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Spring views from around the area from the Community News Editorial team. If you have interesting local photos we could use on the cover of future editions, please get in touch!
Editorial

Hello again one and all! Welcome to this, our Spring 2017 edition of Community News. Well, we trust everyone had a darn good Christmas and New Year, which seemed to be over far too quickly (for me at least).

Once again, let’s start with a big ‘thank you’ to our readers, advertisers and distributors, without whom we really couldn’t do anything. You guys make this publication possible, and we like to think we’re really making a difference to the local community, raising concerns and disseminating the information people want.

We’d also like to ask if anybody out there would like to help us with CN’s distribution and delivery? We could certainly use some more deliverers, so if you could spare a few hours every quarter, please get in touch.

How many of you visited Coughlans Bakery in the run up to Christmas? I remember at least two visits for myself, grabbing more than my fair share of doughnuts and iced fingers. It’s so nice to have a bakery in the village, and I for one intend to keep making full use of it.

We were pleased to see so many households, shops and the library making a real effort with their decorations over the holiday season, with twinkling lights (both inside and outside) all over the village. They looked lovely, and made the season all the more magical.

We’d also like to mention the relatively small scale (for now at least) Christmas Fair on December 3rd, held at the Community Centre. Organised by relative village newcomer Jane Gould-Smith, it was the first such event for several years. With local people milling in and out for most of the afternoon, and the stall holders doing a brisk trade, a good time was had by all. And, even though I say so myself, I think I brought something to the role of Santa Claus!

Lingfield Library

Lingfield Library had a busy holiday season, holding two sell-out evenings of seasonal readings (with more planned for 2017), and with the volunteers taking more responsibility for day-to-day operations. They expect to be ‘flying solo’ early this year.

Meanwhile, negotiations for the transfer of the Guest House Trust to the new village trustees are continuing, and we’ll keep you informed as soon as anything happens.

“The Mouse Who Lived in Lingfield Library” children’s story writing competition attracted just over 300 entries, and we’ve included the unedited manuscripts (check out some of the kwaint spellings) in this edition, and lovely they are too.
**Lingfest**
Lingfest preparations are well underway, with bookings made and the search for volunteers continuing. The organising committee of local residents and Lingfield Parish Council are forging ahead with plans for the festival on Saturday, 15th July 2017. We can’t wait, and will have more details in our next issue, due out in April.

The organisers have some great ideas for the event but will need help on the day, so contact the Volunteer Centre (01342 836 774 or lingfieldvc@tvsc.org.uk) if you think you could lend a hand.

**Lingfield’s Got Talent**
Fancy a new career in show business? Well, we might just have something for you, with a village talent show coming our way in the next few months. Details will be forthcoming soon, so check local press outlets and postings around the village, with more on *CN* page 9 and in the next issue.

**Airport Expansion Decision**
So, finally, after numerous pieces of research, a government commission, years of delays, and thousands of hours of campaigning by all the parties involved, we have a decision on a new runway for the southeast of England.

As expected, Heathrow got the nod, and a third runway at the west London location was approved in late October, beating proposals to extend the length of the north runway, or build a second runway at Gatwick.

However, it’s unlikely the third runway will be in operation any time before 2025, given the fierce opposition to the move in the region, both politically and from local residents. There are also ongoing environmental concerns, which will need to be addressed before any construction can begin.

**Lingfield Chamber of Commerce**
There have also been moves by Jeanine Searle, owner of Lingfield’s Hair Design, to try to get the Lingfield Chamber of Commerce up and running again, and “bring visitors to the village to create more business for us all”.

She also mentioned to *CN* bringing back the traditional Lingfield Christmas
Evening (as has the parish council – see page 12) and many more “new exciting events for next year”. We’ll hopefully have some more information from Jeanine in the next few months.

**Neighbourhood Plans and Tandridge Local Plan**
Committees are finalising both Lingfield and Dormansland neighbourhood plans, with replies to the Tandridge Local Plan consultation having already taken place. Incidentally, Godstone Parish Council recently criticised the results of the Tandridge Local Plan, claiming the document was “unnecessarily contradictory and confusing”, and questioning the accuracy of the data used. Let’s hope ours have a clearer run.

