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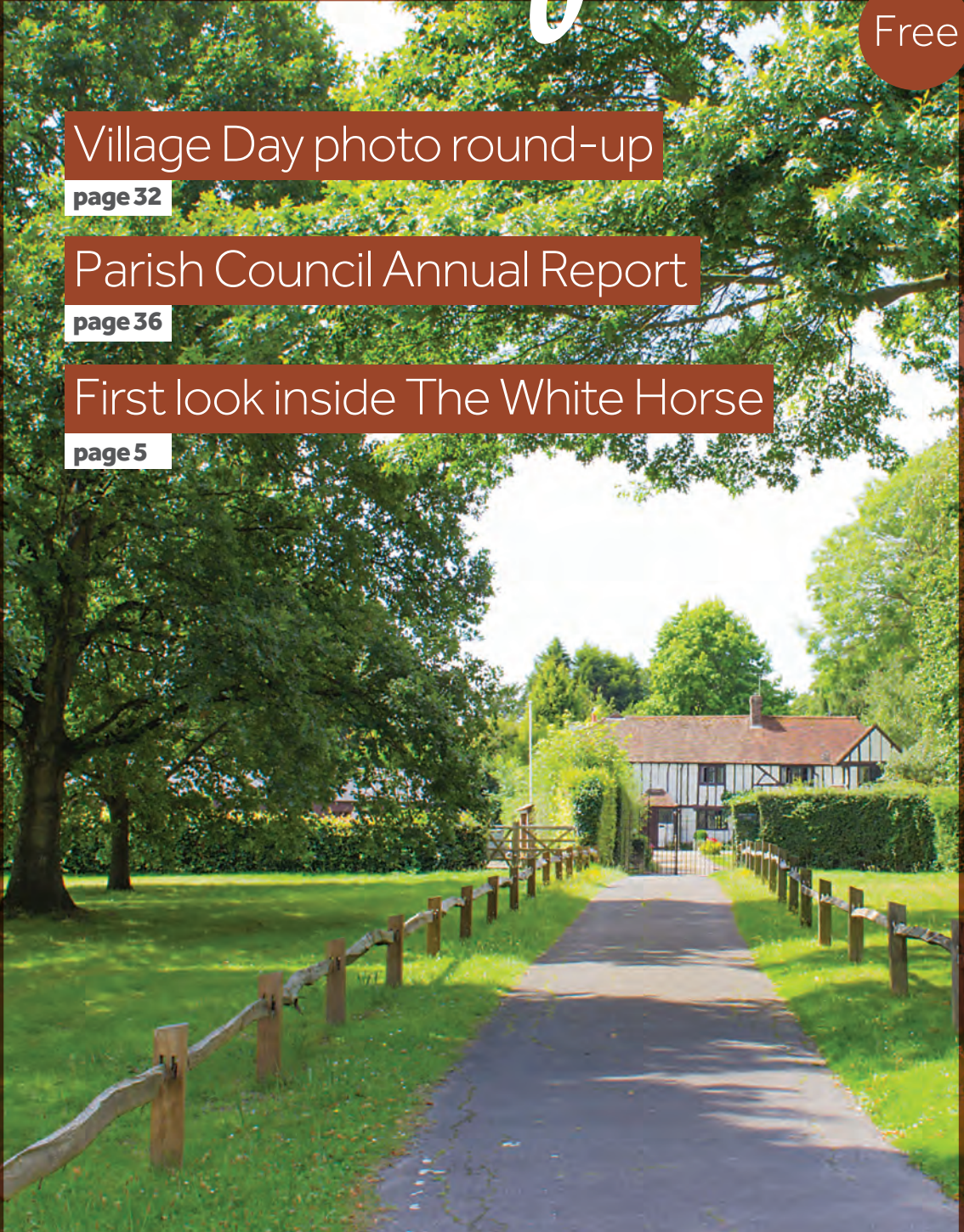
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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

If there's one thing that gets the good folk of Lindfield talking it's **The White Horse**, opposite the pond! Finally, it looks as if we may be about to see what this latest incarnation of the former pub will be like. In fact **Tamasha** may already be open by the time you read this! **Claire Cooper** got a first look inside the Indian restaurant – see it for yourself on **page 5**.

Those eagle-eyed residents may have caught a glimpse of TV camera crews in the village last month – **page 7** explains why!

On **page 12** we welcome **Daemmon Reeve** to our Village People spot. Read the fascinating story of this, relatively new, resident of Lindfield – who sings it praises at every opportunity.

The **Lindfield Village Run** is a massively popular annual event and one which nearly 1,000 people took part in on the last Bank Holiday Monday. See **page 19** as we celebrate another great year. Similarly **Village Day**, run by the same organising team on behalf of **The King Edward Hall**, was a terrific success at the beginning of June. How many faces do you recognise on **pages 32** and **33** – with the help of resident and photographer **Clare Ozkan**.

Richard Bryant helps us once again to get to grips with our local history. This time, on **page 26**, the focus is on philanthropist **Francis Sewell** who did much of good and note for Lindfield in the mid 19th century. Thank you Richard.

Page 36 is the start of the **Chairman's Annual Report** from **Lindfield Parish Council**. This report highlights just what a huge body of work the **Parish Council** does during the year, and is well worth a read for this reason alone.

I'm pleased to report that last month's first **Garden Trail** in the village was a resounding success and you can see more of it on **page 43**. And, on **page 50**, **Joe Wayte** goes behind the counter with **Jag Gujral** of **Selby's Pharmacy**.

Next stop: August!

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New footpath open by the bowling green

By Rachel Anscombe-Munn

As part of the Lindfield Academy Travel Plan, we have been trying to find safer routes to school for our children and for those who walk through our school grounds to Blackthorns. About five years ago we decided that a footpath alongside the bowling green would enable children to access the academies without having to approach the already congested entrance near the mini roundabout. A need for a footpath in this area was evidenced by the number of people walking across the grass.

The new footpath (completed last month) also provides access to the very popular bowling club which was previously only accessible via several steep steps. The combined need for improved access for many of our villagers has enabled the footpath to happen.

Achieving the construction of the footpath has been a lesson in patience as this has involved collaboration with County, District and Parish councils. Creating a footpath on the common is an extremely difficult process as it involves complex common law. Huge thanks goes to all involved for their patience and perseverance.



A 'Type 1' (like in the nature reserve) footpath was going to be constructed a couple of years ago as a community project, however, it was sadly unable to go ahead at that time because the legal papers weren't drawn up in time. Shortly after the bowling club put in a request for disabled access. This meant that a change in surface would be more appropriate. The combined need helped to speed the whole process along.

The following people deserve a medal for my persistent emails and meetings to try to make this happen: my dad (Will Blunden), Richard Speller and Christine Field.

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White Horse to breathe new life again

Curry loving residents won't have to wait much longer to enjoy their favourite food on their doorstep as Lindfield's most eagerly awaited restaurant opens its doors.

Tamasha, which means 'performance and celebration', is almost ready to welcome its first diners, as the finishing touches are put to the lengthy renovation project.

Lindfield Life caught up with owner Ashraf Shah on Village Day and enjoyed a sneak preview of the premises, which have been transformed from the traditional pub interior of the former White Horse to a stylish and spacious restaurant, complete with booth seating and sparkly black floor tiles.

However, Ashraf has retained some original features such as the beams at the rear of the restaurant which have been restored and enhanced with roof lighting and skylights.

Ashraf and his team are looking forward to becoming part of the village. "I've wanted to open a restaurant in Lindfield for some time but couldn't wish for a better location, on the High Street and opposite the pond," he said. "Lindfield is such a great village and I'm looking forward to welcoming everyone."



Ashraf, who has been in the restaurant business for more than 20 years, also owns the popular Tarana restaurant in Turners Hill.

"The menu at Tamasha will be very similar to Tarana," said Ashraf. "We will be offering a takeaway service, and entertainment on Wednesday evenings."

He added that this could range from belly dancing to Elvis and Michael Jackson tribute nights – all popular at Tarana.

A recruitment poster for Avtrade. The background is a gradient of green and blue with a stylized mountain peak graphic. The Avtrade logo is in the top left, with the tagline 'THE GLOBAL COMPONENT SERVICE PROVIDER'. The main headline reads 'GLOBAL EXPANSION LOCAL SUCCESS STORY'. Text on the right describes global expansion opportunities and provides contact information: 'WWW.AVTRADE.COM/CAREERS' and 'RECRUITMENT@AVTRADE.COM'. A vertical sidebar on the right contains icons for a phone, speech bubble, gear, envelope, airplane, globe, Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The top right corner says 'A CAREER AT AVTRADE' and the right edge says 'A FUTURE IN AVIATION'.

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these chemicals can have on your body, linking them as the cause for many disorders such as reproductive issues, mental health issues and even cancer. The skin is the largest organ of the body, so anything we put on our bodies we are effectively putting in our bodies as it absorbs its properties.

