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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Hello, and welcome to this issue of the magazine.

If you are anything like me (I know, it's a long shot!) then you may have always wondered what happens to the **recycling** that you diligently collect in your blue bin. On **page 34 Claire Cooper** lifts the lid on the recycling collection and what happens next. There is also useful advice about what can't be recycled - kitchen roll, for instance.

Moving closer to the doorstep we catch up with **Canon Gerald Bridgeman**, and his wife Jill, as Claire discovers just what you have to do to earn that title from the Church of England. Read the full story on **page 28**.

While on the subject of church – you can find out all about **Easter services** on **page 24**.

While on the subject of Easter - many will also associate the festival with the joyous consumption of chocolate and our regular foodie **Caroline Young** shares her favourite **chocolate recipes** on **page 32**.

On **page 10** we are pleased to have caught up with two local runners **Ant Harman** and **Martin Hadden**, who have spent the last few months in training for an amazing personal achievement.

I'm sure you will have heard by now of the result of the **Neighbourhood Plan Referendum**, as the village voted overwhelmingly to adopt it. This news, along with a good few other stories, starts from **page 4**.

Finally, if you have ever wondered where you could go to play your ukulele then your luck is in. I popped in on the **Weald Ukulele Group** which meets weekly at the Inn on the Green in Scaynes Hill. As ever, it's amazing what happens on our doorstep! See **page 18**.

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Neighbourhood Plan passed

The Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan successfully passed through its referendum stage in January, when 28.6% of the electorate turned out to vote. A very high percentage (95%) of those who voted registered their support for the Plan. The Plan now needs to be formally 'made' by Mid Sussex District Council (hopefully in the next couple of months), when it will become a planning document that must, by law, be taken into account when deciding planning applications in the area of the two Parishes.

Councillor Alan Gomme, the Chair of the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, said: "What a great result for our communities in the two parishes! This was a real community effort. My Steering Group was made up of councillors from both Parish Councils and was hugely helped by members of the public on the four Focus Groups that did the ground research that formed the basis of the Plan. These consisted of nearly forty members of our communities, covering all age groups and professions. It is now up to Mid Sussex District Council in particular to take note of this result and to abide by the planning policies that it contains."

Aircraft noise

By a concerned resident

Has anyone noticed the increase in air traffic over Lindfield? This is particularly obvious in the early morning (from 5.30am) and late at night (sometimes after 11.30pm). It seems that Lindfield is not only being besieged by housing developers but we are under attack from the skies as well!

It would appear that this has been caused by the decision of the Director of Airspace policy to allow Gatwick Airport to fly outside the existing Noise Preferential Route. The effect of this is that the aircraft are flying in a wider route as they approach or leave the airport, hence more aircraft for Lindfield and of course Gatwick. This is not permanent and is due to be reviewed. Furthermore, Gatwick Airport have said that they will listen to local comment.

If you are concerned about the disturbance from the air traffic noise, as many residents are, and wish to make your feelings heard please use this link to get to the petition website <http://bit.ly/1w8fXEA>



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By James Smyth

There was success all round for Lindfield Primary Academy's budding young mathematicians earlier this month, as they took part in the Haywards Heath Primary Maths Challenge.

Two teams were entered into the local competition, along with ten other teams from other local primary schools. The children had to answer a variety of questions in different rounds, including a particularly challenging logic task and a range of complicated two step problems.

Both teams from Lindfield did fantastically well throughout, however Nathan Weekes, Ella Tingley, Thomas Manchester and Alice Gibson were particularly successful, finishing in 1st place and claiming the winners' trophies.

Deputy Principal Vanessa Smith, who accompanied the children to the event held at Bolnore Village Primary, said: "All the children were fantastic! The questions were extremely tough but our Year 5s & 6s worked really well as a team, supporting each other and persevering throughout; they did us proud!"

Photo: Back Row: Rory Dalgliesh, Sam Farbrother, Monty Brown, Leo Yu. Front Row: Ella Tingley, Alice Gibson, Nathan Weekes, Thomas Manchester

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Earlier this month Lindfield said goodbye to PCSO Erica Baxter, who has taken up a new post based in East Grinstead.

Erica's move is part of a restructuring of the PCSO service, which will see issues in the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural parishes referred to the officers based in Haywards Heath.

Before leaving, Erica sent the following message to residents: "It has been an absolute privilege and a pleasure to have oversight of the Lindfield and surrounding rural areas. That wide area has kept me busy at times, and in my work it is inevitable but always sad to find that criminal or antisocial behaviour has affected a person or a community.

"However my experience has been that most residents are keen to find solutions and get past difficulties so that the benefits of rural living can take precedence again.

"I do hope that my strong appreciation for the beautiful area and the people who live there, and my wish to protect by patrolling and providing information and advice has come across during my time in post. Thanks are due to so many of you for supporting me in my varied duties. Without that generosity the job would have been very much harder.

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It's the first time Hickstead has held an official volunteer scheme. "It's something that has become increasingly popular in the horse world, especially after London 2012 and the 'Gamesmakers'," explained Hickstead Director Edward Bunn. "Our volunteer scheme will give people the opportunity to be part of our shows, experience new things, add to their skills and get up close to the action."

Candidates can choose to volunteer at either or both shows, and opportunities will range from assisting in the hospitality areas, helping with the running of the eight national arenas, stewarding the grandstands, crossings or horse walk areas, or co-ordinating the other volunteers.

The volunteers will be required to work a minimum of two days at the show, with shifts generally lasting around 9hrs. The volunteers will swap jobs every 2 hours, making the jobs more diverse. All applicants must be at least 18 years old by 22nd June 2016.

For more details see: <http://bit.ly/1P6kwbt>

LAF 2016 update

Lindfield Arts Festival plans are well under way for the weekend of 17th & 18th September.

