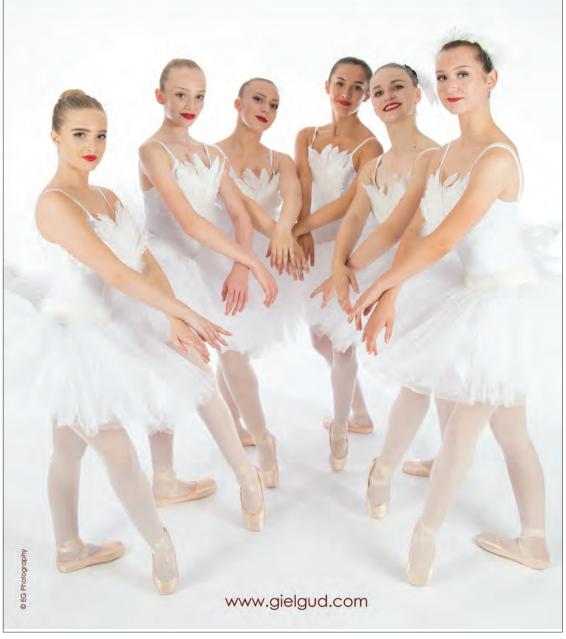




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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

I know, I know – what you really want is coverage of the recent Lindfield Arts Festival, however the bad news

is that we had already gone to print

when it took place – so you'll have to wait until next month for our annual round-up I'm afraid.

What I can say is that there is lots more on our October pages to keep you entertained and up to date.

Lindfield Dramatic Club opens its annual autumn production later in the month – see page 4 for details. Plus there's a Pop Up Shop taking place in The Stand Up – with numerous sellers all setting up in the pub. Page 6 has all the info.

I'm pleased to say that Lindfield historian Richard Bryant has once again produced a fantastic article, which, this month, looks back at the days following the end of the First World War – celebrated fully in November, of course. Read the story on page 10. There is more on this theme, when we remember those Lindfield men who died, on page 13.

Pauline Parkyns appeals for new poppy sellers on page 16. And Lindfield Arts Festival announced the winner of its 2018 Bursary Fund last month as Tom Mackewn – also on page 16.

Our feature on page 28 is a summary of the Scaynes Hill Flower Show – which looked like an amazing event. Times like this are great examples of community getting together, and it's great to highlight it here. Well done to the winners too! On page 22 you can read about and see Lindfield Horticultural Society's Flower & Produce Show – which was held at King Edward Hall last month.

Lastly, we have numerous **Holiday Snaps** sent in (too many to print this month actually) so check out the postcards from **page 38!** And wait for another batch in nexth month's Lindfield Life.

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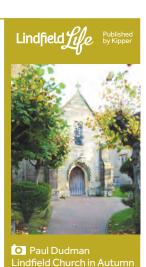
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Dramatic club aims to thrill

By Rex Cooper

Fans of TV detective shows will recognise the name of Brian Clemens as the man who created The Avengers and who wrote classic series including Dangerman, The Professionals, The Persuaders and Bergerac...

His plays are less well known but no less exciting, and it is his Spain-based thriller Inside Job that Lindfield Dramatic Club brings to the King Edward Hall for their autumn production this month.

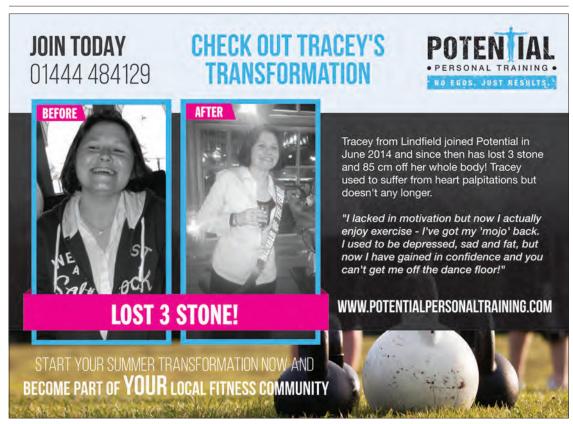
Inside Job is a three-hander set in an isolated villa about a mile from Marbella, full of plots, counter plots, bluffs and double bluffs. None of the three characters is what he or she seems on the surface and Clemens cleverly and intricately weaves a web of deceit, deception and dissimulation to the end.

Director Rex Cooper explained: "For the past decade or so we have largely relied on comedy – broad, satire, farce and, last year with Oscar Wilde, trivial – to attract and entertain our audiences. This play will take the smiles off their faces and have them chewing their fingernails."

Inside Job can be seen at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield, on Thursday 25th October, Friday 26th and



Saturday 27th, starting at 8pm. Tickets, priced £10, are available from Tufnells Home, 59 High Street, Lindfield, from 1st October.





Charity yoga event at Warden Park School

Scaynes Hill resident and yoga teacher Di Laker will be hosting a fitness session next month to raise funds for mental health charity, Mind.

Di, who has personally battled with her own mental health over the years, wanted to create this event both to support Mind in its work and also to highlight how it is possible to overcome these challenges.

Following a mental breakdown in 2009,
Di was admitted for treatment on three
separate occasions whilst suffering with
psychotic episodes, severe depression and extreme
anxiety. Di's husband Henry explained: "It took five years
of courage and determination to regain her life from one
of living in the shadows to that of a confident person



teaching yoga and fitness in front of packed classes 15 times a week."

The event is being held at Warden Park School in Cuckfield on 13th October. Di will be running a two hour yoga practice suitable for anyone who wishes to participate, sharing her own story publicly, running a raffle with prizes from local businesses and arranging a food and drink stall from which any leftovers will be donated to Crawley Open House for the Homeless.

Doors open at the 'YogaDi' event at 9.15am and tickets can be purchased in advance from https://bit. ly/2oAGFrU - all proceeds from the morning will go to Mind Mental Health Charity.

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From rugs and scarves to candles, body lotions and even chocolates, shoppers will be spoilt for choice at the Pop Up Hygge Shop at The Stand Up on Thursday 4th October, from 9am to midday.

The idea behind #popuplindfield is to support local businesses and raise funds for charities.

The event will be hosted by Andi Frost (owner of The Stand Up) who will be selling Usbourne children's books, and Lindfield resident Anna Ashley, from Tropic Skincare.

Refreshments (baked and bought by the local stall holders) will be available, with donations going to the Princess Royal Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.

The event follows the success of a Pop-Up Summer Shop in May which raised £100 for the Baby Unit.

Other businesses taking part are: South with Karen Chesson, Florie with Sophie, Tracy's Little Gift Shop, A Trifle Arty, Concrete & Paper with Emma Sowden-Mabbott, Little Hippo with Emma, Swedish Wooden Horse with Cecilia Poulsen, Anna Swan Candles, Norma Leppard, Rowdy and Fancy's Chocolate and Little People Photography.





Elin to feature in Brighton concert

Royal Wedding soprano and local resident Elin Manahan Thomas will delight audiences at St Paul's Church in Brighton next month, with her 'Game of Thrones' lunchtime concert.

The popular singer, who became a household name following the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle earlier this year, will be appearing as part of The Brighton Early Music Festival.

The Festival, during October and November, brings 700 years of music from 17 European countries to Brighton, and has the timely theme 'Europe – Connection, Division, Collaboration and Chaos'. The festival explores Britain's long and often tempestuous relationship with the European continent and reminds us that, although we are again living in very uncertain political times, there is always music to provide welcome relief!

Highlights include music from the 13th century Lewes Priory Breviary (St Bartholomew's Church, 28th October); a royal wedding party for Prince Adolf and Princess Ulrika of Sweden (St George's Church, 2nd November); music for peace to celebrate Armistice Day (St Martin's Church, 11th November); and a double bill of Italian and English opera, updated for the 21st century with contemporary dance (The Old Market,

6th-8th November). If you're looking for something slightly different, don't miss the chance to hear early music in a pub setting at The Rose Hill (3rd November), or a join a book club exploring Rose Tremain's Music and Silence in advance of a concert featuring music from the early 17th century Danish



court featured in the novel (4th November).

Elin will be appearing with her 'Game of Thrones' in a lunchtime programme showcasing lute songs from the court of Elizabeth I (St Paul's Church, 27th October). The festival's own BREMF Consort of Voices, BREMF Singers and BREMF Community Choir will also be performing in various events.