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Lindfield to be part of TV series

Lindfield has been selected to be part of a new series which will crown the winner 'Village of the Year 2017'. The show is due to be aired on Channel 4 in October and will be presented by Penelope Keith.

Chair of Lindfield Parish Council Will Blunden applied for Lindfield to be on the show, helped by residents Sarah Richmond and David Tingley who completed the application form in May.

Lindfield historian Richard Bryant and fitness instructor Esther Featherstone joined David and Will as they met with the show's producers in the village, as they sought to find out more about Lindfield.

Production company Reef shortlisted Lindfield just days before Village Day – an event it was keen to capture in its footage for the programme.

Penelope Keith visited Lindfield in early June to interview Will Blunden as Harbour Master by the pond and Esther in the King Edward Hall. "It was terrifying to start with," Will said, "but I was soon put at ease. Penelope was lovely. She told me that she knew the area well having lived in Forest Row for a time."

During her interview, Esther was asked to explain her personal reasons for creating her own exercise programme. "Penny made me feel very comfortable and was utterly charming and engaging while we were talking on camera," she commented.

Penelope's first words when she walked in on the Swoove class were: "Wonderful lycra!"

Esther invited her to Swoove in the comfort of her own home, as she presented her with a DVD. Laughing, Penelope replied: "I think my cats and dogs might think I've gone completely mad!"



Penelope and the crew will be visiting and filming at 75 other villages across the UK during the summer, in order to find the best. We're pretty sure she found it here, but only time will tell! Watch this space for details of the show's air date later in the year.





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Families go to war at LAF!

By Lynn Tulip

With only three months to go, the Lindfield Arts Festival programme is shaping up nicely. You will see many of the regular performers, artists and exhibitions that you expect to see, as well as some new innovative and completely different workshops and performances. Children and families are high on the list for entertainment, so you won't want to miss the Robot Relays.

If you enjoy making and decorating cardboard costumes, racing on spacehoppers and battling with foam swim noodles like a pillow fight, you will need to be involved with this workshop. Welcome to the mayhem of 'Robot Relays'! Just for you Exploring Senses and Lindfield Arts Festival have created a hay bail amphitheater where you will be able to joust on spacehoppers with swim noodles wearing your handmade cardboard 'Robot Relays' costumes in a dual to the last person sitting. For those who like an easier option we will also be providing 'Robot Relays' spacehopper sprint races. This is an all age activity (even one year olds can make marks on cardboard), you choose how this activity evolves.

Regular contributor Cavan Wood, along with local Lindfield author David Smith are giving book readings;



graffiti and Inkpot workshops are returning and there is plenty to sing and dance about. A dedicated Children's stage will be at the top end of the High Street.

This year there will be a Poetry Evening as well as a Comedy Night. Many of the activities will be around the venues in the High Street or on The Common. Sunday will see a Community Picnic with Rokskool performers entertaining the visitors.

If you would like to contribute in any way and exhibit, perform, play or volunteer during the Festival weekend [8th, 9th and 10th September] please email enquires@lindfieldartsfestival.com or call Stix: 07868 879084 for more information.

Physios enjoy run in the sunshine

The Lindfield Village Run, which took place last Bank Holiday Monday, was supported by many residents as runners but also by Lindfield business Six Physio, which co-sponsored the event with Potential Personal Training.

Six Physio opened in Lindfield during 2014 by resident Alex Keogh, who was Clinic Director at the then London-

based physio business. She persuaded the powers-that-be that a clinic out of the capital was a great idea!

Nestled behind Pauls' Greengrocers, off the High Street, Alex has a business which is going from strength to strength. Six Physio is open six days a week with a team of six where the ethos is 'Don't Treat, Cure'. Rehabilitation is a primary focus both through Rehab physio and Pilates.



Massage is beneficial for all, whether as part of a training programme or just to relieve the stresses and strains of everyday life, catering for both sports and remedial massage.

Alex Keogh commented: "We are proud supporters of the Lindfield Fun Run and it was great to see so many competitors enjoying their free post race

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Anyone who has gone through redundancy will likely have been met with such sentiment and whilst friends and family mean well, their comments seem only to enhance that sense of doom. Yes, they want to offer you support and understanding and their assumption is that you will be miserable and fearful and whilst this may be the case initially, don't allow their condolences to define your mood in the longer term.

No one is saying that redundancy is easy but it could be a wonderful opportunity for something new; set your intention, be positive, forward-thinking and get creative.

- Don't be defined by the words and sentiment of others

Firstly, be fair to yourself... you didn't 'lose' your job, this is one of the biggest fallacies of the process; someone took your job away! 'I lost my job' implies it's your fault, you're to blame, you misplaced it, you didn't pay attention to where you left it, ...it's complete nonsense. Find a new terminology, 'my position was made redundant' is infinitely better, after all it's the role that is redundant, not you!

The language we use to describe redundancy, may appear trivial but its impact is huge...reframe the situation, be fair and acknowledge that the decision was taken by the organisation to reduce cost, cut headcount, rationalise... whatever the reason, it has nothing to do with you as a person. Make the mental shift from 'losing my job' to 'being made redundant' to 'the position was made redundant'; this will let you see the situation for what it truly is.

- Use different language: only 'the position was made redundant'

Be ready for the perceived loss of identity. Spending eight or more hours a day at work, without realising it we become defined by what we do, the position we hold, the team we belong to, our routine and even our desk. Colleagues are often friends, we share coffee breaks and lunch, discuss all manner of things, share confidences, laugh and may have worked together for many years. All of this, along with the job itself, is taken away over-night and you will need time to adjust.

- Your sense of identity is bound to change

And don't be surprised if your work friends disappear, this is normal. There may be tears and promises of lunch and nights out as you leave, but, in all honesty, they may not happen and it's important not to take this personally. Life goes on. Their world has not been disrupted, they continue in their role and routine. I liken this to their survival instinct and you can't blame them; they need to regroup, deliver the same product or service with fewer resources, keep spirits up, keep motivated and keep going.

- Give yourself time, redundancy is like a grieving process

Changing the personal narrative is key to making progress...it's essential to move from being the victim, to being the Creator. This is a process and takes time. It could be described as grief. This sounds exaggerated but you may need to give yourself some time to adjust and make the shift. This change in identity is incredibly important and has a significant bearing on how you move forward. It's necessary to move on, to go from Manager, Team Lead, Supervisor and Colleague to Job Hunter, Employee or Self Employed or Own Boss. Once made however, the only way is up...you become able, driven, motivated, curious and excited about 'what next'. You may go from feeling rather lost to being a driving force and being the Creator of your future.

- Change your perception and move from being victim to being Creator

Such significant change isn't necessarily easy, it can be emotional...but it is doable!

There are a number of effective stress management techniques, whilst career and transition coaching are both excellent means to navigate the process, to allow you embrace and explore the 'what's next' phase. 'Lindsey really helped me sort the wood from the trees, it was a safe environment for me work through my situation and come out of it feeling positive about my skills, options and the routes open to me' (G.R., Walton-on-Thames Feb 2017).

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June was busting out all over

LINDFIELD IN BLOOM



By Heather Martin, Chair of Lindfield in Bloom

What a busy month June turned out to be! The gardens started dry, then grew in leaps and bounds as the rain showers arrived and brought colour to the summer borders a little earlier than usual. There were also gardening events aplenty, with the Lindfield Gardens Trail bringing visitors from near and far to enjoy the wonderful spaces created by homeowners from across the village, while raising essential funds for St Peter & St James' Hospice. At the Lindfield Horticultural Society (LHS) members and visitors, experienced and novice alike, were invited to have their gardening questions answered by a fantastic panel of experts. In addition we had a very successful first outing for Lindfield In Bloom at Village Day where we enjoyed meeting many of you and launched our Summer Gardens in Bloom competition.

If you have a front garden that you take care of, beautiful baskets or pretty pots and planters that can be seen from the road and you'd like to take part, simply email your name, address and phone number to p.clark421@btinternet.com and you'll be included on the Judge's tour route. Judging will take place over a week starting 14th July with the results being announced at the LHS Autumn Show to coincide with Lindfield Arts Festival on 9th September. More about our plans to support the festival next month!

Before then we can enjoy the LHS Summer Show of Flowers and Produce, pick up a bargain plant at their stall and enjoy coffee and scrummy cake (home-made by their members) on Saturday 8th July from 2-4.45pm. The next meeting of Lindfield in Bloom is on Monday 24th July at 7.30pm in the Bent Arms. Call me for more details: Tel: 07738 323082.

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'Man from Del Monte' says yes to Lindfield!

VILLAGE PEOPLE



By Claire Cooper

From harvesting nutmegs in the Tanzanian jungle to taking his pick from the lemon groves in Argentina, Daemmon Reeve has travelled the world seeking out ingredients for the finest flavours for some of our favourite drinks.

With his passion for finding the perfect flavours, a skill which has seen his company, Treatt PLC, grow to become a market leader, it's not surprising that his friends call him the 'Man from Del Monte'!

