undoubtedly Lindfield's biggest and most successful production, involving a cast of hundreds and attracting audiences of thousands from all over Mid Sussex.

After ten years of stage-managing the annual showpiece, amateur actor Stephen Gray is stepping down from his role as chairman.

"Ten years is a good landmark," says Stephen. "I've enjoyed my time as chairman but am pleased to be handing over the reins to a very capable team, including several younger residents, who will take the event forward."

As treasurer Stephen will still be actively involved with the event but plans to devote more time to his other interests including amateur dramatics, sailing and raising awareness of prostate cancer after being diagnosed four years ago.

Stephen tells us how his career has taken him from creating sound desks for London shows to hobnobbing with politicians in Downing Street, how acting has been beneficial in his role with Speak Up for Cancer and how he fell in love with Lindfield after helping rebuild his sister's kitchen!

### By Claire Cooper

Stephen was born and brought up in Hertfordshire and later studied maths at Sussex University. "I immediately fell in love with the area, as did my sister who attended Sussex University three years after me and my brother three years later!

"They both loved the area too and met their spouses while studying here."

After university Stephen moved back to Hertfordshire, working for BT which had sponsored him, while studying for his Master's Degree at Imperial College. "I changed from maths to computing and I revelled in it!" he said.

After leaving BT Stephen went to work for an American company setting up command control systems, including those used on ships during the Falklands War.

"I spent three years transatlantic commuting between London and Philadelphia two or three times a month," he recalled. "It sounds idyllic but during that time I must have travelled on every airline known to man, watched every known film and eaten every different aeroplane meal! It was all-consuming and I had no social life."

Stephen left the job to become self-employed in computer aided design, writing software used to design everything from houses to sound desks for London shows. "It was an exciting time for me," he said.

"I did this for around five years and during this time my siblings had settled down and had children," he added. "My sister Jill had moved to live in Lindfield on the High Street. She loved the village and I loved coming down and staying with the family.

"While helping them to rebuild their kitchen I got a real feel for the village and community."

After a while another family member had moved to the village – Stephen’s mother. “After my father died, we tried to persuade her to downsize and move to Lindfield but she was initially reluctant,” said Stephen. “Then, out of the blue, I returned from a canal boat holiday in Ireland and mum announced that she had bought a house in Compton Road!”

Sadly, three months later she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. “I moved in with mum who had been given a year to live,” said Stephen. “My life took a new direction and I decided to study as a life coach. I found I could use my own experience to relate to people and help them to turn life-changing events into positives.”

This led to a job as partnership manager for Help Points – council run information and advice centres across the county. “It was a six week contract that turned into eight years!” Stephen recalled, “I travelled all over Sussex and I realised that I never wanted to move away.”

Following a contract job transforming a social housing helpline, cutting the turnaround time from two days to two hours, Stephen landed a data management position at the Conservative party headquarters in London.

“During my five years there I met everyone from David Cameron to Boris Johnson and Jeremy Hunt,” he said. “There’s something ego boosting about being invited to drinks at 10 Downing Street! But commuting was ghastly!”

Keen to work closer to home Stephen was offered a job at CAE systems, based in Burgess Hill. The company makes aircraft simulators for all the major airlines all over the world. His 15 minute commute to work gave Stephen the luxury of leisure time and the chance to indulge in his passion for amateur dramatics.

“I’ve been a member of the ACE Theatre Company for 15 years now and have been in every single production,” he said. “We were originally based at the Chequer Mead Theatre in East Grinstead, but, after rising costs, we decided to start taking the theatre to the people and tour around Sussex venues including the King Edward Hall.

“It turned out to be the best decision we have ever made as our first touring show ‘Lilies on the Land’ was our most successful yet,” said Stephen, who played 13 different male parts – all with different accents!

Last year the company performed ‘Mini Skirts and Revelations’, and the actors are currently rehearsing for a new play ‘Bothered and Bewildered’, a comedy about dementia. “We’ve built up quite a following in the village, which is lovely.”

Stephen also found time to immerse himself in the Lindfield community, becoming treasurer of the Finches Gardens Residents Association where he now lives. “It’s really important to get to know your neighbours,” he said. “It’s all part of being part of the community and giving something back.” He also became treasurer of the King Edward Hall and was soon co-opted on to the group organising the annual Run and Village Day.”

“After Brian Newcombe died, I agreed to take on the role of chairman for a year – that was ten years ago!” he recalled. One of Stephen’s first challenges was to bring in new blood to the committee and to share the workload and information. “It was important that the responsibility didn’t sit wholly with one member,” he said. “We had to make sure that if someone was taken out of the equation the event would still go ahead.”

This was put to the test in 2016 when Stephen was taken ill on Village Day morning. “I took the floats down to the stallholders at 7am and by lunchtime I was in hospital with acute sepsis.”

Shortly afterwards Stephen was diagnosed with prostate cancer. “I was lucky that I had spotted the symptoms early and the treatment has been successful,” he said. “But so many men ignore the symptoms or find it difficult to talk about it and express their emotions. That’s why I became a volunteer for Speak Up for Cancer.”

Stephen has been working with Albion in the Community and recently gave a talk at Amex in Burgess Hill as part of an internal Wellness Campaign. “It’s been a revelation and I feel like I’m giving something back,” he said. “Being an actor helps me to present in an amusing but factual way. I’m someone who has had my backside kicked and come out of the other side!”

As he hands over the Village Day reins to new joint chairs, Stephen is looking forward to taking to the water on his annual canal boat trip with friends and sailing around Croatia later this summer. “I love sailing, particularly the freedom of arriving somewhere different every night,” he said.

And as treasurer of the King Edward Hall, he will be ensuring the money raised at Village Day is well spent. “I like the fact that the funds raised at Village Day have clear benefits and are not just added to the coffers,” he said. “This year’s event raised £10,000, which will go towards a new lighting system. Last year’s event paid for new chairs and next year we’ll be funding new windows.

“It’s wonderful that the King Edward Hall is still functioning exactly how it did when it was built 100 years ago as a community facility in the heart of the village - that’s really motivational.”

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# Granny takes to the skies



Daredevil grandmother Fran Norman is on cloud nine after completing her charity Wing Walk and raising nearly £1,500 for St Peter and St James Hospice.

Watched by her husband, children and their families, Fran soared over the London skies, strapped to the wing of a 1940s Stearman biplane, reaching heights of around 850 feet.

