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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

This month we kick off with the usual array of news items, including **Lindfield Warriors** spotted passing through the High Street during the **London to Brighton Bike Ride** (page 4) and another group of local cyclists on a fundraising route around the Isle of Wight (page 6).

We love news items like this, so whether it's a neighbour who's received an honour of some kind or an event which needs shouting about – we always like to hear about it. Send an email to editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk in the first instance please.

Claire Cooper talks to the organisers of the **Scaynes Hill Flower Show** on page 11 – as they prepare for their event on 1st September. If it's gardens that you like, do read about the judges who came to assess Lindfield as part of South & South East in Bloom on page 21.

I'm very grateful to **Paul Schofield** from the **Lindfield History Project Group**, for sending us yet another fascinating article about the village we live in. This month telling the story of the Old Forge on Denmans Lane – or should I say Batchelors Lane? Read the full story on page 28.

On page 36 **Caroline Young** tempts us with some fresh ideas for summer salads, on pages 38 and 39 **Cavan Wood** and **Theo Billson** share a book they've recently read and page 40 is home to our 2018 series on Lindfield men who lost their lives during WWI.

Page 48 gives us another chance to see more local faces – captured in the Lindfield frame on **Lindfield Village Day** in June. And following that, on page 50-51, the feature I love: **Holiday Snaps**. If you're about to go on holiday you know what to do...

Along with the regular **Sudoku** on page 53 and **What's On** listings on page 54 – I think we're about there! Enjoy August.



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MAMILs: Cycling team Lindfield Warriors stop off for a photo outside SWALK during their London to Brighton ride in June.



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School Local Board election

The Local Board of Lindfield Primary Academy recently held an election for two new parent members. Members are volunteers representing different aspects of the academy community, whose role includes keeping the academy at the heart of the community and maintaining strong community links.

The Clerk to the Board received expressions of interest from four candidates, which led to an election amongst the parent body for the two nominees they wished to represent them. The two successful candidates are Stephen Sowden-Mabbott and Hannah Baty, who will join the Board from 1st September.

The Local Board members are delighted with the interest shown in the election, proving once again that parent involvement is strong and active at Lindfield Primary Academy.



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Where would you rather spend £1.2m?

London newspaper Metro recently ran a story comparing property prices in the capital to leafy Lindfield.

The example gave someone with £1.2m to spend – and what they could buy would differ between Lindfield and Fulham Broadway in South West London.

In the city the money would find you a 4 bedroom maisonette in a Victorian property. In the country the article cited a 1930s 5 bedroom house overlooking the pond for the same cash. Although the same price tag, unsurprisingly the Fulham Broadway property was nearly double the price per square foot.

Later in the article it revealed you could have the best of both worlds and buy one home in each location for the same total spend. The Lindfield property in this example was the beautiful 14th century timber-framed property on the High Street that many will remember as Barclays bank.

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Definitely in for the long haul, this 11-strong Tour de Wight cycle team, organised by Phil Hale of Lindfield's All Saints Church, rode around the Isle of Wight on 30th June to raise money for the Romanian charity, Caminul Felix, which the church has been supporting for well over a decade.

Sporting their distinctive but self-funded strip, designed by professional animator and TdW rider, Olly Brown, the team covered the 67 miles with over 4,700ft of climbing on what was one of the hottest days of the

year. They were accompanied by a support team in liveried vehicle driven by Alastair McDermid, to boost the charity's profile and attract vital funding to build another home for the family 'village' near Oradea in western Romania.

Another team from Lindfield will be travelling there in September to build with materials entirely funded from efforts such as this.

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The winter personality

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By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

As I type this article the UK is basking in consistently gorgeous weather, the grass is looking parched and we are trying to keep the office cool. The latter is proving a challenge as we have just embarked on our own building project and whilst the dry weather means that the builders can crack on, oh the dust! And of course the dust and the ear bleeding tones of the angle grinder mean that opening the office windows is not ideal. So writing a piece with the word winter in it, on possibly the hottest day of the year so far seems odd but it is the next and final part in my series on colour and personality.

The winter palette is not as broad as the other seasons. I can pick out autumn colours in many things and yes to a degree that is probably because as an 'autumn primary' myself, I resonate with them more, but autumn is without doubt a broader palette. There are no subtleties about winter. It's all about extremes and strong colour contrast; bold intense colours against icy hues, black against white being the most extreme example. The winter colour spectrum is blue based, good examples being magenta, pistachio green, ice blue, violet, fire engine red and forest green. You will find black only in the winter palette; use it with other seasons and it really jars.

As the colour contrast feature would suggest, the winter personality is bold and dramatic but not in an overly emotional way. A winter person would happily turn up late to a meeting, not feel awkward about making an entrance and quite possibly expect the meeting not to start until they arrived. The winter personality is cool, concise and straight talking. Uncompromising and able to work in a focused way yet at the same time bigger picture people, a winter person will often make a good leader.

When it comes to interior style, winter is all about clean lines and absolutely no clutter. Finishes are glossy, shiny and polished metallic. Patterns include bold stripes and geometrics. Glass and diamonds are also very winter. A person with autumn style and a love of

collections and organic finishes would not be an easy person for a winter primary to live with. Expect to see signature key pieces in a winter scheme, pieces that create drama but in line with the minimalism of this personality you would only see one stand out piece in any given space. It is described as the most common design style in English speaking countries as it is seen as aspirational.

Winter is luxurious but in a modest, minimal way. Luxury brands gravitate towards this palette as it is sophisticated, prestigious, opulent premium and innovative; it shrieks class. Businesses such as Chanel and Jo Malone are great examples of winter branding. Winter can also be quite avant-garde; Victoria's Secret is a winter brand.

I was interested to learn that of all the seasons, winter is a personality which people will assume despite in fact being much more aligned to another season. Since studying colour psychology I certainly notice this more. You might find people decorating their home in winter style since that's the aspirational look they want to project. Many years ago I read an article where Kelly Hoppen talked about the "public you" and the "private you", citing our living spaces as the rooms we design for impact for visitors to our homes and that we design our bedrooms in a more personal way, comfortable in the knowledge that they are very private. Whilst this is not something I do myself nor encourage my clients to do, I do recognise that this happens. Similarly with clothing, I have come across women who will dress as a winter personality when they are more in tune with one of the other seasons. Brands do it too. You will find high street retailers packaging their premium products using black – it looks elegant, it states luxury but of course the product has to stand up to that. So spring, summer, autumn, winter – which one are you? Having established your seasonal personality type, making interior design choices should be much easier.

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Shenstone celebrates its 50th Anniversary

On the scorching Bank Holiday Monday at the beginning of May, residents of Shenstone gathered to hold a street party celebration of the building of their houses, back in 1968. Previously on the site had been a large Edwardian house called Cotmaton, built for one of the local Leslie family, around 1902. This was demolished to make way for the cul de sac of 13 houses, with a further three being added in the 1980s and 90s.

