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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Enjoy another glass of egg nog, wrap up warm in your Christmas jumper and put the turkey sandwich down for a few minutes. In this post-Christmas wind-down period, I hope now is a good time for catching up with Lindfield news.

First off we are very grateful to the Masters family for allowing us to write about the late **Jerry Masters** and his long life and association with the village. The photo of the young Jerry outside the old Fire Station on Lewes Road with what we now think of as 'Masters' in the background is amazing. Read about him on [page 22](#).

It seems as if the schools have been busy in their achievements of late. **Lindfield Primary School** won Silver in a West Sussex sports award ([page 7](#)) and **Oathall Community College** students enjoy receiving the Artsmark for their recent production ([page 33](#)).

There is sad news that it's the end of an era for **Lindfield Post Office** as it currently stands. Alan Stamford, postmaster for the last 16 years will retire in March. Thankfully the operation will move up the road to Martins newsagents there. Even so I am sure many of us will miss Alan and his team. We certainly wish him all the best with his retirement. Read more on [page 5](#).

Lindfield Preservation Society shares with us the areas of concern and development on [page 35](#). We are grateful to them for keeping us up to date.

If the looming New Year is making you consider broader horizons, we may have a couple of stories for you! **Jacqui Smith** discusses **home interiors** on [page 18](#) and **Hannah Baty** tells us how colours can change our mood on [page 39](#)! Something to consider for 2015 perhaps?

Finally now seems to be the right time to take a brief look over our shoulders and recall what made the village tick over 2014 - see our **round-up** on [page 26](#).

Happy reading, Lindfield. And **Happy New Year** when it comes!

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NEWS

We'd love to hear from groups, organisations and individuals about what's happening locally. Include a photo if you can. Email your stories to editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk



New play equipment

St Augustine's CE Primary School, Scaynes Hill, celebrated the Grand Opening of their new play area on Thursday 27th November. Special guest Patrick James "Paddy" McCourt, who currently plays as a winger for Brighton & Hove Albion Football club, officially opened the area. The children all had a chance to meet him and to get his autograph.

The area will be used at break times to enrich the children's physical activity, building on the Olympic legacy of 'Sport for all'.

The picture is taken of Paddy McCourt together with the School Council Members who helped to decide the final choices for the new playframe.

Quiz evening

After having a successful fundraising evening with 'Step Back in Time' in November, a village group is organising a Quiz and Supper at The Tiger.

In aid of the Church Bells renewal fund (part of the larger ASPIRE project by All Saints Church) another fun evening is planned as a Quiz and Supper which the organisers hope to encourage many to come along.

Val Upton commented: "While most of us enjoy the sound of the church bells ringing out, sadly they will cease to ring if we do not raise enough money in our community. The bells were installed 127 years ago and are worn out and are increasingly difficult to ring."

The Quiz and Supper is on Saturday 31st January, 7pm to 10pm, and will be held in the Tiger. Tickets available at Church office £12.50 each.

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Lindfield looks set to mark the end of an era early next in 2015 as plans to move the Post Office have been revealed.

The proposed move, from the little shop on the corner of the High Street and Lewes Road, to Martins newsagents, follows the decision of Postmaster Alan Stamford to retire.

Alan and his wife Wendy have run the post office for 16 years but will be selling the premises to help fund their well earned retirement. Their two staff will also be retiring.

Over the past few weeks, customers have been taking part in a consultation exercise and commenting on the proposals to create a new modernised branch as part of Martins newsagents.

The benefits of the new branch will include improved accessibility and longer opening hours.

Customers will be able to visit the new Post Office on weekdays from 6am, when Martins currently opens for business. It will also open all day Saturday and on Sunday mornings from 7am to 1pm.

The majority of Post Office products and services will also still be available.

Residents were asked for their views on the suitability of the new location and if they had any concerns or suggestions.

"Overall most people are pleased that there will still be a Post Office in the village, although some will find change difficult," said Alan. "The longer opening hours will benefit lots of customers who will be able to pop into the Post Office on their way to work or on a Sunday morning.

"We're sad to be going as we have made a lot of friends here, but are looking forward to having our first big holiday for 16 years!" He added that the pair plan to visit their daughter in Australia.

The Post Office move is part of a national programme of modernisation and investment to provide new 'local style' branches all over the country.

The consultation closed on 17th December and the move is due to take place during February or March.

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Opportunities for garden trainees and garden owners!

A garden just outside Lindfield has a vacancy for a local person who is interested in improving their practical gardening skills.

The 'Work and Retrain As a Gardener Scheme' (or WRAGS) provides men and women of all ages with the opportunity to work for 2 days a week for 12 months in a carefully sourced garden, under the instruction of a garden owner or head gardener.

The national scheme is co-ordinated across Sussex and South Hampshire by Liddy Davidson, who sets up the placements and supports trainees during their training year. Registration fees are charged to help with the costs of the scheme, which at present are £375 for trainees and £125 for garden owners. A non-taxable training allowance of £5 per hour is paid direct to the trainee by the garden owner. Liddy explains: "It is a 'win win' situation as garden owners benefit from the help they receive from enthusiastic and committed trainees, who in turn gain practical training and experience to go on to various careers in horticulture."

Current vacancies include Copyhold Hollow, a woodland garden near Lindfield which opens for the National Garden Scheme every year and where the owner is a very experienced gardener and knowledgeable plantswoman.

Liddy says: "It is a fabulous garden for a trainee who is looking to develop general gardening skills, but they

would need to be fit as it is quite steep in places!"

Additional nearby gardens which are expected to come available in 2015 include Borde Hill Gardens, a massive private garden with lakes and woodland north of Lindfield, and a fabulous private garden in Warninglid. Finally, the glorious Sussex Prairies on the Albourne Road near Henfield also offers 2 WRAGS placements which should be available again early in 2016.

Liddy adds: "It is always worth enquiring as placements may come up suddenly, new gardens come on stream and there are many more opportunities available if trainees are prepared to travel further afield."

The scheme is just one project offered by the historic charity, the WFGA (the Women's Farm and Garden Association), which was established in 1899. As part of the First World War commemorations earlier this year, BBC's 'Countryfile' highlighted that a WFGA member set up the Women's Land Army in 1912 – well before the First World War broke out.

