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## EDITORIAL

**By David Tingley, Editor**

As someone who is involved in both the Village Run and **Lindfield Village Day**, July is a welcome sight as it means that the pressure is once again off! If you went along to Village Day I do hope you enjoyed yourself. From my point of view it was a great day and my fears of rain were not realised thankfully! There is a **picture round-up** on **page 31** of this magazine.

**Jacqui Smith** talks about her **interior design workshop for kids**, which she ran during the Arts Festival in May, on **page 33**. She's watching for the designers of the future!

On the subject of **Lindfield Arts Festival**, I understand the organisers are **moving the date** of the event to 12-14th September next year. More on that in future months I'm sure.

On **page 36** there is the quarterly newsletter from **Lindfield Parish Council** - which provides updates on most things they are up to on our behalf. We also talk to key people in the **Neighbourhood Plan** process to ask some straight questions of the process - see the Q&A on **page 19**.

I'm pleased to report that we have lots of **news** in this month's issue. This starts over the page with not one but two award winners from Lindfield in recent widely recognised competitions. Well done to both **Martin Durrant (page 4)** and **Alison Eggert-Hobbs (page 5)**!

Elsewhere **Mark Revill** talks property on **page 14**, **Wendy McCallum** advises on how to get rid of headaches naturally on **page 20** and we have two **book reviews** on **page 35**.

**Claire Cooper** was very excited to meet a character from The Archers when she went along to interview **Roger Lawrence**, who lives in Lindfield. Read about his story and what he's been up to on **page 22**.

I hope that's enough for you for one month! Enjoy the read, and the summer sun when it comes!

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# NEWS

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## Martin wins Chelsea Gold for 38th time!

Lindfield resident Martin Durrant is best known in the village for being the creator of the Bonfire Society's Guy Fawkes effigy for 5th November. However, Martin has just picked up his 38th Gold Medal at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

The award was given for an exhibit of 'a range of orchids' by McBean's Orchids based in Cooksbridge, near Lewes. Martin has worked for McBean's for over 40 years, after training at Plumpton Agricultural College following school. "The flower show exhibitions are purely publicity really and, these days, we can't afford too much time working on them," Martin explains. He is now Nursery Manager at the plant breeding firm and says in recent years all the work happens in 2-3 weeks. "I was particularly pleased to include some of the original plants that were used in the McBean's display at the very first Chelsea Flower Show in this 100th anniversary year."

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# Lindfield cattle barn takes design award

Fulling Mill Farm now boasts an awarding winning barn on its site off Spring Lane. The 'roundhouse' barn, which was built over ten months and finished last year, scooped the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors' South East Award for Design and Innovation at a ceremony that took place in April.

Alison Eggert-Hobbs, who runs the farm with her father David, was very surprised when she heard their name read out at the Awards event. "You could have knocked me down with a feather. I never imagined a cattle barn would take the prize," she commented.

The barn was designed and built by specialists Roundhouse Building Solutions and was one of the first of this size to be built anywhere. The judges praised the design for its positive impact on animal welfare and the environment. Alison explains: "The air flow in the barn is incredible and this makes a real difference to the health of cattle held together in these numbers. The barn currently holds a 100-strong beef herd and they have been noticeably happier and healthier in their new surroundings," Alison concludes.

The huge 45 metre diameter barn is sitting on over 200,000 tonnes of hard core and its floor is made from compacted chalk. The barn is pictured on the cover.



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## Come dine with her

The chef of former Lindfield restaurant Watson's Brasserie is preparing herself for the adventure of a lifetime as she raises funds for Genesis Research Trust.



Paula Watson, who has herself suffered the devastating effects of having cancer in her thirties, will be cycling a 400 mile route across Sri Lanka - the same charity ride previously featured in Lindfield Life being undertaken by Jo Walker. Following her treatment Paula was unable to have children of her own. She explained: "I've also seen a number of friends and relatives go through the trauma of premature births and multiple miscarriages. What Genesis do is so important."

The first fundraising event will be a 'Come Dine with Me' event held at the Scout Hut in Eastern Road on Saturday 20th July. Details and the three-course menu are available direct from Paula by email (pollywot@hotmail.co.uk). Guests are required to pay a £5 deposit per head, and then what they believe the meal is worth at the end of the night. There will also be an auction of fun items during the evening.

Find out more by contacting Paula by email.



## Volunteers clock up 115 years service

Members of the Haywards Heath and Lindfield Committee of national children's charity Action Medical Research have been presented with special awards in recognition of their dedicated long service.

The six charity volunteers organise a number of local fundraising activities every year and have clocked up more than 115 years support between them. Committee Chair Jill Thomas said they had lots planned for the future and would love to attract some new recruits to help!

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# Charity Zumbathon

Lindfield based Zumba fitness instructor Esther Featherstone is organising a 12 hour Zumbathon, following the success of her world record breaking event in September last year.

The event will start at midnight on Sunday 25th August 2013 at Clair Hall in Haywards Heath and finish at 1pm on the Bank Holiday Monday. Esther is asking participants to join her for as long as they can. Thirty have already signed up to do the full 12 hours in aid of Chestnut Tree House – the only children's hospice in Sussex.

Esther says: "After beating the world record last year by doing over 39 hours of continuous Zumba, 12 hours should feel like one big party! I'm hoping to raise £5,000 for Chestnut Tree House and get fit at the same time! The local community were amazing last year and the support was incredible. Fingers crossed people will come and support me by joining in and dancing the night away!"

If you would like to join Esther (even for just two hours), then please contact her on 07764801167 or find out more by going to [www.zumbalive.co.uk](http://www.zumbalive.co.uk)



# Davina's trainer supports 80s Walk

Jackie Wren, Davina McCall's personal trainer, has pledged her support for this year's 1980s-themed St Catherine's Hospice Midnight Walk on Saturday 13th July in Horsham Park.

Everyone who signs up before 5pm on Friday 28th June will automatically be entered into a draw to win an exclusive training session with Jackie and her husband Mark at their private gym in Oxted. The couple not only train a host of famous faces but are well-known to women across Britain as they star in the hugely popular Davina McCall fitness DVD range.

Davina McCall commented: "I hope as many ladies as possible will roll on those leg warmers and sign up to the extra special 80s-themed Midnight Walk for St Catherine's Hospice this year. I know how special hospice care is and by taking part and raising funds you will be helping hundreds of local families."