There will be some new faces and some old! Already confirmed is the chance to Burlesque the night away in the Bent Arms and to watch Ariel Academy, Popsteps, SK Dance and more. The African Drummers always attract a large audience.

This year's Festival will loosely collaborate with Haywards Heath 175th celebrations of the railway, with a Victorian theme and a couple of competitions around trains and hats will be announced. The Festival team is hoping to decorate a low-loader on Festival Saturday to accompany the Sunday procession in Haywards Heath.

As usual, supporters and volunteers are always welcomed, along with innovative and creative opportunities to perform or showcase your work. Please email enquiries@lindfieldartsfestival.com, and please put these dates in your diary.



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Local runners help two charities

Two Lindfield runners have taken up the challenge of Marathon running, inspired by two very different charities.



First time marathon runner Martin Hadden will join the starting line at the Brighton Marathon on 17th April. He is attempting to raise £3,000 to fund the participation of a youngster at the 2020 Shorinjiryu Renshinkan Karate world championships in Kagoshima Japan.

Martin, who lives in the village with his wife Michelle and two children, works as the Group Executive Head Chef for Historic Sussex Hotels (which includes Ockenden Manor in Cuckfield). He explained why he's so passionate about the sport and supporting young martial artists.

"I am a 1st dan black belt and was lucky enough to represent England at last year's world championships in Taiwan along with a team of 34," he said.

"As a team we did remarkably well getting two members through to the quarter finals, an achievement that hasn't happened before. However, participation is self-funding and it costs about £3,000 per person.

"It would be wrong for a young talented martial artist to miss out on such an experience just because they couldn't afford it."

He added that Renshinkan is a very traditional style of Karate and Renshinkan England is based in and around Mid Sussex. Shihan Julia Turley, from Haywards Heath, is head of Renshinkan England, and members train at the Triangle, the Dolphin, Scaynes Hill, Turners Hill, Hassocks, Burgess Hill and Ardingly.

To find out more about the England team's participation in last year's championships, visit the Renshinkan website where there is a 20 minute documentary film named 'A grain of sand'.

To sponsor Martin, visit his Justgiving page: <https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/martin-hadden>



Ant Jarman will be running in the Brighton Half Marathon on 28th February.

He explained about how he took up running after watching the London Marathon on television.

"I'd always wanted to run a marathon," said Ant. "I'd grown up watching the London Marathon on TV every year and made it one of my ambitions (along with travelling the world). When I turned 30 in 2012 I knew it was now or never and having recently moved to Lindfield I realised it was a great area for training. Lots of hills and amazing runs into the countryside!"

There was further motivation when Ant's 'other half', Wayne, was diagnosed with the gene for Huntington's Disease. "This gave me a great charity to raise money for and since my first run - the Great South run in 2012 - I have helped raise more than £3,000 for the charity," he said. "I've also roped in some friends who are also addicted to running now!"

Ant has now completed 4 marathons. "The first three were in Brighton and I finally got to run London in 2015. My best time is 3hrs 28 minutes."

Ant has also run five half marathons.

"Lindfield has definitely helped my running," he said. "I'm always amazed at how many other joggers I see out and about - and they are all so friendly - always a smile and a 'hello' as I pass."

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The quiz, part of the Brighton based City Reads event, will be held Upstairs at Masters on 21st April from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

There will be questions on everything: from genre fiction to literary classics, plus a dedicated round on this year's City Reads book – The Good Son, by Paul McVeigh (pictured).

Book lovers are invited to enter in teams of up to six, or can help to make up a team on the night. There will be brainteasers aplenty for book lovers of all persuasions!

Tickets cost £5 and are available from Masters & Son or from Tufnells Home in the High Street. Wine and soft drinks will also be available.

All proceeds from the event will go towards the Young City Reads project. Young City Reads supports primary school children across Brighton & Hove and Sussex with their reading, offering special help and support for emergent readers and children from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The organisation produces free resources, drama workshops and fun events based around children's books to help young readers discover the joy of reading for pleasure. Its aim is to make reading a fun activity for all children regardless of ability.

Sue Masters, who is organising the quiz, said: "I am really pleased that one of the City Reads events is being held in Lindfield this year Upstairs at Masters. I hope



it will encourage many more local people to get more involved in the book festival."

City Reads is an annual city-wide book festival based in Brighton. The concept is simple: one book by one author is selected for the whole community to read, discuss, debate and creatively engage with in a series of special events, workshops and performances.

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Sussex Life in Flowers demonstration

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Gill is an extremely proficient arranger and she'll be at the event entitled 'Sussex Life in Flowers' on Saturday 12th March to raise funds towards the church bells at All Saints and Chichester Cathedral restoration.

The event will start at 2pm, and tickets cost £8, which are available on the door or in advance from 01444 484272 or 01444 415153.

Concert band perform



The Adur Concert Band will perform a concert at the King Edward Hall on 12th March, in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice.

The concert has been arranged thanks to generous help from PSP Homes of Burgess Hill. The Band, led by Musical Director Andrew Burchfield, will perform Melodies from the Movies and Marches.

The Adur Concert Band is a Wind Band, with any string parts taken by the various wind instruments. The Band performs concerts locally, across the South East, in the London parks and on mini-tours on the Continent.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets costing £10 are available from Tuffnells Home in the High Street, the Hospice shops, by calling 01444 235311, 0711 422433 or 'on the door'. The King Edward Hall has wheelchair access and licensed bar. The evening will also include a raffle.

For more information visit the band's website: www.adurconcertband.org.uk



Choir returns to Lindfield URC

The Ashdown Singers, a chamber choir with members from all over Sussex, is set to come to Lindfield this month.

