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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Christmas is over for another year, dear reader, but I do hope you are looking forward to what 2016 may hold.

In this issue of Lindfield Life we have crammed in numerous items of **news**. Some are retrospective and give us reports of what's already happened. One such example is the **Pink Ladies Night** which took place back in November but we haven't been able to cover it until now. Read **Amanda Harries'** article on **page 5**.

Elsewhere there is information about forthcoming events in the **life of the village**. One of great importance is the **Referendum Vote** for the Lindfield & Lindfield Rural **Neighbourhood Plan** due to take place on 28th January. Read more about it in the **Parish Council newsletter** on **page 30**, but you can also read a personal view by a resident on **page 7**. Many hundreds of hours have been put into this plan by a number of good folk for the benefit of all villagers - so please do look into what the plan suggests, and try and make time to vote on the day.

On **page 26** **Caroline Young** gives us a few quick and easy sauces to give the over-worked festive chefs some well-deserved down time this month.

If you find yourself with spare time in January, **Claire Cooper** has an idea for you. On **page 29** she finds out what's required to volunteer for nearby National Trust property **Sheffield Park**. Maybe that's something to consider for you?

On **page 36** we are delighted to illustrate the latest news from **Lindfield Preservation Society**. It is always a pleasure to partner with organisations like this. It benefits from promotion right to the heart of their local target audience, and at the same time they are supporting our title as a key vehicle for supplying local information to residents every month.

Do get in touch with anything you know that is **going on in February**, or send us a tip-off for **someone great** we should talk to. Email or call as detailed below. HNY!

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Chip Chuck donation to St Peter & St James hospice

Following a fun packed summer of fundraising events throughout Sussex, staff at local game maker Chip Chuck were very happy to recently hand over a cheque to St Peter and St James Hospice for just over £700.

Chip Chuck, the new 'must have' family garden game was enthusiastically played by old and young at a variety of events over the summer including Lindfield's Village Day and a number of school fairs.

Chris Best, Director of Chip Chuck Ltd based in Lindfield, commented: "We have been so excited to see the interest and enthusiasm for Chip Chuck at the various events, but more importantly we have been blown away by the generosity of people so happy to donate to the Hospice for the fantastic work they do in our local community."

Plans are already underway to put together a similar series of events for summer 2016.

Carol Hughes, Community Fundraiser at St Peter and St James, said: "We are so grateful for the support we received from Chip Chuck over the past year. This fantastic sum of money will be used to continue providing treatment to our patients in the area."





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Ladies Pink Ribbon Night

By Amanda Harries

November saw the return of 'Pink Ladies Night', now renamed 'Ladies Pink Ribbon Night', a popular ladies only night which was started by Lindfield mums Claire Fuller and Jeanette Anning 10 years ago to raise money for cancer charities. The event ran for six years and after a break of four years, has been brought back by Amanda Harries and fellow volunteers Viv Brennan, Touchell Thaddeus, Maria Grover, Caroline Goodwin, Helen Osborne, Sarah Hagger, Lisa Gault, Beth Mercer, Liz Martin, Emma Sowden, Rebecca Batney & Leanda Ahmed – aka 'the pink team'!

Following the same format as the original events the evening included a Pamper Room, where Touchell and her team from La Touche provided mini treatments including manicures and reflexology, whilst Maria and her ladies from Denziloe added finishing touches, such as curls, to hairstyles at their 'Style & Go bar' and a 'Chill Out Room' featuring a giant beanbag from where guests could view the stalls selling jewellery, painted glassware and cards whilst 'chilling out' in the most literal sense! Later in the evening teas and coffees were served in the Chill Out Room, along with a selection of cakes.

The evening also included a raffle with prizes donated by local businesses but the highlight of the evening was dancing in the main hall to live band Watts Up, who had the crowd begging for more! Lindfield dads James Gairdener, James Stay, Stuart Rumble and Steve Harries were on hand to serve drinks from the licensed bar.

The evening was clearly a big hit with all those who attended, raising a fantastic £874 for Cancer Research UK, and, due to lots of positive feedback, plans are already being made for next year's event.



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The couple will be running and stocking a new golf shop, along with new club fitting equipment and offering a full range of golf lessons for all abilities.

James, the existing head professional, and his wife Carla are looking forward to running their first small business together. The local couple were born and raised in the area; in fact both were born in the old Cuckfield hospital just four days apart.

Carla leaves her role with a local estate agent to join the venture and will focus on the ladies range of clothing and golf accessories.

The pair are also delighted that existing PGA professional Jack Martin, who rose through the ranks at the club as a junior member, will be part of the venture.

James commented: "We are thrilled to be starting out on our own and we are very excited about the plans we have for the future."

"The golf shop will become one of the largest stocked shops in the area and the new teaching facilities will allow all level of golfers to improve and enjoy their golf."

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Neighbourhood Plan – vote this month...

Dear residents of Lindfield

Moving to Lindfield some eight years ago, it did not take long to succumb to the pleasures of living in the village. The lovely houses, duck pond, interesting and varied shops and last, but not least, some great places to eat and our very own club!

Even in the short time we have lived here many changes and challenges face Lindfield today and for the future. We need more schools, doctors and the managing of housing, roads and much more.

I was surprised to hear that the long awaited village Neighbourhood Plan is to have a referendum as to whether we the residents of Lindfield want it to be adopted.

Please do vote in January. It is our village and our chance to influence its future.

I stress I am not on the council, however I have done some research on the roads and traffic policy. I am voting 'yes'.