The youngest attendee resident was three year old Katie Kremer, who along with her family, are also the newest to join this happy group of Lindfield residents.

As the day was so hot many parasols and tents had to be put up in addition to the bunting! Barbecues were rolled out and with a table laden with salads and cakes, beers and soft drinks, the residents set about having lots of fun in the sun.

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Village Show reaches 40!

By Claire Cooper

When Scaynes Hill residents Eileen and Peter Pratt were asked by the vicar to 'get something going for the village', they could never have guessed that they would begin a tradition that would bring together gardeners, cooks, photographers and crafts people for the next 40 years!

Since the suggestion, from the Rev William Gibb in 1978, the Scaynes Hill Flower Show has grown to become one of the most popular events in the village calendar with residents of all ages competing to win prizes and trophies.

This year the show organisers are marking the 40th anniversary with a special event which includes re-creating the very first show schedule.

Committee members have also been putting together a display and researching the history of the show, which has thrown up a few surprises.

"When searching newspaper archives we discovered that the village show tradition goes back even further than we thought," said committee member Dianne Elliott. "Newspaper reports from 1921 record that the members of Scaynes Hill WI organised the first ever Show.

"Monthly meetings were held at Scaynes Hill House, and in July 1925 a Village Show was held at a gymnasium in Clearwater Lane and the 107 entries included rabbits and poultry!"

Research also shows that the Scaynes Hill Horticultural Society was formed early in 1934 holding its first annual show in July in the grounds of Lychgate Cottage, the home of the Chairman Mr F P B Sanderson.

As well as the Show there were trade displays, sideshows and stalls, with tea in the garden served by the Scaynes Hill WI. There was also a dancing display, tug of war competition, a tea served by the WI members and dancing into the evening.

Similar events took place at Lychgate Cottage, The Anchor Inn and Inces field until May 1940 when members agreed to discontinue the shows for the duration of the war.

There is no information about what happened after the war but the tradition re-emerged in 1978 when Eileen and Peter Pratt, responded to the request from St Augustine's vicar William Gibb to organise a community event.

The couple's first Spring Show was described in the Mid Sussex Times as 'an overwhelming success.'

Show secretary Eileen told the newspaper that entries exceeded her expectations and that the show would definitely become an annual village event. "For a small village, a great deal of talent has come to light on this occasion," she added.

Photographic entries ranged from scenic landscapes and informal family shots to reindeer, elephants and family pets. Children made decorated eggs while the adult craft entries included cuddly toys and delicate embroidery.

Peter and Eileen continued to organise the show for 13 years and a trophy dedicated to them is still awarded to the winner of the best exhibit in the Amateur Photography Section.

In 1992 a special show banner was designed and painted by art section judge Bernard Bradford, which is still displayed at the annual show.

"The longest serving judge, Barry Baker has been judging the horticultural section since 1989," said Dianne. "Our cookery judge, Mrs Helga Race, has the unenviable task of tasting the varied exhibits in the cookery section before having lunch which our dedicated team prepares for the judges and volunteers, without whom the Show could not continue.

She added that members of the Scaynes Hill WI provide scrumptious afternoon refreshments for visitors.

Today the show is organised by a team of dedicated committee

members. "We set out to cover our overheads but thanks to generous support we often accumulate a surplus which is used for the benefit of the village," said Dianne. "In 2009 a bench was purchased and is sited in the north-east corner of the recreation ground."

Last year the committee updated the show stationery using the winning entry of a Junior Class from the 2016 Show. "The cost of this exercise was met from a single donation for which we were very grateful," added Dianne. "Our printing costs are kindly sponsored by a village-based martial arts school."

The number of entries peaked in 1995 at 461, the average over the last 10 years being 261 and the show has only been cancelled 3 times during the last 40 years.

Schedules are delivered house to house around the village by members of the Scout Groups and spares are available at the back of the church.

"We always encourage new exhibitors, the only stipulation being that you are a resident of Scaynes Hill or a member of one of the village organisations," said Dianne.

"The atmosphere is very relaxed. It doesn't matter if you forget to put the banana in the banana loaf, drop your flower arrangement in the car park or arrive a week early for the show with all your best exhibits from your garden and kitchen – we just have fun and enjoy meeting other villagers whose paths we may not have crossed!

"We look forward to welcoming everyone to our 40th Anniversary Show on 1st September."



Great drama rehearsed in Lindfield

The Gielgud Academy of Performing Arts (GAPA), now based at Great Walstead School in Lindfield, held its annual end of year production at the Hawth in Crawley in June. Over 150 pupils age between 5 and 18, from Lindfield and surrounding areas all took part in the dance, drama and musical theatre production called Showtime 2018.

The performance included a full-length ballet of the Carnival of the Animals, and a contemporary dance to Bach's We Sit Down In Tears depicting the crucifixion of Christ. Musical theatre numbers from Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Beauty and the Beast and West Side Story were performed to music played live by the seven piece GAPA Band onstage. After the matinee and evening show came the annual prize giving ceremony where VIPs, former British Prima Ballerina Dame Beryl Grey, Eastenders TV and West End star John Partridge and Republica rock star Saffron, presented over 40 medals, awards and cups to deserving pupils for progress and outstanding achievements.

Dame Beryl Grey said on the night: "Congratulations on a remarkable evening - what a lot of work you have put in to have achieved such a high standard."

GAPA recommences term in September, but has a summer school during August.



John Partridge with Peter Russell from Lindfield.

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Ella serves up a great story

Lindfield girl Ella Tingley was recently awarded runner up in a national writing competition sponsored by Pink Lady Apples.

'Write It' was the name of the Young Food Writer of the Year 2018 competition organised every year by the Guild of Food Writers.

Ella, who saw the competition in First News newspaper, entered back in April – when she had to write a 500 word story on the theme of food and celebration. She explains: "Mine was about an afternoon tea party gone wrong, where it rains! The idea came from a tea party that my sisters and I made for our parents' wedding anniversary. And I thought, what if it all went wrong?"

According to the Guild, this year had the largest number of entries yet – over 300. In May Ella received an email saying she was shortlisted to the top five of her age category. Then, in June she was told she'd been selected as runner up.

She was invited to special lunch at Borough Market



last month where she met three of the judges - Karen Barnes, Stefan Gates & Martha Collison. Other judges of the work included Rick Stein MBE.

"I was really pleased, but a little surprised to get runner up out of all the entries," Ella commented.

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Oathall Farm wins National School Award

The Oathall Community College farm team leaders recently attended the 'School Farms Network Education Alliance Awards' alongside Head of Farm, John Blackholly.

The team is thrilled to report that the Oathall School Farm collected the national winners prize for Innovation and Enterprise. Judges were full of praise about how the farm has developed creative ways to generate income, helping to sustain the wonderful and unique resource. Judges were greatly impressed with how the farm is run as a commercial business but at the same time has education at its heart.