The choir will be performing at Lindfield United Reformed Church on Saturday 12th March at 7.30pm.

The concert will consist of Anthems and Motets by Elgar, Howells and Schutz, and excerpts from The Crucifixion by John Stainer. There will be a retiring collection in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice.

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Further details can be found at www.wwdp.org.uk

Lindfield lads golf success

As reported in last month's magazine Sam Grant, aged 11, from Lindfield took on his golf challenge early in February.

Aiming to play nine holes of golf in less than an hour, he had to run up and down the steep course often against strong winds, to achieve his goal which took just 40 minutes.

Sam managed to reach his target and beyond to a grand total of £540 for Cancer Research.

Sam's mum Elaine commented: "A huge thank you is sent out to the generosity of Cuckfield Golf Club and its members; his golf teachers Neil Plimmer and Neville Perryman-Best, who encouraged him round the course, Lindfield Life for your promotion and everyone else for their support and sponsorship which helped Sam to achieve his challenge."



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Anyone got a ukulele?

Early last year two neighbours in Newick discovered that they had each received a Christmas present of a Ukulele. Unfortunately, neither had any experience of how to play it!

So the pair decided to attend a 'jam' in Tonbridge Wells which was open to experienced and novice players alike. What they found was a band of about 40 people, male and female, young and old, all playing their hearts out and singing heartily, mainly to music from the 60s & 70s plus other well-known songs. The warm atmosphere was infectious.

On the car ride home, Ron and Phil (pictured right) decided to set up their own club using the same format, inviting people who either already had a ukulele or were interested in learning to play. The idea was that everyone could learn as they went along, with the help of any experienced players, combined with home learning from sources such as the internet.

A small room was offered by The Rose and Crown pub in Fletching, a name was chosen (WUPS! - Weald Ukulele Players & Singers) and recruitment began. It was decided that meetings would be held twice monthly (currently the 2nd and 4th Monday evening of each month). The first meeting was held in April 2015 with six members present.

The formula proved successful, and membership currently stands at 20, with an average of around 14 attending meetings.

The increasing membership has also resulted in the group relocating to bigger premises at The Inn on the Green at Scaynes Hill.

Members gave their first 'public' performance just before Christmas last year. The 'Friends and Family' evening was a great success with standing room only!

Encouraged by this success, the group has another performance booked in April this year which will raise money for charity.

The club has also published four song books, which are all available from the website www.wups.info

WUPS! would be delighted to welcome new members to come and join in, novice or experienced. Just bring a uke and be prepared to sing along and have some fun. Meetings are 8pm until 10pm – no charge! Further info can be found on the website or on Facebook : weald ukulele players and singers or by phoning Ron McNiven on 01825 722066 or Phil Machell on 01825 723142.





Scaynes Hill coffee shop on Shrove Tuesday

Villagers dropping into the Anchor Coffee shop in Scaynes Hill on Shrove Tuesday were guaranteed a 'flipping' good time!

Freshly cooked pancakes with a selection of toppings were cooked and served alongside the usual home-made cakes and scones.

Pancake chef and village resident Clive Welland was kept busy all morning cooking, flipping and serving the hungry customers. Many took the chance to try his special recipe – pancakes with dark syrup and pancetta, which he discovered while living and working in the Netherlands.

Clive has cooked pancakes for the village for the past three years and says the secret of a successful pancake is quite simple: "Whisk the batter and store in the fridge for at least an hour before serving."

The pancakes went down a treat with customers who included Vicar Lisa Barnett and daughters Cara and Amy. Lisa is delighted at how the Anchor Coffee Shop, held in the annexe next to St Augustine's Church, has evolved since it first opened its doors in 2012.

"When the annexe was built we wanted it to be used by the community in Scaynes Hill and not just the church congregation," she explained. "The coffee shop was started by three of our parishioners and for the first year almost everyone who came was a member of the church.

"But in the second year it suddenly took off and it has now become the 'place to be' in the village on a Tuesday morning!

"We are very proud of our coffee shop; it's become a very special place for the village."

Run by teams of volunteers, the Anchor Coffee Shop opens every Tuesday from 10am to 12 noon.

Gaynor Deal, one of the team leaders, said new volunteers are always welcome. "Volunteers generally sign up for one session a month. It's hard work, but very enjoyable."

She added that the coffee shop often welcomes visitors, including the community choir, school and local playgroup, and raises funds for local charities. Earlier this year nearly £400 was raised for Family Support Work.

"It's been wonderful to see the coffee shop develop and reach people way beyond the church," Gaynor added. "That's what it's all about."



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Local shop helps refugees with baby collection

From a Mother to Another, the initiative from JoJo Maman Bébé which saw 66,000 shoes, boots and items of baby clothing saved from landfill and sent to those in need, has been relaunched for Mother's Day.

The initiative aims to reduce the amount of clothing waste that ends up in landfill whilst helping those in need both in the UK and the thousands of Syrian refugees living in Lebanon.

JoJo will be collecting good quality outgrown or unwanted baby and children's clothes in sizes 0-6 years at its 72 stores, including the Haywards Heath branch, until 5th March. Customers are requested to make up complete outfits to give something worthwhile this Mother's Day.

The emergency clothing packs will be distributed by some of The Trussell Trust's 420 Foodbanks across the UK and by a number of partner charities on the ground in Lebanon. Helen Franks from The Trussell Trust explains why she jumped at the chance to get involved: "I am delighted Trussell Trust Foodbanks will be participating in the From A Mother To Another campaign with JoJo. It is a natural fit to The Trussell Trust's 'More Than Food' approach, which offers additional services to help alleviate poverty in the UK."

