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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Welcome to the March issue of Lindfield Life. I really think we have a great variety of stories for you to digest this month, so I do hope you enjoy it...

First off, I want to mention our stalwart **book reviewer Cavan Wood**. I know many of you enjoy his literary tips. I'm also pleased to say that his work was selected to be in The Guardian Review again this year. You saw him here first (**page 41** this month)! Thanks Cavan.

We offer you a chance to catch up with **Lindfield Rural Parish Council** on **page 38**. Plus, on **page 34**, there is news of a **free historic map** of your property if it's within the High Weald boundary. If you qualify it sounds as if it would be fascinating.

Lindfield Christian Care Home (Compton House), on Compton Road, has recently held the opening ceremony of its new dining room. I guess many would have spotted the work taking place over the last few months. There are pictures on **page 13**.

In this magazine we have two interesting property stories. One features a family wishing to identify a **home to purchase** here (see **page 7**). The other is a family offering a **summer house swap in Bali** (**page 16**), as they look to check out the village for a future move.

There's lots going on in Lindfield businesses, too, at the moment. **SWALK**, our award-winning card and gift shop, has had a refit. Check it out on **page 8** if you haven't already ventured in. Just up the street **Harmony at Home** has changed hands – see **page 9**. And **Lindfield Barbers** celebrates 10 years of trading from the iconic shop opposite the pond (see **page 8**).

Claire meets **Sam McAuley** in our regular **Village People** feature on **page 22**. **The Lindfield Juniors football team** make it through to the league final next month – **page 5**. Plus the legendary Lindfieldian **Brian Newcombe** is remembered with a memorial bench on **page 6**.

All this is what makes Lindfield special!

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£2,100 raised for limb charity

A well-being event that took place at Clair Hall in January has raised over £2000 for charity. "The purpose of this event was to kick off 2015 by teaching Sussex Residents a proven strategy for achieving their New Year's Resolutions of health & all round well-being," organiser and Lindfield resident Maxine Hayes commented. "This event contained an impressive collaboration of local Sussex talent. I truly believe that every person who attended walked away feeling inspired and proud of the area we live in."

In addition to performances by local street dance crew BPM Dance Academy, Christian Bates from The Perrymount Clinic gave an informative talk about the importance of posture and how it can have an effect on pain and everyday life. Maxine delivered a goal-setting presentation and the keynote speaker Ray Edwards MBE, Chairman of Limbcare, gave an emotional account of his life as he wowed the audience with his positive and hilarious attitude.

£2,100 was raised for Limbcare on the night.

Schools' academy status

Lindfield's two primary schools look set to become academies later this year after consultation results were 'overwhelmingly positive'. Head teachers at both Lindfield Primary and Blackthorns Schools have confirmed their decision to become academies as part of the University of Brighton Academies Trust.

Marianne Brand, Head of Blackthorns, said: "The governing body of Blackthorns CP School passed a resolution on 8th January to convert to an academy as part of the University of Brighton Academies Trust with a target date of 1st April 2015. The feedback from the consultation was overwhelmingly positive."

A letter to parents from Blackthorns governors added: 'It was felt by the vast majority of respondents that partnering with the University of Brighton in the way we have proposed offers increased stability and support for the school, development opportunities for our staff and enhanced learning opportunities for our children.'

Marcus Still, Head of Lindfield Primary School, also confirmed the decision. "In both cases, the governing bodies of the schools have resolved for their schools to become academies as part of the University of Brighton Academies Trust later this year," he said.

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Football success

Young footballers could be on target for success in their first ever cup competition.

The players, from Lindfield Under 9s, have reached the final of the Under 9s Development Cup.

The team will face Eastbourne All Stars in the cup final at Three Bridges on 12th April .

"This is the first year that the Under 9s have taken part in an organised cup competition as, at this age, the FA ethos is very much around development rather than competition," said Alistair Ewen, whose company Lime Tree Designs sponsors the team. "However, as the children get older more competition is introduced.

"The majority of the squad have been with the club since joining up for the Under 6s, so they have had lots of time to get to practise with one another."

The path to the final included beating local rivals Cuckfield Cosmos and Perrywood Sports Fusion from Horley.

The youngsters are coached by Mark Humber, John Keane and Andy Shannon, helped by other dads who join in training. Club secretary Tony Robinson ensures the club runs smoothly.

"We are an open club and the children who play with us come from a variety of local schools," added Alistair. "We currently have around 30 members in our age group and anyone who wants to learn how to play and have fun is welcome to come down and join in."

The players train weekly on Saturday mornings and play matches on Sundays.

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Brian Newcombe Memorial bench

Members of the family plus representatives of Lindfield Cricket Club, Lindfield Football Club, the Parish Council and the King Edward Hall came together to contribute to and unveil a memorial bench on the Common remembering village stalwart Brian Newcombe who died last year.

Brian held many offices in the local community over the years including President of the Football Club and Chairman of the King Edward Hall, as well as Governor of Lindfield Primary School and Chairman of the Combers Trust. Brian met his wife Gwen whilst playing cricket on the Common for a touring side versus Lindfield. Gwen said: "The bench is a lovely way to celebrate the impact Brian had in the village during his life, particularly as it is situated where he loved watching his son and grandson play cricket."



Photo: Seated: Mike and Gwen Newcombe. Standing (L to R) : Will Blunden (King Edward Hall and Lindfield Parish Council); Les Andrews (Lindfield Cricket Club); Johnnie Box (Lindfield Football Club).

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By Kristy Underwood

We are a family who have fallen in love with Lindfield! I currently live in Portsmouth with my five year old and my partner lives in Mayfield, but desperately trying to find a family home in Lindfield. We have, as yet, not found anywhere through estate agents in the area, so I thought I would ask residents directly.

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LDC wants your books

On 30th May, Lindfield Dramatic Club celebrates a decade of having a book stall at Village Day and, despite the rise in popularity of electronic books and countless alternatives to reading, club officers are looking forward to another 10 years of being the village's second-hand book supplier.