WFGA members can also benefit from very useful workshops and workdays, informative newsletters, tours of gardens in the UK and Europe and members' gatherings in local gardens.

For more information about WFGA membership and WRAGS (whether as a potential trainee or garden owner) please see www.wfga.org.uk, call the WFGA office on 01285 658 339 or email Liddy at: Liddywfga@gmail.com



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Lindfield school award for sport

Pupils and staff from Lindfield Primary School were presented with a Silver Kitemark for their commitment to the development of competition in PE and Sport at a ceremony early in December. James Smyth, the school's PE co-ordinator, was accompanied by eight Year 6 children to receive the award on behalf of the school. With the support of Lorraine Everard and Mid-Sussex Active, the school has increased participation in extra-curricular sporting clubs with over 85% of children in Key Stage 2 taking part in at least one club per week in the last academic year. The school has also improved their participation in both intra- and inter-school competitions in 2013/14. Children have taken part in house competitions throughout the year in a variety of sports and almost 200 children represented their school in a inter school competition in the last academic year. This has gone hand in hand with the success of some of these teams, with the cricket, tag rugby, hockey and tennis teams all reaching county finals by being crowned Mid-Sussex champions in the last 12 months.

The ceremony was hosted by GB Olympic Water Polo Captain Craig Figes, who spoke to the children about his own path to sporting success and how it began when he was at primary school. The children, who also make up the school's Sport Crew and lead their own sporting events throughout the year, were thrilled to accept the award. Mr Smyth said: "We are extremely



proud to receive the Kitemark. We are lucky to be part of a great partnership of schools in Mid-Sussex and it demonstrates the hard work of a lot of people over the last year. We hope next year it will be Gold!"

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Village Festival Night

By Joe Goodchild

Village Night took place on the 2nd December this year. As always, it was a fabulous occasion, and the High Street was filled with warm light and spirit. Amongst the usual stands and entertainment were a number of stalls, the ubiquitous light spinners, the Rotary Club selling mince pies and Lindfield Nursery selling arts and crafts. Lindfield Primary School sold candy floss and mulled wine, the Scouts provided mince pies and hot drinks, whilst the Bonfire Society sold Christmas gifts and novelties. Lindfield URC showcased their popular Nativity Scene and well-known carols were sung by Lindfield Primary. The radio team was there, playing excellent music and providing a running commentary on the evening.

To gain an idea of the public view of the event, Lindfield Life decided to ask as many people as possible one question 'What do you most enjoy about Lindfield Village Night?' We received a plethora of answers and we are delighted to write some of them up here.

A representative of the Rotary Club said: "We run this stall to provide mulled cider. It's a great event. Everyone can have good time and meet friends."

The ever exciting men from the radio answered: "It's a wonderful event. There's a good mix of stalls for great causes. All very Christmassy."

Dan McQuillin, Lindfield URC, had a very special point of view: "For me, tonight is the start of the Christmas season. I love to see people watch the Nativity scene. The Lindfield Primary carol singing was great also."

Mervyn Weeks, Minister of Evangelical Free Church, said: "The Community, how it brings people together. It's amazing to see the three churches working together."

Many of those asked mentioned the Lindfield community and how it was a very special evening indeed. It was greatly enjoyable to find out Lindfield's feelings on this event, and it was as brilliant and memorable as always.

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Residents organise wellness event

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Maxine Hayes, Potential Personal Training, comments: "Ray's story is an amazing one. When we talk about health and wellness it always starts with what we've got. Ray will share how he made a decision to 'fight' in order to get fit and move on with the rest of his life. It will be emotional, highly charged and a great start to anyone's 2015!"

The event starts at 7pm and all attendees will get a VIP Goody Bag. Popular dance academy – BPM – will have all three crews at the event to provide some high energy entertainment. For tickets and information see: www.midsussexwellness.co.uk

Ardingly Evening WI welcomes you

By Marlene Holter

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Aimee visits number 10

Lindfield student Aimee Knell recently enjoyed her visit to 10 Downing Street as part of a month long National Citizen Service programme. Here she shares some of the highlights.

"During the summer I took part in the NCS (National Citizen Service) programme. NCS is a four week programme that includes a two week residential and a further two weeks planning a Social Action Project of the team's choice. Our team chose to refurbish and renovate the building and gardens of Springboard Project, Horsham.

"After taking part in the NCS programme I decided to apply to become an NCS Leader and was 1 of 100 young people in the whole of the UK to get a place as an NCS Leader. I was then invited on a six day leadership residential at Dulwich College, South London to begin my journey as a leader.

"The leadership residential consisted of a full day with Ernest and Young, a day at Sky Academy filming my own news report for Sky, a breakfast reception at the House of Commons and then taking part in a workshop on democratic engagement at City Hall, supporting New Leaf Community Gardens on a two hour gardening project and being 1 of 20 to visit 10 Downing Street to liaise with the Prime Minister's personal assistants with regards to the decisions that occur at 10 Downing Street.

"As an NCS Leader of 2014-2015 I will be offered so many more exciting opportunities over the next year,



the leadership residential was just the beginning!

"Both the NCS and NCS Leaders Programme has improved my confidence and allowed me to widen my network of friends.

"I hope to continue taking part in NCS opportunities as well as my weekly volunteering for Reaching Your Potential Project at the YMCA HQ in Hove.

"I'm currently a student at Lewes College and my future aspirations are to join the Police. I really enjoy helping people & volunteering has been great."

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Church to run course for parents of teens

All Saints Church is running a parenting course specifically designed to support parents of teenagers, starting next month. The course, provided by Relationship Central, is a series of five weekly sessions where the topic is introduced by watching a DVD and then prompts discussions in smaller groups.

Antonia Easley, one of the organisers, assures parents: "There are no 'experts' in the room. We all just learn and share together. I did the course last year with friends and we all found it very practical, positive and full of tips that are actually common sense."

One of the core principles of the course material is that it's not just for those who are struggling with teenage issues. Antonia continues: "It's all about strengthening relationships with our teenagers, adjusting to changes and equipping them for life."

