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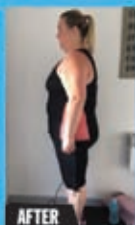
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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Christmas! **It's Christmas!** Welcome to the festive edition of the magazine.

At this time of year there is always lots going on, and we have done our best to cram it all in here.

Alongside the **Lindfield Churches** seasonal services (see our **centre page** pull-out), many also look forward to the **Lindfield Village Festival Night** - this year held on Tuesday 6th December. See **page 8** for details of when Santa will be coming to town!

As trailed last month there's something new on the High Street (or just off it technically) in the form of **Lindfield Coffee Works** - see **page 12** for details.

Lindfield girl **Sophie Crooks** has just achieved a great result as she made it into a national football squad. Read her story on **page 14**.

The **Contemporary Silver Gallery** returns this month, but this time for its winter exhibition. More details and very tempting pieces shown on **page 20**.

On **page 29 Paul Harper-Smith** shares his tips about staying safe and secure in your home this Christmas time - thanks Paul; great idea for an article.

Martin Hadden steps into the spotlight on **page 32** in our **Village People** feature. These articles help us to get to know neighbours in the village, and this is a great example.

If you know anyone else who would make a good candidate for this feature, we'd love to hear about it please.

On **page 38 Paul Simmonds** shares some fantastic photos of the recent **Bonfire Night** celebrations. Thanks Paul for sending these in.

Page 44 holds the regular **Rural Parish Council Newsletter** - so do check it out to make sure you are up to date.

And all your **What's On** on **page 50** too! We love hearing from you, so do send an email or get in touch via our social media channels this month. **Happy Christmas!**

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Pupils remember Lindfield's heroes

This artwork has been created by Year 6 pupils from Blackthorns Primary Academy, who were learning about World War II this term. There are 97 poppies, representing the 97 Lindfield men who died in the two world wars. The poem was shared by members of Class 6J at All Saints Church on Remembrance Sunday.

The poem can be read in full at the Lindfield Blog: <http://bit.ly/2eFRLcH>

Lindfield: They should never be forgotten.

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Following several years of planning by the ASPIRE project team and after extensive consultation with the local community and various statutory bodies such as Historic England, the time is approaching when work can commence.

Part of the plan is to remove many, though not all, of the pews. These pews will be for sale and All Saints would love them to go to local homes which is why, initially, they are being offered for sale to residents of Lindfield.

The 127-year old oak pews vary in length from approximately 1.5m to 4m. However they can be cut to size - at extra cost to the buyer.

For further details about the pews and the process of buying one contact the church office on 01444 482405. The prices range from £180 to £250 per pew. More information about the All Saints ASPIRE project can be found on the church website www.allsaintslindfield.org or why not visit the church to look at the plans and view the pews?

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Masters' Bake Off

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Cake makers from the village and beyond took part in the 'Great Lindfield Charity Cake Off' last month, part of the national Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

Bakers took their show stopping cakes along to Upstairs at Masters to take part in the event and compete for the title of 'Best Baker.'

With cakes ranging from traditional chocolate to an exotic coconut and lime, judge Claire Fuller from The Toll House had a difficult task, but eventually chose Hannah's Strawberry Victoria Sponge as the star bake, closely followed by Deborah's carrot cake and Ian's

coffee and walnut cake. Hannah's prize was a voucher for tea for two at The Toll House.

Following the judging, there was a chance to tuck into the winning cakes, and take part in other fund raising competitions such as a raffle with prizes including a hamper of goodies donated by Lisa and Jeremy from Tufnells.

Organised by Sue and Ian Masters, with help from staff Tracey and Mikki, the event, including donations from Tufnells and the Haywards Heath Hookers who use Upstairs at Masters for workshops, raised almost £800 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

"It was a great result which was made possible by everyone's kind help and donations," said Sue.

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Co-op Community Fund supports arts festival

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At the moment Lindfield Arts Festival and Time 4 Children are the two local projects of choice.

Lindfield Arts Festival aims to deliver an annual arts event that adapts year on year to the cultural diversity of our ever-changing community. It is fully committed to providing opportunities to the whole community, from the youngest to the oldest with the emphasis on providing inclusive activities for all, and particularly for those who may be isolated or with special educational needs, to access the arts in all its forms. And also to provide a platform for artists and creative individuals to showcase their work.

Time 4 Children is a charity which aims to increase the emotional wellbeing, self confidence and self esteem of emotionally vulnerable children between the ages of 4 and 12 in the Mid Sussex area.

To ensure that the charities benefit from your regular shopping at the Co-op, please register your new blue Co-op card online at <https://membership.coop.co.uk/> dashboard and click which charity you wish to support.

Please tell your family and friends and encourage them to vote for one of the above charities too. Every registration will be important, every small penny will aid significantly with this year's fundraising. New causes will be chosen every six months.

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Lindfield charity looks for new Trustee

One of the village's oldest charities is looking for a new Trustee to help continue its long history of work supporting Lindfield residents.

The Comber's Trust dates back to 1602 – a time when poverty and deprivation were very much present in Lindfield, and funds originated from money or property left in the wills of a number of local benefactors,

Today the Comber's Trust is a registered charity, relying entirely on donations, and still supporting residents living in Lindfield parish who who are in need, hardship or distress.

This support ranges from awarding individual grants, to paying for items, services or facilities which will help to reduce need, hardship or distress.

Recently, the Trustees have focussed on supporting local organisations which benefit the Lindfield community.

This includes providing financial support to The Lindfield Arts Festival and to the Lindfield Bonfire Society. The charity has also contributed to an appeal to buy a specialised wheelchair for a young man with muscular dystrophy to allow him to play para-football. It has also given a grant to a Lindfield Scout to enable him to travel to Uganda next year to work on a community project.

Support this year has included the Lindfield Bonfire Society, a contribution for a specialised wheelchair and grant for a Lindfield Scout taking part in a community project in Uganda.

Each Spring the Trustees organise a tea party for around 40 people who live alone in the village.

The Trust is currently looking for a new Trustee to succeed Margaret Hersey who is standing down after 15 years of service.

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As mentioned in last month's magazine there is change at Lindfield business World Coffees. Resident Kris Whelan took over in January this year. This month heralds a new era in the business as Kris launches a new name, new branding and a newly adapted premises just off the High Street.

"Lindfield Coffee Works may be a new name," Kris explains, "but our core business and values haven't changed. We continue to sell amazing coffee to both wholesale and retail customers. You'll still be able to come in and pick up a bag of coffee for your home but hopefully get more of a coffee experience. Alongside the coffee we'll also be selling the latest brewing equipment for the home barista and can offer advice on which coffee works best for each method.