Laura Tenison, founder and CEO of JoJo, visited refugee camps in the Bekaa Valley on the Lebanese Syrian border late last year. "The situation is dire and the millions of women and children living in makeshift tents are in urgent need of emergency humanitarian aid to help until it is safe to travel home – just a few miles across the border. They left Syria with whatever they could carry. Their children have outgrown their clothes long ago and are often in rags. The gift of a FAMTA pack brings tears of gratitude. Children are dying from the cold, we just had to help."

JoJo Maman Bébé will cover the extensive costs of checking, sorting, shipping, customs clearance and managing the logistics of delivering the parcels to the partner charities in Lebanon and to The Trussell Trust's Foodbanks across the UK.



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12th March 2016

12pm – 2pm

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Residents enjoy special night

By Abbey Cornell, Summerlands Social Care Coordinator
The red carpet ran from the dining room to the lounge, where Summerlands residents and staff sashayed to their Masquerade Ball.

It was Friday 29th January and the home on Summerhill Lane had been buzzing with excitement as the evening approached. Residents and staff put on their glad rags, masks and makeup and had a wonderful time dancing the night away, singing, and even playing pass the parcel!

Smiles, laughter and true happiness filled the room, along with wheelchairs, Zimmer frames and walking

sticks! The night was a success and just a small part of the fun, active and social environment created at Summerlands. At the end of the night residents made such positive comments and went off to bed with yet more happy memories to add to their lifelong collections.

Summerlands continues to strive to provide an outstanding quality of life and friendly loving care to all our residents, and provide a true home with the residents at the heart of all that we do. Here's to the next event in the busy Summerlands calendar!

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Easter Services in Lindfield & Scaynes Hill

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Wednesday 23rd March

9.30 till 11am in the Church:
Daytime Tiger at Easter - A relaxed and informal meeting of parents, carers, their babies & toddlers from the community to enjoy toys, craft and time together at Easter time

24th March Maundy Thursday

7.30pm – A joint service of Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at the Evangelical Free Church.
Preacher: James Clarke

7.30pm-9.30pm – The Alternative Easter Service For Youth in Secondary School (Years 7-11) In the Tiger Hall

An informal and off-beat event exploring the Easter story, with music from our youth band. All young people are welcome whether they are familiar to our groups or coming for the first time!

25th March Good Friday

9.30am – Good Friday Service for all the family in church

Followed by coffee/tea and hot cross buns in the Tiger Lounge

11.15am – Meditation on the cross

A service of reflection on the passion of Christ:

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27th March Easter Sunday

8am – Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Holy Communion

9.30am – Easter Sunday celebration

11.15am – Easter Sunday Holy Communion

6.00 for 6.30pm – Evening Easter Celebration -

Take part in the joy of Easter Day with this special celebration, where a large band and team of singers will help us celebrate in style! Cakes and refreshments served from 6pm.

United Reformed Church

24th March Maundy Thursday

7.30pm – Joint Holy Communion service at Evangelical Free Church

25th March Good Friday

10.30am – All Age Service

27th March Easter Sunday

6.30am – Easter Sunday Son-Rise Service on the Common

10.30am – Family Service with Holy Communion

6.30pm – Joint Service with Cornerstone at All Saints

Evangelical Free Church

25th March Good Friday

10.30am – Good Friday Family Service

27th March Easter Sunday

10.30am – Easter Sunday morning Celebration and Baptism

6.30pm – Easter Praise

St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill

24th March Maundy Thursday

7pm – Shared supper and informal communion in the annexe

25th March Good Friday

10am – An hour around the cross (with separate activities for children)

27th March Easter Sunday

10am – All Age Easter Celebration (don't forget the clocks go forward!)

Who moved the stone?

In 1930, a young, sceptical lawyer named Frank Morison set out to write a book disproving the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. However, after extensive research, guided by his forensic and legal training, and much wrestling with the gospel accounts, Morison was surprised to be drawn to the conclusion – that Jesus really had been raised from the dead! The book that emerged from his researches was very different from the one that he had planned and has become a classic. Its title is *Who moved the Stone?*

Please come and join us this Easter as we explore the events of Christ's death and resurrection and what their implications are for us more than two thousand years later.

James Clarke, Stuart Silk, Hugh Bourne, Keith Morrison, Mervyn Weeks and Lisa Barnett

(If you would like a complimentary copy of *Who Moved the Stone*, or another more up to date book on the subject, please contact James Clarke. Tel 482405)



Thinking about the big picture

By Peter Desmond

A Stir-up Supper is being held at 7.30pm on Friday 18th March in the Jubilee Room at King Edward Hall.

This is an opportunity as a community to grapple with some of the big issues that face our world today. Join the local Tearfund group to look at how we, as ordinary people, can make a difference by thinking about how we can live more simply and reduce our environmental footprint by: Buying more locally produced food, using more Fairtrade goods, eating less meat, investing ethically and utilising more renewable energy.

We will be sharing food as well as watching a short video with Paul Cook, Advocacy Director at Tearfund. There will a chance to discuss these ideas with like-minded people. Donations are welcome.

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Enjoy double the fun at Borde Hill this Easter, when the fine collection of magnolias will be blooming and children of all ages can enjoy the Easter Bunny trail and activities.

Head Gardener Andy Stevens explains: "This spring we are hoping for a repeat of last year's stunning display and with several of our magnolias classed as 'champion trees' and over 40 feet tall, you can be guaranteed an impressive spectacle!"

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Canon Bridgman

VILLAGE PEOPLE

By Claire Cooper

All young curates look forward to the day when they are given their own parish, but when Gerald and Jill Bridgman took up their post in Crawley there was no church or vicarage, just a muddy field!

The newlyweds were chosen to build a whole new parish – the first to be created in Sussex since the war.

