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Editorial

Hello and welcome one and all to this, our Winter 2016/17 edition of Community News. Yes, Christmas is coming, and the geese are getting fat, or so the nursery rhyme goes.

So, before the mayhem begins, why not sit down, drop some freshly cut logs on the fire, and have a read about some of the past, present and future happenings in our villages.

Once again, we have a few colour pages, which we can afford thanks to the continued support of our regular advertisers, and the confidence shown in us by a number of new advertisers. Thank you guys.

New shops
After several years of watching Lingfield’s retail outlets either gradually scale back or close, the village has seen a very welcome, and some would say long overdue, resurgence in high street business in recent months.

Woodcrest Kitchens and the Clean Cut Barbers Shop have taken up residence opposite former public house The Cage (still no news on what’s happening with that, by the way), while a little further towards the garage the gentlemen’s hairdressers Groom is settling into the village nicely.

Local residents now have no need to worry about where to buy their freshly cut flowers, with two new florists, Ivy Florence and Lucie Mason, having just opened their doors. This is a particularly satisfying development, as I’m sure we all remember the sad departure of our previous florist just under two years ago.

As for those of you looking to do something a little different this Christmas, why not pop along to Lingfield’s very own tattooist, Emily’s Inkroom, now situated in the Cage Cabin.

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And let us not forget man’s best friend as the season of goodwill approaches, with newly arrived Ultimutt Paws able to give that special dog in your life a little bit of pampering. To date, Hiz & Hairz has been the village’s best shop name pun, but it looks like those new pet groomers on the block might have moved into first place.

Lingfield Community Events
These are exciting times. As I type these words some very early plans are being formulated for a summer festival in Lingfield (appropriately named ‘Lingfest’) to take place on Saturday 15th July 2017. The event will last a day, and feature several different genres of music, geared toward audiences of all age groups at different parts of the day. However, things are still at a very early stage, with thousands of hours of discussions, debate, and negotiation to get through before this becomes a reality.

And, as you’ll see from the CN back cover, the first steps to recapturing the tradition of a much-loved local festive event have been taken. The Lingfield Christmas Fair is taking place this year on Saturday 3rd December at Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre. Let’s hope this is the first of many. See page 11 for details for both of these community events.

Agricultural Show
What a great time was had by all at the Oxted and Edenbridge Agricultural Show in August. Several of the team here at CN had attended before, but it was mine and my family’s first time there. Needless to say, we all loved it, from the terriers, through to the tractors, and tarantulas.

The sheer vastness of the event was very impressive, and it was hard (maybe even impossible) to take in everything on display. One of my favourite memories is
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I also found out that my favourite rabbit breed isn’t the Netherland Dwarf, but the wonderfully inappropriately named Belgian Hare. How could I have been so wrong for all these years!

**Airport Expansion Decision**
Surprise, surprise, and there’s still no decision on where a new airport runway for the Southeast of England should be built. This issue has been hit into the long grass so many times it would almost be easier to declare a lost ball and move on. However, new Prime Minister Theresa May has at least promised a decision before the end of the year, and according to press reports is fairly confident she can push through Parliament the legislation needed to add a third runway to Heathrow. Well, we’ll see.

**Goodbye Richard**
And it’s with utter sadness that we report the impending departure (thanks to voluntary redundancy) of local street cleaner Richard Ford, who can still be seen out in all weathers making our streets and parks clean and tidy. Thanks for all your hard work over the last 11 years Richard, and we’ll miss you.

**Come and join the gang**
Fancy yourself as a bit of a writer? Want to come and join the CN team and help put together this wonderful little publication? Anything about developments within the local area make you angry or happy? Please put pen to paper and tell us about it, as we’re always happy to receive contributions of any sort.

**Thanks you guys**
And a big thank you goes out to our distributors, who do such a sterling job delivering our little magazine to thousands of homes and businesses across the region. Well done chaps, we couldn’t do it without you.

So, it just remains for us, the team here at *Community News*, to wish you, our friends, colleagues, associates, and family, a Very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

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So farewell then, Richard. Departure of local street cleaner prompts social media flurry

The coming departure of Richard Ford, Lingfield’s seemingly ever-present local street cleaner, has prompted a flurry of social media activity and the setting up of an online petition calling for him to stay.

“I’m always impressed by the work done by Richard, and the village will suffer should he leave us,” said one commentator on Streetlife. “There has to be some way to keep him with us.”

“He’s out in all weathers, every day of the year it seems, and keeps the streets, car parks, pond, gutters and everywhere else looking immaculate,” added another person on the local online forum.

Richard, who has accepted an offer of voluntary redundancy and will be leaving his current post in late December, has been helping keep the streets clean for 11 years, and has been employed by Tandridge District Council for 16 years in total. In early October, a representative of Tandridge District Council, said: “We can confirm that Richard Ford, the barrowman for Lingfield, has decided to take voluntary redundancy and will retire at the end of November. We wish Richard every success.”

“Street cleaning will continue to take place from Monday to Saturday, but from December onwards we will be using mobile crews with street cleaning equipment, which is what we use when a barrowman is on holiday or away from work,” added he TDC representative.

However, confusion still surrounds the reasons behind Richard’s departure. Several online comments (albeit unsubstantiated) point to local authority budget cuts as a reason, while other sources point to Richard simply taking up a new position elsewhere.

“He tells me that TDC are making his position redundant because of budget cuts,” said another online commentator who claimed to have spoken to Richard. “How ridiculous!” Another added that she had “personally spoken to Richard, and he would like to stay on if at all possible”.

According to local media sources, Richard will be joining his brothers and sister in re-opening the Nestledown Boarding Kennels in Blindley Heath. In total, four members of Tandridge District Council’s street cleaning team have applied for voluntary redundancy, cutting the team to 18 people.

We’ve been unable to contact Richard before going to press, but he’s still to be seen tidying the local area, and making Lingfield just that bit better. From all of us here at CN, we’d like to wish Richard all the best and thank him for all his hard work.
Lingfield Community Library gears up for Christmas with kids’ story competition

The library has been open and staffed predominantly by volunteers since the end of June, and we’re all becoming more familiar with our roles and looking at what we can offer to people in Lingfield and Dormansland.

We’ve arranged two events for Christmas: ‘The mouse who lived in Lingfield Library’, a Christmas story competition with two categories for 5 to 7 year olds and 8 to 11 year olds.

They need to write a story no more than 600 words about the mouse. Further details can be found in the library.

All entries should be handed in at the library by 30th November. You might like to illustrate your story with some drawings. The winners will be announced in December, and the prizes will be book tokens.