However, one very significant change will be the new location. Kris has been working with the local landlord Mark White and designer Will Parr (www.studioparr.co.uk) for the past seven months to convert the former grain store into a contemporary retail environment which now houses both the roasting and wholesale business and also a coffee bar where customers can enjoy a slice of homemade cake or a pastry with their coffee.

One of the aims for the new site is to be able to tell the fascinating journey coffee goes on before ending up in our cups. "Coffee is a part of many people's daily routine but how many know that is actually the seed of a fruit? There are multiple stages of coffee production from growing, harvesting and processing all of which can have a dramatic effect on the overall taste. We hope to shed a little light on the flavour profiles specific to each coffee growing region and highlight the farming techniques and the importance of traceability of our coffee.

"Traceability is very important to us. To put it simply, to keep coffee traceable, producers pay an extra cost to follow it through the supply chain, it's only worth doing it for high quality coffees. We aim to provide plenty of information on all our coffees we sell. In addition we want this to resonate through everything we do from our water, lemonade and ginger beer to our charcuterie & cheese boards – we can tell you exactly the farm or producer they come from!

"Everything is designed to be as open and as transparent as possible. We want people to see exactly what goes on from when we receive the green beans in their raw state to the final product either packed for a wholesale customer or to be consumed as a delicious drink on site."

Lindfield Coffee Works is looking to expand its wholesale business and enjoys supplying many local companies including Scaynes Hill's UpCountry Garden Centre, Trading Boundaries, their newest customers, Mid Sussex Golf Club and The Toll House – just down the road.

The business has a great reputation as a coffee supplier and roaster in the area and that is what Kris is building on. In fact, Kris has invested in new equipment which will enable the roasting process to be even more technical and precise with its computer-assisted roasting profiles to ensure each roast is the best it can be.

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"We want to demonstrate to our customers the versatility of coffee and how best to extract different tastes from each bean and the best way to brew.

"We want to show how, for example, an Ethiopian coffee can taste dramatically different to a Colombian – and then further still, how the same coffee can then taste different again depending on how you brew it. It's a bit like roasting a chicken or frying it – it's the same product but can taste different depending on your cooking method."

The new coffee bar and roastery can be found on Alma Road, behind Southdowns Cellars, (follow the ducks!) and is being managed by another Lindfield resident Julie Shepherd, who is joined by Miranda Moolenaar, who already worked as a roaster in the business. The official launch will on Lindfield Christmas Festival Night (6th Dec) when the shop open until 9pm!



Lindfield Coffee Works will serve a selection of cakes and pastries in the morning and lunches of charcuterie and cheese boards between 12-3pm, served with sourdough baguettes, olives and pickles.

"In addition to the food offering, the coffee bar will be serving some coffee specials that we hope will be a little different to what people are used to, for example, a delicious, refreshing cold drink we'll serve is a shot of espresso floated onto tonic water with a mountain of ice," said Kris!

Lindfield Coffee Works will be open Monday – Saturday, 8.30am-5pm. Drop in and use the voucher on this page to claim your free coffee with any other purchase. Visit www.lindfieldcoffeeworks.co.uk to find out more or follow the shop's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

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STEP 1 WARM UP THE PRESS

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STEP 2 MEASURE & GRIND

Measure out the required amount of coffee (we recommend 60g of coffee per litre of water) and grind or if you are using pre-ground coffee measure and place into the cafetière ensuring a nice even bed.

STEP 3 ADD THE WATER

Start your timer as soon as you add hot water. Fill it up to the desired level ensuring all the grounds are covered and leave to steep for 2 minutes.

STEP 4 BREAK & REMOVE CRUST

After 2 minutes, you will notice a crust-like layer will have formed. Take a spoon and gently push down on the crust at the top so the grounds begin to sink to the bottom. Use the spoon to scoop out the rest that remain and discard.

STEP 5 LEAVE FOR 2 MINS MORE

Place the plunger back onto the cafetière being careful that the metal filter does not touch the coffee.

STEP 6 PLUNGE

At 4 minutes you are ready to plunge. Firmly push the press all the way down maintaining an even speed.

STEP 7 SERVE & ENJOY

** If you still have coffee left in your cafetière, you can pour it into a carafe immediately to avoid over extraction. If the coffee sits on the grounds too long, it continues to extract and may become bitter.*

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Sophie selected for football squad

By Claire Cooper

When Lindfield's Sophie Crooks discovered she had been selected to play for a national football squad, she had two very special reasons to celebrate.

Not only was Sophie making history for her school, Ardingly College, she was also celebrating her recovery from major back surgery which left her unable to play sport for an entire year.

It's a remarkable achievement for the 16 year old whose football career started at Lindfield Primary School. "I really enjoyed playing football at primary school and when I was 11 years old I joined Southdown Rovers football club in Burgess Hill," said Sophie, whose coach Chris Ridley recognised and nurtured her talent.

Sophie continued to play football at Ardingly College where she became a valuable member of the squad.

However, in 2014 Sophie was diagnosed with scoliosis, and underwent major surgery on her spine.

"Scoliosis wasn't something I was born with, but in January 2014 we discovered that my spine had become 'S shaped'," said Sophie. "My condition deteriorated rapidly which resulted in me having two operations in December that year. I spent much of the following year wearing a back brace."



However, as soon as she was given the all clear by doctors, Sophie was back on the football pitch and her efforts were rewarded when she was chosen for the Girls National Under 16 Independent Schools Football Association (ISFA) squad – the first Ardingly College student to be selected.

Sophie was chosen from a group of 80 at the first ever national representative trials day for girls.

She went on to attend a Development Camp where she impressed the coaches and was selected to progress further as a member of the squad. "I attended a two day training camp during half term in Cambridge," said Sophie. "We played our first game against Cambridge City Girls and won!"

After the game when Sophie was invited to remain with the squad and attend a further training camp at St George's Park – The official England Football Association's National Football Centre in Staffordshire.

"I was really surprised to be picked as many of the other girls played for professional academies," said Sophie. "I normally play in midfield, but as there were a lot of other midfield players I was asked to play in defence. I think I played well and showed that I can play in different positions."

Ardingly College Director of Sport James Clarke said: "Sophie's selection for ISFA is a huge tribute to her grit, determination and, of course, talent. It is also yet another example of Ardingly College supporting all-round sporting excellence alongside academic studies, intellectual and musical achievement." He added that Sophie is also in the College's 2nd Hockey team and plays high level tennis.

She has also gained Grade 8 in both Piano and Clarinet and is the holder of The Mark Lawrence Scholarship, which was established in 2011 following the untimely death of an Ardingly College father-of-three from Lindfield, Mark Lawrence, who was a scientist and a keen sportsman. The aim was to provide a scholarship at Ardingly College for a child of high academic ability excelling at science who would not otherwise be able to attend without financial assistance.

On hearing about Sophie's ISFA success, Mark Lawrence's widow, Heather Lawrence said: "This is fantastic news. Mark would have been incredibly proud of Sophie's achievements."