Thanks, Geoff

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Dancing dreams come true for Gielgud pupils

Eight fortunate pupils of the Gielgud Academy of Performing Arts (GAPA) were given the opportunity to dance in three performances of the Nutcracker with the Vienna Festival Ballet (VFB) on its UK tour.

The international renowned ballet company invited the children to dance in the opening prologue scene, where they played the roles of children at a Christmas Eve party set in the Victorian era. GAPA Principal Suzanne Gielgud explains: "Our relationship with the Vienna Festival Ballet is very strong because both myself and fellow GAPA Principal Piers Gielgud danced with the Company during our professional ballet careers. The Directors Peter and Gill Mallek were only too pleased to

see history come full circle by having our pupils perform with the Company." The shows took place in November at the Chequer Mead Theatre in East Grinstead and the Martlets Hall in Burgess Hill. The lucky children whose dancing dreams came true were Kerry, Isabelle, Isaac, James, Lily, Iris, Lauren and Isobel. The Artistic Director of the Company Peter Mallek told Suzanne afterwards: "The GAPA kids are always a pleasure to have onstage with VFB." GAPA pupil Lauren Keetley said: "It was so exciting to dance with the real ballerinas onstage and afterwards we were all given a little Nutcracker as a present. I'm going to hang mine on my Christmas tree every year so I never forget this amazing experience."

Tree Week marked

Barratt Homes helped Lindfield school children mark National Tree Week last month.

Staff from the company visited Lindfield Primary Academy to donate a tree to the school.

"This was an excellent chance to meet local schoolchildren and get them involved in tree planting," said Barratt sales director Lynnette St Quintin.

"As a division we have planted or retained 37,000 trees in the local area in the last year and it is wonderful that this tree planting is helping to create a legacy to be enjoyed by staff and pupils at the school for many years to come."

Lynnette added that building a close relationship with local schools is hugely important to Barratt Homes, which has its Heathwood Park development nearby, and that National Tree Week has provided the housebuilder with an excellent opportunity to do just that.

Principal Marcus Still added: "The children, particularly those who take part in our eco school club, were very excited to receive the tree and will be keeping a close eye on it as it grows over the years."

The Tree Council's National Tree Week was founded in 1975 to make Britain more tree-conscious, encourage planting and raise awareness of the importance of proper care and maintenance of trees and has grown to become the UK's largest celebration of trees.



Pictured: Pupils from the school with Katie Potts from Barratt Homes

Generous Lindfield businesses

By Carol Rieley

On 20th November The West Sussex branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association held its annual quiz at the St Francis Social club at the Princess Royal Hospital.

It was a fundraising event, with the money being used to support local people who have this devastating, incurable disease. In the past the branch has helped to fund wet rooms, car hoists and specialised equipment, as well as give help towards respite care and provide a dog walker for a gentleman who could no longer walk his dog.

The quiz was great fun and raised a wonderful £1,026 of which £480 was from the sale of raffle tickets for which the Lindfield businesses have been so generous in donating prizes. A huge thank you goes to The Bent Arms, Abbotts Pharmacy, Tufnells, The Co-op and Clough's Delicatessen.



Older people celebrate

Last month, older folk from across Mid Sussex gathered together at the invitation of Mid Sussex Older People's Council in King Edward Hall to celebrate Christmas.

It will be a very special Christmas for one guest. Doris Beckinsale (pictured) celebrates her 100th birthday on Christmas Eve. She was given a cake with fireworks on it at the MSOPC Christmas Party to mark the occasion.

After the tea there was a chance to take to the floor as St Paul's Catholic College brass ensemble from Burgess Hill played Abba's dancing Queen, and an opportunity to singalong with some Christmas carols.

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(Or of 11 year olds who seem to be there already!)

By Antonia Easley

All Saints Church is offering another opportunity for you to attend the parenting teenagers course. You are invited to join us for six Wednesday evenings. We will watch a DVD including material from experts, from parents themselves and from the presenters Nicky and Sila Lee of Holy Trinity Church Brompton. We will then have a chance to discuss in groups. There are no experts in the room, just people learning together. Topics covered will include keeping the end in mind; meeting our teenagers needs; setting boundaries; developing emotional health and helping them make good choices. The final session is an opportunity to explore passing on values and the part faith can play in parenting.

If you are not sure if this is for you, here are some comments from people who attended the course last year!

"It was really helpful to be able to talk to other parents with similar age teenagers. No one was judgemental, so you felt you could share issues. It was a warm and supportive atmosphere. The DVDs were informative and I have tried some of the ideas. The bread and cheese were very welcome after rushing straight there from work!"

"It gave me a chance to stand back and reflect on whether my relationship with my daughters was going in the direction I had always hoped. I gained confidence in myself as a parent through listening and sharing experiences."

"The course was so worthwhile and useful. Teenagers have such a different life now to my life as a teenager all those years ago, it helped me understand a lot more. I have learnt the benefit of responding calmly in situations that easily escalate. This has truly resulted in a much more mature response from my daughter too. I learnt that we are not alone in our experiences. Almost everything in the DVDs rang a bell with situations we have faced."

The course will run on the following Wednesday evenings from 7.45 -9.45pm, in the Tiger Lounge at All Saints Church Lindfield: 27th January, 3rd, 10th and 24th February and 2nd and 9th of March.