We also have our Christmas at the Library events, on Thursday, 8th and Friday, 9th December. The library will be decorated for Christmas and we hope people will come to see it.

We will be running two evening sessions of favourite Christmas readings, accompanied by mince pies and mulled wine.

Tickets are £10, and space is likely to be very limited so book early as there are only 30 tickets each night. Further details can be found in the library.

If you’d like to join us as a reader, come down to the library in the Guest House while we’re open and we can take you through the facilities which are open to members – it’s not just books but access to all the options on the Surrey libraries’ website.

Interested in joining us as a volunteer?
Contact Karil Greenhalgh at the Tandridge Voluntary Service Council, at the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre on 01342 836 774 (answerphone), or email her at lingfieldvc@tvsc.org.uk.

We look forward to seeing you at the library.

Selina Springbett, Chair, Lingfield Community Library Steering Committee
Ladies and Gentlemen,
it's our pleasure to introduce Lingfest!
Party in the park for Lingfield

Save the date! **Saturday 15th July 2017** will be the day when Lingfield hosts a very special event for local residents to enjoy.

Inspired by *Community News*’ call to bring back community-wide gatherings in Lingfield, a group of residents supported by Lingfield Parish Council are planning Lingfest – a party in the park. There will be free admission, stalls selling food and drink, entertainment for children and a fantastic line-up of bands. Lingfest promises to be the summer highlight in the village.

Lingfest will take place from 3pm onwards until 10pm at Jenners Field, which will be transformed by a temporary stage surrounded by stalls. All ages will be welcome at the event. Detailed planning is currently underway and more information about the event will be released as soon as possible. Track progress at the event website **lingfest.uk**

The organisers – led by Parish Council Chairman John Cole – would love to hear from you if you would be interested in becoming an event sponsor or taking a stall. Contact Fay Elwood on **parishclerk@lingfieldpc.fsnet.co.uk**

The return of the Lingfield Christmas Fair

For many years, Christmas in Lingfield was marked by the Annual Street Fair.

The High Street was closed to traffic. Christmas lights illuminated the stalls of local traders. Families, young and old alike, used to come along to buy cards and gifts, enjoy a glass (or two) of mulled wine or a mug of hot chocolate with mince pies and roasted chestnuts and above all - it was fun.

We’d like to recapture this tradition - step by step.

So this year it’s Lingfield Christmas Fair between **2pm and 5pm** on **Saturday, 3rd December**, in the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre.

Next year, the street fair? Well, that’s really up to you!

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Follow the instructions on the defibrillator, and it will not function unless it determines there is a need, so you can’t harm anyone in the process of trying to save a life. Potter’s, The Village Salon and all the local pubs have the code number to open the cabinet but the important thing is to call 999 first and you will automatically be given the access code.

Bulky rubbish clearance
A refuse vehicle will be parked at the times and locations listed below. These are to help residents get rid of items of household rubbish that can’t be taken by the normal refuse collection.

Saturday 3rd December
7.30am to 10.45am at Hollow Lane garages
12 noon to 2.15pm at Newhache car park

Dormansland community speedwatch
The Parish Council is very grateful to members of the Dormansland Speedwatch Team for all the work they do to make the roads in Dormansland safer. If you have any feedback, areas where you have concerns about speeding, or if you would like to support this important scheme, which requires only the commitment of time that you are able to give, please contact dormansclerk@btinternet.com.

Parish Council meetings
The next meetings of Dormansland Parish Council will be on Wednesday, 2nd November and Wednesday, 7th December in Dormansland Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. If you have anything that you would like to bring to the attention of the Council, you are very welcome to attend.

The Leader of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Martin Fisher, will be attending on 2nd November and he will be able to discuss any issues you may have regarding the District Council.

Lynn Blake, Parish Clerk. T: 01342 834 989
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Highways
The application to Surrey Highways for a refuge opposite the Shell garage in Godstone Road has been refused by Surrey County Council (SCC) on the grounds that it doesn’t have the funding to carry out the necessary survey. Surrey Highways is, however, going to monitor traffic speeds through the High Street as a prerequisite to installing a possible 20mph speed limit through the centre of the village.

Village Pond
We are obtaining quotations to tidy up the pond and plant new marginals and water lilies. The old oak tree has been surveyed and given a clean bill of health.

Library
The new arrangements for running the library by the community have been successful, with over 50 volunteers stepping forward. Training has been given, and a work rota is now in place, so many thanks to all involved. We are still awaiting completion of talks with the Charities Commission for transferring the Guest House Trust.

Allotments
A work party to create compost bins at Centenary Fields allotments took place on the 15th October. We still have vacant plots at The Pollards allotments so please contact the clerk if you’re interested in taking a place.

The Old Cage Public House
The revised planning application has now been passed by Tandridge District Council, but we still do not have any information about its intended use.

Community events
The parish council is working on some community events for the village, and you can find some details of these in separate articles in this [see page 11], and coming, issues of Community News.

The Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month (except August and December) at 7.45pm at the Community Centre. The Planning Committee of the Parish Council meets at 7pm on these dates and usually on another Tuesday mid month. All members of the public are invited to attend unless otherwise stated. The Parish Office is situated in the Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre and is open between 10am and 12 noon Mondays to Thursdays.

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Affordable rented homes development for Lingfield locals near completion

A new development of 20 affordable homes being built on Newchapel Road (Hazell Close) is due for completion in November/December 2016. The much-needed new homes, a mixture of flats and houses, will mean local people currently unable to afford market rents can remain living in the village. All the homes will be let at approximately 80% of market rates. A legal agreement is in place ensuring only households with a genuine local connection to the village are considered when the homes are allocated.

How can I apply?
Most people who are interested in the homes will already be on Tandridge District Council’s housing register. However, if you’re not, you need to apply immediately, as this is the only way you can be considered. To join the register, please call 01883 722000 or email customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk. Once your application has been processed you will be sent details of Home Choice, the Council’s lettings system and all the information you need to help you ‘bid’ on one of the new homes.

How will I know when the homes will be available?
The homes will be advertised on Home Choice approximately six to eight weeks before they are due to be completed, so be sure to check the system regularly to see if they are available.

What is Home Choice and how does it work?
Home Choice is a choice-based lettings scheme (CBL) which makes it easier for people to apply for housing with councils and housing associations. This has replaced the former housing waiting list. Full instructions about how to access the system can be found on www.tandridge-homechoice.org.uk, or phone the Council on 01883 722 000 for a copy.