"The Wing Walk was absolutely fantastic and something I would love to do again," she said.

Fran was joined by another hospice fundraiser. "That was a nice surprise," she said. "And the weather was so lovely warm we could wear our hospice T shirts."



"After a thorough briefing and weigh in, I was the first to go up," Fran recalled. "Climbing up on to the aircraft was a bit tricky as there are certain parts you must not tread on."

Once aboard Fran was secured by a five point harness on to the stand/seat. "The plane started up and we bumped down the grass airstrip to prepare for take-off," she said. "The engine roared into life (you are very close to the engine) and we hurtled down the runway and were soon airborne."

"We reached heights of around 850 feet and the views of London and the Thames were amazing! We did a few dips and quite sharp turns but I felt very secure and just wish it could have lasted longer, the twelve minutes went too quickly!"

Fran is still collecting donations, and anyone who would like to contribute can visit: [virginmoneygiving.com/FrancescaNorman4](http://virginmoneygiving.com/FrancescaNorman4)

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Combine 2tbs each of orange juice, soy sauce, cream sherry and Dijon mustard in a shallow dish and add 2 skinned salmon fillets, turning to coat on both sides with the marinade. Cover and refrigerate for just 30 min. Grill, pan-fry or bbq until golden brown. Cover and keep hot. Using a wok or large frypan spoon in 2tbs each of oil, soy sauce, white wine vinegar plus 6 chopped spring onions, 1tbs grated fresh ginger and 1-2 crushed garlic cloves. Add 150g baby spinach leaves and 2 single portion-sized packs straight-to-the wok noodles. Season to taste and toss over high heat until piping hot. Serve topped with the salmon.

## Home-baked beans (serves 6)

Preheat oven 160°. Fry 225g diced bacon until golden brown then, using a slotted spoon, remove from the pan. To the bacon fat add 2 large thinly sliced onions, sprinkle with a little sugar and cook, stirring until golden brown. Stir in 2tbs grated fresh ginger, 2 cans baked beans, 2tbs cider vinegar and the bacon. Tip into a shallow baking dish, cover with foil and bake for about 1½ hours, removing the foil after 1 hour. This could be done ahead of time and the beans then reheated.

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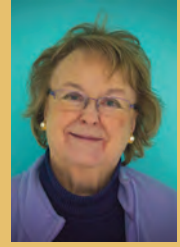




By Caroline Young

This time of the year the dishes I want to cook have to be simple, quick on the table and, as always, good to look at. Fresh pasta is often my first choice – it can be frozen (uncooked) but is faster to cook than dried. Filled pasta such as ravioli are delicious with just a simple sauce such as garlic butter or pesto. Add a green salad or just sliced tomatoes plus crusty bread and you have a delicious meal in minutes. Fish, not meat, is nearly always my first choice in hot weather. Home-baked beans are perfect with any barbecued foods or with thickly sliced cold ham. These are just a few of my favourites.

Congratulations to Iona Hainge (see page 20) – why not try her delicious chocolate cake?



## Pasta with tomatoes and anchovy crumbs (serves 2)

Tip a can of anchovies including the oil into a processor and add 1 very thick slice of bread. Buzz to coarse crumbs then tip into a frypan and quickly fry until crisp and brown. Tip on to a plate. Cut 225g ripe tomatoes into thin slices discarding the stem ends. Add to the frypan with 1tbsp oil, a pinch of sugar and 1-2 crushed garlic cloves. Cook, stirring, until soft then season to taste. Cook 225g fresh spaghetti (or other shapes) to packet directions, drain well, add to the pan and toss to combine, adding the crisp crumbs just to lightly combine.

## Iona's chocolate cake

Preheat oven 180° and butter and base-line a 20cm cake tin. Put 2 eggs, 150ml milk, 150g caster sugar, 25g cocoa, 150ml sunflower oil, 2tbs golden syrup, 185g plain flour, 1tsp bicarb. of soda and 1tsp baking powder into large mixing bowl. Beat well for 2 mins. Spoon into the lined tin, reduce the oven to 160° and bake for 1 hour or until the centre tests cooked. Turn out on to a wire rack, remove the paper and leave to cool.

Icing: Melt 75g milk chocolate. Beat together 75g butter and 60g sifted icing sugar until light and fluffy then stir in chocolate. Cool slightly until thickened then spoon on top of the cake, swirling with a knife. Decorate with pieces of chocolate flake. Can be stored in an airtight container for up to one week.

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## LINDFIELD PRIMARY

**Staff and children alike have earned their long summer break after another busy term.**

Year 6 children thoroughly enjoyed their week-long residential visit to the Isle of Wight in June, where they visited local attractions and had great fun body-boarding (in the rain!) and fossil hunting at the beach. We hope the children will keep lifelong memories from the trip.



**On returning to Lindfield, the Year 6 children took part in West Sussex 'Bikeability' training.**

Year 1 children went on an informative, topic-linked visit to the British Wildlife Centre near Lingfield. The day began with the excitement of going on a coach for the first time and was followed by close up encounters with a variety of indigenous animals such as foxes, hedgehogs, deer, otters, owls and badgers.



**Year 3 children have had a busy term: as well as enjoying weekly swimming lessons at the Dolphin Leisure Centre, they had a great day out at Drusillas Zoo Park in Alfriston as part of their topic work comparing animals in the wild to animals in captivity.**

The whole academy enjoyed a hugely successful celebration of art during our 'Arts Week', which culminated in an exhibition to parents. Our Eco Warriors and other talented artists also took part in a bird sculpture workshop led by Oathall Community College art teacher Mrs Sweeting.



We look forward to welcoming our new intake of children into Early Years in September: there was great excitement as the 3 and 4 year-olds came for their 'storytime' transitional visits! At the other end of the Academy, emotions were running high amongst pupils, parents and staff as we sent our Year 6 children off with the best of wishes as they move on to the next phase of their lives.

Finally, we are extremely pleased once again with the results all the children have achieved this year and are so proud of the hard work and effort made by every single one. The staff team and pupils will be back for more learning fun in September!