Seven student farm leaders were also nominated in another category and we are equally delighted to report they received the national runners up award for Student Leadership. A tremendous achievement and one in which we are justifiably very proud, said Mr Blackholly. "These students have been outstanding this year, contributing so much and working so hard on behalf of the Farm. They are an absolute credit to their parents and the School Community. They fully deserve this National Award and recognition from the Schools Farm Network, very well done team."

The School Farm Awards 2018 are designed to celebrate and recognise the achievements of school farms, their schools and students from across the country.

For 2018 there were seven award categories and out of an impressive field of submissions, 17 schools were shortlisted and invited to the ceremony to find out if they had won one of the coveted winners' plaques.

The standard of submissions across all entries was incredibly high, and the judges were delighted to receive submissions from schools across the UK, including primary schools, secondary schools and colleges, special schools and schools with alternative provision. The judges enjoyed reading such a wide variety of submissions and finding out more about each unique School Farm: from school farms which use their sites to enable young people to develop their interpersonal, communication and sensory learning, to school farms

which run extensive commercial activity, schools which run Open Days for the local community and finding new and innovative ways to work together.

Mr Blackholly explained: "We will continue to develop the Oathall Farm resource and look forward to submitting further entries in future years to recognise the work of other students who contribute so much to the farm's success. Well done to everyone associated with our wonderful school farm."

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Kids choirs sing it out for local charity

By Victoria Keen

Children's choirs InChoon (6-11 years) and InSync (12+ years) recently sang their hearts out at the King Edward Hall, all in aid of local children's charity Time 4 Children.

Led by choir leader Lynne Fever, the concert comprised of two and half hours of amazing performances. The singing was wonderful and at times hauntingly beautiful. Opening the show with What About Us set the tone for the afternoon with the performers holding signs stating 'The time 4 children is now'. Lynne sang solo with her choirs supporting for the first half closing number Rise Up which was so moving it brought some of the audience to tears.

Lynne deliberately chose songs that, as well as being entertaining, had real emotion and meaning that resonated with the values and principles of Time 4 Children; which are to improve children's emotional well-being. Lynne fully believes in the ethos of Time 4 Children, that children need early support with their emotions and anxieties, Lynne commented during the



finale: "These little people become our bigger people so let's help the little people now so their worries don't grow with them."

The event was an outstanding success raising a total of just over £1,000 for Time 4 Children. These funds were achieved from ticket sales, donations on the day, raffle tickets and from a drinks and cakes stand.

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A show-stopping evening with TV bakers

International development charity Tearfund is hosting a fun evening of cooking and conversation, including a live baking contest, with Martha Collison and Will Torrent, as they talk about their career and their faith. The event will take place on Wednesday 12th September at King Edward Hall.

Martha was the youngest ever contestant on The Great British Bake Off, and Will appears on Sunday Brunch and Ready, Steady, Cook. Now the well-loved TV-bakers are being whisked off to Lindfield.

Martha Collison is a young British baker and recipe writer currently living in Brighton. Appearing as a contestant on The Great British Bake Off in 2014 was the start of Martha's career. Will Torrent is one of the leading pastry and chocolate experts in the UK with an award-winning patisserie background.

There will be a chance to ask any baking questions to the pair, share cake and hear about how faith has shaped their work. And, after a mystery baking challenge, some lucky people will be able to sample Will and Martha's creations!

The culinary pair will also share their experiences on recent trips with Tearfund, and tell inspiring stories of how Tearfund is supporting families in greatest need. Will recently met cocoa farmers in Ivory Coast and Martha visited Syrian refugees in Lebanon.

Furthermore, if you have what it takes to be a baking superstar, you can bring your home-cooked treats to be judged (kindly!) by Will and Martha live on stage. If you plan to bring something along you must let organisers know at least three days before the event. Please email volunteer@tearfund.org to enter the competition.

The event is free and is being held at King Edward Hall on Wednesday 12th September from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. To book tickets on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/2tayepW>. If you are unable to book online please email Chris Lee on chris@growthinternational.com or call her on 01444 484063.



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Derek's plea for a cashpoint

Lindfield resident Derek Kalyanvala appeared on a recent episode of BBC daytime TV series Rip Off Britain. In it, Derek was telling his story about the lack of a bank in the village for some years now.

The show explained that people in Derek's position find it hard to get about and utilising a cashback service at The Co-op isn't always the answer due to restrictions on the amount of withdrawal – sometimes it's not possible to do cashback at all.

Derek commented: "I find, when it comes to Christmas and birthdays for my grandchildren, I have to plan well in advance!"

He was asked to take part in the show, following an online survey by Which! Magazine. On the day of filming, in November last year, the crew shot in various locations around Lindfield including Derek's home, the tea rooms and in The Co-op. "The day started at 9am and ended at 5.30pm by which time my head was spinning," he commented. "It was an interesting experience but at the age of 82, I wouldn't repeat it!"

Derek has been told by the manager of The Co-op in Lindfield that the cashpoint is due to be reinstated in advance of the refurbishment of the store later in the year.

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Lindfield judged in blooming village competition

By Luke Mitchell

South and South East in Bloom judges visited Lindfield in June to judge the efforts of Lindfield in Bloom, a community group organised to look after the village's gardens, community areas and environmental concerns.

The results of the competition are to be announced in September, with potential winners being judged on several metrics: horticultural achievement, environmental responsibility and community participation. The scheme even includes a focus on reducing anti-social behaviour.

Peter Mountford, contracts manager, was judging the competition and has been in the horticultural industry for twenty years. He said: "The focal point of the village is down by the pond. I really like the allotments. We went over to the cricket green and to the bowling pavilion and saw where communities come together to actually change the environment in those areas."

The community focus is a key benefit derived for a village taking part in the competition. Jean Griffin, judge and trustee for South and South East in Bloom and BBC broadcaster concurred: "The biggest thing in actual fact is the community spirit, which is what it's all about to be honest. It's the sort of thing that brings people together." Jean told us about how this can work on a therapeutic level too. "One of the good things of course is horticultural therapy, or gardening for those who perhaps have mental health issues."

Heather Martin, founder of Lindfield in Bloom, likes the chances of the village in the competition: "The things that are happening in Lindfield already tick a lot of the boxes for what South and South East in Bloom



judges are looking for." Heather has seen first hand the hard work that has gone into preparing for the competition. "Most people passing through the village would probably assume that it's the council that does the work. It's not under the guise of the council, it's an individual who's taking a little bit of time and giving back to the community. Through Lindfield in Bloom and through the competitions we can say thank you to those people."

In the spirit of saying thank you, Heather also would like to extend a thank you to the Bent Arms pub: "Rose and Howard at the Bent Arms have been very generous by letting us have our meetings there. We'd like to say thank you to their team for their hospitality when we were able to entertain the judges. We'd also like to thank all the volunteers who have been doing their bit for Lindfield in Bloom and for the community."

The winner of South & South East in Bloom isn't announced until the ceremony on 14th September.