Now retired and living in Lindfield, Canon Bridgman and his wife Jill look back on a lifetime of service to the church, and a journey which took them from an outbuilding with a makeshift holy table to the magnificent church of Holy Trinity Hull and York Minster.

Born in 1922, Gerald Bridgman was educated at Weymouth Grammer School, where he excelled both in the classroom and on the sports field, representing the school in soccer and athletics.

After leaving school he went into accountancy, working for Dorset County Council's Treasurers Department before leaving to join the Royal Army Ordinance Corps when he was 19 years old.

"I was part of a team based at headquarters in Leicester, lecturing and preparing units for the D Day landings," Gerald recalled. "As a committed Christian I was often called upon for pastoral work and always strived to be compassionate when making difficult decisions."

Gerald's call to the ministry had come several years earlier, so after leaving the army he went straight to Bristol Theological College for two years and then to St Catharine's College in Cambridge, where he left with an Hons Degree in Theology and University soccer colours! He was ordained at Chichester Cathedral in 1951.

"I could have gone straight into being a curate but I felt I wanted to further my knowledge of theology, so I spent a year studying at Wycliffe Hall Theological College in Oxford," said Gerald. "I was also pleased to play for the Oxford University Soccer Centaur."

His first job was as a curate at Broadwater parish in Worthing, where he was invited to become Chaplain of the Sea Cadets. He also continued his sport, playing football for Worthing FC and joining the church tennis club where he met his future wife Jill, a musician, who worked with the church youth groups.

Gerald and Jill were married in 1956, and soon afterwards were given a rare and exciting opportunity to build their own parish.

"Following the extensive bombing in London, people were moving further afield into new towns and the church was looking to build a new parish in Crawley," Gerald explained. "We were asked to set up St Mary's Church at Southgate - the first parish church to be built in Sussex since the war."

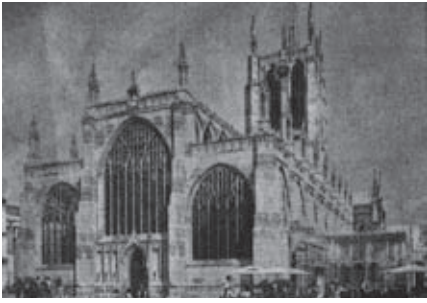
"We started from scratch," said Jill. "When we arrived it was just farmland! There were no lights and everything seemed very primitive."

"Our first job was to find a place to hold services. The only building available was a former stable used by workmen. We set up two benches and a kitchen table covered with a scorched bedspread and a wooden cross and held our first service. We could not help but remember that Christianity started in a stable, so it seemed appropriate that our new parish should start life in a similar building!"

As the weather got colder a workman would light a fire in the small stove. "There were times when we nearly choked from the fumes, but people continued to come along every Sunday and we soon had adults and children. We played hymns on a harmonium."

As the congregation grew, services moved to the infant school, a community hut and junior school before the Parish Church was finally completed.

But not only did the couple have their hands full building the church, they also became parents to two daughters. "The girls grew up alongside the church," said



Jill. "I remember one daughter climbing up to sit on her daddy's knee during a service!"

The church was consecrated in 1958 and later that year welcomed two very special visitors – the Queen and Prince Philip. "The Queen visited the church after opening Gatwick Airport," said Gerald. "I remember Prince Philip asking me why I was a priest in charge and not a vicar. I said that I could only become a vicar once the boundaries had been changed and we officially became a parish.

"He replied that he hoped, after all our hard work, that they would make me a vicar very soon!"

The meeting with the Royal couple proved to be the first of many. "We have met the Queen and her family several times," said Jill. "She has a wonderful memory and will always recall where we last met."

During his time at Crawley, Gerald was also secretary of the Chichester Diocese Evangelical Fellowship and served on the Church Assembly (the predecessor to the General Synod). He also baptised more than 2,000 babies and regularly produced 1,000 parish magazines, delivered by 50 visitors.

"By the time we left the parish was thriving with five staff, 500 Sunday School children and 100 teenagers.

"We also set up daughter churches at Holy Trinity, Tilgate and St Andrews at Furnace Green, and had begun work on a third daughter church for Broadfield."

In 1967 Gerald became vicar of Holy Trinity Church in Hull. "It is the largest parish church in England, larger than two thirds of English Cathedrals," said Gerald. "It was a daunting job with a heavy workload."

The job included being in charge of five chaplains, of different denominations, at Hull Royal Infirmary. "Hull has well over 250,000 residents and the hospital building is 13 storeys high," said Gerald. "We could be called upon at any time of the day or night."

He also became chaplain to many organisations, including the Missions to Seaman, conducting a service of remembrance for 59 people lost when three Hull Trawlers sunk.

Another interesting role was Chaplain to the Actors Church Union. "The church provides tremendous support for the acting community, and during my service I met very many interesting people, including Norman Wisdom and the actor who played the vicar in Dad's Army!" said Gerald, who also served as County Chaplain of St John's ambulance, Chaplain to the Lord Mayor and High Sherriff and communications officer for the C of E in Hull.

This led to guest appearances on television and radio, including local, national, BBC world service and a weekly radio broadcast on Sunday mornings.

A member of the General Synod, the Church's Parliament, for most of his ministry, Gerald was invited by the Archbishop of York to become Canon of York Minster, Prebend of Botevant.

"It was a great honour, which included having my own seat in York Minster!" said Gerald.

Another honour in Gerald's career was when he received the Award of Officer Brother of the Order of St John from the Queen.

Gerald's contribution to the Church was further acknowledged in 1987 when he retired and was made Canon Emeritus of York Minster for life. "You would expect to lose the title on leaving the Diocese, so to be made Canon Emeritus is a great honour," he said.