The course was created as part of the ministry of London church Holy Trinity Brompton - also responsible for the successful Marriage and Alpha courses. Some of the topics covered are: keeping the end in mind; meeting our teenagers needs; setting boundaries; developing emotional health and helping them make good decisions. All Saints are planning to add an extra session to explore how faith in God might help both teenagers and parents through this time.

Stuart Silk, Associate Vicar at All Saints Lindfield,



commented: "As a church we are doing this course because we believe God cares very much about families. We also know that there are times when parenting feels challenging! We want to help facilitate conversation and a bit of mutual support between parents, grandparents and carers right here in our community."

The Parenting Teenagers course is suitable for those parenting 11-18 year olds and will take place in The Tiger Lounge, next to All Saints Church, each Thursday evening 7-8.30pm on 5th, 12th, 26th February and 5th, 12th, 19th March. Anyone wishing to book a place on the course should call 01444 482405 or email the church office allsaints@lindfield.info. The course is being offered free, apart from the £1.50 cost of the manual to accompany the sessions.

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Raising money to support our local hospital

By Annette Smith

Raising money for charity is something that most of us get involved with at some time in our lives.

Many of us want to associate with how the money we help to raise is being spent and what benefits are being delivered.

The work of the League of Friends of the Princess Royal Hospital directly benefits our local community and has already enabled £2m to be spent improving hospital equipment and facilities for patients, such as state of the art intensive care beds, a new Rapid Access Medical Unit and a Discharge Lounge.

The main source of income is from the hospital Coffee Shop, staffed mainly by volunteers. The League also works with key hospital staff to determine where and how donations are spent.

Dr Bill Rawlinson, Chairman of the League of Friends since 2011, said: "We have certainly raised more money over recent years, especially from the Coffee Shop. This is needed as medical equipment advances and the demands on the NHS and patients' expectations increase. We also need to fund alterations in parts of the hospital.

"We now have a website, and will soon have a publicity stand in the front of the hospital."

As Bill steps down, we need a replacement to take us into new fields of business development and 'selling ourselves'. Someone with a business or sales career would be ideal as the role has become more 'hands-on'.

The League also needs volunteers for the Coffee Shop and to raise the profile of its fundraising campaign which includes a Spring Ball on 28th February.

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By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

Katy should get full credit for this title. I had decided to focus this piece on what to consider when planning to redecorate and everything I came up with sounded either dull or bordering on patronising, which is not how I mean to sound. So here are some project tips – things to consider before getting the paintbrush out.

Think about the function of the space before you start anything. A large extension can seem like a great idea but unless thought has gone into how the space is going to be used and what for, then the result might fall short of expectations. By considering the purpose of the extension you start to think about the layout of the furniture, the storage you will need and, crucially, the electrical plan.....which brings me on to lighting. Well thought through lighting will make or break a scheme. Knowing where your furniture is going, what, if any, task lighting will be required in the room and where finishing touches like art will be hung will enable you to plan this in the early stages.

Paint colour can be matched to anything else, so choose fabric first. Given that Dulux will mix to any colour, it will always be easier to match paint to fabric than the other way around. I am regularly asked to find a fabric to work with a pre-defined wall colour and whilst not impossible, it limits choice hugely.

I have known people to get really hung up on 'what's in' in the context of interior design decisions. The danger of following trends is that some of them don't last long and those that do, the High Street tends to do to death so what looked fresh and appealing to start with becomes unoriginal and samey. But more fundamentally interior design is about creating environments which work for you. I have never, for instance, been a shabby

chic kind of girl. It's not an aesthetic that appeals to me, yet I see it in many homes and it works beautifully. It's just not for me and I think anyone who knows me would be surprised to see it in my home. Where you live should be a reflection of you and your personality. Decorating in line with a trend is fine if you love it but not something you should be governed by if you do not.

Cost cutting, or 'value engineering' as some of our commercial clients refer to it, should always be applied with care. There are things which you can most definitely save on, yet other aspects of a scheme which will let the whole design down if scrimped on. The best example of this is poles. If budget is a consideration, I would always encourage clients to spend on the pole and making, and save on the fabric. Beautifully made curtains in a cost-effective fabric on a statement pole will look so much better than gorgeous fabric adorning a cheap pole which after a while starts to part company with the wall. A stunning yet potentially budget-busting fabric can be used to great effect for a cushion, and backing it in a less expensive plain will reduce the cost even further.

I have never been an advocate of the maxim of 'out with the old and in with the new', since older pieces often add personality to a room which is so important. What I do encourage though is to be true to the new scheme and take a tough line with clutter. If a piece does not work with a scheme, then it might work elsewhere in the house. I have quoted William Morris before but his advice of 'Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful', quite simply never dates.

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Chestnut and Carrot Soup

Serves 4

Finely chop 2.5cm fresh root ginger. Heat a generous knob of butter in a large pan, add the ginger and a large chopped onion, cover and cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until the onion is soft and just beginning to brown. Add 700g peeled and chopped carrots, a drained 350g can whole peeled chestnuts (or a vacuum pack) and 900ml vegetable stock. Bring just to the boil, cover and cook over low heat for 20 min or until carrots are tender. Tip into a processor and buzz until smooth. Return to the pan and gently reheat to serving temperature. Serve with a swirl of cream or crème fraiche. Alternatively, add a spoonful or two of dried milk powder when pureeing.



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By Caroline Young

Soup, soup, glorious soup, nothing quite like it for warming the heart. Not quite the words of Flanders and Swann but, I think, appropriate for the one food that is just right for the cold, damp and dark days of January. I hope you agree.

Tips for good soup making:

- Onions, leeks, peppers and all root vegetables benefit from either lightly frying or roasting in the oven first before adding liquid, to bring out their natural sweetness. Pop a tray of lightly oiled vegetables in a hot oven when you are cooking a roast, for example, then chill them to make the soup later. The vegetables in the Butterbean and Lemon Soup could be cooked this way.
- At the same time bake a tray of bite-sized chunks of bread to make croutons. Before baking lightly spray with oil and dust with paprika, garlic powder or herbs for extra flavour.
- When a recipe includes milk or cream, always reheat very gently as boiling will spoil the texture. A spoonful or two of dried milk powder will add creaminess to a soup without diluting it.
- Most vegetable soups, just like casseroles, taste even better the day after making.
- Most soups can be made in the microwave, saving time and fuel. Of course they can also be reheated that way too – do this on 50 or 75% power to avoid spoiling the texture, especially of cream soups.