But when it comes to searching for a place to call home, Daemmon has no doubt he's found the pick of the crop – Lindfield village.

"I've travelled all around the world, but when I arrived in Lindfield I knew I had found my forever home," said Daemmon who moved to the village last year.

Originally from Suffolk, Daemmon joined ingredient manufacturing company Treatt 26 years ago and has risen through the ranks from analytical chemist to chief executive. It's a remarkable achievement for someone who was initially turned down by the company!

"I'd just completed my degree in chemistry when I saw a job advertised at Treatt, but didn't get past the interview," Daemmon recalls. "Several weeks later they called me for a different job and I thought I'd give it another try.

"This time I was successful and I haven't looked back since!"

After several years working in the laboratories and manufacturing to learn the grass roots of the business, Daemmon was offered a position running the purchasing team. "I hung up my white lab coat and spent ten fantastic years travelling the world and meeting suppliers," said Daemmon. "I was lucky enough to visit around 40 countries sourcing raw materials for use in flavouring beverages.

"I travelled a lot to South America and Asia and met

some fantastic people. I've been to Brazil about 14 times but only ever saw the beach on my way in and out of the country!"

His travels have brought many memorable experiences.

"I slept on concrete benches at a juice factory in remote Southern Iran for two nights while sourcing grapefruit and have lost count of the hours I've spent on trains travelling through central China.

"I even got lost in the Tanzanian jungle while trying to find a farm that grew nutmegs. Just as it was getting dark and we were getting really worried we were found by some locals who escorted us to safety.

"My friends used to call me the 'Man from Del Monte' as I've spent endless hours in fields looking at crops and negotiating with suppliers but I never had the Panama hat!"

On another occasion, Daemmon dramatically jumped from a moving car in China as it headed towards a cliff! "The driver had only just passed his driving test and was showing us around a hilly area of central China," he recalled. "It had rained for several days, as we were climbing a hill the wheels started spinning and the car began to roll back towards a sheer cliff,

"I threw myself out the car which, fortunately, stopped just in time!"

Daemmon explained that all the drink flavours supplied by his company come from essential oils. "Most people associate essential oils with aromatherapy but that's just a tiny fraction of the market," he said. "Most essential oils are used to flavour food and drink, including nearly all types of squash and fizzy drinks."

He added that the oils are by-products of the juicing process so are completely natural. The skill lies in sourcing the finest oils and then creating consistency of flavour. "There can be huge variations in the oils," Daemmon explained. "For example a lemon grown in

Argentina will taste very different to one from Spain.

"It's our job to standardise the oils using the distillation process, so that whether you enjoy a particular drink in Lindfield or LA it tastes exactly the same!"

All of the 200 people who work in the company's factory in Suffolk play a part in taste testing flavours. "We also have a fantastic state of the art 'Electronic nose' which converts the signals a human nose detects, translating and allowing us to replicate the aroma which is so important in taste," said Daemmon.

The company sells its flavours in 70 countries worldwide.

"There will hardly be a shop or a pub where you won't find drinks with our ingredients in them," said Daemmon. "Unfortunately I can't name names due to confidentiality agreements, but we supply some global and multi-national beverage companies, right through to brewers and tonic manufacturers.

"We're behind the bars of all the pubs in Lindfield and in the Co-op! I get a real buzz from seeing our products on supermarket shelves or having a pint of craft beer containing one of our ingredients or, better, hearing others get excited about a beer we are in!"

In 2010 Daemmon was invited to run the US operation which meant relocating to Florida. Two years later he became Group Chief Executive and was given a choice of moving back to the UK or staying in the US.

"I ended up doing both – travelling back and forth between countries, spending two or three weeks in each!" he said. "At one point I was officially Virgin's Number 1 US based flyer!"

The constant travelling between countries also resulted in another unexpected and life changing twist in Daemmon's life – he met his wife Gemma, from Lindfield, on a plane to Florida. "I was going home and Gemma was visiting Florida on business," said Daemmon. "We got chatting and by coincidence we discovered that ten years previously Gemma had lived in Florida only ten minutes from where I was!"

"Shortly after we met, Gemma invited me to her 40th birthday party, which she was planning for the following year – our relationship developed and Gem's 40th turned out to be our wedding day. We share the same birthday and that was the day we got married!"

Gemma was born and brought up in Haywards Heath and Lindfield and attended Oathall School. Earlier this year, the couple moved to Blackthorns, much to Daemmon's delight!

"When I first visited Gemma in Lindfield I thought 'Wow! This place is fantastic!'" Daemmon recalled. "The more time I spent in the village the more I enjoyed it. It's superb to be living here.

"It's a real pleasure to walk into the village in the morning and I'm a huge fan of our local shops. We've definitely found our 'forever home' here."

Daemmon is equally fond of the village pubs! "I have a huge passion for craft beer," he said. "Sussex is fantastic for craft beer, has some great breweries and is at the heart of craft beer innovation."

His company is already supplying flavours to some



local breweries and the market is growing. "People used to ask for a pint of bitter or lager - now they have a huge choice of beer genres and flavours, from single hopped IPA's to watermelon or chilli flavoured beer!" said Daemmon, whose 'one day' dream is to start his own brewery and have a tap room in the village.

Away from beer, Daemmon has seen huge developments in the soft beverage industry. "Flavoured waters and functional drinks have become really popular and there's a huge range in our supermarket aisles - innovation is rife.

"Cucumber flavoured tonic is trending, partnered with the rise in artisanal gins. Newly introduced citrus extracts such as blood orange and grapefruit are currently in vogue for beer, but orange, lemon and lime will always dominate the wider beverage market. In the US there's growing demand for tea extracts for the iced tea market but it's never really taken off here in the UK.

"People today are really interested in what they are eating and drinking - they demand authenticity and like to know where their food comes from."

He added that the main challenges for drinks manufacturers are sugar reduction, authenticity and flavour, and Treatt helps give beverage manufacturers that point of difference in a competitive marketplace.

"The Holy Grail of the beverage industry is finding ways to reduce sugar without negatively impacting flavour, and we use a process which allows us to have products which have the flavour of sugar without the calories and carbohydrates.

"There's always something new to learn and discover and you can never know enough – that's what makes my job so much fun!"

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Hollywood hits Summerlands

By Abbey Louise Cornell – Social Care Coordinator
 Summerlands played host to an Outstanding Oscars Night, loved by all who attended, including residents, relatives, staff and the guest of honour - Mid Sussex District Council Vice Chairman, Philip Coote.

The red carpet led the way to a scene of Hollywood glamour. Residents dressed to impress and competed for the best dressed award that night. Everyone danced the night away to Hollywood classics, sung by Mr Richard Ratcliffe, and really got into the spirit of the evening.

All residents were deserving winners of personalised Oscars awards, presents by the staff at Summerlands, and Philip.

Summerlands, in Summerhill Lane, strives to provide the highest levels of person centred care, and the evening's events were a brilliant example of the fantastic atmosphere that can be felt at the care home each and every day of the year. Here's to the next event in the busy Summerlands Social Calendar!



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Top award for IMPACT's Tasty Team

A local charity's initiative to tackle obesity and promote healthy eating by providing practical support has been given the Royal seal of approval.

Volunteers from IMPACT's Tasty Team have been awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service for their work in supporting people across West Sussex to adopt lifelong healthy eating habits.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK and is regarded as the MBE for volunteer groups.

Based in Haywards Heath, IMPACT (a charity which supports people all over the world who are living with, or at risk from, needless disability) was set up by John Wilson, his daughter Claire and Judi Stagg from Lindfield. The Tasty Team was established 14 years ago, in response to rising rates of obesity and diet related ill health. Volunteers support people who face challenges in maintaining a healthy diet, which can put them at heightened risk of illnesses such as heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes.

Target groups include young parents and carers in supported accommodation; adults with mental health needs; families on low incomes; school children and people referred by local Food Banks. Tasty Team interventions range from one-to-one cooking sessions to whole group tasting demonstrations, and empower



participants with the skills, confidence and motivation to cook simple, healthy meals for themselves and their families.



Chief Executive Judi Stagg said: "I am proud and delighted that the hard work and dedication of the Tasty Team volunteers has been recognised by this coveted award.

"Being well nourished is fundamental to health and thanks to IMPACT's community spirited volunteers, this important message is being spread far and wide."

Judi and volunteer Lucinda Meagher attended the Queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace last month and met other winners of this year's award.

The award will be formally presented by the Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex later this summer.

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VILLAGE RUN



By Sarah Richmond

Nearly one thousand runners from Sussex and beyond took part in the renowned Lindfield Village Run on Bank Holiday Monday 29th May. Generously sponsored by local companies Potential Personal Training and Six Physio, the route goes cross country around the village and runners see some beautiful Sussex views on the way, while raising money for Lindfield's King Edward Hall, a registered charity. Runners were blessed with a sunny day, the rain stayed away and a good time - in both senses of the word - was had by all. Our sponsors offered the most amazing free massages to runners, and the Run Committee were also most grateful for Potential Personal Training's support with the online booking process.