In 1987 the couple moved to Lindfield. "We decided to move south to be nearer to Jill's mother who lived in Worthing and to our two daughters," said Gerald.

"We drew a circle round an area where the girls lived," added Jill. "We know Sussex quite well following our time in Crawley and had visited most of the parishes including All Saints, which we particularly liked."

The pair settled in William Allen Lane before moving to their current home in The Welkin where they have lived for the past 22 years.

On arrival in Lindfield Gerald became an Hon Clergyman at All Saints Church and represented retired Clergy on the Deanery Synod. He has also had nine chaplaincies in Europe with the Intercontinental Church Society and cared for around 20 churches in Sussex where there were vacancies or holidays. This included six months at Balcombe.

Since retiring he has taken more than 1,500 services and funerals for many churches.

He also joined the Rotary Club of Haywards Heath, Lindfield and Cuckfield Probus Club, Lindfield Bowling Club, the Preservation Society, U3A and Ramblers Group.

At 93, Gerald remains an active member of the All Saints parish. He enjoys keeping in touch with friends and colleagues from Hull and remains a committed fan of Hull Football club. He is particularly pleased to see them strongly placed for promotion back to the premiership and recently beating Brighton in the FA Cup!



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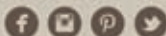
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By Caroline Young

Easter is traditionally associated with eggs, both real ones, painted and decorated, and chocolate eggs. It dates back many years – elaborately painted and engraved ostrich eggs dating from 60,000 years ago have been found in Africa. Eggs painted red in memory of the blood of Christ have been found in early Christian Mesopotamia. Far more elaborate and expensive are the beautiful jewelled and enamelled eggs made by Faberge for the Russian Tsars.

Virtually every country has their own tradition of Easter eggs, and now the busy Easter Bunny hides chocolate eggs everywhere! Why not start your own tradition of hand painting hard-boiled eggs and hanging them from a small branch or arranged in a straw-lined basket.

Chocolate is, of course, also associated with Easter. Please try one – or all – of my favourite chocolate recipes.

Chocolate Lemon Creams

Serves 4

Dissolve 1 lemon jelly in 450ml boiling water. Chill until just syrupy. Melt 100g chocolate drops (milk or plain) over hot water or in the microwave. Pour the semi-set jelly, the chocolate and 150ml single cream into a blender or processor and buzz until blended and frothy. Immediately pour into four tall glasses and chill until set.

White Chocolate Pots

Serves 4-6

Melt 150g white chocolate over hot water (or MW). Stir into 150ml soured cream and 1tbs rum. Whisk 150ml double cream to soft peaks and fold into chocolate mixture. Spoon into 4-6 glasses, cover and chill for at least 2 hours. A sprinkling of grated plain chocolate on top would look pretty.

Have you tried any of these recipes? If so, why not let us know on Facebook, Twitter or send an email with a photo to editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk

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What happens to my recycling?

RECYCLING MATTERS

By Claire Cooper

Do you get confused about what you can and can't recycle? Do you sometimes wonder if it's worth the effort and if the waste you put in your blue bin actually gets recycled?

And what really happens after the recycling lorry leaves your street?

The good news is that here in Mid Sussex we are currently recycling around 40% of our waste. But there's still a long way to go if the council is to meet the government target of 50% by 2020.

To reach this target it's important that we all increase the amount we recycle, but at the same time make sure we're not putting the wrong items in our blue bins.

The most common items placed in bins that can't be recycled include:

- Plastic bags
- Plastic film such as from around magazines and bubble wrap
- Shredded paper
- Paper towels
- Crisp packets
- Pet food pouches
- Polystyrene
- Clothes and textiles

Mixing these items can not only ruin the quality of the rest of the recycling but can also damage the sorting machinery.

It's also important that items put out for recycling are clean, dry and placed loose in the recycling bin (the sorting machines are clever but can't untie plastic bags!).

When recycling is collected from our homes (1), the bins are emptied into a truck which automatically compacts the waste before taking it to the transfer station at Burgess Hill.

The recycling is then weighed (2) and loaded into larger trucks which transport it to the high-tech sorting plant, or Materials Recycling Facility, at Ford.

The mixed material is loaded on to a conveyor belt which leads to a 'trommel screen' (3). This is like a giant washing machine drum which separates paper from containers and cardboard.

As the trommel turns, glass bottles and jars smash and the pieces fall through a set of holes. The smallest pieces are used for aggregate and the larger pieces are sent for re-melt into new glass bottles and jars (4).

Remaining items flow through smaller holes into the 'ballistic separator' which removes small pieces of paper and separates plastic bottles, cans, paper and card. A magnetic belt attracts steel, cans, aerosols and jam jar lids.

Plastic containers then pass through an optical sorter (5), which uses sensors to identify and separate two different types of plastic bottle, splitting them by colour (6).

With the glass, plastic containers, steel and aluminium removed (7), the mixed paper and card, newspapers and magazines go through a final quality control check before being baled ready for sale (8).

Wherever possible materials for manufacture are kept within the UK, and currently all plastic bottles are sent for reprocessing within England.

A plastic bottle sent for recycling could be made into a new product and be back on the shelves within 6 weeks! And 25 recycled bottles are enough to make one adult fleece jacket!

If you are now inspired to reduce your waste and recycle more, here's a few ideas to steer you in the right direction:

Visit the Household Waste Recycling Site in Burgess Hill where you can recycle many more materials - including wood, textiles, garden waste and electrical equipment.

Recycle your shoes clothes and books at one of the many communal recycling banks (often found in supermarket car parks).

Donate unwanted household items, clothes and toys to your local charity shop.