**Important Dates**
This issue of *CN* encompasses the Easter holiday period, as it falls in mid April, just as our Summer issue goes to press. We’ve included information on the Parish Church services, and below we’ve added some other notable dates for our readers:

- 14<sup>th</sup> February (Valentine’s Day)
- 28<sup>th</sup> February (Shrove Tuesday)
- 1<sup>st</sup> March (Saint David’s Day)
- 17<sup>th</sup> March (Saint Patrick’s Day)
- 20<sup>th</sup> March (Spring Equinox)
- 26<sup>th</sup> March (Mothering Sunday)
- 9<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)
- 14<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)
- 16<sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday)

**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.

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

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UK government promises policy change over Gatwick’s concentrated flight paths

The UK government has promised a change of policy over recently introduced concentrated flight paths for aircraft using Gatwick airport, following concern from local residents.

“Because aircraft have switched to using satellite navigation (like satnavs) for departures they all tend to fly along a single narrow route, which is hell for those underneath,” said a statement from voluntary association the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC), which has campaigned against expansion at the airport.

“You will be pleased to hear that the government has promised a change of policy, and this should eventually bring some relief to those of you who have suffered from the new concentrated flight paths,” added the statement.

Local news outlets reported in late 2016 that protests and complaints had intensified against changes to “Route 4”, introduced in May of that year, with several local groups around Horley holdings meeting to discuss the issue. During a meeting with Minister for Aviation, Lord Ahmad late last year, he was asked (on behalf of the GACC) “to confirm that the new draft White Paper to be consulted on next year [2017] would amend this policy to permit dispersal or respite where local circumstances make it appropriate. He and his civil servants agreed”.

“We made it clear that this should only revert to the situation as before 2013 (within the Noise Preferential Routes for departures) and should not involve new flight paths over peaceful areas,” said the GACC. “He and his civil servants concurred.”

“They also agreed that the new White Paper would introduce a new range of metrics to measure aircraft noise, and will also include a measurement related to the number of aircraft,” added the statement. The flight path was modified following a Civil Aviation Authority review of P-RNAV, a satellite-based navigation system, causing an intensification of flights over certain areas of Surrey and Sussex. However, there was a final note of caution from the GACC, which pointed out that this “change of policy will only be a consultation, and it may be some years before new routes are introduced”.

Speaking to a local news outlet late in 2016, a Gatwick spokesman said appeals for the route to be returned to the pattern it operated on until before P-RNAV were “unlikely” to succeed, as these “changes have been brought in to ensure the planes are flying within the noise preferential route within the Route 4 flight path”.

The CAA will make the final decision, likely to be in March 2017.
Lingfest announces its line-up of bands!

Lingfest – Lingfield’s summer party in the park – has announced the line-up of acts who will be appearing at the event on Saturday 15th July. The bands cover a wide range of music – including pop, rock, country, hillbilly and folk – and have been chosen to appeal to young and old across the spectrum of musical taste.

Headlining the event will be Into the Blue who perform disco, pop, rock, reggae and ballads. The other bands who will be playing are: The Strum Bums (who perform melodic covers), Sloe Gin (Irish/country/rock and blues), United Stoats of America (hillbilly) and Noble Jacks (young art/folk band). Joining the line-up will be the The Swinghearts, a forties style close harmony trio.

Winning finalists from Lingfield’s Got Talent will also be invited to perform on stage during the day.

Lingfest will take place from 2pm onwards until 10pm at Jenners Field which will be transformed by a temporary stage surrounded by stalls. There will be free admission, stalls selling food and drink, and entertainment for children. The whole idea is to make it a great day out for anyone in the community so the organisers are hoping there will be a big turnout from local people.

A group of residents supported by Lingfield Parish Council are planning the event, having been inspired by the call from Community News to bring back community-wide gatherings in Lingfield. The organisers would be delighted 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

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News from Lingfield Community Library

The last three months have been busy ones for the library. Volunteers have been taking more responsibility for running day-to-day operations as the professional staff from Surrey Libraries take a back seat, and we expect to be ‘flying solo’ from the beginning of 2017. We’re grateful to all our volunteers and their contribution to the successful launch of Lingfield Community Library and our programme of new activities.

Christmas
We celebrated Christmas at Lingfield Library with some wonderful decorations, conceived and executed by Sarah Thilo and her team. Many thanks to everyone who made the library look so festive.

The Mouse at Lingfield Library
You can read the winning short stories in our competition for children in this edition of CN (pages 32–34), and very nice they are too. Congratulations to all our entrants for the high standard and imagination on display; who would have thought that a mouse could have such an eventful time in our library.