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## School children help to fight polio



Pupils in the Silver Birch class (Year 3) at Lindfield Primary School came up with a great fundraising idea - a cake sale! They organised their parents to provide delicious cakes to sell to the Key Stage 2 children at break time and raised a magnificent £62.

Year 3 pupils are learning about Africa and the children found out that polio is a disease which affects many children in the world. At a school assembly, led by Haywards Heath Rotary Club, the children had been made aware of the "Focus on the Crocus" and "Purple Pinkie" campaigns, which not only raised money but also public awareness of the Polio Eradication programme.

A cheque was presented to Club President Alan Bray by pupil Doug Bain. Mr Bray told the children that the Club was so impressed with their efforts that it had decided to match the £62 pound-for-pound, making a total of £124 altogether.

Doug Bain said: "We would like to say a big thank you to our Mums and Dads for supplying the cakes, which will provide the oral polio vaccine for 248 children." For more information on how you could help the community, both local and international, go to [www.rotarysussex.org](http://www.rotarysussex.org)

## School Governor required at LPS

By Simon Head, Chair of Governors

Lindfield Primary School (LPS) has a governor vacancy and is seeking to recruit a governor from the local community.

It has never been a more interesting and challenging time to be a school governor. It's a changing educational landscape, both from central government policy changes to local government funding reductions. In response schools are increasingly working more closely together, looking for ways to continue to provide the services they need. The school's planned expansion from 420 pupils to 630 is underway and work on site is due to start shortly. The challenge is to have a strategic plan during such times of change, whilst not taking our eye off the most important activity of ensuring that the school continues to deliver the very best education. If this sounds like an interesting challenge then we would love to hear from you. Ideally you will already have some knowledge or experience of the educational sector but this is not essential.

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## Strictly Country Dancing

By Helen Hicks

A long tradition of country dancing has continued this year at St Augustine's School in Scaynes Hill.

The whole school joined in with enthusiasm in a vibrant programme of dances that included Drops of Brandy, Brighton Camp and the Pat-a-cake Polka. Year 5 and 6 children brought the event to its grand finale by dancing around the maypole. They performed intricate weaving dances finishing with the well named Spider's Web dance. The event was given a historic feel this year with the children and staff in Victorian costume, a link to this term's work.

The event is always popular with parents and friends, with one grandmother commenting on how important it is to keep these older traditions going. May-time country dancing is likely to remain a fixture in the school's calendar for many years to come.



## MUD MOB completes challenge

By Lisa James

We did it! Twenty two of us completed the Kamikaze at Pippingford Park. The team spirit was amazing.

The event started for the 'Pink Ladies' with a deafening cannon blast and fire crackers/smoke cannons blasting out of the hill which we had to run down and then back up again. It was then on to the forest trails, trying to avoid the tree roots on the ground and the branches in your face. Once through that we came across the river crossing. This swollen river was literally up to our necks, so we pretty much swam across – it was freezing!

We all thoroughly enjoyed it and to date we have raised an incredible £1,800 for iPads for Blackthorns CP School, and this figure is still rising.

Would we do it again? Absolutely, but next time there needs to be a MUD DOB (Dads of Blackthorns) team to complement the MUD MOB. Watch this space!




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## Toll House explorer reunited

When Lindfield businesswoman Jackie McGahan looked for an ice-cream supplier for the Toll House cafe, fate played a helping hand.

In choosing Brighton-based Boho Gelato, Jackie was also reuniting ice cream entrepreneur Seb Cole with the village that played an important part in his childhood.

It turns out that Seb is the grandson of the former owner of the Toll House, Frances Cole, and spent many happy days exploring the nooks and crannies of the High Street shop.

"I first met Seb when we worked together on the Hungry Sailors programme," said Jackie. "I thought at the time that if I ever wanted to sell ice cream, he would be by my first choice."

Several years later, Jackie found herself running the Toll House cafe in the High Street and with it came the opportunity to introduce speciality ice cream to the village.

When she mentioned that the business was in Lindfield, Sam said he would look forward to delivering as he had many happy memories of visiting his grandmother who used to live and run a shop in the village.

"We were both amazed to discover that the shop was the Toll House!" said Jackie.

Seb took up the story: "I can remember the shop frontage very well but my favourite place to play was in the cellar!

"My brother Ben and I used to get out my granddad's old toys and trains that were stored there.

"My grandmother was very strict and we were told not to touch the clothes."

Once grown up Seb began his career as a printer but links with an Italian company meant regular trips to Rome, where he became passionate about ice cream.

He enrolled on a training course to master the art of making traditional Italian gelato. "The key to making gelato is to use extra creamy non-homogenised milk," said Seb. "We buy it fresh each day from a local supplier."

Since then he has created 400 flavours of ice cream, ranging from the fruity strawberry 'eton mess' and the decadent fig and mascarpone to the popular peanut butter and sea salt caramel, all on sale at The Toll House.

For those wanting something out of the ordinary, such as bacon and maple syrup or 'starry night' – a concoction of beetroot, berries and licquorice – orders can be placed with Jackie.

## Art on the Line

'Art on the Line' will transform waiting rooms into mini art galleries across the Southern network, starting with Haywards Heath station.

This unique and innovative platform for promising young art students, emerging artists and professional artists is the brainchild of creative arts entrepreneur Nigel Ryan who has teamed up with Southern Railway, The Gielgud Academy and Rohan Solicitors.

Nigel Ryan, Director of The Creative Reach Consultancy who is the architect of Art on the Line said: "Having owned art galleries and curated exhibitions internationally, I am aware of the talent that's out there but unfortunately it doesn't always get the exposure or have the physical platforms to be exhibited or displayed. So I hope that with this collaboration with Southern and the sponsors we will be able to create those platforms."

The inaugural exhibition is being sponsored jointly by Rohan Solicitors, who are agents for Carlos Acosta the world-renowned ballet dancer, and The Gielgud Academy, run by Lindfield residents Piers and Suzanne Gielgud.

## BSW recycles or reuses 98% of its waste

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# Summer bumper sales?

## SUMMER PROPERTY UPDATE

### By Mark Revill

In my last update I stated that hopefully we had put the poor weather behind us, unfortunately for all of us this has continued for several more months! This seems to have had a detrimental effect on the property market, delaying many peoples plans to move during the spring months and it is widely anticipated that we will see that pent up demand transferred to the summer months.

