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*Please send submissions to the email or postal address above.*

Cover

The original cover of *Community News* Edition Number One from March 1976, with various other editions scattered behind it showing a range of images and topics from our 40 years.

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Community News turns 40, and it’s still going strong

Hello and welcome friends and residents to our 40th Anniversary issue of Community News. Wow, what a journey we’ve all taken, and what an absolute pleasure it’s been for us to produce an edition celebrating such a wonderfully informative and useful newsletter.

Over the next twelve months, we’ll be running a series of features to commemorate the four decades CN has spent serving the community, as well as highlighting the achievements of the publication’s longest serving contributors.

So, where better to start than with our very own Graham Marks, who’s been with CN since the very beginning.

“I remember clearly the production of the very first edition of Community News, in the home economics room (now the Allison Room) of the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre (then an adult education centre, among other things). Over 30 volunteers worked in rows to collate the edition, lovingly printed on a hand-powered copying machine.”

“About three weeks prior to this, Surrey County Council had engaged two outreach workers — one in Leatherhead and one in Lingfield — to help engage the community with local activities.”

“One of those workers was Keith Thomsett, then based in Town Hill. He had become concerned that events and services in Lingfield and Dormansland, and the surrounding areas, were not getting enough coverage from the local newspapers. And so, Community News was born. The first edition (the cover of which can be seen on the front of this edition) ran to 1,500 copies, using donated paper.”

“Twelve groups were created to serve the local community, many of which survive today, most notably Meals on Wheels, Darby & Joan, the Brownies, several adult education groups, and of course our very own Community News.”

“The cover of the second edition featured a pen and ink drawing of Keith. Sadly, Keith’s sister, a well-know actress, informed me he died some 12 years ago, but what a wonderful legacy he left us.” What a legacy indeed Graham, and thank you for those wonderful memories and comments.

Meanwhile, Jill Browning, former Community News worker and contributor, recalls how in the “early 1970s, I was working at the Lingfield Centre when it was run by Keith Thomsett and funded jointly by Surrey County Council’s Youth and Adult Education Committees. Keith came from a youth service background and was committed to developing community activities around the Centre.”

“One of his concerns was the lack of communication between Dormansland and
From Our Archive - Hot Cross Bun Recipe

WHY NOT MAKE YOUR OWN HOT CROSS BUNS THIS EASTER?

TRY THIS EASY RECIPE - Makes 16 Buns

2 eggs ½ teasp. salt
1 oz. yeast 1 level teasp. mixed spice
½ pint milk and water 1 " " Cinnamon
3 oz. soft Margarine ½ " " 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 ½ pint with hot water.
2. Dissolve yeast in this liquid.
3. Four 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° Gas mark 7 for 15 minutes.
13. Brush with glaze while hot.

This recipe appeared in the very first edition of Community News in March 1976. If you have a go, we'd love to see the results! Email your photos to: mail@communitynewslingfield.co.uk
Lingfield (then with a single Parish Council) and he had the idea of a community news magazine to be delivered to every house in the civil parish. This seemed an impossible aim, but with a lot of goodwill, lobbying and hard work the first *Community News* was produced and delivered.”

“This was a very amateurish affair, typed on stencils and produced on a hand-operated Gestetner, with the pages collated by an enthusiastic group of people who passed a page from their pile to the end where it was stapled … and not always very accurately.”

“This task often went on into late evening and the group were kept going with Nescafe and biscuits. Collating turned into a sort of party, and when we became a little more professional people missed the fun.”

“It’s amazing to think how far the production has come in what feels like just a few years! We did not even have photocopiers then and I am so impressed with the highly professional appearance of the current issue. Well done to the many people who have kept it going.” Thanks Jill, we do our best!

And finally, there are more recollections from long-time colleague, and local resident, **Sheilah Gray**. Take it away Sheilah:

“My first memories of *Community News* were when I became Lingfield Community Centre Secretary in 1975, and had to type the newsletter on wax sheets for the Gestetner machine. A messy business, as any typing errors had to be mended with something akin to nail varnish, and the sheets used were also quite fragile.”

“Each sheet was rolled off by the handle, producing mountains of paper, which was then collected and taken to the home economics room for the team of collators to produce the CN. I think that originally it was on foolscap sheets.”

“My next recollections are from the 1990s, when the publication was organised from Carol Holgate’s house, with Betty Rees typing most of the copy and myself mopping up any late bits. We had pages of little pictures for the different seasons and subjects: garden tools for horticulture, dishes of food for Lunch Club, and so on. And then at Christmas lots of holly, sleighs, Santas, angels and reindeer.”

“We would then cut out each article and paste it onto A3 sheets which we would then take to Ken (who lived just off the A22) and he would pull it all together and print it for us.”
“In the late 1990s Patti Hennessy joined us and when Ken became ill, her husband, Peter, taught himself DTP and took over the production of the proofs. This was a major work for the pair of them, taking up hours and hours, as stuff was always coming in late. It was a relief when it went off to the printers. And, when it came back, Betty Rees and Barbara Bridger sorted it out in the centre.”

“As time went by, Patti and Peter became even more involved trying to sort out the list of distributors [the souls who actually bring the thing to your door, and do so beautifully we might add] as well as helping Barbara get 4,000 copies out to the local community.”

“We were all very grateful to hand over to the new editorial team in 2014 and I do congratulate them on our still interesting and informative Community News.”

Thank you Sheilah, and it was — and is — our pleasure to pick this baton and run with it. We hope our readers like the changes we’ve made over the past couple of years, and can be assured that Community News is in very safe hands.

We’d like to wish our readers all the best for the coming year, and here’s to another 40 years!

The Community News Team
Your Letters

Dear Community News,
This letter is for all the inconsiderate people who feel it is acceptable to park on the KEEP CLEAR sign at the entrance to St Christopher’s.

My concern is that if an emergency vehicle was required and there was a car in the entrance it could create a serious problem. So give some thought to where you park please.

Name and address supplied

Dear Community News,
Owners of dogs can be fined for not picking up their mess. So, what about the same law for the owners of cats? Their mess is just as disease-ridden as that of a dog, but why do owners think it’s OK to let them use other people’s well-kept lawns and gardens as a toilet?

It’s a constant battle (and not to mention expensive) for those people who are trying to keep their properties looking nice. It only takes one irresponsible and uncaring person to run down an otherwise really nice area. Do any residents have any idea how better deter cats from fowling.

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Charting Dormansland’s changes through time, 1976 to 2016

Shops and businesses

In 1976 there were four shops in Dormansland: Potters Stores, Dormansland/Maid Marian stores, Mrs Crisp’s haberdashery store on the High Street, and Taylor’s furnishing/upholstery shop, on the corner of Swallowfield, which had previously been a butcher’s shop.

Young’s garage and petrol pumps were in the centre of the village, and Sid Young himself provided a coal delivery service.

The village was well served with four pubs: the Plough, Royal Oak, Old House at Home, and the Coach House (on Wilderwick Road).

There were two pick-your-own fruits farms, Carewell and Dry Hill. Woodgate Dairy, in West Street, bottled and delivered milk. The Blacksmith’s forge in Plough Road, where horses were once shod, made wrought iron goods.

Sadly, Dormansland now just has one shop, Potters Stores. The garage and fruit farms are long gone, together with the dairy and blacksmith.