How to bid
As long as you are on the housing register, you can bid: by calling 0845 270 1908 (this is charged at a local rate), or accessing the website, at www.tandridge-homechoice.org.uk.

The project is a partnership between Village Developments, Tandridge District Council and Affinity Sutton, which will own and manage the homes. The homes are being built to high standards of energy efficiency. Some properties will benefit from photo voltaic panels which will generate electricity and, together with high levels of insulation, will keep energy and fuel costs to a minimum.
Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan: Infrastructure, housing remain core issues for residents

Housing development in Tandridge remains a vitally important issue for local residents, based on feedback from an original survey from the Steering Committee of the Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan, revealed in early October.

Within the issue of housing, protection of the Green Belt was paramount, said the announcement. So, when the Tandridge Local Plan was published without any mention of infrastructure development, it was met with deep concern, and even anger.

The plan, as it stands, threatens “to overwhelm the district with unsustainable housing developments, and to destroy yet more of Lingfield’s Green Belt”, said the Committee.

Yet, said the release, as most people acknowledge that we must accept some level of development to cater for the needs of our growing and ageing population, “the questions of how much, where, and what type of housing must now be addressed”.

In light of this, the Lingfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering group is holding one of its Open Days, on Saturday, 26th November, from 1pm to 4.30pm at the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre, with “lashings of tea, coffee and cake, to which you are all warmly welcomed”.

The members of the Steering Group will be on hand to answer your questions. At 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm there will be short briefings on the purpose of the Open Day and your views on the ideas being proposed by the Neighbourhood Plan are being sought, said the Committee.

It appears likely that there will be an overlap with the Tandridge Consultation on sites that are being considered for development, so this would be a good opportunity to understand the difference between the Neighbourhood Plan’s ideas, and the Tandridge Local Plan proposals, and to seek information on both, said the press release.

Over the summer, members of Lingfield’s Neighbourhood Plan were also heavily involved in helping prepare for the return of a Christmas market day, as well as a summer party in Jenner’s Field for 2017, the so-called 'Lingfest' mentioned a little earlier in the publication.

For more details, please visit the dedicated Neighbourhood Plan website at www.lingfield.info, or contact Andrea Watson, Communications Officer, Lingfield NP Steering Group, on a.watson569@btinternet.com or telephone 01342 833 303.
Lingfield Horticultural Society

Autumn is now upon us, although those hot days of August lingered a little, and since the last Community News much has gone on within the Society.

On Saturday, 10th September we held the Autumn and Dahlia Show in the Lingfield Community Centre, and were lucky to have Paul Dalby as the independent judge. As he studied the individual entries in each class, members took part in the annual quiz organised by Kate Reynolds. There was a strong showing by our members, with just under a hundred entries in total. Congratulations go to Sylvia Parker, Nikki Howe, David Clarke, Angela Kirk, Bernard Wickenden, Claire Chapman and Brian Waddingham, as well as all the others who secured first prizes in a very competitive show.

The Dahlia Society Silver Medal for the best dahlia exhibit went to Sylvia Parker for her beautiful arrangement of nine dahlias staged for frontal effect. Meanwhile, Gill Pocock and Sue Macdonald were busy providing refreshments, with Michael Pocock conducting the raffle and Michael Chapman beavering away to work out all the statistics. David Clarke crowned his successful evening by winning the quiz!

At our meeting on Friday, 7th October, Simon Davey gave a talk on ‘The Natural History of Costa Rica’. Simon has carried out considerable research into the Natural History of Central America, and found himself in November 1990 leading a party on a fortnight’s natural history holiday in Costa Rica.

The hanging walkways of the tropical rain forest offer an insight into the higher reaches of the forest canopy, a great place to see numerous bird species, while the safe walking trails wind their way along the forest floor, passing thick tropical vegetation and open areas with wonderful views of the Arenal volcano. Simon has also lectured on a variety of natural history topics on cruises along the Norwegian coast to Spitzbergen as well as cruising in the Baltic visiting a number of capitals and taking in St. Petersburg.

Our AGM will be held on 9th December in the Jennings Hall, Lingfield at 8pm. After the business part of the meeting we will have our usual buffet supper. We still have vacancies for a Chairperson and a Show Secretary and if you would like to find out more about these positions on the committee, or know anyone who would like to join, please contact our Membership Secretary, Alan Reynolds, on 01342 833155. Or do please come along to our next meeting at 8pm on Friday, 11th November in the Jennings Hall, when our guest will come to us from The British Wildlife Centre.

Finally, on a very sad note, we are sorry to pass on the news of the death of Ann Deans. Ann was a long-standing member and supporter of the Society and was often very successful at our various shows. Ann was our ‘Queen of the Dahlia’ section and will be greatly missed. May she now rest in peace.
Down on the Allotment: Agretti aggro and tempting tomatoes

When you can see your breath in the early morning air then you know it’s autumn. Actually, if you have an allotment then the piles of runner beans, courgettes, leeks, beetroot and apples awaiting attention in the kitchen will have given the game away even before you’ve ventured through the door. It’s been a productive year. Broad beans that had been carefully staggered to provide cropping over a six-month period were all delayed by the slow start to the summer, and then when the sun began to shine they all took off and cropped all at the same time.

The last two weeks of June were known as ‘broad bean fortnight’, as no meals could begin without 20 minutes of podding, and the internet was scoured for ever more inventive ways of eating the emerald gems.

The new ‘blight resistant’ tomatoes have been a partial success. Whilst everyone else’s tomatoes succumbed to blight by end of July the new varieties soldiered on. They won’t win any beauty contests, nor are they the best I’ve tasted, but they’ve cropped heavily and even as I type there is another 15kg of fruit to harvest. Having moved allotment locations two years ago this was our first full year at the site, and the fertile green sand soil has proved a great success for carrots and sweet corn, both crops that we struggled to cultivate on our previous clay plot.

Less of a success was this year’s new trial vegetable, ‘Agretti’. It was advertised as the Italian vegetable “that chefs are fighting over”. Well, fight no more, as I have a compost bin full of the stuff, so please come and help yourself. Rather than an alternative to samphire I would perhaps describe it as a cross between grass and wire wool.

There are still lots of crops that need to be harvested: beetroot, runner beans, French beans, chillies, tomatoes, parsnips, leeks and kale. Some will be destined for the freezer, and some for the harvest festival at the church. As the ground is cleared I will re-plant with an overwintering ground cover to stop the fertility being washed out.