The 10k run was won by Ian Kenton (897), with a time of just 42.52m. He was followed by Tom Easley and Daniel Saunders. For the family fun run (5k) the winners medal went to Callum Stone (407), with second and third positions to Phil Payne and Dan Blain.

A huge thanks goes to all concerned - volunteer marshalls, landowners, sponsors, the 1st Lindfield Scouts for refreshments and the stewards and organising committee. It's hoped that the online booking and payment, and the timings for the day to allow for visits to the loo ahead of the start, can be adjusted next year in line with the rising number of runners. New marshalls are always welcome and it is only a couple of hours of your time. To volunteer do please send an email to run@kingedwardhall.org.uk.

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Co-owner Charlotte Kell said: "Independent Retailer Month is a great opportunity for us to celebrate our traders, the lovely products we offer and the delicious food we serve, including our fabulous new Back Yard Coffee brand. We look forward to welcoming customers throughout the summer."

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My Adventures Behind The Hedge

By John Bartlett

Spurred on by the write-ups in Lindfield Life I have joined The Bowls Club. I ventured behind the hedge for the first time last week and thought I would share the experience with you. My first impression was an appreciation of the pastoral nature of the scene with the hedges and trees surrounding the closely cropped grass in this pleasant corner of the common. I was taken on to 'The Green' – which is always spoken of with reverence and in capital letters! It is a sunken area about 40 yards square, entirely surrounded by a ditch and I wondered why a game mostly played by the more elderly members of society should have such a significant trip hazard!

I was then presented with an irregularly shaped ball which I was swiftly told was not a ball but a "bowl" or "wood" - except mine appeared to be made of plastic. This was to be trundled along the grass to finish near a smaller white ball called "the jack" – mine went nowhere near it! Well it's ridiculous - the damn things don't roll straight! I ask the instructor chap if I could have a round one but he said they were all like this and it was deliberate. Well I ask you! If it wasn't difficult enough already why make it harder by making balls – sorry woods – go sideways? He patiently explained that this is to make the game more skillful and allow one to roll one's bowl - sorry ball - no, bowl, I was right the first time - around other bowls in front of the jack. I hope I'm not going too fast for you? I asked if I could roll one of the little white ones as they were completely round but apparently this isn't what the game is about.

Anyway I got the hang of it eventually and was invited to join in a game. My first bowl went where I was told to aim but carried on sideways in the wrong direction. There was a loud cry of "He's done a Norman". I have no idea what this meant. After a while I hit the little white ball and knocked it sideways which I thought was jolly good till someone told me I had killed the end – I have no idea what this meant either.

When we had trundled up and down a few times I was taken into the bar to meet some of the members who were chatting away and I was astonished at the extent



of their medical knowledge and the various ailments and physical handicaps they were all labouring under – I was amazed they were able to walk unaided, let alone bend down and propel a bowl with an enviable degree of accuracy. Apparently zimmer frames are not encouraged on "The Green"! One chap I spoke to said he had lived in Lindfield for 15 years before he realised that there was a bowling green behind the hedge, and many of his neighbours still didn't know about it!

Despite all this I found it a very enjoyable experience and I have been asked to go back!

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Group B Strep Support is inviting villagers to hold bake sales during July at school, work or local groups and meetings.

A bake sale is a fun and tasty way to support charities, and those signing up will receive a free fundraising pack which includes a Group B Strep Support t-shirt, posters, balloons and cake toppers, along with tips and information on how to run a successful sale.

This year's Bake Sale theme 'Why Guess?' is inspired by the #WhyGuess campaign, working to make a GBS-specific test easily and freely available through the NHS.,

Event organisers are invited to provide fun and simple 'Guess Challenges' such as Sweets in a Jar, to help raise even more funds.

For more information visit:

Sign up to hold a Big GBSS Bake Sale during July.

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Reverend Francis Hill Sewell: Godliness and gas

LINDFIELD HISTORY

By Richard Bryant, Lindfield History Project Group

During the 18th century Lindfield parish church had been in decline and in a poor state of repair. This continued into the 19th century. By the 1830s not only was the building unsound but, in the absence of a resident minister, services were occasionally not held and burials delayed. Without going into detail, the problems stemmed from the church receiving very little money, due to the tithes being in lay ownership. Further decline was inevitable unless a saviour could be found.

This arrived in the form of Rev Francis Sewell, who having graduated from Cambridge was ordained in 1839. Without doubt he possessed 'the ardent zeal of a sincere Christian and Churchman' with a desire to do good, so typical of Victorian times. He was born in India in 1815, the second son of Major General Robert and Eliza Sewell. Over the previous 100 years the Sewell dynasty had become influential and wealthy, initially from the law and subsequently through military service, politics and landownership. This notable and high achieving family further prospered through many 'good marriages' and, for some, from plantations in the West Indies.

Shortly after arriving in Lindfield, his elder brother died, which gave Francis Sewell 'possession of a moderate fortune'. In Sewell terms this meant benefiting from many tens of thousands of pounds and an estate bordering Ashdown Forest comprising several farms totalling some 600 acres and a large house at Twyford.

In 1841 Francis Sewell married Julia Dent, of an old and wealthy Westmorland family, and set up home at Pear Tree Cottage (junction of High Street and Lewes Road). Sewell immediately set about re-establishing the church and repairing the building, firstly by repairing the windows.

He instigated a restoration in 1848, which sought a return to the 14th century style favoured at that time. This project saw the introduction of Sewell's approach to funding; in essence he would make a donation to get a project started then expect residents to contribute the remainder. He donated £650 towards the estimated restoration cost of £2,000, the work was completed in 1850 but it took nearly ten years for the church to clear the debt.

Having set the restoration in hand, in August 1849 Sewell left Lindfield to accept the position of Vicar of Cockerham, Lancashire, a living in the gift of his brother-in-law worth £700 per annum. This compared with £30 the Lindfield church received, although Sewell had not drawn his stipend.

However, Sewell retained his position as the incumbent of Lindfield parish and paid for the employment of an assistant minister. Despite living away he remained closely involved with the parish and pursued his good works, returning on many occasions.

His first good work for the village was to instigate the building of a National School, promoting the Anglican



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faith. This opened on the Common in 1851. At that time the village had a thriving non-conformist school, but Sewell wished to have a school through which to extend the influence of the Church of England on children of the labouring classes.

During the early 1850s, Sewell appears to have devised a master plan to facilitate his return to residence in Lindfield. A core element of his plan was to purchase the Tithes out of lay ownership. The aim was to use the money provided by the tithes to fund his good works for the village. In August 1854, the Brighton Gazette



Construction work commenced in May 1856 on his new St John's Parish School and Master's House, being built on land previously Townland's farmyard (to the north of the house). Sewell funded the construction and sought contributions to repay his outlay, to enable him 'to convey them to the parish'. Work also started on his Rectory House (later named The Welkin), to which similar funding arrangements applied.

Sewell of his own volition, and seemingly without consultation, enthusiastically initiated these projects 'for the benefit of the parish' despite not having secured the Tithes required for the funding. Throughout this time, while exerting his influence on Lindfield, Sewell remained resident in Lancashire as Vicar of Cockerham.

The newly built St John's Parish School and Master's House opened in October 1856; his Rectory House was completed a short time later. They were the first buildings in the village to be equipped with gas lighting. The gas was manufactured in a private gas making plant and stored in a tank in his grounds. Subsequently Sewell arranged for Phineas Jupp, the village blacksmith, to run a pipe under the High Street to take gas to the church, and to install the pipework for gas lighting.

In May 1857, 'a good sprinkle of the principal inhabitants' assembled at St John's School to see the trial of Mr Hansor's recently discovered olefiant gas (ethylene) installed by Sewell. The school buildings were the first in Lindfield to be lit by gas. It was reported 'The exhibition afforded a brilliant display, reflecting the highest credit on the scientific abilities of the patentee, Mr Hansor, who was present'. Impressed by what they had seen the gathering adjourned to the Red Lion to discuss lighting the village with Hansor's gas. It was subsequently agreed to proceed, resulting in the Lindfield Gas Company being formed in June 1857 to manufacture and distribute the gas, thus bringing gas to the village.

Francis Sewell returned to live in Lindfield in October 1857 taking up residence at his partially finished Rectory House.

Sadly following a short illness Sewell died on 9th October 1862, aged 47 years. The family swiftly removed his body from Lindfield for burial, on 29th October 1862, at All Saints, Kensal Green, London. This action appears to have been met with some disquiet in the village.

At the time of his death, all the properties built by Sewell remained in his ownership, as he had not received sufficient contributions to enable their transfers to the parish. On the instructions of the High Court in Chancery, in the case of Trotter v Harrison, all the properties and his land in Lindfield, were put up for sale by auction on 21st September 1863. Trotter was an in-law relative of Francis Sewell and an executor of his Will.

Francis Sewell's vision of lasting benevolence to the parish came to nothing, although he can take the credit for introducing gas to Lindfield.