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War Memorial rededicated

By Lisa Barnett

The War Memorial in Scaynes Hill, a Calvary made from Sussex Oak, was first unveiled in June 1920, remembering the 16 young men from the village who never returned home from the Great War. It has undergone significant restoration work over the last year, for which we have received a generous grant from the War Memorials Trust.

As the work was nearing completion, early in 2018, we started to consider how we might rededicate this important memorial. Though it is sited in the grounds of our church, it is a village memorial, and so we were keen to invite the wider village to share in the rededication. The event became 'Scaynes Hill: then and now' and we invited lots of different village organisations to tell us some of the stories of their groups, from 100 years ago and today.

Over 100 villagers gathered on a sunny afternoon in June, almost exactly 98 years since the original dedication, to hear stories from 12 different village organisations, such as the village club, the WI, the Sustainability Group, the Scouts, the Cricket Club and the Primary School, interspersed by the Community Choir leading us in the singing of 'Sussex by the Sea'. Perhaps the most poignant story from that first ceremony was of how the village pub had hosted a special meal for the men of the village, the night before they left to 'join the colours'. The following morning, the Mid Sussex Times reported: 'The children of the school assembled at the top of the village and sang Rule Britannia and God Save the King as with cheers, the party drove off to Haywards Heath to entrain to Colchester'.

After sharing stories from the village, a representative from the Royal British Legion led us out into the sunshine, where we gathered around the War Memorial, for the rededication. We heard the words spoken by a former Vicar at the original dedication: 'Brethren, we are gathered in God's Name to dedicate this Calvary, in memory of the men of this place who fell in battle, to render thanks to Almighty God for the services which

they rendered and for their willingness to offer their lives for their country and King'.

Crosses were laid in memory of the 16 from the village who lost their lives in WWI, as well as further crosses for other lives that have been lost in conflicts past and present. It was a special time of thanksgiving, for the life of our village over 100 years, and for those who gave their lives 100 years ago, for the peace that we enjoy today.

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The duo's new venture – after owning the Toll House Store & Cafe for a number of years – focuses on their shared passion for interiors as they source one-off vintage items from antiques fairs and small batch products from specialist suppliers.

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Just Desserts

Oh Victoria, let me beclair. donut be croissant, you are the creme de la creme.

I roux the day I met you and I am not worthy to kiss your choux. I am so fond, ant I would walk a mille feux you. I know I am a pain, aux raisin to despair. I am not so vanilla, cus tardy as I am in my half baked approach I am no creme puff. I will not crumble, I am genoaine, homogenous, i will place your sweet heart in a vienese whirl. I will not trifle. God knows you are no french tart, but sundae My angel you will see my Cream horn rise to the occasion. Torte. Whipped up into a frenzy for a moment and icecream, and then scone!

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Just Deserts

He shifted, sliding the cardboard further under his buttocks, a bit of grit poking him in the backside. The ground was freezing. He blew on his fingers trying to warm them but they were stubbornly refusing to thaw out.

He had lost everything. His home, his family, even the bloody flea ridden cat with its doses of worming tablets.

All gone.

If only he hadn't taken it all for granted; been so greedy.

Now, looking back it had all been so perfect. Or was it? Had she noticed?

Playing around had seemed so much fun. 'Variety is the spice of Life' they say. Spending money like there was no tomorrow, flashing the cash with his mistresses, leaving the wife to pick up after him. He... had... taken... it... all - for granted.

Now, as he looked up at the sky with its crisp, clear night, he was remembering cosy evenings at home. Sitting round the fire eating crumpets with Brucie making them (all) laugh with his jutting out chin and comic retorts. He recalled her last words to him as puce with rage she spat 'I've had it, I've had enough! I've told you time and again, I'd let something go once, I'd let it go twice, but NEVER for a third time.'

'It WAS your turn to put the bloody bins out!'

He turned on his side. A sniffing stray dog cocked its leg and sprayed as furiously as the Trevi fountain.

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You get a sort of feeling, you just kind of know.

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Headlights and street lamps flash by and it's all a blur. One minute you're screaming, the next you're crying, praying, begging, sympathising, telling yourself it's impossible, miracles can happen, saying just wait, just wait for me, don't leave me, nope nope nope.

It's after hours so all the bays are empty. You don't care that your tire has gone over the line. You're out the door. Don't care if it's locked. Flying down familiar corridors that shouldn't be familiar but you've been coming here for weeks, you can even direct more lost visitors but right now you're the most lost even though you know where you're going.

You're banging on the door, ringing the intercom again and again until they buzz you through. You've not been thinking up till now and for an instant it's all going to be alright until the nurse takes you by the arms and shakes her head.

Then the floor is gone but you're still standing. The world tilts and they want you to sit down. They're pressing a juice box into your hand.

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They ask if you're ready, if they should take you in. You'll never be ready but you go in anyway. There they are. It's like they're asleep. It's got to be a joke, it's a joke right, they're going to sit up in a minute and all this will be undone.

No.

No apparently not. Not this time. No last minute luck.

It takes a while but eventually you find your voice. You ask for a phone because you've got calls to make and your mobile has got no signal.

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LINDFIELD PRIMARY

Phew! The summer holidays are here and we are all ready for some rest and relaxation after the busy summer term. Here's just a taste of what we've been up to.

Some of our Year 4 and Year 6 children attended the annual maths challenge at Ardingly College. Both teams did very well, with our Year 6 children winning all 3 rounds to come in first place.

School Council members from Year 5, Mia Walker and Jacob Roderick, took part in 'The Council of Councils' event at the Mid Sussex District Council office in Haywards Heath.

Year 5 were involved in the Mid Sussex Science Week, organised by the national organisation STEM together with local businesses. At the end of the week, twelve pupils represented the



year group at Clair Hall at the Mid Sussex Science Fair. With the support of their paired company WSP, the children presented the year group's learning around buoyancy, materials and circuits following a fun filled week of designing their own fan boats. The judges were really impressed with the children's understanding of their learning and they awarded our team FIRST PRIZE and a trip for the whole year group to the 'Big Bang Science Fair' at the South of England Showground.

Our Sewing Club has been involved in the 'River of Poppies' community project to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ending of the First World War.

Educational visits have included Dapdune Wharf and the River Wey in Guildford by Year 4 children, Wilderness Wood near Hadlow Down by the Year 1 pupils and Drusillas Park at Alfriston by the Year 3 children.



Closer to home Year 2 children enjoyed a walk around our historic village as part of their geography work, as well as an RE visit to Haywards Heath Mosque. Reception children had a fun time visiting Oathall Farm to get up close with the farm animals.

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From horseshoes to shoes

LINDFIELD HISTORY



John Sharman outside the forge

By Paul Schofield, Lindfield History Project Group

The building at 2 Denmans Lane, known to many as the Old Forge, is today the home of Happy Feet Boutique children's shoe shop. It was built in 1854 and is listed by Historic England as a Grade 2 building because of its architectural interest. The building is a classic example of a mid-Victorian village forge, hence its listing. It also reflects changes in the commercial life of Lindfield as it has been used by at least 11 trades in its 164 year old history. For most of that time it was used as a blacksmith forge.