Full information and online booking is available on the festival's website (bremf.org.uk), where you can also request a brochure. Tickets can also be booked via Brighton Dome Ticket Office (01273 709709).



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Couple prepare for Atlantic balloon flight

Lindfield balloonists Mike Scholes and Deborah Jane Day will bid to make history next year as they set out on a record-breaking balloon flight across the Atlantic.

The couple, from Noah's Ark Lane, have been regular flying partners since Mike, a former military and commercial airman, lost his sight 11 years ago – but not before he had helped Deborah gain her pilot's licence.

Deborah aims to be the first woman to captain a balloon across the Atlantic and, if successful, will smash world distance and duration records. Mike will also be the first registered blind person to crew on such a flight.

The 2,800 mile fundraising flight from Dartmouth in Canada to Dartmouth, Devon, in aid of Blind Veterans UK is expected to take between five and 10 days during which the duo's 85ft Rozière balloon will be lifted by a combination of helium and hot air to altitudes of more than 18,000ft.

"The balloon will fly between 500 and 16,000ft depending on weather," says Mike, who is one of only seven British pilots to have flown at three times that height. "Snow is our biggest concern, but above 10,000ft you're also short of oxygen. I've experienced oxygen deprivation on balloon flights before. When you reach 10,000ft it's like having your first gin and tonic when you get in from work... it hits you but then the body adjusts."

The couple's cramped, 1.8m x 1.4m super-light, British-made basket will carry oxygen cylinders and masks together with natural wool clothing and a sleeping bag to insulate them from the cold. "We will avoid static by wearing wool and cotton," says Mike.

The couple will keep in touch with Mission Control at home primarily via smartphone and a solar-powered iPad, loaded with a unique app that allows Mike to monitor the flight while Deborah is asleep. They'll share the rest of the living space with helium cylinders for the balloon, survival and rescue equipment to be used in the event of a marine landing together with back-up communication.

Mike, a veteran of five duration record-breaking hot air balloon flights, lost his sight at the age of 53 to



Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy – a rare condition affecting mostly young men in the UK.

"Up until then I was running a successful commercial passenger balloon company, but I gave it up because passengers felt more comfortable with a pilot who could see," jokes Mike.

He took up long distance running with a local club, where he met Deborah, an endurance athlete, and went on to set himself increasingly demanding physical challenges, including a trek to the North Pole. But the #BalloonthePond flight will be his toughest yet.

"More have failed than succeeded in crossing the Atlantic by balloon," says Mike, who is currently training to improve his physical endurance with Deborah.

"I find exercise is a big motivator and a boost, both physically and mentally. I do get frustrated by the lack of independence and exercise is something you can achieve without being reliant on other people."

Deborah adds: "I couldn't make the Atlantic trip without Mike. Although he cannot handle the landings, he is still a very competent, experienced balloonist.

"When we fly, we work as one. He's a real adventurer—we have that in common."





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Nicola and Alan Yule



Welcome Home parade arriving at King Edward Hall

By Richard Bryant, Lindfield History Project Group

Today we have grown used to receiving news as it happens 24 hours a day, whereas one hundred years ago newspapers were the almost universal means for the public to receive news.

News of the Armistice on 11th November 1918 bringing to an end the fighting took time to spread and was not widely received until the following day. People needed to read it to believe it was true. There was a joyous but muted reaction in Lindfield and across Mid Sussex, with no organised public celebratory events.

The Mid Sussex Times reported that 'During the past week the inhabitants of Mid Sussex have been in high spirits because of the cessation of hostilities. Joyous peals have been rung upon the church bells. Cottagers have displayed from their humble homes such flags as they could get hold of, bonfires have been lighted, and rich and poor have mingled together in the Services of Thanksgiving.'

Some took high spirits further than others. Ellen Baxter, from Horsted Keynes whose husband was serving in France, was brought before Haywards Heath magistrates. She had been celebrating with friends in Lindfield, and was found drunk and incapable beside the road at Town Hill, Lindfield on 12th November. Police enquiries failed to find out where in Lindfield she had been served her drinks. Mrs Baxter was fined five shillings.

Within weeks of the Armistice, thought was being given to a memorial for the fallen and welcome celebrations for the returning service men. Lindfield received praise from the Mid Sussex Times for being first to start planning a welcome home event. Following a well-attended meeting in the Reading Room, a committee of twenty was formed and a fund for donations opened in early January 1919; this received a

generous response. The date set for the Welcome Home Day was 28th May 1919, as it had been expected most servicemen would have returned by then. However, many were still to be demobilised which continued into 1920.

Shops and houses were decorated with flags, bunting and banners in readiness for the celebrations. These started at 5pm with a Service of Thanksgiving in All Saints Church. Afterwards, the men formed up behind the Ardingly Band and to the tune 'Sons of the Brave' marched down the High Street accompanied by their families and watched by a large crowd. Outside King Edward Hall, the crowd cheered the men into the Hall.

Following a warm welcome by the committee, about 140 men sat down in King Edward Hall to a 'capital spread'.

The menu was:

Roast Beef

Hams

Tongues

Steak & Kidney Pies

Veal & Ham Pies

Braised Beef

French Salads, Tomato Salads, Potatoes

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Welcome Home parade in the High Street

The meal was followed by speeches of thanks and toasts from the top table. After the formalities, the men were treated to musical entertainments and a 'sleight of hand' show. The evening closed with the National Anthem and Auld Lang Syne.

The Welcome Home Committee also arranged for demobilised men to receive complimentary membership of the Lindfield Club for 1919. From the funds donated there was a surplus of £55 and this was used to start the War Memorial Fund.

The Great War did not officially end until the Treaty of Versailles was signed on 28th June 1919. The government decreed Saturday 19th July 1919 as Peace Day and called for towns and villages across the country to organise events to celebrate the war's end. Again generously funded by voluntary subscriptions, the Lindfield Peace Day featured a full programme of events:

Service at All Saints Church

10.30am Decorated cycle parade in fancy dress down

the High Street

2pm

11am Cricket match on the Common; Cricket Club

Captain's Team v Wednesday Captain's Team.

Tennis and bowls matches were also played. Children's sports on the Common followed by

tea in the Reading Room

4pm Adults' tea buffet in King Edward Hall 5pm

Adult sports on the Common and aquatic

events on the Pond

7pm A dance in King Edward Hall 9.30pm Illuminations around the Pond

Fireworks and bonfire on the Common 10pm

A Victory Ball was also held in the King Edward Hall on Wednesday 23rd July 1919 with some 90 people attending, many in fancy dress. The dancing continued into the early hours.

After four years of sacrifice and hardship, the coming of peace brought many social issues, including an expectation throughout the country that returning servicemen should live in a land fit for heroes. In January 1919, with men starting to return, the Cuckfield Rural District Council asked Parish Councils about additional housing requirements for the working classes.

The need for new low rent houses was discussed at length by Lindfield Parish Council. It was also considered by the Lindfield Women's Institute, whose members were concerned by the lack of workers' houses and the insanitary conditions prevailing in many existing properties. This was emphasised by some exservicemen's call for the village war memorial to take the form of public bath facilities.

The Women's Institute advised the Lindfield Parish Council that many modern cottages were needed in the village. However, after much deliberation, regarding rents and costs, the Parish Council advised the District Council that only 10 or 12 new worker's houses were needed. Less than half these numbers were built.

On a lighter note, the Parish Council asked the War Office about the availability of war trophies and was told to contact the Lord Lieutenant of Sussex. At the September 1919 Council meeting, the Chairman reported the Lord Lieutenant had advised twelve rifles would be available. 'It is not what we hoped to receive', commented the Chairman, with another Councillor suggesting 'the centre of Bents Wood would be a good place to put them or they might dispose of them at a jumble sale'. However, it was resolved to accept the rifles. Clearly, the Parish Council were disappointed, as it is thought they were hoping to receive an artillery gun! What happened to the rifles is not known.

The Village War Memorial will be the subject of next month's article.

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Here are the final six of the 64 men, with a connection to Lindfield, who tragically died during or just after the First World War. The names of the other 58 men have been remembered in the previous nine issues of Lindfield Life to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the end of the war on 11th November 2018. 63 of these men are remembered on the Lindfield Village War Memorial and one on a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone (original research by Chris Comber).

George Alfred Willey

Private G 3596. 9th Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action, aged, 30 at Loos 25th September 1915. Commemorated at The Loos Memorial MR19.