The St John's Parish School and The Welkin will be the subject of future articles.

carried an announcement that Sewell had entered into an agreement to purchase the Tithes, worth £600 per year, using his own money. A Tithes Restoration Fund was established to receive contributions, and when the purchase price had been raised he 'would hand over the amount of Tithes so purchased to the use for ever hereafter of the resident and officiating Rector of the Parish'. Two years later, the paper announced the redemption of the Tithes by Sewell. However, despite his belief he had acquired the Tithes, the transfer to his ownership never took place and they remain in lay ownership.

Notwithstanding the confused position with regard to the Tithes, Sewell pressed on with the other parts of his plan. These were to close the recently built National School on the Common and transfer the pupils to a new school under his control, close to the church. In addition to building the school with a master's house, the plan also included building a fine rectory as his residence. By 1854, Sewell had purchased Townlands farmhouse, in the High Street, and its accompanying lands to provide the land for his planned buildings.



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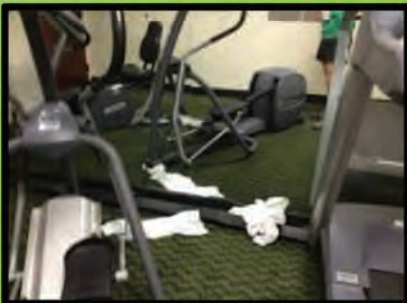


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By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

The locality aspect of commercial design has always played an important role in our work. By locality I mean connecting the scheme to the environment in which it sits from an historical and local interest perspective. Our very first show home, which we designed for Barratt Southern Counties at The Limes, had me bringing in the village wherever I could. The twin room was designed as a football bedroom featuring a Lindfield Juniors training jacket, the study made reference to Lindfield Golf Club, some Doodie Stark pieces (and perfectly coordinating shopping bag) sat in the master bedroom wardrobe and a copy of Lindfield Life could be found on the kitchen table next to a shopping list plugging some of our lovely High Street's independent shops. Researching the local area is one of the first things I carry out when embarking on a new scheme. I can remember a show home we designed for David Wilson Homes, built near a quarry where, rumour had it, they might uncover an old tank. So we had khaki as an accent colour throughout the scheme, designed the boys' bedroom with a soldier theme including camouflage netting draped over the beds and the study was dressed with WW2 art and books. They never did uncover the tank. For show homes, this connection with the local area simply enhances the show home as marketing tool. The term 'mentally moving in' has been used on many property staging programmes and a dressed property will always help a property sell, but also take it that one step further and connect the scheme with the local area be it shops, leisure facilities, school or its heritage, and people really connect with the space.

For homes for the elderly I think this approach is even more powerful. Many people moving from their own home into either a nursing home or an extra care development will feel an enormous wrench and be concerned about missing their local network. Moving to an existing home there will already be a well established

sense of community, yet for the new build homes everyone is moving in new and the need to connect with their new neighbours is more important than ever. A well designed care home should provide a homely environment which supports people with any level of sensory or cognitive impairment. One which is designed with the local area in mind offers an opportunity for instant connection and can really promote social interaction which has proven to be so important in slowing down any cognitive decline. At the moment we are working with a Christian charity in East Sussex. They are building a sheltered housing development for elderly Christians, so, given that the future residents will be coming from the surrounding parishes, we have included old photographs of the four local churches in the area within the selection of art in the reception area. One of our first Extra Care projects near Rochester features a large mural wall covering of an old map of the Medway towns, and residents love it and it is most definitely a talking point. I think it's the history nerd in me which makes this part of the job so enjoyable, since as I design, I am learning about things I would have otherwise not come across. We are working on a project for Ashford Borough Council at the moment; a 38 flat development in Tenterden. Some locations are richer in history than others and Tenterden is one of those. William Caxton is said to have been born there and it was once a limb of Rye so connected to the Cinque Ports. Tenterden is also apparently famous for its weaving. Apparently Edward III banned the export of wool and the importing of cloth and brought weavers over from Flanders to teach the English to weave and brought to us Wealden Broadcloth. We are weaving (sorry) these themes into each of the three floors through art and feature wallpapers. It all helps to provide a new build with an identity and relevance to its surroundings and helping to make it a home which is, after all, what it's all about.

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Lindfield's famous annual event for all the family was a huge success as around 2-3,000 people attended Village Day on the common on Saturday 3rd June. It got underway in a shimmer of beautiful costumes from cabaret-style dancers to a rainbow coloured maypole as the 'Strictly Lindfield' themed procession started down the High Street led by the Brighton School of Samba. Katie Derham played a star role in the Lindfield Primary Academy float along with the most amazing glitterball swan (the village symbol), and Blackthorns Primary Academy could have staged their own Strictly competition with a fantastic range of stunning outfits from the children and staff alike. Alice in Wonderland was the theme for Brighton School of Samba, and they certainly made a wonderful sight for spectators with playing-card costumes and a 'tea party'. The Bonfire Society Maypole won the Judges' Special Award, along with prizes for the two academies.

There were over 100 stalls on the common selling everything from crafts to cuddly toys, books to barbecue

food - and the famed cake and plant stalls sold out pretty fast! In keeping with the dance theme, there were great dance displays in the arena. In a new twist, the day was filmed for Channel 4's Village of the Year programme hosted by Penelope Keith, and Lindfield is in the running to win the £10,000 prize! Esther Featherstone, Zumba and Swoove queen, was interviewed along with Will Blunden, Chairman of the Parish Council, who also led the procession in his breeches and tailcoat in his role as village 'Harbourmaster'. Visitors went for a spin on the well loved mini-railway, raised their game at the fun fair, took the plunge with hook-a-duck, and aimed high with the coconut shy. Again, Potential Personal Training provided fabulous support for the event.

Village Day and Village Run raised a record breaking £10,000 for the King Edward (Village) Hall - so huge thanks to all involved especially the volunteer organisers who make the day go with such a swing.





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LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17

CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

(Chairman of Council, Councillor William Blunden)

As ever this has been an interesting and challenging year for your Parish Council and also frustrating, particularly in terms of planning, as there is still no District Plan and five year land supply for Mid Sussex, and the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan, which had passed referendum and was 'made' by resolution of Mid Sussex District Council in March last year was challenged by a consortium of developers.

We were very sorry to lose two of our Councillors recently - Alan Gomme and Stewart Shortland have both had to resign due to health reasons. Alan contributed a great deal to the work of the Council as a member for nearly ten years and Chairman of the Planning and Traffic Committee for the last five. As Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee he devoted countless hours of his time, taking the plan through the various stages of consultation, drafting, revision etc., and we owe him a huge debt of thanks.

Stewart was co-opted on to the Council in June 2015 and in that time he was an active member of the Planning and Traffic Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee. Again I would like to record the Council's appreciation for the contribution he made during this short time and wish them both well for the future.

Changes are also happening at the Parish Office: Iain McLean, our Deputy Clerk, retired on 13th April, although we are very grateful that he has agreed to stay on to provide cover on a casual basis. The Clerk, Christine Irwin, has also given advance notice of her intention to retire at the end of September. As always I would like to thank our office staff, Christine, Iain and Tracy, for all their hard work and support.

PLANNING & TRAFFIC COMMITTEE

(Chairman: Councillor Simon Hodgson)

The Committee has considered 182 planning applications during 2016/17, of which 48 related to trees. All these applications come from Mid Sussex District Council as the Planning Authority and include a few applications made by West Sussex County Council application, e.g. where they undertake work to trees that are either listed or within the Conservation Area. As always, we are particularly concerned to protect our listed buildings and properties within the Conservation Area, and the Areas of Townscape Character, and to ensure, where relevant, that the guidelines contained within the Lindfield Village Design Statement are followed by homeowners and developers alike.

The applications normally relate to land, property or trees within our urban Parish, but we did last year offer comments on a number of significant applications within Lindfield Rural Parish and Haywards Heath, when we considered that such developments would have an adverse effect on our own Parish, especially when it comes to the adequacy of our local infrastructure and amenities.

Aside from proposed large-scale housing developments, the Committee has examined a great many other planning applications of considerable public interest to local residents, who have on numerous occasions filled the public gallery to make their views known. These include applications for alterations to and change of use at Tamasha, formerly the White Horse Inn; a change of use at Lindfield Coffee Works; and a development of five dwellings to replace one unit and an annexe at Backwoods Lane.

Members of Lindfield Parish Council:

Cllr. William Blunden
(Chairman)

Cllr. Valerie Upton
(Vice Chairman)

Cllr. Mike Allen

Cllr. Judith Durrant

Cllr. Stephen Henton

Cllr. Margaret Hersey

They can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the

Lindfield Parish Council Office is open on Tuesdays 1pm to 4pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 1pm – when members of the public are welcome to come along to look at planning applications for Lindfield, buy concessionary railcard vouchers or simply seek advice on issues of concern. However, if you do need to speak with someone outside our normal opening hours, then please contact the Clerk who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.

