

The 2024 Lindfield VILLAGE DAY

Welcome

It is an immense privilege for us to lead the merry band of volunteers who will make Lindfield Village Day happen this year on Saturday 1st June. We expect up to around 10,000 visitors to the Common on that day, and that's why this is a huge team effort. Thank you to all who have helped out - you can find a list of the individuals and companies on page 38.

With the financial support of a number of businesses, we are bringing back the popular RTFJ Stage, where some brilliant musical acts will entertain and delight audiences in the (even bigger for 2024) Food & Drink Quarter. This area will be buzzing with great tunes and tantalising tastes from over 20 vendors, who will be waiting to serve you.

We will be sounding the Firing of the Anvil earlier this year, to officially mark the starting of proceedings. So please be aware of this: two loud pyrotechnic bangs going off from the arena on the Common at midday.

That sound will start this year's procession, which will leave from Hickmans Lane Playing Fields and parade down the High Street to gather in the arena for a special Olympic and Paralympic Opening Ceremony - celebrating the Paris event later this summer.



After its returning debut last year, we are delighted to welcome back the Competition Tent onto the Common for 2024. Hopefully you have already been considering your entries to this year's categories, but - depending on when you are reading this - you may still be able to get involved. Our local judges are all lined up to see and sample Lindfield's creativity!

At the top of the Common, the arena will be hosting a variety of performances and activities for you to check out. Full details are given on the following pages, but the Children's Dog Show is one of them, and a major attraction on the day. There are prizes and pet treats to go home with!

Plus, with over 130 stalls lining Lindfield Common, which will be open from 12noon, you won't be short of things to see and do on the day!

Village Day, and its sister event Lindfield Village Run, is not only a fabulous community event, but also is the main fundraiser for Lindfield's King Edward Hall, opposite the pond. Run by a charitable trust, KEH is central to much of what takes place in Lindfield, and a fantastic resource - which we are very happy to support each year.

Visit the Common, use the bins provided and enjoy the day!

David Tingley & Katherine Alcock – co-chairs



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We are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible, at our stand on Lindfield Village Day!

Carrying the torch for 2024!

We are delighted to continue with the tradition of the annual Village Day procession this year, with participants including dance troupes, local charities, Lindfield Bonfire Society, schools and sports teams – but we are keen to attract even more and would encourage all local organisations, societies and groups to consider taking part, either by float or foot.

From the starting point of Hickmans Lane Playing Fields, the procession, supported by professional musicians at either end, will make its way down the High Street to the arena on the Common between 12noon and 1pm, kicking off Village Day with a bang.

Since 2024 is an Olympic year, we are excited to have this as our theme, with each group in the procession representing a country who will be participating in the Games in Paris 2024. How each group interprets that theme is entirely open – we're looking forward to seeing what everyone comes up with!

There are prizes up for grabs for all groups taking part in the procession – check out the King Edward Hall Village Day webpage for more info; it really is a great opportunity to get involved with your local community, shout about who you are/what you do and generally have a lovely time and a lot of fun.

It's worth noting that the procession does involve a rolling road closure on Saturday 1st June between 11.45am and 1.30pm along the route – details here:

www.one.network/?tm=GB138004425

If you would like to take part, there's still time! Please get in touch with the Procession Team asap at procession@kingedwardhall.org.uk and we can advise you which countries are still available to represent and provide general guidance and support to help get you organised for the day.



The Grand Raffle

Tickets are just £1 each and we have dozens of prizes to give away when the winning tickets are drawn at 4.30pm on the day.

Get your tickets from the KEH Information Stall on the Common.

Top prizes include:

- ₹250 CASH
- Potential Personal Training -One-month full training package
- An item of Emilice Jewellery from RTFJ

There are also dozens of other prizes, all generously donated by other local individuals and businesses. Make sure you get your ticket early on the day – last year we sold out!

Children's Dog Show in the arena

- 2-3pm (register from 12.30-1.45pm)
- Under 12s only
- £1.50 per entry
- Max three entries

Categories are:

- Friendliest Dog
- Best Junior Handler
- Pet the judge would most like to take home
- Best in Show

Thanks go to Oathall Veterinary Group for sponsoring the dog show and for judging the pet pooches this year. The winning pairs will take home a small prize, supplied by Bernie Taylor of Oscar Pet Foods, and a rosette to mark the occasion.





RTFJ Stage

The RTFJ Stage is back! Thanks to some generous business sponsorship, it will be positioned within the UpCountry Food & Drink Quarter - so you can relax and enjoy the musical performances with refreshments.

12.15pm **DJ Greg**

1pm **Phoenix Fires**

2.30pm DJ Greg

3.30pm Headliner: Murdoch's Crazy Eyes

5pm Close

The Mac Stand

The UpCountry Food & Drink Quarter

Your carefully curated list of food and drink vendors to give you the most choice, the shortest queues and the best experience on the day!