Smoked Cheese Soup

Serves 2

This soup is just that little bit different. When cooking with cheese, choosing one with a distinctive flavour adds an extra dimension to the finished dish. Here I have used smoked Cheddar cheese which gives a very subtle mellow flavour but, for the best result, be sure to buy cheese that is really smoked not just 'flavoured with smoke'. Cheddar flavoured with chives could also be used.

Melt a small knob of butter in a pan and stir in 1 small red pepper, 1 small onion, 2 celery sticks and 1 medium carrot (all finely chopped). Cover and cook over low heat for about 10 min, stirring occasionally, until very soft. Sprinkle over 1tbs plain flour, stir to combine and cook for 2 min. Gradually stir in 450ml hot vegetable stock. Continue to cook, stirring, until the stock comes to the boil and the soup has thickened slightly. Add 50g finely grated smoked Cheddar cheese, stirring until melted then stir in 150ml single cream. Cook for little longer to serving temperature but do not allow to boil. Season to taste and serve.

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Jerry Masters

OBITUARY

Jerry standing outside the
Auxiliary Fire Service station
on Lewes Road



Families in Lindfield and across Mid Sussex were saddened to hear of the death last month of funeral director Jerry Masters. Jerry, who was born in the village and went on to run one of the longest-standing Lindfield businesses, Masters and Son, died on 11th November, aged 81. Our thanks go to the Masters family for sharing some of Jerry's life story with us, taken for the eulogy read at his funeral at Wivelsfield Parish Church.

Jerry was born on 13th February 1933. His parents, Madge and Les Masters and his older sister Ann were living in the house called Downs in Lindfield High Street, which at the time was both family business and home.

He had a happy childhood in Lindfield - swimming in the Ouse in the summer, playing ice hockey and skating on the village pond in winter and enjoying tennis parties held on the lawn tennis court in the garden at Downs, now the site of the Co-op and Denman's Lane car parks.

Jerry's early education was at St Clair's school and Sharrow Prep School, both in Haywards Heath, where he remembered being very embarrassed having to walk home in the grey and pink uniform!

In 1944, when he was 11 years old, he became a full time boarder at Caterham School. He spoke fondly of his time at Caterham and continued to attend old boys events after he had left.

He was pleased to return recently to watch Seb, his youngest grandson, play cricket for Ardingly College against his old school.

Jerry joined the 1st Lindfield Cubs as a young child, went on to become a Scout and a Senior Scout with the 1st Caterham School and continued as a Rover Scout with 1st Haywards Heath after he left school. Jerry had many stories of his time as a Rover Scout, invariably involving their official mode of transport which was an

old London taxi affectionately named Arabella. One tale involved Jerry holding an unsecured door closed as they drove through Lindfield and in a momentary lapse of concentration, when he waved to a friend walking by the pond, letting go of the door which promptly fell off!

On another occasion, on an important scouting trip to the Sergison Arms when the petrol pump was broken, Jerry recalled a fellow Rover Scout having to hold the petrol in a jam jar through the car door above the engine.

Jerry's employment started in 1949 at Shaw Stores, a very modern grocery store, which occupied about four shops on the corner of George Street in Hove. He left Shaw's to join Masters & Tulleys Grocers shop in Hurstpierpoint. He told his son Ian that Mr Shaw had not been the most generous of employers and hadn't been too pleased when Jerry handed in his notice, paying him his final pay a day late and exclusively in coppers!

In 1951 Jerry was called up to for National Service and spent 3 years with the Royal Air Force. He was based mostly at RAF Watton in Norfolk but also served, among other places, at Bridgenorth, Locking, Chigwell and Gilze de Rijen in Holland. Jerry trained as a Ground Wireless Mechanic. On one occasion when he was working on a radio sitting on a chair on wheels on a highly polished floor using an uninsulated screwdriver, he received a huge electric shock which propelled him the entire



Jerry standing outside the shop
(now the site of the Co-op, Selby's & La Touche)

length of the room. He spoke of another occasion when a lot of time and effort had gone into building a huge radio which immediately burst into flames when it was turned on.

Having survived National Service he joined the family firm of Masters & Son in Lindfield. At that time Masters & Son was a general store which provided everything for the community. Their advertising slogan was at one time 'From the cradle to the grave'. Jerry qualified as a member of the Grocers Institute and obtained his diploma in Funeral Directing.

Jerry met José in 1956 at a dance in Sussex Hall, South Road, Haywards Heath. They married just 9 months later at Newick Village Church and went on honeymoon to Denmark. Their eldest son Philip was born in 1960 when Jerry & José were living at The Old Laundry Cottage in Paxhill and Ian was born soon after the family moved to Wivelsfield Green in 1962.

In the early 1960s Jerry joined the Royal Observer Corps - Lima 2 unit at the Cuckfield surface and underground observer post as a volunteer. He received a Long Service medal after 12 years with the ROC and was interested recently to see photos of the underground bunker which has now been restored.

Jerry became a member of Haywards Heath Rotary Club in 1962, following in his father Leslie's footsteps. During his membership he was President, archivist and Club Secretary. He was made an honorary member in 2011 and received the 50 year membership award in 2012. More recently he was invited to join Larks (Life after Rotary Club) and really enjoyed the company and friendship at the monthly get togethers.

A really important date, which Jerry was determined to reach despite his illness, was the 27th September 2014 when Wivelsfield Little Theatre celebrated its 50th anniversary. Jerry and José were founder members and

the WLT was a very significant part of their life through which they formed lifelong friendships. Over the years Jerry was involved both as a performer and backstage, where he enjoyed being part of the technical team.

Jerry adored his grandsons Sam and Seb, and supported them wholeheartedly in everything they did. He would be on the touchline with José in all weathers watching Seb play football, hockey or cricket. He loved seeing Sam perform and was so proud of his achievements, most recently in August when Sam wrote a play which was performed at the Edinburgh Festival.

Jerry was passionate about opera at Glyndebourne and less than a month before he died he went with close friends to two operas which he really enjoyed and said they had been amongst the best he had seen.

