

# Lindfield *Life*

Inc. Scaynes Hill & Walstead

Local village talk,  
by the village

April 2015 Issue #73

Free



Parish Council Newsletter

page 26

Village collects clothes for Middle East

page 10

Village People: Wendy Box

page 22

# flint&co

INDEPENDENT LOCAL ESTATE AGENTS

An honest,  
friendly and  
professional  
approach to  
selling  
property



Jane Todd,  
Managing Director

Whether you are selling a one bedroom flat or large family house, our level of service and commitment remain the same.

If you are considering selling this Spring, why not drop in, meet the team and discuss what we can do for you.

## EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

With Easter just around the corner, it's been a real delight to welcome in the warmer sunshine in recent weeks.

With this renewed sense of spring there is certainly a lot going on here in Lindfield.

First up we welcome village stalwart **Wendy Box** to the Village People slot on **page 22**. It is amazing that we haven't featured her before now, but I know that Claire Cooper enjoyed finding out about Wendy and all she is and has been involved in.

At the other end of the spectrum **Rev Keith Morrison** has only just moved into Lindfield. He is the new minister at the United Reformed Church and he is currently settling his young family into their new location in Ryecroft on the High Street. Do say 'Hi' and make them welcome! Read about him on **page 16**.

On **page 10** we can read just what happens when Lindfield pulls together for a common cause. After a desire from a few villagers to **help refugees in the Middle East** following the huge scale of civil war in Iraq, Lindfield amassed a huge load of useful resources to send over to Baghdad.

I'm delighted to share with you the success of Jay Patel, owner of the garage in Scaynes Hill, whose annual **fundraiser for Cancer Research UK** was an astounding success. Read more on **page 5**.

Resident **Peter Candy** stepped out in support of his son's charitable efforts as he joined Rob in New Zealand to walk with him as part of his 3,000km trek of both islands – which he finishes later this month. Read their story on **page 41**.

Elsewhere is the **free golf for girls (p. 7)**, news of a very warmly regarded **tennis coach leaving us (p. 6)**, **Juliette Pochin** is singing in The Dome (**p. 6**) and Natalie Park-Griffiths launches a **new online business** from her home in Lindfield (**p. 7**).

Enjoy the sunshine when it comes!

Issue #73 – April 2015 –  
4,600 copies printed

Next magazine copydate:  
8th April 2015

Next magazine published:  
25th April 2015

### Lindfield Life

The Barn, Hurstwood Grange,  
Hurstwood Lane, Haywards  
Heath, West Sussex, RH17 7QX

Telephone 01444 884115  
www.lindfieldlife.co.uk

Editor: David Tingley  
Assistant: Claire Cooper  
<editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk>  
Advertising: Matthew Buss  
<ads@lindfieldlife.co.uk>

Disclaimer: The opinions expressed within the magazine are of the individual authors and not necessarily those of the editors. Whilst the editors welcome contributions & photographs, this is on the understanding that there is no obligation to include them and that the item may be edited & that there is no breach of copyright. Neither the editors nor the publisher accept any liability in respect of the content of any article, photo or advertisement.

Lindfield Life Published  
by Kipper



**Elisa Boulding**  
Stopped by the pond for a  
snack

**norto5 kidz** Pre-school  
Daycare  
Nursery

Call us  
today!



For..  
**-Flexible Booking Arrangements**  
**-Flexible use of Free Entitlement**

**www.norto5kidz.com**  
**0845 004 5226**

Lindfield Cuckfield Burgess Hill  
Hickmans Lane Whitemans Green The Brooks

**SUSSEX WEALTH  
MANAGEMENT LIMITED**  
WEALTH MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS



A wealth of expertise on your doorstep

We provide an experienced wealth management service and offer specialist advice in a wide range of areas including:

- Investment planning • Retirement planning
- Inheritance Tax planning

For further details contact Michele or Ross on:

**Tel: 01444 458197**  
**Michele Mob: 07984 448526**  
**Ross Mob: 07985 911364**

Email: [sussexwm@sjpp.co.uk](mailto:sussexwm@sjpp.co.uk)  
Website: [www.sussexwealthmanagement.com](http://www.sussexwealthmanagement.com)

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

## New Physio joins Six

Jasmine Lewis, a Chartered Physiotherapist specialising in Women's Health Physiotherapy, joins the Lindfield clinic Six Physio this month.

Women's Health Physiotherapy covers all areas relating to Obstetrics (pregnancy) and Gynaecology. Jasmine is also a clinical Pilates instructor and enjoys working with women to maximize their health, well being and fitness before, during and after pregnancy. Plus she also speaks fluent Italian!

There is a free Women's Health event on 28th April. For more information on this speak to Jasmine or Alex on 01444 587587.



## Probus get-together

Five local Probus Clubs (Burgess Hill, Cuckfield & Lindfield, Haywards Heath, Mid Sussex and Clayton Windmills) recently held their biennial joint lunch meeting at Mid Sussex Golf Club in the name of Inter-Probus.

Inter-Probus was the idea of Derek Archer, a Member of Mid Sussex Probus Club, and this resulted in his Probus Club hosting the first joint meeting in 2001.

The Inter-Probus lunch takes the Probus ideal of fostering social links between its members a stage further by meeting members of the neighbouring groups and establishing a closer working relationship between the groups with the benefit of shared experience and new friendships.

This recent meeting was hosted by Haywards Heath & District Probus Club with speaker Neil Sadler, a retired policeman from West Sussex, giving a talk on the subject 'A policeman's lot can be quite an interesting one'.

The next Inter-Probus meeting in 2017 will be hosted by Burgess Hill & District Probus Club.

# Lindfield Chiropractic Centre

Our focus on **structural correction** is unique. We specifically address structural shifts in the spine that commonly cause **secondary conditions** such as back pain, neck pain, headaches, degeneration, sciatica and disc problems. Restoring and protecting your bodies normal structural alignment is of paramount importance in maintaining optimal health.

Dr Jennifer Layton BSc Grad Dip Chiro  
Dr Lindsey Wynne MSc Chiropractic

83 High Street, Lindfield  
Sussex RH16 2HN

[www.lindfieldchiro.co.uk](http://www.lindfieldchiro.co.uk)  
Telephone 01444 484582



Photo: Jay Patel with Keith (left) and Mani (right)

## Charity car wash success

Friday the 13th proved to be a good day for all involved at the BP Garage and Spar in Scaynes Hill as staff held their annual event to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. Each year since 2009, on 13th February, Jay Patel and his team get behind this worthy cause and the local community lend their support as well.

The big attraction was a free car wash for the day. All that Jay asks for is that customers donate as much as

possible to support Cancer Research UK. The raffle for the £50 Spar Hamper also proved to be a major success as this year 1077 tickets were sold, compared to 246 last year. This year 206 cars got a wash. The overall total raised this year, including raffle ticket monies and other donations for car wash was an incredible £2,155, an increase of £620 from last year.



Email Jane for a quote or pricelist  
[janes-sewing@hotmail.com](mailto:janes-sewing@hotmail.com) or call 07940 110551

Meadow Lane, Lindfield, RH16 2RJ

- alterations
- ✦
- repairs
- ✦
- dress and  
curtain making
- ✦
- collection and  
delivery service  
available



## TALK FOR CHANGE

SUSSEX PSYCHOLOGICAL THERAPIES

**THERAPY WITH  
ANIA AT ABBOTT'S,  
LINDFIELD**

[WWW.TALKFORCHANGE.CO.UK](http://WWW.TALKFORCHANGE.CO.UK)

**PROBLEMS TOO BIG TO SOLVE  
ALONE? TALK TO ANIA!**

- FRIENDLY AND CONFIDENTIAL
- HOPE-INSPIRING APPROACH
- 10 YEARS NHS EXPERIENCE
- EVIDENCE-BASED THERAPIES  
(EMDR, CBT, IPT & COUNSELLING)

**CALL ANIA ON: 01444 617 226**

# Auf Wiedersehen Lindfield!

By Marion Bradburn

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing to say farewell to all my friends. On the one hand, I am very excited about starting a new life in Germany, on the other hand I feel regret at leaving a job I have built up and loved for the past 8 years, and even more sad to say goodbye to the lovely people of Lindfield.

Tennis has always been a big part of my life and when I moved to Lindfield in 2007 I decided to get coaching qualifications, after which I established my tennis coaching business. During the summer, I coached 110 children every week as well as 35 adults. I have coached more than 500 people and hope I have given all my students a good base from which to progress further and that they will all continue playing tennis and having fun whilst taking part in sport.

I have met the most amazing people, not only the tennis players but the local people who walk past the tennis courts: dogwalkers, joggers, and the many who pass by on their way to the shops. I will miss you all!

And me? I am moving to Germany to join my fiance on his dairy farm. My daughter Louisa will hopefully go to university in September in the UK, so I will visit regularly and will no doubt bring my tennis rackets with me!


Thank you to all the people I have had the pleasure of getting to know over all these years. Being the Independent Coach in Lindfield has been a part of my life that I will never forget.



We CAN clean your oven!



**oven**  
**CLEANERS SUSSEX UK**

we bring your oven back to new 

We clean single/double ovens, ranges, Aga's, microwaves, hobs & extractors.

Non-caustic cleaning method means no dangerous chemicals in your home.

Fully insured and highly reputable.

**Call Alex on 07768 256747**  
or visit [www.ovencleanerssussex.co.uk](http://www.ovencleanerssussex.co.uk)



# LEE'S LOCKS

**NO CALL OUT CHARGE!**  
All locks fitted to insurance BS3621

Window Locks • Supplied & Fitted  
Fully Guaranteed • O.A.P. Discounts  
Insurance Work • UPVC Specialist  
Digital Locks • Break ins  
Garage Door • UPVC/Patio  
Police Checked • No VAT!!! 

**LOCKED OUT? DOOR JAMMED?  
LOST KEYS? NEED EXTRA SECURITY?**

**Store this number in your  
phone NOW! You may need it**

Tel: 01444 484 119  
Mob: 07921 068564  
Email: [lee@lees-locks.com](mailto:lee@lees-locks.com)  
FREE PHONE 0800 44 88 147 *Always*



**Checkatrade**  
Before you use them



# Juliette sings the Passion at Dome

Lindfield resident Juliette Pochin joins Brighton Festival Chorus on Good Friday 3rd April at 3pm for a spectacular semi-staged performance of Bach's St John Passion at Brighton Dome.

Bach's interpretation of the Passion is a work of startling immediacy and his dramatic vision will be brought vividly to life in this intimate Proms-style performance which takes the singers in and amongst the audience. Seats in the arena stalls will be removed to allow performers and audience to intermingle.

"It's very exciting to be involved in a performance which is bringing one of the world's great choral works to the audience in such an innovative, immediate and dramatic way," said Juliette.

For tickets call 01273 709709 or book online at the Dome or in person.



## An ancient and royal discovery

By Mrs April F Yule

During the course of the recent ground excavations on the High Street, in the area of the highway near Old Place, I happened to see, sticking out from a heap of upturned soil, what I took to be a rotten piece of timber, about eight inches long by about one and a half inches in diameter. On closer examination, I discovered - much to my surprise - that it was, in fact, the remains of a wooden tube, containing a tightly rolled up piece of vellum. On carefully removing the vellum and unrolling it - I discovered, to my further amazement - that the yellowing sheet of vellum, had writing on it. In spite of some of the letters being blurred, I subsequently found that it was just possible to make out the text.

The text to the right is some of what I was able to decipher:

If one cares to consider this unusual find; it would appear that this remarkably preserved piece of vellum contains a rhyming letter to the citizens of Lindfield, penned by none other than King Henry VII himself; while returning from a hunting trip from the Ashdown Forest, and staying overnight in his Lodge. It is truly remarkable that the piece of vellum has survived for nigh on five hundred years. One can only surmise that the combination of soil conditions and the quality of the vellum and ink used, contributed to its preservation.