Mac & Cheese

Hairy Dog Brewery Beer Generation Distillers Gin

Mannings Heath Estate English Sparkling Wine

The Lindfield Club

Bestens Brewery
Sitalia
Prosecco

The Village Chippy Sussex
Southern Counties Ice Cream

Bangs Food Truck
The Party Pigs
Bar

Beer
Prosecco
Fish & Chips
Ice Cream
Burgers
Hog Roast

Sweet as a Nut Doughnuts, Candy Floss & Slush

SitaliaItalian FoodG-Lite WorthingArtisan Gelato

The Scouts Burgers & Hot Dogs

Janeen's Crafts & Sweets

Rose & Roy Chocolate

Krishna

Sweets

Chocolates

Indian Cuisine

Naughty & Nice Toasties, Bakes, Brownies & Cakes
Georgie Bea Bakes Handcrafted Custom Biscuits

UpCountry Fresh Strawberries & Cream Scones

The Lindfield Club Cakes & Pies

The Football Fun Factory Shoot a Ball Dartboard Game

172 (Haywards Heath) Squadron Scottish Aviation Bulldog & VR Simulators

The Outdoor Project Build A Blobster
Great Faces Face Painting

^{*} Correct at time of going to print, line-up could be subject to last minute change

The Competition Tent

The Competition Tent is coming back to The Common this year, with a brand new selection of categories for everyone to get involved in!

Some of our categories are just for children, which will be judged in three age groups: 5 and under, 6-10 years, and 11-16 years. The rest of the categories are open to all age groups, so whether you're a keen baker, poet or artist, everyone can get involved. We'd love to see your talents!

Entering is as simple as completing the registration form on our website (www.kingedwardhall.org.uk/village-day/competition-tent) and paying your fee: it costs just £1 per item entered. Or, if you'd prefer to register in person, pop into Ounce on the High Street (exact money only please). Registration is open now and will close at 6pm on Thursday 30th May.

This year, our new poetry categories (marked with an asterisk) can be entered in advance via email.

On the day, you'll find the Competition Tent on the Common again, so make sure you come along on 1st June to say hi, deliver your entries and admire the community's handiwork. All entries must be delivered to the tent on the Common between 9am and 10.45am (with the exception of poetry entries that have been pre-submitted via email).

The tent will be closed for judging between 10.45am and midday, when we will reopen for everyone to view and admire all of the entries, including those judged the best in each category. We invite everyone to come along and look at the village's collective creativity and support your friends, family and neighbours! All entries will need to be collected from us at the end of the day, from 4.30-5pm.

We can't wait to see what you come up with and neither can our talented local judges! See you in the Competition Tent on 1st June!



- A Celebration Cake For any occasion! Either a single cake to share or six individual cakes, get creative in the kitchen and bring us a cake suitable for a celebration.
- Flavoured Scones Your take on a British afternoon tea classic. Show off your favourite flavours and submit six scones to our judges!
- Cordials, Liqueurs, Wines and Beers Do you like to create a delicious drink? We'd love to taste your tipple.
 Bring a bottle!
- Jams, Pickles, Chutneys and Honey Bring us a jar or two of your best preserves. All welcome, from homemade jam to honey from your own bees!
- Children's Category: Six Decorated Cookies/
 Cupcakes Get creative and decorate six cookies or cupcakes. Shop bought or homemade are accepted, but decorated yourself.

Art and craft

- A Celebration of Lindfield Celebrate our beautiful village in any medium: photography, paint, textile, digital art... it's up to you!
- A Handmade Character Knitted, crocheted or sewn, create a cute character and bring them to life.
- Lindfield Poetry* Are you a keen poet? We'd love to hear your take on our village in a poem of any kind. These can also be submitted in advance via email as well as on the day.
- Children's Category: A Lindfield Acrostic* Write an acrostic poem to 'Lindfield' and share your love of the village.
- Children's Category: Wild Fruit and Veg From elephants to bunnies, create an animal out of fruit and/or vegetables. Let your imagination run wild!
- Children's Category: Modelling the Natural World
 Create an animal- or nature-themed model in any medium, from Lego to Play Doh to clay.

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The Main Arena is at the top of the Common, with bunting around it.

Main Arena

12noon **Firing of the Anvil**A traditional start to Village Day
(Warning: loud bangs - take care of dogs)

12.30pm **Procession arrives at the Common**Parade moves down the High Street and to the Common, finishing in the Arena for judging.

1pm **Dhol Drummers**

1.30pm Turning Pointe Dance School

2pm Children's Dog Show

3.30pm Leaps and Beats

4pm Lindfield Community Voices

4.30pm Grand Raffle Draw

5pm Finish



This village tradition relies on great teamwork...

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More information at: www.kingedwardhall.org.uk

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The Organising Team wishes to record its appreciation to the many people, in addition to those listed above, who help with Village Day by marking out the Common, setting up and taking down stalls and gazebos, moving furniture to and from the Common, manning stalls for the King Edward Hall, and clearing up at the end of the day. We are very grateful to all those who donate raffle prizes, sell raffle tickets, make donations to the Hall, and to our business sponsors for their support for Village Day. We also appreciate the help from Mid Sussex District Council and the support from Sussex Police.