Any time that we can get out over the next few months will be spent clearing an additional half plot that we have just taken over. The area may be chest high in nettles and brambles, but in my mind’s eye it’s a beautiful fruit garden with gooseberries the size of hens eggs and perfectly trained soft fruit. For the lengthening evenings and the wet weekends ahead I’ll be reading the seed catalogues for 2017, planning and plotting, searching for new things to try and remembering things not to repeat. But first I need to select produce for the church harvest festival – any chefs out there keep your eyes peeled when around the altar!

Wishing everyone a pleasant end to 2016, a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Adrian Colombini, July 2016
The Mouse who lived In Lingfield Library

Children’s Writing Competition

This Christmas competition has two categories for 5 to 7 year olds and 8 to 11 year olds.

Write a story of no more than 600 words about the mouse who lived in Lingfield Library. Here are some ideas to help you plan your story. Of course you don’t have to use any of these ideas!

• What are you going to call your mouse? Is it named after a cartoon character or one in a book?
• Does the mouse tell the story, using I? Or are you going to use he/she?
• What is its favourite place in the library and where does it hide when all the people go into the library?
• What does it do in the evening when we are all gone?
• Is it lonely?
• Does the story end happily when it finds a friend to help pass the time?
• You might like to illustrate your story with some drawings

Please put your name, address, contact number and age on your entry.

All entries should be returned to Lingfield Community Library by 3rd December 2016.
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Our workshops are a good place to try out different techniques. This October, a group of us learned how to make a flowery pumpkin with a power drill, test tubes, and plenty of laughter!

And this year’s Christmas workshop will involve cocktail sticks, dressmaking pins and insulation board to create something different.

Christmas is a wonderful time to try out our flower arranging skills. Past workshops have seen us create fresh garlands to drape our banisters, wreaths for our doors and gates, decorations for the mantelpiece and Christmas table - really there isn’t a surface that doesn’t need festive decoration, in our eyes.

But, if you’re tight for time (and who isn’t at this time of year?), even filling a vase with the offcuts from the Christmas tree or holly branches with berries (before the birds get to them), or strategically hanging a bunch of mistletoe, subtly adds the finishing touch to all the other scents and colours of the festive season.

Wishing you all the very best of the season and, who knows, maybe we’ll see you at one of our events in 2017.

Winter 2016 Programme

❖ Monday, 26 November, 7:30pm
‘All Wrapped up for Christmas’: Demonstration by Robin White

❖ Monday, 11 December, 7:30pm
Christmas Workshop and Social

❖ Monday, 24 January, 7:30pm
‘Fabulous Flowers’: Demonstration by Lucinda Knapman

For more top tips and floral inspiration, come along to one of our monthly meetings, Doors open 7pm, and visitors are always welcome. Entry £5, or why not join us and enjoy a range of member benefits, practical workshops and events.

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www.facebook.com/LingfieldFlowerClub
Latest news from the LDCC

Over the summer we’ve been busy improving the facilities at the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre. With the help of a grant from Gatwick Airport Trust, we now have a new state-of-the-art PA system, and new staging and lighting, all of which will enhance the experience for those attending our film, theatre and music productions. We have some new exercise classes for the autumn, including Dru Yoga and Mums, Tums & Bums, and welcome ANRC Physiotherapy, who will be running clinics every Thursday in the Treatment Room. East Grinstead Foodbank has extended its hours and will now be here every Friday from 1pm to 3pm for support and food distribution.

Young Epilepsy Café
Please come along and support the staff and students from Young Epilepsy who will be running a café in the Orpen Lounge every Tuesday from 8th November. Open between 10am and 12 noon, it’ll offer tea, coffee, home-made cakes and a warm welcome! We’re also looking forward to a Christmas event on Saturday, 3rd December [see more details on the back cover, and page 11].

Cinema, Theatre and Opera
Our new season of Flix in the Stix kicked off in September with Eye in the Sky and continued with The Danish Girl (9th October), Florence Foster Jenkins (13th November), Joy (11th December) and Hologram for a King (8th January). Tickets are only £5 from the centre office or Robert Leech Estate Agents in the High Street. All films start at 3.30pm during the winter months but come along a little earlier for a cup of tea and home-made cakes before the show starts.

One of our favourite theatre companies, Farnham Maltings, working in conjunction with Bucket List, returns on Sunday, 20th November with Launch Party. This story of two sisters, a universe apart, is a playful new show (with innovative live music) about family, space exploration and how we carry our home with us. Doors and licenced bar, open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets are £10 from centre office. Following its debut performance here earlier this year, Opera Holloway return for another gala evening of popular songs on Sunday 29th January. If you thought opera wasn’t for you, why not come along and see — you may be surprised!

Please support us
And finally, we’ve been selected to receive funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund, meaning we’ll get a contribution towards replacing some of our worn and damaged furniture. So if you’re a Co-op Member log in to your Co-op Membership account and choose us. If you’re not a member, please join and support us!

For further information on any of the above or to enquire about activities or room hire at the Community Centre, call Claire or Karil, T: 01342 833 893, E: enquiries@lingfieldcentre.org www.lingfieldcentre.org
Want to be in a band?
Bellringing can make that dream a reality

Did you know that a group of bell-ringers is called a ‘band’? And, just like all bands, there are different types: good ones, not so good ones, friendly ones, less friendly ones, serious ones, and frivolous ones.

The Lingfield band of bellringers is a bit of a patchwork. We’re all different but come together to make something beautiful (well, most of the time). Some of us take bellringing very seriously while others just come along for a chat … and have a ring of the bells, too.

Some of us are very experienced and enjoy extending our skills while others just have the basic skills and are happy with that. One thing we all share is the enjoyment of bellringing.

Why not come and join us in practicing this ancient art? Come on your own or with a friend. If you are uncertain, just come along to give it a go.

Although bell ringing is enjoyed by many, few people have tried it. The joys of it are a well-kept secret! We need new ringers to maintain an important part of our British heritage.

To find out more, please contact me, Linda Dyja, on 01342 836 313, or pop into the tower on one of our practice nights (every Thursday evening between 8:00pm and 9:30pm) or speak to us before a Sunday morning service (between 9:00am and 9:30am) or just after.

Ask a member of the congregation to point us out. You don’t need to be a church goer to be a church bellringer.

Do come and give it a try, but be warned, it can be addictive!

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**East Grinstead Art Society**

Founded in 1983, East Grinstead Art Society meets twice per month for demos, talks and workshops

We meet in St Swithun’s Church Hall in East Grinstead, RH19 3AZ and are always pleased to see new people.