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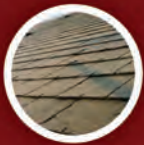


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# What a year it's been

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF CUCKFIELD AND LINDFIELD

By David Wilson

We've raised £30,000 for charity, we've got our hands dirty, we've given local children a boost and we've even made our mark in developing countries, but above all - we've had a great time doing it. We meet on Tuesday evenings at the Bent Arms, when we have a meal followed by a speaker or a business meeting. Occasionally we meet elsewhere with partners and friends, and then we have a prestigious speaker such as Sussex Police Commissioner Kate Bourne.

In the last 12 months six new members have joined us to bring our numbers up to 44. With this strength we have been able to carry out a wide range of activities. Our major fundraiser is the annual Darts Marathon where teams of six from the area throw for an hour, aiming to achieve the highest score. The 30 or so teams get themselves sponsored and we typically raise about £10,000 each year. We support St Peter and St James Hospice and Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice every year, but we also support other local causes, particularly those struggling from cuts in government funding. Mental health is an area where we are making an impact at the moment.

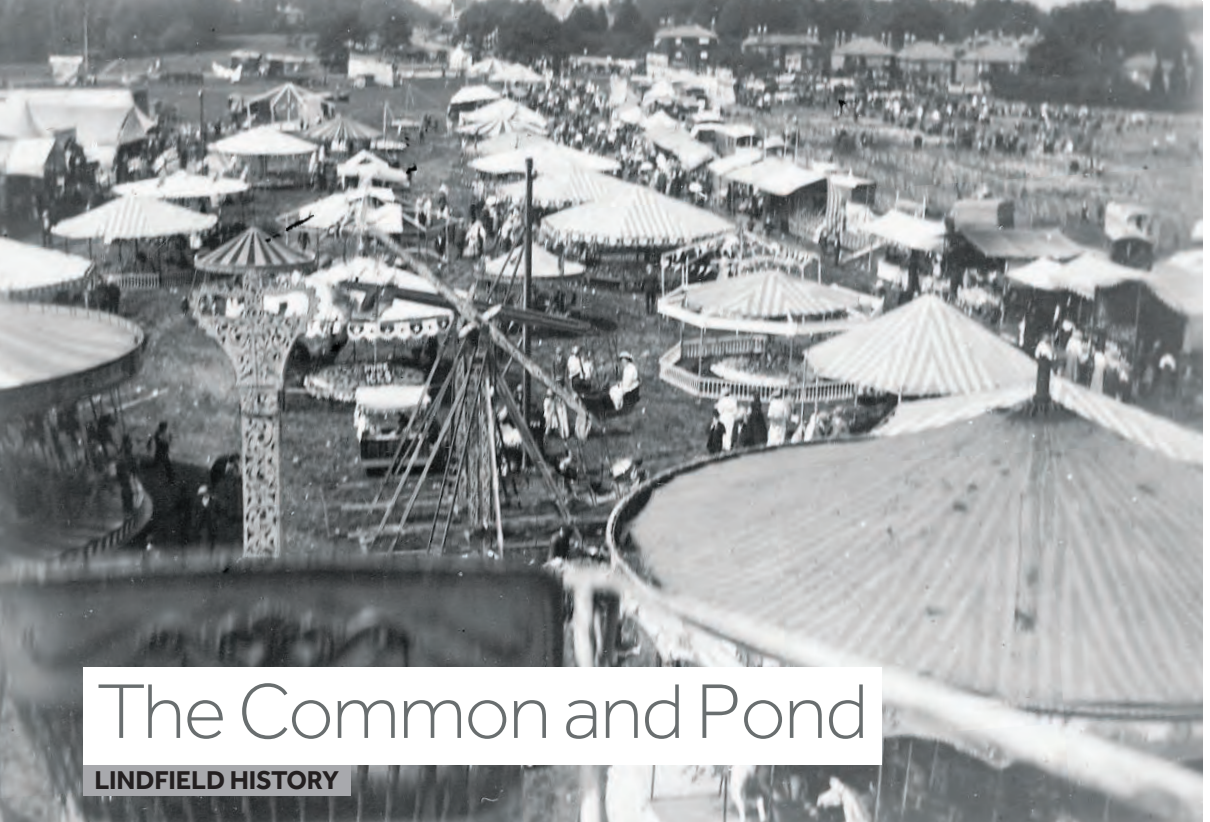
It's not all about money and we do a lot for young people in the area with the Youth Speaks and Young Musician Competitions, a Youth Leadership Course, reading assistance in schools and the distribution of an illustrated dictionary. Currently we often get our hands dirty planting a new garden at the local hospital that provides mental health services.

Internationally we support an orphanage and school in disaster-torn Haiti, including paying the salary of one of the teachers and providing medical supplies and educational equipment. Lend-With-Care is a great scheme which we help to finance. Loans are made to small entrepreneurs in developing countries to help them start-up or expand their businesses. The beauty is that the loans are repaid in full so that we can lend the money out again.

Our year runs from 1st July and we elect a new President each year. So, our outgoing President, Alec Landauer, handed over the chain of office to our second lady President, Judith Pratt. She is going to have a hard task to follow his act.

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# The Common and Pond

## LINDFIELD HISTORY

By Richard Bryant, Lindfield History Project Group

It could be said that Lindfield is defined by the Common and Pond. Many communities have a village green or at least the remnants of one, and some a village pond, others have a common remote from the village. How many communities can you name that has a large common with its impressive pond abutting their High Street?

Within the old parish there was also a large common in the area today known as West Common, owned by the Manor of Ditchling; not to mention sizeable commons at Walstead and Scaynes Hill. The fact that Lindfield Common and nearby West Common were owned by two different manors, suggests the Common could date back a thousand years to the time when the manorial system was being established in Sussex. Unfortunately the early history is unknown, nevertheless it has certainly existed for very many centuries as unenclosed land.

Lindfield Common, historically called Town Common, has remained largely intact due to the stewardship over the centuries by the Lords of the Manor of South Malling Lindfield and latterly Lindfield Parish Council and Mid Sussex District Council. However, it was originally larger than today. Even as late as 1830 it extended a little further up Black Hill and to the west over the High Street to join with the pond. Similarly it extended a short distance on the northern side of Lewes Road. Manorial documents generally describe common land as 'waste' as the land did not provide rental income. To increase their income the owners sold off plots either as agricultural land or for erection of buildings.