Survived by his parents of South Lodge, Paxhill Park, Lindfield.

Luther Samuel John Wilmshurst

Private 24547. 7th Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment. Taken prisoner and died aged 21 of tuberculosis in captivity on 18th July 1917. Buried Berlin South Western Cemetery, Germany GY4.

Survived by his parents of 1 Fountain Cottages, Ardingly Road, Lindfield.

Wilfrid Winn

Private 60515. Labour Corps formerly Private 31490, Royal Fusiliers. Died in hospital from pneumonia on 26th May 1918, having been badly gassed at the front, aged 30. Buried Walstead Cemetery.

Survived by his parents of Walstead Cottages, Walstead, Lindfield.

William John Winn

Corporal 21319. 1st Garrison Battalion, Norfolk Regiment. Died at home of influenza on 27th May 1919, aged 51. Buried Walstead Cemetery with a Commonwealth War Graves Headstone.

Survived by his wife Alice Winn of 1 South Malling Cottages, Lewes Road. Lindfield.

Ernest Wood

Private G 8449. 1st Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment. Killed in action on the Somme on 3rd November 1916, aged 28. Commemorated at The Thiepval Memorial MR 21.

Survived by his mother, Harriet Wood, and by his wife Jessie of 5 West View Cottages, Lindfield.

Arthur Daniel Young MM

Sergeant G.1483. 2nd Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment. Killed in action, aged 23, on 9th September 1916. Commemorated at The Thiepval Memorial MR 21.

Engaged to Florence Grace Rawling of Lindfield who never married and is buried at Walstead Cemetery.



By Jacqui Smith, interior designer

With the Lindfield Arts Festival still fresh in my mind, selecting art feels like an appropriate subject for this month's article. Art gives a room personality, yet, in my experience choosing it can be daunting. I am no curator, bowing to our lovely local Belinda Holden on that score, but there are some basic principles which I apply when selecting art, the most important one being that you love it!

Claude Monet once said: "Everyone discusses my art and pretends to understand, as it were necessary to understand, when it is simply necessary to love." I could not agree with this more. Years ago when staying with friends in Perthshire, I was stopped in my tracks by a Howard Butterworth painting in the window of a village gallery. The friends David and I were with, urged us to buy it assuring us that when art grabs you like that, you should buy it. Well clearly cash comes into this too but we had some wedding gift money left over so said piece came back from Scotland with us. I still love it and I guess I could explain that it's the tranquillity of the scene, the connection with my years spent north of the border as an undergraduate or the gorgeous autumn colours, but it's no more complicated than the fact that I love it. When first married, living in Dorking, we ended up decorating our bedroom around it and it now hangs on our landing so I see it every day... and it still makes me smile.

So designing around a piece of art is something we often do and it makes sense, you have a palette right there. I love nothing more than a client showing me a much loved painting, telling me its story and then setting me the task of creating a scheme to support it. A few years ago, centre to a new kitchen brief was a lovely charcoal and ink drawing from Leesa Le May. Not only does this happen with our private residential work but in care homes too. You will often find galleries

of residents' art in a home and these give a scheme character and for the residents, a sense of ownership. And when it comes to moving from an old building that is no longer fit for purpose to a new build, using the art within the new scheme provides the residents with an instant connection. Furthermore, art plays a key role in stimulating conversation and encouraging engagement which is so important in care setting communities.

But what happens when you have a completed room but no art, where do you start? I think art should be personal and not too show home. I say that as someone who has designed many show homes where the art is chosen to sit with the palette and the style, but there is no person at the heart of it. Think about the space you are filling, the proportions and the orientation of the art, ie whether it will be hung portrait or landscape. Sofas look better with landscape orientation for instance since the art echoes the shape. However the wall above the WC in your cloakroom is more likely to demand portrait. If you have smaller pieces then you can still display these in either a landscape or portrait shape so in the example of the sofa, you might have a collection of smaller pieces grouped together so as to create a landscape shape. Consider the cohesion of the pieces be it through subject or the frame style or material. You might have some pieces of art which could be brought into the scheme with a new frame and mount. A print with a simple ivory mount can be completely transformed by opting for a coloured mount.

My preference is to invest in the pieces I love and then work a scheme around them. This is exactly what I did a few years ago at a previous arts festival when falling in love with some of local artist, Elizabeth Ockford's work (pictured). We had no immediate home for it but loved it and ended up designing our bedroom around it!

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Sad passing of John Jesson

Members of The Lindfield Preservation Society are sad to record the death of John Jesson on Sunday 26th August.

'John was a much valued member of the Society and its management committee and was a prominent resident of Lindfield who cared deeply about the village and its welfare. He will be much missed and our heartfelt sympathies go to Angela and his family.'

An obituary will follow in the next edition of Lindfield Life.



New accessible minibus arrives

Oathall Community College's headteacher was delighted to take delivery this week of a much-needed new school minibus. The acquisition of the new minibus was made possible by the kind generosity and support of Fairfax Properties which fully supported the purchase for the school.

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Headteacher, Edward Rodriguez said: "We are incredibly grateful to Fairfax for their support of the school. This new bus will be used extensively by the school and especially the PE department where it will enable teams and reserves to be transported to school fixtures without incurring additional transportation costs."

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Every year, new poppy collectors are needed for the door to door and High Street collections.

"We always need new blood, as age and illness take our older collectors from us each year," explained Lindfield Poppy Appeal organiser Pauline Parkyns.

She added that house to house collections this year will take place between Saturday 27th October and Saturday 10th November.

The High Street collections run from 3rd November to 10th (excluding Mon 5th).

"I do hope some villagers will feel they could spare me an hour or two of their time for this important time of year," Pauline added.

For more information, contact Pauline on 01444 482672 or email pauline.parkyns@tiscali.co.uk.



Rotary supports Air Ambulance again

Bv David Wilson

Ever since it began, Rotary of Cuckfield & Lindfield have supported Air Ambulance Kent Surrey & Sussex. Over the years specific events have been organised and the proceeds donated to this wonderful service. In August representatives from Rotary visited AAKSS at Redhill aerodrome to present it with yet another £2,000 cheque.

Whilst there, they were shown around the facilities. The two helicopters are typically called out six to eight times per day, and in July they totalled 29 call-outs, the length and breadth of the three counties.

Rotary of Cuckfield & Lindfield have raised, and donated approximately £25,000 per year recently, reaching a grand total of over £300,000 in the last 15 years, donated to a wide range of causes. We are a highly successful group of men and women, aged from the thirties upwards, who enjoy giving service to the local community and internationally, whilst enjoying fun-loving fellowship.

LAF Bursary winner announced

The ninth Lindfield Arts Festival was held over the 21-23rd September and once again visitors were entertained and amazed at the variety of performances, workshops and exhibitions.

This year saw the awarding of the first Lindfield Arts Festival Bursary. There were some strong applications for deliberation and the judges enjoyed considering them all. However, the overall award goes to local Lindfield resident and artist, Tom Mackewn. New Patron of Lindfield Arts Festival, Clare Bradbury presented Tom with his prize of £1,000 saying that she looked forward to seeing his story and illustrations next year.

Tom thanked the #LAF2018 Team, judges and everyone involved in both the bursary award and the running of the Festival for making Lindfield such a great place to live, adding: "I applied for the bursary because it seemed like the first tentative step I could take towards making my creative ambitions more public; I never really thought I'd actually get it. Obviously, having funding to actually pursue some artistic training is fantastic but I've



always been a bit shy about my illustrations and having this sort of public validation is absolutely priceless. I'm absolutely delighted and can't wait to start my course."

#LAF2018 wish to thank those supporters that made the Bursary award possible and to let potential applicants know that #LAF2019 will be welcoming applications from next month.

Rest assured: photos of the Festival will be in next month's Lindfield Life!

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What a great response to my previous articles. By the time you read this I will have replied individually to all your emails to the editor on recycling. Keep the questions coming...

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Gold crystals from Hope's Nose, Torquay, Devon. Specimen, photo and copyright John Hall

By Nick Hawes, chairman The Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society

You may have seen an item of news a short while ago concerning someone who found a sizeable gold nugget somewhere in Scotland (see picture below). The finder was understandably coy about the location of the nugget, but it was reputedly worth several tens of thousands of pounds. However, the last nugget of comparable size was probably found several hundred years ago, so abandon hope of getting rich quickly!