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10th anniversary

LINDFIELD BUSINESS

One Lindfield business is happily celebrating its 10th anniversary year in 2015.

Lindfield Barbers opened on 1st February 2005 at the location of the Pond Newsagents and sweet shop, and following its use as a children's clothes shop for a brief time. "Many customers come in and talk about 'The Pondie', with many having worked here doing a paper round," Hilary Harber, manager of the shop, commented.

The business started off the back of a flippant remark by Hilary when she was cutting the hair of the owner of the building she now operates from. "I simply said that if he fancied turning it into a barber's then I would manage it for him. Next thing I knew, he talked to me and asked whether I was serious!"

Today you can get your hair cut by Hilary, Rose or Zoe – they are open six days a week and late on Thursdays.



New look SWALK

LINDFIELD BUSINESS

High Street gift shop SWALK reopened its doors last month after a New Year refurbishment. The independent business has been going for three years and, according to co-owner Becca Belfield, it was 'time for a change'.

The new layout of the shop includes a heavy focus on the display of cards. "Many people refer to us as the 'card shop', which we don't mind as it's a large part of the business and we know there aren't many in this area," Becca explained. SWALK also won Best Independent

Card Retailer in the South East in 2013. "While we have retained our striking colours and branding, we wanted the store to look a bit more contemporary and edgy than it was before."

The refit includes use of exposed brickwork and metal display cases, with the new layout bringing card racks right into the front of the shop, including a special seasonal section which, this month, will be packed with Mother's Day cards.

Easter competition with Harmony at Home

As Lindfield waves goodbye to childcare entrepreneur and 'supernanny' Frankie Gray, following her decision to sell the reputable Harmony at Home Children's Eco Boutique, we welcome her successor, Claire Fisher, who now plans to build on Frankie's success.

In a bid to get to know the local community, Claire is calling for all budding young artists aged 10 and under throughout the area to create an Easter-themed piece of artwork and hand it in to the boutique before 5pm on Saturday 28th March.

Every entrant will receive a small chocolate egg in exchange for their artwork, with one winner, as judged by Claire and her team, receiving an Easter hamper containing goodies and activities to keep them occupied over the Easter holidays.

The eco boutique, which Frankie launched in Ardingly in 2011 before moving to the Lindfield premises in 2012, increased its turnover by 92 per cent in only two years and is expected to grow a further 40 per cent in 2015 under the ownership of Claire, a former charity-marketing specialist. The boutique will retain the Harmony at Home branding and stock lines, and the team remains unchanged.

Claire comments: "I really look forward to meeting the local community and what better way to do that than encouraging everyone throughout Lindfield and the surrounding areas to get creative by taking part in a fun competition. Lindfield is a thriving village with an abundance of character and a truly local focus, so I hope the Easter competition goes down well and I look forward to receiving the entries and meeting residents from in and around Lindfield."

The winner will be announced on Wednesday 1st April and the winning artwork will be proudly displayed in the window of the boutique, which is situated on the High Street.

Frankie, who is the founding owner of the brand Harmony at Home, will now focus on expanding the business and supporting the existing franchises, which currently includes seven franchises in the UK and overseas.

Frankie Gray adds: "It's been a fabulous few years and in that time I have put the boutique on the map, not just amongst a local audience but also in terms of our online mail order service too. Whilst we have many loyal local customers, we also have customers in places as far away as New Zealand, Africa and Singapore, which leaves me in no doubt that the future of the boutique is very bright indeed. Claire is an accomplished marketer with lots of fresh ideas and enthusiasm and I have no doubt that the boutique is in good hands. I wish her all the best in her new venture and look forward to watching the boutique grow."

All entrants must submit their artwork in person on A4 paper, whilst accompanied by an adult, leaving their name and contact details on the reverse.

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In October last year a Police spokesperson gave a message that remains relevant: "We strongly advise residents not to engage with any cold callers of this type.

"Please report sightings of suspicious vehicles, persons or activities such as those described to us, using the 101 non emergency contact number, via our website, www.sussex.police.uk or, if there is an offence in progress, on 999."

Thanks for helping to trace our relative

By Alan & Barbara Wright

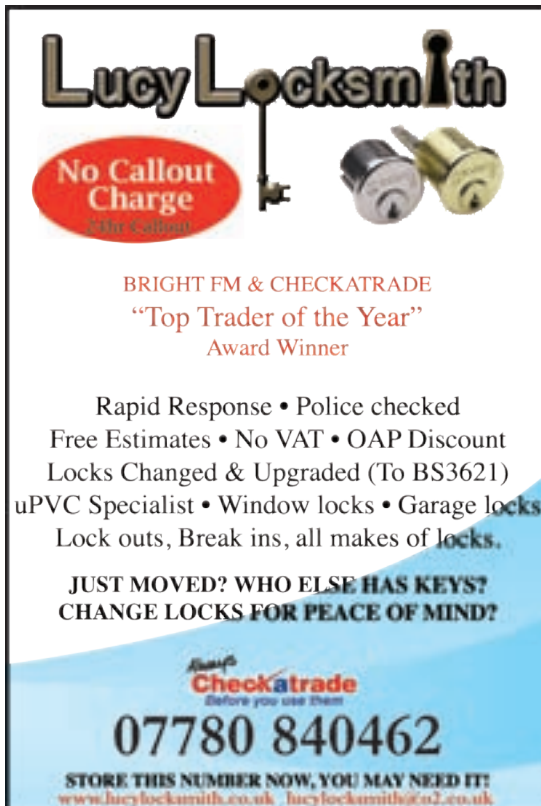
Just to let know that, through your support, we have now located our relative Ken Ames via Lindfield Life / Bowls Club / Village Resident and finally through his daughter.

The family greatly appreciate the efforts that everyone put into assisting us locate Ken and we would like to thank all those who helped in our search.

The next time we are in the UK we will visit Lindfield.