The first major encroachment of Lindfield Common was in the late 1600s when leasehold plots for dwellings were made available in the area bounded by High Street and Lewes Road for the expansion of the village. These houses were demolished mainly during the 19th century and the land used for the buildings we see today, including King Edward Hall. Lindfield School, the houses on the western side of High Street, Blackhill and northern side of Lewes Road were subsequently built on land once part of the Common.



Historically the freeholders and copyholders (leaseholders) of the Manor had rights to use the Common, mainly for grazing cattle and sheep but all use was strictly regulated. The Pond provided water for these animals and those passing through the village. Any unauthorised or stray animals would be placed in the village pound situated in the area of the Bowling Club.



In 1899 Lindfield Parish Council took control of the Common and Pond and duly issued a booklet entitled *By-Laws*, which prohibited practically everything from setting traps, nets or snares to taking birds' eggs and shooting animals; from riding horses or driving any vehicle other than hand propelled vehicles to removing turf or dumping earth. One by-law of particular note was 'The exclusion or removal of gamblers, card-sharpers, vagrants, sellers and exhibitors of infamous (later changed to obscene) books, prints, photographs or pictures, or persons guilty of brawling, fighting, or quarrelling, or improper language, or any idle or disorderly persons'. Surely not in Lindfield!

Increasingly the use of the Common was moving solely towards recreation, although cricket had been played since 1747. In 1907 Mr H L Durrant, the village watchmaker, who organised the sheep pens for the annual fair complained to the Council 'that the new cricket ground considerably encroached on the ground hitherto used for the pens'. The same year the recently formed Bowling Club and Tennis Club sought permission to erect a 'small rustic pavilion within the enclosure surrounding the tennis courts and Bowling Green' for their joint use. Permission was granted subject to the clubs agreeing to remove at any time if requested. The Lindfield Football Club and other teams, and to a lesser extent stoolball teams, have long played on the Common.

Despite the increased usage for recreational purposes, even as late as 1912 the Parish Council was continuing to rent out sheep grazing rights for one guinea to James Box, subject to him cutting 'the grass on the Common all over during July each year' and the right for the Council to cut the grass 'for a distance of 30 yards outside the Cricket Ground Enclosure'.

Each year the Lindfield Bonfire Society's firework display to commemorate Guy Fawkes Night is an immensely popular event, as is Village Day. The Common and Pond have been the focal point for major village celebrations. Sports Days have been one of the traditional ways to mark Coronations, royal anniversaries and weddings, with events ranging from children's running races to adult tug of war. The Pond hosted swimming and aquatic fun events such as boat racing, climbing a greasy pole and 'miller and sweeps'; the two combatants would straddle a pole, armed with a bag of

flour and soot, the winner being the first to knock their opponent into the water. Similar events and bonfires have been held to celebrate the ending of the World Wars. Some royal events were also commemorated with permanent features on the Common, such as the horse drinking trough, by the High Street and Backwoods Lane junction, marking the 1911 Coronation of George V and the nearby Lindfield sign erected in 1935 for his Silver Jubilee.

The ancient August Sheep Fair traditionally held in the High Street outgrew this venue and moved solely onto the Common. Thousands of sheep were sold during the major eight day long fair. Entertainment and pleasure always a part of the fair, took over when animal sales ceased due to trade transferring to the Haywards Heath Cattle Market, on the site now occupied by Sainsbury's. The entire Common would be taken over by rides, sideshows, amusements, stalls and refreshment tents. A fair continues to visit to this day as does a circus.

At times of war, or when there was an invasion threat, the Common has been used by the military. The first known use was by the Lindfield Company of the Sussex Militia formed when Napoleon threatened the country with invasion during the 19th century. It was similarly used for drill and exercises during the Great War, by the Royal Army Medical Corps when stationed in the village and also the Volunteer Training Corps, forerunner of the Home Guard.

It was used again during World War Two by British and Canadian regiments and the Lindfield Home Guard. Most notably on 29th February 1944, several thousand troops assembled to be addressed ahead of D-Day by General Bernard Montgomery, the Allied Commander. The Pond was used to wash army vehicles until residents complained, and it was also designated an Emergency Water Supply in case of a major fire caused by incendiary bombs. An earlier much talked about military event was the landing on 20th April 1912 of H.M. Airship Gama on a training flight commanded by Captain Broke-Smith, whose father-in-law, Admiral Twiss, lived at Lindfield House.

Lindfield and its Pond reflects the story of the village.



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# New community awards - who could you nominate?

Chairman Cllr Colin Trumble has announced the first round of brand new community awards, Mid Sussex Applauds. The Awards aim to highlight the fantastic work of individuals and organisations across the district, recognising connections and celebrating the local community.

Mid Sussex Applauds will encompass two previous award schemes: the Young Volunteer Awards and the Community Service Awards. In addition there are new categories for those who help keep the community clean and green, support active lifestyles and sport, or work to bring communities together. In total there are eight categories:

**Stronger Communities** – a community group or organisation that has helped to bring together cultures and communities through a local project or community activity.

**Young Achiever Award** - against all the odds, someone who has overcome significant obstacles and made a positive difference to their own lives or to other young people through education, campaigning or helping another overcome a difficult situation or personal problem.

**Take Pride in Mid Sussex** - This award will recognise residents who dedicate their time and energy into keeping Mid Sussex clean and green, take pride in their local area by creating community gardens, painting local spaces, upcycling or encouraging others to recycle.

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## Machines like me by Ian McEwan

### BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

Subtitled 'and people like you', this is a real return to form by McEwan.

This is set in a very different 1982 – one where Margaret Thatcher is destroyed by a failure in the Falklands and Tony Benn comes to power. It is one where there are robot humans and dark secrets. This is a well-plotted alternative reality that like all the best science fiction holds a mirror up to contemporary concerns. He blends the personal and political well, showing how technology both shapes and distorts the world we live in. The relationship between Charlie and Miranda at the heart of the story gives a human face. Who is the real human and who is the robot?

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# The Explorer by Katherine Rundell

## BOOK REVIEW

By Ety Billson, aged 9

Exciting, adventurous, intriguing, interesting... these are the four words which first came into my mind when I thought about this book. The Explorer is set in the Amazon Rainforest, where a plane crashes on its way to the city of Manaus.

Four children – Fred, the eldest of the group, Con, Lila and Max – were the only people to survive and are the lead characters. The first half of the book is about the crash and how they have to live on berries and fruit as there is nothing else to eat in the rainforest.