House prices remain stable and, although many tabloid newspapers are suggesting price rises, it is really only London which is currently bucking the trend and distorting the figures, although we are hopeful that the increase in prices will eventually ripple out to Mid Sussex.

To achieve a sustainable housing market we need to see movement throughout the market from the bottom to the top. First Time Buyers are still struggling to find the deposit necessary for the mortgage and we are seeing more and more buyers using the bank of 'Mum & Dad' to step in and assist. Some parents are even downsizing earlier than planned to free up necessary funds to help their children on the first rung of the property ladder.

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## More large-scale development in Lindfield

By Gil Kennedy

Regrettably, Mid Sussex District Council has granted planning permission for yet another large housing estate to be bolted onto the village of Lindfield. The Waters scheme is clearly unsustainable and offers no benefits to counterbalance the considerable harm it will do. It therefore fails, in our view, to meet the requirements of national planning legislation. It was clear from the district planning committee's discussion that there was little support for the proposal, and yet a majority of councillors flinched at the prospect of fighting an appeal by the developer.

We would like to thank those councillors who had the courage and vision to support our community.

Councillors who voted for Waters, and who may be tempted to think that they have reduced pressure on their own constituencies by sacrificing Lindfield, should think again. By advertising that they are not willing to face appeals, they have effectively handed control of planning policy to developers. Sadly, communities across the district are now likely to pay the price.

## Wrought Iron Bus Stops

The Parish Council and Lindfield Blacksmith Richard Bradshaw have agreed a plan and removal of the Litter Bin attachments and renovation of the poles is now nearing completion with several already re-installed. If anyone has an idea for recycling, rather than scrapping, the old 'half round' Litter Bins please let the Blacksmith, Parish Council or Preservation Society know. The Society offered to fund a trial modification and siting for one of the 'surplus' litter bins but this was not accepted by the Parish Council.

## Old Pond work

The 'Old Pond' between The Limes and Eastern Road Nature Reserve. Still no progress but MSDC have improved the main footpaths on the Eastern Road Nature Reserve and there is evidence of recent tree surgery.

## Street Lighting

We have previously commented upon the increasingly 'tatty' state of the WSCC maintained lamp posts along the High Street and elsewhere. It is now believed that nothing will be done to rectify this situation until 2014 – maybe!!



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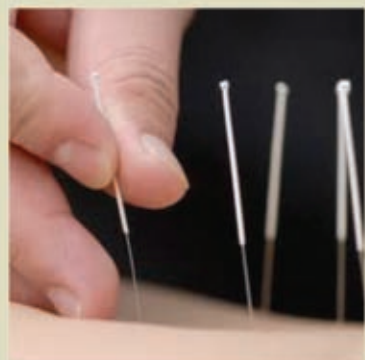
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# Lindfield Rural Parish Council

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT UPDATE

At the last publication of Lindfield Life the Waters proposal to build 230 homes had not been determined. We regret to say that MSDC Councillors with a majority of 7 to 4 agreed to ACCEPT the Waters application.

It was a hard fought campaign against the proposal of Waters to build the 230 homes by the residents, Preservation Society and Parish Councils and a public demonstration outside the District Council offices showed quite clearly the depth of feeling within the community. I would like to thank all those residents who attended the meeting and the few who were able to speak at the MSDC Planning Meeting.

**By Cllr. John Dumbleton, Chairman, Lindfield Rural Parish Council**

I would like to amend a typographical error that occurred in the Chairman's Report where a figure of 11,600 homes was quoted to be built within the District to 2031. The figure should have been 10,600 in the Mid Sussex area. I apologise for the error.



## Insania in the Park

Peter Andre has chosen Victoria Park Haywards Heath as one of his Summer Tour venues on Friday 19th July. Bring your rugs, chairs and picnics to this It's Magic staged event and enjoy a truly magical evening. Licensed bar and food available throughout or enjoy a special VIP experience in the Hospitality marquee.

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# What exactly is a Neighbourhood Plan?



As you may or may not be aware, the village has started the process of creating a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. However, in the wake of the decision by MSDC to grant permission to Wates to build over 200 homes off Gravelly Lane to the East of the Lindfield, we ask some key questions of Faustina Bayo (from Action in Rural Sussex), Andy Spooner and Alan Gomme from the Lindfield Parish Councils.

## What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is a framework and policies for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of an area. It forms part of the statutory development plan for the area when it passes a referendum. It may deal with a wide range of social, economic and environmental issues (such as housing, employment, heritage and transport). Neighbourhood Plans have to be subjected to an independent examination and referendum in order to bring them into force.

## Who is putting it together?

Neighbourhood Plans can be prepared by either a parish/town council or a neighbourhood forum where there is no parish/town council. The Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan is being put together by representatives of both Parish Councils, with enormous help from various community working groups. They are being guided by the consultants from Action in rural Sussex (AirS).



## What or who is/are AirS? Are you a company profiting out of this legislation?

AirS is an independent charity supporting rural communities. Community planning has been a key service for many years. Neighbourhood plans are a community plan and we have the local expertise and knowledge to provide a service to parish councils to assist them in developing their NP. For more information about AirS, visit [www.ruralsussex.org.uk](http://www.ruralsussex.org.uk)

## In the light of the approval of massive development off Gravelly Lane, why should we bother with this? Won't the Neighbourhood Plan also just be ignored by Council/Government?

An approved Neighbourhood Plan's policies are full planning policies and have the full force of law within the area covered by the plan. All applications for developments during the 20 year life of the plan will be expected to conform to them. The Wates application did not have to conform to any Neighbourhood Plan policies because the NP does not yet exist. Also, MSDC does not have an approved District Plan and could not demonstrate a five year land supply.

## Will it just look like a plea from 'NIMBYs'?

No, because the NP will not stand up to scrutiny - or be adopted by the local authority - if it simply objects to all development and growth. It has to be in general conformity with the emerging District Plan which will inevitably include growth targets for the area. NPs are about maximizing the benefit of this development for the community and shaping it as much as possible by type, tenure, location, scale and method of delivery; not simply saying no.

## When is it likely to be completed and in place?

The aim is to have the plan ready for submission to the local authority by November 2013 for a referendum in May 2014.