Education

Dormansland School in 1976 was in an old Victorian building on the High Street, opposite the church, and still had outside toilets, with a covered walkway. The “new classroom” at the top of Clinton Hill was built in 1957 for the oldest children.

The school became a First School in 1972, for children ages 5 to 8 and there were just under 100 pupils. In 1993, the school became a full primary school and the Clinton Hill site was extended to house the juniors.

The infants remained in the High Street site until the other new buildings were completed in 2002. The old school was then sold to fund the new building. There are now 200 pupils in the school, ages 4 to 11.
St Piers School and College has seen many changes during the last 40 years. In 1976 it was called Lingfield Hospital School, providing support and education for pupils with epilepsy and other disorders of the nervous system. In 1990, the school reverted back to an earlier tradition and used the name ‘St Piers Lingfield’, going back nearly a century when the founders bought the St Piers estate.

The Further Education college was opened in 2001. The charity was known as NCYPE – National Centre for Young People with Epilepsy. Today, St Piers specialist school and college provides education to children and young people aged 5 to 25 with epilepsy, autism and other neurological conditions.

The campus is also home for some of the students who are residential and stay throughout the year. In 2011 the charity rebranded and launched its new name, Young Epilepsy. This name reflects the change to the national charity that supports 112,000 children and young people with epilepsy in the UK.

Notre Dame School was founded in 1940 by three nuns who arrived in Lingfield from Faversham with 14 WWII evacuees. In 1986, the nuns decided to leave Lingfield, to work on needy causes worldwide and a Board of Governors was created. The boarding house was closed and senior teaching staff employed to replace the nuns. In 1996 it became a co-educational school, which has been largely rebuilt during the last twenty years with the provision of extended sports facilities.

The Playgroup, which was started in Margaret Watson’s house, moved to the Parish Room in 1976. The Mothers & Toddlers group also started in 1976, meeting in the Parish Room on Wednesday mornings. Both groups are still going strong.

**Clubs & Societies**

In 1976 the village had active Brownie & Guide packs, which met in the Parish Room. Club & Scout groups met in the Scout Hut on Station Road. An Air Training Corp met in the ATC hall by the railway bridge on Racecourse Road. There is still a Brownie pack, but Guides, Cubs, Scouts and the ATC no longer meet in Dormansland.

The Dormansland Cricket, Tennis and Football clubs, Mother’s Union and Horticultural Society were all here in 1976 and are still going strong.

In 1976, the Dormansland Village Band practised in the school hall and organised the annual village fete. Sadly, the band has since been disbanded due to lack of players.

Until recently, there was an afternoon Women’s Institute which met on Wednesday afternoons and always started with the singing of Jerusalem. DEWI, the Dormansland Evening WI, meet on the second Thursday of the month. For many
years before 2000, a major WI fund-raiser was the annual jumble sale. Today, DEWI still meets and a major fund-raiser is the annual plant sale. The village now has another evening WI, the YWI, aimed at younger members, which meets on the second Tuesday each month.

Dormansland Probus Club, for retired professional and business men, was founded in 1995 and meets on the second Thursday every month.

**New housing developments since 1976**

Locks Meadow was developed in 1976 on a field previously used for grazing, and was named after Locks Cottage. In 1987, new houses were built on “Ernie’s field” at the top of the Meades. Ernie Wall had used this field for grazing his donkey, raising guinea fowl and chickens, as well as growing vegetables.

Kinnibrugh Drive, named after a Parish Councillor, Mr Kinnibrugh, was built in 1984, in the land leading to Roslyn House from the High Street. In 2005, new houses were built on the old school site on the High Street and on the Woodgate Dairy site, in West Street. Mulberry Mews was built in 2012 on the old site of Young’s garage.

**Dormansland today**

There have been many changes during the last 40 years. However, Dormansland is still a friendly village with a thriving community, clubs, societies, two schools, Potters Stores and three pubs!

The annual carnival is held every summer in the recreation ground and the Village school still holds the traditional May Day celebration with maypole dancing.

*Many thanks to everyone who has provided information for this article, and I’ll apologise for any errors or missing facts, which were unintentional. The editorial committee would welcome further articles or facts about the area for future editions.*

*Grace Porter*

*Many of the Clubs and Societies mentioned here appeared in the very first edition of Community News in March 1976. See it at communitynewslingfield.co.uk*
Award-winning Meals on Wheels keeps rollin’

We were thrilled to win an award at the recent Living and Ageing Well awards for Surrey. Nominations had been invited for individuals and organisations which make their community a better place to live for older people, and our team of 150 volunteers won the Help at Home Award, from five nominations.

The nomination summary read “Five decades of dedicated and friendly unpaid volunteers creating and delivering fresh hot meals for the most needy, and providing a real daily heartbeat to the elderly and disabled residents of Lingfield, Dormansland and Crowhurst – truly superb care to people’s homes”.

We received a plaque and certificate from the Surrey County Council chairman, and this will be put on display in the Jennings Hall.

Well done and a big thank you to all our volunteers, past and present.

Our service is backed by a five-star Food Standards Agency rating and provides freshly cooked two course meals Monday-Thursday each week, with a Fish and Chips option on Fridays (from Lingfield Traditional Fish and Chips). Our meals are sourced locally wherever possible, with meat from Frys, and fish from Ian Baulch.

Our service enables our customers to stay independent in their own homes, maintain better diet and health, and see a friendly face every weekday. We are happy to visit and discuss the service if you believe you would benefit from it.

We would also be delighted to hear from you if you feel you could help as a volunteer cook or deliverer (both drivers and non-drivers welcomed). Most of our volunteers help out for a couple of hours once every five weeks, so it’s not too onerous, and we can also use some help on the publicity/computer/admin side.

Last but not least, we would also be most interested to hear from anyone who knows about the early days of our local Meals on Wheels service, which we believe was started up in the 1960s.

For further details please call Pat Smith 01342 834 442 or Sara Watson 01342 870 341, leave a message on our mobile, 07504 481 289 or email us at lingfieldmeals@onswheels@gmail.com.

Meals on Wheels appeared in the very first edition of Community News in March 1976. See it at communitynewslingfield.co.uk.
Dormansland Parish Council

Meetings of the Parish Council for the first half of 2016 will be:

• Wednesday 2 March  
• Wednesday 4 May  
• Wednesday 6 April  
• Wednesday 1 June

If you have anything that you would like to bring to the attention of the Council, you are very welcome to attend. Please note that the date for the January meeting has changed and there is no meeting in February. The Dormansland Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Wednesday 20 April 2016, at 7:30pm.

Tandridge District Local Plan Consultation: Help shape the future

If you have views about the future improvements, developments and local protection of our area and the Green Belt Tandridge District Council wants to hear them. As part of its Local Plan consultation Tandridge District Council is asking anyone with an interest in the area to give their views on various approaches to how our area is improved, developed and protected.

Visit TDC’s website at www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan to register and have your say before 26 February 2016. The final, agreed Local Plan will set out the vision for the district for the next 20 years so it’s important that you give your views. This is a chance for local people to have their say on setting local priorities and planning policies, giving local control over how TDC provides for both people and place in the future.

Without a Local Plan any future development would be decided solely in line with the National Planning Policy Framework, with little reference to local needs or views.