There is a long history of gold mining in the UK with several gold rushes being recorded in Scotland, the most significant of which was at the Kildonan Burn in Sutherland in 1868/69. Gold has also been



The recently found large nugget from Scotland. Photo: BBC news

found at Wanlockhead in Dumfriesshire, the place where the annual UK gold panning championship has been held for many years and where the nugget above is believed to have come from. As an aside, if any readers are near the Leadhills/Wanlockhead area, the Leadmining Museum there is well worth a visit, in addition to the lovely natural scenery on display in the Leadhills area.

Gold is also present in Wales and the royal wedding rings have been made from gold mined in the Clogau St David's Gold Mine.

However, while the gold found in these areas has an intrinsic value or royal connection, a nugget is just a nugget and is not necessarily aesthetically pleasing. Not so the gold from a small site at Hope's Nose near Torquay in Devon. Unique mineralogy gave rise to a tiny deposit of gold which crystallised out in exquisitely beautiful fern-shaped crystals. These crystals could be

etched out of the enclosing calcite to produce some of the most stunning and highly sought after gold mineral specimens in the world. Sadly the site is worked out and there is no more to be found.

Gold is usually mined in deposits where the gold is present only in minute flakes, often not visible to the native eye, however it is still worth mining because of gold's high value. However occasionally geological processes will work to concentrate the gold in a smaller area and allow it to crystallise out in a vein of solid gold and, if there is room for crystals to grow, gold can form beautiful mineral specimens. If gold is generally rare, crystallised gold is extremely so, and large and aesthetically pleasing specimens can command astonishing prices in the collector community (for the rich collectors, that is!).

In the mineral collecting world, gold specimens have a unique cachet – both because the metal is intrinsically valuable, but also because gold crystallises in the most beautiful ways with cubes, wires, octahedrons, hopper shapes or trigons (a type of flattened tetrahedron). Add to this a naturally high lustre and the beautiful and the instantly recognizable gold colour, and you have the potential for a beautiful gold mineral specimen. So sought after are gold specimens for the collector market that there are several mines worldwide which are operated just to produce gold in collector quality specimens; locations include Round Mountain Mine in Nevada and the Eagles Nest and Colorado Quartz Mines in California.

Arguably the finest gold specimen ever to be discovered is 'The Dragon' which was found in the Colorado Quartz Mine, Mariposa County, California in 1998 by co-owner John Emmett. The gold in quartz specimen is 18 cm tall and was sold for well over \$1 million. The Dragon now resides in the Houston Museum of Natural History.



The Dragon" – probably the most famous gold specimen in the world.

Photo: Nick Hawes

With gold being so valuable, but also expensive to mine, attracting investment to fund a prospective mining venture has always been important and what better way to demonstrate the fortune to be made to an investor by showing them glittering riches within part of the mine itself?

In this context, it is not difficult to imagine unscrupulous people using other minerals which look like gold to hoodwink unsuspecting investors, especially when they are trying to persuade said investors to put money into a new mine. Indeed, one old definition of a gold mine is "a hole in the ground with a liar in the bottom of it"!

Mine owners would often arrange for prospective investors to visit their mine in advance of them parting with their money. As we have said above, gold is rarely visible to the naked eye, but that is hardly likely to get a prospective shareholder excited, so, often mine owners would 'salt' the mine by placing strategic chunks of nice looking 'gold like material', often iron pyrite a.k.a. Fools' Gold, in easily visible nooks and crannies in the mine to fool the investor into thinking that the mine was a sure bet for their money. The investor would then advance the funds and the mine owner would scarper to the nearest foreign country to spend their ill-gotten gains! History is littered with such scams.

So what is 'Fools' Gold'? In short, it has nothing to do with gold at all, but rather is iron pyrite, which chemically is iron sulphide. The only thing it has in common with real gold is a similar gold colour and the same cubic crystallization system. In contrast to real gold, it is plentiful and cheap and can be found all over the world. It makes for great value mineral specimens as they are shiny, attractively crystallised and relatively cheap.

Pyrite can be found here in Sussex - pyrite nodules form in the chalk and if you walk on the Downs you can sometimes pick up spherical balls, often blackened on



Shiny pyrite crystals from the Huanzala Mine in Huanuco Department, Peru. Specimen is $12 \text{cm} \times 8 \text{cm}$

the outside, which when broken open display beautiful radiating gold crystals. Nodules in the chalk can also be spiky and form spear shaped masses, these may often be brownish on the outside but again will be gold-coloured when broken.

One of the best places to find pyrite nodules in Sussex used to be Climping Beach near Littlehampton. The sea comes in over a wave cut platform in the chalk and pyrite nodules used to get weathered out and washed up on the beach at low tide. These can be a lovely shiny gold colour and can be up to 1 foot across! Sadly (for mineral collectors!) a combination of changing sea defences and scouring tides have, at present, completely covered Climping beach in sand so it is impossible to find pyrite nodules there – but you can sunbathe instead!

Because real gold is so heavy it is possible to separate it out from other rock, gravel or sand by "panning", in essence using a specially constructed flat pan with riffles in the side to wash the unwanted material out, while leaving the flecks or nuggets of gold behind. At the Sussex Mineral and Fossil Show on 17 November 2018,



Pyrite from Climping Beach, near Littlehampton $18 \mathrm{cm} \, \mathrm{tall} \, \mathrm{x} \, 22 \mathrm{cm} \, \mathrm{wide}$

the Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society will be running gold panning for children (or adults!) where you have an opportunity to pan for real (not fools') gold. Come along and have a go!

The Sussex Mineral and Fossil Show is at Clair Hall, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath RH16 3DN, on Saturday 17th November between 10am and 4.30pm.

Also at the show are a whole range of mineral and fossil specimens for sale, or just to look at, competitions and other displays, food and a bar – come along for a fabulous day out right on your doorstep.

If you want to know more about the fascinating world of minerals or fossils, why not join the Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society? We are a friendly bunch who meet in the Methodist Church Hall in Perrymount Road in Haywards Heath on the first Friday of each month. Come along and meet us on a no obligation basis. Meetings start at 7.15pm and talks start at 7.45pm.

See our website for more details at **www.smls.online** and we are also on Facebook – search for Sussex Mineral and Lapidary Society.



Local fitness business owner Mike Martin held a hugely successful fundraiser in aid of Haywards Heath based charity Time 4 Children earlier this summer. Held at the Millennium Centre in Scaynes Hill, Mike and his energetic team ran back-to-back taster classes for two hours. Both adults and children were invited to join in the fun and most of the guests did the full two hours non-stop! Luckily guests were able to sit outside afterwards and enjoy a picnic in the glorious sunshine before a last bit of exercise with a friendly game of rounders.

Mike was delighted with how successful the day was: "We raised a huge £1,961.25 for Time 4 Children, which will help the wonderful volunteers continue the work they do with local children." Time 4 Children founder Vicky Chalmers was overwhelmed by Personal Training

for Health's support:
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his team enough for a
wonderful fundraiser. The
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Both PT for Health and T4C would also like to thank those generous local businesses which donated some lovely prizes for the raffle.







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LINDFIELD IN BLOOM

By Heather Martin, Chair

I hope you're all back into the swing of things after the summer, enjoying the rhythm of school, work clubs and societies as we come into the autumn months.

September saw the final of our Lindfield in Bloom Sunflower Competition. We were delighted to give prizes to Amelia King for the tallest sunflower (pictured) which grew to a whopping 3.03 metres high (9'11") and Sophie King with the largest sunflower head. Runners-up included Bob Flowerdew, Brenda Johnson and Compton House garden volunteers. Well done and thank you to everyone who took part.

We also had our scarecrow trail at the Lindfield Arts Festival - visit our Facebook page to see pictures of the wonderful scarecrows created by the people of Lindfield.

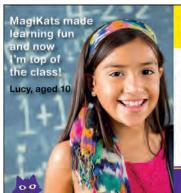
As we went to print we received great news that Lindfield in Bloom won 'Silver' in the South & South East in Bloom Awards - we'll talk about this more in next month's issue of Lindfield Life!

In September we also held our first Community Gardening session, where we made a start on tidying the community garden planting borders by the Medical Centre and identifying the existing plants.

We meet again for an Autumn tidy-up on the morning of Sunday 14th October from 10am-12noon. Volunteers are welcome to join us - for more information please call Heather Martin on 07738 323082 or email heather@heathermartin. co.uk. We are also seeking donations of a couple of pop-up compost bags which the group can use for our community gardening days - if you are able to donate one or perhaps the funds for us to purchase one we would love to hear from you!