The Batchelor family were the first to operate a blacksmith's business from the building. Edward Batchelor, Senior, was originally from Bolney, where he was baptised in 1783. He was the head of the family and had previously lived and worked in the 1830s at the site of the present day Red Lion. He later moved and lived at a small smithy at the corner of the High Street and Denmans Lane, prior to the building where Bliss is today, before the business was relocated in 1854 to the newly built forge at 2 Denmans Lane. Sadly Edward Batchelor Snr died that year and probably did not live to see his new forge in operation. His second wife, Lucy Batchelor, with whom he had five sons, continued the business with support from Edward's son from his first marriage, also called Edward. Edward Batchelor Snr with his first wife, Ann Stephens, had six children, three boys and three girls. She died in 1822, possibly in childbirth, aged 35 and is buried in Lindfield churchyard.

Maintaining the family tradition, all five sons from his second marriage also became blacksmiths working in Lindfield, Cuckfield and Chailey, with William the eldest son joining the family business. So for 27 years the forge was very much the home of the Batchelor family business. During this period Denmans Lane was known as Batchelors Lane, this name remained in use for many decades.

After Edward Batchelor's death in 1881, the last Batchelor to work the forge, it was acquired by John Trevatt. Upon his death in 1890, the business was taken on by his wife Mary Trevatt, who is described in business directories of the time as a 'supervisor of a blacksmith business'. This must have been quite unusual at that time. She was helped by Daniel Dovey, employed six years earlier by her husband, who continued working at the forge until 1924 and was a well known character in the village.

In 1892, Charles W. Wood took over the forge and whilst continuing as a blacksmith wheelwright and farrier, he expanded the business and occupied the shop (in the terrace that contains the Stand Up Inn) at the corner of Denmans Lane as his cycle dealership. He also sold and repaired mowing machinery, garden tools and stoves; and later advertised himself as a motor agent. Charles Wood served as a Cuckfield Rural District councillor and became quite an entrepreneur. He also had a shop on the Broadway in Haywards Heath selling motor cycles and cars. In 1905 he was running a Motor Omnibus

service around Haywards Heath, Lindfield and Cuckfield as well as a service to connect the railway station to Sussex Road. His business empire further expanded in 1908 with the acquisition of another cycle business in Hurstpierpoint. Charles Wood also entered the world of property development around 1905 and with a partner built West View, although only 17 of the planned 30 houses were built.

It would seem that by 1911, Charles Wood had overstretched himself financially and following a meeting with creditors his assets were assigned or sold. The Lindfield business was sold in 1912 to his half-brother, Thomas Wood, who had previously been the manager of the Lindfield site, and continued to operate from the premises as a shoeing, general smith and cycle dealer until at least 1918. Charles Wood's Haywards Heath and Hurstpierpoint businesses were sold to J T Hampton who had been an employee for 14 years.

By 1922 the forge was in the hands of John Sharman, who started there as an apprentice in around 1892 and remained for 60 years. For part of that time his business partner was George Fox. In 1922 they placed an advert in the Mid Sussex Times listing a range of services, giving the address as Batchelor's Lane. As the number of horses requiring shoeing declined there was still much need for a blacksmith. John Sharman was responsible for numerous examples of wrought iron work which still exist today in Lindfield, such as the gates at a number of properties including Old Place and at Porters on the High Street. He also fashioned the Lindfield village sign that stands on the corner of the Common, by the High Street, Backwoods Lane and Blackhill junction. This commemorates King George V's and Queen Mary's Silver Jubilee. It bears a shield of six Martlets for Sussex and a lime tree for Lindfield. It was unveiled with much ceremony by Blanche Cumberlege of Walstead Place on 6th May 1935; a day of great celebration in the village. Other examples of iron work probably fashioned by John Sharman include the sign stands for the Tiger, Bent Arms, Red Lion and a smaller one for Humphrey's Bakery. Also John Sharman for many years served as Captain of the Lindfield Fire Brigade operated by the Parish Council from the fire station in Lewes Road.

In 1900, the blacksmiths from the forge revived the old custom of firing the anvil in celebration following the relief of Ladysmith and Mafeking in the Second Boer War. It has since been fired as part of all Royal Coronation and



Bill Bartley shoeing a horse at the forge

Jubilee celebrations in the village. Previously, the anvil had been fired on St Clements Day to frighten off evil spirits. Today the anvil is fired on Village Day. It involves the anvil being put upside down on the ground and the hole at the bottom being filled with gun powder. A plug is added and when the powder is lit there is a large bang!

John Sharman died in 1954 and on his retirement a couple of years earlier, the forge was taken over by George Brown, his one-time apprentice, and afterwards to Bill Bartley. George Brown continued the tradition of firing the anvil. After almost 120 years the smithy at the forge ceased trading in about 1970.

The premises' connection with metal working continued in 1978 when it was used by Lindfield Engineering Ltd, who advertised themselves as precision engineers. It is believed they traded from the old forge until 1984, by this time the forge was very dilapidated. The adjacent wheelwright's shop was demolished but thankfully the old forge was saved and renovated, following a campaign by the Lindfield Preservation Society.

It was next used as a TV repair workshop by Bob Lambert, as an extension of his shop on the High Street. Between 1987 and 1991, it was a children's clothes shop called Scallywags run by Vivienne Clark. Over the next 12 years there were five different traders operated from the Old Forge at 2 Denmans Lane. Firstly a dress, hat and bridal hire shop called Beauty Salon, run by Valerie Holt. Then Green, Elliot and Crowe, opened their opticians practice before moving onto the High Street, now Lindfield Eyecare. A picture framing business followed, called Leave it to Jeeves run by Terry Jeeve, and next a florist, the Conservatory, again prior to their move to the High Street. The last trader to operate from this location prior to the current shoe shop was Lindfield Gifts and Interiors, a gift shop, which opened in 2003.

Happy Feet opened at the Old Forge in 2007 and is busy providing shoes for the children of Lindfield and beyond.

The original blacksmiths who worked at the forge could not have imagined that the building would still be standing 164 years later and that it has seen such a varied usage during that period. From shoeing horses to shoes for children!

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Clair Hall, on Perrymount Road, is used by thousands of residents across the whole of West Sussex, including Lindfield.

Following the Public Meeting held by the Haywards Heath Society in April concerning the future of Clair Hall the group has prepared a full report of the meeting which includes comments made by those members of the public who completed a brief questionnaire.

The report has been sent to Mid Sussex District Council and Haywards Heath Town Council and can also be found on the Haywards Heath Society's website under the Current Issues tab www.hhsoc.co.uk

Briefly, the outcome of the meeting produced the following salient points:-

- Clair Hall is a greatly valued facility
- The overwhelming majority expressed views favouring Clair Hall remaining on its present site
- Easy access to the hall is facilitated by close proximity to public transport links (train and bus) and good parking areas on site and nearby.
- The main hall offers the largest community meeting space within a considerable area, which is much prized by local and county organisations. There is no alternative of a similar size available.
- The hall offers multi-purpose uses with a variety of different sized meeting areas.
- However, there is a desire for the building to be enlarged and improved.
- The hall needs a higher public profile with better publicity and more 'kerb appeal' to attract attention and users.