## If I have got a comment or opinion on the future of Lindfield, where can I voice it?

Please contact either Lindfield Parish or Lindfield Rural Parish Council by telephone or email in the usual manner (full contact details appear in the Lindfield Parish Directory & Year Book).

# A natural approach to headaches

## NATURAL THERAPY

By Wendy McCallum

I think that most of us at some time or another suffer from headaches. Whether it be just an occasional one or something more regular, we all know how frustrating and debilitating they can be. Taking a paracetamol or some ibuprofen will sometimes relieve the symptoms. But it can be useful to know some other ways of alleviating headaches more naturally.

One of the first things worth doing is to try and see if you can identify the likely cause of the headache and to see if you can remove or reduce the cause. There can be many different reasons but one of the most common is actually dehydration! When we're dehydrated the body takes fluid from all around the body to keep it going, including from the brain, so this in itself can cause a headache, along with the fact that the lymphatic system is compromised and can't clear the waste effectively from your body, which in turn can make you feel slightly 'toxic' leading to a headache. Some other causes could include muscular pain (especially in the neck and shoulders), sinusitis, physical or emotional tension, heat exhaustion, side effects of medication, eye strain (perhaps from working on a computer or being in poor light), tiredness or allergies.

From an aromatherapy perspective, two particularly useful oils are lavender and peppermint. Both oils are very effective analgesics (pain relievers) and where lavender has a sedative effect, peppermint has a more stimulating effect, which many over-the-counter remedies include, to counteract the slightly depressive effect that the tablets can have.

Lavender can be used neat on the temples, whereas peppermint should only be inhaled neat or used diluted on the skin. For ease you could put a drop of each oil on a cotton wool pad or handkerchief and inhale from it regularly. Don't inhale straight from the bottle of oil regularly, as the more the oil is exposed to the air the quicker it will degrade.

Headaches caused by catarrh or sinusitis benefit from inhalations with lavender and eucalyptus to help to clear the nasal passages, help with the pain and to fight the infection too. Put two drops of each oil in a basin of hot water, cover your head with a towel and inhale for five minutes with your eyes closed. This method is not recommended for asthmatics without guidance from a qualified aromatherapist.

Headaches aggravated by allergies may benefit from a combination of lavender and camomile as camomile, as well as being a very effective analgesic, is a well-known anti-allergenic oil. In cases of allergies, I would suggest diluting two drops each of lavender and camomile into 15mls of a carrier (oil or cream) and massaging it on to your temples and chest.

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# Roger Lawrence

VILLAGE PEOPLE

By Claire Cooper

A steam train pulls away from the station – a solitary figure emerges through a cloud of smoke and a young Jenny Agutter utters the immortal words: "It's my Daddy!"

The classic scene from *The Railway Children* has brought tears to the eyes of generations of film fans, including a Lindfield actor who captured the moment for thousands of theatregoers last summer.



Roger Lawrence – acting name Roger May – played the father in the hugely successful and Olivier Award-winning adaption of the *Railway Children*, which drew huge audiences to the site-specific theatre at London's Waterloo Station last summer.

Night after night audiences were moved to tears in one of the most successful family shows staged in recent years.

"The set was built on the old Eurostar line, with 500 seats on either side of the platform," said Roger, who also played the doctor. "It was a wonderful experience."

Roger, who lives in Meadow Lane with his wife and daughters Amy and Tasha, is enjoying a successful and

varied acting career – from playing female roles in school productions, to regular appearances in the world's longest running radio soap opera *The Archers*. He is currently shaping up for his next role in *Dr Who*.

The youngest of four boys, Roger's interest in acting emerged at an early age. "I suppose I wanted to do something my older brothers had not done," he said. "Acting gave me a chance to be someone else and explore different behaviours. In fact, it's not unusual for youngest siblings to become actors."

He first took to the stage in productions at his boarding school in Bristol. "It was a boys' school and I was often cast in female roles!" said Roger. "But I must have done something right as, when I played Nancy in *Oliver*, I got fan mail from both sexes!"

After leaving university with a single honours drama degree, Roger took a year off and formed a theatre company to perform 'The Jail Diary of Albiel Sachs', the story of a real South African lawyer who spent 168 days in solitary confinement in the 1960s (based on a true story).

"We took the play to a theatre festival in Canada – and were delighted when we were asked to stay on to do extra performances after the show sold out," he said.

On his return to England, Roger won a place at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School playing, amongst others, Sky Masterson in *Guys and Dolls* and Ford in the *Merry Wives of Windsor*.

"I was lucky as the school was acknowledged to be one of the foremost theatre schools outside London and attracted top directors to come and do mock auditions," Roger recalled. Following one audition, Roger was one of four young actors who caught the eye of director Patrick Sandford. "He invited us to audition for a show at the Nuffield theatre in Southampton," said Roger. "I was lucky enough to be offered a part in *Much Ado About Nothing* before I had even left drama school."

The role led to Roger being cast in four plays there



over the years. "One of the most memorable was Twelfth Night, when we had a proper swimming pool in the middle of the stage," he said.

"Another show there was 'And a Nightingale Sang' – set during the blitz." Patrick contacted the writer to ask for permission to re-set the play in Southampton – it was originally set in the north-east. The writer said it could be set anywhere that had suffered in the blitz, which Southampton had, badly. We included some local references and incidents and it ended up being a very powerful piece of local theatre."

Roger's career continued to flourish and, following seasons in Exeter and Harrogate came the opportunity to try something different – radio work.

"I auditioned to join The Radio Rep – a stable of, at the time, about 20 actors," he said. "The audition included a speech and sonnet, then some paired-up dialogues. My roles ranged from a 40-year old father to the oldest man in the world!"

Roger was given a six month contract, extended to a year. "I did dozens of radio plays and readings and completely fell in love with radio," he said.

"What I love about radio is that it doesn't typecast you in the same way as stage and TV, and I've worked with some extraordinary people."

"At the time, everyone in radio wanted to be in one of the Inspector Morse plays, so I was delighted when I was asked to play Nicholas Quinn in an episode called 'The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn,'" Roger recalled. "However, when I received the script I found that Nicholas was a deaf mute who died on page 21!"

Roger met his wife, Hilary Maclean, in 1999, while recording a TV series in Bristol together. "Hilary's character was helping to plot revenge on my character, who was a slimy bigamist. It was an odd way to start a relationship."

After setting up home in London, the couple decided to move out of the capital after their second daughter, Tasha, was born and they chose to move to Lindfield.