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Machine goes on tour to Birmingham

The amazing 'Breakfast Making Machine' created by Lindfield's Merv Huggett and Pete Browne, is spending Christmas in Birmingham!

The machine, which was featured on BBC television early this year, will travel to the Birmingham Science Museum to be part of a 'Think Tank' exhibition, organised by the Rowland Emmett Society.

The exhibition, which runs from 1st December for three months, also features the largest of Emmett's machines 'A Quiet Afternoon in the Cloud Cuckoo Valley' and an original Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Car.

Merv and Pete's Breakfast Making Machine, star of BBC's Britain's Most Spectacular Backyard Builds programme, can boil an egg, make toast, tea and coffee and deliver a morning newspaper - all to the sound of the Archers sound track!

Fish for Christmas?

Sebastian Candelon grew up with alligators and snakes around him and fished for piranhas in the llanos of Venezuela. These days the Lindfield resident owns the Fresh Fish Shop in Haywards Heath and is looking forward to meeting the needs of local customers in the run up to the festive season.



"Christmas is a busy time for us in the shop," Sebastian explains, "as many of us now include fish of all types as part of the essential mix of great food served up over the period."

Among the regular produce available the team of fishmongers at the store on Commercial Square are offering 'already done' seafood platters and dressed salmon to order - to save customers time in creating amazing Christmas canapés.

Sebastian is also working with other local businesses to set up a food assembly collection point in the area soon. They hope to be able to create an online market place for people to buy from local producers and collect it from a designated area every week. Watch this space for details!

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A photograph of a modern kitchen interior. The room features exposed wooden beams on the ceiling and walls. There is a large window on the right side, and a kitchen island with a sink and countertop in the center. The lighting is warm and modern.

Probus Club update

By Richard Mason

With the arrival of Greenwich Mean Time as our clock manager and as the precursor to autumnal shades and winter early evenings the Cuckfield and Lindfield Probus Club mind turns from the delights of our open air activities to the enjoyment of a well-filled stomach; the very best of company and friendships well-earned. That apart and as the highlight to our monthly gatherings, the quality of our lunchtime speakers.

In November we anticipated the presentation made by Michael Hollins ambiguously titled 'Mcindoe and the Guinea Pigs', in January our very own Bill Nicholle spouting eloquently on a 'Sporting Life' and in February, Roger Martin on 'From Field to Glass'.

Pride of place in our winter activities is our Christmas lunch being held this year close to the seasonal event, a festive meal guaranteed and complimented and made special by the attendance of the Octane Quartet.

Cuckfield and Lindfield Probus Club draws its membership from men who made their career in the professions or in business and are now retired. Our sole objective is to provide a lunchtime venue to those who enjoy good company, good food and the opportunity to enjoy the company of the like-minded.

Full details of how to join can be obtained from Richard Mason on 01444 453672.



Treemendous start to season

Intrepid Wakehurst Place director, Tony Sweeney successfully climbed the tallest living Christmas tree in the UK recently, a giant 118ft redwood.

Tony placed the first of a cluster of lanterns on the top of the tree, to herald the start of preparations for Glow Wild, a winter lantern festival that runs throughout December, at the nearby Ardingly botanic gardens and nature reserve.

After getting his breath back Tony, 61, said: "The view of Wakehurst's topography was utterly incredible. I could see the south Downs which were an amazing sight."

The tree was planted at Wakehurst in the late 1890's and was one of the first exotic trees to be put in place on the 565 acre estate

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So now along comes a Winter Exhibition!

"We started exhibiting contemporary silver at our Summer Exhibition in 2008 in Lindfield," says resident John Higgins, the gallery's owner, "and in each subsequent year the event has become more and more popular.

"Three years ago we were asked to include contemporary jewellery in our Summer Exhibition, which has proved extremely popular. Now our customers have asked us to put on a Winter Exhibition – which we have decided to run over four successive weekends in November and December."

As usual John has commissioned some unique contemporary pieces in both silver and enamel and contemporary jewellery specifically for this Winter Exhibition. He also has assembled a fantastic group of work from the very best silversmiths and jewellers working in the UK, including new pieces from Rod Kelly, Phil Barnes, Jane Short, Ros Conway, Michael Lloyd, Kayo Saito, Hiroshi Suzuki, Lucy Martin and Daphne Krinos – and many other exciting young designers.

"We are very privileged to have so many top silversmiths and jewellery designers who want to exhibit their work through us, and we are fortunate to have an excellent following of customers and collectors who take real delight in these exceptional contemporary pieces.

The Contemporary Silver Gallery Winter Exhibition takes place across weekends in November and December this year (see opposite page).



Clockwise from top:
Geometric Oxidised Silver and Gold brooch by Daphne Krinos,
Yellow Gold/Andean Opal
Slice Earrings by Catherine Mannheim, Silver/Gilded Pod Necklace by Alice Robson
Silver and Enamel Brooch by Jane Short, Silver 'Square' Necklace by Rhona McCallum, and Silver/semi precious stone Contemporary Earring Range by Lucy Martin

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The Greatest Gift

As autumn gives way to winter, and December brings chill air we might seek some warmth with friends by the side of a log fire. The darkness of night is relieved a little by the lights we hang on trees and the front of some homes. Season's greetings are exchanged, the high street is decorated, we start to plan a sumptuous feast, and do the shopping we 'must' do.

We look forward to a holiday, a rest, but as the time approaches, instead of being able to relax people often find they are even more pressured. There are more and more demands on time, and family members have gift expectations that you long to meet, even though it means stretching the plastic of the credit card more than you would like. Is this really what Christmas is about?

God gave a special gift to the world. This was not wrapped in glittery paper or decorated with ribbons, but a baby wrapped in swaddling bands and laid by Mary in a manger. Every child is unique and special, but this one was God's own son, Jesus the Christ. As a man he would carry a cross and die for our sins, then offer new life in his resurrection, but as an infant he was as weak and helpless as each one of us were in the first days of our life. This child in humble surroundings, the King of all creation, was worshipped by the angels and attracted visitors from the hillside and Magi from afar.

The greatest gift Christmas has ever seen is that infant, who was both Holy and lowly. I wonder if in the bustle and pressure of the season you will be able to pause and join with us in one of our churches, to remember the reason we are celebrating; that God has so much love for the world that He has given His only son.

May God bless you this Christmas, and may you know His Peace.