The report concluded: 'Given the unremitting growth of Haywards Heath and the surrounding area, the need for Clair Hall in its present location cannot be overstated. It is to be hoped that Mid Sussex District Council recognise its worth and retain and improve it for the benefit of a rapidly expanding community. Its relocation or, worse, its loss could only deprive tax-payers of a valuable and valued facility important to the social well-being of the town'.

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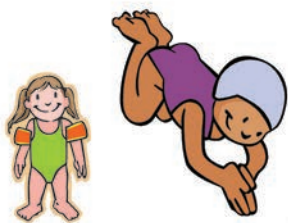
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LINDFIELD ARTS FESTIVAL

By Lynn Tulip

Put on your dancing shoes and tune up your vocal chords for the Lindfield Arts Festival Rockaoke Party on Friday evening, 21st September.

Rockaoke is coming to Lindfield, fresh from a summer of music festivals around the country. If you have ever fancied yourself as a lead vocalist with a rock band, here is your chance. Or if watching and dancing is more up your street, you too must join in the party fun at the King Edward Hall.

This event is sure to be a sell out so make sure you don't miss your chance of a ticket by visiting www.lindfieldartsfestival.com to book your tickets.

If you prefer your dancing at a more sedate pace, why not join in the free ballroom and Latin dance workshops which are followed by a Tea Dance with tea and cakes from Lindfield WI to try out your new moves. So whether you are a beginner or polishing up your dancing skills, join us on Saturday afternoon.

On Saturday evening (22nd September) we welcome FoxiVox! to King Edward Hall. Three well-respected women jazzers bringing stylish, witty and poignant interpretations of loved standards artfully mixed with lesser-known classics and original material. Music to lift

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On Saturday, the common will host a magnificent pink Literary Tent with a wide range of published authors reading from their books and offering workshops over the weekend. Children, young adults and adults are all catered for with encouragement to 'get writing' whatever your age.



Scaynes Hill knitters add to river

A creative bunch of WI members from Scaynes Hill have joined the campaign to create a River of Poppies to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One.

The members, who all belong to the popular craft group, have been busy knitting and crocheting dozens of poppies to add to the 'river', which will stretch from the Orchards Shopping Centre in Haywards Heath to the War Memorial on Muster Green.

The members have already completed over 100 poppies with star knitter June Ridley making 50!

The poppies were collected earlier this month by Sylvia Harris, organiser of the ambitious community project, which has captured the imagination of dozens of local organisations and groups, from scouts and guides to members of Age UK. The project aims to have planted 10,000 poppies from late September to Armistice Day on 11th November.

"It was lovely to meet Sylvia and hear all about the project," said WI member Sue Minter. "We handed over 128 poppies and had a go at assembling them onto their stalks ready for planting."




She added that members are continuing to make poppies for the project which is raising funds for the Royal British Legion and the Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity.


For more information about the project contact Sylvia Harris on 01444 617084 or email riverofpoppies18@gmail.com



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RECYCLE THIS...

WSCC Recycling Ambassador Colin McFarlin sheds some light on what can and can't be recycled in our domestic blue bins. If you have a question for him, email: editor@lindfieldlife.co.uk

It has been a pleasure to receive so many emails from you with your queries on recycling. By the time you read this I will have replied individually to all your emails to the editor on recycling. Do keep the questions coming...

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

The most popular item in my postbag is plastic milk bottle tops (May edition).

These cannot be recycled in your blue top bin, but there are many organisations that collect these and raise money for charity. Mine go to Princess Royal Hospital in Haywards Heath.

Thank you, Ann for letting me know that all the plastic milk bottle tops donated at both collection points in the hospital (in the reception areas of both the main hospital and the Hurstwood Park Unit) go towards their collection in aid of the Hurstwood Park Neurosciences Unit, located in the Royal Sussex County, or the Neurological Outpatients department at the PRH.

There is also their collection point in the Shoe Repairers and in the Bay Tree Café in the Orchards in Haywards Heath, if this is easier as a drop off point.

Also Sarah tells me she collects plastic milk bottle tops at Cuckfield Farmers Market for her special charity, the Springboard Project in Horsham.

You do not have to travel far to donate!

Another question from my mailbag was about recycling clothes that are not good enough for charity shops?

Yes, you can recycle clothes for rags, and charity shops are the best place. Put all the clothes in a bag and clearly mark rags and drop them off at your charity shop. I know the British Heart Foundation accept them as that is where mine go!

Marking the bag as rags saves them opening and sorting them, they go straight to the charities rags recycling scheme. Charity shops can sell rags for about £500 a ton.

Or drop them into the Clothes Bank at Sainsburys. There are other Clothes Banks as well.

Did you know Oxfam and M&S launched 'Shwopping'? Bring your unwanted clothes to an Oxfam charity shop, (Haywards Heath for example), and receive a £5 M&S voucher off a £35 spend on clothes, home and beauty products in M&S stores, as long as your clothes donation contains at least one item of M&S labelled clothing or M&S soft furnishings (excludes sale and clearance items).

Thank you for sending in your specific questions on recycling. Keep them coming

Look forward to hearing from you. Keep recycling.



Summer salads

SIMPLY GOOD FOOD

Curried chicken salad

(Serves 4-6, easily halved)

This is my take on the dish Coronation Chicken which was served at the lunch after the Queen's Coronation. When serving chicken cold, for the best flavour I like to use corn-fed birds. I have lightened the rather heavy original mayonnaise dressing by adding some fromage frais.

Roast 2x 1.2 kg corn-fed chickens and allow to cool before removing all the meat from the bones. Cut into bite-sized pieces.

Gently fry a finely chopped small onion in a dash of oil

until just soft, not brown. Stir in 1tbs each of curry paste, red wine vinegar, and tomato purée and 100ml red wine. Gently simmer until thickened – about 10 min, remove from the heat and stir in 3tbs mango chutney. Allow to cool. If wished, for a smoother sauce, buzz in a processor or push through a sieve – I like to leave it chunky. Tip 500g fromage frais into a large serving bowl, add the sauce and chicken and very gently fold together. For eye-appeal garnish with slices of fresh mango and lemon wedges.



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A main dish salad is the perfect meal for summer days, make it in the cool of the morning then serve with some crusty bread followed by a fresh fruit salad for dessert. Great summer food and perfect to take on a picnic too.



Pasta, salami and pesto salad

(4-6 servings)

Pasta is the perfect base for a main dish salad as it deliciously absorbs the dressing.