Typical of his kind nature, Jerry was very keen to be involved in a Macmillan Coffee Morning held upstairs at Masters & Son in October. With the help of family and friends the event raised more than £500. The family hope to continue fundraising in Jerry's memory in the future.

Jerry was also really pleased to see the start of a display of the company history, including photos of him as a young boy in a huge pair of wellington boots in front of the old fire station in Lindfield, which is now used as a store for the Lindfield Dramatic Club.

Jerry continued to be involved with Masters and Son up to a couple of weeks before he died. His family and friends were all so impressed by the way that he continued to live life to the full despite his illness. He will be greatly missed not only by his family and colleagues but by all the special friends he has made over the years.



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Looking back at 2014

Jan



Newly clad spire unveiled

All Saints Church removed the final elements of the scaffolding to reveal repaired stonework walls, windows and the new shingle tiles which adorn the spire. The work, which forms part of the churches ASPIRE project, was found to be critically required when the building was surveyed by inspectors. While the scaffolding was up it gave the opportunity to not only get some unique photos of the village but the church also mounted a lit star over the Christmas period.

Feb



Water works block High St

Traders in Lindfield pulled out all the stops to spread the word that the High Street was open for business while South East Water closed the High Street. They worked together to undo some of the damage caused by misleading road signs over the works. Once the signage problem materialised, traders quickly pulled together to take action. "One of the beauties of working here is that there's real chemistry between the shop owners," said Jeremy Goodger from Tufnells.

Mar



Newcombe Hall named

The King Edward Hall (KEH) held a ceremony at its AGM this month to officially name the largest hall after Brian Newcombe, who was involved in the Hall's voluntary management committee for over 55 years until his death in April 2013. Simon Cartwright, one of the trustees of the registered charity which looks after the 100 year old building, commented: "Under Brian's leadership the KEH has gone from strength to strength. He was much loved by all who knew him."

Apr



Zumba party raises funds

Lindfield resident Esther Featherstone held a 6 hour Zumbathon on one of the hottest days of the year so far to raise funds for the Lindfield Arts Festival. 113 Zumba fanatics took part in the event which saw many fancy dress outfits being adorned! Esther, who runs fitness classes locally, co-directed LAF with Marion Cameron and Lorna Falkner. The Zumbathon raised £2,000 for LAF with its newly established registered charity status.

May



Lindfield Village Day

The village's first ever carnival-themed samba procession and a fantastic array of entertainment on the Common combined with traditions such as firing the anvil and the hog roast made Village Day 2014 an event to remember in May. The sun shone on well over a hundred stalls, the pets show and the competition tent. The result was a great day and £8,000 for the King Edward Hall, to keep this much-loved local facility and registered charity running.

Jun



Award of Honour for John

Lindfield resident John Blake received a special award at the South of England Show held at Ardingly Showground. He was presented with the 2014 Award of Honour by HRH Princess Anne for his contribution to promoting the traditional craft of hedgelaying. "I don't believe it! was my fist reaction," John said. He has always lived in Sussex and moved to Lindfield in 1981 when he bought and ran Compton House Nursing Home with his wife Anne.

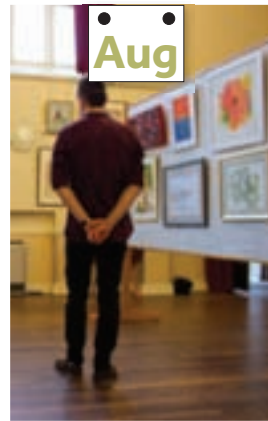


Lady Hunt says goodbye

Lady Hunt moves out of Lindfield after 40 years at Old Place. Sir David and Lady Hunt retired here from his diplomatic career. Sir David was perhaps best known for becoming Champion of Mastermind Champions on the TV quiz in 1982. Sir David died in 1998 but Lady Hunt has continued to live in Lindfield. They have both been key figures in village life in their own right over the years. Lady Hunt is honorary President Emeritus of Lindfield Preservation Society.

Adventurers Art show attracts record crowds

The Adventurers Art Club once again held its annual art exhibition in King Edward Hall this month. Over 250 pieces of work were displayed at the show. While all the pieces were for sale, it was as much to show off the work as it was to make a sale. The club features both professional artists and those who enjoy it as a hobby. The exhibition received over 500 visitors this year.

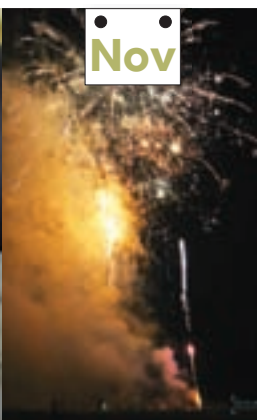


Lindfield Arts Festival rocks the Common

The sun shone on an amazing arts festival weekend that saw the whole village celebrating Quintessential Lindfield. A record number of people visited the arts & crafts fayre which took place in the brand new hall at Lindfield Primary School - now nicknamed 'Mini Tate Modern'! The headline act was globally successful band Toploader who rocked the stage on the Common on the Saturday night in front of a large and excited crowd!

Dramatic Club stage comedy play

Lindfield Dramatic Club raised the curtain to their annual production; this year Wife After Death by Eric Chappell. The small cast of just six did a splendid job of capturing the essence of local theatre and delivering an excellent evening out for the audience. David Tingley went along: "Tim Bishop did a sterling job holding our attention as we learned more about his character Harvey's close friendship with the late Dave Thursby."



Bonfire Night lights up sky

With the welcome return of the Good Night sign to herald the end of the display Lindfield Bonfire Society did the village proud with a tremendous show to light up the 5th November sky. LBS's Mark Tampion-Lacey commented: "Feedback from the public has been very positive and we are delighted that everyone enjoyed it so much." It is estimated that nearly 14,000 people crowded onto the Common, which proved very muddy under foot.

War Journal published

Lindfield residents Linda Grace and Margaret Nicolle launch the new book 'A Woman Living in the Shadow of the Second World War'; Helena Hall's daily diary of the war years from 1940 to 1945. One excerpt reads: "The Common is strewn with soldiers lying down enjoying the warmth and sunshine, all seem very tired. When I walked up the village this evening I saw soldiers taking in their kit to the Hall so evidently it has been commandeered."