Keith Morrison
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| 13th December | 9.30am Daytime Tiger at Christmas
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| 16th December | 7.30-9.30pm Christmas United!
<i>At Christchurch, New England Road, Haywards Heath
A Christmas Celebration for young people (in school years 7 -13) across Haywards Heath & Lindfield.
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| 18th December | 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
10.30am The Characters of Christmas
<i>A lively service for families and children</i>
4.30pm A service of Lessons and Carols (1)
6.30pm A service of Lessons and Carols (2) |
| 20th December | 10am Tiger @Ten Carols
<i>Carols for over 55s, followed by coffee and cake.</i> |
| 24th December | 3pm Christingle Service (1)
4.15pm Christingle Service (2)
5.30pm Christingle Service (3)
<i>The Christingle services will include an
All Saints' children's orchestra</i>
11.15pm Midnight Communion |
| 25th December | 8am Christmas Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30am Christmas Day Family Celebration
11am Christmas Communion |
| 1st January | 8am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
11am New Year's Day Morning Service
6.30pm Cornerstone Communion |
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25th December	10am Christmas Day Service <i>Join with us as we celebrate the greatest gift</i>
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Advice by Paul Harper-Smith from Lock Assist

Christmas is the one time of year when there are likely to be more valuables in the house than at any other time and I don't just mean only jewellery. The cost of all the electronic items like games consoles, tablets, mobiles, TV's, toys and clothes can easily run into thousands of pounds and someone out there would love to take yours rather than buy their own so to help you hang on to yours, here's some of our top tips to Beat the Burglar over the holidays.

Festive lighting - be secure. Many outside light cables are feed through partially open windows - criminals know to look for this vulnerability. Use solar or battery operated lights or use outdoor electrical outlets.

Away over Christmas? - then plan ahead. If you're away, cancel any newspaper or milk deliveries and ask a neighbour to park on the driveway to look like someone is home. Don't say you're away on your answer phone and make use of inexpensive 7 day timers to give the illusion of occupancy.

Dispose of gift packaging carefully. Refuse collections over this period are normally at different times and days. If you can't take packaging to a recycling point, only put your rubbish out just before the collection and break apart boxes so that they don't advertise the new contents of your home to thieves!

Don't hide keys. Burglars know to look for hidden door keys so don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flowerpots, or above door ledges. Give the spare key to family or a trusted neighbour. If you have an alarm, use it.

Keep garden tools or ladders secure. Don't leave them lying around or in an unlocked garden shed or garage. A spade can be used to force open doors or windows and ladders can reach that upstairs open bathroom window.

Do you know your IMEI number? Most electricals have a unique serial number and for mobile phones, it's an IMEI number. To find yours, press: * # 0 6 # and write it down.

Don't tell Facebook! Don't advertise your home to burglars on social media like our mock up! Social media is a commonly used tool for scouting potential targets and some families have a tendency to publish their whereabouts during the holiday season, including any holiday plans. This lets burglars know when your house is going to be empty.

I hope these tips have given you some ideas of where you could make some simple changes to make you and your family feel more secure and I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and New Year!



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Dog owners picked up valuable tips on how to communicate with their pets at a special fund raising event earlier this month.

Dog trainer Simon Taylor, (featured in last month's Lindfield Life,) entertained a packed audience at the King Edward Hall with a talk and demonstration followed by a question and answer session.

Organised by Wendy Swinton Eagle, the event raised more than £700 for the Rommie Rescue charity (also featured in last month's issue). Pat Kaye, who runs the charity, spoke about her work rescuing dogs from overseas, and introduced the audience to some of the lucky dogs and their new owners.

There was also a chance to find out about some of the dogs currently awaiting adoption, or to sign up to become a foster carer.

The evening was sponsored by Masters and Son, Zoe Kenworthy and Mike Oliver, and the bar provided by South Downs Wine Cellars. Many village businesses also donated raffle prizes including Field and Forrest, Doodle Stark, The Toll House, SWALK, Penny Black Barbers and Tuffnells.

"I am thrilled by the response we had for this event and would like to thank all our sponsors and helpers and everyone who came along," said Wendy.

"It has been is a rare privilege to be able to do



something tangible to help Pat and Lisa who have been working tirelessly to rescue and re-home these poor little mites stranded in such dire circumstances. They have been almost entirely self-funding the rescue fees, vets' bills and transport costs to bring these dogs over for the chance of a better life and they couldn't do it without their small dedicated team of foster carers.

"Thank you too to Simon Taylor who offered his help as soon as he heard about the charity and who gave such a brilliant and interesting demonstration for us - I hope he'll do more of these talks soon."



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Martin Hadden

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The Good Life is undoubtedly one of Britain's best loved sitcoms and millions of viewers have been entertained by Tom and Barbara Good's efforts to become self-sufficient.

But for Lindfield's Martin Hadden, the Good Life became real life, when his parents left London to bring up their sons in the country.

With the whole family mucking in - growing and harvesting crops, rearing animals, and enjoying the freshest and healthiest home cooking, it's hardly surprising that the boys grew up with a passion for food.

And for Martin, that passion turned into a career as a chef and a string of Michelin stars!

Now head chef for the Historic Sussex Hotels Group, Martin recalls how he learnt to carve a side of beef on the kitchen table, his delight at becoming a Roux Scholar and how he constantly strives to bake the perfect bread roll!



By Claire Cooper

"I was born in London, but in the 70s my parents decided to move to North Devon and become self-sufficient, growing crops and rearing animals" said Martin, the second of four boys. "My brothers and I got a real understanding of where our food came from."

With no farming experience, Martin's parents learnt as they went along.

"I can remember my dad bringing in two sides of beef, putting them on the kitchen table and wondering how to go about carving them," said Martin. "He got a book of instructions and we just got on with it."

"Looking back, I think I was lucky as a child to be exposed to the complete journey our meat takes, from rearing a calf to sitting down and eating it on a Sunday."

As soon as he was old enough to start earning money, Martin picked up a Saturday job at his local butchers. "On my first day, I was asked to drain the huge vat which used for boiling the hams," said Martin. "It was a straightforward job as there was a tap at the bottom which released water into the drains."

However, the following Saturday things didn't go quite so smoothly. "I was unaware that the vat was also used for making beef dripping," said Martin. "I ended up draining a ton of beef fat into the drains, which quickly solidified, leaving no option but the dig up the road outside!"

Luckily the butcher was very forgiving and Martin kept his job for the next five years.

As he grew older, and progressed through school, Martin continued to find ways of earning extra cash - always involving food. "I've worked in a fish and chip shop, a burger van and my local Italian restaurant," said Martin, who fondly remembers the owner Dante. "He was a larger than life character - typically Italian - lots of shouting and hand waving!"

Faced with his O Level options, Martin chose Home Economics, but not because of any ambition to become a chef. "It was mainly because a girl I fancied was doing it," Martin recalled. "But I failed the exam and didn't get the girl either!"

However, undeterred by his exam result, Martin enrolled at catering college in Barnstaple in North Devon, before progressing to his first job as a Commis chef in London at the Britannia InterContinental Hotel in Grosvenor Square in London.

But it was a move out of London to the Arundell Arms Hotel in Devon, which was a turning point for Martin's career.