Neighbourhood Plan moving forward

The Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan is now out on public consultation through Mid Sussex District Council. The process is a six week period ending on 26th March. Copies of the documents can be seen online or at both Parish Council offices.



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Dining room extension at Compton House

By Paula Craen, Home Manager

Compton House staff and residents will be forever grateful to Leslie Fry, a former loyal Compton House supporter and volunteer. For many years, Leslie would spend hours every week as a volunteer at the Home making teas, reading and talking with residents and maintaining that very important link for residents with the community. He also involved himself in fundraising events in order to help the Home continue to flourish. Leslie was a devout Christian; he so believed in the values of Compton House that it was where he chose to close the final chapter of his life.

Leslie left a big void and was missed not only by Compton House but by many in Lindfield, where he was an active member of the community. Then to everyone's great surprise the Trustees of Compton House were informed that he had left a substantial legacy to be used to benefit the residents in his will. After much consideration the Trustees decided to extend the dining room facilities. Many people now living in Compton House have complex needs and the existing dining room was too small to accommodate all of the residents. Leslie's legacy has transformed this and now every resident can eat in a stylish and airy space. The extension was designed in such a way that it has also enabled us to have an area that can be part of the main room or closed off to provide a multi-functional private space. This Christmas every resident and many relatives were able to enjoy lunch together.

Residents, relatives, supporters, volunteers, staff and trustees were all invited to a tea party to celebrate the official opening of the dining room. Jeremy Nurse, one of the Trustees, gave a tribute to our benefactor and Mervyn Weeks of Lindfield Evangelical Free Church gave the blessing. Life at Compton House, thanks to Leslie

Fry, has been wonderfully enhanced. He left a void when he died but he will always be warmly remembered here.

Compton House Christian Nursing Home continues to have loyal supporters and a willing group of volunteers. The lovely gardens are maintained exclusively by the gardening group. Volunteers also help meet and greet visitors and answer the telephone in the afternoons, help with outings and some come to spend time with residents, reading, chatting and playing games.

If you would like to know more about Compton House and the care it can offer or you are interested in being a volunteer, please contact in the first instance the Office Manager on 01444 482662.



Winston's Wish in West Sussex

Winston's Wish is the leading childhood bereavement charity in the UK, helping children and young people rebuild their lives after the death of their mum, dad, brother or sister and enabling them to face the future with confidence and hope.

In West Sussex, Winston's Wish runs a unique bereavement support programme called SWITCH. The programme is aimed at children aged 8-14 who have suffered a close family bereavement which is having a negative effect on their behaviour. The bereavement may not be recent but may still be having an impact on the child. The SWITCH programme offers family work, individual work for children and their carers and group work. We end the programme with a celebration day. The aim of SWITCH is to provide children and families with the opportunity to work through their experience with qualified professionals and to help them make sense of their emotions and feelings, meet other people in similar situations and provide them with coping strategy to help them reach their full potential.

We would like to reach as many of these children and families as possible in West Sussex. If you, or a child or family you know of, would benefit from the SWITCH programme or would like any further information, please contact Sheila Elliott, Family Programme Lead for SWITCH: selliott@winstonswish.org.uk / switch@winstonswish.org.uk / Phone the office on 01403 211030 and ask to speak to myself or a member of the SWITCH team.

Winston's Wish in West Sussex also offer a family support service for those families who may not fit into the SWITCH programme. You can contact them via our helpline on 08452 0304 05 Monday to Friday 9am- 5pm, plus Wednesday evenings 7pm to 9.30pm. Winston's Wish also run a Drop-in session which takes place on the last Thursday of each month: 2.30 -5.30 pm at the Westgate Leisure Centre in Chichester.

For further information on Winston's Wish please go to our website www.winstonswish.org.uk

Thorpe Park winner

Anne Thompson was the lucky winner whose name was selected at random after she entered last month's competition to win five tickets to the Park. On hearing the news she commented: "I was very pleased as I never usually win anything!"

Abseil for hospice



Thrill seekers are invited to abseil 100 feet down the outside of the Sandman Signature hotel in Crawley to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice. The abseil has a superheroes theme, so participants are encouraged to dress up as their favourite superhero to descend the seven storey building on 18th April.

Louise Brown, Events Fundraiser for St Catherine's, said: "This is a really fun and unusual new challenge for thrill seekers who also want to make an important difference to local people. We're really looking forward to seeing all of our abseillers, not to mention the fantastic costumes. We are aiming to raise a heroic £11,000 through the abseil, which will make a huge difference in helping us to reach the £5.5m we must raise every year to continue caring for local people with a terminal illness."

The event is sponsored by local firm Elekta. Registration costs £25, with a required fundraising target of £150.

As well as individuals taking part on 18th April, St Catherine's is holding a special corporate teams only day on 17th April. Any company that enters a team of 10 can also enter their CEO for free. For more information go to www.stch.org.uk/abseilhero

Photo: Garth Harris, who took on an abseil for St Catherine's Hospice



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Desperate for summer sun – why not swap?

A British family living on the Indonesian island of Bali are wanting to sample Lindfield this summer and are looking for a house swap.

Lorraine and Punyo Sakharet have been living in Asia for the last seven years and have recently made the decision to return to the UK in the summer of 2016. They talked to friends in nearby areas with easy access to London and good schools

and decided that Sussex was a good match and created a list of potential villages. Lorraine takes the story: "We discounted most until we arrived in Lindfield. Driving down the High Street both my husband and I agreed, this is it! What a beautiful village and we just love the common opposite the duck pond."

However, the family of five wish to know for sure that Lindfield is the area for them and have decided to spend most of July here as a test.

"We are looking for a period property, or typically English country home, with garden space and at least four bedrooms ideally for our stay in Lindfield or



surrounding areas. Our home in Seminyak/Batu Belig is a three bedroom pool villa. We have ourselves undertaken many house swaps in the past and they are a great way to enjoy somewhere new from a local's perspective, and more affordable too!"