"Of course, no sooner had we moved than I was offered more work back in London," said Roger, who had been playing Monsignor John Magee alongside David Suchet in *The Last Confession* at Chichester Festival Theatre, which transferred to the West End. "It was a fantastic experience," he said. "After a short tour, we had a very successful three-month stint at the Haymarket."

Other roles have meant flying out to film locations, including a particularly memorable trip to The Ukraine where Roger was among the cast in the first *Hornblower* TV series.

"That was a strange experience," he recalled. "We flew from Gatwick to Kiev and then transferred to an old twin propeller plane for the remainder of the journey where you could see the rivets moving."

Roger had to complete the journey there and back four times over the next four months. "I don't know which was worse – the flight or the fact that I had to have hair extensions glued onto my head for the whole time."

Roger also travelled to Morocco for a role in the biblical film *Jeremiah*, which starred Patrick Dempsey and Oliver Reed. He recalls meeting Oliver Reed in the hotel bar. "He saw me ordering a double vodka – a throwback to

my time on *Hornblower* in The Ukraine – commented that he was glad to see that I wasn't one of those 'sissy beer drinkers' and promptly ordered us a bottle of vodka each," said Roger. "That was the first time I met him."

But the part that has made Roger a household name with Radio Four listeners is James Bellamy – the wayward son of Lillian Bellamy, stalwart on *The Archers*.

"I couldn't wait to tell my mum that I had a part in the *Archers* – she's a huge fan so she was really proud and telling all her friends," said Roger.

She was less enthusiastic when it turned out that James Bellamy was a complete cad – turning up like a bad penny to swindle his mother!

Roger's character, described on the *Archers* website as a 'spoilt posh boy', has made regular return visits, always leaving a trail of chaos, but it remains one of his favourite roles.

Roger is also a familiar face on the afternoon soap opera *Doctors*, where he has played a clinical psychologist for the last three years.

His next TV part will be watched by audiences of millions but you won't recognise him in every scene. "I'll be appearing in a drama which marks the 50th anniversary of *Doctor Who*," he said. "The show is about the making of the very first series and I play the part of an 'extra' who appeared in the show for the first three years. It was great fun, as I got to play various monsters, including a Dalek, a Cyberman and a giant moth. David Bradley (*Argus Filch* in the *Harry Potter* films) plays the first doctor, William Hartnell, and there's an uncanny resemblance there. In fact the whole thing is very accurately and lovingly recreated."

The programme will be shown on the date the very first episode was shown. "Interestingly, the first programme coincided with the assassination of John F Kennedy, so TV was dominated by this event," said Roger. "The producers decided to repeat the episode the following week before episode 2 – the rest, as they say, is history."

He also appeared in the *Winslow Boy* with Timothy West, and in a radio version of *Death of a Salesman*. "It was recorded to commemorate Arthur Miller's 80th birthday," said Roger, "and we were lucky enough to meet him. He had an extraordinary aura about him – an amazing man."

With a talent for accents, Roger has been a popular choice for recording audiobooks. "I'm happy to do a variety of accents – which is often required in a 300-page book," he said. "Audiobooks are hard work, as they require a huge amount of preparation beforehand and a lot of concentration in studio. It's just you, a producer, a book and a microphone for the day."

Roger has recorded dozens of books including, recently, a series of nine of John Creasey's *'The Toff'* books.

"I've been very lucky in that I haven't had to find another job to make ends meet and I seem to have found a niche in voice work," he said. "When I left drama school we were told that 25% of actors would never earn a penny from acting in any given year, another 25% would earn under £5,000 and another under £20,000, which leaves only a few able to make a decent living. Well, 22 years later I'm still at it, so I guess I'm doing something right."

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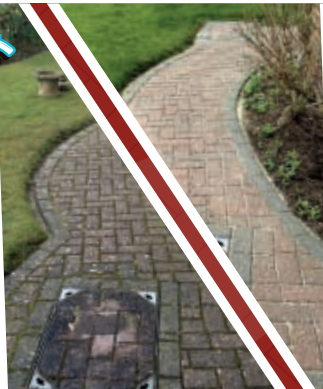
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By Caroline Young

With warmer (fingers crossed) weather ahead, lighter foods are more appetising than rich casseroles or roasts. Make the most of the wide range of fresh vegetables now available and serve along with barbequed or grilled meats, fish and poultry. Leafy salads are quick to assemble but I like to have one or two more substantial salad-type dishes in the fridge, where they will keep for several days to be dipped in to. Combining vegetables with rice, pasta, beans or other grains makes excellent well-rounded meals. The trick for a great result is to make a well-seasoned dressing and add it to the rice, beans etc when they are hot then they will absorb flavours far better. If the salad has been refrigerated allow to come to room temperature before serving for the best flavour. Here are a few of my favourites...

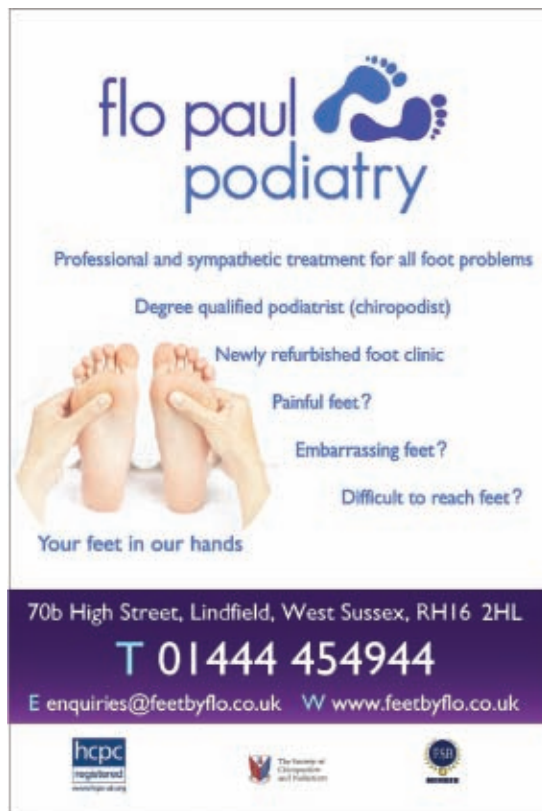
## Lemony Lentil and Artichoke Salad

In a salad bowl whisk together the finely grated rind and the juice of 1 unwaxed lemon, 50ml olive or other fruity oil, 2tsp clear honey, 1tbs wholegrain mustard and 1-2 crushed garlic cloves. Tip a 400g can lentils into a pan and bring to the boil over low heat. Drain well and immediately add to the dressing, stirring to combine. Drain a 400g can artichokes (in brine), quarter each artichoke and add to the bowl, along with a finely chopped red onion. Season well and allow to cool slightly, then serve (or refrigerate). Good with grilled meats or just topped with chunks of feta cheese. Makes 4 servings.

