

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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## "COMMUNITY NEWS"

The main aim is to provide a channel for local people to make their views and news known and for local organisations to publicise their events and opinions. The intention is to produce six copies in the first 12 months. We aim to get a copy into every household in the area, free of charge.

It therefore follows that this is not a business venture and we can only succeed with financial support from organisations, individuals and advertisers.

Over twenty local organisations have expressed their interest in the project and most have promised active support. We hope to improve techniques as we go along.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for financing this first copy. The next edition will be sponsored by:- The Lingfield Centre. The Lingfield Parents Association, Lingfield Evening WI., Community Care Association.

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Over recent years the community has seen a great deal of change and development. It is hoped that this publication will provide a forum for the views and opinions of those who are involved in the work of the community and to those who are interested in the work of the community.

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## WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

That was the mood of the last Lingfield Centre Advisory Committee.

The Committee were informed of the savage cuts in the Adult Education and Youth Service Budget but still await the final detail of their effect on the Lingfield Centre.

The future is bound to present new problems which have to be solved but it was felt that the work of the Centre was far too valuable to our community for it to flounder.

In this mood of resolute confidence the Advisory Committee have decided to go ahead with the Second Mayfair Market and to plan and work for the future of the Centre.

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### "COMMUNITY NEWS"

#### Suggested Policy by the Editorial Team

1. Community News aims to be non-political and non-denominational.
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Lingfield

LETTER FROM Mrs. G.B. Tower,  
The Blindley Heath School of Equitation.

Now that riding a motor cycle or scooter without protective headgear is illegal, I would like, through the medium of your publication, to put out a plea to riders of horses and ponies to consider the wisdom of this ruling.

With prices of animals falling they have become available in ever increasing quantities and I am horrified, at the number of children and adults seen on roads and bridle-paths without the correct riding hat.

Of course, everyone is entitled to kill themselves in their own way, but even the quietest of horses can be frightened by so many various things that I think this ruling should be extended to cover horse riders.

May I point out also that apart from the danger to children riding without proper headgear, the owner of an animal involved in an accident can be liable for substantial damages.

I would urge all parents, who care about the safety of their children, not to allow them to ride anywhere at any time without correct headgear.

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LETTER FROM The Rev. Andrews, 58 West Street,  
Dormansland

Christians from several churches in the Lingfield/Dormansland area have recently been meeting together for discussion and prayer. The Archbishop of Canterbury's 'Call to the Nation' in October proved to be the stimulus needed to start this inter-denominational group to consider the crisis in society.

Three Meetings have been held so far and the subjects discussed have included international, national and local matters. The next meeting will be at Claridge House, Dormansland, Thursday 25 March at 8 p.m. The subject - Trade Unions and Employers.

## HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PARISH CHURCH?

For instance, did you know that Lingfield Church is possibly a rare example of a "double-naved" church, one nave for the Collegiate, one for the parishioners and that a proud bellfounder inscribed five of the eight bells, "Brian Eldridge made mee 1648".

Have you seen the carved misericords under the choir stalls (would you know one if you saw one?) Do you understand why these seats are made to tip up and what ingenious purpose the ledge underneath was designed to serve?

Can you name the sleepers in the four remarkable table tombs; the distinguished knight who fought with the Black Prince and was later made Admiral of the Fleet, and Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports, the charming lady, who directed in her will that she should be buried in Lingfield Church, "where my dear heart and late husband lyeth".

Where would you look for the animal with a wolf's head and body, with black feet webbed like a duck or the winged dragon, which also have their places within the church.

Which prosperous Lingfield resident donated the beautiful brass chandelier in 1754? Was it to impress his neighbours with his wealth, I wonder, or even to atone. If so, it was a timely gift, as he died soon after the gift was made.

If you would like to know the answers and to see how many other local names figure in the history of our Church, pay a visit to the Church and read "The Story of Lingfield Parish Church", newly prepared by A.W. and J.A. Head, which can be got there.