For this round of consultation TDC is interested in what you think about:

• A range of possible approaches to meeting the area’s needs over the next 20 years
• Whether TDC can meet all our development needs within Tandridge
• Affordable local housing
• Our local environment, its greenness and openness
• The amount of schools, doctors and transport we will need in future
• A range of other challenges facing our area.

This first phase consultation:

• Will not change current planning rules
• Will not change the boundaries of our towns and villages
• Will not change the protection of the Green Belt or put the Green Belt at additional risk
• Will not set in stone where new building, or how much there will be
So register today on [http://consult.tandridge.gov.uk/portal](http://consult.tandridge.gov.uk/portal) and have your say. There is a copy of the consultation document in Lingfield Library. For further details, please contact Lynn on **01342 834 989**.

50% reduction to customers’ water charges

Sutton and East Surrey Water has asked that we share details of the Water Support Scheme with the community:

The Water Support Scheme entitles customers who qualify to a 50% reduction to their water charges. It is a very successful scheme with over 3,500 customers signed up since the pilot year in 2014. Sutton and East Surrey Water PLC is looking to promote the scheme as much as possible to make its customers aware of the help available to those experiencing financial difficulty to a total of 5,500 customers. To qualify customers need to be paying their water bill to Sutton and East Surrey Water or a housing association, have a household income of £16,105 or less, be over the age of 62, and/or be in receipt of certain means tested benefits.

More information on the scheme can be found on the following website, [www.waterplc.com/watersupport](http://www.waterplc.com/watersupport).

Community Engagement Officer
Sutton & East Surrey Water plc
TEL: **01737 785 695** MOB: **07920 590 995**

Contact:
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[www.dormansland.org.uk](http://www.dormansland.org.uk)

**Lingfield Parish Council**

**The Old Cage Public House**
A visit by Tandridge Historic Buildings Inspector was scheduled for the first week in January. Once this has taken place we hope that work will be resumed on this well-known building. The future use of the building is still uncertain.

**Highways**
We have asked Surrey County Council to consider the installation of double yellow lines at the entrance to Vicarage Road near its junction with Plaistow Street. All-day parking is making entry and exit very difficult for those people living behind the pond.

We recently sent a questionnaire to residents living in and around Vicarage Road, asking whether they would support making Vicarage Road a one-way street to help with the congestion caused by school traffic. The result was fairly evenly split
(with slightly more people in favour of the proposal) so the Parish Council Chairman is proposing that we DO NOT proceed with this suggestion. The main concerns are the possible increase in the speed of traffic along this road, the pressure on surrounding roads, and the inconvenience to residents.

**Parking**
Concern has been expressed by many residents about people ignoring double yellow lines in the village, particularly outside the Co-Op and at the entrance to Headland Way. We have asked for stricter controls to be enforced. Whilst on the subject of parking, we would ask that people parking in Talbot Road respect the need for residents to get in and out of their drives. There is plenty of free parking in Gun Pit Road car park which is only a two minute walk.

**Speedwatch**
Can you spare two hours a month to help carry out Speedwatch sessions in the village. Training will be given and this is a sure fire way of reducing speeding traffic.

**Litter pick**
We intend to carry out a litter picking session on 20 February along Station Road at the Crowhurst Lane End, and opposite the Hare and Hounds Pub. Plastic sacks, tabards, and picking tongs will be provided. Meet at 10am at the The Star car park.

**Library**
It is intended to hold a Public Meeting in the Community Centre at the end of January in order to clarify the present position of the Guest House Trust, the exact date to be confirmed.

**Grants**
We still have funds in our grants budget. If you belong to a local organisation which has a project needing funds please contact the clerk for an application form.

*The Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month (except August and December) at 7:45pm at Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre (LDCC). A list of meeting dates can be found on the website and on notice boards. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings unless otherwise stated. The parish office is open to the public between 10am and 12 noon Monday to Thursday.*

*Parish Clerk, Mrs Fay Elwood T: 01342 835 557 E: parishclerk@lingfieldpc.fsnet.co.uk www.lingfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk*

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Local Guides, Brownies & Rainbows past and present

Jean Whittaker was Captain of the Guides for many years, and among its normal pursuits it also took part in day trips, camping in Blacklands and Westcott camps, as well as travelling to Guernsey.

Bonfire Night saw floats created by the Guides paraded down the High Street to the Racecourse, one of which won first prize!

Adventure weekends included climbing, canoeing, archery and swimming. Jean had a large number of girls under her care besides several from the Lingfield Hospital School, and she states that some of her proudest moments were guiding her girls towards the Queens Guide Awards.

Girl Guiding in Lingfield Rainbows was started in 1998, a group which runs for one hour on a Tuesday evening from 5-6pm in the Community Centre, and is for girls aged 5-7. The unit is allowed a maximum of eighteen girls, meaning we have to have three adult helpers, and at least one must always be a registered Guider.

The uniform started with a red tabard, and now it has changed to a red and grey polo shirt with red jogging pants and a red hoody.

When Rainbows first started they played games, drew and coloured different pictures, and always had time for a drink and biscuit. Now we work towards badges, have theme evenings, make different craft items, and play games of course. Food is always a popular pastime.

We joined in with Centenary Celebrations at Lingfield Racecourse with other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from all over Surrey.

In 2008, it was twenty-one years since Rainbows started in the UK. We celebrated by taking over a school in Surrey where over two hundred Rainbows met and celebrated by making different crafts, icing cakes, playing on bouncy castles, dancing, singing, playing large games, and making new friends.

We join in with events run by our Division and Tri District. In September, Oxted cinema was booked for Rainbows, Brownies and Guides in the Division to watch and sing along to the (now seemingly all-powerful) film ‘Frozen’. This was followed by a picnic and games in Master Park.

Lingfield Brownies was one of the first to start. For many years they met in the Community Centre from 5-6pm, and a few years ago they moved across the road to the Victoria Club. The 1st Lingfield Brownie pack supports and encourages
girls between the ages of 7-10 to become well rounded, mature and caring citizens within the community in which they live.

The girls have the opportunity to participate in crafts, games and outdoor activities, all of which are aimed at helping them discover themselves, work as part of a team, and most importantly, have fun. They have been away on weekends to a PGL camp at Windmill Hill. Slept in huts at Blacklands Farm and only recently spent a weekend at Cudham camp site with Brownies from another unit.

Brownies have a mix-and-match yellow and brown uniform of a yellow t-shirt with brown sleeves, brown trousers, shorts or skirt, along with a brown hoody or yellow gilet. Girls then move up to Guides at the age of 10-14 years.

Guides have been in Lingfield for many years, but unfortunately did close for a couple of years in 2010. We re-opened in 2012 with just six Guides, and there is now a collection of 24 girls. For the last 18 months we have been meeting in Crowhurst village hall, but as of January will be moving back to the Scout hut in Lingfield.

Guides are in charge of their own programme and as Leaders we put their ideas into action. We work for interest badges and Go For Its. We have attended the Surrey Scoutabout camp in Ardingly, as well as our own trips away to Blacklands Farm and Blackwell Court in Bromsgrove.

For 2016, five days in the New Forest is already planned. In April 2016, five Guides are joining Oxted Guides for their annual Canal boat trip. Like the Rainbows and Brownies, we join in events organised by our Division and Tri Districts.