*For further info or to attend call Wendy – 01342 311 093*
Lingfield & Dormansland United Benefice — Winter Update

When Jesus is born, God becomes a baby for our sakes as ‘Immanuel’ — ‘God with us’. It’s the hope he brings which gives us the strength to mark tough times at Remembrance and All Souls’, as well the joy to celebrate the festive season. We look forward to having your company this autumn and winter. *Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and beyond, Kathryn.*

Special Services and events at Lingfield Parish Church and St. John’s Church, Dormansland (in addition to the usual services)

**LINGFIELD**

30th October

3pm All Souls’ Memorial Service
A chance to remember our loved ones who have died.

13th November: Remembrance Sunday:

9.30am Remembrance service in Church followed by 10.45am Act of Remembrance at the pond.

20th November

12-3pm Stir-Up Sunday Christmas pudding making event.

27th November: Advent Sunday

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

4th December

6.30pm Community Carols — a fun event for all the family, with the Lingfield Silver Band. Mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards.

11th December

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols — a traditional Christmas carol service. Mulled wine and mince pies served afterwards.

Christmas Eve

3.00pm and 4.30pm Crib Services with Scarlett the donkey. (Two identical services — come to whichever one you would like.)

11.30pm Midnight Mass — the first service of Christmas.

**Christmas Day**

8.00am Said Eucharist

10.00am Festive Christmas Eucharist for all the family.

**DORMANSLAND**

30th October

10am All Saints’ and All Souls’ Service.

13th November: Remembrance Sunday

10.30am Remembrance service in Church.

4th December

10.00am Christingle and Toy Service.

Friday 9th December

6.15pm Lighting of Christmas tree with carols.

11th December

2pm and 3.30pm Christmas Crafts.

18th December

6.30pm Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

Christmas Eve

3.00pm and 4.30pm Crib Services. (Two identical services — come to whichever one you would like.)

11.30pm Midnight Communion.

Christmas Day

8.00am Christmas Communion

10.00am Family Christmas Communion
Local news round up

Fly-tippers break in and dump junk on Smallfield farm
Fly-tippers broke into Broadlands Farm, off Broadbridge Lane, and dumped a huge pile of waste and junk onto one of the farmer’s fields on a Sunday night, reported a local news outlet in early October. A gate was forced open to gain entry. “It was Monday morning when I realised what had happened,” said Ian McCubbine, 53, who runs the 500-acre farm with his partner Sarah Gadd. “At first, I assumed it was my fault because I didn’t put the log back [which had been blocking the entrance to the field]. But actually it’s not my fault, because somebody cut both padlocks to get in to private property,” added McCubbine.

Lingfield runners climb Mt Kilimanjaro, raising £5,000
Eleven members of the Lingfield Running Club were amongst a group of 15 people to successfully climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania earlier this year, with three members collecting over £5,000 for their personal charities, according to a local news outlet.

Walkers doing their bit for local footpaths
East Surrey Walkers not only walk upon local paths but also help Surrey County Council to maintain the rights of way network. The latest initiative was to buy two kissing gates, which allow people to pass through, but not livestock, for a public footpath near Wire Mill Lake at Newchapel. Six members of the volunteer footpaths maintenance team, known as ‘Ken’s Krew’, recently replaced two broken wooden stiles with longer-lasting galvanised gates.

Cancer Research in the Christmas spirit with Westerham fair
This year’s Christmas Fair for Cancer Research UK will take place at the Grassshopper Inn, Moorhouse, Westerham Road, on Wednesday, 9th November. With over 50 stalls selling a wide variety of gifts, and a dedicated food hall selling locally sourced produce, there will be something for all your family and friends. The event runs from 10.00am to 3.00pm, and tickets cost £3 on the door. Please get in contact with oxted.cruk@gmail.com for more details.

Claridge House has special guest
Claridge House, the Quaker Centre for rest and renewal in Lingfield, reopened its doors in September, after six months’ closure for refurbishment. Amongst the local guests in attendance was Margaret Birley, whose great-grandfather, Francis Hornby Birley, bought Claridge House in 1885 and lived there until his death in 1910. Claridge House is once more running retreats, courses, or can be just a space for rest and renewal. For further information on the residence and its facilities, please contact Frances Crampton, the Claridge House Trustee, on this email: francrampton@waitrose.com.
The Hawthorns School observe birds and wildlife from their very own bird hide!

Pupils at The Hawthorns School in Bletchingley have been observing birds and wildlife within the School grounds this term from their very own bird hide!

Funded by the School Parents’ association and built by current parent Jim Rook, the bird hide is proving to be a fantastic resource for pupils throughout the School to survey birds and wildlife from a hidden location.

With a focus on outdoor learning, the bird hide is one of many initiatives the School has been putting in place to develop their grounds and woodland area as a space for outdoor learning. Alongside the woodland classroom, pupils take part in weekly Conservation lessons including practical woodland management skills and National surveys such as the RSPB Big Schools’ Bird Watch. The youngest pupils are also experiencing learning within the natural world through weekly Forest School sessions.

Christened ‘The Rookery’, The Hawthorns’ pupils and staff would like to thank our parents’ association, FROTH, and in particular former chairman, Jim Rook, on a fantastic construction that will no doubt be enjoyed for many years to come!

Lingfield United Trust

Christmas Distribution 2016

For the benefit of the Poor and Needy, aged 60 years or over residing in the Ancient Parish of BALDWINS HILL, DORMANSLAND and LINGFIELD who have lived in the Parish for at least 5 years.

Application forms available from:
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Forms are in the shops now

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Support Fairtrade in Lingfield & Dormansland

Promoting Fairtrade for producers in the Developing World And Fair Trade for Local Producers

Hello Readers,

Here’s to Community News Edition 201, carrying us on from wonderful summer to happy winter!

Did you catch the news of Lingfield Football Club sponsorship by Fairtrade LD? Forty Fairtrade BALA practice footballs have been provided, a great kick-off for them and a better deal for the workers in factories and village hand-stitching centres in the Sialkot area of Pakistan. When you buy a sports ball how can you be sure the people who made it are getting a fair deal – look for the FAIRTRADE mark.

Fairtrade LD AGM, Thursday, 3rd November 2016, 7pm, at Lingfield Notre Dame Junior School – thank you LND – with Speaker Barbara Crowther, Fairtrade Foundation. Everyone welcome, join us for some Fairtrade wine. Contact us at rh7fairtrade@gmail.com.

Lingfield Notre Dame Junior School is set to become a Fairtrade School, taking its place alongside more than 1,000 others registered with Fairtrade Foundation UK, www.fairtrade.org.uk/schools. The September Harvest Assembly, celebrating the abundance of autumn fruits here and Fairtrade products from the developing world, was truly inspiring.