The cost is £1.50 for the course manual. Refreshments are available. Please sign up by phoning the office on 01444 482405 or email: allsaints@lindfield.info

School invites locals to speak in assemblies

By Hazel Adams

At Lindfield Primary Academy we have developed a close linked RE and PSHE curriculum to give children access to a variety of cultures and beliefs. We are focusing on 'Big Questions' and discussion based lessons to engage and interest the children. As part of this British values based curriculum we are encouraging children to learn about our close and wider community. Links with the organisations and groups in the village are very important to us. As a result we have created a 'Community Assembly'.

We are looking for members of the village and wider community to present to the two Key Stages. Key Stage 1 children are aged 4 – 7 and Key Stage 2 children are 7 – 11. We are currently looking to create a timetable of organisations and groups that are willing to share something they feel is special to the children of Lindfield. We would love to excite the children in the life of Lindfield and show them what our wonderful village has to offer!

These assemblies will take place on a Wednesday morning from 10am. If you feel you have something to share with our school or would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office on office@lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk





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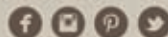
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Lindfield group helps young carers

Nine young carers helped sail the Solent in a confidence building Tall Ships Adventures weekend thanks to the Cuckfield & Lindfield Inner Wheel.

The trip was organised to give West Sussex young carers respite from their caring responsibilities, build their self-esteem and to gain friendship with one another.

All nine young people quickly rose to the challenges of seafaring, growing in confidence and ability throughout the weekend.

Rachel, one of the young carers, said: "I had an amazing time during the Tall Ships challenge. I overcame my fear of heights and ropes and am glad I had the opportunity to experience sailing.

"I would highly recommend this trip to anyone who wants to have a great time bonding and making memories. I enjoyed every minute and would love to

have this experience again."

Special weekends away for young carers rely on donations from local businesses and charitable organisations.

This event took place through local fundraising efforts by members of Cuckfield and Lindfield Inner Wheel, who raised money through an autumn fashion show.

Peter Evans, West Sussex County Council's Cabinet Member for Children – Start of Life, said: "The skills these nine young carers took on board during this weekend away will help them invaluablely in the future.

"We hope that other local businesses and charitable organisations will be interested in donating to give other young carers these kinds of opportunities.

"The kind fundraising by members of Cuckfield and Lindfield Inner Wheel has given these young carers a weekend they may never forget."

There's an upstairs?

A festive coffee and mince pie morning run by staff from Masters and Son has raised £474 for St Peter and St James Hospice.

The event was held 'Upstairs at Masters', which is fast becoming the village's newest and cosiest community space! Visitors were invited to drop in and enjoy hot drinks, biscuits and delicious mince pies, kindly donated by Becky at The Garden Chef. There was also a Christmas raffle and a competition to guess where Santa will land in Sussex!!

Organiser Sue Masters said she was pleased to welcome so many supporters, many who were visiting the venue for the first time.

Sue has spent the past few years developing the rooms above the business on the corner of Lewes Road into a warm and welcoming space to be used for a range of creative activities in the evenings and at weekends. The space has already hosted a range of events, from furniture painting workshops and sewing courses to the Haywards Heath Hookers crochet club! Money raised from bookings is donated to local charities.

The newest group set to meet Upstairs at Masters in the New Year is Knit and Natter workshops – a chance to 'get away from it all for a couple of hours and relax with your knitting over a cuppa or two!'

Run by Tabitha Thomas, knitters are invited to bring along their current project and meet new friends and learn new skills. A 'Knitting Surgery' will be available to help with any problems!

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Commenting on the win, founder of the company Lucy Driver said: "We are delighted to have won this year's Independent Retailer of the Year, especially as for this particular award the public is involved in the voting. It's great to know our consumers feel that we are adding value to their experience."

IWSC General Manager Ewan Lacey commented: "This award is extra special because there are three stages to the judging process; in the first instance we call for nominations, secondly they are voted for by the public and finally the shortlists are judged by an independent panel. South Down Cellars is an extremely worthy winner, developing a truly engaging business which educates and encourages customer trial of quality wine and spirits."

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I remember Lindfield

LOCAL HISTORY

By Eric Dawes

I was born and grew up in Lindfield and have recently come back here to live. The Common and the pond are great village features and I have memories of both when I was a growing boy in the 1930s.

Our old family house was at Pelham Place and all I had to do was to cross the road and I was on the Common – the 'top common' as it was known as in those days. I spent many hours playing on that stretch of grass – football, cricket or with toys carried across from home. There was a long dry ditch along the border to Beckworth House – a wonderful place for my cars and lorries after digging out the soft soil in the bank.

A special 'conker' tree provided my prize specimens each year for the battles to come in the playground. Summer weekends meant family picnics on our Common and my parents would bring out chairs and blankets, food and drinks for a lovely afternoon! My dad used to bring out our old wireless and fix up an aerial so we even had our own music! They were peaceful, gentle days – a pleasant break for my parents who both worked very hard all week.

I remember standing on railings (there was no boundary hedge) watching games on the bowling green. The Thompson family lived next to the Bowling Green. Their daughter Kathy was a special girl friend, their son Albert went to Grammar School in Brighton with my brother and their older daughter Barbara moved to Turners Hill where I spent 50 years of my life.

The Common was a very convenient place for village events and gatherings, including the Annual Fair – officially on the calendar and by Ancient Charter on 8th August. The annual event started as a market venue for the thousands of sheep grazed in Sussex in the 1800s and the Common was covered with pens. Gradually other attractions were added to entertain the crowds, such as stalls, sideshows and refreshments. Horses were also sold at the fairs.