One morning they find a baby sloth in a tree. It seems hungry and without a mother, so the children feed it some pineapple. Lila looks after the sloth and they name him Abacaxi, Baca for short, which is Portuguese for pineapple. He becomes their friend.

Another day the children copy some monkeys and climb a tree to grab some honeycomb. Fred and Con climb higher to look at the canopy and find a leather bag containing a map, a penknife and a tobacco tin.

This leads the book into the second half, when they meet the owner of the bag, a man who had lost his wife and children. Fred and the other children name him 'The Explorer'. The children are determined to leave the rainforest so the rest of the book is about how The Explorer teaches them skills to survive their journey, such as making traps and eating tarantulas!

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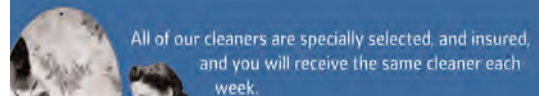
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# A day out on the buses

By Bob Campen

In this the third of the itineraries we have published, designed mainly for those holding senior citizens' bus passes, we venture further afield and set our sights on Eastbourne.

The first step is to be at the Lindfield High Street bus stop in time for the no. 30 bus, departing 0930, and take it to Perrymount Road, arriving 0939. There may just be time to buy a sandwich in Waitrose, but you need to be back at the same stop to catch bus 31A at 0949. Take it all the way to the stop before Uckfield bus station; that is the one opposite the Nationwide in the High Street. You should be there at 1030.

Wait at the same stop and flag down the No. 54 bus, due at 1037, staying on it all the way to the Arndale Centre at Eastbourne, where you should arrive at 1158.

However, you may wish to linger a while in Uckfield for a coffee. Note that there is no coffee shop in Tesco, but there is a Costa on the High Street a few yards further down from where you got off the bus. The next no. 54 is due at 1137 and would get you to Eastbourne at 1258.

Folk will have different views as to whether to spend a short or a long time in Eastbourne, so there is more than one option for the next stage of your trip. You may have had lunch, shopped in the Arndale centre, or taken a walk on the pier, and then be glad to come home by the same route as before. To get back to Lindfield with two changes of bus, you need to get the No. 54 at stop H in Terminus Road, opposite the Arndale Centre, at 1613, which would bring you to Uckfield bus station at 1737. (Check location of this stop, as there has recently been a reshuffling of stops, some now being in Gildredge Road). You might manage a cup of tea if you are quick, but you need to get the No. 31 bus in Uckfield bus station at 1750, which arrives in Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath by Waitrose, at 1833. Wait here at the same stop for the no 270, due at 1846, which will take you back to Lindfield High Street at 1851. Alternatively, you can alight from the 31 in Gravelly Lane by Meadow Drive, and walk home from there.

For a long stay in Eastbourne, you can always return to Haywards Heath by train. These leave Eastbourne twice an hour, the last one being at 2225.

For an extended bus tour, I recommend using the 12, 12A or 12X from Gildredge Road, stop F, which run every 10 minutes and will take you to Brighton. With such a frequent service, there is opportunity to break the journey at other interesting places en route, like Seaford, Newhaven or Rottingdean. The important thing is to get to Old Steine at Brighton in good time to connect with the 270 or 272 that will bring you back to Lindfield. Indicated below are the connecting times for getting home at a civilised hour of the evening. The waiting time in Brighton of about half an hour may sound excessive, but, on a test run, it was found that there is a propensity for late running on the 12s, one arriving Brighton almost 25 minutes late.



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| <b>Route no</b>                                | <b>12X</b> | <b>12X</b> | <b>12X</b> | <b>12A</b> |
| Eastbourne Gildredge Road stop F               |            |            |            |            |
| dep  | 1453       | 1533       | 1553       | 1703       |
| Brighton Old Steine stop U                     |            |            |            |            |
| arr  | 1602       | 1643       | 1703       | 1829       |
| <b>Route no</b>                                | <b>270</b> | <b>272</b> | <b>270</b> | <b>270</b> |
| Brighton Old Steine stop D (by Royal Pavilion) |            |            |            |            |
| dep  | 1628       | 1722       | 1744       | 1852       |
| Lindfield High Street                          |            |            |            |            |
| arr  | 1741       | 1834       | 1851       | 1948       |

Please note that these travel details apply on Mondays to Fridays. Times on Saturdays may be different, and there is no service on routes 31 or 272 on Sundays.

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



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# Copyhold summer stroll

By Emma Tingley

This month we are staying close to home and exploring the village on foot. There are many public footpaths in and around Lindfield that give you different views of the village than the ones that you're more used to seeing. The Lindfield Life team have been exploring a few paths that start from the High Street and that provide short walks suitable for all who fancy a bit of a stroll. For those who want to go the extra mile (or more!) then there are several circular walks starting and finishing from the High Street. This time we're focusing on a walk that should take around 1½ hours, so if you're feeling up to the challenge you can do the whole route, if not you can just do part of it. It's a great time of year for an early evening stroll now that the days are longer and a bit warmer. If you want to see what's in store before you head off, why not check out the satellite view on Google Maps? So make up a flask and pack a snack, invite a friend and off you go...

The start of this walk, heading out of the west side of the village, begins on a path that can be found tucked away between the High Street houses opposite Church Cottage, by Little Blacklands, near the parish church. It is signposted from the road and takes you through a cluster of stone houses that once used to be a school. Follow the driveway to the right and the public footpath is accessed through a kissing gate. It's a bit of a narrow path (watch out for nettles) and the gate makes it unsuitable for pushchairs but the route can be picked up by joining the same path a little farther along by heading up Finches Lane instead. This narrow path runs behind The Welkin, then joins with Finches Lane. Turn right at the next gate and follow the wide path down the hill. This is certainly suitable for an all-terrain pushchair and provides a great path for kids to explore and spot some wildlife and wild flowers.