New year, new home

CATS PROTECTION

Rudolph

Can you give a cat a fresh start in 2015?

At the Cats Protection National Cat Centre in Chelwood Gate, it's been a busy Christmas, with dozens of cats and kittens to care for over the festive season. As the New Year approaches, staff are keen to welcome visitors who have made a special resolution – to share their home with a rescued cat.

We visited the centre earlier this month, to meet the staff and the cats hopefully spending their last Christmas without a home. Here we feature just a few who caught our eye! (But there are plenty more to choose from!

Odd Job came to Cats Protection when his owner became too ill to look after him. A friendly boy with a big personality Odd Job would particularly love a home with a piano as he likes to make music by taking a stroll on the keys!

Chrissie has been at the centre since her owners emigrated in May. Staff think she may be overlooked as she suffers from irritable bowel syndrome and needs a special diet. But the condition is well under control and Chrissie uses a litter tray like any other cat. She just needs someone to give her a fresh start.

Julia is a stray who was found in a greenhouse with her six kittens who have all now been rehomed. Her experience has left her shy and wary of strangers, but staff say she loves affection and just needs a chance to blossom in the right home.

Holly and Rudolph are 8 month old kittens rescued from a multi-cat household. The pair haven't had the best start in life and, unlike most kittens, are extremely timid. But they are beginning to come out of their shells and will thrive in a new home together.

Two year old **Ginger** came to Cats Protection as a stray, gave birth to kittens and now needs a forever home. Friendly and affectionate Ginger will suit most families.

Gin and Tonic are a striking pair! But it's easy to tell them apart – Gin has blue eyes and Tonic amber! Ten years old, but still playful, sweet and slightly shy the pair need a home together preferably with a garden to potter around in.

Tips is a sweet and shy two year old. Found as a stray she needs to build her confidence in a calm home and would love a garden to explore.

Marge is currently the centre's 'reception cat' and loves the hustle and bustle as visitors come and go. At 14 years old, she is 'getting on' but would make a great family pet and although staff will miss her, they would love to wave Madge off to spend her twilight years in a new home.

The National Cat Centre is open every day from 10am to 4pm (except New Year's Day.)

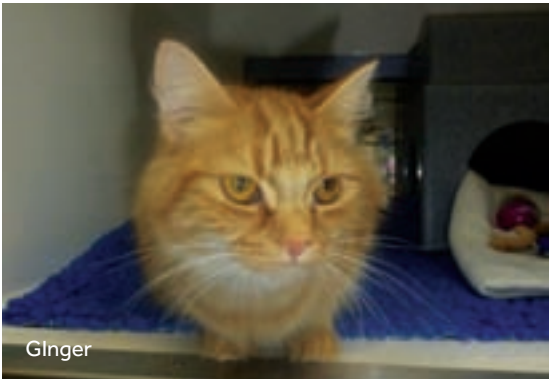
Visitors are welcome to come and meet the cats, and can also enjoy browsing in the shop and easting in the café. Anyone wishing to offer a cat a home is asked to contribute £70. This helps cover the cost of looking after the cat, vaccinating, micro chipping, neutering and other veterinary treatment while in their care.



Chrissie



Gin & Tonic



Ginger



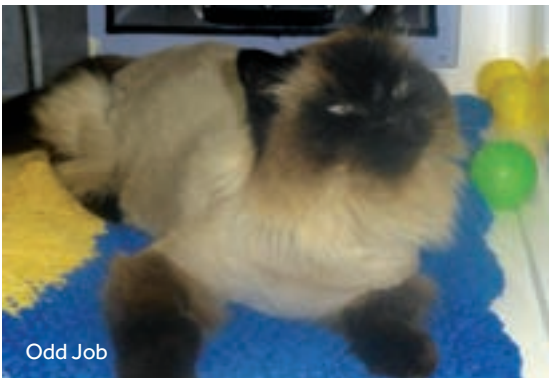
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Artsmark Gold for Oathall

Artsmark Gold has been awarded to Oathall College for its commitment to, and excellence in, arts and cultural education.

Headteacher Edward Rodriguez presented the award to a group of students representing all of the arts disciplines at the last night of the college's performance of William Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*.

Speaking about the award Mr Rodriguez said: "It gave me particular pleasure to announce this award at the end of what was a fantastic week of Shakespearean performances from Oathall's students. I am delighted that the dynamic arts education offer that Oathall provides for its students has been nationally recognised in this way. Holding Artsmark status means we are leading the way in providing young people with outstanding arts and cultural experiences.

"Congratulations to all the staff and students for their hard work in achieving Artsmark Gold."

Amy Kingsford, who directed *Romeo and Juliet*, added: "The production showcased the talents of all our students from acting, dancing and musical performances through to stage management and set production. I am immensely proud of their achievements."

Head Girl Lila Jones who played the part of Lady Capulet, said: "*Romeo and Juliet* has shown me how the themes Shakespeare has incorporated into the play, like conflict and love, link so much into modern society."



Photo:
Back row left to right: Mr Martijn Van Galen, Mr Edward Rodriguez, Mrs Amy Kingsford, Mrs Carol Mac Taggart, John Moore (art and music), Bronwen Tingley (dance), Joe Willis (drama), Rhiannon Jones, (dance), Sophie Farrell (drama), Mina Mae Alexander (music), Nathanael Thomas-Atkins (music).
Front row left to right: Mrs Carla Avery, Charlotte Weller (music and drama)

Students launch online employment advice resource

Students from Oathall Community College were awarded certificates of achievement for their part in building a website that helps young people to access the workplace.

TAKE OFF 'Our Future First' was developed by school students with the support and guidance of career and employment professionals from GatwickDiamondJobs.com, local employers and local authorities across the Gatwick Diamond area. The online resource was launched at Horsham's Capitol Theatre where the students were presented with certificates of achievement by Rosemary French OBE, Executive Director of the Gatwick Diamond Initiative.

The Oathall students were Ed Curtis, Toby Clifford and Jack Heslop, all in Year 11. Jack said: "TAKE OFF has been great for me. I really enjoyed meeting local employers and finding out what to do in an interview, which resulted in me getting a part time job."