The children sang, played music, and brought gifts for Crawley Open House. They were told that the house can only accommodate 24 homeless people and is full every night throughout the year. Forty more are given blankets and flasks of hot drinks.

The Fairtrade Gold Campaign ‘I Do’ ensures that gold miners receive a guaranteed fair minimum price and a premium to invest in community projects, such as education, clean water, safety and healthcare.

Gold is a symbol of love, power and wealth the world over, but is mainly mined under hazardous conditions. Fairtrade gold jewellery may be specially designed, or a Fairtrade wedding ring can be bought for about £100 from a high street/online retailer.

Fairtrade Fortnight, 27th February to 13th March 2017: follow the campaign on www.fairtrade.org.uk.

Thank you, Fairtraders!

If you would like to meet us, please email fairtrade.rh7@gmail.com.
Scouts gather to remember Captain Henry Lloyd Martin, a fallen former leader

In September this year, over 40 scouts from the 1st Lingfield & Dormansland Scout Group met at the war memorial to remember one of their first Scout Leaders, Captain Henry Lloyd Martin.

As with so many others, Martin joined up to serve his country in WW1, beginning as a temporary lieutenant and being quickly promoted to Captain in March 1915. After twice being wounded in battle he was leading his men at the battle of Thiepval when he was instantly killed by a shell.

The inspirational letter he left, to be read out to his scouts in the event of him not returning, is still one of the Group’s most treasured possessions. To mark the 100th anniversary of his death at the Somme in September 1916 the current scouts listened as his letter was read and a wreath laid in his memory. A copy of the letter and more information can be found on our website, www.lingfieldareascouts.org.uk.

Meanwhile, the Scout Troop has had a very busy year in 2016, with the annual week-long summer camp being held near Bromsgrove. Weekly activities included scuba diving, off-road karting, car driving, assault courses and rafting to name. A water weekend was recently held in the New Forest, with a visit to the Wibit Aqua Park, followed by the water slides at Splashdown.

2017 will see another multi activity Scoutabout weekend at the Ardingly show ground, with over 5,000 scouts from Surrey attending. And, in 2018 the troop is planning a ski trip to the Lech Valley in Austria where it last visited in 2007.

The group is also very pleased to announce that phase two of the scout hut extension has now been completed. The steel frame and cladding are in place and hopefully by the time you read this we will be well on the way to fitting out the inside. We still have a little way to go with fundraising but with a few more events planned and a willing team of local tradesman we are hoping to get the build finished by the early part of next year.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us in getting this far, and a huge ‘thank you’ needs to go to Jacqui O’Sullivan who has led the fundraising for this development, and has been vital to the success of this project.

Don’t forget that the hut is a perfect venue for kids’ parties, and the Group has a selection of party tents that can be hired out all through the year for your special event.

If you would like your child to join either, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Girl Scouts or Explorers, please enquire here: www.lingfieldareascouts.org.uk
Dormansland Evening WI and the hanging ‘braskets’ of Babylon

Four members of the Dormansland Evening WI took up the challenge of the NFWI Sustainable Gardening Hanging ‘Brasket’ Competition, launched earlier this year, to use their imagination and have some fun re-using bras as hanging basket containers.

The competition was launched to promote WI Sustainable Gardening, and to continue the organization’s mandate of recycling, reducing and re-using materials, it said in a statement. The completion closed at the end of August 2016.

Due to their shape, bras are ideal as hanging ‘braskets’ – they can be used singly, in pairs or as bunting, said the NFWI.
Out and about this summer with the Lingfield Evening WI. Why not come along next time?

During the summer members of our group visited Potash Farm and the Walnut Tree Company in Kent. We walked through the village of St Mary Platt with Alexander Hunt, the owner, and were shown the cobnut tree orchard.

He served coffee in his garden with delicious Potash Farm chocolates and shortbread biscuits. We also enjoyed a walk in Outwood followed by supper at The Bell.

In September, Dan Howes from Veasey and Son, Fishmongers, in Forest Row showed us an array of fish caught from his boat on the South Coast while his colleague, Nick, cooked plaice in a shrimp and caper sauce for us to sample.

Our meetings are held at The Jennings Hall (behind The Community Centre) in Lingfield at 8pm on the third Wednesday of the month. We very often have a speaker and plenty of time for coffee before a short business meeting when members are updated with Surrey County Federation events and news from The National Federation.

We have the opportunity to meet members from other local WIs at “Post Mill group” meetings twice a year. In October, Jim Buttress will come and talk to us about The Royal Parks and we look forward to our Annual Meeting on November 16th, when a new committee is elected.

**Upcoming meetings:**

- October 19th: Jim Buttress “The Royal Parks”
- November 16th: Annual Meeting
- December 14th: Christmas Party

Our first meeting of the New Year is on January 18th, so please feel free to come along.

*We are always happy to welcome visitors to our meetings (fee £3.00), and if you would like to learn more about LEWI please ring Ann Stacey on 01342 832 988 or Katie Kerr on 01342 835 473.*
East Surrey Walkers: Hello stranger, hi old friend, and see you soon compadre

This isn’t the start of a joke about the Englishman, Irishman and Scotsman, it’s actually about three members of East Surrey Walkers who not only have a love of the great outdoors, but through walking have got to know each other and developed new interests.

The retired banker, following a degree course in Landscape Studies, is interested in geology, flora and fauna. Our engineer pursues hobbies of history and archaeology, trying to fathom out and understand how past generations have shaped the land around us. Meanwhile, our teacher uses his computer skills and the latest technology in planning and developing walks.

In our everyday lives we very rarely stop to really get to know strangers. But, when you’re out walking you have a chance to talk and get to know such people on a one-to-one basis, often with surprising results. Whatever your interests, such as photography, bird watching, wild mammals or just walking, you could well find a sole mate (or even a soulmate) among the East Surrey Walkers’ 350 members.

East Surrey Walkers now have over 50 walks a quarter, geared to suit all abilities, from ambling to striding out and challenging. They are usually very nearby and free, and can help you to enjoy the great outdoors whilst making new friends with interests other than walking.

Over 20 free walks have been selected for November walking. Most walks start at 10am, and all you have to do is turn up and join in.

Walks and Leader contact details:

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For full details of our walks programme please visit: [www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk](http://www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk).
Lingfield Cricket Club – youngsters lead the way with a raft of trophies

So, the 2016 season finished at the end of September and we now have a brief time to reflect on the season just past before planning for next year begins.