## THE LINGFIELD PARENTS' ASSOCIATION.

The Lingfield Parents' Association is concerned with the welfare of all Local Educational Authority Schools.

It aims to give you a chance to voice your opinions about your children's education and to fight for better facilities in our schools for pupils and staff. It also operates an Advice Centre to help with any educational problems you may have.

There are no membership fees and parents are welcome to attend our Committee Meetings.

The Association is giving a Dance at the Victoria Club on Saturday, 20th March. The money we raise, plus the £50 made on our Jumble Sale, will be used to buy extra books and equipment for the schools and to run our Sponsorship Scheme, which enables any child, whose parents cannot afford to pay, to benefit from extra-school activities. This Scheme is operated, in the strictest confidence, through the Head Teachers.

Ken Marlow's Band will play at the dance and tickets are available, at 75p., from David Allonby, 84, Station Road. Please come and support us. You will meet other Lingfield parents and help local children into the bargain.

J. Powell.

Hon. Treasurer.

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## LINGFIELD LAWN TENNIS CLUB.

We have use of the three hard courts at Lingfield Middle School, evenings and weekends during term time and throughout school holidays.

Club night is Wednesday and Juniors have the use of the courts on Thursdays.

Do come along and play - details from the Secretary, Jean Wildman. LINGFIELD. 833210.

### SPRING CLEANING?

Tis' the time of the year, to toss out the old, and polish up the new. Please, if you have any old Comics, Mags, Christmas Cards, and even any old scrap books, or exercise books, I would be extremely grateful if you would kindly contact me Mr. Len Curtis, 833691.

We can make full use of the above mentioned items, at your local branch of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children, as we are in the process of making up scrap books for our local Mentally/Physically Handicapped Children.

These scrap books filled with various pictures, from Comics, Mags, Cards, etc., keep these children, happy for hours, so I am sure you would like to help with this project. If you would then, either ring LINGFIELD 833691, or write to Mr. Len Curtis, 40 New Farthingdale Dormansland.

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### FOOTBALL CHALLENGE.

'Dormansland Scout Group,' would like to CHALLENGE a team of young people to a game of foot-ball to be played in Dormansland. Any one interested. Phone Mr. Phil Brunt. 833537.

### LINGFIELD CENTRE YOUTH CLUB. A Going Concern.

The Youth Club is growing in every sense of the word. Recent activities have included Films, Craft work, Fire Prevention, Go Go Dancing, Drama, Hockey, 5-a-side Football, Ice-Skating, Table-Tennis, Disco. The Group now look forward to a visit to Caterham Barracks, to have a go at Rifle Shooting, Tramp-oline and the Assault Course and hope to have a Jumble Sale on 3rd April. Offers of Jumble & other enquiries to, Mrs. Audrey Elderfield.

(FOREST ROW. 2638).

Volunteer help is needed for the Club, particularly some men for sporting activities and to drive the minibus. Club nights are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

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### FREE RACING!

Local residents are reminded that they can obtain a free entry pass to the Race Course from Mrs. R. Miller, 69, Hermitage Road, Baldwins Hill. A separate application must be made for each race Meeting enclosing a S.A.E. The reason for this concession is that the Public Footpath through Mill Wood to the Course is closed on Race Days.

REPORT FROM:

Joy Goodman, Chairman, Lingfield Parish Council

Many people think it is 'something to do with the church.' While in origin this was true, the Parish Council of today is part of local government and as such is more involved in all aspects of local affairs than ever before. Whether it be in matters of significant importance such as planning applications for new housing or shop developments, street lighting, public transport, road safety or education then the Council is involved or represented. It is similarly concerned with more local issues such as the care and maintenance of foot - paths, tree preservation and, providing the lights for the trees at Christmas time.