Lorraine and Punyo would like to be in Lindfield between 1st-28th July this year, although they are in a position to offer a non-sequential swap if necessary. Contact Lorraine on info@umahdiddesa.com if you may be interested in swapping the British summer for that of the tropical; average temperatures between 31-33C! Their house can be viewed at <http://bit.ly/1Dwxx9s>

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Bank Holiday fun with the Village Run

By Sarah Richmond

Whether you are a serious runner or you just want to jog around some of Sussex's loveliest countryside, then join the Village Run which takes place this year on Bank Holiday Monday 25th May.

Starting and finishing at Hickmans Lane playing fields, whether you choose the 10k or the 5k, you make your way across farmland, over hilly paths and rural tracks and even the occasional road. It has often been described as an old fashioned cross-country run. There's certainly varied terrain and some slippery surfaces but it's fully marshalled and even in the mud a couple of years back, everyone had a great time!

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and Six Physio, the run also relies on the fantastic landowners around the village who give permission for it to cross their land. The other bonus is that all the money raised goes towards the maintenance of the King Edward Hall, one of the few village halls in the country to be run as a charity.

Enter online now at www.kingedwardhall.org.uk/village-run. At just £7 per runner for the 10k and £3 for the 5k, it's a great way to spend your bank holiday. Children under 12 are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If you're interested in helping to marshal and/or book people in on the day, email run@kinghedwardhall.org.uk

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Would you like a challenge?

By Gwyneth Paine

Would you like a challenge and to learn to play a different musical instrument? If you can read music and enjoy good company, Lindfield Handbell Ringers would like to invite you to join their team.

The Lindfield Handbell Ringers group was formed in 1981, made up of All Saints Church Tower bell-ringers and their families. Subsequently membership widened to include many other local residents.

We have a full set of 37 handbells covering two and a half octaves allowing us to play a wide variety of music, including the harmonies as well as the tunes. We like to go out and entertain people at care homes, nursing homes, day centres, social clubs and similar organisations.

To enable us to use our full complement of bells we would like to increase the number of ringers and are actively recruiting new members. We are a friendly team and meet to practise on Monday afternoons in the Tiger Stable, All Saints Church, Lindfield, where you can be assured of a warm welcome.

If you think you may like to take up handbell ringing and join our team, please talk to Gwyneth Paine at 01444 483454 (dhandgrpaine@btinternet.com)



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Sam McAuley

VILLAGE PEOPLE



Following a childhood spent touring the country with her actor father and family, it was inevitable that Sam McAuley would end up working in the theatre. But instead of following the family's acting tradition, Sam was drawn to the more quirky and diverse performance arts. Sam has carved a career marketing some of the country's most successful alternative dance and theatre companies and is currently responsible for the Arts + Events programme at Canary Wharf.

Now happily settled in Lindfield, Sam tells us how she became passionate about promoting non-mainstream performances and why living midway between Brighton and London has given her the perfect work-life balance.

By Claire Cooper

"I guess I was always destined for a career in the arts," said Sam, who appeared in her first film when she was just three months old! "My dad was appearing in a training film for the fire service and they needed a baby – that was me!"

Sam's family spent many years travelling around the country. "We went wherever the work was and we didn't live anywhere permanently until I was three. But being in and around theatres for most of my childhood definitely nurtured my interest in the performing arts."

Sam's dad, originally from Dublin, played to audiences all over the country in a variety of roles but is probably best known as the voice of Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams! "When the Government banned his real voice from being heard on television or radio, my dad did the voiceovers!"

A promising dancer, Sam trained in ballet, contemporary and jazz, and was offered a place at Arts Educational in London along with several of her friends. "They all went but I didn't," said Sam. "I've always been quite practical and sensible, so I decided that it would be more beneficial to go to university and get a degree.

"I'd also seen my dad doing all sorts of jobs in between his acting work to keep us all going."

Sam enrolled at Exeter University to study for a degree in American and Commonwealth Arts. "It was a largely literature-based course exploring how history and politics are portrayed in the art forms of the time – art, film, music as well as writing – and what that can tell us about a country at a particular point in history," said Sam.

"It really prepared me for a life in the arts and gave me a broad grounding in many types of art and artistic expression."

The course also involved spending a year at the University of New Mexico, USA. "Moving to Albuquerque was like living in a film set with the beautiful desert, stunning mountains and amazing sky," Sam recalled. "It was a brilliant experience."

One of Sam's fellow students stayed on in Santa Fe and the pair have kept in touch ever since. "After we got married John and I spent our honeymoon in New York and New Mexico—I was so excited to go back."

After returning to England and completing her degree, Sam went work for Artsadmin in London. "They



are pioneers in contemporary art and introduced me to non-mainstream arts in London."

Sam went on to work with touring companies and venues up and down the country and, during a stint in Oxford, met her future husband John. "I was working with the Oxford Stage Company on a production of *Romeo and Juliet*," said Sam. "John arrived to do the casting."

In 2004 Sam took the decision to go it alone and launched McAuley Arts Marketing Ltd, known as *makesthree*. "Lots of people in my line of work freelance really early on but I believe that getting quality experience working in a range of venues and seeing how things are put together is invaluable," said Sam.

It's undoubtedly this experience that helped secure Sam one of her most high profile jobs - as Marketing Manager for events at Canary Wharf. "I market the entire programme, from comedy nights and music gigs to large outdoor concerts with companies like the London Symphony Orchestra.

"The Jazz Festival in August is the biggest free outdoor jazz festival in London and over the winter we have a fantastic ice rink."

Sam is also busy promoting the current show for the hugely successful *BalletBoyz*, which arrives in Brighton in June. "Working with 10 gorgeous boys is such a hardship!" laughed Sam. "The boys are such brilliant role models for younger boys as they are very down to earth and come from a variety of backgrounds," she added. "Some didn't set out to become dancers, including one of the original *balletboyz*, Matt, who was planning to join the Royal Marines if his *BalletBoyz* application was unsuccessful."