The 1st XI finished third in The Fullers Surrey County League for the third consecutive season, just missing out on promotion to the Surrey Championship once again. This was despite doing the double over the eventual winners.

Callum Forbes was the division’s leading batsman with 614 runs at a fantastic average of 51.17 (while a certain Mr Geoffrey Boycott finished with a test average of only 47.72). The other four league sides all managed to avoid promotion or relegation.

Callum was one of three batsmen to hit league centuries this year, with Sam Gemmell and Stuart Aldrich being the others. Martin Britt, Will Armstrong and Stephen Brownsey also hit hundreds in other matches.

Ashley Netherclift had the best bowling performance of the season with 7 for 35, while 5 other bowlers took 6 or more wickets in an innings, Dan Pollard the best with 6 for 14.

Once more, the junior sides set the standard when it came to winning trophies. The Under 11s were East Surrey League Champions and also won the Sussex Junior Cricket Festival Shield. The Under 12s won the East Surrey Cup.

The Under 13s won both the East Surrey Cup and League, and the Under 14s were also East Surrey Champions. All in all, we played 125 senior and 138 junior games in 2016!

We will be repeating our highly recommended Junior Winter Coaching Programme in the New Year at Lingfield Notre Dame School. The timings for this are being finalised and bookings will be open soon. Winter nets and coaching for senior colts and adults will start in February at the same venue.

We will also be entering some teams in local indoor leagues for those players keen to keep going through the winter.

Unfortunately, we recently suffered yet another break-in recently at our Newchapel Ground, when entry was forced through one of the windows. The police were called and although nothing was stolen on this occasion the club still have to carry out repairs to the damage caused.

For further details, see our website at www.lingfield.play-cricket.com or contact Robert Mitchell on 01342 832 737.
What’s on locally

**Thursday 3 November - Fairtrade Lingfield & Dormansland AGM**
Speaker Barbara Crowther, Director of Policy and Public Affairs, Fairtrade Foundation and AGM

Venue: Lingfield Notre Dame (Junior Hall) Racecourse Road entrance
Drinks reception and stalls 6.30pm, AGM 7.30pm, Speaker 8pm

*For more information contact Paul Pirie: fairtrade.RH7@gmail.com*
*www.rh7fairtrade.wordpress.com*

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**Lingfield Film Club - Flix in the Stix**

**Sunday 13 November at 3pm - Florence Foster Jenkins**

**Sunday 11 December at 3pm - Joy**

**Sunday 8 January at 3pm - Hologram for a King**

Venue: Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre
Tickets: £5 from the centre office or Robert Leech Estate Agents

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**Monday 14 November - “You’ve Never Had It So Good”**
Don Dray returns to look back on a period of social history in Britain 1945-1960

Venue: Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre
Doors open 7.30pm talk starts at 8pm. Visitors welcome £2.50

*For more information contact Felicity Pool, Secretary*
*T: 01342 832 519 E: felicitypool01@gmail.com W: www.rh7.org*
What’s on locally

Friends of St Peter and St Paul’s Church

Saturday 19 November at 7.30pm
The Friends are delighted to announce that
The Croydon Male Voice Choir will be giving a concert in the church

Venue: St Peter and St Paul’s Church Lingfield
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Felicity Pool 01342 832 519 felicitypool01@gmail.com

All proceeds will go toward the care of this historic church building

To find out more about The Friends please contact Pat Dobson or Felicity Pool

Pop up Theatre

Sunday 20 November at 7.30pm
Farnham Maltings and Bucket Club present Launch Party
A play about two sisters, a universe apart!

Venue: Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre
Tickets: £10 from the centre office, licensed bar open: 7pm

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Oxted Christmas Festival

Saturday 26 November at 10am to 4pm
A family-friendly celebration to include Santa Claus, a local produce market, a French market, entertainment, free land train rides, hot street food

Venue: Oxted’s two main streets.
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A festive evening by candlelight, with Sir Richard Stilgoe, the Orpheus students, St Mary’s Church Choir and seasonal readings by celebrity guests.

Venue: St Mary’s Church Bletchingley.

Tickets: £10 (£5 concessions) from the Orpheus Box Office on 01883 741 414 or marketing@orpheus.org.uk.

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The Lingfield Surgery Newsletter

Christmas opening hours
Lingfield surgery will be open as normal over the Christmas and New Year periods, excluding Bank Holidays when we will be closed.

Patients requiring medical advice on closure days should contact NHS111 by dialling 111 which is free to call from mobiles and landlines and is available 365 days of the year. In an emergency situation patients should call 999. This information is also available on the Lingfield surgery website.

Prescription requests for the Christmas period
Patients are reminded to please submit their prescription requests in plenty of time for the Christmas period. We cannot process medication requests in time for the four day closure if they are submitted after 20th December unless it is an emergency situation.

Flu clinics
Lingfield Surgery would like to remind all patients aged 65 or over and at risk groups to please book your appointment for your free flu vaccination. The flu clinics are running on a selection of Saturdays in October, but we will also have mid-week clinics, dates to be confirmed. Please contact the surgery and we will be happy to book your appointment.

Time allowing, our nurses will also check to see if you require additional preventative treatments such as Shingles vaccination, Pneumococcal vaccination, blood pressure check, etc.

The surgery is sending out SMS text messages to patients who are eligible for the flu vaccination and who have their mobile number on our clinical system. Please ensure that we have your correct mobile number on our system as it is the quickest and most effective form of communication between the surgery and our patients at all times of the year.

Lingfield Surgery would like to wish all of our patients a Happy Christmas and New Year and to thank you for your continuing support of the surgery.

T: 01342 836 327 www.lingfieldsurgery.nhs.uk
Lingfield & Dormansland Volunteer Centre

After our glorious past few months, the evenings are getting longer and this may be a great time for you to think about volunteering!

Here are some local volunteer roles that we would like to fill:

The Lingfield Marathon Bus is looking for drivers (see the Letters page in this issue). You must be over 21 years old and have held a licence for at least 2 years. Over 70s are also welcome to apply.

The voice of our local villages, yes, Community News is also in need of volunteers to distribute the magazine. If you enjoy taking a bit of fresh air and gentle exercise, this is an easy role. The amount you deliver is up to you, a few houses in a close or a whole road. It’s just four times a year, and it would be sad if some of our local residents did not receive their copy because there are no deliverers!

The Lingfield & Dormansland Meals on Wheels team are always on the lookout for new cooks and deliverers – this would involve you once every 5 weeks or so – for just a few hours in the morning.