Our next meeting is on Monday 15th October (7.30pm, Bent Arms). If you would like to help organise one of our community events or simply find out more about what we get up to, why not come along? There's no charge and all are welcome.







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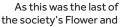
By Chris Gurr
The Lindfield
Horticultural Society
Autumn Flower and
Produce Show on 9th
September provided
visitors with a colourful
King Edward Hall. The
quality, variety and large
number of exhibits was

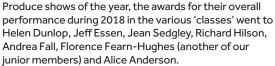


exceptional. Many of the 150 plus who attended the show were particularly drawn to the astonishing high standard, variety and colour of the considerable number of dahlias on display.

The judging of who would win the various awards and trophies on offer took longer than usual because of the high standard and large number of exhibits and it must have been very hard to decide the best of the flowers, vegetables, flower arrangements, cookery (cakes, jams, etc), handicraft and inspirational children's exhibits on show.

Richard Hilson, Ian Cooper, Maureen Manley, Jocasta Fearn, Andrea Fall and Jenny Purdon were judged to have presented the best vegetables, fruit, handicraft, cookery, trug and floral art (respectively) on show. Richard Hilson's flowers were also winners and Ian Cooper produced the heaviest pumpkin. Other winners were Wendy Dumbleton and Michael and Alison Elliott. Trophies were also won by Noah Stoney, Alice and Eleanor Anderson in the children's exhibits.





As usual, the volunteer team of 'caterers' were kept busy the whole afternoon in the Jubilee Room where the slices of many homemade cakes on sale (with tea and coffee) were mouth-watering. The Jubilee Room also had excellent quality plants on sale and looked very colourful with each table displaying one of the many 'last minute' flower arrangements made from the 'left overs' of the flower arrangers in the main show.

Information about the Society and its plans for the three shows in 2019 can be obtained from Pat Whetstone on 01444 483236.



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Oathall students are deservedly celebrating their excellent GCSE results, which were published in the summer. Across all areas of the curriculum the college has seen impressive outcomes.

According to the school 75% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in English, whilst in mathematics 77% of students achieved a grade 4 or higher. In science, 74% of students achieved two good science GCSE passes.

There were some exceptional individual performances with 10% of the cohort achieving 7 or more passes at grades 7, 8 or 9. This is all the more

noteworthy given the recent reforms to the GCSE curriculum and the significantly more challenging examinations. Moreover, 22% of all grades awarded were 7 or higher.

Headteacher, Edward Rodriguez said: "I would like to congratulate all students and staff on their hard work and commitment. They have responded so well to the challenges of the newly reformed GCSEs. These exceptional results are a testament to their enthusiasm and perseverance."





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Jacqui takes on new dementia role

Lindfield resident and interior designer, Jacqui Smith is taking the chair at Haywards Heath Dementia Action Alliance.

She explained: "I am delighted to have this opportunity to play a part in making Haywards Heath a dementia-friendly community. One of the aims of the alliance is to increase awareness and understanding of dementia in Haywards Heath and surrounding villages."



The group was formed in 2014 in order to help the locality become more aware of dementia and the needs of its sufferers.

There are currently two Memory Moments Cafés run by Know Dementia in Haywards Heath: one is held at the Town Hall on the first Saturday of every month (2-4pm) and the other is held, usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, in conjunction with St Richard's Church at St Richard's Church Hall (2.30-4.30pm).

New permit scheme launched at Household Waste Recycling Sites

From the 1st October 2018 West Sussex residents who drive a commercial-type vehicle will need to have a permit to dispose of their household waste at County Council recycling sites.

The free permit will apply to anyone who uses a van, pickup or single axle trailer and will be available to West Sussex residents only, to dispose of their own household waste.

The scheme is being introduced at all 11 Household Waste Recycling Sites and the two mobile sites

In addition, some vehicles will no longer be allowed to use the sites. Restricted vehicles include: multi axle trailers (four wheels), horse boxes, tipper trucks, flatbed or dropside trucks, luton type vans.

www.westsussex.gov.uk/permitscheme







By Claire Cooper

Visitors to the 40th anniversary Scaynes Hill Flower Show took a step back in time earlier this month.

Organisers Dianne Elliott and Angela Hicks had decided to mark the historic occasion by reproducing the original 1978 schedule, which included traditional vegetables flowers, cakes and crafts.

Exhibitors rose to the challenge producing graceful gladioli, mammoth marrows and baking bread and sausage rolls alongside the traditional homemade jam. Crochet and embroidery made a comeback, including a tablecloth that was originally entered for the show back in 1978. The traditional heaviest marrow category proved popular and was won by Phia Castillo with a 24lb whopper!

"We discovered that nobody makes wine any more but we were pleased to see plenty of bread and jam" said organiser Dianne. "It was good fun but we'll revert to our usual schedule next year."

The childrens' classes were dominated by talented sisters Mollie and Iona Hainge whose vegetable monsters and homemade rock cakes impressed the judges. Iona also designed the poster to advertise the 40th anniversary show.

Organisers and exhibitors were also delighted to welcome an unexpected quest to the show.

lan Pratt, son of Eileen and Peter Pratt who re-started the flower show tradition in 1978, travelled from his home in Norfolk to present the trophies after reading about the show on the internet.

"When I heard about the anniversary show, I wanted to come along and be part of it," he said. "My parents would have been absolutely overjoyed to know that the show they started is still going strong."

He added that his mother was secretary of Haywards Heath flower show for many years before the Scaynes Hill vicar asked her to resurrect the flower show tradition in the village. "My mum was an expert gardener, taking part in and winning awards in many RHS shows," said lan. "Roses were her passion and her life, she would have been ecstatic to see the roses on display today."

lan presented awards to winners in all the classes including a new trophy to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the show.

Visitors to the show also enjoyed the chance to buy plants for the garden and enjoy tea and homemade cakes, provided by members of the Scaynes Hill WI.

Overall, Angela and Dianne were pleased with the success of the event. "We spent the week before the show nagging people to take part but we needn't have worried, and villagers came up trumps!" said Dianne. "We were missing a few of our regular exhibitors who were on holiday, but overall we were pleased with the number of entries."

Trophies

Conservation Shield - Cat Newington

Flower Show Trophy - Nick Hawes

The 40th Anniversary Cup – Brenda Holdforth (a new exhibitor)

Eileen and Peter Pratt Trophy – Phia Castillo (awarded this year only for best exhibit in vegetable class)

Betty Hayter Memorial Salver – Jos Kingston

Artists Cup - Jos Kingston (awarded this year only for best artistic exhibit in Floral Art)

WI Cookery Award – Barry Rapley (a new exhibitor)

Helga Race Trophy - Bobby Whittome

Hawes Handicraft Cup - Liz Townsend (new exhibitor)

Juniors

Conservation Group Cup – Mollie Hainge

Scaynes Hill Cricket Club Trophy - Mollie Hainge

















Pond Island Discs

By Ayesha Gilani

Ever wondered what John the butcher likes to listen to as he chops up his chump steaks? Or what gets Rachel frothing those cappuccinos with great panache at Coffee Works? Well, ruminate no more. Welcome to Lindfield Life's version of the venerable British institution that is BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs.

Each month Lindfield's very own roving reporter, Lois Hickmans-Lane, (aka me) will be donning her galoshes and fishing for pond island 'castaways'. Yes, that's you lot! If music be the food of love then I want to unearth the sounds and rhythms that nourish the heart and soul of this vibrant community.

First up we have this delectable group of familiar faces from the village High Street! With the balmy days of summer behind us, they reveal the song which will lift their spirits throughout the chilly months ahead.



Sharron, Bliss Hair: Dancing in the Moonlight by Toploader



Jeremy, Tufnells: Wild Wood by Paul Weller



Rachel, Lindfield Coffee Works: Hotel California by The Eagles



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You might have thrown those heavy steel boules at an unsuspecting fresh egg at the Lindfield Village Day on the 'Splat the Egg' stall, or you might have played Pétanque on holiday in France or Spain.

Pétanque, or Boules as it is more commonly known in this country, is played in every village in France - often in the village square or on the beach. But you need travel no further than Handcross to try your hand at this Gallic sport. Founded in 1995, Handcross Pétanque and its members have built their own facility - a terrain consisting of 12 'pistes' – which is large enough for both social gatherings and serious competitions. Many of its regular players are residents of Lindfield, Haywards Heath and the surrounding villages.