Over the years the sheep declined and the

amusements increased. In the 1930s the Fair grew bigger every year, with new amazing rides including Dodgems, Chair-o-planes and Wall of Death where you could climb up to the rim of a huge circular structure and watch dare-devils riding motor cycles round the vertical track! Sideshows were often weird – you could pay to stand and stare at a pig with two heads, Siamese Twins or a Bearded Lady. A great attraction was the Boxing Booth where local lads could try their luck against the resident pugilists, winning money if they stayed on their feet!

Watching the Fair being assembled was a huge joy, mainly because of the mighty traction engines that were used to haul the great waggons full of portable rides, shows and caravans from place to place. They were also used to generate the huge amount of power needed for the rides and the many lights. They gave the Fairs that very special atmosphere of steam, power and noise that people remember so much. They would be parked among the attractions and great driving belts would be run from the 'fly' wheel to the dynamo on the front of the engine to supply the power.

The Fair would arrive like a mighty train on the road and I remember waiting on Black Hill to see them coming. I would run along the pavement, keeping up with them to the pond where they invariably stopped to fill up with water. The steam and occasional tooting of the whistles all added to the excitement.

The next saga was watching these monsters with their many trailers in tow trying to negotiate the Post Office corner – a 270 degree turn! There was much backing and inching round, and shouting and swearing from the drivers and helpers as they tried to avoid damaging the adjacent properties!

My father organised one of the main car and cycle parks on the 'top' part of the Common opposite our home. Long wooden poles were used to make fence style railings to make a place to store the hundreds of cycles that would arrive. Posts and ropes were set up to mark out the car parking areas.



Cycles were charged 3d and cars 6d or 1shilling. Tickets would be pasted to vehicle or cycle tyres. The Fair was open until midnight on Fridays and Saturdays and the parking went on until after that for latecomers. My father had a group of neighbours who would help out for a small fee and my mother kept all concerned well supplied with refreshments. The income to my father was important in those difficult days in the 30s, when working class families had to do all they could to supplement their wages.

When the Fair was over we would run around watching the mass of equipment being packed away, followed by the manoeuvring of the giant engines to get the train of waggons back on the road. It had often rained and the ensuing mud on the Common made this operation all the more interesting! Great ruts and furrows were left behind where the Fair had been.

The other memorable event was, and still is, the annual Bonfire Night celebrations. Before the war the Anscombe family from Pondcroft Road would be the prime movers, preparing the flaming torches in their builder's yard and overseeing the building of the bonfire (used by villagers to get rid of an amazing amount of rubbish, including furniture and anything burnable!). Mrs Anscombe (Senior) would dress up and lead the burning parade round the village, ending up with the lighting of the bonfire and fireworks – very much like today but with far less concern for safety! It had previously been even wilder, with stories of 'tar-boys' rolling burning barrels down the High Street and young lads ripping off fences and boards around the village to feed the fire!

Regarding the pond, it was often said that to be a true 'Lindfielder' you had to have actually been IN the pond! This happened to me when I was about 8 or 9 years old on a Sunday afternoon coming home from a service at All Saints. I was trailing a stick in the water and slipped in, which frightened me considerably! I managed to scramble out – not easy as I was wearing a fairly new smart overcoat, run home and stand dripping in our

kitchen calling out to my parents who were by the fire in our 'front room' – it being Sunday!

Catching 'tiddlers' in a jam jar was a great pleasure but perhaps not for pedestrians, who had to step over many stretched out legs belonging to boys on their stomachs bent on catching the most small fish or tadpoles!

Every year in the 20s and 30s there was a spell of really hard frosty weather with below zero temperatures all day, causing the pond to freeze over for several weeks at times. As soon as it was safe, it became a heaven of sliding, skating, shouting and falling over! Older skaters would appear and waltz round so gracefully. When I was about 10 years old I was lucky enough to get a pair of ice skates and, because of years of roller skating, I soon became quite good. I also used to skate with friends at the Brighton Ice Rink.

The pond was the centre of sports and entertainment at two Royal occasions before the war – the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary (1935) and then the Coronation of King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (1937). Water sports were held with races and fun events, including the famous 'Greasy Pole'. A long pole was fixed from the pavement out into the pond about two feet above the surface of the water. The pole was liberally spread with thick grease and a large hock of ham hung at the end. The idea was to walk along the pole and claim the prize. This caused huge amusement and encouraging shouts from the crowd but few ever succeeded! I remember a young man called Burtenshaw, who worked at The Laundry, getting his hands on the ham before falling in and he only had one good eye! The Vicar, Revd Sidney Swann, would row round the pond in his little boat organising events - wonderfully eccentric gentleman!

Lindfield is truly blessed with its lovely pond and wonderful 'Village Green' in the form of our Common. They were both a great part of my childhood and now, 80 years later, I often sit near both dreaming of idyllic childhood days gone by!

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However, there really are simple methods that we can adopt in our everyday lives that will help us on the road to contentment, and in Lindfield there is a happiness course starting in January which aims to teach you some of those methods.

The course is the invention of an organisation called Action For Happiness, whose patron is none other than the Dalai Lama, who certainly knows a thing or two about achieving happiness. The course is called 'Exploring What Matters'. It is an eight week course and each week there are videos, discussions and tools to help build your own route to happier living.

The course will be run by two local ladies, Elaine Noble and Natalie March, who have qualifications in mindfulness and positive psychology, as well as Coaching in Happiness itself.