"Whilst working there I entered the 1989 'Roux Scholarship' - a major national competition for young chefs under the age of 30," said Martin who successfully progressed through various stages and won - becoming the youngest ever Roux Scholar at just 19. "They have since raised the entry age to 22, so I'll always hold that title!" he said.

Winning a Roux Scholarship meant that that Martin could choose to go anywhere in the world to work in a three Michelin starred restaurant. He chose the Maison Pic in the Rhone Valley in France.

"The restaurant was run by Jacques Pic, the third generation of the family to be awarded three Michelin stars - a wonderful place to learn," said Martin who, as a Roux Scholar, attends annual gatherings with the Roux family.

"When Jacques died, his daughter Sophie took over, also earning three stars and making it four generations."

Returning to England, Martin spent three years as a pastry chef at the Michelin starred Gidleigh Park in Dartmoor which he rates as among the best restaurants in England. "Most leading chefs, including Michel Roux,



have a good grounding in in the pastry kitchen," he said.

Following a move to the three Michelin Star Chez Nico in Park Lane, run by Nico Ladenis, Martin was offered his first head chef job at the Halcyon Hotel in Holland Park in London – he was 24 years old.

With the head chef experience under his belt, Martin moved to Sussex in 1999 to join the staff at Ockenden Manor in Cuckfield. The following year the restaurant was awarded a Michelin star.

Martin explained how the Michelin star process is surrounded by secrecy.

"You don't get to find out if you have been awarded Michelin stars until the guide is published," said Martin. "Restaurants are inspected several times a year, but there are no guidelines or criteria for what they are looking for. There's also no indication of who, when or where the inspectors will arrive.

"A Michelin star means you are consistently cooking good food to a high standard – it's really just a by-product of doing your job well."

Two weeks after Ockenden Manor was awarded the star, Martin moved to Somerset to run a restaurant with his wife Michele. "By then we had two children and were aiming to get a better work/life balance," he said. "But within six months we were awarded a Michelin star, we got busy very quickly and were working even longer hours than before!

"When you're working at a high level the pressure is great and affects the whole family."

Martin returned to Sussex in 2003 to a new role as Group Executive Head Chef for Historic Sussex Hotels a family owned business which includes Bailiffscourt in Climping, The Spread Eagle Hotel in Midhurst and Ockenden Manor.

"It's a fantastic job which works very well with family life," said Martin, who has cooking days and office based days. "I particularly enjoy training our young chefs.

"There are two ways to run a kitchen – though fear and respect. I go for the latter every time! You're in the kitchen for a long time so it has to be a nice environment.

"In cookery knowledge is everything and you never stop learning," he added. "I see it like a mountain which I'm only a quarter of the way up. Every day is different and I'm learning all the time.

"Creating a simple lemon tart is a challenge and I'm still working on perfecting the simple white bread roll."

Martin's job also includes sourcing the best food producers. "We use local suppliers whenever possible and we are lucky to have some great food and wine producers in Sussex, but quality is always the most important factor."

In recent years, TV chefs have helped to raise the profile of the restaurant industry, attracting more young people to the profession. "But the reality is that you have to be committed," said Martin. "If you want to succeed, you have to be prepared to forfeit things - like a social life! You should also be prepared to move to other areas. It can be the best job in the world or the worst."

Neither of his children have chosen to become a chef, although daughter Milly is a keen and talented baker.

Creating a better work/life balance in recent years has enabled Martin to pursue other interests.

Inspired by his son Charlie, Martin joined Renshinkan Karate, under Kyoshi Julia Turley, based in Haywards Heath, becoming a 1st dan black belt competing in the England tournament in 2013/14, and winning the adult fighting category.

In August last year he was among the team of 34 travelling to Taiwan to represent England in the world championships. "The team trained really hard and did extremely well with two members reaching the quarter finals – an achievement that hasn't happened before," he said.

Last year Martin completed the Brighton Marathon, raising almost £2,000 which will help fund the participation of a youngster at the 2020 Shorinji ryu Renshinkan Karate world championships in Japan.

"I'd set myself a target of 3½ hours and was on track until, with just one mile to go, I collapsed and passed out through dehydration," said Martin. "But I managed to stagger across the finish line supported by a race marshall."

This Christmas will see Martin at home in the family kitchen. "I've worked many Christmas Days in the past, but this year I'll be cooking for the family," said Martin. "But I'll be available if they need me – that is, until my first glass of champagne!"

What's the market doing?

PROPERTY PAGE

By Mathew Gurr, Move Revolution

Welcome to our third market report and as we head into the festive period, it is an ideal opportunity for us to look back on how the local market has performed in 2016. It also allows us to give thought on what challenges are ahead and how to prepare your home if you are thinking of selling in 2017.

The first half of 2016 performed better than the second half of the year. Pre June, sales were brisk and excellent prices were being achieved. Since the European Referendum, buyers have become more cautious and as a result, agents are having to not only work harder, but be able to think differently and offer solutions in order for transactions to go through. But this should not be seen as negative, we see it wholeheartedly as a positive. Now more than ever, choosing the right agent is crucially important.

We know that professional photography, website marketing on Rightmove and Zoopla are vital to making sure your home is not only seen by the widest possible audience, but stands out against the competition. As I said, this should be viewed positively. September was by far our best month for results since we launched last November and for our Reigate office, August was the best sales month since opening in 2009. I know we wouldn't have predicted that back in April!

In our last marketing report we commented: "What is abundantly clear, is that the days of putting a home onto the property portals and waiting for the phone to ring are long gone. It is all about the quality of marketing – professional photography and advertising homes on websites such as Rightmove and Zoopla and importantly a hunger to deliver excellent service to clients." This is certainly where we find the market today.

So how should you prepare your home for sale in 2017? If you are upsizing, how much more space do you need? How much space do you currently have? I often ask clients how big is their current home, what is the size in terms of square feet? Most client cannot tell me.



But if you knew what space you had, it might help you understand what extra space you need. A good way of understanding this is with a floorplan. We do not charge for our floorplans and would be happy to work with you and help you understand what additional space you might need prior to putting your home on the market.

Pretend to be a buyer and view your own home. Be firm! Are there small jobs that could have a big impact on first impressions that would make a difference to a buyer? What will a buyer think as they walk up the driveway to the front door? Can you de-clutter to maximise the space you have? We would be more than happy to pop in for a chat about give you our expert opinion.

This is an exciting time in the housing market and one that we at Move Revolution view positively. If you require any further information, an informal chat or a property valuation, please call me on 01444 657657 or email mathew.gurr@movereolution.com

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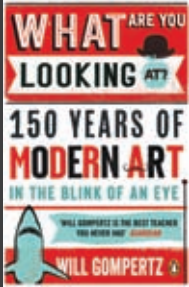
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What are you looking at? By Will Gompertz

BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

Based on a Edinburgh festival show, this is an insightful guide to modern art. The many things that might seem like pretension or stupidity are dissected with humour and insight.