David Leech, Chairman, explains: "The modern game consists of rolling or throwing heavy steel balls in order for team members' boules to get closest to the 'cochonnet', i.e. the jack. It's as simple as that." Or at least that's what you will be told on joining this friendly club open to all ages and abilities. "Each boule which lies nearer to the jack than its competitors' counts as a point and the first to reach 13 points is the winner. Of course, like croquet, there are subtleties which add to the interest and enjoyment of the game. The 700 gram boules can be thrown full toss at the opposition's efforts in order to displace them, literally causing sparks to fly."

The game is usually played as doubles or triples but this can vary depending on numbers. Players generally divided into 'pointers' or 'shooters' but some players can take on both roles. Pointers focus on rolling or lobbing the boule to position it as close to the jack as possible. Shooters are more aggressive and hurl the boule to

dislodge an opponent. An expert shooter will displace the opponent's boule with his/her own boule on the same spot. This is known as a carreau.

Club meetings take place all year round on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings (or mornings during the winter months) with leisurely games accompanied by beverages prepared in the self built 'cabine'. The sport can even be played in the snow and this is where a brightly coloured jack is very useful. Members are also able to participate in matches against other clubs in Sussex and beyond, both friendly and competitive. Handcross plays in the Southern Counties League, were runners up in the North Downs League in 2017, and are on course to do even better in 2018.

Members also have the opportunity to play for prizes in competitions organised by Handcross Pétanque or in other clubs' competitions. Handcross runs three competitions every year - one is devoted entirely to charities such as Macmillan, St Peter and St James Hospice or Chestnut Tree. Brenda Steptoe, Club Treasurer, comments: "We typically raise around £500 at our annual Charity Doubles and we donate all the proceeds to charity. This year, the beneficiary was Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice." Additionally, the club participates in the fun days of villages such as Lindfield Village Day with its 'Splat the Egg' competition. "Tossing a steel boule to try to break a raw egg can be quite addictive and our visitors get very competitive at times," says Anne Stanton who, as a long standing Lindfield resident, was responsible for bringing the club to Village Day. She and her husband, Mike, have been members for ten years.

Social events for members also form an important aspect of the club and typically comprise of: a treasure trail; quiz night; firework evening; summer barbecues together with a splendid Christmas mêlée and lunch to end the year.

Perhaps the highlight of the calendar is the annual Coquelles-Handcross meeting, alternating between Sussex and the magnificent indoor Boulodrome of La Fanny Coquelloise in Calais.

'Fanny', in case you are wondering, is the French slang for being beaten 13-0 and if this happens when playing in Calais, the members of the losing team have to kiss a certain part of the club's large wooden statue which represents their logo – no prizes for guessing which part of the anatomy it is! Anne explains: "As you can appreciate, nobody wants to have to do this but it is a long standing custom that must be upheld!

"This keenly fought competition not only tests members' boules skills but, because it is interrupted by a traditionally protracted lunch during which Franco-British relations are firmly cemented, it tests their linguistic skills too – combined with a lot of hand signals!"

Playing Pétanque is a lot of fun, so if this whets your appetite for something new and you are tempted to try your hand at this sport, email contactus(a) handcrosspetanque.org.uk to get in touch with the club or see the website for further details: www.handcrosspetanque.org.uk









Bake Off in Lindfield

By Cavan Wood

Former Great British Bake Off contestant Martha Collison and Will Torrent, a TV chef often seen seen on Sunday Brunch brought cooking to the King Edward Hall recently in a tour organised by the Christian relief agency Tearfund.

Hosted by All Saints Church, the duo talked about their lives and their faith. As well as doing live cooking demonstrations. They also judged the cakes and biscuits of audience members.

Martha showed a video about a recent trip she made to Lebanon to Syrian refugees whilst Will talked about moves to help cocoa farmers in the Ivory Coast, both projects supported by Tearfund.

A future without landfill?

By Cilla de Lande Long

Waste management is a hot topic these days and of concern to many, so Scaynes Hill Sustainability Group has decided to hold an evening meeting to explore the options open to us, now and for the future.

Colin McFarlin, Waste Prevention Advisor for WSCC, will guide us through the county's recycling services, including the development at Brookhurst where much of the contents of our black bins can also now be turned into a resource.

Peter Desmond, a Lindfield resident and Strategic Advisor of Re-Think Solutions, will introduce us to 'the circular economy' and its relevance to waste management from local and international perspectives. This approach provides an exciting alternative to the disposability of materials and resources that is inherent in many of our current production processes and services, not to mention our way of life as individuals.

Everyone welcome, the event takes place on 25th October at 7.30pm in St Augustine's Church Annexe, Church Rd, Scaynes Hill.

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By Martyn Gooch, partner Rohan Solicitors

Question: The temperature in my office during the recent heatwave was almost unbearable, what does the law say on this?

Answer: Uncomfortably hot offices can reduce productivity and lower staff morale, they can even cause health issues. The law is hazy on the maximum permitted temperature in workplaces and there is no specific law for minimum or maximum working temperatures.

Employers must comply with health and safety laws and ensure that the welfare of workers is considered at all times. This includes making an assessment of the temperature in the workplace. There is a legal obligation on employers to provide a "reasonable" temperature in the workplace. The recommended minimum temperature in a workplace should typically be no less than 16 degrees celsius. If the work involves rigorous physical exertion, the temperature should be at least 13 degrees celsius. These temperatures are not absolute legal requirements; the employer has a duty to determine what reasonable comfort will be in the particular circumstances.

Additional legal requirements oblige employers to make a suitable risk assessment to the health and safety of its workplace and act upon the risks. Employers must also appoint someone to oversee workplace health and safety matters, provide workers with information and training on occupational health and safety and operate within a written health and safety policy.

If a significant number of employees complain of issues with the temperature in the workplace common sense dictates that the workplace is too hot, and something should be done by the employer immediately.

Health and safety laws impose sanctions where an employer breaches their legal obligations to ensure the health, safety and welfare of their employees. These will vary depending on when the breach took place. Currently, the penalties include an unlimited fine and even imprisonment (the term of which demands of the severity of the breach; but could be up to two years). It is crucial therefore that employers take issues of health and safety and the temperature of the workplace seriously.

What practicable steps could an employer take to minimise the difficulties encountered by employees as a result of the hot temperatures? This is not an exhaustive list but will provide useful examples:

- \bullet Consult with your employees, i.e. ask what would make them feel more comfortable
- Place thermometers around the workplace and monitor them
- \bullet Provide temporary relief solutions such as fans or portable air conditioning units
 - Offer flexible working hours
 - Introduce a temporary clothing code

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

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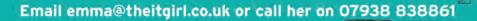


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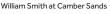
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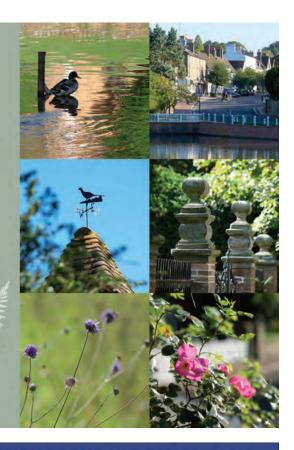
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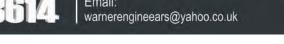
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NEW COUNCILLOR

The Councillors and staff of the Parish Council would like to warmly welcome Ian Wilson as a new Councillor, following an uncontested election, and look forward to working together with him.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL NIGHT

This year's Christmas Festival Night will be held on Tuesday 4th December. As usual, the High Street will be closed to traffic in the evening from 5.30 until 9.30 pm The festivities will begin around 6pm and finish by 9pm and Father Christmas is expected to arrive at the United Reformed Church at around 6pm.

We shall shortly be contacting people who have previously had stalls, so if you would like to reserve a space for a stall and you do not hear from us by the end of October, please contact David Parsons at the Parish Office – 01444 484115, or at clerks@ lindfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Stall holders will need to bring their own tables and chairs and, although the street lights in the High Street are brighter than the old ones, it can still be pretty dark in places, so we recommend bringing some battery operated lighting for your stalls.