To offer opportunities to these young girls we need adult helpers. We never have a shortage of girls in our units, but unfortunately we always struggle to get adult help in every section.

Currently, Dormansland Brownies looks set to close as we have no current leaders to take this on. If you enjoy having fun and working with young girls from the age of 5-14 years, and have a few hours to spare each week, please give us a call on 01342 832 709.

Meryl Arnold
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As you may be aware 1st Lingfield and Dormansland Scout Group is one of the biggest groups in the East Surrey District, having in excess of 120 young people attending weekly. We have now outgrown our current premises and have been fundraising over the past year to extend our current Headquarters. Some of the events were: ‘2 Birds in a Cage’, ‘Pennies around the Pond’ and a Sponsored Walk. These fundraising events have raised over £3,500 towards our new extension, so thank you to all of you who have been involved and have donated!

With the first phase of the hut extension now completed, our efforts have now turned to fundraising for the second phase. Currently we have raised over £9,000, but we still need to raise a further £17,500 to complete the extension.

To help raise this money we have lots of fun and exciting events on the calendar; we are planning a Duck Race for early 2016 and a Music Quiz night on Saturday 27 February - please do try and join us. If you see us at any event, your donations however large or small will be gratefully received.

Activities we offer range from traditional scouting, arts & crafts, games, plus adventurous activities, week & weekend camps and even International Camps. Recently 3 members returned from the World Jamboree in Japan, where tried out different amazing activities and met other members of the global scouting community. It has been described as an ‘experience of a lifetime’ and ‘an extremely moving experience’, which without your help and generosity would not have been possible!

We are expanding and we need extra help from volunteers to allow us to continue the great scouting that youngsters receive. From helping to run a section (Beavers age 6-8, Cubs age 8-10.5, Scouts age 10.5-14) to helping with the Group’s administration, website or, if you like keeping things in order, maybe a quartermaster role? Join the Group’s Executive Committee; a Group Chairman is high on our list to recruit. Some roles require training, others only need a sense of fun. To be able to help you can be 18-108, all you need is a little time to spare to gain huge rewards.

For more info contact a section leader. See www.lingfieldareascouts.org.uk T: Jacqui O'Sullivan 07989 229 248 or E: jacquiosullivan@aol.com

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Something for Everyone at the Community Centre

In this 40th Anniversary edition of Community News it seems appropriate that we recognise what a great village community we have in both Lingfield and Dormansland. Since the Community Centre was formed back in 1998 the centre has grown into a vibrant hub, welcoming over 35,000 people a year of all ages and backgrounds and offering a wide range of activities, entertainment, exhibitions and community services.

Community at its Best
We’re very proud of the services based here at the Community Centre. Lingfield and Dormansland’s award-winning Meals on Wheels service continues to serve around 40 freshly cooked meals daily and the regular lunch clubs, coffee mornings and social events are a lifeline to many local residents. Most of these services are run by volunteers, which is testament to the great community spirit in the village. The centre also welcomes organisations such as Surrey Independent Living Council, Age UK, and Sight for Surrey who hold regular drop-in sessions for those needing help or advice and we have the Parish Council office, Neighbourhood Police Team and Volunteer Centre based at the centre.

Entertainment
Our 2016 Flix in the Stix film club started with the family favourite Paddington and is followed by The Woman in Gold (February 14), Gone Girl (March 13) and Suffragette (April 10). We thank Robert Leech Estate Agents for its continued support and for helping with ticket sales. In January we welcomed award-winning folk and blues musician Sunjay to Lingfield as part of our Live Music season. Brooks Williams returns to the LDCC on Sunday, 6 March. Book your tickets early.

The next in our Pop-Up Theatre productions is the much acclaimed Hiraeth on Sunday, 28 February. This award-winning play is brought to you by the Buddug James Jones collective. Recently returned from touring in New Zealand, this touching and funny play is sure to please. And finally, in a first for the Community Centre, we will be holding an Operatic Gala Evening on Sunday, 24 April, which will feature a fun evening of popular arias and duets performed by the travelling opera company, Opera Holloway. This one is not to be missed!

Classes and Groups
The Craft Barn will return to Lingfield and will be running a programme of craft workshops here throughout 2016, and we have new exercise classes and a weekly chiropody clinic run by local practitioner, Jill Dyer.

For further information call Claire or Karil on 01342 833 893, enquiries@lingfieldcentre.org, www.lingfieldcentre.org

The Lingfield Centre appeared in the very first edition of Community News in March 1976. See it at communitynewslingfield.co.uk
Easter preparations begin at the Church of St Peter and St Paul

‘It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness,’ or so the saying goes. Christianity is a religion which takes darkness seriously.

Through these months in the church’s year, we move from the wonder of Christmas into the wilderness of Lent, as we wait for the Light of Christ to break into the darkness again, at Easter.

The triumph of that Light is no easy win. Jesus must be betrayed and suffer and die, before the light can break through in his resurrection. So God brings joy and life out of despair and death.

As we all know from experience, the darkness is real. Sometimes, when we look at the news, it can seem overwhelming. But as God shows us that the Light is the greatest reality we have.

In a passage from John’s Gospel which is very familiar from our Christmas carol services, we hear that ‘The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.’ And so Christianity is a religion which takes light seriously – very seriously indeed. So seriously that it’s Easter, not Christmas, that’s the biggest and most important event we have in the year.

So however this finds you, come and journey towards the light with us this spring.

God bless, Kathryn
The Revd Kathryn Percival, Vicar of Lingfield and Dormansland

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Lingfield Parish Church (as it was described) appeared in the very first edition of Community News in March 1976.
See it at communitynewslingfield.co.uk
Lingfield Evening WI looks back 40 years

In celebrating Community News’s 40th birthday, I have looked at the archives to find out what the members of WI were concerned about, and were doing, in 1976.

Their meetings at that time were held in the hut that was the old St Bernard’s Hall. Despite having only formed three years earlier, they already had active discussion, knit and natter, and drama groups and ran occasional first aid classes.

Concerned about the environment, they collected waste paper in a member’s garage, for eventual sale at £6/ton and urged the government to encourage the use of the sun and wind as sources of energy.

A local farmer attended their discussion group to talk about the problems of dairy farming. They collected books of Green Shield stamps to buy portable kidney machines and supported a newly opened home for battered wives in Croydon by donating bedding.

The Bonfire Society gave them £20, which they used to make up Christmas food hampers for four local needy families. Sir Geoffrey Howe came to speak about the Common Market and was booked to speak later in the year on the expansion of Gatwick Airport.

Theatre trips were organised to the pantomime at the Adeline Genée Theatre (tickets 80p) and to the Mousetrap (£2.45, including coach) and plans were afoot to celebrate the Queen’s Silver Jubilee.

These ladies shared the concerns and interests of our members today. The WI now meets in the Jennings Hall (formerly the Day Centre) on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 8pm.

We have a varied programme of speakers and fun events planned for the coming months and we always offer a warm welcome to any visitors or new members to our meetings. The following events are coming up:

- **February 17** The Walnut Tree Company – Alexander Hunt
- **March 16** Finger Foods from Around the World – Janet Manning
- **April 20** Members’ Meeting
- **May 18** Have Your Say – Resolutions Meeting
- **June 15** The Orpheus Centre – Tricia Whyte

*If you would like to find out more please call Judy Mendell on 01342 833 178.*

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Down on the allotment — growing for 40 years

This being the 40th anniversary of Community News is fortuitous because it’s also about forty years since my first experience of vegetable growing, albeit as a very small child, I hasten to add!