Parish Clerk:
Mrs Christine Irwin

Planning Administrator:
Mr Iain McLean

Responsible Financial
Officer: Mrs Tracy Ely

The Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan had been the subject of a claim for judicial review, which had left its status as a planning policy document unclear with the Council unable to count on it being effective in controlling development. The claim for judicial review has now been withdrawn, with the stated reason being that ‘the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government confirmed that policies 1 and 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan should be afforded greatly reduced weight in the determination of planning applications’.

The planning appeal in respect of the first of two applications for the development of 130 homes by Taylor Wimpey on land at the corner of Gravelye Lane and Scamps Hill has been formally withdrawn, following the second of their applications being finally approved by Mid Sussex District Council in March. The appeal by Wates in the matter of an application for 200 homes and a new single-form entry school at Walstead continues, with the appellants seeming satisfied that they will be able to persuade the Inspector that the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan is not a relevant factor in the decision.

The status of our Neighbourhood Plan, then, is still somewhat unclear in practice – while it remains a ‘made’ Plan, it is unlikely to prove effective in controlling development in any meaningful way until Mid Sussex

District Council adopts a new District Plan and is able to demonstrate they have a five-year housing land supply in place.

As reported last year, the Council has commissioned a Traffic Study of the village because there are several areas within the village that have given our residents a lot of concern. The Consultant’s Interim Report has been published on our website and the focus of the next stage is the Lewes Road/High Street junction which is already at capacity and will be under yet more pressure as more homes are built.

Over the past year the Committee has examined a large number of planning applications, many of which have been complex, alongside the work undertaken on the Traffic Study. This would not have been possible without the dedicated and diligent work of our Deputy Clerk, Iain McLean. Iain has worked tremendously hard to support the Committee at what can sometimes be very challenging meetings, as well as in the office, where he has effortlessly translated Councillors’ poorly expressed ideas into eloquent, considered, and detailed responses to Mid Sussex District Council. The Committee would like to thank Iain for the excellent work he has done to assist us over the year.

ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

(Chairman: Councillor William Blunden)

The Environment and Amenities Committee is responsible for providing and maintaining the Denmans Lane Allotment Site, the public toilets, some street lighting, litter bins, bus shelters and other items of street furniture. The committee also liaises with MSDC regarding management of the Common, the Pond and Hickmans Lane Playing Field and with WSCC on various highway matters. Winter maintenance, Christmas lights, the annual Christmas Festival Night and Spring Clean also come under this Committee’s remit.

The E&A Committee’s achievements include the addition of extra bollards at the corner of the High Street

and Lewes Road, as the work done the previous year had not stopped parking on the paving, and the replacement of five of our own street light lanterns in West View and Lewes Road with heritage lanterns to conform with the style of new WSCC lights for which the Parish Council made a large contribution the previous year. We also added a planted floating island to the Pond for the benefit of the wildlife.

The Parish Council is supporting Lindfield in Bloom with two Council representatives attending their meetings. The Highways Partnership Agreement between West Sussex County Council, Haywards Heath

Parish Office, or by reference to the Lindfield Village Directory and Year Book, which contains details of individual contact numbers.

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Town Council and Ardingly, Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Parish Councils has been renewed, although pothole repairs have been withdrawn from this Agreement by WSCC. We also have a separate agreement with Haywards Heath Town Council to undertake grass cutting in the High Street and a number of other maintenance jobs which are outside the Highways Agreement, such as painting and cleaning street furniture.

The Mobile Refuse Freighters which visit the Tollgate Car Park every two months, paid for by the Parish Council, are always well used and the Village Spring Clean in April has been much better supported in the last few years – many thanks to the people who give up their

morning once a year to make this a great community effort.

During the coming year the E&A Committee's priorities are to move forward with a number of joint projects with Mid Sussex District and West Sussex County Councils: including: upgrading the play equipment in Hickmans Lane, repairs and painting of the roadside posts near the Pond and installation of some dropped kerbs. The Land Registry has now completed the registration of the Wilderness Field in the name of Mid Sussex District Council, so we can now begin the process of getting it transferred to the Parish Council.

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

(Chairman: Councillor Stephen Henton)

The Finance and General Purposes Committee is responsible for overseeing and reviewing the day to day financial matters of Lindfield Parish Council and to recommend to the Council the annual budget and the precept to be levied for the Parish. Staffing and the Parish Office accommodation also come under the remit of this Committee, as well as governance, insurance, risk assessment, production of the Lindfield Parish Directory and Year Book and any matters of policy which do not fall clearly within the responsibilities of the other Committees, or where there is conflict between them.

Putting together the annual budget is a major task. As Lindfield Parish Council has very little income from other sources, most of its funds have to come from the annual precept which is one element of the Council Tax. In 2016/17 the precept was £157,000. If the amount required to fund the budget is underestimated, the Council is unable to obtain any further sums from other sources, other than loans for particular capital projects, so it is essential that reserves are held as a safeguard in case of unexpected but necessary expenditure. After careful consideration of the budget for 2017/18, it was agreed to increase the precept to £162,000.

Full copies of the accounts are available from the Parish Office. A breakdown of the budget for 2017/18 is enclosed with this report, together with an abbreviated version of the receipts and payments for 2016/17.

The ongoing work of the Committee includes reviewing monthly income & expenditure against the budget, carrying out periodic checks on the financial records and reporting to Council annually on the effectiveness of the internal audit and internal control procedures. The finances of the Council are subject to both external and internal audit – to date no significant

problems have been identified and some helpful suggestions have been followed up.

The proposed capital project for providing public conveniences on the Common also comes under this Committee. However, this project has stalled following adjoining neighbours objections expressed about the proposed location of the site. We are at present in consultation with Mid Sussex District Council about an alternative site, and when this is resolved it is intended to hold a public consultation on the proposal.

Each year the Council sets aside an amount of money in the F&GP Committee's budget for grants/donations, either to local village based groups or to organisations whose activities benefit residents of our Parish. In 2016/17 a total of £1,975 was paid in grants to the following organisations: St Catherine's Hospice (£250); St Peter and St James Hospice (£250); West Sussex Mediation Service (£100); Mid Sussex Older People's Council (£150); 4Sight (£150); Victim Support (£100); the local branch of the British Heart Foundation (£75); Citizens Advice Horsham (£200); Home Start (£100); the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance (£250); the Campaign to Protect Rural England (£100); and the Lindfield Arts Festival (£250).

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2017

(abbreviated)

2015/2016			2016/2017	
£	£		£	£
RECEIPTS				
152,000.00		Precept	157,000.00	
145.19		Interest Received	99.05	
787.80		Allotments: Rents and Licence Fee	839.62	
3,990.00		Village Directory: Advertising	3,295.00	
12.50		Village Directory: Donations	9.50	
462.86		Christmas Festival Night	277.50	
307.50		WSSC: Contribution towards paving repairs	-	
		WSSC: Re-imbusement for grass cutting	384.62	
9,500.02		Rent: Clock Tower House	11,083.32	
4,390.75		Other Income	1,018.92	
14,325.97	185,922.59	VAT recovered	18,909.32	192,916.85
PAYMENTS				
73,764.91		Administration		72,727.44
26,320.91		Capital: repayment of loan for Clock Tower House; office equipment		25,687.00
5,263.33		Other Expenditure on Parish Office		36.94
11,353.55		Finance and General Purposes Committee		12,409.60
98,976.31		Environment and Amenities Committee		40,173.82
492.88		Planning and Traffic Committee		9,683.28
22,389.57		VAT on Payments		9,263.10
	238,561.46			169,981.18
	- 52,638.87			22,935.67
SUMMARY year ending 31 March 2017				
Opening Balance	216,851.96		Payments	169,981.18
Receipts	192,916.85		Closing Balance	239,787.63
	£ 409,768.81			£ 409,768.81
BANK RECONCILIATION				
Current Account	238,792.40			
Business Premium Account	871.13			
	239,663.53		£	
Petty Cash in Hand	124.10			
Total:	£ 239,787.63			

BUDGET 2017 / 18

(Precept £162,000)

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE	£
Administration	123,130.00
Chairman's Fund	500.00
Grants/Donations	2,000.00
Annual Memberships/Subscriptions	2,500.00
Village Directory	6,500.00
Newsletter/Annual Report	2,000.00
Members' Allowances	2,500.00
Sub-Total	139,130.00
ENVIRONMENT AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE	
Street Lighting - Energy/maintenance costs	4,300.00
- Upgrading Street lights	3,000.00
- Christmas lights	8,500.00
Maintenance/Gardening (including annual Village Spring Clean and work carried out by Haywards Heath Town Council)	4,000.00
Allotments	2,000.00
Christmas Festival Night	1,000.00
Village Archives	200.00
Mobile Civic Amenity Freighter	2,000.00
Denmans Lane toilets - running costs	13,000.00
Digital mapping	250.00
Joint Project with MSDC/WSCC - Post and rail fencing - Pond and Common	5,000.00
Grass cutting (High Street)	2,000.00
Wilderness Field - fees and expenses	1,000.00
Common Footpath: joint project with MSDC / WSCC	1,000.00
Reprint of Lindfield Leaflet	500.00
Sub total	47,750.00
PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE	
Miscellaneous	200.00
Traffic Study	10,000.00
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BUDGET TOTAL 2017-18	£ 197,080.00



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"The weather was kind and the gardens were much admired both for their wonderfully kept borders and the style of their designs – including romantic, exotic, formal and, in one case at least, positively quirky," said Jim Stockwell. "We'd like to thank everyone who took part."