Avaunt o wynds of Merche to  
haste the Aprille day,  
When we with hert up-casteth  
wend our way,  
By Well of Duddle, close by  
Ashdown Wood,  
To ford the Ouse at Deans Mill -  
if we could-  
And as the Sonne did so warm  
our face,  
So we did seek the refuge of  
Olde Place.

Our arrowes drooped naught  
like feeble darte,  
- and we did claim both hind and  
noble hart -,  
So did we beare our querre for  
to feed,  
Our Lynden subjects - if this so  
be their kneed -.

The Lynden folkes of vanitee  
restrained,  
With purvey and refreshmente  
so maintained,  
our tender health - and so we  
seek to thanke,  
Our Goody Subjects - bothe  
high and lowly ranke -.

So to this ende we have this day  
advised,  
Our Noble Cousin C----tester\*  
to devise,  
A lettres patente to forever  
bear,  
Our grateful thanks for mercies  
which we share.

So be it known to all who travel  
past,  
The Lynden Pond - and  
O'er its waters cast,

Their gratefule eyes, that it shall  
evermore remain,  
To joy the hert of Noble Knight  
and Swain.

These Letteres Patente shall  
provide,  
That while the swannes and  
dukes there reside,  
Upon its waters and its isles,  
The pond shall evermore be  
held in worthynesse,  
and free from covert stone and  
heathenesse.

As prufe thereof that true our  
bond shall be,  
It is our wish that - rather than  
a tree -,  
A Duck Hut on the island shall  
be set,  
to shew to all the Worlde our  
pledge is met.

And so on every first of Aprille  
day,  
We wish our Lynden subjects  
merry play,  
Holde fast to every Goode  
Deede and Goode Luck -  
And evere mindefule of our  
friend THE DUCK. "

\*This is probably the Earl of Chichester; but the writing is somewhat blurred.

# Table Top Sale for nursery

Lindfield Nursery School will be using its home for a different purpose on Saturday 18th April. The nursery will be holding its first Table Top Sale at King Edward Hall.

Parents at the school will be selling home-made cakes, with all proceeds going to the nursery's sponsored child Julio from Haiti. "We have sponsored Julio regularly since last summer," nursery owner Terisa Tuffin commented, "and it's his birthday in May so we wanted to be able to send him a little extra."

As well as the cakes, the sale – at which sellers can rent a table – will include all sorts of 'treasures and delights' and secondhand items, plus a children's bead-making workshop to keep small shoppers occupied.

Entry is free and it's open between 12noon and 2pm on Saturday 18th April.

## Help trace a friend

By John Arfor Jones

I seek your kind assistance, please, to try to establish the whereabouts of a gentleman I knew many years ago, in Zimbabwe.

He is Celyn Ruston Leigh-Jones, and I met him in what was then Rhodesia when he emigrated to that country during 1973. He lived and worked in the country's second city, Bulawayo, and we kept in touch for some time, but over the years I moved to three different towns within the country and unfortunately I lost contact with him.

I have found several references to him on the internet and two possible addresses; one in Uckfield and the other in Lindfield. My letter to the address in Uckfield was returned to me and I have been unable to find a full address for him in Lindfield, so I have taken the liberty to contact you in the hope that you or one of your readers may be able to help.

I think that Celyn would now be in his early to mid 80s. He had a daughter Samantha, who would be in her mid-forties I think, and a son Simon who would be a few years younger.

During the 1960s he was a keen photographer and a number of his photographs of steam locomotives were published. I have found several references to these photographs on the internet.

Please make contact via [editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk)



## Home website launched

Lindfield resident Natalie Park-Griffiths has just launched a new business which is quite a change from her 'day job'.

Natalie, who has two small children, works part time as a nutritionist specialising in hormonal cancers and unexplained infertility. However, she has had a passion for home furnishings for some time and six months ago decided to source a few products and try selling them to friends and family. "I was finding that it was costing more and more money to buy products for the home that weren't from the High Street," Natalie explained. "So I wanted to see if it was possible to buy genuinely different pieces and still sell them at an affordable price."

Last month the Daisy Boo Home website was born (named after the family Labrador Retriever) with 24 products listed currently and 20 more coming on stream for the summer.

"It is a steep learning curve to start something completely new but I am loving it." As well as sourcing products Natalie is also working with a local artist, photographer and fabric designer for exclusive product ideas.

## Do you know Peggy Betts?

Sally-Ann Lilley has contacted Lindfield Life on Facebook to try and find someone who her father is wanting to make contact with.

Doug Mitchell knew Peggy Betts from Lindfield some time ago and believes she later became Margaret Botten. Peggy is thought to have been born in 1932.

If you know or recognise either of the names, please make contact with Sally-Ann on the Lindfield Life Facebook page or email in to [editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk).



# Free golf sessions for girls

Haywards Heath Golf Club Professional James Verrall has managed to secure Sportivate funding to offer 20 girls eight one-hour golf lessons completely free of charge. The funding relates specifically to the training of girls between the ages of 10-16.

James commented: "It is a credit to the golf club here and our team of professionals that our application was granted. I am very pleased to be able to offer junior girls a chance to see what golf is about."

Sportivate is a £56m Lottery funded London 2012 legacy project aiming to ensure that more teenagers and young people find a sports activity that is both attractive, affordable and accessible.

The sessions will be on Friday afternoons at 4.45pm and will begin on Friday 1st May. If you would like to apply for one of the 20 places available you can email James Verrall on [hhpro@foremostgolf.com](mailto:hhpro@foremostgolf.com) or call 01444 414866.



## NORSAT

Satellite TV & Aerial Specialists

**Get switched on**  
to an entertainment package  
that's perfect for you.

- Digital TV Aerial and Satellite Systems
- Realign - Repair - Upgrade - Service
- Extra TV / Sat / FM / DAB Extension Points
- Discreet Dish Installation
- Plasma / LCD / LED Wall Mounted Installations
- Multipoint Systems
- Sky - Freeview - Freesat - YouView
- Foreign Satellite for French, Spanish, Italian, Polish, German and more



Don't miss out on this fantastic offer

**GREAT SKY TV DEALS & 10% OFF ANY AERIAL WORK\***

\* Upon presentation of this advert



Call us today: **01444 318089** Visit us: [www.norsat.co.uk](http://www.norsat.co.uk)

GET SIMPLE, IMPARTIAL ADVICE ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING



**sky** SEE IT TRY IT BUY IT  
*Experience it*  
with independent advice

# COME AND JOIN US...

POTENTIAL  
PERSONAL TRAINING



Tracey Talman



Tracey From Lindfield joined Potential in June 2014 and since then has lost 3 stone and 85 cm off her waist! Tracey used to suffer from heart palpitations but doesn't any longer.

"I lacked in motivation but now I actually enjoy exercise - I've got my mojo back. I used to be depressed, sad and fat, but now I have gained in confidence and you can't get me off the dance floor!"

## 4 KEY BENEFITS OF TRAINING OUTSIDE

#1

### Natural Habitat

*The great outdoors is where we're intended to be; it's what our bodies have evolved and adapted to over time. So Get Out There!*

#2

### Changing Terrain

*Training with grass underfoot is a lot easier on the joints because of reduced impact plus it forces us to exert far more energy compared to training indoors. Your body is constantly working to adapt to the changing terrain outside, this results in a greater use of energy and the strengthening of muscles that help us to balance and stabilise at a faster rate.*

#3

### The Health Demon

*You may have heard us talk about Cortisol before; it's a stress hormone and a lot of the time we don't like it very much. High levels of Cortisol in the body can have all kinds of effects on our health. These are the most common that we come across with our clients: lowered immune function, increased weight gain (especially around the middle), high blood pressure, increased cholesterol levels, heart disease & cardiac related issues, chronic stress, fatigue, depression, addiction, anxiety...The List is Endless. The GOOD NEWS however is that regular exercise outdoors significantly reduces Cortisol levels in the body!!!!*

#4

### Life Expectancy & Health In old Age

*A Study carried out by the USDC looked at adults in their 60s who took part in the same amount of exercise over a period of time at regular intervals. Results from the study showed that the participants who exercised outdoors had a far greater level of fitness and all round health and well-being.*

**BOOK YOUR FREE  
CONSULTATION TODAY!  
CALL: 01444 484129**

[www.potentialpersonaltraining.com/campaign/consultation](http://www.potentialpersonaltraining.com/campaign/consultation)

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR BRAND NEW HEALTH & NUTRITION MAGAZINE  
DELIVERED TO YOUR DOOR EVERY MONTH FOR FREE!  
VISIT: [WWW.POTENTIALPERSONALTRAINING.COM/RYP-MAGAZINE](http://WWW.POTENTIALPERSONALTRAINING.COM/RYP-MAGAZINE)**





## New bells and clock for the village

**By Roy Marshall**

Last summer the bell-ringers at All Saints Church, Lindfield took up the challenge to provide a new ring of eight bells and to repair the clock in the church tower. The challenge involved raising £200,000 and the good news is that £78,000 has been raised towards that total. The bell-ringers' first response to this fantastic progress is to say a big 'Thank you' to all those in the village community who have so far contributed to this fund. There have been generous donations, both big and small, and fund-raising events ranging from flower displays, musical evenings, quiz nights, coffee mornings and so much more.

Why are the bell-ringers taking on this challenge now, when the village can still hear the bells ringing out? The simple fact is that five of the nine bells in the tower (eight ringing bells and one chiming clock bell) are at the end of their working lives. This is not surprising as all five are over 350 years old, with the oldest cast in 1573 during the reign of the first Queen Elizabeth. The difficulty in ringing the old bells has now reached a stage where it is unsafe to train new bell-ringers and the ringing for even experienced bell-ringers is extremely difficult. It will not be long before the bells will not be safe and bell-ringing in the village will stop.

It is no exaggeration to say that the fund-raising is a life saver for the traditional sound of English bell-ringing in Lindfield, a sound that is such a quintessential part of the country that we take for granted that the bells will continue to ring for all those important moments in the life of the individual and the community.

So what are the bell-ringers planning to do? The plan is to take the four younger bells (each only 128 years old!) and recast them into eight lighter new bells. This provides a new set of bells that are more suited in weight to the church tower than the existing heavy bells – the current heaviest bell (the tenor) weighs 21 cwt (1069Kg)

or as much as the average family car!

Why is the clock added to the list of works? The tower clock is not in any better condition than the bells. Built at the end of the 18th century, the clock spent much of its early life in India but found its way back to Lindfield parish church in 1857 and there it has stood for the last 158 years announcing the time for the village. However, recently it has shown increasing signs of age and its reliability and its accuracy has deteriorated dramatically.

The intention is to take the clock mechanism away for refurbishment while the bells are also being removed to be recast, finally squeezing them all back in the tower to see service for another 200 years or more.

Are the bells going to be given a name? Like 'Big Ben', names are often given to bells or an inscription added for those who sponsor a bell. It is proposed to continue this tradition with the new bells. In addition it is proposed that the eight new bells carry a dedication to Her Majesty the Queen, as in September 2015 she will surpass the reign of Queen Victoria (63 years 216 days) and become this country's longest reigning monarch.

Because of the scale of funding necessary, we have extended our fund-raising from its original target date of the end of 2014. We hope those who have already donated last year will feel able to allow us to keep their financial gifts as we work to bring the fundraising to a conclusion.

Please watch out for fund-raising events during 2015 and come and support the bell-ringers. We hope that among the events will be a St George's Day meal at the Tiger and an open day in the summer so visitors can see and hear the old bells before they are removed.

To contribute to the Bell & Clock fundraising, please contact: All Saints Church Office, High Street, Lindfield RH16 2HS (01444 482405).



## Clothing for refugees

A group of folk from All Saints Church have orchestrated some practical help for the many in the Middle East who have been made homeless by civil wars and fighting.

What began as a conversation over lunch between Lindfield residents David Wheeler and Andrew Nunn soon turned into over 350 banana boxes packed with much needed supplies.

The pair were challenged by information they had received from David's daughter whose church in South London had participated in a relief effort initiated by a lady in St Peter's church in Brighton.