My babysitter (are they called childminders now?) was Elsie or, as she was to me, ‘Auntie’ Elsie. She lived nearby in a Victorian terrace house with her two children, Nelly and Morris – it was of course in the 1970s.

Elsie came from Ireland and possessed energy and practicality: her garden was immaculate, with never a weed in view.

Nor did Elsie have any half-moon rose borders, rockeries planted with heathers and conifers, or any of the other accoutrements of the era. There was instead a red brick path running straight down the middle (swept each day with a besom, no doubt), and row after row of perfect vegetables.

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Even though I was only seven, every time we visited I would dash out and marvel at her garden. Almost certainly Elsie set me on the path for my lifelong hobby.

Despite working full time as a nurse and having two children to bring up, Elsie farmed the garden to feed her family – the archetypal allotment. This was really where allotments came from: after the land enclosures in the 19th century, the poor needed land to grow vegetables to eat.

The standard plot size of ten rods (around 250 square metres) was the area deemed sufficient to feed a family of four. Growing vegetables out of necessity has continued since, and became especially important during WWII when the number of plots nationwide peaked at about 1.5 million (and only started to dwindle in the 1960s with rising family incomes).

There is no doubt that in times of austerity people ‘connect with the soil’ and allotment demand increases. This was the case in the 1970s, with the popular television show *The Good Life* adding to the trend.

During the 80s and 90s the demand for allotments decreased and some sites became largely vacant, but since then the more recent recessions have coincided with a stronger demand for allotments (again, alongside a number of TV programmes that showed how easy it was to have a perfect, weed-free and productive vegetable garden).

Today there are signs that the waiting lists are falling once more. Many who took on allotments in the last five years have found that it looked far easier on the telly. And allotments themselves are changing. On my own site (not Lingfield), rents have increased from £36 to £85 per year as the council strives to make services ‘cost neutral’.

In the forty years since I marvelled at Elsie’s garden I have learned a lot. I have had some super times working on allotments and met some wonderful people (and, it must be said, some rotters too!).

I truly believe that allotments provide a valuable service to many people for whom visiting their plot is an essential part of their life.

I’m still not up to Elsie’s standard, and she’s probably looking down from above and shaking her head at me, but hopefully every year I get one step closer.

May 2016 bring happy gardening to you all!

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Lingfield Horticultural Society: Now, then and the future

Lingfield Horticultural Society serves a wide area around the village and currently has over a hundred members, and there are many reasons for joining. Some members come along to the Jennings Hall simply to attend the monthly meetings where talks are given on a range of subjects from ‘Vegetable Growing from Scratch’ to ‘Walks and Climbs in the Pyrenees’ and from ‘A Year on the Allotment’ to ‘Gales, Greenhouses and Global Warming’.

The highlights of the year, however, are the shows which are held in the spring, summer and autumn in the Community Centre. Members exhibit flowers, plants, fruit and vegetables of course, but there are also sections for kitchen craft (from homemade jams and chutney to cakes and biscuits) and craft (from paintings, embroidery and knitting to ceramics and photography).

The society can trace its roots back to 27 February 1901, when a group of keen Lingfield gardeners set up the Lingfield Cottage Garden Society with the annual subscription set at respectable two shillings (10p), and changed its name to the Lingfield Horticultural Society in 1962.

During the summer of 1976 when Community News had just begun, meetings were held in Church House, which is now a private residence, with the Summer Show taking place in the Victoria Club.

Of course, 1976 was the famous drought year and, although we can’t find press cuttings of prize presentations from that year, perhaps some of our readers have memories from the time. Please write in and tell us.

Spring 2016 Programme

5 February - ‘A Not Too Serious Look at Chickens in the Garden’, Geoff Peach
4 March - ‘A Year on the Allotment’, Barry Newman
16 April - Spring Show, Community Centre: staging from 6:45pm, judging from 7:30pm. Followed by ‘The Herb Garden’, a talk by Vanessa Jones
7 May - Plant Sale, Jennings Hall 10am-12pm

Donations welcome from the whole community. Come early on Saturday to get the best, as plants sell fast.

We’re always keen to welcome new members to the society, no matter what their experience or expertise. The monthly meetings are always worth listening to and you do not need to be an expert in any field. Please contact Alan Reynolds, our membership secretary, on 01342 833 155 to find out more.
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Farewell Lingfield Marathon Fun Run, maybe we’ll meet again

It’s with mixed feelings of pride, humility, joy, and sadness that we must announce that the Lingfield Fun Run, that demonstration of great community spirit, will not take place this year.

We feel the event, which started in 1981 as a fund-raising project for the International Year of Disabled People, may have run its course.

There were initially two projects — the construction of an easy access underground tunnel under Oxted Railway Station, and a minibus with an hydraulic lift, so that everyone would have an inexpensive way of getting around. And so the Lingfield Marathon Minibus appeared.

Both projects were completed within five years.

In 1987 came the Great Storm, which while also causing millions of pound’s worth of damage, also saw the minibus crushed by no less than five (yes five) trees.

This was a great loss to our area, and even more so for the elderly and disabled people without the use of a car. So, the marathon continued … and became a marathon in itself.

By 2014, our fifth minibus has been purchased - outright as ever - for the princely sum of £37,000, thanks of course to all the generosity of local volunteers, businesses, organisations, the general public, and of course all the entrants to the 10-mile run, 6-mile run, and 6-mile walk.

Over the last three decades, the marathon has been supported by over 200 volunteers, and helped over 200 local groups associated with various projects.

Sadly however, the simple truth is that the number of entrants is declining, and has been for years. We once had over 1,200 applicants, but now the figure is closer to 230, which is probably not sustainable.

All this begs the question: Is this now the end of the Lingfield Marathon Fun Run?

Graham Marks (Chairman), with assistance from Mike Ellis, Sue Ellis, Jill Harris, Gordon Hyde, Scot Macdonald, Brian Spicer, Peter Taverner, and David Wilkes.

For more information, please see www.lingfield-marathon.org, or visit us on Facebook.
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Don Gallardo - May 12, 2016 at The Dorset Arms, East Grinstead

Guy Davis and Brooks Williams - November 27, 2016 at Chequer Mead Community Arts Centre, East Grinstead

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The Lingfield Nature Reserves

Come and enjoy Spring on the Nature Reserves. It’s started early this year so bulbs are already coming up and blossom is appearing on trees and shrubs. We always need more helpers at our Work Parties which are usually on the last Sunday of the month between 10am and 12 noon. Turn up when you like and stay for as long as you like. There are tasks for every age so bring the family. Wear old clothes, boots and gloves and bring any gardening equipment that you think might be useful.

2016 WORK PARTIES: 10am – 12 noon
Sunday 31 January
Sunday 28 February
Sunday 20 March
Sunday 24 April

On Sunday 13 March we have our first Pond Open Day of the year. These are usually held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at the ponds near the Scout Hut entrance to the fields, behind the Fire Station in Saxby’s Lane. Come along with your children and grandchildren and try some pond-dipping. We will provide all equipment needed – you just need warm old clothing and wellington boots!