Gompertz has a great gift for communicating art history and philosophy underlying creativity in a way which is highly engaging. The book has some extensive illustrations to demonstrate its understandings and to provoke us to reflection.

What is art? This is the fundamental question that it raises and gives you many different approaches, leaving you to come to your own conclusions.

What came as a surprise is that for many modern artists from Vincent Van Gogh to the people of today are so influenced by classical Japanese art.

This is a highly readable and stimulating book. It may annoy you but it will help you to understand more than you think you could.

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LBS celebrates a great night



Members of Lindfield Bonfire Society would like to say a 'massive thank you' to everyone who attended the 5th November celebrations.

"Our fancy dress competition was packed out, and the streets and common were full with those who came to see our torch lit procession through the village, lighting of the bonfire and our Grand Firework Display," said secretary Mark Tampion-Lacey.

"We were delighted to be joined in our procession by members of Chailey and Burgess Hill Bonfire Societies, Burgess Hill Marching Youth, Lindfield Scouts and our fancy dress competition entrants.


"We have had many 'thank yous' and positive feedback from the public saying how much they enjoyed the night and we hope the good turnout will be reflected in the street collection total."

He added that members of the Committee wished to thank everyone who helped make the celebration happen, including: Comber's Trust, The Red Cross, Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Services, The Rotary Club, Court Meadow RDA, Lindfield Parish Council, Mid-Sussex District Council, SERCO, Phoenix Security, The Tail End Charlie Team, The 'Uganda' Explorer Scouts, Lindfield Scouts, The Pyro Teams of Lindfield and Chailey Bonfire Societies, Aurora Fireworks, Glyn Thomas & Son Butchers, all the volunteers who collected and help on the night, those who provided support before during and after our event, the sponsors and donors ... and, of course, the Lindfield Bonfire Boys and Girls!



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Lindfield care assistant wins award

A popular care assistant who has spent nearly 30 years looking after elderly residents in Lindfield has won regional and national acclaim.

Doreen Knight, a Senior Care Assistant at Walstead Place Care Home, has won The Care Home Worker Award for West Sussex Partners in Care 2016 accolades.

She was presented with a glass trophy, framed certificate and a retail voucher at the awards lunch held at the Arundel Wetlands Centre.

Doreen is also one of just five carers across the UK to be called for an interview for the prestigious title of Carer of the Year in the National Care Awards. The winners were due to be announced at a gala dinner on 25th November in London.

Promoted to Senior Care Assistant 12 years ago, Doreen loves looking after the 44 elderly residents at Walstead Place Care Home, where she has worked for 29 years, starting as a Care Assistant working night shifts. Her job encompasses a wide range of duties including participating in the resident activity programme, assisting residents with meals and completing care records.

When asked about her award Doreen said: "It was a bit of a surprise but lovely. I know I have been given the award but it is also for the team. We make such a good team, we are like a family."

Judges commented upon the many activities Doreen participates in, especially her dressing up as Father Christmas! They mentioned the good care the team provides and Doreen's mentoring skills.

Jacque Ferguson, Home Manager at Walstead Place, says: "We are extremely proud that Doreen has been recognised by the West Sussex Partnership for her great skills as a carer locally. Our residents love Doreen and really benefit from her lively presence. When she is on duty nothing is too much trouble and each and every one of our residents is special to her."



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So all in all a great success that's made all the effort Hilary and Sam have put in so worthwhile and rewarding, not forgetting the best view in the village, and the relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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Hilary Tuesday's 9-5

Hilary Wednesday's 9-5

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Hilary & Sam Friday's 9-5

Saturday's Hilary & Sam
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Wakehurst Place in golden glow

Don't miss Wakehurst's Glow Wild magical after-dark trail
School children will be delighted to see the fruits of their labour at Wakehurst's iconic winter lantern festival, Glow Wild.

The event, which has been a sell-out for the past two years, sees the nocturnal landscape come alive with thousands of twinkling paper lanterns, lighting up the gardens and the Elizabethan mansion.

Visitors will be able to join the trail through fiery celestial meadows, experience flotillas of fire and star lit ponds, and walk through the beautiful lantern laden midnight gardens.

The majority of the lanterns have been made by school children and teenagers at local colleges, including those with special educational needs. Creative workshops have been held by Samesky, a community arts charity that has helped the children explore their artistic ideas.

The UK's tallest living Christmas tree will be festooned with lights and there will be a chance to enjoy toasting marshmallows over giant fire bowls. Hot chocolate and mulled wine will also be served to put pay to winter chills.

Wakehurst's Visitor Centre shop is stocked with an array of gifts to suit every pocket and will be open for Glow Wild. It's a good idea to arrive early or stay late so you can get your Christmas shopping all wrapped up under one roof.

Dates: Fridays to Sundays: 2nd-4th, 9th-11th and 16th-18th December with time slots at 4pm, 5pm, 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

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What to do when you're in the trees

TEERING OFF



By James Verrall, Head Golf Professional

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First you need to select a club with the right amount of loft to keep the ball low under the overhanging branches, something like a 5 or 6 iron normally does the job. Then move the ball back in the stance and favour more weight on the front leg.

Swinging at any great speed will cause the ball to spin up and likely hit branches. Make sure you swing slow to keep the ball low. Try to avoid a short and fast stabbing motion.

The hands need to always stay ahead of the club and resist the urge to scoop or flick. Keep your weight on the front leg during the entire swing.

Because of the way you have set up the ball will naturally want to fly slightly right of your target so make sure you aim your feet slightly left. Also factor this in if you are trying to hit out of a tight gap from the trees.

Although for really low scores, avoid the trees altogether.

With Christmas not far away it's time to start thinking about those special golfing gifts. We are open right up until Christmas, with free parking and a host of gift ideas. The world famous brand Ralph Lauren is now part of our collection and makes an ideal Christmas present for any ages.

Thank you for reading my Golf Tips this year and have a very Merry Christmas from myself and the entire professional team at Haywards Heath Golf Club.



HIGHBROOK CHRISTMAS MARKET AND TREE FESTIVAL

The Annual Highbrook Christmas Market will take place at the Village Hall on **Saturday, 3rd December** from 11am to 4pm.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be held at All Saints' Church on **Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th December** from 11am to 4pm

Father Christmas will be in his grotto on Saturday and there will be live music throughout the day.

Christmas Trees will be for sale in the playground, opposite the hall, every weekend leading up to Christmas.





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The Paper Partnership

HOME FRONT

By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

We use suppliers from all over the world for our work – many I have written about here. So this month it is wonderful to be writing about a hugely talented designer of fabrics and wall coverings who is just on our doorstep in Horsted Keynes!