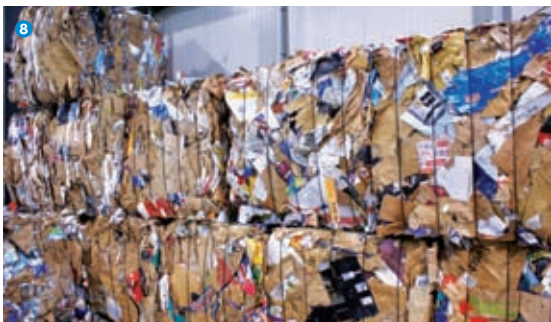
A big proportion of our waste stream is food. For tips on reducing food waste, visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com

For more information, advice and support visit the recycling pages of the council's website at: www.midsussex.gov.uk/recycling



NOT for blue bin recycling:

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HOME FRONT

By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

When I first started out in interior design one of my biggest worries was whether I would ever view a project for the first time and have absolutely no idea on how to tackle it. How awful would it be to stand in someone's sitting room before expectant faces with a completely blank mind? The truth is I have never actually met a client who has asked me for ideas within minutes of walking into the room in question, and whilst I have thankfully never suffered from the dreaded mind blank, where I have not been instantly inspired, the ideas do start to flow as the meeting progresses and I begin to get a feel for the space and the client's needs. That said, there are some projects where I am hit with a vision the second I walk through the door, and Petworth Cottage Nursing Home was one such project.

This respite and palliative care home operates from the old cottage hospital in Petworth. The building has been extended and refurbished periodically, and what used to be one of the original wards has been designated as a lounge for visitors. As is often the case with rooms not in daily use, the space has been used for short term storage, in this case wheelchairs and hoists. The dual function left it often cluttered and the cold blue decor made it uninviting. Our client was keen to make it primarily a space for relatives – home from home, not part of the hospital, and somewhere they could relax in and retreat to when visiting loved ones.

When I first saw the room I was hit by the gorgeous views over the Sussex countryside to Petworth House and also how tranquil the room felt. Yes it felt cold and unloved, but the structure and location were great – triple aspect, with a high ceiling and plenty of features. Coming back to HQ I shared this vision with the team. Storage for large items was important, a mixture of seating styles set out to enable more than one family to use the space at any one time was vital and it had



Petworth Cottage before HomeSmiths (above), after (top)

to feel warm, nurturing and also uplifting. A large fitted cupboard now provides a home for wheelchairs and hoists, a fireplace adds a homely touch and an all important focal point, sofas, occasional seating and dining areas offer plenty of flexible seating, and a combination of chandeliers, downlights, floor and table lamps ensure that the mood of the room can be changed to suit whoever is using it.

Our client is thrilled with the finished scheme and within days of it being completed a family were able to benefit from the new lounge. I love projects like this. I have said this here before but it's what interior design is all about – creating spaces that people want to spend time in and that make them feel good. Providing a sanctuary for relatives at what is often an emotionally draining time has been an incredibly rewarding project. I would like to thank our assistant designer, Nichola Hayler, who completely shared my vision and worked incredibly hard to make the new space what it is.

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Grip to fit

TEEING OFF

By James Verrall, Head Golf Professional

The golf grip is a key fundamental part of the golf swing. It can play a big part in the direction of the ball and the distance. This month we will look at how to check if you are holding the club correctly and also if you have the right size grips on your club.

You should hold the club about 1" down from the very end of the grip. If not, then you will not have control of the club which will cause you to use too much wrists. Grip pressure should be firm but not to the point where you feel you are squeezing the club.

Can the wrong size grip affect where the ball goes??.....YES

If you have a grip which is too small then you are more likely to hit the ball left. The club could twist, forcing you to tighten your grip and squeeze the club at impact with the ball. This will close the face of the club and cause the shot to hook left.



CORRECT

If you have a grip which is too large then you are more likely to hit the ball to the right. The club can come loose at the bottom of the swing, opening the club face and creating a slice instead of a shot toward the target.



TOO BIG

Take a look at the pictures above to help you find out if you have the correct size grips. A grip which is too small will see the fingers of your left hand touch your left palm. A grip which is too big will see a large gap between your left fingers and the left palm. When correct there should be a very small gap between the fingers and the palm.






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Celebrate your love of flowers

By Jo Hartless

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Monthly meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except during July and October when the meeting is on the third Tuesday. Meetings start at 2.30pm and take place in the King Edward Hall. The club does not meet during August and December.

Each meeting consists of a demonstration by a NAFAS demonstrator; which is followed by a raffle for the arrangements created.

In addition, we hold two social events during the year, when we have a ploughman's lunch (or occasionally a tea) and a summer luncheon, both hosted in a member's garden (or house if the weather is inclement). These two occasions prove very popular, where members can get to know each other on a more personal basis.

The annual subscription is £25, starting in January each year, and there is a charge of £4 per visit for visitors.

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



Should you require any further information please contact our Secretary Mrs Alison Hughes, telephone 01444 482586, or just come along to a meeting. This month's meeting is on 23rd March and features Jean Plaskett. Her talk and arrangements are always fun, and well recommended, and her demonstration this time is entitled 'Floral Imagination'.

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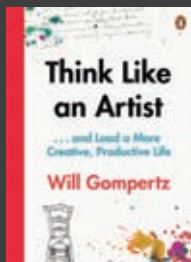
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Think Like an Artist by Will Gompertz

BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

The BBC Arts correspondent Gompertz has written a wise and thoughtful book about the process of creativity. From his talks with conceptual artists like Damien Hurst and his own understanding of classical art as well as the popular arts of cinema and pop music, he has been able to make some analysis of why creative people succeed.

Amongst the qualities needed are determination, courage and learning from the art of others. What emerges isn't just a reflection on the nature of art and the creative process, there are some general life lessons that are worth exploring. The paperback comes with a selection of some of the greatest pieces of art ever produced in a foldable insert. A speaker called John Peck once suggested that we should try to make our lives a work of art – full of beauty, truth and wonder.