During the last 12 months more than two million people have been displaced in Iraq alone, many of them having fled their homes with no more than the clothes on their backs. These refugees, of all faiths, are living in desperately harsh conditions and the church in Brighton has been collecting clothing to be taken directly to Iraq by lorry to a project being run in Baghdad by St George's Church chaplain Canon Andrew White who has been in the Middle East since 1998.

When he heard of the appeal Philip Anscombe offered to make a short video highlighting the need and Sheila Argent said she would reach out to shops in the village. After the film was shown it wasn't long before the small team were blown away by responses from the village, including the schools at Great Walstead, Blackthorns and Lindfield Primary.

The Lindfield collections took place over the period between 13th-24th February, and included items such as shirts, jumpers, trousers, shoes, boots, sleeping bags and blankets. The former curate's home in Church Close, owned by All Saints but currently vacant, was soon set up into a collecting and sorting venue for all the donations which kept arriving at the house. Many from in and around the village helped with the huge task of collecting, sorting, boxing and transporting.



"The way our community pulled together for the sake of others was amazing," Andrew commented. "We'd like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone who has contributed in any way."

The goods had to be packed into banana boxes, and the management and produce departments at local supermarkets were extremely helpful. Roger Seymour, one of the volunteers, said: "Haywards Heath Sainsburys have been particularly brilliant. For over 10 days I arrived and filled my car with as many as we could fit in."

The amount collected exceeded all expectations, including that of the church in Brighton. Unfortunately the storage warehouse in Brighton is now no longer available, and so the organisers are now seeking a new location before they can begin to collect another whole shipment (the Lindfield collection amounts to about 20% of a shipping container). The hundreds of boxes are currently being stored locally before being given the green light to proceed to Brighton, which they hope to be soon after Easter.




**SPB  
Plumbing  
&  
Heating  
Ltd**

**01444 483511  
07798 636887**

74 High Street  
Lindfield  
spb.plumbing.heating@hotmail.co.uk

Boiler & fire servicing and installation  
Landlord's certificates  
Bathroom design & installation  
Solar panels  
& all general plumbing



Over 20 years local service  
Friendly & reliable  
Fully qualified & insured

**AJ Mullen**

**Bricklayer,  
General Builder,  
Extensions & Patios**

Tel: 01444 414657 Mobile: 07941 308966 www.AJMullenbuilder.co.uk  
Email: Mullenb04@aol.com 27 Hickmans Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex, RH16 2BN



# Car servicing in Lindfield for all makes & models

- ✓ Friendly welcome
- ✓ Top quality service
- ✓ Realistic prices
- ✓ All makes cared for
- ✓ Family owned for over 30 years
- ✓ MOT testing station

Many people in the village have used us for years, why not join them?



**Tel: 01444 482988 / 01444 483988**

Lewes Road, Lindfield, RH16 2LG [www.lindfield-motors.co.uk](http://www.lindfield-motors.co.uk)

## Dave Bailey & Jim Avis

**Local Lindfield Painters and Decorators**

Available for large and small interior and exterior painting, wallpapering, design or improvements. A trustworthy professional service.

Please call for a quotation.



**Dave**  
**07847 177841**

**Jim**  
**07861 794475**



### New term. New swimming teacher?

#### Try Saturdays at Ardingly

"I could not be happier with the excellent teaching my three children have received at Ardingly Training Centre. They progressed quickly and were swimming competently within a few terms."

Mrs Martin from Lindfield

#### Places Available Now!

Fully qualified ASA teachers, CRB checked  
EST. OVER 20 YRS AT ARDINGLY COLLEGE

**SPACES AVAILABLE NOW**

For more information or to book your FREE trial call Jackie on 01825 791782

[www.ardinglytrainingcentre.co.uk](http://www.ardinglytrainingcentre.co.uk)

# Records Wanted

Also CDs and memorabilia.  
Any size collection.  
Best price paid in cash.

Call Gregg on  
07890 239 306  
or email  
megreggdale@gmail.com

# Is 2015 time for a change?

 **PRB accountants**  
the accountants you can count on

## Services include:

- Accounts preparation
- Outsourced bookkeeping
- VAT compliance
- Payroll bureau
- Company secretarial
- Audit
- Corporate tax compliance
- Corporate tax planning
- Personal tax compliance
- Personal tax planning



**Microsoft**  
CERTIFIED  
IT Professional

**Network+**  
CERTIFIED

## Tom Seymour BSc IT SUPPORT

Providing IT support for small  
businesses and Home users, with over  
10 years experience in IT.

- Purchasing Advice, Installation  
and Disposal
- Anti-Virus and Security
- Automatic Maintenance
- Remote support
- Training in your own Home
- Online Booking



01444 473606 - 07843 116783

Help@TomSeymour.co.uk

www.TomSeymour.co.uk/

**Checka**professional.com  
Where reputation matters



Chris Whitley-Jones

For further information or to  
arrange a FREE chat with  
Chris call **01444 458252**

WEB  
www.prbmp.com

TEL  
01444 458252

Kingfisher House, Hurstwood Grange, Hurstwood Lane  
Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH17 7QX



# Home-grown produce

**SIMPLY GOOD FOOD**

## Potato and Celeriac Cake

Serves 4

Delicious served with grilled gammon steaks

Preheat oven to 180° and lightly butter a shallow baking dish. Peel 450g baking potatoes and 450g celeriac, cut into thin slices and drop into cold water to avoid them going brown. Peel and finely slice a medium onion. Drain the potatoes and celeriac and dry on a teatowel, then layer in the baking dish, adding a little onion, seasoning and some grated Cheddar cheese between each layer. Stir 1tbs mild mustard into 200ml milk and pour over the vegetables. Cover and bake for 45 min or until the vegetables are just soft in the centre (test with a fork). Top with a generous layer of grated Cheddar and continue to cook for a further 10-15 min or until a rich golden brown.



The Studio is a hub of activity all year round with regular children's classes, adult workshops and holiday clubs.

Ladies' Craft Afternoons or Evening Parties

Special Family Art Sessions with refreshments

Birthday Art Parties

Art Session Gifts Vouchers for a creative present

Booking Now KIDS FEBRUARY HOLIDAY ART CLUB!

Join the mailing list today!



To register or for further information call Leesa now on 07738288730

art@lindfieldartstudio.co.uk

[www.lindfieldartstudio.co.uk/whats-new](http://www.lindfieldartstudio.co.uk/whats-new)



By Caroline Young

This time of the year we have a good selection of home grown vegetables to choose from, both root and green varieties. Compared with just 10 or 15 years ago both home gardeners and commercial growers have become more adventurous. Have you tried the ugly looking knobbly root of celeriac, orange fleshed sweet potatoes, jewel coloured ruby chard or the many kinds of winter squash to name just a few? Make them the focus of your winter meals.

## Chard and Bean Soup

Serves 4

Just add hot garlic bread for a filling lunch. Chard can be used just like spinach; steamed, briefly cooked in the microwave, added to stir-fries or in soups.

Finely chop a small onion, dice 2 large carrots and crush 1-2 garlic cloves. Using a large pan, gently cook with 1tbs oil, stirring, until soft and beginning to brown. Stir in 2tbs tomato purée and 600ml vegetable stock. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer until vegetables are soft. Stir in 225g roughly chopped ruby chard and a drained 400g can cannellini beans. Continue to cook, stirring, until the chard has wilted and the soup is piping hot. Season to taste and served sprinkled with grated Parmesan cheese or crushed crispy cooked bacon.

## Parsnip and Pear Gratin

Serves 2

Preheat oven 180° and lightly butter a shallow baking dish. Melt 25g butter in a frypan, then add half to a generous handful of fresh breadcrumbs. Toss with a fork then stir in some chopped parsley. To the remaining butter in the frypan add a thinly sliced onion and 1tsp sugar. Cook, stirring, until golden brown. Peel and thinly slice 375g slender parsnips and 2 large dessert pears. Thinly slice 115g Mozzarella cheese. Layer the parsnips, pears, half the cheese and the buttery onion in the dish, ending with parsnip. Season each layer and pour over 75ml milk or single cream. Cover and cook for about 40 min or until soft throughout. Uncover, top with remaining cheese and the breadcrumbs and return to the oven until golden brown.

# Whittaker

## PAVING

Whittaker Paving is a local family-run landscaping business, operating in the Haywards Heath area and serving customers throughout Sussex. Since 1979 we have specialised in Driveways, Patios, Brickwork and Landscaping. We pride ourselves with our excellent reputation in meeting and often exceeding our customer's expectations. For more information or to arrange a **FREE no obligation quote** please call us today.  
**Tel: 01444 450300**  
**Mob: 07729 037660**

email: [info@whittakerpaving.co.uk](mailto:info@whittakerpaving.co.uk)  
[www.whittakerpaving.co.uk](http://www.whittakerpaving.co.uk)



## Local City and Guilds Qualified Plumbers



- Emergency repairs
- Available 24hrs
- Fast response
- New bathrooms
- Central heating
- Reliable

**Call Godfrey now on:**  
**01444 454 969 or 07833 726 411**

[candgplumbers.co.uk](http://candgplumbers.co.uk)  



## Welcome to the new minister

### UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

After eighteen months without a minister, Lindfield United Reformed Church is celebrating the official induction of Rev. Keith Morrison at a special service at the end of March. Keith has moved into the village with his wife Emmeline, two children, Noah and Faith, and their black Labrador, Bracken. David Tingley went to meet him...

#### By David Tingley

Keith Morrison grew up in a small village called Langholm in Dumfriesshire. His father was an elder at the local church and a baker in the community of just 2,000 residents but Keith says there was never any pressure from him to carry on the family business. He pursued a keen interest in science at school and went on to study Physics at the University of Paisley.

Following his graduation in 1992 he started working for the Ministry of Defence at the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) in Berkshire, conducting research into electronic components and advising MoD contractors who made all sorts of military equipment: from lorry windscreen wiper motors to missiles. At the time he shared a house with friends who he very much enjoyed being with but whom he thought seemed to have something he didn't, a Christian faith. He began attending church and Keith rekindled his teenage faith that had been all but forgotten.

After six years he moved into a training role, where he helped AWE staff, military personnel and the emergency services consider how best to respond to potential incidents, occurring anywhere in the UK, involving nuclear weapons or special material.

"I was getting on really well," Keith explains. "Aged 24 I had bought my first property, a flat in the Thames Valley, and now at 29 I had just got a promotion along with a 20% pay rise."

However, this was when he felt the call to Christian ministry. "It was genuinely like hearing an audible voice when I heard God speak to me," he assures me. It was, in many respects, an inconvenient time for such a word from God but Keith took it seriously. "I decided that I couldn't ignore it and went to speak to the minister of my church. When she confirmed that she believed it was a genuine 'call' I began the process of applying to train for ministry."

And so, two years later, Keith handed in his notice at AWE and moved to Moss Side in Manchester, where he began his four years of study. His theological course contained theory elements and practical placements in local churches in order for him to gain experience 'in the field'.

It was during this time that he began dating Emmeline after they met on the internet and not long after, in 2003, she gave up her partnership in a medical practice in Kent to join her new husband in Manchester. As a GP she was able to locum in the area until Keith graduated and was called to his first pastorate as a URC minister in Northampton.

"It occurs to me," Keith laughed, "that the process of matching an available minister to a seeking church is very much like a dating agency!"

Keith and Emmeline spent ten years in the town pastoring a group of three churches. In 2006 they had their first child, Noah, with Faith coming along in 2008.

So, when it was time to move on, what attracted them to Lindfield? "The church family here is already doing a great job being church right in the middle of this village. Plus, Lindfield takes me back to my roots. It's the kind of place where people say 'Hello' to each other in the street. That reminds me of Langholm, and the small community feeling is quite different from the centre of Northampton."

Noah and Faith both have places at St Augustine's School in Scaynes Hill (there wasn't space in Lindfield Primary) and Emmeline is joining a GP surgery in Uckfield later this month.