The Paper Partnership, led by Elizabeth Ockford, might be nestled in the Sussex countryside yet its presence in the wall covering and fabric market is very much global, currently trading in over 55 countries. I first met Elizabeth some years ago. We were introduced by a mutual friend and, as Elizabeth reminded me last time we met, we sold her our then ageing plan chest when David closed his workshop and no longer required it. Said plan chest is I gather now properly close to retirement but it has done well!

The Paper Partnership is a luxury wall coverings company covering an extremely diverse and versatile portfolio of brands. Elizabeth and her design team work exclusively with the world's leading mills, from traditional English producers to high tech European and US manufacturers. Their designers' extensive experience of creating highly successful wallpaper collections in a broad spectrum of styles shines through in their family of brands. There are five brands altogether offering a varied range of designs and it's this that makes The Paper Partnership so usable. We have, so far, specified wall covering from two of the collections, using them in both residential and commercial projects.

The first collection which I was drawn to was Archives I. I initially came across it in a tile showroom on the Fulham Road and on talking to the team there suddenly realised who was behind it. Created in collaboration with the University of Oxford, these wallpapers feature a wealth of motifs and archive resources, including college coats of arms, stripes and old photographs. The designs draw inspiration from Oxford's magnificent buildings and their structural and decorative materials. We have specified the Trinity Library design for a care home in Suffolk and Full Blue, featuring sporting figures and equipment, in a cricket themed boy's room at a show home for Barratt David Wilson. There is also a fabulous design (pictured here), featuring old photographs from

iconic sporting traditions including rowing, rugby and tennis. We used this design in a corridor area to make the space more interesting for residents of a Hampshire care home and Oxbridge, a charming detail of satchels, mortar boards and bicycles against a tartan backdrop now adorns the wall in the main reception at the same home.

Based on our successes with Archives I we were thrilled to see the new collection, showcased at Decorex this autumn.

Archives II is a wonderful sequel. Continuing with the theme of University life, it includes some beautiful botanical designs and architect sketches of the Oxford Exam School buildings, drawn by Charles Estcourt. The intriguing 'Chalkboard' wallpaper is a collaboration with Professors Derek Moulton and Alain Goriely of Oxford Mathematics, University of Oxford who ensured the formulae were authentic. Archives II also features a striking, large scale wall panel illustrating the picturesque cityscape of Oxford and its spires. This hand-drawn design reaches three metres tall and shows the intricate cityscape in a range of soft blue, pink and yellow hues. A fantastic brand and two really clever collections – definitely worth a look.

This piece would not be complete without mentioning the signature brand in The Paper Partnership family, Elizabeth Ockford. There are three collections, Birchgrove Gardens, Chelwood and the newly launched Danehill. The designs are delicate yet contemporary featuring English countryside florals as well as some metallic papers. Danehill includes a contemporary damask in faded colours with a softly textured background as well as a highly textural grass cloth vinyl, something that would work in many settings. By contrast striking metallics can be found in the leaves of an English Elm in one design as well as a geometric pattern and a heavily detailed scallop design.

It's exciting to find new suppliers and even better when it means that you are shopping local! You can see the whole range at www.thepaperpartnership.co.uk, all of which are available through HomeSmiths.

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Lindfield Rural Parish Council Newsletter

December 2016

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AUTUMN STATEMENT 2016

The idea of an interim report was introduced last year and following its success it was felt appropriate to continue to update residents on how your Parish Council has been involved in the Community over the past 6 months (since the Chairman's Report in April 2016).

With the Neighbourhood Plan finally agreed and operational, Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) agreed at its planning committee meeting to reject an application from Wates for homes south of Walstead. This was closely followed by a rejection of a development proposed by Taylor Wimpey for 130 homes on the junction of Scamps Hill and Gravelye Lane. These decisions were despite the lack of a MSDC five-year housing supply figure and the District Plan not being ratified. Both developers have lodged an appeal. However, we are still awaiting a decision on the proposed development of 49 dwellings in the Portsmouth Wood area (access opposite the Haywards Heath Golf Club) and a similar number adjacent to The Inn on the Green in Scaynes Hill (access from Anchor Hill).

As the residents in Croxton Lane are probably aware, the old street lighting in their road has been replaced with LED lighting and feedback has suggested that this has been well accepted. The council owns 36 street lights in the parish and this was the first tranche of replacement over a 3-year period. Additional lighting is also being considered.

The council continues to find ways of enhancing the appearance of the Burial Ground at Walstead and many residents have congratulated us on how pleasant it looks. In the past six months, the council has 'space planned' the cemetery to establish a more economic usage of the area. For an example, there are 80 pre-purchased plots on the west side and the council is investigating each plot from our records to establish whether they are all required, particularly the plots over 50 years old. Additionally, the council has arranged to 'digitally map' the whole cemetery in order to improve access to information.

The council maintains a works outstanding list. This records maintenance issues reported to the council. These include lighting, flooding and highways matters such as potholes. The council reports these matters to the appropriate agency on your behalf and logs progress.

Residents may report directly via the West Sussex County Council website (<http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home>).

Allotments at Scaynes Hill will soon become a reality as, by the time you read this report, the council should have taken ownership of the appropriate land. 14 residents have expressed an interest in having a plot and we feel confident more will come forward when the works on site are complete and operational.

The rents for the Gravelye Lane Allotments became due on 1st October and several residents have decided to relinquish their plots. We would like to encourage more residents to apply including those living in Heathwood Park. There was previously a waiting list for non-residents but because of demand within the Parish this was discontinued several years ago. It has now been decided to re-open the waiting list, although priority will still be given to residents within the Parish. Applications should be made to the Parish Office.

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VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

**Can you make a difference to your local community?
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Lindfield Rural Parish Council has a vacancy for a new member to be co-opted to the Council.

Councillors represent the interests of the whole community and the Government is more than ever looking to communities and local councils to respond to very local needs and priorities. Lindfield Rural Parish Council is looking for community-minded, proactive and practical people able to deal effectively with a range of issues. Councillors are required to attend monthly evening meetings. Also important is the ability to communicate and to work as part of a team with other Councillors.

As a Parish Councillor, you will be influential in local projects and plans, and take responsibility for decisions made that will have a real impact on the future of the community.

Councillors must be over 18 and be a British National or a qualifying citizen of the Commonwealth or the European Community. They must also live or work or own land within the Parish or within 3 miles of its boundaries. Please note that this is an unpaid voluntary position.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Council, please write to the Council setting out why you would like to be a Councillor and what qualities you would bring to this role. This should be sent to Vera Grainger, Clerk to the Council, Lindfield Rural Parish Council, Millennium Village Centre, Lewes Road, Scaynes Hill, West Sussex, RH17 7PG.