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New year, new room

HOME FRONT

As I write this piece we are amid the mayhem that is pre-Christmas installs. I have decided that it is the relentless 'have your sofa before Christmas' message from DFS which is to blame, propelling so many into a festive fuelled panic to decorate. Yes, I want my house to look its best for guests but personally I would redecorate in January rather juggle it with all the other demands of the run up to Christmas. There is also the fact that new things might take a beating over the festive season. I am thinking mulled wine and similar, not that we slosh it around at home but you take my point. Talking to a friend recently who has just ordered new carpet for her house but is wisely having it fitted in January, I realised that I was not alone. So if like me you are one of those people who determines that the New Year is the time to start making plans for home improvements that do not involve knocking down walls, here are some ways you can give a room a refresh.

Consider a change of layout. This is by far the cheapest option since it only involves some muscle and an open mind. I have heard it said before that removing all the furniture from a room and then putting back only what you really need or love is the best approach. Not always logistically practical but the idea is sound and echoes the famous William Morris quote 'Have nothing in your house that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful'.

Get painting. Paint is a relatively cost effective way of transforming a room and I would urge you not to be afraid of using colour. The orientation of the room and of course the colours you already have in it will largely define the wall colour. The best way of testing this is to paint up sheets of lining paper, stick them on all walls and see how they behave in daylight and artificial light. Colour psychology comes into play here too, as subconsciously

we all relate to certain colours in different ways. Picking the wrong colour, even if it works from an interior design perspective, can alter your mood. (More on colour perception next month.)

Change the lighting. Combining or layering light will add depth and interest to a room. It's important to combine three types of lighting: ambient or general lighting (a pendant or ceiling recessed downlights for example); task lighting (for example under cabinet lighting in a kitchen or a reading lamp); accent lighting (where the light itself focuses on an object such as a piece of art). Restaurants do this well using narrow beam width recessed spots directly over table centre pieces, lighting only that. A simple change of switch from standard to dimmer can improve general lighting, and table and floor lamps will add another layer of general light as well as some interest to a scheme. Thinking about how you use a room might prompt the addition of some task lighting, for example a lamp to read by. Accent lighting can be truly transformational; an angled, recessed spot will make a piece of wall art centre stage.

Change, or perhaps introduce, an accent colour. This can be achieved by a painted feature wall, with cushions, new shades on lamps or accessories. Some of the show homes that we design involve using furniture from a previous scheme and giving it a completely new lease of life with a new accent colour. It's important to balance accents, so look at your room from various angles and you will be able to see where the gaps in colour lie. Cushions are also a great way of adding colour and textural interest to a room. Reframing art will also give a room a refresh - a different, perhaps coloured, mount will lift a painting as would a change of frame.

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Cut 1 red and 1 yellow pepper into thin strips, discarding pith, seeds and stem. Put into a small casserole with 1 thinly sliced small onion and 1tsp oil. Cover and cook 3 min. Stir in 1tbs tomato purée, 2tbs dry sherry (or stock), a pinch of sugar and 1 finely chopped chorizo sausage. Cover and cook 2 min until bubbling hot. Season and serve.

Tomato and Basil

Put 1 finely chopped onion, 1 crushed garlic clove and 1 tsp oil into a casserole. Cover and cook 1 min. Stir in 200g can chopped tomatoes, 1tbs tomato purée and 1tbs chopped basil (fresh or frozen). Cover and cook for 3 min until bubbling hot. Season to taste and serve topped with grated Mozzarella cheese.

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By Caroline Young

Happy New Year! I am sure, like me, many of you have been spending a lot of time in the kitchen recently. So, as a change of pace, I have gathered together some very quick, easy and adaptable recipes using that indispensable piece of kitchen equipment – the microwave. I came face to face with my first microwave when working at Good Housekeeping Magazine around 1980 – a simple metal box with just an on and off switch. How they have developed to the all-singing, all-dancing versions we have now – make full use of yours.

These very quick sauces can be spooned over a jacket potato, hot rice or tossed with pasta. They serve two generously. All cooking is on HIGH. And a couple of simple puddings.

Apple Crunch

Arrange 2 peeled, cored and sliced eating apples in a shallow dish and add a handful of sultanas and a little brown sugar (or use left-over mincemeat). Cover and cook 2 min. Crush 4 crunchy biscuits (such as shortbread or gingernuts), mix with 1tsp sugar and a pinch of cinnamon. Spread over the fruit and cook, uncovered, 1-1½ min until bubbling hot.

Chocolate Mousse

Break 100g plain chocolate into a small bowl and cook MEDIUM for 3-4 min, stirring once, until melted. Cool slightly. Whip 2 large egg whites to stiff peaks. Whip 4tbs double cream to soft peaks and stir into the chocolate. Gently combine with the egg whites and spoon into two glasses. Chill for 1 hour before eating.



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Volunteering opportunities

By Claire Cooper

The New Year is a great time to start a new job, take up a new hobby or join a new group.

And Lindfield residents can combine all three by signing up to up to volunteer at Sheffield Park and Garden.

The popular park and garden is currently seeking new volunteers and is holding a Recruitment Fair on Saturday 16th January for anyone wanting to find out more.

The event is being organised by trainee volunteer manager Rick Boulding.

"As a charitable organisation we are very dependent on volunteer support and greatly appreciate the invaluable help we receive from our volunteers," said Rick.