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know the village," Keith concludes. He also tells me they are a keen family of 'geocachers', so they are all looking forward to exploring the area that way too.

**E**xpectation  
landscapes

01444 413966  
07525 808906



Design & Construction of  
Unique Garden Landscapes

Drives • Patios • Fencing  
Walls • Ponds • Water Features  
• Planting • Lighting • Irrigation

Free quotation with  
full spec and plans

Fully insured



info@expectationlandscapes.co.uk See more: [www.expectationlandscapes.co.uk](http://www.expectationlandscapes.co.uk)

39 Hickmans Lane, Lindfield, West Sussex RH16 2BN

## Springtime on the Farm at Oathall Community College

Appledore Gardens - Lindfield - West Sussex - RH16 2AQ

### FARM SHOP

Over the Easter bank holiday weekend the farm shop will be open for business as usual, including Good Friday.

### LAMBING DAY

Come along to the farm and see all of our new born lambs. Free entry with a BBQ and refreshments available, the farm shop will also be open.

Sunday 19 April 11am - 3pm

### FARM OPEN DAY

Our annual Open Day where you can see the farm in action. Free entry with BBQ, sheep shearing, plant sales, farm shop and lots more!

Sunday 17 May 11am - 3pm

Farm shop opening times:

Tuesdays - 1pm to 5pm  
Fridays - 1pm to 5pm  
Saturdays - 9am to 2pm



Email: [farmshop@oathall.org](mailto:farmshop@oathall.org)  
Phone: 01444 451823  
Web: [www.oathall.org/farmshop](http://www.oathall.org/farmshop)



# Village Day 2015 - join in!

**By Sarah Richmond**

What links a Caribbean steel band, a tug of war and a beer tent serving Sussex specials? Yes, it's time for Lindfield Village Day 2015. A fun day out for all the family, the event takes place on Lindfield Common on Saturday 30th May, starting at 12.45pm with the procession down the High Street and finishing with the Grand Raffle Draw between 4pm and 4.30pm.

Set to raise at least £7,000 for the charity which runs and maintains the King Edward Hall, the Day will provide to over 100 stalls on the Common selling everything from crafts to cuddly toys, books to barbecue food - plus a range of activities including the famed mini-railway, the fun fair and lots of activities for the young and young at heart.

This year the arena will be home to lots of traditional games, including sack and egg and spoon races hosted by volunteers from Potential Personal Training. People who'd prefer to put their pets on show can do just that - no pre-entry required, just come to the King Edward Hall tent on Village Day and enter your pet so he or she can take centre stage on the arena in the middle of the Common.

For those with a bit of muscle, or simply sheer grit, there's the Tug of War competition in the afternoon, again in the arena, where Lindfield teams will battle it out to become 2015 Lindfield Tug of War Champions.

Bakers and gardeners should note that the Grand Competition is being rested this year but there'll be plants and cakes aplenty on sale from the experts at Lindfield Horticultural Society and the Village Hall's own renowned cake stall respectively.

A beer and music tent makes its debut, with ales and cider from local brewer 360 Degree Brewing and a range of bands to make the the afternoon go with a swing.

Earlier in the day the traditional procession through

the High Street this year is set to be anything but! A steel band will lead the parade, which has a Caribbean theme to reflect the musical atmosphere following the success of last year's carnival procession. Throw on some Caribbean fancy dress or come as you are - individuals, families and local groups are all invited to join the procession which will gather at Hickmans Lane Playing Fields at 12.15 for judging at 12.30 and departure for the Common at 12.45.

Look out for the Village Day programme, on sale in the village shortly, with all the details of the Day's events. At just £1, with all proceeds going to the King Edward Hall, it's money well spent and will guide you through a fantastic day out. Entry to Village Day is free, so invite your family, bring your friends and come and enjoy your village. If you can spare an hour to sell 20 programmes to neighbours along your street, please get in touch - every little helps: [villageday@kingedwardhall.org.uk](mailto:villageday@kingedwardhall.org.uk)

For more information about the event and about the 5k/10k Village Run, which takes place on Monday 25th May, see [www.kingedwardhall.org.uk](http://www.kingedwardhall.org.uk).



# CuckfieldBathrooms

DESIGN/SUPPLY



Photography: Steelcraft

The Clockhouse, High Street RH17 5JX  
Telephone: 01444 414 888

[www.cuckfieldbathrooms.co.uk](http://www.cuckfieldbathrooms.co.uk)



## Big Haywards Heath Bluebell Walk

If you love strolling through spring flowers and would like to raise money for assistance dog charity Canine Partners, then the Big Haywards Heath Bluebell Walk on Sunday 5th April at 12pm is for you.

Julie Brewer, organiser of the walk, said: "I have witnessed first-hand how amazing these highly skilled dogs become through expert training.

"Canine Partners assistance dogs make a huge difference to the everyday lives of people with disabilities. Many of these special dogs are truly life savers, physically and emotionally."

Canine Partners provides specially trained assistance dogs to help people with disabilities, such as opening and closing doors, undressing, pressing buttons, retrieving items, unloading washing machines, taking card and cash from ATMs and other everyday tasks that disabled people find difficult, painful or impossible to do for themselves.

Canine Partners CEO Andy Cook added: "The Big Bluebell Walk is a family fun event and we would like as many people as possible to join us on our spring scenic walk - and you are more than welcome to bring your dog along too.

"We do not receive any government funding and rely solely on donations, so the money you raise will help create more canine partnerships, transforming the lives of disabled people.

"This year is a particularly special one for us at Canine Partners as we are celebrating our 25th anniversary, so come along and walk your support for the Charity."

The fundraising event is part of the Charity's national Big Bluebell Dog Walk Campaign, which has raised more than £150,000 in the past 11 years.

All funds raised from the walk will help the Charity to train more assistance dogs and transform the lives of people with disabilities, including wounded servicemen and women in conjunction with Help for Heroes.

It is £5 for adults to take part and children under 16 go free.

To register or find out more information, please visit [caninepartners.org.uk/bigbluebellwalks](http://caninepartners.org.uk/bigbluebellwalks), call 01730 716013 or email [hollyb@caninepartners.org.uk](mailto:hollyb@caninepartners.org.uk).

# Lindfield Bowling Club

Members of Lindfield Bowling Club are looking forward to the start of the new season with their first meeting on 18th April at 10am.

The event starts with a coffee morning, followed by bowling if the weather is fine. The first friendly match is on 22nd April against Handcross.

The junior players will also start the season on 18th April and will continue to meet at 10am on Saturday mornings. New junior members of all ages and abilities are welcome to join,

Last year's new recruits included Jack, pictured, who was soon playing in the friendly matches for the club. Two girl newcomers also played in fun days.

Ladies' Captain, Vera, and Men's Captain, Alan, are hoping for a hot dry summer to fit in plenty of matches, from friendly games to County or National. Last year the men's fours and pairs both reached the National finals in Leamington.

Forthcoming events include the Ladies' Captain v Men's Captain match on Saturday 25th April; always good fun and a very social occasion.

Bowls Direct will visit the club on Sunday 26th at 11am, giving members the opportunity to purchase all they need for bowling.

The club has a bar and runs many social and charity events through the summer, including barbeques. "There's nothing nicer than fish and chips or bacon butties on a summer evening while watching or playing bowls," said secretary Sue.

New members are always welcome, from those who want to play for fun or those who take it a bit more seriously.

To have a go, just turn up at the Club, at the top of Lindfield Common, any Saturday morning at 11am.

Please wear flat shoes or trainers.

For more information phone Sue on 01444 452883 or Vivienne on 01444 414350.



**Bramley & Teal**  
Holiday Cottages

**Put your property to work**  
with Bramley & Teal

Do you have a holiday cottage you would like to let?

01580 860840  
bramleyandteal.co.uk

**FRENCH TUITION**

**EXAMS CONVERSATION  
ALL LEVELS**

Contact:

Béatrice

Native speaker

Qualified and Experienced Teacher

Tel: 07453291888

Email: bea29fini@gmail.com

**HILARY MAY (DA HONJ)**  
GARDEN DESIGNER



Design schemes/planting plans  
to suit all gardens - large or small



*Bring your garden to life with  
colour, form and fragrance*

Tel: 01444 414674

Email: maygardens@icloud.com  
www.hilarymaygardens.co.uk



## Wendy Box: meet Mrs Bonfire!

### VILLAGE PEOPLE

**She's known to many as Mrs Bonfire but, after spending time in the company of Wendy Box, perhaps Mrs Lindfield would be more appropriate! Not only has Wendy lived in the village for all her life, she's remained in the family home which was designed and built by her father in 1939. A lifelong member of the bonfire society, former youth club leader and one of the instigators of Village Day, Wendy has made a huge contribution to village life as we know it.**

#### By Claire Cooper

Wendy, the only daughter of George and Lucy Edgerton, was born at home in Beckworth Lane in the house that was designed and built by her father.

"At that time only one side of the road had been developed and the house looked out over fields," said Wendy. "One of my earliest memories is of watching the cows from East Mascalls Farm being led down the road to the fields twice a day."

Wendy enjoyed a happy and carefree childhood growing up in the village. "We would wander off to play in the woods and felt like we could do whatever we wanted as long as we were home by tea time!

"I remember going to Sunday School with all my friends at the Sewell Memorial Mission, and the pastor was Mr Makepiece. I also went to Brownies at the Tiger."

Wendy's maternal grandparents, Henry and Flo Drake, ran the Red Lion pub in the village, while her father's parents owned the bakery in Horsted Keynes. "My Mum was a telephonist at the Lindfield exchange, which is now Limes restaurant."

A sporty and hard working child, Wendy attended Lindfield Primary School (on Lindfield Common) before passing her 11 plus and getting a place at East Grinstead Grammar School.

"Getting to school involved two train journeys, which

included the steam train which is now the Bluebell Railway," Wendy recalled.

"In the summer I went on my bike as it was much quicker, particularly on the way home when it was all downhill! I was always in a hurry to get back to Lindfield, particularly when we had a stoolball match."

Wendy started playing stoolball for the Lindfield Junior team and later progressed to the seniors. A natural sportswoman, she was chosen for every school sports team and went on to play netball for Burgess Hill Ladies for 33 years. She also qualified as a netball coach and umpire, and later as a football coach.

The coaching experience came in handy when Wendy took over as one of the youth leaders at the Albemarle Centre at Oathall Community College.

"In those days we had 200 members," said Wendy. "They were brilliant days. As well as the weekly club nights, we organised days out to theme parks, Streatham ice rink and even Eurodisney." Wendy stayed with the club for 23 years.

Her work with young people also included organising discos at the King Edward Hall, where she was a committee member. "The 'King Eddie Under 16 discos', as they were known, were hugely popular but sadly became a victim of their own success when we had to close as there were too





many kids turning up!" said Wendy.

In 1977 Wendy joined the Jubilee Committee which organised the first ever Village Day, now one of the most well-loved annual events. For the first 22 years Village Day was started with Wendy cooking breakfast on the common for the hungry workers.

The theme of this year's Village Day procession is the Caribbean, which brings back vivid memories for Wendy of the day when the float caught fire!

"We used to use big lorries for the floats and could build quite big displays," Wendy explained. "For the Caribbean theme we built a shack complete with blazing torches. Unfortunately the torches got a little too close to the straw....!"

Wendy is passionate about Village Day but there is another event that holds an even more special place in her heart – bonfire night. "I'm a lifelong member of the Bonfire Society. I suppose you could say I was born into it as my parents and grandparents were all members," said Wendy. "I joined the committee at 16, was secretary for 30 years and am now the logistics secretary. This means lots of paperwork as I'm responsible for the risk assessments."

"I just love bonfire night. On 5th November we feel that the whole village is ours and that we can requisition everything!"

Every bonfire night Wendy can be seen carrying the five star cross, representing the five martyrs, before doing the rounds with her collecting bucket.

"When the bonfire was over we used to have a tradition of running around the ruins backwards three times," she recalled. "I've never known why!"