Sam is also working with *Kneehigh Theatre Company* (Cornwall's National Theatre) on the forthcoming tour of *Dead Dog in a Suitcase*, a new version of *The Beggar's Opera*.

Another exciting new project is 'The Spalding Suite' a unique and exciting dance and theatre interpretation of an anthology of poetry about basketball. "I'm working with director Benji Reid and poet Inua Ellams and their producers at Fuel, who are creating a show around the physical beauty of the game," Sam explained. "Basketball players are similar to dancers; there is a short

peak time when the body can do amazing things and achieve impossible feats."

She added that, with its beatbox soundtrack, the show should appeal to young dancers and basketball players. The show opens at the South Bank Centre in April before moving closer to home as part of the Brighton Festival in May.

Sam's career has taken her to a wide range of venues but perhaps the most unusual was the car park behind the National Theatre, which became the setting for *The Roof*, an innovative '360-degree panoramic performance under the night sky," held last summer.

Based on computer games, the production mixed contemporary dance, free running and 3D sound, and was watched by more than 10,000 people. "It was also my first time filming with a drone camera, which was amazing," said Sam.

When she's not working from home, Sam travels to her 'bolt hole' office in London above busy rehearsal rooms. "I never know who I'm going to bump into," said Sam. "I've met Joanna Lumley in the loos and heard Mark Rylance roaring through the floor rehearsing *Jerusalem!*"

The internet and social media have made working from home a practical option for Sam but also play a huge part in marketing non-mainstream work. "Small productions with tiny budgets can now reach so many more people and new technology has made it possible.

"Digital cameras mean you can get really good images and make trailers at very little cost; it's allowed unusual work to have a voice," said Sam. "As a result there's much more of a crossover now between traditional theatre and 'weird stuff!'"

Away from work Sam enjoys village life and particularly walking her dog Jack in the Sussex countryside. "We fell in love with Lindfield after visiting friends here," said Sam. "It's perfect for us."

She's also training in genealogy and was surprised to discover that some of her ancestors lived in the area, with weddings recorded in Ardingly and West Hoathly churches.

"I've also found that I'm related to Debroy Somers, Leader of the Savoy Orpheans in the 1920s. It was the first resident dance band at London's Savoy Hotel, so it appears that performance has always been in our blood."



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By James Verrall, Head Golf Professional

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To start the downswing you must start shifting all your weight on to your left side. This needs to start with the knees and hips first. This you may have heard of as a term called 'clearing your hips'. The top half of the body and arms should then follow. The difference of movement between the hips and the top half is known as lag.

At impact your belt buckle should have shifted well left of the golf ball. Your hands should also be past the ball, apart from when using a driver. Your left leg should have straightened to avoid you sliding through the shot.

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Using soft sliced bread make sandwiches generously filled with butter and your chosen filling – grated cheese, sliced soft cheese, ham, crisp bacon, canned salmon or tuna (could be mixed with a little mayonnaise) – whatever you fancy.

In a shallow pie plate beat 1 egg with 300ml milk (enough for 2-3 sandwiches). Dip each sandwich in this, coating both sides.

Heat a good knob of butter in a fry pan and cook the sandwiches until a rich golden brown on both sides. Cut into quarters and eat piping hot.

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By Caroline Young

Our familiar loaf of bread, which we take for granted, has been around for a long time. It has been one of the principal forms of food from the very earliest times. A milling stone dating from the Stone Age, 7,500 years ago, shows evidence of grinding primitive seeds and grains. Bread making is one of the earliest crafts known to man, with evidence from Egyptian tombs. The British Museum has loaves made over 5,000 years ago. A bit stale by now!

Fast forward a few years – to 7th July 1928 and to Des Moines, Iowa where a jeweller had invented a mechanical bread slicer. Before then all loaves had to be hand cut but by 1933 80% of the bread made in the USA was sold ready-sliced. There is nothing to beat a well buttered

slice of very fresh bread but it can also form the basis of some delicious, inexpensive main dishes, perfect for chilly days.

Bread and butter pudding is that wonderful quivering baked combination of creamy custard, bread and fruit, certainly not to be confused with the rather solid mixture called Bread Pudding. Rather than being a vehicle for stale bread ends, this humble pudding now comes made with every conceivable type of bread and in numerous variations. It is even said to be Prince Charles' favourite pudding and his chef includes a liberal addition of whisky. I have made puddings with pannetonne, that delicious Italian Christmas bread, brioche and croissants – be adventurous and try this savoury version.

Savoury bread and butter pudding

Serves 3-4

Cut the crusts off 6 large slices of fresh (or 1 day old) bread and lightly spread with butter, plus a little mustard if wished. Top three slices generously with thinly sliced ham and grated or thinly sliced cheese – Gruyere is especially delicious. Top with the remaining three slices of bread and cut into triangles. Arrange in a shallow buttered dish slightly overlapping, like roof tiles. Whisk together 2 large eggs with 600ml full fat milk or single

cream and seasoning. Pour through a sieve over the bread. Cover and refrigerate for 45 min – 1 hour.

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#2



The 5 bites diet

Eat anything – but only five bites of it! On this diet you skip breakfast and eat only five bites of food for lunch and five more for dinner. Whilst eating small portions is often the way forward for most individuals this diet puts you in starvation mode most of the time as even if you take giant bites of heavily caloric food, you're probably only consuming approximately 900 to 1,000 calories a day.

#3



Baby Food diet

On this diet individuals will replace breakfast and lunch with about 14 jars of baby food and then they eat a low-calorie dinner. With each jar of baby food containing between 20-100 calories it is very easy to get too few calories for your body to run efficiently. As we are not babies why would we want to put ourselves through eating such vile mush? Sorry kids!

#4



Cabbage soup diet

This diet has been around for years and the bulk of this plan is fat-free cabbage soup, eaten two to three times a day for a week along with other low-calorie foods. In the short term, it does yield weight loss and this is because you are eating a low-calorie diet full of fibre and water thus making you feel full. However it also causes bloating and gas from all the cabbage and is lacking in protein, which is needed to preserve lean body mass.