"We offer a range of flexible volunteering opportunities from retail, garden/parkland, visitor experience and more. We are also keen to encourage families and students to get involved with various projects."

He added that the event, from 10.30am- 3.30pm, will provide a chance to learn more about volunteering and the variety of roles available.

Pauline Parkyns, of Finches Park Road, has been volunteering at Sheffield Park for more than 10 years.

"It all started when a letter dropped through my door asking for volunteers to work at Sheffield Park and inviting anyone interested to attend a meeting," she recalled.

"It came at just the right time as I was about to retire from my job as an auxiliary nurse at Compton House.

"My husband had already retired and I was looking for something that we could do together."

Already well known in the village for her voluntary work organising the annual Poppy appeal, Pauline attended the meeting with an open mind. "I spend a lot of time working in my garden at home, so I volunteered to work in the shop and café," said Pauline.

"Although I had some experience working in retail it was still a big learning curve."

After a few years, Pauline's volunteering took a different turn. "They decided to start a second hand bookshop and asked if anyone was interested in getting it off the ground. I volunteered and have been helping to run the shop every Wednesday for the past few years."

The book shop has recently become busier after relocating twice following a fire. "Visitors can browse after enjoying lovely home cooked food and cakes," said Pauline, who is also on hand to help in the restaurant.

"I'm happy to do whatever I'm asked, including extra days when the park is busy," she added. "I particularly like helping with the craft sessions for children."

Pauline's husband volunteers as part of a team compiling a database of all the trees in the gardens. "Each tree is given a unique number which you can bring up on the computer," said Pauline. "The idea is that anyone wanting to know more about a particular tree can find it. He's got a scientific mind and he loves it!"

She added that another volunteer team is nicknamed the 'slashers and burners' as its work involves cutting back and clearing scrub.

Pauline would urge anyone considering volunteering to get along to the recruitment fair to find out more.

"I work as part of a lovely team and I've met some super people who all enjoy promoting the charity to the public," said Pauline.

"Sheffield Park is an important part of our heritage and it's lovely to feel part of the team working to preserve these beautiful gardens. It's nice to feel useful and to go home feeling that you're helped make a difference.

"It's a commitment – you can't just turn up when you feel like it, but it's great to feel you've doing something worthwhile."

For more information please email: Rick Boulding at Rick.Boulding@nationaltrust.org.uk or call 01825 790231.



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Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Following the recent further public consultation into the content of our Neighbourhood Plan and having reviewed the 25 responses received, Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) Cabinet decided, on Thursday 30 November 2015, that the Plan should now be put to a referendum.

The referendum will be held on Thursday 28th January 2016, for which residents should have already received their polling cards (or will do so soon). It is now for the residents of the two Parishes to decide whether the Plan should form part of the District's planning strategy until 2031.

Please play your part

The Plan to be voted on has already been published. It is basically a revised copy of the Plan submitted to MSDC by the Parish Councils of Lindfield and Lindfield Rural back in December 2014 (was it really a whole year ago?), together with a few minor changes to the wording that were recommended by the independent Examiner. It stipulates that any new housing development should be within the current built-up area boundary of Lindfield and Scaynes Hill. However, following the latest public consultation, it was accepted that this should include the new Heathwood Park development beside Gravelly Lane, since all that land has already been granted planning permission.

MSDC's website www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning/9768.htm has all the relevant details with the referendum timetable, and a copy of the Plan is also available for viewing at each of the Parish offices.

The Steering Group will be holding Pop-in Sessions on Saturday the 16th January, in Scaynes Hill's Millennium Centre from 10am-12noon and in Lindfield's King Edward Hall Jubilee Room from 2-4pm. If you would like to refresh your memory about the Plan, find out about the whole process or remind yourself about the amount of work that was undertaken by the community during the Plan preparation, then please come along. Watch out for the publicity advertising these events.

So far, there have been four referendums for Neighbourhood Plans within the District and another two will be held on the same day. The highest turnout of voters so far has been 42%. Let us see whether we can beat that number and make the point that our communities are the ones that should (and have) decided on planning strategy within our Parishes.

It is very important that local residents exercise their vote at this referendum.

Cllr Alan Gomme, Chair of Lindfield & Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

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As always we are indebted to the people who kindly allow us to plug in the High Street Christmas lights

at their properties. Thanks also to Goddenwick Farm for donating a Christmas tree and to Glyn Thomas and Son for letting us put it on their roof.



Finally, thank you to all members of the public who supported the event. We hope that our local shops benefited from the evening and that people who had stalls on behalf of local charities were successful in raising money for their causes.

It was very rewarding for members of the Parish Council team when a number of people stopped them on the night to express appreciation.

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

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DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

DM/15/4457 Land to the South of Scamps Hill, Scaynes Hill Road, Lindfield Rural

Outline application for the development of land to the South of Scamps Hill, to accommodate up to 200 dwellings, a 9.54ha County Park and land for a Half Form Entry Primary School, together with associated access road, car parking, landscaping and open space.

All reserved matters except for access.

The Parish Council will be considering its response to this important application within the Rural Parish in January.

Lindfield Rural Parish Council have called a Public Meeting at the King Edward Hall in Lindfield for 8pm

on Wednesday 6th January in order for Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Parish Councillors to hear the views of the applicants and local residents before they consider their respective responses to Mid Sussex District Council.

Lindfield Rural Parish Council will then consider this application at their meeting on Monday 11th January at the King Edward Hall in Lindfield at 8pm, and Lindfield Parish Council will consider it at a special meeting of the Council at 8pm on Tuesday 12th January in the Jubilee Room at the King Edward Hall.