We must advise that any alcoholic drinks being sold on the night, will only be available from already licensed premises, e.g. the local pubs in the High Street, according to the terms of their particular licences, but not regrettably, from street stalls or other venues, as may have been the case in the past. If you have any queries on this, please contact the Licensing Team at Mid Sussex District Council - telephone 01444 477294

LOCAL ELECTIONS 2019 – REPRESENT YOUR COMMUNITY

On 2nd May 2019 local elections will take place and Lindfield Parish Council would welcome new volunteers to become Councillors to enhance and broaden its effectiveness. Lindfield Parish Council comprises twelve Councillors operating on an apolitical basis. Councillors are elected to represent their local community, so they must either live or work in the area. Becoming a councillor is both a rewarding and privileged form of public service. As an elected member you will be able to make a difference to the quality of the village environment, alongside residents and workers' daily lives.

No prior experience is required, however an enthusiastic approach, team skills, ability to generate ideas and deliver Council projects are essential facets of the role. Inevitably there are time commitments with the role of Councillor, however the Council is looking at ways to work smarter and the Council's Committees seek to spread the load underpinning the Full Council.

If you are interested in standing as a Parish Councillor, please feel free to contact the Clerk or any of the current Councillors for an informal conversation about the role.

Members of Lindfield Parish Council:

Members can all be contacted, in the first instance, via the Parish Office, or b

Cllr. William Blunden (Chairman) Cllr. Valerie Upton (Vice Chairman) Cllr. Mike Allen Cllr. Judith Durrant Cllr. Matt Damsell Cllr. Stephen Henton

Lindfield Parish Council Office is open on Tuesdays 1pm to 4pm, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 1pm — when members of the public are welcome to come along to look at planning applications for Lindfield, obtain the codes for obtaining concessionary railcards, or simply seek advice on issues of concern. However, if you do need to speak with someone outside our normal opening hours, then please contact the Clerk who will be happy to make alternative arrangements with you.

Parish Clerk: Mr Andrew Funnell Deputy Clerk: Mr David Parsons Responsible Financial Officer: Mrs Tracy Ely

LINDFIELD REMEMBERS

This year marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. The Parish Council (and other local business/community groups) have purchased Silent Soldiers from the Royal British Legion to mark the sacrifices of those who served during the periods of war. Several events will be taking place in October and November to mark the centenary. The Parish Council has successfully applied for a £250 grant toward the cost of a



remembrance beacon. The Remembrance Beacon will be lit on the 11th November 2018. More details of this event will available soon.

MOBILE CIVIC AMENITY COLLECTIONS

The refuse freighters will next be in the Tollgate car park on Sunday 18th November 2018, between the hours of 10am and 12 noon, for the collection of household and garden waste. Please do not leave rubbish in the absence of the refuse freighter.

Dates of the remaining collections for the current financial year are as follows – Sundays: 13th January 2019 and 10th March 2019.

Please note that a number of items cannot be disposed of through the Mobile Waste Collection: electrical items, tyres, rubble and hardcore (eg: paving stones, gravel, concrete, bricks and tiles), items such as ceramic baths and shower trays, toilet pans and sinks, gas canisters and paint pots with any contents. These need to be taken to the Waste and Recycling Site and charges apply to certain items. There is a list of the chargeable items on www.recycleforwestsussex.org/recycling-sites

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

The Lindfield Parish Directory and Year Book 2019 is nearly finished and will shortly be sent to our printers. If you are interested in helping deliver the diaries this year (mid November onwards) please contact the Parish Office. We are also interested in receiving feedback from residents regarding the Parish Directory and Year Book.

Please note the Parish Directory and Year Book will only be being produced and delivered to the residents of Lindfield Parish Council. Lindfield Rural Parish Council have decided that they no long wish for the Village Directory and Year Book to be delivered to Lindfield addresses in their parish.

reference to page 12 of the Lindfield Village Directory and Year Book, which contains Councillors' addresses and phone numbers.

Cllr. Margaret Hersey Cllr. Roger Pickett Cllr. Ron Plass Cllr. Sarah Richmond Cllr. Christopher Snowling

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Lindfield Parish Council

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WINTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Environment and Amenities Committee is responsible for the Parish Council's Winter Management Plan which is published on our website, under Council Documents. The Parish Council's aim is to support the community by making salt available for public paths, giving guidance on snow-clearing and salting and protecting the salt supplies, most of which is kept in locked bins. The contact details for key-holders are listed in the Plan and on labels attached to the bins. West Sussex County Council no longer top up the salt supplies during the winter, so it is very important that the salt is used in such a way as to be effective but not wasted and must only used on public paths where it will be of most benefit, not on private property. The Plan also sets out what the Parish Council aims to do in the event of heavy snowfall, but how much we can achieve depends very much on the people power available. During the last period of snow (February/March 2018) we had no volunteers.



Parish Council meetings

OCT - DEC 2018

Thursday Tuesday Thursday Thursday Thursday Tuesday Tuesday	4th October 9th October 30th October 8th November 20th November 22nd November 29th November	Environment and Amenities Committee Planning and Traffic Committee (Plans only) Planning and Traffic Committee (Full) Finance and General Purposes Committee Full Council Planning and Traffic Committee (Plans) Environment and Amenities Committee	8pm 8pm 8pm 8pm 8pm 8pm
Tuesday	18th December	Planning and Traffic Committee (Plans)	8pm

All meetings are held in the King Edward Hall, unless shown otherwise. Please check our website or 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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By Claire Cooper

Support for Will Bennett, the former Lindfield soldier who lost both legs following an horrific climbing accident continues to grow as villagers find new ways to raise funds.

The latest initiative comes from Lindfield resident Chris who recycles Christmas cards for charity. After reading about Will in Lindfield Life, Chris contacted Julie Reason a friend and former neighbour of the Bennett family, who is co-ordinating local fundraising efforts, to offer her support. "I've never met Will but he's clearly a very determined young man," said Chris. "Just surviving such a horrific accident is truly inspirational and puts the moaners and groaners of this world to shame. If we can help to get Will to the point where he can get a sports wheelchair, and achieve his dream of becoming a Paralympian he can be an inspiration to so many other young people."

Chris has been creating beautiful recycled Christmas cards for over 30 years and has offered to give all donations from this year's cards to Will's charity.

She explained how her card making career began. "It all started when my husband painted a picture of our house which we reproduced as a Christmas card giving a donation of what we would normally spend on cards to charity," she said.

"The following year I recycled cards we had received, creating new versions to send to family and friends and again, gave a donation to charity." Friends loved the recycled cards and before long requests started to come in. "People started dropping off their old cards and it grew from there," she recalled.

Since then Chris has made thousands of cards and raised over £10,000 for charities including The British Heart Foundation, Macmillan, Royal Marsden Hospital, the NHNN (National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery) Appeals, and local Hospices.

Every year, thousands of old Christmas cards are dropped off at Chris's home in the village ready to be recycled. With card supplied free of charge by a local printing company and Chris buying and donating the envelopes, every penny raised goes directly to charity. "I don't sell the cards, I just ask for donations to be make

directly to charities," said Chris who normally makes between 1,500 to 2,000 cards "But this year I'm starting early so I can make as many as possible for Will," she said. "Over the years I've got quite good at it and can watch TV at the same time" she laughed. "But I'm still a perfectionist and everything has to look just right!"

With years of experience under her belt, Chris can rival any card shop – with themes ranging from nativity and show scenes, animals and birds, to quirky, fun and sparkly. Regular customers come back year after year and Chris posts bundles of cards to addresses all over the south of England. Last year, one customer asked for 110 cards featuring robins – other popular themes are cats, donkeys and, of course, Santas.

Chris is happy to accept requests for any number of cards, and can arrange to drop off boxes of cards at local events such as group meetings or coffee mornings.

Donations of used Christmas cards for recycling are always welcomed.

To order cards, make a donation and find out more contact Julie Reason. on 07725 954045.

Will's fund will also benefit from a quiz night at the King Edward Hall on 10th November. Not only will teams enjoy testing their general knowledge they will also be serenaded by Elvis impersonator Phil Peterson!



The event starts at 7.30pm and finishes at 11.30pm. Tickets cost £10 which includes a ploughman's supper. There will also be a bar selling wine and beer, a raffle and, of course, a selection of Chris' Christmas cards on offer.