#5



Grapefruit diet

This diet instructs individuals to focus all of their meals on grapefruit or grapefruit juice, claiming that the fruit contains fat-busting enzymes that will help dieters shed the pounds. In reality, any time you are following a very-low calorie diet you will lose weight quickly. But like many diets your calorie restrictions are so low that your body will not function effectively and furthermore, all the weight will inevitably go back on, as no such extreme diet is maintainable or indeed safe for your health.

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18th Baroness Darcy de Knayth

STORIES FROM THE GRAVES

This month we return to our series of features from Walstead Burial ground with the story of a remarkable woman who, despite suffering horrific injuries in a car accident, went on to become an Olympic medallist and one of the county's leading campaigners for disabled rights: Davina Marcia Ingrams, 18th Baroness Darcy de Knayth.



By Claire Cooper

Born on 10th July 1938, Davina Marcia Herbert was the daughter of Vida (Cuthbert) and, Sqn Ldr Viscount Clive, the 17th Baron Darcy de Knayth.

Sadly, when she was just five years old, her father died in action in 1943 flying a Mosquito as a squadron leader in the RAF. His death meant Davina became the 18th Baroness Darcy, the youngest British baroness in her own right.

Brought up by her mother and stepfather, Brigadier Derek Schreiber, she was educated at St Mary's school, Wantage, Oxfordshire. After leaving Wantage, she took a secretarial course and spent a year in Italy and at the Sorbonne in Paris. Blonde, pretty and with a title of her own, the press regarded her as the 'catch of the season'.

On 1st March 1960 Davina married company director Rupert Ingrams (the brother of journalist and Private Eye editor Richard Ingrams). They had three children - a son and two daughters.

Tragedy struck in 1964 when Davina and her husband were involved in a serious accident. Returning from a dance, their car hit a tree. Rupert was killed outright, and Davina suffered injuries to her face and spine. She was cut free from the wreckage and taken to Cuckfield Hospital, but flown by helicopter to Stoke Manderville Hospital where it was discovered that she was paralysed from the neck down.

She spent a year in hospital and later recovered some movement in her upper body.

Davina became a wheelchair user, but was determined to live as normal a life as possible, and had a car converted so she could drive her three young children.

She also took up table tennis and archery and went on to become one of the leading voices in the campaign that led to the creation of the Paralympic Games.

Not only did Davina help create the Paralympics but she successfully competed events including wheelchair fencing and the women's slalom. She won a gold medal

in swimming at the 1968 Summer Paralympics in Israel and a bronze for table tennis at the 1972 Games in Heidelberg, West Germany. She was also an archery champion.

In 1969 Davina took up her seat in the House of Lords, She had been admitted as one of the first 16 hereditary peeresses six years earlier. It was believed that she was the first member to be referred to on the floor as a 'kinswoman'.

In 1970 she was one of four wheelchair-bound members of the House of Lords whose intervention in a debate on a private member's Bill dramatically raised public awareness about the plight of the disabled.

Together with Baroness Masham, Viscount Ingleby and Lord Crawshaw, she was one of the 'Wheelchair Brigade', for whom one of the crossbenches was removed from the floor of the House so they could speak on the second reading of the Bill promoted by the Labour MP Alf Morris.

Introducing an amendment to allow pensioners on invalidity benefit to earn £9.50 a week without losing their entitlement to state aid, Davina 'spoke with the authority of a young widowed mother of three who was paralysed from the chest down.'

In the years that followed she became a persistent campaigner for equal rights for disabled people in the Lords. In May 1990, she was responsible for defeating the Conservative government by 87 votes to 86 for her amendment to grant deaf and dyslexic students the right to claim income support and housing benefit.

One of Davina's great victories came in March 1991 when she helped inflict a defeat on the Major government, killing off its effort to end the Independent Living Fund, which enabled seriously disabled people to live in the community.

Uninterested in party politics, Davina is remembered for considering every issue on its merits. She was a moderate opponent of the hunting ban, was strongly opposed to ID cards and supported the Human Fertilisation and Embryo Bill in the House in 1990.

In 1996 she was made a Dame (DBE) for her services to disabled people.

After the House of Lords Act 1999 removed most of the hereditary peers from the House of Lords, she was the only one of the original hereditary peeresses elected to remain after coming top of the ballot of crossbench peers. She continued to be driven up from her home near Maidenhead by Lord Lawrence, who did not retain his seat.

In the January 2003 debate on Lords reform, she favoured the retention of an "all-appointed" upper chamber. As a Catholic convert, she opposed any further concessions on abortion. She also served as the President of Skill: National Bureau for Students with Disabilities.

Davina died at Wrexham Park Hospital, Slough, on 24th February 2008 and is buried at Walstead, next to her husband Rupert. The day after her death, the House of Lords paid her warm tribute when it passed the third reading of the Disabled Persons (Independent Living) Bill.

Her son, Caspar David Ingrams, succeeds her as the 19th Baron Darcy de Knayth.



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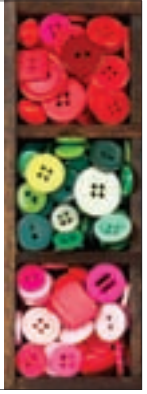
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Comic Relief cake sale

Two Lindfield sisters are doing their bit for Comic Relief later this month as they host a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale at The Red Lion.

Caroline Ford and Liz Martin have organised three previous events, with the last one attended by over 100 people and raising more than £700 for the fun charity.

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Making a splash

HOME FRONT

By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

From time to time David and I will be asked what it's like to work together. Without wishing to sound nauseating, we have now worked together for over thirteen years and it works; we love it. Clients have looked at us incredulously as we explain that we don't argue and certainly don't battle with each other when it comes to our work. I think the key is that we have different skill sets and, depending on the project, will each bow to the other's expertise. And, crucially, neither of us is ego driven nor do we 'have to be right'. Our clients tell us that they like the dual approach and feel that they get the best of both worlds. So how does that split work? Well, David, with his background in bespoke furniture design and making and his space planning skills, is a natural fit for kitchen and bathroom projects, whilst I am more drawn to sitting rooms and bedrooms and more generally in the business will be the one who puts together the colour schemes.