## Couscous Salad with Apricots and Pinenuts

This recipe is good made with instant couscous but even better with wholewheat giant couscous. No pinenuts – try salted peanuts or other nuts.

Put 150g of either type of couscous into a pan with a handful of roughly chopped dried apricots. Stir in 450ml hot vegetable stock, cover and cook over medium heat for about 8 mins or until soft. Remove from the heat and leave to stand for 5 min. If any stock remains tip the couscous into a colander to drain. In a salad bowl whisk together 50ml olive, walnut or hazelnut oil, 3tbs white wine vinegar, 2tsp mild mustard and 3 tsp sugar. Tip in the hot couscous, stir to combine and leave to cool. Season well. Add 4 finely chopped spring onions and 50g toasted pine or other nuts. Makes 4 servings



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## Resident comes first in 10k

The first runner past the post in the Lindfield Village Run was Neil Giles (inset) with a time of 42m12s at the event held in May. Neil moved to the village last year and is a member of the Mid Sussex Triathlon Club. Taf Mullen took second place and Phil Payne came in third. In the 5k 'Fun Run', Ian Donougher crossed the line first with a time of 21m05s, quickly followed by Daniel Blain and Max Whelan.

The run, which is a fundraiser for the King Edward Hall, attracted nearly 400 runners across the two routes. Between this event and Lindfield Village Day over £7,000 was raised for the self-supporting village hall.

Full results at [www.kingedwardhall.org.uk/village-run](http://www.kingedwardhall.org.uk/village-run)



## Historic quilt displayed

A piece of personal and social history was displayed in last month's Grand Competition Tent at Lindfield's Village Day.

When Lelia Walford (pictured) knew she would have to leave Uganda shortly after the expulsion of the Asians in 1973 by President Idi Amin, she began to pack up her belongings, wrapping them up in pieces of material instead of newspaper. She settled in Lindfield in 1974 with her youngest daughter and, since then, she's been making this quilt from the pieces of Jinia - a fabric made locally in Uganda. It was finally finished this year!

Lelia is a member of Lindfield morning WI and the Women's Branch of the Royal British Legion.





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"What I loved about how Holly worked was her complete focus and confidence in her choices"

# Young design talent

HOME FRONT

**By Jacqui Smith, interior designer**

Now I am not saying that I leave writing my column until the last minute but usually I turn my attention towards what I am going to talk about a week before Mr Tingley's deadline. This month is different. This month I was lucky enough to take part in something that had me writing way before the deadline. It was the Lindfield Arts Festival. Changing the format of previous years, where I had hosted interior design classes at the Barratt Homes show home, I ran workshops for children this year. Quite honestly I was not sure what to expect; I knew that it would be fun but you never really know how these things are going to pan out.

So, armed with foam board, scissors, glue sticks, fabric and wallpaper samples, lighting catalogues, a pile of interiors magazines and drawing equipment, we set up our 'studio' at the United Reformed Church. Katy was there to help and put her visual merchandising skills to good use by hanging bunting. Nikki was on hand all day for crowd control and general back up, her duties including a dash to the Toll House for much needed afternoon polenta-cake-shaped sustenance for me. Jake Smith was our first customer – his pale blue bedroom scheme inspired by a certain Manchester based football team methinks.... He found the most incredible light and, despite valiant attempts from Nikki to suggest alternatives, he was unwavering in his selection. Charlotte Smith not only produced her own scheme but then stayed to help some of the younger children, sharing what she had already learned herself that day and proving that she had absolutely taken it all in. We had groups of friends at one session, three sisters at another. It was fascinating watching them approach their designs

and seeing how each one was so very different from the other. Pictured above is Holly Herbert, who won the prize for the best scheme. What I loved about how Holly worked was her complete focus and confidence in her choices.

What all the kids had in common was a conviction in their schemes, whether it was a fabric they loved or an alternative layout for their bedroom furniture they had come up with. They were not held back by what was 'in' or considered to be 'the done thing', they simply followed their hearts and produced schemes that reflected their personalities and, quite simply, made them smile. I have said before that to me interior design is all about designing spaces that people want to spend time in and these talented young designers' understanding of that was reflected in every choice they made. It was a full-on day and, yes, I was tired at the end of it but it was truly rewarding and so exciting to work with the young talent that we have in our village. Later that day, inspired by the magazine images he found and cut out for his mood board, Jake was busy searching for jute storage boxes on the internet – love that!

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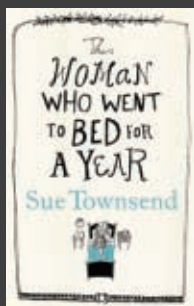
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# The woman who went to bed for a year by Sue Townsend

## BOOK REVIEW



By Cavan Wood

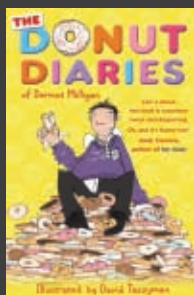
Eva decides that when her twins leave home she'll go to bed and stay there. She has had enough of the world and its disappointments, especially her marriage to Brian. He is having his own problems, as his love affair with another woman is not satisfying him. He is also angered and confused by Eva's gesture – who, for example, will cook his dinner or iron his clothes?

Sue Townsend has created a moving and comic novel which examines the frustrations and confusions of middle age. In creating Eva she has shown that, as well as being responsible for bringing into being the most authentic teenager in all literature – Adrian Mole, she can also flesh out a woman dealing with an empty nest and the consequent search for meaning that can bring. As the interview with the author in the Penguin edition makes clear, all characters do reflect the author to some extent.

Townsend's well-publicised serious illness and becoming blind in 2001 were perhaps the catalyst for creating this world, as she seems to have experienced the same lostness and bereavement due to her disability. The last few pages of the book are genuinely moving. The final sentence is a poignant reminder of why we need to show what Eva calls 'simple kindness' to all.