2016 POND OPEN DAYS: 10am – 12 noon
Sunday 13 March
Sunday 10 April
Sunday 8 May
Sunday 12 June

For more information, visit our website www.lingfieldreserves.org.uk or contact Anne Richards on 01342 870 200, Sally Cole on 01342 833 814 or Steph Dickson on 01342 833 482

Calling all Lingfield Secularists and Free Thinkers

Would anyone out there in the local area be interested in forming a group to discuss issues related to secular thought? Do you want to challenge accepted belief systems and modes of thought? If you do, let’s get together to discuss any related issue or topic that might arise.

Let’s halt the retreat of reason with logic and free thought … and possibly raise some interesting points and have some fun in the process.

If this sounds like something in which you might like to get involved, please contact Ed at edwardpearcey@gmail.com.
Local news round up

Lingfield sheep get armed guards after mauling
Sue Young, owner of both Park Farm and Barrow Green Farm, in Haxted Road, Lingfield, placed armed guards around her animals after one of her lambs was mauled to death in early January, reports the East Grinstead Courier. “When we found her it looked like she had been chased around by a dog,” said Young. Immediately after the incident she arranged for armed watchers to guard the sheep overnight. Young, who has been farming with husband Robert for more than 40 years, has asked people to be more vigilant when walking in the area to prevent any further attacks.

Tandridge District Council asking govt for more money
Tandridge District Council looks likely to approach central government to ask for more money, with the January’s grant allocation for 2016/2017 seeing a £715,000 reduction, much more than expected, reports the East Grinstead Courier. “Although we have been planning for an eventual loss of government grant by looking at new ways of generating an income, this reduction presents new challenges,” said Council leader Gordon Keymer.

Anger grows over Lingfield station’s continuing lack of disability access
A care home manager and Sam Gyimah, MP for East Surrey, have hit out at the lack of progress towards providing disabled access at Lingfield railway station, some four years after the crossing at the station was closed, reported the East Grinstead Courier. Gyimah said he is disappointed that moves towards providing disabled access to both platforms had not been taken after the original pedestrian crossing over the line was closed in 2011, following a series of near misses with pedestrians. Meanwhile, June Oakes, manager at Orchard Court Care Home, East Grinstead Road, said there is a real need for disability access at the station. “A lot of our residents use cars to get around in, but if they were to use the train to go up to London then it would become an issue for us,” she said.

Lingfield among UK’s busiest train stations
Lingfield is now among the busiest UK train stations, placing at 871 of the country’s 2,539 stations during the 2014/15 financial year, servicing 251,986 passengers, while Dormans station came in at position 1,692, with 51,186 passenger entries and exits. Independent consultancy Steer Davies Gleave carried out the research on behalf of the government, reports the East Grinstead Courier. Cambridgeshire’s Shippea Hill was the least used station as it had just 22 entries and exits. Unsurprisingly, the busiest was Waterloo, which had an incredible 99,201,604 exits and entrances, serving as it does vast areas of southern England’s commuter belt.

Dormansland Neighbourhood Plan meeting on 27 Feb
Members of the Dormansland Neighbourhood Plan group are holding an Open Public Meeting at the Memorial Club, Plough Road, Dormansland on Saturday
27 February, from 12 noon until 3pm. There will be a presentation of a vision for the neighbourhood from the Chairman Keith Smith during each hour, at 12:15, 13:15, and 14:15. All are welcome. Please join them for coffee, tea and cakes.

**Lingfield litter pick on Saturday 20 February, all welcome**

Volunteers are being sought for a one-hour litter pick taking place on Saturday 20 February, along the footpath from The Star public house down to the railway station. Anyone interested should meet at The Star carpark at 10am, and the organisers can provide tongs, yellow tabards and plastic sacks. Please phone the parish office on 01342 835 557, or Chris d’Avray on 01342 833 933.

**Surrey’s community health services — share your views**

The NHS and County Council in Surrey are planning for future community health services, and are seeking local people’s views to ensure needs are met. If you would still like to be involved in helping us plan for the future please contact Carol Rowley via carol.rowley@east surreyccg.nhs.uk, or on 01883 772 800.

**Restored china in your hand**

A small group of amateur china restorers is seeking new members for its group, meeting at the Community Centre on Thursday mornings during term time. New members need have no previous experience, but just a real interest in restoring china ornaments, cups, plates, jugs, etc. to their former glory. Please contact Angela Kirk on 01342 835 266.

**New enforcers tackling Tandridge anti-social behaviour**

New law enforcers are set to be introduced in Tandridge next year to help combat anti-social behaviour on the streets, reports a local media outlet, with a £60,000 investment enabling two trained and uniformed Joint Enforcement Team (Jet) officers to start patrolling in the district from April. The pair will have powers to issue £100 fixed penalty notices for various anti-social offences, as well as stop traffic to investigate fly-tipping and support police on issues such as traveller incursions. However, the scheme first needs to be rubber-stamped at Tandridge District Council’s meeting on 11th February.

**A thank you from the Friends of the College of St. Barnabas**

The Friends of the College of St. Barnabas wish to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone involved with their main fundraising event, the Autumn Fair, held at the College itself in Blackberry Lane, Lingfield. It was an enjoyable day and the total for the day came to £2,140 after expenses had been assigned. Should anyone require more information, please contact us by email friends@collegeofst.tbar nabas.com.

**Red Rum Caffe has planning condition removed**

Idris Agirbas, the owner and proprietor of Lingfield’s Red Rum Caffe, is celebrating after Tandridge District Council removed a planning and use condition imposed on the property when the cafe first opened a couple of years ago. Thanks to the backing of local residents (220 signed a petition) the green light
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was given for the facility to continue as a restaurant, after previously only being given temporary permission to do so. The property was originally designated as A1 use, but was automatically given A3 use as a restaurant until November of last year.

**Titsey Rotary’s opportunities for youth sports**

The Rotary Club of Titsey & District has launched an initiative to give youngsters in the Tandridge area an opportunity to play organised sports outside school. Named TROYS, the scheme is designed to provide an opportunity for youngsters in the area to take part in one of a variety of sporting activities in and around the Tandridge area. Currently available are rugby, riding, netball, squash and other racquet sports. Please contact troys@titsey.org.uk or visit the website at www.titsey.org.uk/troys.

**Tom Cruise puts East Grinstead mansion ‘up for sale’**

Diminutive scientologist and Hollywood action hero Tom Cruise is selling his East Grinstead home for nearly £5m, reports the East Grinstead Courier, citing reports. The six-bedroom Rede Place mansion, in Dormans Park estate, is now being sold, after rumours circulated that it had been bought by Cruise and ex-wife Katie Holmes in 2006.

**On yer bike with the East Grinstead Cycling Club**

You may have noticed cyclists come in all shapes and sizes. Smaller skinny ones are better at climbing hills, with the larger riders faster on the flat. Similarly, East Grinstead Cycling Club has riders of varying abilities and caters for all. The Saturday club run is more sedate, a gentle ride for people, just starting or less fit than they’d like to be. The Sunday club run will average around 16mph and cover 40-60 miles. These guided runs are free and meet at the car park by the cinema, in King Street East Grinstead. More details can be found at www.egcc.net.