One visitor, Betty Billins, said it was terrific to see so many people walking round the village. "I was particularly fascinated to see one garden that was still under construction, and another that had used decking to create lots of space in what was a tiny garden. It was a superb event!"

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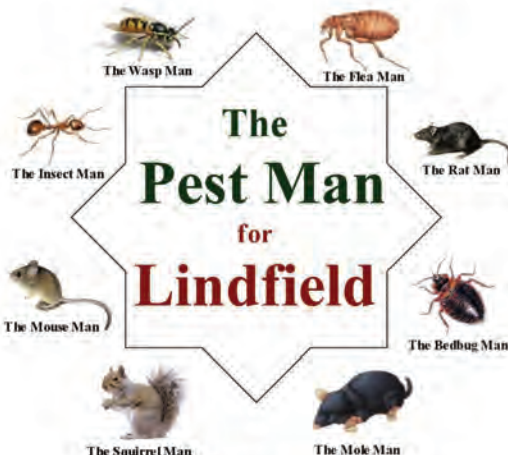
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BOOK REVIEW

By Dominika Knotkova-Hanley

This is the bestselling novel about 15-year-old Christopher Boone with Asperger's Syndrome and his unusual perspective on the world. As he endeavours to discover who killed the neighbour's dog with a garden fork, his murder mystery novel unwittingly uncovers some uncomfortable truths about his family, the nature of truth and how we present ourselves to others. It's both riveting and page-turning and a masterpiece in helping understand autism, giving Christopher's internal response to a life full of people he finds strange and confusing. In fact, his view is so completely unflinching we come dangerously close to tears. Also, it touches on the struggles of parenting and the greyness of life where hope comes in the form of Haddon's incredible warmth and wit, like an adorable puppy licking you all over.

I revisited the book recently and discovered so much depth and layers of clever, subtle detail that add another dimension to appreciate. Most importantly, time and time again, this master work opened my eyes to the eerily fascinating beauty of life in this world, when life becomes too confusing to comprehend, and I'll never see a slice of Battenberg in the same way again...

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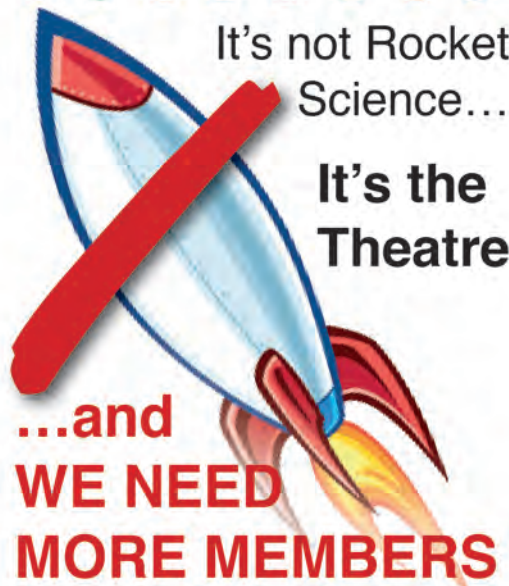
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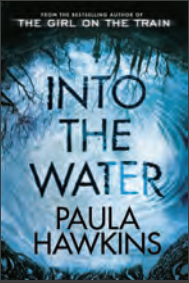
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Into the water by Paula Hawkins

BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

Paula Hawkins' debut novel was 'The Girl on the train' and that was an original tale, using three narrators – not all of whom could be trusted – which gave it a very distinctive character. Yet that was the beginning of the writer's ambitions, as there are many more voices here. Some are the people in the story; some are the third person narrator. The mystery surrounds the deaths of a number of people at the Drowning Pool in the small town where the tale is set. Is it murder or is it suicide?

This makes for a complex but very rewarding read. There are history narratives, interconnecting stories which twist and turn us as we read. This is a community with more secrets than TV's 'Broadchurch'. Some critics have complained that it is a messy read. I disagree. It requires a much slower, more deliberate read than most popular books but it is rewarding. I suspect there are more layers that will be revealed on a subsequent reading – and I feel that I will go back to it many times.

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BEHIND THE COUNTER

By Joe Wayte

We often have lots of ideas about what we'd like to 'be' when we're older. I went from lorry driver, to vet, to Prime Minister, to audiologist, and then finally settled on being a writer and communicator (I would never have made it in any of the other aforementioned career paths). In this next edition of Behind the Counter we get to know Jag Gujral, owner of Selby's Pharmacy, who initially wanted to be a doctor but became a pharmacist and hasn't looked back.

Jag, who now lives in Hurstpierpoint, was the fourth generation of his family to be born in Kenya. Growing up in the 60s, much of the country was still very colonial. "It was amazing," Jag recalled, "we stayed in the uplands and it was very much what you'd expect of a well-funded public school in England: horse riding; 9-hole golf course; various sports; and seasons like Whitson. Land wasn't at a premium, one school had five swimming pools, and others had rugby pitches."

It was in the early 70s that Jag left his parents behind and moved to England to complete his O-Levels as a foreign student. At that time, education tapered off around 12 years of age in Kenya and it was common for children to complete their education in the UK.

Having secured the grades needed to be a doctor, his original idea for a career, Jag decided to follow his friends and embark instead on a BSc in Pharmacy at the University of Leicester. It's commonly known that while university is primarily about learning, there's a lot more that goes on – I was keen to know what Jag got up to. "Let's put it this way," he told me with a cheeky grin, "I thoroughly enjoyed university."

"I was Chairman of the Entertainment Committee and a little bit of a rogue," Jag said. "I've always been good at driving a hard bargain and getting a good deal. I managed to book Blondie and Debbie Harry for an amazing price for a college party. At that time Debbie was just coming on to the scene and was well-known, but didn't have

quite the fame she later achieved. I loved university, every day was so interesting, and while I was often leader of the pack, it was always fun and never trouble."



On completion of his degree Jag moved to London for his pre-registration year working under a fully qualified pharmacist at St James. After qualifying, he decided to move south and bought his first shop in Burgess Hill, which his wife now runs. "I wanted to move away, London felt like too much of a rat race for me. I prefer it here in the cleaner air," he explained.

"I used to deliver to a client in Lindfield," Jag recalled, "and I always thought to myself 'if an opportunity were to come up, I'd love to buy a shop here'. It's such an idyllic location, and I fell in love with it."

Twelve years ago, the Selby's Pharmacy shop came up for sale. Having been the jewel in the crown in the chain's most profitable days, it was too good an opportunity to miss and Jag grabbed it with both hands. Having been such an established name on the High Street and elsewhere in the south of England, Jag decided to keep the name too.

"When I first bought the shop I thought about doing something different from your standard pharmacy," Jag mentioned. "I wanted to open an accompanying café selling organic and healthy produce. At the time, space was limited and I didn't have the capacity. I'm not sure it would take off now, as there are many great cafés that have since opened further up the road."

Over the years, the government has extended more powers to pharmacies, and at Selby's you can get advice from the team about many things, as well as undergo diagnostic checks for cholesterol levels, have diabetes screening, check your blood pressure and receive travel immunisations.

"I've never looked back on my decision to not be a doctor. My job is so varied and there's not just one straight angle, there are so many branches,

especially now. Surgeries are even employing in-house pharmacists on a permanent basis. The profession has got more respect – we're now seen as specialists, as opposed to just prescribers," Jag said proudly.

Jag has three children: twin girls who are both consultants in hospitals – Amrita and Namrata – and a son, Tegh, who broke the mould and is current studying a degree in economics, though in his practical year decided to focus on the economics of the pharmaceutical industry. "All three worked here at the weekends before entering into full-time jobs," Jag explained. "It was pleasing to be able to give them some work experience in a field close to their chosen careers."

In his spare time, Jag likes to travel and visit new places. In October he plans to go to Japan with his wife for the first time having always wanted to go. They'll be tying it in to a trip to Cambodia and Vietnam where they've been before. He's also an avid golfer and keen cricket watcher.

"My father was an engineer in Kenya," Jag told me. "His routine was the same most days – he'd finish work, have a cup of tea, play a round of golf finishing around 4.30pm, then dinner, followed by a few hours with his children. I learnt a lot from him, and I'd be proud if I was half the man he is. And yes, he'd still beat me on the golf course!"

My final question to Jag was the same to everyone else I've interviewed: What's your best piece of advice for an aspiring business owner?



"Throw yourself in and get to know your locals personally. That's my only aim. I'm also a firm believer in only doing something if you enjoy it. Don't waste your time doing something you don't enjoy," Jag replied.