Full details of this important application are available on Mid Sussex District Council's website and paper copies of it can be studied at Lindfield Rural Parish Office during their normal opening hours.

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL STREET LIGHTING UPGRADE

Hopefully by the time this edition comes out, this upgrade will be nearing completion. As stated in previous newsletters, the Parish Council has agreed to make a contribution towards the heritage embellishment of lights in the Conservation Area and some adjacent roads in the village centre. The final cost of our contribution, £13,143, was confirmed by SSE Enterprise Lighting in November 2015 and the bill has been paid. We hope the conversion will be completed in the very near future.

LINDFIELD PARISH DIRECTORY AND YEAR BOOK

(the green diary)

The 2016 diaries have been delivered and it is hoped that they continue to be of use. It has recently been pointed out to us that the covers are not recyclable and the suggestion was made that we should have them supplied with card covers for environmental reasons. We would appreciate your views about this.

The diary is still very popular and people keep it handy for the information it contains, however the cost of printing these diaries is no longer covered by advertising income as it once was. We are very grateful to the businesses that do take out advertisements, many of which have been regular supporters of the diary for many years. There was a time when we had over 70 advertisers but now we are down to 37, so we would encourage any of you with local businesses to think about taking out an advert in the next edition.

PAVING – HIGH STREET/ LEWES ROAD CORNER

The paving at the corner of the High Street and Lewes Road has recently been relaid and extra bollards added to deter the parking of vehicles on this pavement, which had been the main cause of its deterioration. The Parish Council paid towards the laying of this paving nearly twenty years ago as part of a scheme to implement traffic calming measures and has funded the recent work with a contribution from West Sussex County Council, who arranged for the work to be done through their contractors.

RECYCLING

Did you know that the energy saved by recycling one plastic drink bottle will power a computer for twenty five minutes and that an adult fleece jacket can be made out of twenty five two litre plastic bottles?

We've been asked to help publicise MSDC's recycling collection, particularly as it seems there are still a lot of people not recycling plastic pots, tubs and trays. The following items can now be put in the recycling bin along with milk/drink bottles and bathroom/laundry bottles and tubs: food, fruit and ready meal pots, tubs and trays and plastic container lids, but NOT plastic bags and wrappers; plant pots and seed trays; polystyrene; plastic toys and furniture; small plastic bottle tops and bubble wrap. All items for the recycling bin should be clean, with no food leftovers, dry and loose (ie not in plastic bags). Further details and collection calendars are available online at www.midsussex.gov.uk/recycling and leaflets about the waste collections are available at the Parish Office.

POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER

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

MOBILE CIVIC AMENITY COLLECTIONS

The refuse freighters will be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 10th January 2016, between the hours of 10am-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. A further collection has been arranged for 20th March 2016. The list from April 2016 has not yet been drawn up.

Parish Council meetings

January – March 2016

Tuesday	5th January	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	7th January	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	12th January	Special Meeting of Full Council (United Reformed Church)	8pm
Thursday	14th January	Full Council	8pm
Tuesday	26th January	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	8pm
Thursday	4th February	Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm
Tuesday	16th February	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	3rd March	Finance and General Purposes Committee	8pm
Tuesday	8th March	Planning and Traffic Committee (plans only)	8pm
Thursday	10th March	Full Council	8pm
Tuesday	29th March	Planning and Traffic Committee (full)	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 all 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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Franco-British Society reaches 45

2016 marks the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Mid-Sussex Franco-British Society based in Haywards Heath.

Throughout its existence the society has followed its tradition of French being the main language of its monthly meetings where members and visitors of varying levels of French have the opportunity to practise the language by listening to illustrated talks by French speakers and taking part in conversation. Meetings are held monthly on a Wednesday evening between September and June from 8-10pm in the Function Suite of Clair Hall in Haywards Heath.

Topics in 2016 will cover such subjects as Quebec and francophone Canada, a film about Coco Chanel before she became the icon of haute couture, art dealer René Gimpel 1881-1945 and his association with well-known French painters of the day, Rose Valland and the protection of French works of art during wartime, and the role of the press since the war in reflecting and shaping public opinion.

There are also informal social meetings in December and June for members and invited guests. Visitors' fees are £4 per evening and annual membership £20. Further details are available from the Secretary, Mrs Barbara Stevens, telephone 01444 452385 or email dandbstevens@btopenworld.com



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By Cavan Wood

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The chapters are deliberately written in a way which will enable those who are struggling with these conditions. With honesty about his experiences, Matt Haig does not give us a self-piteous narrative but one man's account which can help us understand what the human condition is.

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New Proposal for Housing Development

Wates the developers have applied for outline planning permission for up to 200 more houses between Gravely Lane and Scamps Hill. This scheme would cause a further loss of irreplaceable countryside and wildlife habitat. Another surge in population would put even more pressure on schools and health services that are already overstretched. Hundreds more cars would add significantly to congestion and pollution in the village. Please have your say - be sure to send your comments to Mid Sussex District Council by 15 January.

Planning and Traffic matters in 2015

We have continued to pressure the District Council and Barratt Homes about making good after 'The Limes' development. Dukes Road and Newton Road were finally resurfaced this March.