Sue Hart, Work Related Learning Co-ordinator at Oathall Community College, said: "This has been a wonderful opportunity for the students to be involved with the 'real' world of business and create a valuable local careers resource for their peers. Having an understanding of the local labour market and the skills and qualities that employers are looking for is hugely



Pictured, left to right: Georgina Angele, Ed Curtis, Toby Clifford, Jack Heslop and Sue Hart

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Planning and Housing Development

Developers obtained planning permission in 2013 for 230 more homes on green field land east of Gravelle Lane, despite vigorous local opposition. Barratt Homes, who are doing the building, have been required by Mid Sussex District Council to hold regular liaison meetings with local residents. We have been participating in these meetings, in the interest of at least minimising disruption to the community now that construction is underway. We have also been using the opportunity to hold Barratt's to account for unfinished business connected with their previous project, 'The Limes' at Newton Road. Most notably, they have yet to transfer ownership of the neighbouring Wilderness Field to the district council, as required by a planning condition. We continue to press them on this and other issues that are indicative of their respect for the community in which they are operating.

Other Planning Matters

During the past 12 months the Society has scrutinised about 170 planning applications throughout the two Lindfield Parishes. We have attended 16 meetings of the Lindfield Parish Council's Planning & Traffic Committee to make representations on behalf of the Society, which we believe the Council find useful even if they do not invariably agree with us. Following the sad circumstances that resulted in the closure of Bookstop, we have pressed successfully for the premises not to be given over to other purposes until efforts to return it to retail use have been exhausted. We had, regrettably, to oppose changes at Old Place that would have resulted in the loss of historic fabric and damage to its setting. English Heritage raised related concerns. Changes at Heathers and on adjacent land in The Wilderness were of considerable concern but it is reassuring to see this substantial house being returned to use as a family home. It has been gratifying to see a number of our historic buildings being repaired or sympathetically altered to preserve both their usefulness and historic character.

We managed to ensure a proper set of conditions was put in place to control the import of soil to build up an area between the Roundhouse and the Ouse at Fullingmill Farm. Our aim was to respect the legitimate



needs of our rural economy whilst preventing a repeat of the damage to High Street buildings and the distress to residents that resulted from a previous, uncontrolled earth moving campaign in the Rural Parish.

Funding cuts to the Environment Agency are threatening the proper operation of Pimm's Lock and unfortunately we may well see much lower levels in the Ouse at Lindfield Bridge and at Dean's Mill unless policy can be changed.

Talks in King Edward Hall

There will be another programme of talks in the King Edward Hall in 2015, exploring topics like Wakehurst during the wars, a year in the life of a downland farm and how to protect ourselves from modern fraudsters. Please see our website (below) for details.

You can help!

Please join our Society to support your village and help retain its character. Even if you are unable to take an active role, the weight of our membership numbers helps greatly in resisting encroachment by unwelcome, speculative developers. Please see our website www.lindfieldsociety.org.uk for the online membership form or contact our Hon. Membership Secretary Jean Gorman on 01444 483 835.

The chairman and committee members wish all our members and Lindfield Life readers a very happy New Year!



Woodbine Willie by Bob Holman

BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

In each generation there are people who mean a lot to the people but then, as history moves on, they are often forgotten by the next. For the twenty years after the First World War, the best selling poet of that event was not Wilfred Owen or Rupert Brooke but it was a clergyman. G.A. Studdert Kennedy was an Anglo-Irish priest who determined to join the British Army to minister to the soldiers. He began by being an enthusiastic supporter of the fight but by the end he had seen so much death and destruction that he had changed his mind. His nickname gives the book its title, as he would give encouragement to the men at the front by providing them with cigarettes. Holman traces the life of this extraordinary man but, unlike most biographers, we are not just left with the bare facts but he uses these to encourage himself and his readers to learn lessons from Studdert Kennedy's life. Biography can be a moral literature, as we learn from the mistakes and the successes of others.

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Following on from the recent success of its 'free membership' offer, new members have found that it is so much easier to integrate into the Club when they have a friend.

Club Secretary, Graham White said: "Subscriptions in the South East are so high that many golfers cannot afford to join a Golf Club. And even for those who can afford a Full subscription, it can be an unjustifiable sum when their lifestyles leave little time for golf.

Local therapist tells us to turn over a new leaf

Given the frenzied build up to Christmas, the stresses that being with family members over a protracted length of time can cause and the financial pressure of this time of year, it can be easy to neglect our own well-being.

Local psychotherapist, Ania Tylunas, is encouraging members of the public to put their emotional and physical health at the top of the list of their New Year's Resolutions.

She explains, "So many people resolve to get more exercise, lose weight or give up alcohol at this time of year, without having support mechanisms in place to strengthen their commitment.

"It's so important to take good care of yourself, physically and emotionally. Appropriate therapy leaves clients with an improved sense of wellbeing, both in mind and body. Clearing the mind and sorting out issues that hold clients back leaves them feeling revitalised, uplifted and more motivated, so their chances of keeping to their resolutions is increased."

To encourage people to take better care of themselves, Ania is currently running a special promotion of a free initial consultation.

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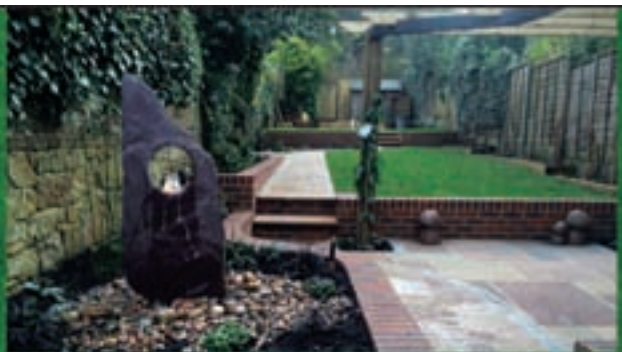
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“A girl should be two things, fabulous and classy”

COCO CHANEL

How the colours you wear can change your mood

By Hannah Baty, One Fine Dress

When I met my friend for coffee the other day the conversation soon turned towards how we felt sluggish, exhausted and generally worn down. Setting aside some of the more glaringly obvious reasons (juggling over-emotional toddlers with work whilst trying to maintain a fraction of our pre-children social lives), we wondered whether there may be something more to it. That's when it occurred to us – neither of us could remember the last time we wore an outfit that didn't consist entirely of grey or black. Although we both know what colours look good on us and possess items of clothing in those colours, they just don't seem to what we instinctively reach for.