So when we landed a large country house project, David was the lead on the bathroom designs (there were four). This particular project was not only especially exciting due to its scale but the client wanted to invest in a high end finish, so our scope for gorgeous design was huge, especially in the master en suite (above). The existing en suite had been a rather cold and cavernous dual aspect space, yet with stunning Downs views. What it lacked apart from warmth was a sense of privacy. As I have mentioned here before, the structure of a room is the first thing to consider and David felt that this needed to change. By adding a partition wall about 90cm into the room facing you as you walk in, the bathroom started to feel more like a retreat. Where you had been able to see straight into the space from the bedroom, you now, on entering the room, had to turn left before properly feeling you were 'in the en suite'. David designed the space with a large walk in shower on the other side of

the new wall. Double sinks with walnut drawer storage feature on the opposite wall, flanked by the Bisque towel rail and the simply designed WC. A spacious free standing teardrop bath completes the look, perfectly placed to enjoy the gorgeous view afforded by the huge picture window. With so much wall space, the tiling had to be carefully considered. It would not have been wrong to have 60cm x 30cm tiles throughout but it would have shown a crushing lack of imagination when there are so many fabulous shapes and sizes of tiles on the market. The Ghost White tiles David chose offered a wide range of sizes, including some 8cm x 60cm and 8cm x 75cm strip tiles which, mixed with the larger format tiles, enabled him to create a fully bespoke look. Tiles like this demand to be lit well and the Oslo wall lights from Astro are perfect for this. The shower enclosure itself provided the ideal backdrop for some striking Bisazza mosaic tiles; the green gives you a real sense of rainforest. (For a stunning application of Bisazza tiles Google 'Naples Toledo metro station' – incredible). The sanitaryware was sourced from high end Swiss supplier Laufen. Some years ago David and I were lucky enough to be invited to the Cotswolds for a supplier event where we learned what makes Laufen such a superior product. We returned experts in flushing quality and how toilet seats had been designed for ease of cleaning. But seriously, these guys test their products relentlessly and each one is checked by a lint gloved inspector for porcelain imperfections as they come off the production line.

As we applied the finishing touches to this country house project, we reflected on the rooms which made us smile most. Whilst we were both delighted with the end results throughout the house, it was the sitting room and master bedroom which I felt most excited about and, yes, the master en suite did it for David.

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March 2015

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Neighbourhood Policing Panel

One of the functions performed by our Parish Council is to provide a representative for Lindfield Rural parish on the local Neighbourhood Policing Panel, which covers Lindfield, Ardingly, West Hoathly, Sharpthorne, Horsted Keynes, Scaynes Hill and Rural surrounds.

The Neighbourhood Policing Panel is a group of local residents, not just Parish Councillors, who meet on a roughly 10 week schedule with our local Police Community Support Officer, Erica Baxter, at Haywards Heath Police Station. The meetings start at 7.30pm and last for about an hour and a half. We discuss any and all issues relating to crime and anti-social behaviour in our area. Erica advises us on the various reported incidents that have arisen since the previous meeting and we are able to highlight any concerns that we (or our community in general) are aware of which we feel would benefit from a review or investigation by the Police. Issues such as inconsiderate parking of vehicles, theft (of all types), anti-social behaviour, suspected drug use etc. are discussed.

One of the main problems/issues that Erica regularly highlights is an apparent lack of interest within the community as a whole in reporting any suspicious activity. It is generally left to the poor victim of a crime to make the first report to the Police, by which time, of course, it is too late. The police cannot be everywhere observing what is going on but if someone in the community reported any suspicious activity that was observed, it might be possible to prevent certain crimes taking place.

To put it simply, prevention is better than a cure, so if you are aware of any suspicious activity, of whatever type, please report it via the 101 telephone number (or if it is a crime in progress, the 999 number). It may be nothing and therefore, when the Police investigate, no further action is required but equally it may be something serious and you could potentially be preventing a crime taking place.

One other way of identifying problems is for more members of the community to actually participate in the Policing Panel. For example, at present, apart from the 'odd' Parish Councillor or three, there is a representative from a Neighbourhood Watch group in Lindfield as well as a resident from Horsted Keynes who acts on behalf of his neighbours but more local community members would be welcome. The Panel is open to anyone who feels they have a view about the relevant issues. So, for instance, if

a group of residents in your road regularly discusses (or moans about) things that happen around you, why not select a representative to attend the Panel meeting to keep abreast of things and also make any points relevant to your local area. At least give it a try.

If you are interested in finding out more or attending the next Panel meeting, which is currently scheduled for 7.30pm on Thursday 16th April 2015, then please contact PCSO Erica Baxter by email at Erica.Baxter@sussex.pnn.police.uk and she will make all the necessary arrangements.

If you don't feel able to attend the Panel yourself but still have issues or information, we can of course raise them on your behalf. However, to do this we need to know about them, so please let us have details via the Parish Clerk, either by telephone on 01444 831499 or via email at lindfieldrural.parishcouncil@virgin.net but please remember that it is always better to deal with these things first-hand.

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Following formal submission of the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan to Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) on 12th December 2014, we have now been advised that the 6 week public consultation should commence on 12th February 2015. This consultation is being organised by MSDC. Please look out for the relevant advertisements.

Gravelly Lane Allotments

Many residents in the Parish, and particularly those residing in the Kaleidoscope and Heathwood Park developments off Gravelly Lane, may not be aware that the Parish Council owns and operates the Allotment Gardens off Gravelly Lane, Lindfield.