Cook 200g pasta (I like to use shells for this dish) to packet directions until just tender, drain well and tip into a large bowl. Add 2tbs oil and gently stir to combine. Finely slice a bunch of spring onions and roughly crumble 150g Feta cheese. Add to the pasta with 200g multi-coloured cherry tomatoes and a handful of black or green olives. In a small bowl whisk together 3tbs olive oil, 2tbs each of wine vinegar and prepared pesto sauce, 1tsp wholegrain mustard and seasoning to taste. Pour over the salad and gently stir to combine. Roll thinly sliced salami (about 100g) into curls and arrange around the edge of a large flat platter. Pile the pasta salad in the middle and garnish with some small salad leaves or herbs. Good with warm crusty bread.

Pickled cucumber

Very thinly slice 1 large unpeeled cucumber, tip into a colander, sprinkle generously with salt and leave to drain for 1 hour. Rinse with cold water, drain and spread on a tea towel to remove excess moisture. Measure 2tbs granulated sugar plus 4tbs boiling water into a jug, stir to dissolve then add 4tbs white wine vinegar and seasoning to taste. Tip the cucumber into a bowl (or a jar), add the dressing and chill for at least one hour before using – will keep 1-2 weeks in the fridge. Serve topped with chopped chives. Excellent with cheeses and cold meats.

Sweet toast with berries

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Reimagining Britain by Justin Welby

BOOK REVIEW

By Cavan Wood

The subtitle of this book is 'Foundations for Hope' and it is a timely examination of the state of the nation. The Britain of 2018 is a very different place from 2008. Just take two major moves – Brexit and same sex marriage. The fact that a culture could bring two types of change that seem to be heading in very different directions is an odd paradox of Britain. There are a number of people across the political, cultural and religious communities who feel confused and somewhat rudderless in this time of huge change. The Archbishop of Canterbury addresses this confusion head on and seeks to encourage us by examining the key building blocks of society by looking at issues like family, education, health, the world around us and personal morality issues. This is a wide ranging book, which seeks to engage the reader by seeking to learn from our Christian roots but not in a way which is exclusive, but calling common themes for all from the tradition. Welby wants us to think about the idea of the common good – what is good for all, not just the simple majority or the large minority – which is a difficult challenge for elected politicians. A thoughtful, impressive and prophetic book which fully deserves a wide readership as it is urgent to think about these issues.

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The Escape: Book 1 (Henderson's Boys) by Robert Muchamore

BOOK REVIEW

By Theo Billson, Year 8

This book, set in 1941, is about Charles Henderson (a British spy) who infiltrates France when Hitler is invading. He has to help two British children who are being hunted by the Gestapo as they have important blueprints for a new wireless.

Charles meets a boy called Marc who had escaped from an orphanage in France. Charles is reluctant to let Marc join him but after he realises that he would look much less suspicious if he went around with Marc, he let him stay. They need to reach the two children before the Gestapo find them. They also need to eliminate the creator of these blueprints before the Gestapo force the information out of him. Charles and Marc raid the hotel where he is under German guard and that is when Marc finds out how ruthless being a spy is, as Charles Henderson blows the inventor's insides onto the bathroom wall.

The children who have the documents stay at the house of a monk while they wait for Charles. When a man turns up on the agreed morning they ask him a question that he should know the answer to. What was the name of the ship that he and their father sailed on when they were working together? The man gets it wrong and a gunfight follows.

I like this book because it has a lot of action and is gripping the whole way through. It is also set in a fascinating time in history. I am currently reading the fourth book in this series and it is still very exciting.

These books are the prequels to the famous Cherub series and are not suitable for younger readers.

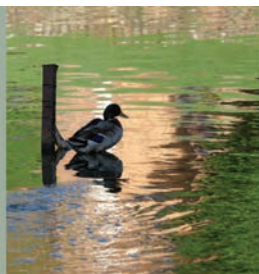
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Harry Charles Scutt

Able Seaman SS 5986. HMS Barham. Died of septicaemia at Haslar Royal Naval Hospital on 31st January 1917, aged 19. Buried Haslar Royal Naval Cemetery, Gosport.

Survived by his father, James Scutt of High Street, Lindfield.

Sidney Frederick Smith

Gunner 1779. Royal Marine Artillery. Killed in action, aged 24, at Ypres on 28th September 1918. Buried Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery B11.

Survived by his parents of Lewes Road, Lindfield.

Alfred Ernest Speer

Captain. Died in a London Nursing Home 8th March 1918, aged 50. Buried Christ Church, Esher, Surrey. Survived by his wife Edna Speer. Resident of Nether Walstead, Lindfield.

Harold Alfred Spiers

Boy 1st class. HMS Hawke. Lost at sea, aged 17, when HMS Hawke was torpedoed in the North Sea on 15th October 1914 along with a further 523 men who also died out of a crew of 595. Commemorated on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Southsea. MR3.

Survived by his parents of 3 Victoria Terrace, Lindfield.

Arthur Springham

Private DM2/179004. M.T Company, 33rd Motor Ambulance, Royal Army Service Corps. Died of smallpox in Baghdad on 4th November 1917, aged 39. Buried Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery, Iraq.

Survived by his wife. Resident of Manor House Cottage, Lindfield.

Harold Leon Tingley

Private G2414. 8th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Died of influenza at Haywards Heath Cottage Hospital on 3rd September 1919, aged 25, having served on the Western Front for 4 years. Buried Walstead Cemetery.

Survived by his wife, Emily Tingley of Carmel Lodge, Scaynes Hill, later of 3 Eastern Cottages, Lindfield, and his mother Mrs Waller of Fountain Cottages, Ardingly Road, Lindfield.

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By Martyn Gooch, partner Rohan Solicitors

Question: I am one beneficiary of a Will which I believe the deceased was put under pressure to sign. I want to contest the Will. What can I do?

Answer: It is not uncommon for loved ones that thought they would be included in a Will to be disappointed when they discover they are not, or find out they are receiving less than they had expected.

Occasionally there are circumstances surrounding how a Will was made, or the content of a Will, that arouse suspicion and uncertainty amongst beneficiaries. For example, an unexpectedly large gift to a surprise beneficiary or a new Will being made just before death. This often leads to the beneficiaries investigating how the Will was made.

When a person wishes to challenge the validity of a Will the burden of proving wrongdoing rests with that person and it can be extremely difficult to prove that the deceased's decision-making process was undermined or influenced by another person as the key witness is, of course, the deceased. Typically, to successfully contest a Will on the grounds of undue influence, you will need to prove coercion such as physical violence (forcing someone to sign a Will) or verbal bullying (pressurising a person to change their Will).

In the absence of sufficient evidence to prove undue influence, you may wish to consider whether there are alternative claims that could be made against the estate. For example, unexpected omission of a gift to a close family member could lead to a claim that the deceased did not fully understand or approve the contents of the Will. Likewise, if there is a question mark over the will-maker's mental capacity at the time of making the Will it could give rise to a claim.