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On yer bike

By Claire Cooper

When Lindfield Police Sergeant Pete Verney joined 200 fellow officers in the UK Police Unity Tour charity bike ride three years ago, it proved to be a life changing experience – not just for him but for his wife Jackie too.

Back in 2014 they knew very little about the charity Care of Police Survivors (COPS), but, after hearing first-hand about the vital support the charity offers to families, they are now committed to raising awareness as well as cash.

This year they are both taking part in the event – Pete on his bike and Jackie providing vital support.

“COPS provides practical support to the families of officers who have sadly lost their lives whilst on duty,” explained Pete. “Their work is vital in helping the families of those left behind come to terms with their loss and rebuilding their lives.”

“Every day, 365 days a year, Police Officers leave for work, never knowing what the day may bring. Sadly, some do not return home, and they pay the ultimate sacrifice,” added Jackie.

Pete has been a Police Officer for nearly 25 years. He joined Sussex Police in January 2003 after ten years’ service with the Metropolitan Police and is currently a Sergeant based at Haywards Heath working as part of the Serious Collision Investigation Unit.

He took part in his first UK Police Unity Tour in 2014 and the following year was back in the saddle, helping to raise £50k for COPS.

Later this month Pete will be part of team of four cyclists from Sussex Police, and 94 officers from the

South East, riding with the London Chapter and cycling 180 miles from the National Police Memorial in the Mall to the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire. (The Tour consists of Chapters of police officers riding from various parts of the UK.)

“On our shirts are printed the words ‘We ride for those who died’ and this is what motivates me when the going gets tough during the tour,” said Pete.

“Each of us rides in memory of an officer who died in the line of duty; someone who kissed goodbye one day to their loved ones only never to return home, someone who paid the ultimate price doing the job that we all love.”

“When I worked at Hove we had a plaque in memory of a fallen colleague. It read: ‘When one of us falls, the rest of us stumble’. It still chokes me when I think of those words. The police service is a family and when an officer is killed, we all share a little of the pain.”

Pete added that the event aims to raise awareness of the charity ‘Care of Police Survivors’ as well as valuable funds. “The tour culminates with us attending their annual Service of Remembrance at the National Memorial Arboretum, and hearing the painful stories from family members is humbling to say the least.”

Jackie volunteered after attending the Remembrance Service in July 2014. “Up until then, neither of us had come across the charity, which was clearly providing such valuable support for survivors and their families,” Jackie recalled.

“During Pete’s career I’ve received several ‘Don’t want to worry you.....but get to hospital quick’ phone calls. In 2003 Pete was involved in a car accident whilst

on duty, which had a life changing effect on our family. As I stood at the Service of Remembrance with our children, I realised that it could so easily have been me and my family standing mourning our loss. That is why I returned from the Service and emailed COPS the same day."

Since then, Jackie has been working to raise the profile of the charity both within Sussex Police and to the general public.

"Sadly, the charity is very much needed to ensure that survivors have all the help they need to cope with such a tragedy and remain part of the police family as they rebuild their lives. The charity supports over 200 families of officers killed in the line of duty and sadly that number rises each year," said Jackie, who will be part of a twenty strong support team.

"Our responsibilities will range from moving luggage between hotels and handing out snacks and drinks, to practical support in case of bike breakdowns and injuries. We'll be doing everything we can to support the riders and keep them safe – with support and a hug!" She added that the Sussex team has pledged to raise £2,400.

"We all wear a wristband in memory of an officer who has paid the ultimate sacrifice and these are handed over to survivors at the memorial service," added Jackie.

In March, Jackie was invited to join the COPS Council. "I see this as a way of formalising my commitment to COPS," she said.

The COPS Council consists of eight survivors and two others and plays a key role in the way the charity



develops, working closely with the staff team and Board of Trustees. "In simple terms, the key roles are to represent the views of survivors, to provide a source of volunteers to support the Charity's work and to reach out to current, former and new survivors to provide peer support," said Jackie.

Pete and Jackie would be delighted to hear from any individuals or businesses who would like to support them and the UK COPS charity.

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Preheat oven 180°. Roll the spinach leaves up (like a swiss roll) and place across the centre of the skinned side of the fish fillet. Season then lightly roll up and place folded side down in a shallow dish large enough to hold all your portions in a single layer. Combine the lemon juice and zest with half the butter and spread over the top of the fish. Combine the breadcrumbs with the remaining butter and spoon on top of the fish. Bake for about 20 min until cooked through.

Creamy Fish Pasta (Serves 4)

Cook 300g fresh pasta (any shape) adding 225g summer spinach for the last couple of minutes cooking time. Drain well.

Combine 125g cream cheese with a can of drained and chopped anchovies. Gently combine with the pasta, spinach and 225g cooked prawns. Tip into a shallow dish, top with buttered breadcrumbs and pop under a preheated grill until golden brown.

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By Caroline Young

Now is the time to enjoy summer spinach. With tender leaves and stalks, it is ideal for both cooked dishes and in salads. Needing very little cooking, just quickly steam or microwave in a vented freezer bag, or try my ideas where the heat of the other ingredients cooks the vegetable or try in this delicious salad. I first ate it in a restaurant on Madison Avenue, NY hence its name. Please be sure to use English asparagus in the stir-fry recipe.

Madison Avenue Salad

(Serves 2)

Put 6 finely sliced spring onions, 1 ripe peeled, stoned and sliced avocado and 225g summer spinach leaves into a large bowl. Tip 100g chopped smoked bacon into a large frypan and cook until beginning to brown. Stir in a handful of fresh bread cubes and continue to cook, stirring, until crisp and brown. Remove from the pan with a slotted spoon and keep hot. Add 2tbs olive oil and some crushed garlic to the bacon fat in the pan, cook 1 min then stir in 1tbs red wine vinegar, 1tsp wholegrain mustard and 1tsp sugar. Bring just to the boil and season to taste. Add the bacon and bread cubes to the salad bowl and immediately pour over the hot dressing. Quickly toss together and eat immediately.

Rice with Wilted Spinach (Serves 2)

Cook 175g Arborio rice to packet directions using stock (vegetable or chicken) as the liquid. Meanwhile gently cook 6 thinly sliced spring onions and 1 crushed garlic clove in a generous knob of butter until soft. Take off the heat, add 225g baby spinach leaves and cover. When the rice is cooked, gently stir in the vegetables then add seasoning and spoon into two hot bowls. Top with crumbled Feta cheese and toasted pinenuts and serve immediately.

Creamy Chicken and Asparagus Stir-Fry (Serves 2)

Over high heat cook 225g chicken (breast or thigh), cut into slivers, in a splash of oil until golden brown. Toss in 225g asparagus (cut into 5cm pieces), a thinly sliced leek, and crushed garlic to taste. Add a little stock or white wine and cook, stirring, just until vegetables are tender. Combine 150ml double cream with a good spoonful of wholegrain mustard, add to the pan and cook, stirring, just until bubbling hot. Serve immediately with some garlic bread.

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She said: "It was lovely to receive this certificate and it was completely out of the blue. This really has been a team effort over the years as many members of staff have been involved in taking the readings and doing the paperwork.

Director Tony Sweeney said: "It was an unexpected delight to be recognised by the Environment Agency for our 'high quality rainfall observations'. We have been recording the weather since the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew took over the running of Wakehurst 51 years ago. Concern for the environment is at the forefront of our work, and contributing towards environmental statistics is something we are very happy to do."



Join in the fun at Cats Protection's Summer Fun Day

Cats Protection's National Cat Adoption Centre will be welcoming visitors for a fun filled line-up of activities at its Summer Fun Day on Sunday 16th July.

The centre, in Lewes Road, Chelwood Gate, will be opening its doors from 10am until 4pm for a great day out for all the family.

Entry is free, but a can of Felix cat food or a cat toy will be gratefully received and will help care for cats at the centre.

Attractions will include live music from the band Badger and performances from Renshinkan Karate England, Step Up and Sing choir and the Redhurst School of Dancing.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy behind the scenes tours of the largest cat adoption centre in the UK, as well as a dog show, beer tent, barbecue, car boot sale, stalls, refreshments and children's activities, including face painting and crafts.

Large marquees will ensure the fun goes ahead whatever the weather and visitors can take a break from the excitement to enjoy a tranquil stroll in the centre's nature trail, set in the heart of the Ashdown Forest.

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- 1st **Music for a Summers Evening** – 6.45pm
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Lindfield L2B team drop in at church

Last month we highlighted a London-Brighton bike ride team who got together in memory of the late Lindfield resident Crispin Taylor. The team managed to drop in at All Saints Church on their way through Lindfield during the ride on Father's Day, as the service was paused to chat to seven of the team.

The nine riders went on to cross the line in a sea of bright green shirts in a very sunny Brighton later that day.

At time of going to print the team has collectively raised over £5,000 for The British Heart Foundation.

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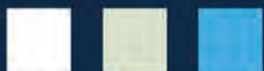
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