While we have been involved in the recruitment of the volunteers to run the Lingfield Community Library, due to a number of people moving away, falling ill or being unable to offer the time they would like we would like to find a few more volunteers. Particularly needed are people for Thursday and Saturday mornings and afternoons. It is a lovely role and again will not take up all your free time if you don’t want it to!

If you would like to befriend an older or lonely person, the Tandridge Befriending Scheme always has clients waiting for that special person; you only need to offer a few hours each week visiting and having a chat with someone, mostly in their own homes. We have had some befrienders in the same role for nearly 10 years.

Finally, if you are looking for a meaty role, a trailblazing dementia technology study is being launched across Surrey and North East Hampshire. This study is the first of its kind in the UK, and is part of an NHS drive to modernise healthcare for the benefit of older people with long term health problems. Volunteers are needed to help project managers collect data from the 1,400 people who will be selected to take part in the study. Intrigued? Contact us for more information.

The Volunteer Centre is open 2 days a week, Mondays and Wednesdays. If you are in the centre of Lingfield on either of these days, pop in. We are situated just off the Jennings Hall, part of Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, in the High Street.

Karil Greenhalgh, Manager T: 01342 836 774 E: lingfieldvc@tvsc.org.uk
The VSSC has been running the Lingfield Victoria Memorial Institute since October 2010. It's been trading for the past 6 years very successfully thanks to the hard work and commitment from Kellie Love and her management committee. This wouldn’t have been possible if it hadn’t been for the loans and donations made by members of our community, and we are extremely grateful to those individuals.

The VSSC ethos has always been to ensure that the building continues to be a community asset. Our ancestors built and funded this building over a hundred years ago as a community building, so it’s very important to us that we keep it this way and we’re proud that we have managed to achieve this.

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Our older folk are often very independent and don't like to ask for help, so often our “customers” come from family, neighbours or doctor referrals.

*If you think someone you know would really benefit from this service contact Pat Smith 07504 481 289 or Debbie Doran 01342 843 098*

Carers Support
If you are a child or adult caring for someone at home or elsewhere who is ill, frail or disabled and the care you provide is unpaid,

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*Surrey Council Adult Social Care Team 0300 200 1005
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Tony Cox, Foodbank Manager eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk

Community Support

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Your Letters

Walking the dog becomes a slog
As a recent recruit to the dog walking community, I’m getting increasingly annoyed by what a trial just taking my dog out for a walk actually is. As I walk around the village the amount of litter is appalling.

My big problem at the moment is hedges that have not been cut, forcing me into the road, especially along the Newchapel Road. The pavement here is fairly narrow to begin with. However, when you add in the width restriction because of uncut hedges (often sharp too) it forces me into the road.

I would also add that since the pinch points were put on the Godstone Road all the big lorries hurtle down Newchapel at ridiculous speeds.

Whilst out the other morning two such juggernauts approached each other at speeds of at least 50mph and I do not really know how I escaped being hit by the wing mirror of the lorry on my side of the road.

Surely as we’re all being encouraged to exercise more walking should be safe and enjoyable, but not any more in and around Lingfield.

Name supplied

RNLI door-to-door collections set to stop
Once again the people of Lingfield, Dormansland and Crowhurst have shown their generosity by making donations to this year’s RNLI Lifeboats street and door-to-door collections. A grand total of just over £1,400 was raised between these two collections.

As well as thanking all those who donated please can I thank all our collectors, many of whom have been volunteering for well over 20 years.

Following a central policy decision by the RNLI this will, however, be the last year for door-to-door collections (our major local fund raiser). I’m informed that this was a hard decision and taken in the light of recent press reporting of intrusive fund raising methods by less reputable charities.

The headquarters spokesman has been keen to point out that there were no complaints about RNLI collectors but a decision had to be made to protect the good name of our charity.

We will be looking to continue raising funds in other ways, such as Christmas card sales, raffles and other functions.
I would like to finish by once again thanking donors and collectors for your support over so many years. It is a tribute to the high regard shown to the volunteer lifeboat crews in this country.

Graham Millar, Branch Treasurer

Thanks for publicising “Shakespeare through the Garden” at The Garth
We would like to thank you for publicising the “Shakespeare through the Garden” event in one of your editions earlier this year.

This event was a celebration of Shakespeare through extracts from his plays, held on the 31st July in the grounds of the Garth in Lingfield by the Bloomin’ Arts Theatre Company, a charity that provides creative opportunities for young people with learning difficulties.

The Bloomin’ Arts performance was a great success on a beautiful sunny day, much enjoyed by our visitors. Altogether, £350 was raised from tickets, refreshments and a raffle.

We wish also to thank Patricia Aspinall and Frances Ludman from Bloomin’ Arts for their hard work organising the day, the performers and helpers, and Bob from Barge Tiles in Newchapel Rd who once again kindly allowed us to use his car park.

Our personal thanks also go to the performers for their flowers and card.

David and Lana, The Garth

Check your bonfire privileges please
It is very inconsiderate to have bonfires during the day when people have washing out and windows open.

Or even in the evening, when there’s nothing worse than having to shut windows and sit indoors due to the air being polluted with bonfire smoke and ash.

Perhaps we can offer alternative options like using the brown waste bin that the council collect, or popping to the tip which is just the other side of East Grinstead.

Please do not publish my name as I would like to remain anonymous and I know some people can take offence, but I would appreciate a message being published about this. Many thanks.

Name supplied
Thank you for all your help and support
Harold and I would like to thank everyone for their kind offers and support while Harold has been ill.

It makes such a lot of difference knowing that there are such kind and willing people out there. One always hears of the bad, but rarely the good. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts.

Also, can I give a little reminder to people to trim their hedges well back from the footpath, as a lot of elderly people have poor eyesight.

M. Peskett.

More drivers needed for the Lingfield Marathon minibus
The Lingfield Marathon minibus is an important voluntary asset for Lingfield and surrounding areas taking, primarily, elderly people to a Tuesday lunch club, Thursday afternoon Age UK club, plus fortnightly Friday shopping trips to Oxted and Crawley (with plans to expand this to East Grinstead). There are also very occasional other outings, all fairly local.

We urgently need more drivers to maintain this service, not least as one of the current seven is moving. It’s not a particularly onerous commitment with around 12/15 journeys per year. With enough drivers this would, of course, be even fewer.

Are you able to spare a few hours every now and again to ensure that this important local facility continues? If so, please contact me for more information. My email is aorbell@aol.com or call 01342 832 382.

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Alan Orbell

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