Wendy's working life has included jobs at two of Haywards Heath's former landmark businesses - the Perrymount cinema, where she worked as a cashier, and Bain Dawes Insurance Company.

She later set up her own party staffing business, with customers including the South of England Showground.

Spending a lifetime in Lindfield means Wendy has

seen huge changes, particularly in the High Street. "Only two original businesses remain – Humphreys Bakery and the butchers," she says.

"The building which is now Happy Feet shoe shop used to be the blacksmiths and I can remember horses being shod there. Where Swalk is now was Ellmers fish shop, and Field and Forrest was Harold Miles' sweet shop. I'm sure I'm not the only one who remembers Harold blocking the doorway!

"I also remember the 'mend your bike man' who operated from a shed in the Red Lion car park, and Aramintas curry house where we would go for a late night curry after bonfire night. There were also several antique shops."

Whilst most changes have been accepted, others have incurred the wrath of villagers. "I remember when they changed the name of the Stand Up to the Linden Tree and a group of villagers hung a wreath on the door and played the last post!"

In addition to the pubs, Lindfield also had a country hotel, which was demolished to make room for The Welkin. "I can remember going to weddings there and when it closed my dad was the auctioneer who sold off the contents," said Wendy.

"I remember Partridge's dairy and Helena Hall, whose wartime diaries were recently published."

Wendy has two grown up sons. "They are both known as Chalky, as their surname is White!" said Wendy. One lives in the main part of the family house in Beckworth Lane, while Wendy now has an annexe on the side. "Everyone calls it the Wendy House!" she says.

"Beckworth Lane is a smashing place to live. We've got some lovely neighbours and have had some wonderful street parties. I can't bear the thought of anyone else ever living here, and hope the house will stay in my family forever!"

Photos: Top Left: Climbing the pavement to raise cash for the Bonfire Society. Above Left: Fancy dress fun for Wendy with her sons and friends. Above Right: Sharing a joke with a policeman in France!



# robert. simpson. construction. limited.

- Extensions
- Renovations
- Loft Conversions
- Flat Conversions
- New Builds
- Conservatories



Telephone: 01444 243474 Mobile: 07886 388720  
Email: [info@robertsimpsonconstruction.co.uk](mailto:info@robertsimpsonconstruction.co.uk)

# &Masters &Son

ESTD 1854

Supporting & Caring Funeral Services

Masters House  
Lewes Road, Lindfield  
West Sussex RH16 2LE

01444 482107  
[ianmasters@mastersandson.com](mailto:ianmasters@mastersandson.com)  
[www.mastersandson.com](http://www.mastersandson.com)



# Daisy Boo Home



*Luxurious, Beautiful & Affordable*

*A new sumptuous home accessories website based in  
Lindfield*

*To view our full product range visit  
[www.daisyboohome.com](http://www.daisyboohome.com)*

*Deserved & Available to Everyone*



# Lindfield Parish Council Newsletter

Apr 2015

Parish Office: Clock Tower House, Lindfield Enterprise Park, Lewes Road, Lindfield, RH16 2LH  
Telephone: 01444 484115 Email: clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk  
Web site: www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

## Parish Council Election Thursday 7th May 2015

We know there are a lot of you out there with all sorts of skills who care a great deal about our village. Why not stand for election and make a real contribution to the community by becoming Parish Councillors?

The Parish Council elections are scheduled for Thursday 7th May, the same day as the UK Parliamentary General Election and the Elections to Mid Sussex District Council. The nomination period runs from 30th March to 4pm on Thursday 9th April.

There are twelve seats on Lindfield Parish Council so there is an opportunity to have a strong team of elected representatives working for the good of our community.

Nomination packs for the local elections are available from the Mid Sussex District Council website – at the following link: <http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/elections/9812.htm>

## Parish Meeting Wednesday 15th April 2015

The Parish Meeting (which, it must be stressed, is NOT a meeting of the Parish Council) is a forum for local government electors to discuss parish affairs and to pass resolutions on them, although such resolutions are not binding on the Parish Council. As this Parish has a Parish Council, it is the Council's Chairman who must convene and, if present, chair the meeting.

This year's Parish Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 8pm in the King Edward Hall. The Agenda will be on the Parish Council's notice board in Denmans Lane nearer the time, as well as on our website ([www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)).

## Thank you, Paul!

We are all very sad to be saying farewell to Paul Frost, our Village Orderly, who is retiring after twenty five years keeping our streets clean in Lindfield. Paul first came to the village as an employee of Mid Sussex District Council's street cleansing contractors in 1990, working as a dedicated street sweeper in Lindfield and Cuckfield. When he retired from SERCO in 2010, the two Parish Councils got their heads together and since then we have each employed him for two mornings a week to supplement the service provided by SERCO.

But Paul is much more than an employee – he has been one of the best friends this village could have. He has huge pride in his work as a self-styled 'kerbside beautician' and he has always done a fantastic job, going the extra mile and often in the worst of Sussex weather.

On behalf of our residents we would like to say: Thank you Paul for a job very well done and our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

We'll miss you!



Members of Lindfield Parish Council:

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

**Cllr. William Blunden**  
(Chairman)

**Cllr. Valerie Upton**  
(Vice Chairman)

**Cllr. Mike Allen**

**Cllr. Michael Amor**

**Cllr. Jane Chatfield**

**Cllr. Alan Gomme**

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

Deputy Parish Clerk:  
Iain McLean

Responsible Financial  
Officer: Mrs. Sue Koliien

## WSSCC street lights

By the time you read this newsletter, the replacement of West Sussex County Council owned street lights throughout Lindfield will probably have been completed, except for the modification of those columns that are to be altered to heritage style, which is to follow. The replacement of the cast iron columns in the High Street in particular has dismayed many residents but, unfortunately, retaining the cast iron columns was not an option under the WSSCC/SSEC scheme. To achieve the effect, the standard columns will be shortened and swan neck lantern brackets, traditional lanterns and embellishments to the columns will be added.

The heritage lights after they have been adapted will be taller than the cast iron columns; 5 metres in total. The standard columns will be cut down to 4 metres to allow for the 1 metre uplift from the heritage style bracket. We have been advised that any further lowering in the height would be detrimental to the lighting because it brings the light source down to give more glare to the road users and to achieve the required levels with shorter columns would necessitate even more extra columns in the street.

A number of people have also expressed their concerns and objections to the lights being set to turn off around midnight. West Sussex County Council have stated that since the 1970s it has been their policy to

light residential roads to a part night lighting regime, with the lights coming on at dusk until midnight and then coming on again at 5.30am until dawn. Town centres and main roads will continue to be lit all night but dimmed by 50% during the middle of the night. This regime was set out by WSSCC in a bid to safeguard the County Council against the future predicted large energy price increases, to help sustain current energy bills and ultimately use taxpayers' money efficiently, as well as reducing carbon emissions. Over a period of time, and for a variety of reasons, some columns have been reverted to the all night regime. During the upgrade the opportunity is being taken to move back to part night lighting. WSSCC have also stated that there are no crime studies which show that additional illumination makes a difference to crime levels and that there are other local authorities such as South Gloucestershire, Essex and Hertfordshire which have even reported reductions in crime where the the hours of illumination are reduced.

Exceptions to the part night policy and requests to leave a street light on all night will only be considered by WSSCC if there is a local social problem which involves the police and is intended as part of a crime detection or surveillance project. Any change made for this purpose would be time limited and only extended when it forms a part of a more serious crime detection case.

## Neighbourhood Plan progress

By the time you read this, the period for making representations on the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan as submitted to Mid Sussex District Council, and publicised by MSDC, will have closed (on 26th March 2015). Provided all is in order, the next step is for MSDC to appoint an independent examiner, who will be sent the Plan, along with any representations received. The examiner will then have to decide whether the Plan meets all the tests and requirements of the Neighbourhood Planning rules and regulations.

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

**Cllr. Stephen  
Henton**

**Cllr. Margaret  
Hersey**

**Cllr. Simon  
Hodgson**

**Cllr. Roger  
Pickett**

**Cllr. Ron  
Plass**

**Cllr. Christopher  
Snowling**

If you have a dog (and even if you don't) please read on...

I would like to tell you about Michael. Michael was a lovely little boy in my son's class at infant school, elsewhere, nearly thirty years ago. As a toddler, Michael had a habit of putting his hand out of his pushchair and playing with gravel on the path. Sadly he picked up toxocariasis - the disease transmitted by worm larvae in dog faeces. As a result he was blind in one eye and during his early years at school he had to have several operations, mainly to improve his appearance - a poor start in life for any child.

Of course the vast majority of the people who walk dogs in our village are diligent about clearing up their dog's deposits and they are to be commended, but unfortunately there are some exceptions. Yes, your dog may be clear of worms but if other people see heaps being left, they may well think "why should I bother clearing up?" and let's face it, stepping in dog dirt is very unpleasant regardless of the health risks.

If you witness dog fouling on the Common, Hickmans Lane field or the nature reserves, please contact Mid Sussex District Council's Park Rangers on 01444 477561 (rangers@midsussex.gov.uk) or for dog fouling on the public highway or public rights of way contact the Dog Control Officer on 01444 477041 (dogcontrol@midsussex.gov.uk). Please give them as much detail as you can including: name of site, description of dog and dog owner, date and time the incident was witnessed, description of the owner's car, whether it is a regular occurrence and any other information which may help. Please do not approach the person yourself.

Parish Clerk

## Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Erica Baxter can be contacted about neighbourhood concerns such as graffiti, rowdy behaviour and burglary on 101 voicemail extension 27123, by twitter: @hheath\_police or by email: erica.baxter@sussex.pnn.police.uk. Crime should be reported on 101 in a non emergency incident or 999 if appropriate.

## Village Spring Clean - Saturday 18th April 2015

Why not come and join us for our annual Spring Clean around the Village on the morning of Saturday 18th April? The Parish Council has organised a Spring Clean every year since 1999, when it started as an initiative of the Tidy Britain Group, and helpers find it to be a rewarding and worthwhile few hours. Volunteers meet in the King Edward Hall and are given tasks such as collecting litter from the areas in the village not covered by the normal street cleaning agencies. Street furniture, such as the posts around the Pond and the Common, always benefits from a wash down after the winter, and cutting back vegetation in the footpaths is another job that can be tackled.

The Spring Clean will take place between 9.30am and 1pm and there will be a free ploughman's style lunch for all participants. Any children taking part must be supervised by parents or adult group leaders if they belong to youth organisations. Suggestions for areas in the village that might benefit from a little 'TLC' are always appreciated, particularly if you could let us know in advance to help with the planning. If there is a task you particularly want to tackle, please let us know beforehand and we'll save that job for you. Litter pickers and bags, buckets, detergent and cloths will be provided but you are asked to bring your own gloves - and wheelbarrows can be very useful for bringing back sacks full of litter.

## Mobile civic amenity collections

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 10th May 2015, between the hours of 10am and 12noon, for the collection of household and garden waste. Please note that due to current legislation they cannot accept items such as televisions, computer monitors and fluorescent tubes. These can still be taken to a civic amenity centre. Please do not leave rubbish in the absence of the refuse freighter. The remaining dates for the rest of the year are as follows: 12th July, 13th September, 15th November and then 10th January and 20th March 2016.

# Street map panels

We are very pleased to announce the completion of our street map panels which are now in place on the walls outside the Denmans Lane Public Conveniences and Lindfield Medical Centre.

We would like to express our grateful thanks to Merie Blundell who has very kindly allowed us to use some of her lovely drawings to enhance the maps, to the GPs at Lindfield Medical Practice for giving us permission to put one of the panels on their wall and to Fitzpatrick Woolmer who have designed, made and installed the maps.