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95% vote 'YES'!

After a long and gruelling struggle, the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan was finally completed and put to the community in a Referendum held on 28th January. With a turnout of 28.6%, 1888 people voted for the Plan to help decide future planning applications within the two parishes. This equates to a figure of 95% in favour of the Plan.

The Plan will now be adopted ('made') by Mid Sussex District Council, at which point it will become part of the Council's development plans and help to shape future development in Mid Sussex.

The two Parish Councils, together with the community members of the four Focus groups who helped develop the Plan over the last three years, would like to thank all those who voted in the referendum (whether For or Against). It is good to see that the community is keen to have a say in its future.

The formal declaration of the result can be viewed on the District Council's website at: <http://bit.ly/1TgDG0U>

New Parish Clerk appointed

Following the resignation of Mrs Di Morgan, Mrs Vera Grainger, the former Responsible Finance Officer, was appointed Parish Clerk of Lindfield Rural Parish Council with effect from 1st January 2016. Vera brings a wealth of Local Government knowledge and experience to this position, and all councillors wish her well and look forward to working with her. Council now has a vacancy for a Responsible Finance Officer, and the details are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 25th April 2016

Taking place 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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Council meetings coming up

Monday 11th April	King Edward Hall, Lindfield
Monday 25th April	Annual Parish Meeting, Meeting of Electorate, Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre
Monday 16th May	Annual Meeting of the Council King Edward Hall, Lindfield

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- 6th **Sale of Teak Garden Furniture**
(David Orchard 0800 0776 374)
- 9th **Lindfield Horticultural Society** – 8pm
Talk by Howard Wood MBE entitled 'An Insight into Oathall School Farm'. Entry £1 members, £3 visitors. All welcome. (Membership enquiries: 01444 456509 www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk)
- 9th **Mid Sussex Ramblers Association** –
Evening Lecture (Brian Judge 01273 834251)
- 10th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 12th **Haywards Heath Lions Club Jumble Sale** –
12-2pm (Secretary – 0845 833 5807)
- 12th **Adur Concert Band** presents: 'March to the Movies' – 7.30pm. Raising funds for St Peter & St James' Hospice. Tickets £10; also available from Tufnells Home, 59 High Street Lindfield and St Peter & St James' Shop, Lindfield (Jo Stevens 01444 235311 or 07711 422433)
- 15th **Lindfield Preservation Society** – 'The Wealden iron industry (from the Iron Age to the early 19th century)' illustrated talk by Jeremy Hodgkinson – 2.30pm. Iron was made in the Weald of south east England from pre-Roman times until the early 19th century, and in the Tudor and Stuart periods was the main iron production area in the kingdom. All welcome, entry free. (John Chapman 01444 484470)
- 17th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 17th **Film Show Evening – Spectre** (12A)
Doors open 7.30 for 7.45pm start. Tickets on sale at Tufnells (Jennie Powell 01444 483431)
- 18th **Stir-up Supper** – 7.30pm
An opportunity as a community to grapple with the big issues facing the world today. Join the local Tearfund group: video and discussion (Chris Lee 01444 484063 to reserve a place)
- 21st **King Edward Hall Annual General Meeting**
(Rupert Ayton 01444 483716)
- 24th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 31st **Lindfield Horticultural Society** – Annual Spring Show (Martin Higgins 01444 484120)

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

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AND ELSEWHERE

- 1st **NHS Retirement Fellowship** 'From wards to Lords' by Baroness Audrey Emerton – 10.15am
Franklands Village Hall
- 4th **Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society**
Illustrated talk 'A Case Study using Dinosaurs' by Dr Susannah Maidment (Imperial College and Natural History Museum) – 7.30 for 8pm. Redwood Centre, Perrymount Road, HH (For further information, please ring 01444 483041 www.smls.org.uk)
- 5th **Lou Fellingham 'Unplugged Concert Tour'**
7.30pm, All Saints Church (£12, conc £10)
- 9th **Tiger Arts Lunchtime Concert** featuring Lewes Old Grammar School Choir – 1pm with light lunches served from 12.15pm, Lindfield United Reformed Church
- 10th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – 9.45am, Clair Hall, HH. 'Dudson – a potted history' (Tickets £8 – call 01444 483372 / 414477)
- 12th **Ashdown Singers choir concert** – 7.30pm
Lindfield United Reformed Church
- 15th **MSOPC Community Safety Conference** – Burgess Hill. Speaker: Katy Bourne, Police Crime Commissioner and followed by AGM. Reserve your place at the conference (01444 242760 or email anita@msopc.org.uk)
- 16th **Mid Sussex Decorative and Fine Arts Society**
10.15am, Clair Hall, HH. 'Thomas Heatherwick, The Da Vinci of our times' talk by Anthea Streeter. Visitors welcome (Tickets £7)
- 17th **Mid Sussex Association of the National Trust** – 2.30pm, Clair Hall, Haywards Heath. Lady Arbella Stuart the Lost Queen and Hardwick Hall by Heather Woodward
- 19th **Lindfield Bonfire Society Annual Dinner** – 7pm
The Bent Arms (Booking essential: 482809)
- 22nd **Mid Sussex Local History Group** – 9.45am
Lecture entitled 'Romans in the Sussex Ouse Valley' at Franklands Village Hall (Joan Corless on 01444 470108 for details)
- 25th **Handel's Messiah - Good Friday Sacred Concert**
7.30pm, All Saints Church, Lindfield (Tickets £15 and concessions £12 - p.21)
- 26th **Lindfield Bonfire Society Easter Egg Hunt**
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