Council Meeting Dates

2016 - 2017

We would like to remind residents of our Council meeting dates as follows:

2016

Monday 28th November St. Augustine's Church annex

2017

Monday 9th January King Edward Hall Lindfield
Monday 20th February Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre
Monday 10th April King Edward Hall Lindfield
Monday 24th April Annual Parish Meeting, Meeting of Electorate,
Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre
Monday 15th May Annual Meeting of the Council
King Edward Hall Lindfield



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Daring trifles

SIMPLY GOOD FOOD

Apricot and Almond

Layer small cubes of Madeira cake in the bowl with drained canned apricots and generously moisten with the fruit juice or alcohol of your choice. Gently combine a good chilled custard with the same quantity of whipped cream and spoon over the top. Cover and chill overnight. Top with a generous sprinkling of toasted flaked almonds.

Ginger and Pineapple

Combine roughly crushed ginger nut biscuits and diced canned pineapple in your bowl. Moisten with fruit juice or ginger wine. Top with a layer of good quality chilled custard, cover and chill overnight. Spoon whipped cream over the top and decorate with crystallised pineapple or chopped candied stem ginger.

Oranges and Lemons

Slice trifle sponges horizontally and spread generously with lemon curd. Cut into fingers and use to line the trifle bowl. Spoon over your alcohol of choice – I like to use Limonchello - and add a generous layer of drained canned mandarin oranges. Fold together two-thirds custard and one-third lemon yogurt and spoon over the fruit. Cover and chill overnight. Decorate with whipped cream and candied orange peel.

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By Caroline Young

Is a trifle a Christmas tradition in your house? Do you remember the version made with slices of Swiss roll and canned fruit cocktail set in stiff fruit jelly topped with Birds custard and, hopefully, whipped cream?

If you were lucky there might have been a generous sprinkling of sweet sherry over the sponge slices! Happily recipes have moved on and you can develop your own favourite combination of fruit, cake or biscuits and a rich creamy topping.

Traditionally the dessert should be made in a straight sided glass dish to show off the different layers. Here are some of my ideas – the quantities depend on how many people to be served – any left-overs are delicious for breakfast the next day! Have a peaceful Christmas.

Peach and Chocolate

Sandwich pairs of Italian Amoretti biscuits with orange curd or marmalade and arrange in the bowl with diced canned peaches. Moisten with juice or your choice of alcohol. Fold together two-thirds custard and one-third mascarpone cheese and spread over the top. Cover and chill overnight. Decorate with whipped cream and a generous layer of coarsely grated dark chocolate.

Creamy Ginger Layer

This unusual delicious recipe comes from a member of my cookery class, Carolyn Barrass-Hill.

Line your trifle bowl with very thin slices of Jamaican Ginger cake and moisten with Cointreau. Peel and slice 2 ripe mangoes and 4 kiwi fruits. Whisk together 300ml double cream, 500g Mascarpone and 30ml Cointreau. Layer half the fruit, half the cream mixture and 150ml fresh cold custard on top of the cake. Repeat the layers – cake, Cointreau, fruit then 150ml custard and spoon the remaining cream mixture on top. Decorate with flaked almonds, cover and chill.

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6		8		1				5
4		9		8	3			1
			3			6		8
				9		4		

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

<< #4 Solution

Find the solution to #5 in next month's magazine

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

To the village community of Lindfield,



Thank you for your support for the Bell & Clock Fund at All Saints Church. We have, through hard work and your generosity, raised £140,000 towards our target of £200,000 for new bells and a repaired clock and with your continued support, we plan to close that gap further in 2017. We look forward to seeing you all in 2017 - watch out for our next event.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2017!

The All Saints Bellringers

What's on in December

AT KING EDWARD HALL

AND ELSEWHERE

December

- 1st **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
(Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
- 6th **Lindfield Afternoon WI** – 2.15-4.15pm
All visitors and new members are warmly welcomed (Jacqui - la16wi@gmail.com)
- 7th **Hickory & Lindfield Montessory Nursery** –
Nativity Play (Jackie Pickett 01444 473311)
- 8th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 10th **Mid Sussex Older People's Council** – 2pm
Christmas Tea with entertainment provided by
St Pauls Young Musicians (01444 242760 or email
anita@msopc.org.uk)
- 15th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 18th **The Spinettes Christmas Concert** – 3pm
A Vintage/Retro Inspired trio of West End
performers will be returning to the KEH and
entertaining audiences with a Christmas themed
show (Tickets £10, £5, from 0751 555 2491 or
email thespinettes@hotmail.com)
- 22nd **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am

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

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

December

- 2nd **Charity Christmas Fayre** – 2.30-4.30pm
Wivelsfield Village Hall, RH17 7QH
Stalls with festive refreshments in aid of Action
Medical Research for Children (01444 482362)
- 2nd **Sussex Mineral & Lapidary Society** – 8pm
Redwood Centre, Perrymount Road, HH
Illustrated monthly talk: 'A trip to the Isle of Skye'
by Dr Colin Brough (www.smls.org.uk)
- 2nd **Christmas Fayre** – 10am-4pm
Cumnor House Sussex, Danehill
In aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association
Lots of stalls with fabulous Christmas
temptations and present ideas, as well as a cafe
with live entertainment and a cake stall.
- 3rd **Cool Yule '16** – 6pm
The Albermarle Centre (Oathall School)
Bands, Vocal Groups, Solo Performers, Singer/
Songwriters and musical artists of all ages from
RokSkool (Tickets £10 & £7.50 on the door)
- 3rd **Chailey School Christmas Fayre** – 11am-1.30pm
Gifts & Crafts Stalls - Fun & Games - Cafe
- 6th **Lindfield Christmas Festival Night** – 6-9pm
Lindfield High Street and LURC. Father Christmas
arrives at 6pm. Grotto and gifts for children
courtesy of the Parish Council
- 8th **Mid Sussex Association National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath
Jewels of SE Asia by Ray Hale
- 14th **Mid Sussex Decorative & Fine Arts Soc** – 10.15am
Clair Hall, HH. Frost Fairs on the Frozen Thames
lecture by Oliver Everett on how the Frost Fairs
have been depicted by foreign and British artists
- 13th **Floral Christmas Centrepiece Workshop** – 1-3pm
Lindfield United Reformed Church
With instruction by local florist, Khee Joon
Kenneway. Tickets cost £25 and include
materials plus a festive refreshment! (For more
details contact jennyalxndr@aol.com)
- 19th **Sussex Chorus Christmas Concert** – 6.30pm
The King's Church, Burgess Hill
Family-friendly Christmas favourites - with
audience participation too! (Tickets: £12 & £3
www.sussexchorus.org)
- 22nd **Christmas Concert** – 7.30pm
Lindfield United Reformed Church
Featuring the Copthorne Silver Band and guests
from the village. Carols and free mince pies!
(Contact John Merrett 01444 416476)

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