## Parish Council meetings

### April - June 2015

Tuesday	7th April	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	8th April	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Wednesday	15th April	Parish Meeting (see article)	8pm
Tuesday	28th April	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Tuesday	19th May	Annual Meeting of Council	7.30pm
Wednesday	20th May	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	28th May	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Thursday	4th June	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	9th June	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Tuesday	20th June	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm

All meetings are held in the King Edward Hall, unless shown otherwise. Please check the noticeboard in Denmans Lane for any additional meetings that may be called. All meetings are open to the public and there is a period set aside at the beginning of each meeting for public questions/comments, except at 'plans only' Planning and Traffic Committee meetings. At meetings of the Planning and Traffic Committee, up to two people for and two against each planning application are allowed.



## Practise the putt

### TEERING OFF

By James Verrall, Head Golf Professional

For many years I have seen people practise hard on their full swing by hitting 100s of golf balls on the range. Whilst this is a great thing to do, it should not be done at the expense of practising your putting technique.

Putting is viewed by many as the easy shot. Even my fiancée believes she has got the putting stroke mastered after just two goes!

In golf you normally take just as many putts as full shots during a round therefore they both need equal practice time.

Now although, yes, it is the easiest shot to make contact with the ball, it is not so easy to make the ball end up in the hole. Follow some of these basic points to help you send the ball into the cup.

Try to relax over your putt (easier said than done I know) and let your shoulders move freely. If you are tense then you are more likely to twist your shoulders, which will send the ball off line.

Position the ball slightly forward in your stance. This will get you hitting on the upswing, which is something you need in putting to get the ball rolling as early as possible.

Stand close when you set up with your eyes lined up directly over the ball. Being closer will give you more control and help take your putter back along a straight line.

Accelerate through the shot, even on the shorter putts. Having a smooth acceleration will make sure your putter stays on line and you make good contact with the ball. There is nothing worse than hitting the ground first in your putting strike.

So, remember these key points and try to give your putting stroke the time it deserves.

Take a look at another article on page 9 about our new FREE junior girls coaching starting 1st May! Sign up a junior girl now for FREE by calling 01444 414866.

heather  
martin  
garden design



Heather offers fully bespoke consultation & advice on all styles and sizes of garden, from historic restoration to contemporary landscaping & planting design.

For more information call 07738 323082 or email [heather@heathermartin.co.uk](mailto:heather@heathermartin.co.uk)

[heathermartin.co.uk](http://heathermartin.co.uk)



## Mid Sussex Decorators

Painting, Decorating  
Interior & Exterior

Guttering, Soffits, Facia Boards;  
installed, repaired, cleaned

Leaf/moss guard for guttering  
supplied and fitted

*Family Business. Established over 20 years.  
Fully Insured.*

01273 841964

01444 831147

07535 760954





## Help the WI find 100 new organ donors

The Women's Institute is 100 years old this year.

Local WIs are finding ways to celebrate this special birthday. Members of the Scaynes Hill WI are aiming to find 100 new people (at least!) to sign up to the Organ Donor Register. To register go to [www.organdonation.nhs.uk](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk) or ask for a leaflet at your doctor's surgery or the local library.

It is important to let your family know that you have registered so don't forget to tell them and encourage them to join you. After registering and telling someone in your family please email [shwi@sedgley.org](mailto:shwi@sedgley.org) so that your registration can be included in the Scaynes Hill WI total. If you are already registered can you find someone new?

Celebrate 100 years of WI campaigns to make a difference to all our lives.

## Would you like clear, independent advice on your property finance?

**At Bonaventure Finance we can help with all areas of your property finance no matter how complex or seemingly straightforward they may appear.**

- Residential Purchase and Remortgage
- Investment/Buy to Let Loans
- First Time Buyers
- Commercial Lending
- Agricultural Debt
- Specialist Debt Solutions (see website for more details)



Contact us for a free initial chat on 01444 849420 or email [enquiries@bonaventurefinance.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bonaventurefinance.co.uk)  
[www.bonaventurefinance.co.uk](http://www.bonaventurefinance.co.uk)

YOUR HOME MAY BE REPOSSESSED IF YOU DO NOT KEEP UP REPAYMENTS ON YOUR MORTGAGE. Bonaventure Finance Limited is an Appointed Representative of TenetLime Limited which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. Bonaventure Finance charge a fee of £495.00 upon application and may charge a fee of up to 1% of the loan amount for arranging finance subject to your circumstances.

# Lucy Locksmith

**No Callout Charge**  
24hr Callout



BRIGHT FM & CHECKATRADE  
"Top Trader of the Year"  
Award Winner

Rapid Response • Police checked  
Free Estimates • No VAT • OAP Discount  
Locks Changed & Upgraded (To BS3621)  
uPVC Specialist • Window locks • Garage locks  
Lock outs, Break ins, all makes of locks.

**JUST MOVED? WHO ELSE HAS KEYS?  
CHANGE LOCKS FOR PEACE OF MIND?**

Always  
**Checkatrade**  
Before you use them

**07780 840462**

STORE THIS NUMBER NOW, YOU MAY NEED IT!  
[www.lucylocksmith.co.uk](http://www.lucylocksmith.co.uk) [lucylocksmith@o2.co.uk](mailto:lucylocksmith@o2.co.uk)

## THE CLEANING SERVICE BELLE CASA

Beautiful Homes

We know how hard it can be to find a dependable and honest cleaner, which is where we can help.

We can offer you professional cleaning and ironing for a fully inclusive rate of only £10.75 per hour (minimum of 2 hours per week).



All of our cleaners are specially selected, and insured, and you will receive the same cleaner each week.

So, if you'd like to take the pressure off keeping up with your household chores, then call us today on:

**01444 420042**

(answerphone available outside office hours) or visit our website:

[www.bellecasa.co.uk](http://www.bellecasa.co.uk)

## Driveways, Patios & Brickwork. Job done!



Call Steve Farrell today on 01444 450103 or 07713 062617  
Email: [farrellspaving@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:farrellspaving@tiscali.co.uk) | [www.farrellspaving.co.uk](http://www.farrellspaving.co.uk)

# DRAYTON Plumbing & Heating Ltd

Call Vic Drayton on 01444 458558 or 07703 255305



- Free estimates & advice
- Fully qualified & experienced engineers
- Energy conservation advice
- All work guaranteed & liability insured.
- Local services throughout Mid Sussex

[draytonplumbing@btconnect.com](http://draytonplumbing@btconnect.com) [www.draytonplumbing.co.uk](http://www.draytonplumbing.co.uk)



Natural Gas | Liquid Gas | Oil & Solid Fuel | Alternative energy systems | Service | Maintenance | Full installations



## Book Battle at Blackthorns

To celebrate World Book Day, the children of Blackthorns Community Primary School all took part in a 'Book Battle'. This enabled the children to talk in detail (for 90 seconds) about a book of their choice, develop their spoken language skills and try out different ways of persuading their classmates to vote for their book.

The Year 6 children have written the following guide to book battling: 'Book Battle is a perfect opportunity to express our opinions and feelings of books that we feel

passionate about. Ultimately, this provides children -in our class - to hear segments and 'teasers' about books that we might not necessarily have heard or read about. The 'Book Battle Arena' also allows us to develop our presentational and persuasive skills in an attempt to have our chosen book as the class winner!'

The battles continued until the last two were in the final battle. The winner of each class Book Battle received a £5 book token.

---

## Grown Up to School Week at St Augustines



Pupils at St Augustines CEP School in Scaynes Hill had a great week learning alongside parents during lessons during a special week in March. Over 40 parents came into school during the 'Bring a Grown Up to School' week. They were also able to give the school helpful feedback:

"It's a fantastic opportunity for parents to see the different ways of learning and helping to learn."

"I now feel more confident in supporting my child at home when explaining or working out maths problems."

**Time for School?** Choose the best.

Choose Burgess Hill School for Girls.



**Reception 2015**

Your daughter is eligible to start school in **September 2015** if she is born between 1st September 2010 and 31st August 2011.

**No time to lose,  
apply for our reception  
class now.**

BURGESS HILL SCHOOL  
*for girls*

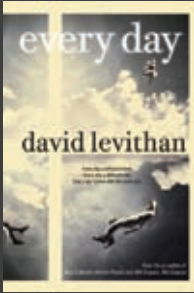
*Our Junior School is the 'right' choice*

Warm, vibrant, buzzing with happy, enthusiastic and motivated young learners.

Call now for further details - 01444 241050



[www.burgesshill-school.com](http://www.burgesshill-school.com)



## Everyday by David Levithan

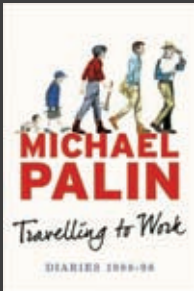
### BOOK REVIEW

By Izzy Bain, age 12

Everyday is about a boy named A who has travelled to and from other people's bodies since he was born. A can be boy or girl, black or white, fat or thin and this proves a problem because he can't find out who he really is or find his past. A is able to access the persons memories and finds some tough and sad memories but he can also access fun and happy memories. He can access other people's memories but can't have his own because he has never been himself.

One day A wakes up in a boy named Justin who is boyfriend to Rhiannon. A falls desperately in love with Rhiannon but because he is in new bodies every day, he finds it difficult to stay in touch with her. But this isn't the only problem, one child has had the experience of A being in control of him and is desperate for people to find out about A's 'demon' ways.

This book was gripping and I couldn't put it down! The plot was brilliant because he has shown a range of emotions using all the different characters. The only thing I would probably change is the abrupt ending. I turned the page to find the acknowledgments and was rather upset. I would definitely recommend this book to children age 12 and older. This was an amazing book and would rate it an 8½/10 and maybe even 9/10.



## Travelling to Work by Michael Palin

### BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

Michael Palin's third selection of his diaries covers the ten years in which he moved from being best known as a Python member to being a maker of some of the most engrossing travel based documentaries. As a diarist, Palin does help us to see the important events of history in this period (1988 to 1998) as well as the key developments in his own and his family's life. He is a man who has many issues with his art – two of the films starring him of this period were not universally praised. It is revealing to see the reflective artist, struggling to understand why some projects are less successful than others. The tensions of an almost sibling rivalry with John Cleese are honestly handled, with Palin giving the impression that he has had to be tolerant of some merciless ribbing and critiquing. This is a highly readable account of a man's life, as it is honest about his failings as well as celebrating success. Published diaries can be a way of disguising and manipulating the future as well as the past, but not here. Palin has the honesty to show himself, 'warts and all'.



# Lindfield Arts Festival seeks help from the local community

By Marian Cameron

Following on from the previous extremely successful and popular arts festivals, we are in a very healthy position to continue the success of Lindfield Arts Festival over the weekend of the 19th/20th September. Exciting plans for this year's festival are already underway with several amazing music groups and bands, exhibitors, other performers and workshop leaders already on board to help make this festival as special and unique as it has been in previous years.

However, we need your help. The Trustees are currently looking for people to come and help them organise this special community event. In particular they are looking for someone to take up the coordination of Lindfield Arts Festival 2015, with assistance from the Trustees and other volunteers. Furthermore, if you or your organisation/business would like to participate in this year's arts festival please get in touch. To contact Lindfield Arts Festival send an email to enquiries@lindfieldartsfestival.com.

## Easter Eggcitement!

Hop by SWALK this Easter... another Eggs-cuse for yummy Chocolate and Egg-cellent cards!



66 HIGH STREET  
LINDFIELD  
01444 484400

OPENING HOURS:  
0930-1730 MON-SAT  
1200-1600 SUN

Like Swalk & follow us @swalkstore



SEALED WITH A LOVING KISS x



**ELECTRICAL**  
WWW.CW-ELECTRICAL.COM

FREE QUOTES  
& FREE SAFETY  
CHECKS

Free Safety Checks  
Free Quotes  
Circuit Testing and Certification  
Kitchen and Bathroom Re-Wiring & Alterations  
Extra Lights & Sockets  
Fuse Board Upgrades  
Complete Re-wires  
Telephone Systems

TV Points  
Full Entertainment Set-up  
Under floor Heating  
Security Systems  
Extensions  
Storage heaters  
Immersion Heaters  
Fault Finding  
Outside Power and Lighting

t: 01444 482034  
m: 07807 355 632  
e: chriswaller@cw-electrical.com

NICEIC Registered  
Qualified to the latest 17th Edition



# RiverPeak Wealth offers expert independent investment and financial advice

We all want peace of mind when it comes to our finances.