The Parish of Lingfield covers an area of some 9240 acres, has a population of approximately 7,700 and has just under 3,000 rateable properties. The Parish Council proportion of the total rates charged to you is about 2% or less than £1 per head of the population of the Parish. This amount is largely spent on providing funds for such local amenities as street lighting and giving financial support to the Churches for upkeep of burial grounds.

There are 12 Councillors on the Parish Council; six represent Lingfield, 4 Dormansland and 2 Baldwins Hill. The Council is in the final year of its 3 year term of office, local elections being due to be held on Thursday 6 May next.

Meetings of the Parish Council are held at Lingfield Guest House, (Lingfield Library), and are open to the public. Dates and times of Council and Committee Meetings are given on notice boards which are located in Lingfield, by the shops in East Grinstead Road and at the Victoria Memorial Institute; in Dormansland at the Recreation Ground and in Baldwins Hill at the entrance to Lowdells Lane and at Felcourt Stores.

WHY NOT COME TO THE PARISH ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY 19 MARCH  
8.00 pm AT THE LINGFIELD CENTRE



Small Ads may be sent to Lingfield Centre Office  
2p. a word. Inclusion depends on space available

WANTED

Bunk Beds: Preferably  
interior sprung.  
Lingfield 832326

Help in House.  
1 - 2 mornings.  
Lingfield 833214

Girl's bicycle.  
Suitable 12 year old.  
Lingfield 833214

Fishing Rod, Reel, Tackle.  
Lingfield 832529

Bunk Beds. Suitable  
athletic boys.  
Lingfield 833317

Boat trailer for Mirror  
Sailing Dinghy, Camp Beds,  
and Cooking Stove.  
Smallfield 2128.

FOR SALE

Large Old Fashioned  
Doll's House  
with furniture.  
£5 o.n.o.  
Lingfield 832749

Back door Stable Type -  
Glass upper door.  
Smallfield 2128.

Five Tea Chests:  
£4 delivered.  
Lingfield 832529

School Crossing Patrol  
Officer  
Lingfield County Middle  
School urgently require  
a School Patrol Officer,  
male or female. Hours  
8.40 - 9.10 and 3.35 -  
4.05 pm. Uniform pro-  
vided and pay approx.  
80p per hour. Anyone  
interested please call  
in and see Mr. Selman  
at the school.

Do you need a baby-sitter?  
If so, ring Alison Browning.  
Lingfield 832749

There will be an Open Meeting  
for "Community News" on Tues-  
day 23 March at 7.45 at the  
Lingfield Centre. Anyone is  
welcome and we would remind  
all organisations that their  
representatives should attend.  
Under discussion will be the  
suggested policies on Page 2

PAPERS OUT - THE SCOUTS  
ARE ABOUT.

Dormansland Scout Group are again collecting waste paper in Dormansland on the last Saturday morning of every month. Anyone outside the village wanting a collection please ring, David Baulch,

LINGFIELD 833261.

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COD WAR?

A number of people, particularly teen-agers, wish Lingfield had a Fish and Chip Shop. Is it too much to hope that one of the new shops in what is becoming known as "Lingfield's Centre Point," might become just that?

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SHOUT FOR A SCOUT.

If you have a car that needs washing or any odd jobs that need doing why not Shout for a Cub Scout to do them for you during their Bob-a-Job week; April 19 - 24. Shout to Mrs. R. Terry, LINGFIELD, 832324. after 4.00 to book your boy.

WILL YOU BE A NOSEY  
PARKER?

The above description conjures up the image of an idle busybody and that is the sort of person we DO NOT WANT but, we do want people to be COMMUNITY CARE HELPERS.

This winter we have all heard of the plight of old people and the risk of hypothermia we sometimes hear of the plight of the single parent family or hear of distress, illness or bereavement, and in some cases, people have no one they can call on for immediate help, to make a phone call or a cup of tea.

We would like to feel that in our community, nobody need feel totally isolated and friendless. We need your help to make it a community that cares. If you are interested and willing to display a "Community Care Helper" card in your window, why not contact; Mr. Jack Allison. 832663.