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Baked salmon with herbs (serves 4)

In a shallow bowl combine the juice and zest of 1 large lemon, 2tbs rapeseed oil and a generous sprinkling of chopped chives. Add 4 boneless salmon portions and turn to coat with the herbs. Leave for 1-2 hours. Preheat the oven 180°. Cut 4 squares of foil, each large enough to enclose one piece of fish and lightly brush with oil. In a generous knob of butter gently cook 1 finely shredded leek and a handful of frozen peas. Place a piece of salmon on each piece of foil, top with the vegetables and fold the foil to make baggy parcels. Place in a shallow baking tin and bake for 20 min. Open up the top of each parcel and place on serving plates.

Stuffed tomatoes (Serves 4)

Place 4 large ripe tomatoes in a bowl and cover with boiling water. Leave to stand 1-2 min until the skins begin to peel back. Drain and gently remove the skins. Place stem side down in a shallow oiled dish and cut a cross in the flesh of each, opening each out a little. Drain a can of anchovies, roughly chop the fish and return to the oil plus a generous handful of fresh bread crumbs. Combine then spoon into each tomato. Bake for about 15 min until piping hot and lightly browned.



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By Caroline Young

Where has our gorgeous summer gone? I have had a terrific grape harvest this year – but the grapes I always thought were green (I didn't plant the vines) turned black this year! I am busy making grape jelly to sell at the Macmillan Coffee Morning – it is such a fantastic colour and flavour. But we need some more hot days to ripen the numerous tomatoes still on the plants – am not a fan of green tomato chutney. Keeping my fingers crossed we shall have some more sunshine soon. Meanwhile let's enjoy some of our homegrown fruits and vegetables in delicious recipes just right for autumn meals. Plus don't forget to use up herbs in pots of Pesto.



Chicken with apples and sage (Serves 4)

Gently cook a small finely chopped onion in a knob of butter until soft then combine with a good handful of fresh breadcrumbs, some finely chopped fresh sage, a grated eating apple and 175g soft cheese such as Philadelphia. Loosen the skin of 4 large boned chicken breasts and gently fill with the stuffing. Fold the skin under the chicken and place close together in a shallow oiled dish, brush skins with oil and sprinkle lightly with paprika. Bake for about 30 min until a rich golden brown. For the sauce, cook 2 peeled and sliced eating apples in a little butter until soft, stir in a generous spoonful of cranberry or grape jelly (see above!) and cook to melt. Serve spooned over the chicken.

Homemade pesto

Homemade pesto is a brilliant green chunky-textured sauce, full of fresh herb flavour and bearing no resemblance to the store-bought version (I have been known to eat it by the spoonful!). It only takes seconds to make in the processor, keeps for up to four weeks in the fridge (keep the top covered with a thin layer of oil to preserve the colour) and freezes well. Classic pesto is made with basil and pinenuts but you can use any combination of herbs and nuts, toasted seeds such as pumpkin, homegrown Hairspring watercress (grown near Chichester), plus golden-hued English rapeseed oil. Delicious!



LINDFIELD PRIMARY

After the long, hot summer, the 2018-19 academic year certainly got off to a bang for us, with an Ofsted inspection in the second week of September! The result is available on our website: www.lindfieldprimaryacademy.org.uk

We are looking forward to another busy term of fun learning, with topics including 'Fire and Ice' in year 2, looking at contrasting hot and cold countries, 'Out and About with the Jolly Postman' in year 1 and 'Heroes and Villains' in year 4, studying local history and geography.

In year 5, they will be 'Aiming High', focusing on mountains. The term got off to a very mysterious start when a strange package arrived for the children.



covered in postage marks from Nepal. Inside they discovered a range of items frozen in ice, which had come all the way from the Himalayas and belonged to a man named Edmund Hillary! Enthused and excited to find out more, children will spend the coming weeks learning all about his amazing journey to the top of Mount Everest.

Year 1 also received a package – of bricks, sticks and straw – which the children believe may have been from the Three Little Pigs to help them learn the traditional story.



Year 4 found a 'missing person' poster in their classroom at the start of term and are making predictions about what might have happened to the main character in Michael Morpurgo's book "Kensuke's Kingdom".

As they began their final year at Lindfield Primary, year 6 children were immediately taken back to 3rd September 1939 listening to Neville Chamberlain declaring war on Germany, as they begin their topic work on World War II.

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Find the solution to #27 in next month's magazine

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

#26 Solution

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October

- 3rd Lindfield Preservation Society 8pm
 An illustrated talk on 'Chanctonbury Ring:
 The Story of a Sussex Landmark' by Janet
 Pennington. Chanctonbury Ring on the South
 Downs has been an iconic Sussex landmark for
 over two hundred years. However, the ring of
 trees, most of which were destroyed by the great
 storm of 1987, covers another ring, the c.750
 BC (Late Bronze Age) earthwork, or hillfort. This
 earlier Ring contains the remains of a RomanoCeltic and Romano-British temple complex. All
 welcome, entry free. (Meeting and Membership
 information from John Chapman 484470).
- 4th Lindfield Country Market 10-11am (Sheila Hobbs 01444 483396)
- 7th Fundraising Concert Time TBC
 Concert in aid of the Alzheimers Society (07515
 552 491)
- 10th Sussex Coin Company 11.45am-3.45pm Valuation and Buying Day (01903 232 080)
- 10th Lindfield Horticultural Society 8pm
 'Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants' a talk by Rose
 Hardy, multiple gold medal winner at Chelsea
 Flower Show. Rose, a local expert on perennial
 plants will be sharing her secrets and tips for
 successful perennial growing. All welcome. (£5
 entry non-members, £2 members)
- 11th Lindfield Country Market 10-11am
- 13th Lindfield Horticultural Society 10am Coffee morning and Plant Sale (www. lindfieldhorts.org.uk)
- 13th Poppy Appeal Quiz Night 7.30pm Royal British Legion organised Quiz Night with Fish and Chips Supper – Bring your own drinks and glasses, tickets £12 each, teams of six (Jane 01444 454846)
- 16th **Lindfield Flower Club** 2.15pm Autumn Glory with Lucinda Knapman
- 18th Lindfield Country Market 10-11am
- 18th King Edward Hall Film Show Evening (Tickets, £6, from Tufnells)
- 25th Lindfield Country Market 10-11am
- 25th- Lindfield Dramatic Club 8pm
- 27th Performing `Inside Job' by Brian Clemens (Tickets from Tufnells Home)

AND ELSEWHERE

October

- 2nd NHS Retirement Fellowship 10.15am-11.45am Franklands Village Hall - Monthly branch meeting with visiting speaker Albert Constable
- 3rd Taste and See 7.45pm Lindfield Coffee Works - Exploring faith events organised by All Saints Church (01444 482405)
- 6th Craft Show & Coffee Morning 10am-12 Noon Lindfield URC - Join local artists from the Art Group for coffee/tea as they display their work
- 10th Tiger Arts Lunchtime Concert 1pm Lindfield United Reformed Church - with Ardingly College Music Students. Light lunches from 12.15pm.
- 10th Mid Sussex Franco-British Society 8pm Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - A talk in French by Salvatore Berger (www.midsussexfrancobritish.co.uk)
- 11th Haywards Heath Ceramics Group 10am Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Lecture on 'The History of Hot Drinks' by Felicity Marno
- 11th Silver Sunday Coffee Morning 10am-12noon Orchards Shopping Centre, Haywards Heath - Mid Sussex Older People's Council over 60s event with friendly volunteers on hand
- 12th Cuckfield Evening Flower Club 7.30pm
 The Methodist Church, Haywards Heath Talk
 on Alstromaerias by Ben Cross from Crosslands
 Nursery (£5 on the door)
- 14th The ConChord Big Band 7.30pm
 Clair Hall, Haywards Heath The 17 piece
 orchestra and vocalists perform as the wartime
 US Army Air Force Band playing the unforgettable
 music and songs of the big band era
- 17th The Arts Society Mid Sussex from 10am Clair Hall - Lecture: A Photographic Odyssey: Shackleton's Endurance Expedition on film by Mark Cottle (Non-members £7 on the door)
- 19th Messy Church 4pm-6pm Lindfield URC - Bible story with games, crafts & dinner. No booking, No fee. Under 14s must bring an adult (Danny Goodall 07443 438970)
- 25th A future without landfill 7.30pm St Augustine's Church Annexe, Scaynes Hill -Meeting by Scaynes Hill Sustainability Group
- 26th Mid Sussex Homeopathic Group 10.30am Cuckfield Baptist Church (RH17 5GP) - Better Health with Homeopathy by Julie Plackett (Members free, guests £3)

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