We often worry if we're doing the right thing. Sometimes we do nothing at all. Well, we can help.

- Investing
- Tax Planning
- Retirement Planning
- Estate and Inheritance Planning
- Life Cover and Protection

We make it easier for you to enjoy the things in life that are really important to you.

So why not call us for a free initial exploratory chat on 01444 810 845

Or email us at [info@riverpeakwealth.com](mailto:info@riverpeakwealth.com)



01444 810 845 | [www.riverpeakwealth.com](http://www.riverpeakwealth.com)

**RiverPeak Wealth... joined up financial thinking**

Tax Planning and some aspects of estate and inheritance planning are not regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. RiverPeak Wealth Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority, FCA no. 632101



TAVISTOCK &  
SUMMERHILL SCHOOL

## Don't Get Left Behind!

Silver spoons and Golden  
eggs are not required!

Scholarships for Reception 2015

An Exceptional Co-educational  
Nursery and Preparatory School

WE PUT LEARNING AT THE HEART OF ALL WE DO  
[www.tavistockandsummerhill.co.uk](http://www.tavistockandsummerhill.co.uk)

Summerhill Lane, Lindfield, Haywards Heath,  
West Sussex RH16 1RP. Tel: 01444 450256



## Do you need help?

Lady Butler can provide a wide range of help for you in and around your home. For example:

- Waiting in for a delivery
- House sitting
- Collecting dry cleaning
- Organising a party

Email [sarah@ladybutler.co.uk](mailto:sarah@ladybutler.co.uk) [www.ladybutler.co.uk](http://www.ladybutler.co.uk)



How else can we help?

Going away?  
Need your teenagers, plants or animals checked on?

**Lady Butler : Your Home Consiierge on 07841 373 955**



## GRAY HOOPER HOLT LLP

SOLICITORS

For all your legal needs

-Haywards Heath and Redhill offices -

Call 01444 411333 or visit

[www.grayhooperholt.co.uk](http://www.grayhooperholt.co.uk)

[info@grayhooperholt.co.uk](mailto:info@grayhooperholt.co.uk)

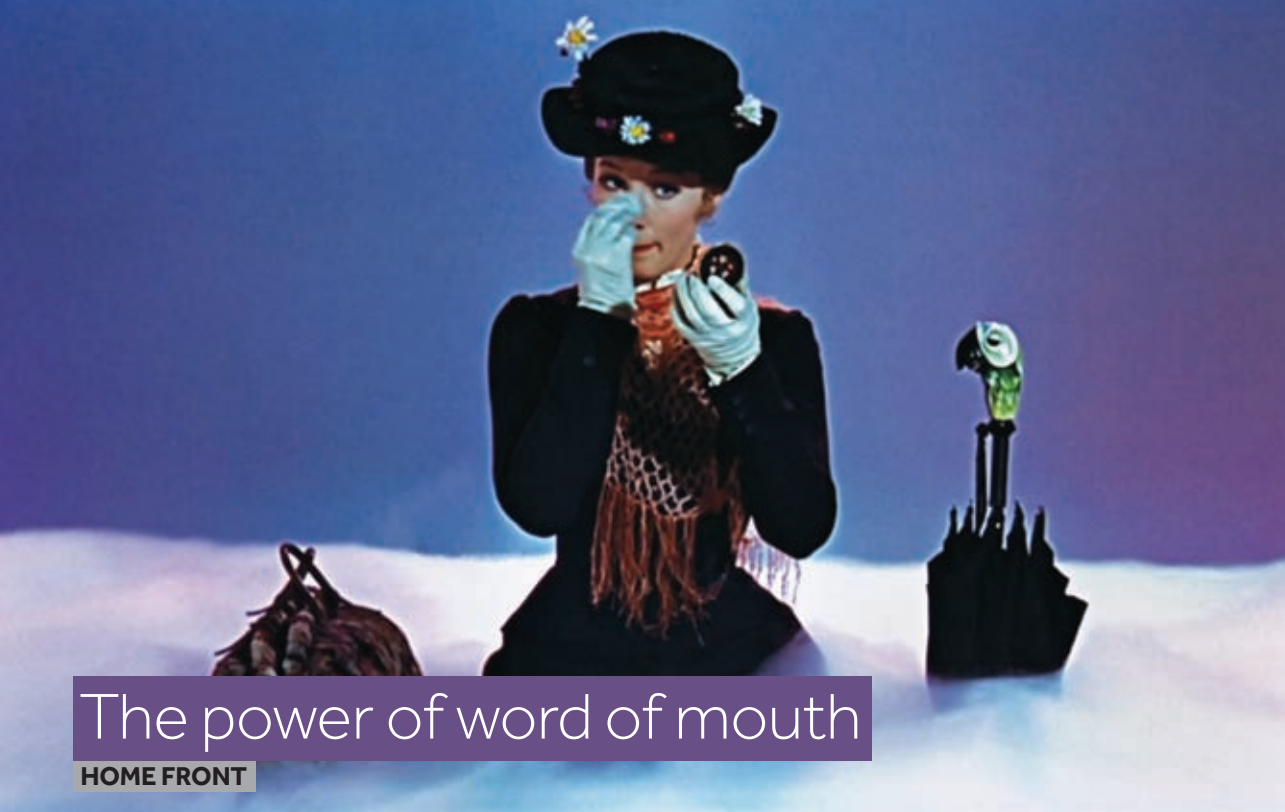
**In The Garden** 14 March-18 April  
at the Green Tree Gallery, Borde Hill Gardens



An exhibition exploring one of our favourite past-times

Open 10.30am-5.00pm Tuesday to Saturday 01444 456560





## The power of word of mouth

### HOME FRONT

By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

They say that personal recommendation is the best source of new business and it's true. The knowledge that clients have recommended you is the ultimate in positive feedback and invariably they have passed your name on because they feel that the fit would be good and, so far, this has always been the case. Historically our referrals have been from past clients but more recently we have had a supplier put our name forward to some of their clients. At the end of last year one of the furniture suppliers we use for our care home projects asked if we would be interested in being put forward for a prestigious new-build dementia home in Poole. The client was described to me as a joy to work with. A high-end commercial project in Poole with a charming developer? Oh go on then.

The client called a day or two later – sounding on the phone just as he had been described. We discussed the brief, which even at this early stage had my eyes out on stalks, and he promised to send me plans. By the end of the week I was poring over the architect's drawings and considering what our design fee should be. This project is huge; 68 beds with ground floor communal areas, with four further floors of dementia care with separate dining and lounge areas plus six apartments on the fifth floor, so quoting alone took me the best part of the day. So, proposal sent, I then did my best to put it to the back of my mind until the New Year which is when he said he would have whittled his short list of 5 down to 2. January came and with it the good news that we were down to the last two. Being so close made me want this job even more of course. I took the train down to Poole and accepted the offer of the client picking me up from the station. Armed with his contact details in case the

trains let me down and loaded with a couple of A2 cases full of previous project boards, I headed west early one January morning. Predictably, the trains were running late due to flooding around Brockenhurst but at least I was able to let him know. Over half an hour late, I arrive at Poole station to the worst weather imaginable for someone with natural curly hair, glasses and carrying portfolio cases. Alighting the train, I was met by an evil combination of wind and rain which had my previously sleek and blow-dried hair (now a damp frizz) blown into my face and sticking to my recently applied lipstick. I could see nothing out of my glasses because of the rain and could do nothing about this or my hair since I had a portfolio case in each hand and a handbag slipping down one arm. An umbrella was not an option. To make matters worse I then had to negotiate the station bridge to reach our rendezvous point. Getting to the other side I walked around the side of the station building, meeting a fierce eddy as I approached the corner. The lightweight A2 cases in those kinds of conditions took on kite-like behaviour, so my client's first and probably lasting visual impression of me was some sort of dishevelled Mary Poppins with frizzy hair and rain spattered glasses.

My client was there, smiling, and do you know what his first words me were? "I bet your stress levels are through the roof right now! You're probably thinking, "I'm late, my hair's a mess and I'm trying to impress this guy". Well please don't worry about it." And his saying that of course took all the stress away. We had a great meeting and I got the job. This new client is already proving to be exactly the kind of person we love to work with. Now that's a great referral.

Our fabulous new website is up and running, so why not take a look! [www.homesmiths.co.uk](http://www.homesmiths.co.uk) (01444 440880).



## Garden's Golden Jubilee – Kew's 50 years at Wakehurst

### OPEN FOR BUSINESS

A year of celebration is planned at a local botanic garden which is home to unique conservation projects. Wakehurst, at Ardingly, has been run by the world renowned Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew for fifty years. Perhaps more famous for its west London garden by the Thames, Kew is able to undertake research and horticulture at its Sussex site which just wouldn't be possible at Richmond; not least its globally significant Millennium Seed Bank project which has its headquarters next to Wakehurst.

Spring's commemorative events are under the umbrella of Whispering Woods and include magical, guided walks on 25th-26th April and 3rd-4th May, plus a chance to see the popular birds of prey displays by Huxley's on 2nd-4th May. The late spring bank holiday is dedicated to Wakehurst's Wild Wood Weekend. "There'll

be the chance to see a working woodland in action with demonstrations of charcoal burning, traditional chair-making, bowl turning and bush crafts," explains woodland manager Iain Parkinson. Set in a beautiful ancient woodland, the fun also includes woodland theatre, storytelling and aerial acrobatics – making it the perfect family occasion.

From 23rd May Wakehurst is opening one of its most beautiful ancient woodlands, one normally off-limits to visitors. There'll be the chance to follow a trail through Parcelands Wood and learn how the area is managed in a traditional way to provide materials for the botanic gardens, timber for use on the estate and raw materials for charcoal production.

It promises to be a truly magical twelve months at Wakehurst.



# Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Throughout the month of April West Sussex Urology consultant surgeons Barnaby Chappell, Simon Woodhams and James Hicks are urging men to get to know their prostate.

Simon Woodhams, consultant urologist, explained that, according to new research, most men are pretty unaware of the signs and symptoms of prostate cancer.

"Many men who develop prostate cancer don't develop any symptoms at all. But getting up at night as well as going very frequently and perhaps rushing to the loo, those are common symptoms of any prostate problem. Prostate Cancer is a very serious disease and it's the second most common cause of men dying from cancer in the UK."

James Hicks added: "It's a common problem among men - a reluctance to talk about health and more specifically, the prostate, penis or bladder. Problems 'down there' don't make us feel our most masculine and talking about any type of health issue isn't easy."

West Sussex Urology and Cancer Partners UK will be holding a public awareness event for Urology at the Chichester Golf Club on 20th April at 6.30pm and The Prostate Cancer Support Organisation will be available to answer questions. For more information visit [www.westsussexurology.co.uk](http://www.westsussexurology.co.uk).



## Going out with your camera?

Here at Lindfield Life we love to receive your photos of the village. They don't have to be taken on a professional camera either; most smart phones will take photos at a high enough resolution to still be reproduced on the front cover.

We are always after new photos of Lindfield taken all year round. Preferably in portrait orientation, email any of your shots to [photos@lindfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:photos@lindfieldlife.co.uk). Whether it's capturing that hot air balloon at just the right time or choosing your moment carefully for the perfect sunset, we'd love to see it.

If we use your photo on the cover you will receive a £20 shopping voucher which you can spend right here in Lindfield.

**Jakki Todd**  
The Lindfield Beautician

Jakki is an Aesthetician with over 30 years experience offering Beauty Treatments, Electrolysis & IPL Permanent Hair Reduction in a private home with parking facilities.