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MOTHER AND TODDLER CLUB.

Why not come on Wednesday afternoons to the Lingfield Centre and meet other Mums while your toddler plays.

GOOD NEWS FOR YOUNG  
DORMANSLANDERS.

A Youth Club has opened at  
Dormansland First School,  
and meets every Tuesday,  
evening 7 to 9 p.m. Young  
people, 11 - 16, welcomed.

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NO COMMENT!

We will not mention,  
comment, or ask any-  
thing about it; it  
is to be banded as a  
topic in 'COMMUNITY  
NEWS' but we are all  
get - ting rat - her  
des-POND-ent about it!!

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FUTURE CARTOON CARICATURE. - May we introduce Mr and Mrs  
Hood, (Jim & Flo), you know them well, and they will  
appear from time to time to amuse you - we hope!!



Who wants a Fish and  
Chip shop then?

Des - POND - ent.

## WHY NOT MAKE YOUR OWN HOT CROSS BUNS THIS EASTER?

TRY THIS EASY RECIPE - Makes 16 Buns

2 eggs	$\frac{1}{2}$ teasp. salt
1 oz. yeast	1 level teasp mixed spice
$\frac{1}{2}$ pint milk and water	1 " " Cinnamon
3 oz. Soft Margarine	$\frac{1}{2}$ " " Ground cloves
3 oz. Caster Sugar	4 - 6 oz currants
1 lb. Strong Flour	2 oz. Chopped Peel

Glaze 2 oz. sugar

4 tablespoons water

Pastry crosses

### Method

1. Break eggs into measuring jug. Make up to 7 oz with milk and to  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint with hot water.
2. Dissolve yeast in this liquid.
3. Pour in bowl and add butter.
4. Add sugar, flour, salt and spices.
5. Mix together thoroughly - beat until the mixture leaves sides of bowl clean.
6. Knead well for 10 minutes.
7. Leave to rise for about one hour.
8. Knock back - add fruit and re-knead.
9. Leave to rise again for 30 minutes.
10. Divide dough into 16 and shape buns.
11. Place on greased tray and put on crosses.
12. Bake in oven  $425^{\circ}$  Gas mark 7 for 15 minutes.
13. Brush with glaze while hot.

LETTER FROM: K.A. Thomsett, 1 Town Hill Lingfield.

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write a few lines in 'Community News' - firstly because the "NEWS" project is under way and secondly to say a word of thanks to the people of Lingfield. I commenced my job as Head of the Lingfield Centre in May, 1974 and am now leaving at the end of only two years, a relatively short time. I have enjoyed the challenge of the job and feel we have accomplished a great deal but this would not have been possible, without the support and hard work of many people connected with the Centre. I am very grateful to them and wish their efforts through the Centre every success.

I have not found Lingfield an easy place for my type of work - there has been a great deal of criticism, and whereas this is a healthy sign when people face us with it, much of it has come via the back door and all too often facts are distorted or totally misunderstood. My plea is that the "knockers" go that one step further to open the door and find out what it is all about so that at least criticism can be valid.

I am grateful that I have had the opportunity to work here and hope that I shall be as happy in my next post.

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MEALS ON WHEELS are delivered four days every week, Mondays to Thursdays in the Lingfield, Dormansland and Dormans Park areas to people in their own homes on the recommendation of their doctors or other social workers.

Volunteer drivers or helpers are always welcome on a rota basis, either to use the WNVS station wagon or their own car. Contact Mrs. Smith, Dormans Park 218 or Mr. Smart, Dormans Park 368 if you are interested in helping.

OH DEAR WHAT CAN THE MATTER BE - 5 YOUNG LADIES.....?

Last year the Guides asked if we could hold a Pet show during one of our Meetings. I agreed and so we started planning. All small animals would be in cages and dogs on a leash, and we would divide the hall into two sections with chairs, so that we could separate the cats from the dogs. Rosemary asked if she might bring Emily her goat but happily decided in favour of her pet duck.