**Copthorne garden centre raises £1,250 for bereavement charity**

Doves Barn Nursery has raised over £1,250 for a charity based at East Court, after pledging to donate a percentage of each Christmas tree sold over the festive period. The money was raised for Jigsaw (South East), which supports children who have lost or are preparing to lose a loved one. Clive Fowler, owner of the family-run nursery based in Copthorne, offered to donate a percentage of the profits from around 4,500 Christmas trees. The charity offers also provides grief support to children and young people who have experienced the death of a significant family member.

**U3A**

U3A is for anyone retired or semi-retired. It is a charity, the University of the Third Age, but they don’t take exams! One of the closest is the Edenbridge group. Members start groups on any subject that interests them, and they have 40 available, with nearly 200 vibrant members. You can join from January to June for £10 and get National Magazines, with a monthly speaker on the last Tuesday of the month, 2pm-4pm at Crockham Hill Village Hall. Everyone is welcome. More information at www.edenbridgeu3a.co.uk
Local planning conundrum: Councillor Liz Lockwood gives her perspective

You may have noticed in the local press and social media recent articles on our local planning, and it may be worthwhile to do some untangling of the jargon. I will try to sort the issues we face into the three layers of planning which apply to all our communities.

The top layer is the National Planning law – often referred to as the “Framework”. This applies to the whole country and is written by central government.

The middle layer is the District Level of Planning. All of Tandridge District is covered by its “Core Strategy”, adopted in 2008 and refined in 2014 with some “Detailed Policies”. This has the effect of controlling planning in order to protect and enhance our local area through policies. It is currently valid but before it becomes out of date, it needs reviewing.

Tandridge District Council is examining it at the moment and it’s at a really important stage where residents and interested parties can look at, scrutinise, and comment upon it. This is the Draft Local Plan and it is open for consultation until 26 February; it is intended to be a catalyst for ideas to deliver a new Local Plan for Tandridge which will run until 2033.

The District Council has provided the documents for residents to look at, through its website or in paper copies in local libraries, the Oxted council offices, or with our parish clerks. Comments about any, or all, of the documents can be made online through a consultation website page (portal) or directly by email to localplan@tandridge.gov.uk or in writing to Local Plan Consultation, Planning Policy, Tandridge District Council, Council Offices, 8 Station Road East, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 OBT.

Lingfield’s motorsport legend John Surtees appointed CBE

John Surtees, the only man to win world titles on both two and four wheels, has been appointed a CBE in recognition of his services to motorsport.

The 81-year-old Lingfield resident won seven world motorcycling championships between 1956 and 1960, before trying his luck in car racing initially for the Lotus team, then joining Ferrari in 1963 and securing the Formula 1 title the following year. However, he left the Italian racing giants in acrimonious circumstances in 1966. He set up Team Surtees in 1970, but, despite some success, he was unable to establish it in Formula 1. He retired from racing in 1972.

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There is a huge amount of evidence accumulated to support the proposals – which are at this stage only proposals up for discussion. However, if Tandridge is to build many more houses each year than it currently does, then some hard decisions are going to have to be made about building on Green Belt land or increasing the number of houses each plot can produce by increasing the average densities, or both. This is going to change the nature of our communities, especially here in the south of the district. This is why it is really important we all have our say now, before any plans are finalised, as this is the best time to influence the direction this Local Plan is going to take.

We know our areas best and have the knowledge and wisdom to want what is best for our communities. So everyone, young and old, and everyone in between, please do take this opportunity to have your say.

The final layer at the bottom is the Neighbourhood Plan. Local parish councils have made a start at setting out ideas, collected from its residents, about what sort of development and growth it would prefer – Lingfield and Dormansland are about halfway through the work towards their Neighbourhood Plans and there are other villages in the district doing them as well. This layer of planning has to conform to the top two layers, but is crafted to fit the needs and wishes of the residents and businesses in our communities.

It is really valuable if you can take the time to find out about the new Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans. They are both working in the same direction – to improve the place where we live and work – but they just do it in different ways. I am happy to help anyone with questions, and parish councils have received training to help anyone with the technicalities, if you are finding the process of discovering information or making comments difficult.

Dormansland Neighbourhood Plan are holding an Open Public Meeting at the memorial club, Plough Road, Dormansland, on Saturday 27 February, from 12 noon until 3pm. There will a presentation of our vision for the neighbourhood from Chairman Keith Smith each hour, at 12:15pm, 1:15pm, and 2:15pm.

For more information:

Draft Local Plan : www.tandridge.gov.uk, and look for the Local Plan Consultation Links
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Business groups attack airport decision delay

Several UK business associations have greeted the delaying of a decision on whether to expand Gatwick or Heathrow with a chorus of dismay, following Prime Minister David Cameron’s decision to hold off on a final announcement until this summer, the latest in a series of delays. The Institute of Directors said business leaders would be “tearing their hair out” at news of the latest delay, and “we have to ask now, what was the point of the Airports Commission if the government still fails to act?”, said director general Simon Walker.

Meanwhile, Carolyn Fairbairn, CBI director general, said delaying a decision was “deeply disappointing”, and we “urgently need to increase our runway capacity to spur trade growth, investment and job creation”. “Just eight new routes to emerging markets could boost our exports by up to £1bn a year,” she added, and if the runway wasn’t built by 2030 the group estimated it would cost the UK up to £5.3bn a year. The business group added that the earliest a new runway could be built was 2025, by which time London airports would be operating at full capacity.

Transport secretary Patrick McLoughlin said further studies on the environmental impact of any Heathrow expansion were needed, although the “case for aviation expansion is clear, but it’s vitally important we get the decision right so that it will benefit generations to come”. But business leaders claimed the government was ignoring the report of the Airport Commission which spent three years (and some £20m) examining issues before recommending a new runway at Heathrow.

The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) branded the decision “gutless” and “bad for business”, with director general John Longworth arguing ministers should follow the commission’s recommendation and “stop prevaricating”.

Dale Keller, chief executive of the Board of Airline Representatives, an industry association representing the majority of airlines operating to the UK, said it seemed “inconceivable” that the government has had insufficient time or information to make a decision.

“The government has set the very ambitious target of increasing UK exports to £1tn a year by 2020,” he said, adding that if they “can’t fly to emerging markets to make deals, our members are going to find it very hard to meet this aspiration”.

The British International Freight Association (BIFA), the main UK trade association representing UK freight forwarders, said it had “little doubt this decision is about political expediency, not environmental matters, which must have been addressed in the work done by the Airports Commission”.

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A message of support from Lingfield & Dormansland Volunteer Centre

Firstly, congratulations to Community News on its 40th anniversary! This is a wonderful example of a volunteer-led organisation which has continued through thick and thin. With all the Christmas and New Year festivities now over and life getting back to normal was one of your resolutions to volunteer? Apparently there are over 15 million volunteers in the UK – isn’t that amazing?

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The Volunteer Centres are continuously finding the way they work is changing and for us in Tandridge this will continue in 2016. Nevertheless, the Volunteer Centre in Lingfield first opened its doors in 1997 and during this time hundreds of volunteers have been placed through us – including with Community News! The three Volunteer Centres in Tandridge (Caterham, Lingfield & Oxted) come under the umbrella of Tandridge Voluntary Service Council (TVSC).