# The Donut Diaries of Dermot Milligan by Anthony McGowan

## BOOK REVIEW



By Ella Tingley, age 8

This book is quite funny and I would recommend it to people of all ages, male or female. It's a diary really and it is about a boy called Dermot Milligan (otherwise known as Donut). And his problem is he eats too many donuts and is therefore is a bit too fat. His best friends are Corky, Spam and Renfrew, and his not-friends are the evil floppy-haired kid (or FHK) and a gruesome nutritionist called Doc Morlock.

In the story, he gets accused of a totally gross crime – but I'm not telling you what because you've got to read the book. He is always being threatened with the thought of going to camp fatso.

This book is really cool because at the end of each diary entry there is a donut count, which is where he draws how many donuts he ate that day, and sometimes says why. Everyone has got to read this book NOW!



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## Neighbourhood Plan



It has been a very busy quarter for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, ably supported by more than 30 volunteers from both our parishes in four Focus Groups. They have done an amazing amount of research and conducted a number of interviews with stakeholders from both within and outside our parishes. The research covers all manner of current and possible future issues relating to our communities and they have written superb reports documenting their work. You can find these, along with some extra research material that they have also gathered, as part of our evidence base on our website.

We held 'Pop in Sessions' on 20th May at Scaynes Hill & 23rd May at Lindfield, as part of our community involvement programme to highlight to our community some of the issues that the Focus Groups were researching. Both events were well attended and some interesting ideas proposed by some of our visitors, which the Focus Group members found most useful.

The Arts Festival and Village Day were also attended by our mini-stand within its own gazebo and this was staffed by members of the Steering Group & Focus Groups. Although the Saturday of the Arts Festival was cold and windy, Village Day as you will all know was much better with some summer sunshine. At both these events our conversations with interested visitors usually started on the topic of "Wates"; sometimes it was difficult to explain that what we are trying to do is to define how the current community wants the parishes to develop over the next 20 years.

The 'State of the Parishes' report that we commissioned from Action in Rural Sussex (AirS) was published during May and this contains statistical data relating to our parishes obtained from the 2001 and 2011 Census, other published statistics and the reports of our own Focus Groups on current and possible future local

issues. The report can be found on our website.

Following on from the publication of the State of the Parishes report, on the 29th May AirS hosted a "Planning Workshop" in the King Edward Hall for 24 stakeholders. The workshop task was to consider the various issues highlighted in that report and provide some feedback to the Steering Group and AirS on what policies they thought could be included in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you very much to our residents who returned their Housing Needs Survey forms to AirS during May. Overall we had a 25% return rate which is excellent. The survey analysis and report has been published on our website and the results are very much in line with surveys done in other MSDC parishes recently. The results show that 60% are in favour of additional affordable housing to meet local need, and 41 new cases identified of local householders in need of such accommodation.

During the next couple of months AirS will, in consultation with members of the Steering Group, write a draft Neighbourhood Plan for our parishes. This draft will then be published to our community and your views sought on the policies it contains. This is an initial consultation exercise which will include similar public events, probably during September, very much like the 'Pop in Sessions' we held recently.

Overall we are on schedule to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that can proceed through its various legal stages as quickly as possible and hopefully be approved by a local referendum towards the end of 2014.

**Cllr Alan Gomme, Chair Lindfield's Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**

Members of Lindfield Parish Council:

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## Planning & Traffic Committee

The last few months have been dominated by the application within the Rural Parish by Wates to build 230 new homes at the rear of the current Croudace development off Gravelly Lane. This Council supported our colleagues on the Rural Parish Council throughout the process of examining the application and jointly retained the services of Richard Walker, a planning consultant, to provide us with professional planning advice and to identify planning grounds on which to focus our response.

Based on that advice, both this Council and Lindfield Rural Council submitted letters of objection to Mid Sussex District Council, as did the Preservation Society and a great number of local residents.

The main Wates application and two further applications concerning change of land use were considered by the District Planning Committee of Mid Sussex District Council on the 21st May and both parish Councils asked Richard Walker to speak on our behalf. Despite the planning objections, however, MSDC's Committee members from areas outside Lindfield, and despite the views of local members, voted by a majority to approve the principal application and one of the change of use applications to permit the development, subject to the usual agreement of conditions and section 106 infrastructure payments.

**Cllr Alan Gomme, Chair of Lindfield Parish Council's Planning & Traffic Committee**

## Parish Office

We have installed an extra computer in the reception area of the new Parish Office for members of the public to use to look up information on official websites such as WSCC, MSDC, bus companies etc. This could be particularly useful if you want to view plans on MSDC's website but don't have the technology at home, especially as it is a large screen.

## HIGHWAY CLUSTER AGREEMENT

We are delighted to report that, along with Lindfield Rural and Ardingly Parish Councils, we have formed a partnership with Haywards Heath Town Council which has entered into a Highways Cluster agreement with West Sussex County Council to undertake minor Highways works in the town and partner parishes.

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Free Senior Railcards or Disabled Persons Railcards are available free, instead of the bus pass, but as from 1st April 2013 we can no longer deal with bus pass applications, lost bus passes or the free rail vouchers. We do have the forms in the Parish Council office or they can be downloaded or requested from West Sussex County Council's website ([www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)). However, they now need to be sent directly to West Sussex Bus Pass, PO Box 212, Waterlooville, PO7 6ZN.

Bus passes are renewed automatically and free rail cards can be renewed simply by phoning the West Sussex Bus Pass Information Line: 0845 075 1018, which is also the number to ring with other queries regarding bus passes and the free rail cards.



## VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN

Many thanks to the thirty two people who turned out for our annual Spring Clean – probably a record number, certainly in recent years. It was great to have some new volunteers, including families. The Parish Council would like to thank you all for giving up your Saturday morning litter picking, cutting back overgrown vegetation and cleaning street furniture.

## LINDFIELD PARISH DIRECTORY AND YEAR BOOK

We have started preparing the 2014 edition of the Lindfield Parish Directory and Year Book for printing. These Directories, better known as the green Lindfield diary, are printed each year and distributed – free! – to every household in our Parish of Lindfield and part of Lindfield Rural Parish. The Directory's popularity stems in part from its being a mine of information about the many activities and groups in the Village. Moreover, given its wide distribution, it represents very good value to advertisers, particularly as it is in use all year round, not just read and thrown away as with many free directories that come through the door. This year we have had to change our printers, due to circumstances beyond our control, but we'll do our utmost to ensure a quality publication and we are pleased to announce that the advertising rates will not increase for the 2014 edition.