Mrs. Buck of the Poodle Parlour kindly agreed to come along and judge the entries.

All was going well until the very afternoon of the show, when Mr. Selman phoned to tell me that he would like to erect some stalls for their coffee morning which was being held the following day in the hall. We decided it was too late to cancel the Pet Show and if we divided the hall as originally planned the stalls could be put on one side leaving the rest of the hall for the Guides. One problem remained, however, how to segregate the cats from the dogs!?

All was ready at 6.15 when Mrs. Buck arrived. The dogs were paraded, the caged animals were inspected and points awarded. When it was time to judge the cats, I asked Mrs. Buck to follow me and I let her to where five cats and their Girl Guide owners were sitting contentedly in the BOYS LOOS!

After the prizes had been awarded we thanked Mrs. Buck who smiled and said it had been a most enjoyable and unusual evening.

E. Harper

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#### LUNCH FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY (OR DISABLED)

The Lingfield Centre Lunch Club serves an average of 30 people each Tuesday and Thursday. All help is voluntary and there is a need for more people to help cook/serve meals plus car drivers to bring in those unable to walk. Volunteers should contact Mr. J. Allison 832663

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Any events open to the public can appear here.

Let us know your dates for May/

July by 30th April, 1976. LINGFIELD 832529

### March

- Sat 13 Dormans Evening WI Jumble Sale, Parish Room 2.30 pm  
Wed 17 Lingfield Evening WI Talk "Can you survive another day"  
St. Bernards Hall, Vicarage Road 8 pm.  
Thu 18 Leprosy Mission Meeting. 2 Talks by Dr. Moore, Church  
House, 3 pm and 8.15 pm.  
Fri 19 Lingfield Parish Assembly and AGM, Lingfield Centre 8 pm.  
Sat 20 Lingfield Parents Asscn., Grand Dance, Victoria Hall 7.30pm.  
Sat 20 Dormansland Horticultural Society, Wine & Cheese,  
Parish Room, 7.30 pm.  
Fri 26 Lingfield Centre Barn Dance, Victoria Hall, 8.00 pm.  
Sat 27 Lingfield Cub Scouts Oak Pack v East Grinstead,  
District Cub/Scouts at Jenners Field.  
Sun 28 Lingfield & District Amenity Soc. 5 mile walk in Hever  
area. Meet Lingfield Car Park 2 pm or Plough 2.10 pm.  
Mon 29 Dormansland Tennis Club AGM, The Plough, 8 pm.  
Wed 31 Lingfield First School. Talk, Discussion, Questions  
"After First School - What next?" School Hall, 8 pm.

### April

- Fri 2 Lingfield & Dist. Amenity Society. Cheese & Wine,  
Display of old photographs. St. Bernards Hall, 8 pm.  
Sat 3 Lingfield Middle School Barn Dance, Hospital Sch. 7.45 pm.  
Wed 14 Lingfield Mission Music Festival. Mission Hall, 8 pm.  
Fri 16 Prodigal Singers, Passion Music. Lingfield Parish  
Church, 7.15 pm.  
Fri 16 All Denominations. United Act of Witness. The Pond, 6.30 pm.  
Sun 18 Dormansland Cricket Club v Northend & Felbridge II C.C.  
St. Clair Field, 2.00 pm.  
Wed 21 Lingfield Evening WI Talk & Participation "Yoga &  
Curry". St. Bernards Hall, 8 pm.  
Sat 24 Dormansland Horticultural Soc. Jumble Sale, Parish Room.  
Sun 25 Dormansland Tennis Club. Open Day. Recreation Grd. 2.15 pm.

### May

- Sat 1 Lingfield Mission Hall. Anniversary Service. 6 pm.  
Sun 2 Dormansland Cricket Club v Ardingly C.C. St. Clair Field.  
Fri 14 Amenity Society AGM. followed by film. Notre Dame Hall,  
at 8 pm.