In the next few months the TVSC is hosting two training sessions geared at volunteering in the Oxted Community Hub: on 9 February it has “Getting the most out of your volunteers”, and on 8 March it’s “Putting The Business into your Charity/Community Group”.

Contact Stella 01883 722 593 or email info@tvsc.org.uk for further information.

The Volunteer Centre is situated at The Jennings Hall, Old School Place, Lingfield RH7 6AB. Office opening hours, Mondays and Wednesdays 10.30am to 3.30pm, or by appointment. Call 01342 836 774 or email lingfieldvc@tvsc.org.uk. Or visit our website at www.do-it.org.
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A vast range of products will be available to try before you buy, all of which are for aiding independent living. Volunteers will also be available to answer any enquiries you may have about independent living, including benefits, advocacy, housing, Direct Payments and much more.

For further information about the Equipment Roadshow or anyone wanting to book an Equipment Roadshow for their venue please contact Helen Brady on 07599 883 404, email: info@thehubtandridge.org.uk

Tandridge District Local Plan: Make your voice heard

Tandridge District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the Tandridge District, to help shape the future of our region by setting out policies that guide the development of homes and businesses, take into account our green spaces, landscapes and historic character, while also seeking to provide for the needs of all our communities.

The council is at an early stage of the plan preparation process, and wants to ensure those who live, work and visit the district have a say and take the opportunity to respond. Subject to the approval of the Planning Policy Committee, the consultation will take place for 10 weeks, from 18 December 2015 - 26 February 2016.

Anyone can make comments on the draft Local Plan, and more details about how are published on our website www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan. Please get involved, and let’s shape our future together.

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Lingfield Guest House and Library: The search for funds goes on

We’d like to take a moment to discuss where things stand with regard to the Lingfield Guest House and the Library, as well as seek support for the steps we need to take to ensure we continue to have a successful library in Lingfield.

On the Guest House front, we have set up a company — Lingfield Guest House Trustee Ltd — with seven local directors with the intention that it should take over as the trustee from Surrey County Council. We are in touch with the Charity Commission over the transfer.

The Charity Commission has raised a number of points on which it needs to be satisfied before the transfer can take place. It has also raised questions about the power we are seeking in order to pay library staff.

In summary, whilst we are making progress, there is still some way to go before the transfer will take place and we will not, in the immediate future, have the legal authority we need to pay for a librarian from the Trust’s funds.

The directors do, however, remain committed to securing the transfer and, ultimately, to changing the terms of the Trust so we can support a paid librarian in Lingfield.

The position regarding the library itself is this: Surrey County Council remains committed to its policy of introducing a Community Partnered Library (CPL) operated by volunteers in Lingfield, as it has done in other smaller libraries in Surrey. Readers will be aware that SCC has already begun to prepare for this — our long-serving librarians, Jane and Sue, departed some months ago, a self-service machine has been introduced, and there have been changes to the IT links.

At some point in the future, SCC will cease to pay for library staff in Lingfield. Three of our directors met the Chairman of SCC recently and received confirmation of Surrey’s position.

We would all prefer to retain paid librarian staff in Lingfield to achieve the best possible library service but SCC is no longer willing to pay for it and, without the change in the terms of the Trust that we are seeking, we do not have sufficient funds locally to cover the cost.

If we wish to retain a library in Lingfield, we need to accept the CPL approach and take the steps necessary to operate it here. This approach has the personal support of the Chairmen of Lingfield and Dormansland parish councils. I, and my fellow directors of the Lingfield Guest House Trustee Ltd, wish to support...
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The first step will be to establish a steering committee to engage with SCC over the future arrangements and subsequently to identify sufficient volunteers to operate the library, as is the case in other smaller libraries in Surrey and elsewhere.

There are discussions taking place as I write about a possible public meeting on the future of the library, on Friday 12 February in the Community Centre. In the meantime, if you are willing to help secure the future of Lingfield library, please contact me by email or telephone.

Ian Jones, Chairman, Lingfield Guest House Trustee Ltd

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In second place came Quizteam Aguilera led by David Pearl who won the trophy last year. In third place came The Missing Link, led by Marjorie Senior who always seem to get in the first three places, and maybe they will take the trophy this year.

In fourth place came newcomers The Histrionics led by Bill Stevenson. The evening was enjoyed by all and thanks go to the quizmaster Michael Hales as well as Kevin Staples for providing the PA and music round questions.

The sum of £593 was raised to support the Minibus.

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Since then there have been unsuccessful attempts to rival Brighton’s attractions or emulate Butlins’ amusements. It has now reverted to its original Victorian design and hosts exhibitions and events. Our pub lunch at The Old House Copthorne was much enjoyed by members and their ladies.

In November the talk was about the Magic Circle. The history of magic from court magicians to the present day including Houdini, with his brush with Spiritualism and his accidental death on stage, being covered. So were the differences between performing for children and the more sophisticated, as well as the way street conmen trick the unwary.

Some members and their ladies were heard to say that the Christmas Lunch at Barnsgate Manor in December was the best yet.

The Cherry Tree golf section rounded off its year with its last round of the season, its prize giving and its Christmas Lunch at Holtye Golf Club.

Meetings planned for the New Year include ‘Chislehurst Caves’ in January, ‘The History of Parliament’ in February and the Annual General Meeting in March. We will also be making our usual foray to West Sussex College Gourmet Restaurant, always a good occasion.

Retired gentlemen who might be interested in joining our club should contact me. Before actually joining, there will be an opportunity to come to a meeting as our guest so that you can see whether it is for you.

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There are signs of a revival in the UK flower industry, headed by generation of eco-aware, creative British growers, and supported by flower sellers and consumers who appreciate locally produced, seasonal flowers.

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Richard Groom, ex-chairman and current trustee of the Orpheus Centre, implemented a successful business model to help the charity grow and expand. He says: “I am delighted and really surprised that people think I am worthy of the recognition”.

In addition to her many charitable works, Annabel Stilgoe was one of the original founders of the Orpheus Centre along with her husband, Sir Richard.

Sally Varah has supported the Orpheus prison outreach programme where Orpheus students have collaborated with prisoners at Highbury. She says: “I share this honour particularly with the selfless and dedicated individuals who work with me to level the uneven playing field of life for the marginalised and vulnerable in our society”.

Graham Whitehead, Orpheus CEO says: “It is a real privilege for the Orpheus Centre to be associated with these fantastic individuals, who have been justly acknowledged for their tremendous charity work with us and others. The prestige of these awards is also a great accolade for the work of the Centre itself.”

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Any events open to the public can appear here.

Let us know your dates for May/July by 30th April, 1976. LINGFIELD 832529

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<td>Fri 26</td>
<td>Lingfield Centre Barn Dance, Victoria Hall, 8.00 pm.</td>
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<td>Lingfield Cub Scouts Oak Pack v East Grinstead, District Cub/Scouts at Jenners Field.</td>
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<td>Sun 28</td>
<td>Lingfield &amp; District Amenity Soc. 5 mile walk in Never area. Meet Lingfield Car Park 2 pm or Plough 2.10 pm.</td>
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<td>Mon 29</td>
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<td>Lingfield First School. Talk, Discussion, Questions &quot;After First School - What next?&quot; School Hall, 8 pm.</td>
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| **April** | |
| Sat 3 | Lingfield Middle School Barn Dance, Hospital Sch. 7.45 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. |
| 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. |