This got me thinking; why is black considered to be a safe colour to wear? Why is my wardrobe a sea of dark tones? Why do I shy away from wearing bright colours that I know suit me? And why do most people I know choose grey, black or navy blue winter coats year after year? Is it that we use our clothes to blend into the background during the winter months, ready to come out of hibernation again when the warmer weather arrives? Could this possibly explain why, by the time January comes around, we're all sick of our dreary wardrobes and desperate for the fresh colours of spring?

I have since discovered that there is significant psychological research to show that by wearing certain colours you can actually improve your mood. Whether you want feel slimmer following the Christmas festivities, to boost your confidence or simply to brush away the January blues, integrating the right colours into your everyday outfits could apparently make the world of difference.

According to the experts, red, pink and orange are linked to confidence, assertiveness and positivity. So perhaps it's worth wearing a leather pencil skirt,

chunky scarf or dash of lipstick in one of these colours to see if you feel more empowered.

Whilst yellow is believed to represent intelligence and inspiration, it is also associated with impulsiveness, so best avoided if you're shopping in the January sales! But if you think yellow could work for you, a bright neon handbag, bangle or belt would be a perfect choice this season.

Apparently, blue and green are said to be calming and to reduce stress. Bright blue is a big hit this season and would look great in a chunky knit. Try teaming it with skinny jeans or, for an edgier look, a floaty pleated skirt.

Purple is a stimulating colour, which can boost your energy levels on dark winter days. This is great news as it suits every skin tone, so anyone can wear it!

White is thought to represent peace, innocence and simplicity. It's a good colour to wear if the weather is getting you down, as it reflects light and reminds us of summer! Although many people steer clear of white jeans in the winter, I think they look amazing paired with suede ankle boots and a gorgeous sweater.

Finally, black is associated with power, seriousness and authority. Although a good choice for interviews and business meetings, it can be harsh when worn near the face. A softer option would be grey or taupe.

So there you have it. I know many people would laugh at the idea that simply changing the colour of your top can alter your mood. Perhaps it is the case that our confidence is boosted by compliments we receive when wearing different colours. Or perhaps it's a self-fulfilling prophecy; we think wearing yellow makes us happier, so we feel happier when we wear it. But when I wake up tomorrow morning and it's still dark outside, and I'm feeling cold and grumpy before my morning coffee, I may just decide to wear my pink skirt instead of my grey jeans and see what happens.



Hands on approach

TEERING OFF

By James Verrall, Head Golf Professional

This month I wanted to cover the golf grip for you. The grip is vital, as your hands are the only part of your body which comes into contact with the club.

There are three basic golf grips: the overlap, the interlock and the baseball grip (also known as 10 finger grip). The most commonly used grip is the overlap; the little finger of the right hand is hooked over the left forefinger (reverse for left-hander). For the interlock these two fingers lock together.

The baseball grip is ideal for people with small or weak hands. All 10 fingers are placed directly on the club, with the little finger of the right hand and the forefinger of the left hand touching.

The pressure of your grip should never be too firm – a firm pressure usually results in you topping the ball or cutting across it. Unnecessary muscle tension also slows down the speed of your swing. Grip with a light pressure, however not light enough so the club comes out of your hands.

Next make sure that you're gripping the club in your fingers and never in the palms. If you are someone who wears out their glove in the palm, then this is a bad sign. If your elbows are bent then this usually means you are gripping in the palms.

Don't grip the club right at the end; place your left hand about an inch from the top of the grip. Holding it slightly lower down will give you a lot more control during the swing.

When positioning your left hand on the grip you should be able to see two knuckles pointing towards your face. The right hand should then be placed under the left with the thumb and forefinger making a 'V' which points up to your right shoulder.

If your hands are too far round to the right (three knuckles) of the correct grip, you will likely hit the ball left. Similarly, if your hands are too far round to the left (one knuckle) you will likely hit the ball right.

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- 11th **Ruwach Christian Church** – Morning Service (Ruth Hollis 01444 459025)
- 14th **Lindfield Horticultural Society** – talk by Phil Fenech, Head Gardener at Firle Place, a 200 acre estate in East Sussex 8pm. Phil's talk 'Unfurling the Gardens of Firle' details the history of these 18th century pleasure gardens through to the extensive and ongoing restoration of the historic grounds. Entrance £1 members, £2 visitors. All welcome. (www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk Mrs Alison Elliott 01444 483039)
- 14th **Mid-Sussex Death & Living Now Café** (Joanna Warrington 07769 674347)
- 15th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10am to 11am (Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
- 15th **Film Show Evening** – Film TBC – see posters (Jennie Powell 01444 483431)
- 17th **Mid-Sussex Conservative Association** – join your local councillors at their local surgery 11am –12 noon. County Councillor Christine Field and District Councillors Christopher Snowling, Margaret Hersey and Andrew Lea will be present to answer residents' questions, hear their concerns and discuss local issues. All residents are invited to attend (Ginny Heard 01444 452590)
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- 10th **ROC on Saturday** – Lindfield URC Lounge 3–4.30pm. Over 55s fortnightly event
- 13th **Weald Theatre Group pantomime** –17th Babes in the Wood. Clair Hall, Haywards Heath
- 20th **U3A Open Meeting** – Clair Hall, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath 2–4.30pm. A talk on the Camelia Botnar Foundation that was set up in 1979 to provide training and work experience to young people who are in need due to circumstances beyond their control. This enables them to embark on a useful career path.
- 22nd **The National Trust Mid Sussex Association Winter lecture** – Clair Hall, Haywards Heath 2.30pm. "The Women's Land Army – A Sussex Connection" by Ian Everest (455803)
- 22nd **The Heart of Sussex Health & Wellness Expo 2015** – Clair Hall 7pm. All proceeds from the night will be donated to Limbcare (tickets and information: www.midsussexwellness.co.uk)
- 24th **ROC on Saturday** – Lindfield URC Lounge 3–4.30pm. Over 55s fortnightly event
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