For those wanting only a short stroll, this path ends at the driveway to Kenwards Farm, so turn around here and enjoy it a second time on the way back! Follow all the way to Hickmans Lane playing field this time and enjoy some time watching any sporting activities that may be taking place for a while. For those wanting more than a stroll, continue up Kenwards Farm drive and turn right on to High Beech Lane. Do take care walking the short distance along this road as cars travel at some speed and we wouldn't recommend it with young children. If you cross over, there is just about enough space to walk on the verge rather than the road. After only about 100m





turn left into Copyhold Lane, and although a quieter lane, continue to take care as you follow this road until you reach a lay-by and a footpath that crosses the road. Taking the path on the right (towards River's Farm) will eventually bring you to Ardingly Reservoir, perhaps a walk for another day as it's here that we take the path on the left, through another kissing gate and over the line of the abandoned railway (marked on an OS map but not so easy to identify on the ground). After a short up hill walk through the woods, the path enters Haywards Heath Golf Course. The instructions as you follow this public footpath between the holes is to keep walking, don't stop to loiter, and watch out for golf balls moving at high velocity! If like me you're not a golfer, wandering through this beautiful course may whet your appetite to give the game a go. Halfway across the course you pass through a cluster of trees and from the safety of the trees we saw several golfers and a brave squirrel making his way across the path of some of those high velocity balls! The last stretch of the golf course passes the end

of the driving range, with a high fence stopping any long hits crossing the public right of way.

As you leave the course, the route returns to a wooded footpath. Even after a lot of sunshine it was still quite damp and we were fortunate enough to spot a lovely frog wallowing in a muddy puddle. Along this stretch of the route, listen out for the trains; the London to Brighton line runs out of Haywards Heath towards the Balcombe Viaduct on this side of Lindfield. Keep to this path until you reach Wickham Farm, then turn left and remain on this fairly narrow path until you appear from what appears to be a hidden path by the roundabout at the end of Sunte Avenue. It's your choice from here how you return to the High Street – down Sunte Avenue, right at The Witch Inn (perhaps stopping off for refreshments as you pass) and then left into Denmans Lane; or left down the hill and through By Sunte, Finches Park Road and over Hickmans Lane playing fields and on to the High Street to finish in one of the coffee shops with a well-deserved slice of cake!

# The fun is nearly here...

## LINDFIELD ARTS FESTIVAL

### By Ayesha Gilani

The countdown is on as we work towards the 10th anniversary of Lindfield Arts Festival! In just under eight weeks the village will be transformed into a creative hub, with a week-long programme of arts and entertainment for all. Look out for our festival programme, making its way to your front door later this month. In the meantime you can peruse the fantastic line-up of events on our website at [www.lindfieldartsfestival.com](http://www.lindfieldartsfestival.com). Tickets can be bought online or through our village box office at Kell & Collins on Denmans Lane. There are many free workshops and events to enjoy too! Join us from Monday 16th to Sunday 22nd September – it's all waiting for you!



### Award-winning Children's Authors at LAF

Enjoy an incredible day of readings and workshops from award-winning, bestselling children's authors at The Tiger Rooms, Lindfield High Street on Saturday 21st September. Meet the writers, listen to their stories and pick up signed copies of their beautiful books. Giles Paley-Phillips 'Superchimp' at 10am; Will Mabbit 'I can only draw worms' at 11am; M.G. Leonard 'Beetle Boy' series at 12pm; Creative Writing workshop for 11+ with Ruby Cooper at 1pm and Lizzy Stewart 'There's a Tiger in the Garden' at 2pm.

### BABY OPERA

O Mio Bambino Caro! Bring your little people to All Saints Church for an interactive musical adventure that offers a playful and creative first opera experience for 0-2 year-olds. Listen, sing and play with music by Debussy, Delibes and Monteverdi as well as familiar nursery rhymes and specially written songs. After the show there is a play session for everyone to enjoy. Baby opera takes place on Friday 20th September at 11am-12.30pm and 2-3.30pm. Tickets cost £9 (one adult and one child).

### The Music of Trees

Musician Geoff Robb was the winner of the 2018 Brighton Fringe Live Music Award for his solo show. His beautiful meditative compositions, inspired by the trees of Sussex, blend his training in jazz and classical guitar with his love of Spanish and Celtic music. He has performed all over the UK and Europe at venues including Buckingham Palace and Glastonbury Festival. If you love nature and enjoy beautiful guitar music then don't miss this award-winning show on Wednesday 18th September. Tickets cost £7.50. Venue: All Saints Church.



### Mind full or Mindful?

Discover the art of living well at this free one-hour introduction to mindfulness. Ed Halliwell is one of the UK's leading mindfulness instructors and writers. His workshop will give you a taste of some key practices by looking at what mindfulness is and how it can be beneficial. This free session takes place at The Bent Arms on Sunday 22nd September, 10.30-11.30am. Places are limited. Reserve your space via our website: [www.lindfieldartsfestival.com](http://www.lindfieldartsfestival.com)



### Festival Hog Roast & Live Music Finale

The Witch Inn plays host to an end of festival celebration on Sunday 22nd September. The festivities kick-off at 5.30pm with a hog roast and fresh salads @£7.50 per head. There will be live music in the bar, courtesy of local band The Vinyl Capris. Roisin Finlay, event organiser at The Witch, said: "Our chefs and front of house team are excited to be hosting the closing of the festival with great food and local tipples. Lindfield Arts Festival is a fantastic community event and we're proud to be supporting it." Please note this is a non-ticketed event with limited capacity. It'll be first come, first served.





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# Pond (Love) Island Discs!

By Ayesha Gilani

Listen up you lot: according to recent news reports British people aren't 'doing it' as much as they used to! A national study published in the British Medical Journal highlights a decrease in sexual frequency among Brits, with the 'busyness of modern life' being cited as a possible cause. Thank goodness it's the summer holidays, people! Time to unwind and set the mood with a sexy little playlist curated by this month's castaways. What a benevolent bunch of loved-up Lindfieldians they are. Enjoy!

Catherine Cole  
**You Make it Easy – Air**

"Such a smooth, sensuous and indulgent song - perfect for those long and lazy summer days and nights. We played their Moon Safari album non-stop whilst in New Zealand in 2003. This will always remind us of a special place called Akaroa Bay; we stayed in an old converted shipping office, drank fine wines, ate the best bacon and cheese muffins and discovered we would spend the rest of our lives together."



Roger Lawrence  
**Let's Get It On by Marvin Gaye**

"If you're after a sultry summer song, then you can't do a lot better than Marvin Gaye. This song had a few incarnations, starting as a religious song then a political song, but then the words were changed and The Funk Brothers helped to jazz it up, and this timeless classic was born."