If you genuinely believe that the deceased was coerced when making their Will you should advise the executors immediately. If probate has not yet been obtained it is possible to apply to the Probate Registry to temporarily stop it being granted. This will prevent the executors from distributing the deceased's assets and will give them time to consider your potential claim and investigate further. If probate has already been granted you may need to take formal legal action to make a claim against the deceased's estate. Where a court decides that a Will is invalid, if there is not an earlier valid Will, then the deceased's estate will be distributed according to the intestacy rules.

Court proceedings of this nature can be complicated and it is crucial to seek expert legal advice on the merits of your potential claim prior to taking court action.

Martyn can be contacted by email on mgooch@rohansolicitors.co.uk or by telephone 01444 450901.

Will's story resonated with the village

By Claire Cooper

The story of Will Bennett, the former soldier and Lindfield schoolboy who sustained life changing injuries as the result of a climbing accident, has touched the hearts of our readers.

Following the story, in our April issue, and the appeal to raise £50,000 to get Will mobile and help him achieve his dream competing in the Paralympic games, donations have been flooding in and fund raising events organised.

Donations made through Will's Just Giving page or given directly to family friend and former neighbour Julie Reason have raised over £1,700.

In addition, members of Lindfield Bowls club raised £360 following their Club Drive competition, featured in last month's magazine. They were delighted when Will's mum Anne visited the club to pick up the cheque.



President Ron Langridge (Right) presents the cheque from Lindfield Bowls Club to Will Bennett's mother Anne

Blackthorns residents Sarah Richmond and Anne Pieckielon have also raised £350 after combining their Royal Wedding Street Party with a Bake Sale.

Sarah explained: "We'd already planned a joint 'front garden' bash for Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's wedding - not because we're mad keen royalists but because we love a knees up with our neighbours! But we were so moved by the story about Will that we decided to combine a Bake Sale with the party.



"We contacted Julie Reason who was very supportive, and asked friends and neighbours to bake cakes as well as inviting them to the event."

Anne says they were overwhelmed by the positive response. "We had the most amazing cakes turn up - Malteser-topped chocolate flavour, cake-pops on sticks, brownies and stacks of lemon drizzle cake - and people were so kind with their donations both on the day and afterwards." She added that everyone at the party signed a card Julie had brought along for Will sending their best wishes for his recovery.

"Special thanks go to Chris and Colin McFarlin who helped set up all the tables and marquee, and to the generous lady (you know who you are!) who could not attend the sale but who later popped £50 through Sarah's letterbox for the appeal," said Anne.

Sarah added: "We'd only expected to raise about £100 so were thrilled to get to £350 - we'd like to thank everyone who baked, attended, donated or helped - you are all brilliant."

Julie, who is in close contact with Will's parents, former village policeman and scout leader Geoff and his driving instructor wife Anne, has been overwhelmed by the response from Lindfield Life readers.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to all the readers who have so kindly donated to Will's appeal," she said. "I have received such generous donations, including some from people who don't even know the family. Together we have put together photos and a card which will hopefully keep Will motivated as he remains in hospital. Hopefully, with the help of Lindfield Life, we can keep people informed of Will's progress and of any future fund raising events."

She added that Will is still in hospital continuing with his rehabilitation.



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Lindfield's Pond Wardens relieved from duties

Lindfield Parish Council wishes to clarify for residents that Mid Sussex District Council is responsible for the management of the village pond. The Parish Council understands that the District Council is considering developing a new management plan for the pond, and in the meantime the Parish Council's volunteer pond wardens are not presently able to access the pond. The Parish Council will continue to liaise with the District Council regarding these issues.

Any concerns regarding the pond should be reported to the District Council in the first instance using the following contact details: By phone on 01444 458166 or email enquiries@midsussex.gov.uk.

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VILLAGE DAY FRAME PHOTOS

We took our Lindfield photo frame to Lindfield Village Day at the beginning of June and found many happy people who wanted to commemorate the day with a special photo.

Thanks to all those who got involved both here and shared online on the day.

If you want to get your photo in next month's magazine - why not send us a photo from your summer holiday? See page 50 for more details...






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Holiday snaps

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Jayne Cole in front of tsunami washed up Boat 813 Khao Lak, Thailand



Julian Purvey in Sorrento, Italy with Vesuvius in the background





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New growth 'Behind The Hedge'

By John Bartlett

The recent fine weather has encouraged a spurt of growth in the membership of Lindfield Bowls Club. So far 26 new members have signed up this year, which is keeping the club coaches fully occupied. On 29th June an evening of Bowls and Buffet was held for the benefit of the new members who took part in a Round Robin Competition and then sat down for a convivial meal. The club is now only a handful short of its target of 150 playing members.



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	7					2		1
							7	
					8			
	5	2		4	6			
4	6							
						1	3	
				9	5			2
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Find the solution to #25 in next month's magazine

#24 Solution

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

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

MSDC car park changes

Mid Sussex District Council is giving drivers the choice to pay for parking by card, cash or phone in Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath town centre car parks.

New payment machines will help make parking as quick and simple as possible by enabling drivers to pay for parking with a bank card or by calling, texting or using an app on their mobile phone.

Drivers can still pay for parking with cash in the conventional way but mobile payment is being introduced alongside cash payments as a handy alternative.

The MiPermit app is a quick, easy-to-use mobile phone service that allows drivers to pay for parking electronically, rather than with cash at a machine. By using the app you will not even have to visit the ticket machine and you can request a text message reminder when their parking is about to expire.

The new machines are expected to be installed in time for the summer holidays.



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What's on in August

AT KING EDWARD HALL

August

- 1st- **The Adventurers Art Club** – Annual Public Exhibition (Mrs Valerie Harvey 01444 455704)
- 5th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am (Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
- 9th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 16th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 23rd **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
- 30th **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am

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

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

AND ELSEWHERE

August

- 3rd **Much Ado About Nothing** – 6pm
Cuckfield Recreation Ground (behind the Queen's Hall) – Tickets £14/£12 each, £6 Children. Bring picnics, rugs or chairs. (Box Office 01444 454276)
- 7th **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – 10.15-11.45am
Franklands Village Hall - Branch meeting with speaker Clair Baldry (Subject - Retire With Rhyme) - New members are always very welcome (01444 483480)
- 24th- **The Attic Art Club Original Art Fair**
27th Ditchling Village Hall
- 26th **One Fine Day** – 11am-5pm, from 7pm
Balcombe Cricket Pitch - Fun Day raising money for Kent Surrey Sussex Air Ambulance with dog show, cake competition, food stalls, Zumba and live music in the evening from 7pm (Tickets £5, from Balcombe Stores)

September

- 1st **Scaynes Hill Flower Show and Plant Sale** – 2-4pm
Scaynes Hill Millennium Village Centre - Exhibits, popular plant sale, raffle and yummy teas kindly served by the WI – now in its 40th year! (admission 50p for adults, 25p for children)
- 1st **Garage Sale Trail** – 10am-2pm
Horsted Keynes – Organised by Friends of Chernobyl's Children. Pick up map on village green by Social Club

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