If you do not currently advertise in the Directory and wish to be included in the 2014 edition, please contact the Deputy Parish Clerk, Iain McLean, on 01444 484115 or by email to [clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerks@lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk). Similarly, if you run an activity which is not currently featured, please let us know as we often have room to include brief details about new organisations free of charge. For example nurseries, sports and church groups.

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## POLICE SURGERIES

Our new Police Community Support Officer, Nicola Green, has informed us that Police Surgeries have been suspended pending a review of how the Neighbourhood Police Team will operate in the future. However she would encourage people to contact her with matters of concern on her mobile number - 07789 168791 - or by email ([Nicola.Green.01@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Nicola.Green.01@sussex.pnn.police.uk)). However this is not monitored on her days off, so members of the public reporting a crime should contact 101 in a non emergency incident or 999 if appropriate. PCSO Green would also like to encourage people to join the Neighbourhood Police Panel and if anyone is interested they may contact her direct for details.

## VILLAGE DAY

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the Village Day Committee and all those who helped with the organisation of this year's event on 1st June. The Common was thronged with visitors to the hundred and fifty stalls, and local organisations have reported healthy profits to boost their funds. If you went back to the Common in the evening, you would not have known it had been Village Day, it had been so thoroughly tidied up. We were deeply saddened by the recent death of Brian Newcombe who was one of the founders of this tradition, following on from the success of the celebrations in honour of HM The Queen's Silver Jubilee, and remained at the centre of it all from then on. We are certain that Brian would have been proud of this year's Village Day - a most fitting tribute to his legacy.

## MOBILE CIVIC AMENITY COLLECTIONS

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 7th July 2013, 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.

## Parish Council meetings

### July - September 2013

Tuesday	2nd July	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	18th July	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	23rd July	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	1st August	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	13th August	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Monday	2nd September	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	12th September	Full Council	7.30pm
Tuesday	24th September	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	26th September	Finance and General Purposes Committee	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 to speak, for a maximum of two minutes each, at the invitation of the Chairman.



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# What's on in July

## AT KING EDWARD HALL

## AND ELSEWHERE

- 1st **Autumn Club Meeting** – Social Afternoon  
(Sally Dew 01444 414456)
- 4th **Country Market** – 10am to 11.15am  
(Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
- 6th **Finders Keepers Dress Agency** –  
Preloved Mobile Clothes Sale  
(Sian 01444 412764 or Sue 01444 451402)
- 11th **Country Market** – 10.00am to 11.15am
- 13th **Lindfield Horticultural Society –  
Annual Summer Show of Flowers and Produce**  
"We're hoping for a few weeks sunshine to  
produce plenty of summer blooms and lush fruit  
and vegetables to display! There are new classes  
for members who haven't previously won a  
first prize, another for penstemons and one for  
clematis blooms floating in a bowl. Plus all the  
usual flower arranging, cookery, handicrafts and  
children's classes. The afternoon can be rounded  
off with tea and homemade cakes – and don't  
forget the plant stall."  
For enquiries please phone the Show Secretary  
on 483236. Show open 2pm – 4.45pm  
Admission £1, children free  
[www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk](http://www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk)
- 18th **Country Market** – 10.00am to 11.15am
- 21st **The Adventurers Art Club** – Annual Exhibition  
–31st (Mrs Valerie Harvey 01444 444704)
- 25th **Country Market** – 10.00am to 11.15am

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)

- 6th **Scaynes Hill Open Gardens** - 1.30 to 5.30pm  
Six village gardens open this year in aid of  
St Augustines annex appeal.  
Tickets and maps available from any of the  
gardens which will be signed on the day, or from  
the church. Teas available at the church.  
Entry £5, children free
- 6th **Haywards Heath Sinfonietta** – Summer Concert  
The Methodist Church, Haywards Heath 7.30pm  
Piano Concerto No 22 Mozart  
Soloist: Jennifer Kirk and more  
Admission free – retiring collection
- 10th **Tiger Arts Lunchtime Concert**  
Tim Rodemark (Piano) & Tim Hicks (Piano)  
All Saints Church
- 22nd **"Chairobics" session** with Vanessa Forbes for  
**Arthritis Care (Haywards Heath & District Group)**  
The classes are suitable for all ages.  
7pm The Yews, Boltro Road, Haywards Heath at  
the monthly meeting of the group.  
Further details concerning Arthritis Care and  
the local group's activities from Dave Spershott,  
Branch Secretary. Telephone 01342 313314 or  
email [davespershott@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:davespershott@hotmail.co.uk)
- 25th **Romeo & Juliet** by Sussex Actors Studio  
–28th Ham Cottage Amphitheatre, Highbrook, Ardingly  
7pm, and matinee performances at 2pm  
Open air production adapted & directed by Robin  
Belfield & Jonathan Goodwin.  
Box Office: [www.hubtheatre.co.uk](http://www.hubtheatre.co.uk) or by phone  
01444 446840. Tickets £10/£5
- 27th **March of the Mermaids**  
Come join the March of the Mermaids and help us  
raise money for the Marine Conservation Society.  
2pm on Hove Lawns (next to the Peace Statue)  
[www.marchofthemermaids.com](http://www.marchofthemermaids.com)

## Sussex actors in open air theatre at Highbrook

Local directors Robin Belfield and Jonathan Goodwin are putting on an open air production in Highbrook, Ardingly.

The pair, who run Sussex Actors Studio from Central Sussex College in Haywards Heath, are giving aspiring young actors the opportunity to work alongside professionals in this production of Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*. Richard Attlee (Kenton in *The Archers*) and Kirtsy Yates (West End performer) are both based in Sussex.

*Romeo & Juliet* is being performed in the Ham Cottage Amphitheatre (which will be signposted) from 25-28th July, with evening and matinee performances suitable for young and old audiences. Grounds will open an hour before curtain up so picnics can be brought along to the venue along with something to sit on! The running time is expected to be approximately 1hr20m. Tickets and enquiries from Box Office at [www.hubtheatre.co.uk](http://www.hubtheatre.co.uk) or by call The Hub Theatre on 01444 446840.

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