The Lindfield Preservation Society inspects all planning applications received by the District Council for proposals that could be considered unsympathetic or for work on protected trees that could harm their contribution to the village. In the last twelve months we looked at 138 applications in Lindfield Parish and 78 in the Rural Parish. We are particularly pleased to report several applications from owners for work to restore and conserve their Listed Buildings, with which Lindfield village is especially well endowed.

One the other hand, we have been very concerned about the lack of a District Plan, including recent announcements of further delays to getting one approved and the resultant open season for developers to propose destructive schemes like the ones at Birchen Fields and at Scamps Hill (mentioned above). Better news is that the Neighbourhood Plan for Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Parishes is a step nearer to acceptance, with a referendum due early in 2016.

Since our Newsletter in Lindfield Life in June, we have met with and obtained support from Haywards Heath Town Council and all nine Parish Councils, including Lindfield, for our revised Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). We also have support from two local

MPs. The TRO proposes weight limit signs in strategic locations to make HGVs remain on or outside a ring of 'Advisory Routes', already designated by East and West County Councils for this purpose, and thereby to deny them access to the roads that the County Councils have declared as unsuitable inside the ring, unless for legitimate purposes. Every Council has carefully considered the challenges and advantages of our proposals, including enforcement, preserving amenity and historic buildings, the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, and has backed the scheme. Recently we met Highways Officers and Councillors at WSCC. We expect to formally submit the application for the TRO in the near future but not before taking legal advice to ensure, so far as it is possible, that it is successful. We are under no illusion that reaching our aim to protect Lindfield and surrounding villages will be easy. However, as John Kennedy suggested, we don't do this because it's easy.

Talks in King Edward Hall

There will be another programme of talks in the King Edward Hall in 2016, covering for example the Wealden iron industry and life on English canals. Non-members are also welcome. Please see our website (below) for details.

You can help!

Please join our Society to support your village and help retain its character. Even if you are unable to take an active role, the weight of our membership numbers helps greatly in resisting encroachment by unwelcome, speculative developers. Please see our website www.lindfieldsociety.org.uk for the online membership form or contact our Hon. Membership Secretary Jean Gorman on 01444 483 835.

The chairman and committee members wish all our members and Lindfield Life readers a very happy New Year!

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- 6th **Public Planning Meeting** – 8pm
Re: MSDC Planning Application: DM/1514457
- 13th **Lindfield Horticultural Society** – 8pm
Reconvened AGM (to complete items 7-12 of the original agenda), followed by 'Cut Flowers: An Annual Challenge'. Gill Jones will talk about the annual challenge that is growing cut flowers. Find out how the cut flower industry informs what is available commercially and discover some new ideas to enjoy sowing, planting and harvesting in your own garden. Free entry. All welcome. (Membership Enquiries: 01444 456509 www.lindfieldhorts.org.uk)
- 16th **Meet Your Local Councillors** – 11-11.45am
Lindfield Councillors are inviting residents to join them to discuss local issues. County Councillor Christine Field and District Councillors Margaret Hersey, Andrew Lea and Anthea Lea will be present to answer residents' questions, hear their concerns and discuss local issues. All residents are invited to attend. (Ginny Heard 01444 452590)
- 16th **Neighbourhood Plan Pop-in Session**
2-4pm - a chance to see the plan before voting
- 19th **A new WI meeting?** – 2.30pm (see below)
- 21st **Lindfield Country Market** – 10-11am
(Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
"To all our customers at Lindfield Country Market we wish you a Happy and prosperous New Year. The market is open every Thursday from 10-11am at King Edward Hall, opposite the pond, where you can buy high quality cakes, savouries and craft. We look forward to seeing you."
- 21st **King Edward Hall – Film Show Evening**
(Film TBC - Jennie Powell 01444 483431)
- 26th **Lindfield Flower Club AGM** – 2.15pm
- 28th **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 Bookings Secretary for further information on telephone number 01444 483266 or by email on: bookings@kingedwardhall.org.uk

- 5th **NHS Retirement Fellowship Mid-Sussex**
10.15am, Franklands Village Hall
'A Hearing Dog' Sue Ian & Jasmine
- 16th **Neighbourhood Plan Pop-in Session**
10am-12noon Millennium Centre, Scaynes Hill
- 16th **Knit and Natter Workshop**
10-1pm, Upstairs at Masters, Lewes Road
- 16th **Volunteering Recruitment Fair** – 10.30am-3.30pm, Sheffield Park and Gardens
- 20th **Mid-Sussex Decorative and Fine Arts Society**
10.15am Clair Hall. Paula Rego: Tales of the Unexpected. Talk by Linda Smith on the life and work of Paula Rego. (Visitors £7 on door)
- 21st **Mid Sussex Association of the National Trust**
– 2.30pm, Clair Hall. Japanese Gardens an Appreciation by Stephen Morphew
- 23rd **Mid Sussex Caledonian Society Burns Supper**
Cottesmore Hotel Golf and Country Club. It will be a traditional Burns Supper with a piper and toasts. (Further information can be obtained by phoning 01403 252694 or see www.midsussexcaledoniansociety.org.uk)
- 28th **Neighbourhood Plan Referendum**
(Polling cards should have details on)

A new WI group?

A meeting is to be held on Tuesday 19th January in the King Edward Hall at 2.30 pm with the aim of forming a new WI in Lindfield.

The WI offers the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, enjoy various activities and have some fun. It is open to all women over the age of 18, is non-sectarian and non-party political.

This will be an informal afternoon so come along and find out what the WI can offer you and be one of the first to join! For further information and to add your name to the list of those interested in this new group call Yvonne on 01444 483682.

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