Nikki Smith  
**At the River by Groove Armada**

"For me this is the ultimate summer chill-out song that just reminds me of good times on holiday – watching the sun go down together with a G&T."



Daniel Goodwin  
**Howlin' by The Vibe**

"This is my track of choice because it is a funky 80s tune about falling in love and wanting to spend all the time you have together."



Charlotte Kell  
**Yellow by Coldplay**

"Difficult to choose between this track and Snow Patrol's Chasing Cars, which is so intimate and makes you want to stop, chill and take time out. However, Yellow by Coldplay is our song. It sums up 'us' from when we met and it was played by the band at our wedding. We always stop and take a moment when we hear it!"



Mark White  
**Blurred Lines by Robin Thicke**

"This track always makes me smile. It's a great song and catchy tune that's guaranteed to make you smile this summer. Happy holidays everyone!"



# Is cycling bad for men's health?

This year on 8th August National Cycle to Work Day, the UK's biggest cycle commuting event, is encouraging thousands of enthusiastic riders to hit the streets to celebrate everyday cycling.

Cycling has seen an increase in popularity over the last few years with great local events like the Velo South and triathlons across the county. Cycling is a fun and effective form of exercise, but some worry that pressure from a bicycle saddle can cause urinary, sexual, prostate problems and can even increase your risk of prostate cancer.

Although some clinical studies show that side effects of bicycle riding in men can include genital numbness and in rare cases infertility, impotence, blood in the urine, inflammation of the prostate and elevated PSA levels, do the pros of an active lifestyle outweigh the risks?

As a keen cyclist, Simon Woodhams, Consultant Urologist, joined his colleagues last year to raise over £30,000 for local urology services, taking part in their own version of the cancelled Velo South. He explains: "The prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, test is the current gold standard for identifying prostate cancer. Although studies are mixed about the effects of cycling on the PSA test, a few have linked bicycle riding to temporary elevated PSA levels, which could



lead to a false screening. If you are concerned about the possibility and have an upcoming PSA test, you may consider avoiding cycling before blood sampling. Regular bicycle riding does not cause prostate cancer, and it may even reduce your risk for developing it."

A lack of exercise and eating a high-fat diet are two risk factors for developing prostate cancer that you can control.

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## Repair Café celebrates first birthday

Chailey Repair Café will celebrate its first birthday on 10th August. It is part of the worldwide movement where volunteer experts repair things free of charge (donations are invited to cover running costs). It opened its doors for the first time on 11th August 2018 and now have 37 volunteers who has repaired over 500 items in the past 12 months.

Founder and Coordinator Bryan McAlley said: "Nobody, least of all me, had any idea how successful this venture would become when we cautiously opened last August. We have been fortunate to have had the support of the local community, the Parish Council and our local MP, who visited us last October. Our success is due in no small part to our amazingly talented volunteers who have successfully repaired food processors, clocks (including a cuckoo clock!), a model Spitfire airplane, Victorian lamps, laptop computers, bicycles and lawnmowers, a huge range of clothing of all shapes and sizes and so much more."

The café opens from 10am to 1pm on the second Saturday of each month at Chailey Village Hall on the A275 next to the Five Bells pub. For more information, contact them at [chaileycrc@gmail.com](mailto:chaileycrc@gmail.com).

## Council offers grant funding Silver Sunday

Mid Sussex District Council is offering grants of £250 to help local groups host fun events for older people as part of Silver Sunday 2019.

Silver Sunday is a national celebration of older people and their contribution to communities. This year Silver Sunday is on 6th October and Mid Sussex District Council is encouraging local people to show their support by organising an enjoyable activity for people over the age of 65.

The Council is offering grants of £250 to any group that would like to organise a Silver Sunday event. The offer is available to all, from large charities right through to small community groups who would like to show their appreciation for their older neighbours.

Silver Sunday is a special day in the national calendar when everyone can come together to celebrate older people: a day where older people feel valued and are given new opportunities to get out, keep their minds and bodies active, learn new skills, make new friends and connect with the communities and generations around them.

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# Purrfect school holiday fun for animal-loving kids

Young animal-lovers can enjoy the purrfect school holiday boredom-buster with Cats Protection's Kiddy Cat Fun mornings this August.

The charity's National Cat Centre, in Lewes Road, Chelwood Gate, will be holding the free events on 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th August from 10am until 12pm.

Suitable for children aged between 5-12, the two-hour session will give kids the chance to enjoy stories, games, crafts, goodies and a tour to meet some of the cats currently being cared for by Cats Protection.

Community Education Officer Jonathan Ramsden said: "If your little one loves animals, our free Kiddy Cat Fun mornings will be the perfect trip out. We'll have lots of fun learning about cats and, of course, a trip to see the cats in our care will be a real highlight.

"After a morning of crafts and activities, children can burn off some energy by exploring our beautiful Woodland Walk, set in the heart of the Ashdown Forest."

Booking is essential as space is limited, and children must be supervised by an adult. To book, please email: [Jonathan.Ramsden@cats.org.uk](mailto:Jonathan.Ramsden@cats.org.uk) or call 0758 540 2881.

For anyone who can't make the summer dates, the events will be running again during the October school holidays, with a morning and afternoon session on 22nd October.

Other school holiday fun on offer at the National Cat Centre includes Nature Detectives activity packs, which will be available from 29th July until 30th August.



Suitable for children aged between three and 11, the packs cost £1.50 per child and include a number of fun tasks to complete on the outdoor Woodland Walk. On rainy days, indoor crafts will be available at £1 per child.

Visitors to the National Cat Centre will also be able to meet the resident donkeys, rehomed to the Cats Protection site from The Donkey Sanctuary.

Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnic or take a break in the on-site café, with a range of lunches, snacks and drinks.

The National Cat Adoption Centre is situated in Chelwood Gate, on the A275 between Wych Cross and Danehill. For a map and directions to the National Cat Adoption Centre, please visit [www.cats.org.uk/find-us/find-the-ncc/](http://www.cats.org.uk/find-us/find-the-ncc/)

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An array of woodland practitioners will be showcasing their skills, and some of their products will be available to buy. Craft activities for children include sword-making and forest skills such as fire lighting and whittling.

There's also a woodland theatre for younger children.

Wild Wood is free with entry to the gardens, however some activities may have an additional cost.



# Holiday snaps

We love seeing your copy of Lindfield Life getting around the world, so do please take a snap and email it in to [photos@lindfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:photos@lindfieldlife.co.uk) - thanks!