- Facials
- Waxing
- Electrolysis
- Aromatherapy
- St Tropez Tanning
- Red Vein Removal
- Manicures and Pedicures
- IPL Permanent Hair Reduction

**Gift Vouchers Available**

For full Treatment List & Prices visit [www.jakki.net](http://www.jakki.net)  
Email: [info@jakki.net](mailto:info@jakki.net)  
Tel: 01444 487474

**APPOINTMENTS ONLY**

**Now Offering GELISH soak off Nail Polish that lasts up to 2 weeks**

beauty therapy and electrolysis

## Templar Property Services Ltd.

General building, property maintenance & project management services. All aspects of building and maintenance undertaken including:

- Extensions/Alterations
- Brickwork/Pointing
- Plastering/Screeding/Rendering
- Kitchens
- Bathrooms
- Electrics
- Plumbing
- Decorating

Check out our website [www.templarps.co.uk](http://www.templarps.co.uk) for details on saving money through the templar labour only scheme

We are happy to arrange meetings with previous clients and viewings of their projects.

Or Call Martin Lewer  
Office: **01825 790 690**  
Mob: **07788 590526**

Templar achieve the best results from planning to finish

**Vere**  
Consulting Ltd

Accountants and Tax Consultants

Experienced accountants providing small businesses and individuals with a tailored accountancy and tax service, including:-

Accounting Systems, Company Secretarial, Management Accounts, Bookkeeping, VAT, Budgeting, Corporation Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Self Assessment, Statutory Accounts & Payroll

For a free, no obligation, quote or informal chat please call or email to discuss how we can help.

Telephone: 07971 816357  
email: info@vereconsulting.co.uk  
website: www.vereconsulting.co.uk

**The Chris & Pui Show**

Saturday 18th April | Martlets Hall  
CBeebies favourite double act is coming to town!



**Forbidden Nights**

Friday 24th April | Martlets Hall  
Think Cirque du Soleil meets Magic Mike in this classy all male variety show. 18+

**An Evening of Dirty Dancing**

Friday 1st May 8.00pm | Clair Hall  
5 star homage to the greatest movie soundtrack of all time.



**Those Magnificent Men**

Sat 2nd May | Clair Hall Studio  
Uproarious comedy about the British pioneering aviators. 'Chocks Away!'

**MARTLETTS HALL**  
Burgess Hill  
01444 242888  
www.martletshall.org

**CLAIR HALL**  
Haywards Heath  
01444 455440  
www.clairhall.org

Mid Sussex Partnership Council

places for people

Places for People Leisure Ltd working in partnership with Mid Sussex District Council PFP91047

FUTURE...

author

Great Walstead is an independent co-educational school, creating a successful future for your child.

OPEN MORNINGS 6th & 7th FEBRUARY 2015

Please contact the Registrar on 01444 483528 or visit [www.greatwalstead.co.uk](http://www.greatwalstead.co.uk)





## Trekking in New Zealand

In January, 62 year old Lindfield resident Peter Candy flew out to join his son as he trekked the length of New Zealand.

Rob Candy (inset) set himself the challenge of raising money for two charities by walking the 3000km across both North and South Islands which he started, with friend Joss Smale, back in November last year. The pair hope to finish the trek later this month.

Peter, who describes himself as semi-retired, says it was an opportunity he couldn't miss: "For a variety of reasons, the timings of joining Rob out there worked well. I hadn't seen Rob for a couple of years and have never travelled to New Zealand either. I wanted to spend time with and support Rob as he perseveres with this incredible challenge."

Peter, who has worked as an overseas aid worker, an airline insurance manager, a deputy warden of student accommodation in central London and a Christian missionary in Tanzania, made the 40 hour door-to-door journey to meet Rob in the country's capital Wellington. "At this point Rob and Joss had already walked 2000km," Peter explained. "I had a couple of days' wait as we weren't exactly sure how long it would take for them to arrive in the city. They can have a number of days without any mobile signal at all, when they are completely incommunicado."

The section of the Te Araroa Trail that Peter walked with them is known as the Queen Charlotte Track. A 70km stretch with variations in altitude of nearly 400m.

"I tried to prepare myself before I went with practise walks around home," Peter said. He set off each time

with a 20kg backpack walking, for example, a 12 mile route up to Ardingly, to the Balcombe Viaduct and back home. "The most dangerous part of the whole adventure felt like walking on the roads just north of Lindfield where they are no footpaths!

"The New Zealand landscape I experienced while I was out there was amazing. One thing that really surprised me was the complete lack of any really dangerous 'nasties', and yet just over the water in Australia they have all manner of poisonous insects in their Outback." Although Peter says that he is still experiencing some itching from the bites of the sand flies out there!

Peter met many walkers from around the world during his three weeks. He had carefully managed rations of food, which they had to carry with them. "It tended to be porridge sachet for breakfast, cheese and rice cakes for lunch and rice and beans for dinner. Anything that was compact and light was ideal for the backpacks," Peter explained. All of them also had special water filters in their bags that removed 99% of the bacteria from fresh water they found on their route.

While Rob Candy completes the personal challenge of the trek he is hoping to raise valuable funds for two charities close to his heart. Raleigh International is a sustainable development charity that runs a programme in Tanzania to help local young people take part in projects and expeditions. PEOPLE is a charity working in Kenya to provide scholarships to young people enabling them to attend school and get an education.

You can follow Rob's blog and donate online here: <http://rob candy.tumblr.com>

# What's on in April

## AT KING EDWARD HALL

## AND ELSEWHERE

- 2nd **Lindfield Country Market** – 10am to 11.15am (Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
- 8th **Lindfield Horticultural Society** – 'Preparing for your Show' by Barry Newman, 8pm. Barry is Chairman of the National Vegetable Society, on the judging and lecturing panel of the Royal Horticultural Society, and a Britain in Bloom judge. Entry £1 members, £2 visitors (Alison Elliott 01444 483039/www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk)
- 9th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10am to 11.15am
- 10th **Comber's Trust Tea Party** (Caroline Brann 01444 471443)
- 11th **Royal British Legion Lindfield Branch – Poppy Hop** 7.30pm - 10.30pm. The Perdido Players Swing band. Tickets £15 (includes fish and chip supper – bring your own drinks and glasses). Tickets available from Jane (01444 454846), Pauline (01444 482672) or Kath (01444 483171)
- 15th **Lindfield Preservation Society** – Annual General Meeting 8pm. followed by 'Different Perspectives' by Garry Sharp about the Quadcopter used to photograph the Lindfield area from the air. All welcome including non-members, entry free (John Chapman 484470)
- 16th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10am to 11.15am
- 18th **Lindfield Parish Council** – Annual Village Spring Clean (Christine Irwin 01444 484115)
- 18th **Lindfield Bonfire Society** – Vintage Coffee Morning (Wendy Box 01444 482809)
- 18th **Lindfield Nursery School – Table Top Sale** 12–2pm. Clothes, toys, craft & cake stalls, and children's bead workshop (Terisa Tuffin 07584 066070)
- 23rd **Lindfield Country Market** – 10am to 11.15am
- 23rd **Film Show Evening** – doors open 7.30pm, film starts at 7.45pm. The Imitation Game (12A). Tickets will go on sale at Tufnells on 24th March (Jennie 01444 483431)
- 28th **Lindfield Flower Club** 2.30pm. 'Walking The Dog' by Pat MacDonald (Norma Smith 01444 414562 or normasmith1@btinternet.com)
- 30th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10am to 11.15am

- 3rd **Brighton Festival Chorus** – Brighton Dome 3pm. A spectacular semi-staged performance of Bach's St John Passion. For tickets call 01273 709709 or book online at the Dome or in person.
- 5th **Canine Partners Bluebell Walk** – Ab Fab Dogs Day Care, Paul's Lane, Slugwash Lane, Haywards Heath 12pm
- 7th **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – Franklands Village Hall, Haywards Heath 10.15am. 'Fraud' by David Porter
- 9th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – Clair Hall, 9.45am. 'Josiah Wedgwood, Potter, Pioneer and Philanthropist'. Warm welcome to guests (01444 483372)
- 11th **Vivace Choir Charity Concert** – St. Mary's Church, The Causeway, Horsham 7.30pm. In aid of Cuckfield Stroke Communication Group and Horsham Parkinson's UK branch. Tickets £10 (01403 266173 or vivacehorsham@gmail.com)
- 15th **Mid-Sussex Franco-British Society** – the Function Suite, Clair Hall 8-10 pm. 'Le Mouvement collaborationniste Breton – le Bezen (la Formation) Perrot 1940-1944' by Mark Watson, Head of French studies at Ardingly College. All members and visitors welcome (Mrs. Barbara Stevens 01444 452385)
- 15th **Mid-Sussex Decorative and Fine Arts Society Lecture** – Clair Hall, Haywards Heath 10.15 for 10.45am. 'The Corkscrew: A Thing of Beauty' by John Ericson (www.mid-sussexdfas.org.uk)
- 19th **Health Open Day** at Vinings Natural Health Centre, Church Road, Haywards Heath. 10am-4pm. Free talks and mini treatments in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice
- 28th **Mid Sussex Local History Group** – Franklands Village Hall 10am. 'A Murder Most Legal – the unfortunate demise of Charles II'. New members welcome, we meet on 4th Tuesday of each month (Joan Corless 01444 470108)
- 28th **Mid Sussex Older Peoples Council** – The Martlets, Burgess Hill, 10.30am until 3 pm. AGM and meeting on the new Care Act

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 e-mail on [bookings@kingedwardhall.org.uk](mailto:bookings@kingedwardhall.org.uk)

# Our advertisers

## CALL THEM!

### Services

Flint & Co (estate agents).....	2
Sussex Wealth Management.....	3
Jane's Sewing Services.....	5
Oven Cleaners Sussex.....	6
Lee's Locks.....	6
Norsat (TV/satellite).....	9
SPB Plumbing & Heating.....	13
AJ Mullen (builder).....	13
Lindfield Motors.....	14
Dave Bailey (decorators).....	14
Gregg Dale (record collector).....	15
Tom Seymour (IT help).....	15
PRB Accountants.....	15
Whittaker Paving.....	17
C&G Plumbers.....	17
Expectation Landscapes.....	19
Bramley & Teal (holiday letting).....	23
Hilary May (garden designer).....	23
Robert Simpson Construction.....	26
Masters & Son (funeral directors).....	26
Heather Martin (garden design).....	32
Mid Sussex Decorators.....	32
Bonaventure Finance.....	33
Lucy Locksmith.....	34
Belle Casa (cleaners).....	34
Farrells Paving.....	34
Drayton Plumbing & Heating.....	34
CW Electrical.....	38
RiverPeak Wealth.....	39
Lady Butler.....	40
Gray Hooper Holt (solicitors).....	40
Templar Property Services.....	43
Vere Consulting Ltd (accountants).....	44
Elliott & Bunn (letting agents).....	B

### Retail

Oathall Community College.....	19
Cuckfield Bathrooms.....	21
Daisy Boo Home.....	27
SWALK.....	38
Green Tree Gallery.....	40

### Out & About

Chailey Heritage Foundation.....	33
Places & People.....	44

### Education/Childcare

Norto5 Kidz (nursery).....	3
Ardingly Training Centre (swimming).....	14
Lindfield Art Studio.....	16
Beatrice (french tuition).....	23
Burgess Hill School for Girls.....	36
Tavistock & Summerhill School.....	39
Great Walstead School.....	44

### Health/Lifestyle

Lindfield Chiropractic Centre.....	4
Talk for Change.....	5
Potential Personal Training.....	10
Jakki Todd (beautician).....	43

Lindfield Life

Please mention  
Lindfield Life when  
contacting any of  
our advertisers.

To reserve your space in this magazine  
call Matt or David on 01444 884115  
or email [ads@lindfieldlife.co.uk](mailto:ads@lindfieldlife.co.uk)

# Elliott & Bunn

Letting and Property Management

- Established independent letting agents
  - Property Management
  - Let Only
  - Buy-to-Let advice
  - Licensed ARLA agent



[www.elliottbunn.co.uk](http://www.elliottbunn.co.uk)

Telephone: 01444 416868 Email: [lets@elliottbunn.co.uk](mailto:lets@elliottbunn.co.uk)

3 Sydney Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1QQ

# LET BY