It has certainly proved very much a popular pastime to grow your own fruit and vegetables and, although there are no vacancies on the allotments at present, the past year has seen a larger than usual turnover of plottolders. This has resulted in the waiting list being substantially reduced, so the Parish Council are re-opening the waiting list to those residing within the Parish boundary. For those residents who are unsure whether they are within that boundary, may we remind you that residents from the hamlet of Walstead and the village of Scaynes Hill would qualify. Residents may, however, consult our website or phone the Parish Office for confirmation.

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Works in Progress

It has always been the Parish Council's objective to ensure, as much as possible, a high level of infrastructure and is working with the community and others to achieve a better environment. A flavour of what your Parish Council has been aiming to achieve is as follows.

To identify ways to alleviate flooding problems in the Parish. For example:

- Cockhaise Mill Farm area; East Mascalls Lane; Bedales Hill; Town Hill, Lindfield; Snowdrop Lane
- Traffic calming in Gravelye Lane and roads approaching Lindfield and Scaynes Hill
- Neighbourhood Plan – see separate report
- Creation of island at junction of Lyoth/Snowdrop Lanes
- Environmental re-assessment of the Burial Ground and Scaynes Hill Common

Details of other projects can be obtained from the Parish Office.

'Welcome To Lindfield' – Road Wardens

Residents may have observed in the February issue of Lindfield Life (page 23) a plea from Brenda Johnson for volunteers as road wardens for various roads within our Parish.

The function of the road wardens would be to identify new residents and to pass a 'Welcome to Lindfield' pack supplied by the three churches of Lindfield. Please contact Brenda Johnson on 01444 455375 for more information.

A similar scheme is in operation in Scaynes Hill but initially contact St Augustine's Church or the Parish Clerk for more information.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 13th April 2015

This will be held at the Millennium Village Centre, Scaynes Hill at 8pm. This meeting will afford residents the opportunity to meet the Councillors who will report on this year's business. There will be guest speakers and an opportunity for residents to raise any questions. A glass of wine will be offered from 7.45pm and all residents are welcome.

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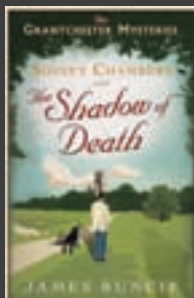


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BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

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- 11th **Lindfield Horticultural Society** – 8pm. Talk by Steven Moore of Rapkyns Nursery, Broad Oak (ideas for early spring colour). All welcome. Entry £1 members, £2 visitors (Alison Elliott 01444 483039)
- 12th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10–11am
- 14th **Haywards Heath Lions Club** – Jumble Sale (Secretary – 0845 833 5807)
- 17th **Lindfield Preservation Society** – 2.30 pm. An illustrated talk by Ian Everest: 'A Sussex Farm during the 1950s'. A year in the life of a downland farm recorded in colour on 16mm cine film. All welcome, entry free (John Chapman 01444 484470)
- 19th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10–11am
- 19th **Film Show 'Mr Turner'** 12A – 7.30pm. Tickets available from Tufnells. (Jennie Powell 01444 483431)
- 23rd **King Edward Hall – Annual General Meeting** (Rupert Ayton 01444 483716)
- 24th **Lindfield Flower Club** – 2.30–4pm. Talk by Lucinda Knapman: 'A Florist's Perspective'. (Norma Smith 01444 414562 or normasmith1@btinternet.com)
- 24th **The Fretful Federation Mandolin Orchestra** – Concert (David Barwell 01444 412704)
- 26th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10–11am
- 28th **Lindfield Horticultural Society** – 2–4.45pm Annual Spring Show of Flowers and Produce. Afternoon tea and plant stall. For entries see Schedule or phone 483236. Entry £1, children free (www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk or Alison Elliott 01444 483039)

- 3rd **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – Franklands Village Hall, Haywards Heath 10.15am. 'The Burren of Western Ireland' by Patrick Coulcher
- 11th **Tiger Arts Lunchtime Concerts** – Lindfield URC, light lunch 12.15pm, concert 1–2pm. Charlotte Buchanan (Trumpet). Brought up in Hurstpierpoint and trained at the Royal College of Music Charlotte has played in the All Saints orchestra on Good Friday on a number of occasions.
- 13th **Comic Relief Coffee Morning and Cake Sale** – The Red Lion 9.15am until midday. Children welcome
- 14th **ROC on Saturday** – Lindfield URC Lounge 3–4.30pm. Over 55s fortnightly event. Speaker: PC Erica Baxter
- 18th **Mid-Sussex Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture** – Clair Hall, Haywards Heath 10.15 for 10.45am. 'Sir Edwin Lutyens – the Architect with a Twinkle in his Eye' by Lt. Col. Dick Bolton (www.mid-sussexdfas.org.uk)
- 24th **Mid Sussex Local History Group** – Franklands Village Hall, Haywards Heath 10am. Lecture on 'The Skeleton Army'. New members welcome, we meet on 4th Tuesday of each month (Joan Corless on 01444 470108)
- 21st **Sussex Chorus: French Sacred Music**, All Saints Church, Hove BN3 3QE 7.30pm. Duruflé – Requiem, Gounod – Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cecile, Dupré – Cortege et Litanie and Widor – Toccata. Tickets: £15, concessions £12, students and under 16s £5 available from www.sussexchorus.org or 01444 412579
- 28th **ROC on Saturday** – Lindfield Evangelical Free Church 3–4.30pm. Over 55s fortnightly event
- 28th–12th **Borde Hill Garden Easter trail** Complete the puzzle and pick-up your prize – a delicious chocolate treat – by hunting out clues and hidden sculptural bunnies around the Garden. There will also be giant garden games including Connect Four, Jenga and Noughts & Crosses on the lawn for visitors young and old to enjoy.
- 29th **Ardingly Choral Society With Mid-Sussex Sinfonia: Palm Sunday**, Ardingly College Chapel 7.30 pm. Dvorak – Stabat Mater. Tickets £14 (concessions £12.00) from Michael Kershaw 01825 791241 or Carousel Music

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