Lin and Julian Purvey on holiday in Sorrento, Italy.



Crispin Billson at the Colosseum, Rome

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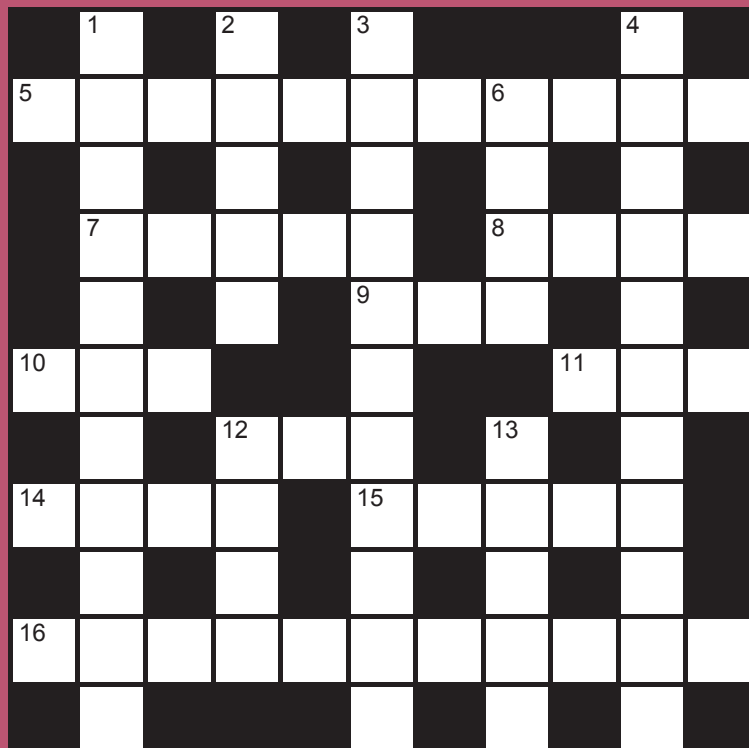
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# Family crossword



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

## Across

- 5 Dinghy, perhaps (7,4)
- 7 Strong thread (5)
- 8 Disfigure (4)
- 9 Chafe (3)
- 10 Drunkard (3)
- 11 Consumed (3)
- 12 For each (3)
- 14 Indifferent (2-2)
- 15 Tanker (5)
- 16 Possessing four right angles (11)

## Down

- 1 Patron saint of tanners (11)
- 2 Natural talent (5)
- 3 Subterranean (11)
- 4 Born in early December, for example (11)
- 6 Explosive weapon (4)
- 12 Bard (4)
- 13 Not under one's breath (5)

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# Sudoku #37

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

Find the solution to #37 in next month's magazine

## #36 Solution

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 7 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 2 |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 8 |
| 4 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 3 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| 2 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 8 | 3 |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 1 |
| 9 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 6 |
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# What's on this month

## AT KING EDWARD HALL

### July

- 27th- **Art Exhibition**  
4th Adventurers Art Club Annual Summer exhibition

### August

- 6th **Afternoon WI** – 2.15pm  
7th **Parish Council Meeting** – 8pm  
8th **Lindfield Evening WI** – 7.30pm  
An Insight into Silver and Silversmithing (New members welcome, contact: secretaryLEWI@gmail.com)  
14th **Morning WI** – 10am  
14th- **Swoove Summer Camp** – 10am-3pm  
15th  
20th **Afternoon WI** – 2.15pm  
Craft Group  
27th **Parish Council Meeting** – 8pm

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

If you would like to hire the King Edward Hall please contact the Honorary Booking Secretary for further information on telephone number 01444 483266 or by email on [bookings@kingedwardhall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@kingedwardhall.org.uk)

## Got an event going on?

If you are organising an event or function which you'd like to promote to Lindfield - here's where to do it!

Our monthly What's On section can include events taking place right here at King Edward Hall or elsewhere in the village, or could be further afield (provided we have space).

Email details of any events which you'd like listed to [editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk) before our copy date - the next of which is 13th August. See the website for copy dates for the rest of the year: [www.lindfieldlife.co.uk](http://www.lindfieldlife.co.uk)

## AND ELSEWHERE

### July

- 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- **Wild Wood Weekend** – 10am-5pm  
28th Wakehurst Place, Ardingly – forest skills, zip wire, woodland trail and more (£10)  
27th **Open Air Opera** – 6.30pm  
Borde Hill Garden – The Barber of Seville by Opera Brava (£35/£10 [www.bordehill.co.uk](http://www.bordehill.co.uk))

### August

- 2nd **As You Like It** – doors 6pm  
Cuckfield Rec (behind Queen's Hall, Cuckfield)  
The Rain & Shine Theatre Company perform Shakespeare in the Park. Picnics from 6pm, performance starts at 7.30pm ([www.rainorshine.co.uk](http://www.rainorshine.co.uk))  
6th **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – 10.15am  
Franklands Village Hall, Haywards Heath  
A View from the Wings by Brian Freeland  
14th **Tiger Arts Concert** – 1pm  
All Saints Church - Free lunchtime concert featuring Susan Fleet & Gerald Rowland. Light lunches in Tiger Lounge from 12.15pm  
23rd- **Art Exhibition** – 10am-5pm  
26th Ditchling Village Hall - Attic Art Club Summer Exhibition. Demonstrations throughout. Opens on Fri at 12.30pm (Free, [www.atticartclub.co.uk](http://www.atticartclub.co.uk))

### September

- 7th **Haywards Heath Town Day** – from 12noon  
Victoria Park  
12th **Mid Sussex National Trust** – 2.30pm  
Clair Hall - Tower of London by Alan Kingshott. Why not come and give us a try! (Membership Secretary on 01444 455803)  
16th- **Lindfield Arts Festival**  
22nd 17 venues around Lindfield ([www.lindfieldartsfestival.com](http://www.lindfieldartsfestival.com))  
18th **The Arts Society Mid Sussex** – 10am  
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - The Centenary of the Bauhaus Movement by Anthea Streeter (Non-members welcome, £7)  
27th **40-hr Swoovathon** – 7pm  
Millennium Centre, Scaynes Hill – Swoove Aid fundraising event

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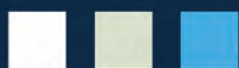
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