Christmas Readings
We held two sell-out evenings of seasonal readings with mince pies and mulled wine at the library in December. It’s an atmospheric venue for such events and we’re planning a programme of other activities in 2017.

Library Volunteers
We always welcome new volunteers to help us with a range of activities. In addition to working in the Library, we’re looking for people who are interested in working with various groups in the community – young and old, developing our programme and organising events.

If you’d like to find out more, contact Karil Greenhalgh at Tandridge Voluntary Service Council (TVSC) at the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield, RH7 6AB. T: 01342 836 774 or E: lingfieldvc@tvsc.org.uk.

Come in and visit us. Our opening hours remain the same despite changes at other Surrey Libraries:
• Tuesday 2pm – 5pm
• Wednesday 2pm – 5pm
• Thursday 10am – 5pm
• Friday 2pm – 5pm
• Saturday 9.30am – 1pm, 2pm – 4pm

Selina Springbett, Chair, Lingfield Community Library Steering Committee
Lingfield Parish Council News

New Member
Following the resignation of Valerie Millar, the council co-opted Jane Gould-Smith to fill the vacancy. Valerie served on the council for many years and we were sad to see her go.

Highways
Hopefully, the disruption of the village road system is coming to an end, now that the installation of new gas mains has been completed. Certainly, the engineers were extremely helpful and very polite when approached for information. The blocked drains by Glebe Close in Vicarage Road have been repaired and the large pond that formed whenever it rained will be no more.

The Old Cage Public House
There’s still no indication of any work starting on the existing site, or of its intended use. On a brighter note, we welcome the arrival of Coughlans Bakery on the former site of Barclays Bank. We wish it every success.

Library, Guest House
Two evenings of seasonal readings were held just before Christmas to raise funds for the CPL (community partnered libraries) group, and both were a great success. Negotiations for transfer of the Guest House Trust to the new village trustees continue.

Allotments
There are still a number of plots at the Pollards site in Newchapel Road, and separate vacancy at Centenary Fields.

Community Events
Arrangements are now well underway for the ‘Lingfest’ summer music festival, to be held on Saturday, 15th July on Jenners Field. The staging, sound systems and bands have now been booked. We are looking for volunteers to help with the event, so please contact the clerk (details below) if you are interested.

A successful series of meetings have been held with local businesses with a view to re-establishing the Chamber of Commerce. Jane Gould-Smith organised a very successful Christmas Fair at the Community Centre. This event is the precursor to bringing back Lingfield Christmas Evening. Jane is also organising a talent competition in the coming months.

Neighbourhood/Local Plan
Your local committee is now finalising our village plan, and much time has had to be spent in replying to the Tandridge Local Plan consultation. An exhibition was held in the Community Centre which we hope helped to clarify the extremely complex plans put forward by the District Council.

The Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month (except August and
Meetings of Dormansland Parish Council for the first half of 2017 will be:

Wednesday, 1st February  
Wednesday, 1st March  
Wednesday, 5th April  
Wednesday, 3rd May

They will be in Dormansland Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. If you have anything that you would like to bring to the attention of the Council, please attend.

Members are pleased to announce that Mrs Lisa Liggins has joined the Parish Council to assist the Clerk who is currently on sick leave. The new contact details for the Parish Council are:  T: 01732 866 149  E: dormansclerk@outlook.com

Dormansland Neighbourhood Plan

In April 2014, a group of volunteers comprising residents and councilors formed the Dormansland Neighbourhood Plan to develop the Neighbourhood Plan on behalf of the Parish Council, which is the body legally competent to submit a Neighbourhood Plan.

The purpose of a Neighbourhood Plan is for the local community to determine where future development in its area will go, and once the plan is approved it forms part of the legal considerations that Tandridge District Council has to take into account in determining planning applications relating to the area.

The Neighbourhood Plan will not give us the right to resist development altogether since it has to sit in general conformity with the National Planning Policy Framework and the Tandridge District Council Planning Framework, both of which are aimed at increasing the stock of homes as a matter of policy.

However, it will allow us a significant measure of influence over the location, number and type of new homes that will be permitted. Without such a plan, we may be subject to speculative planning applications, which would be difficult to resist.

Within the next few months, the Parish Council will be launching its pre-submission draft of the Neighbourhood Plan for public consultation and will be inviting your comments.

Lisa Liggins, Parish Clerk Assistant  T: 01732 866 149  E: dormansclerk@outlook.com, www.dormansland.org.uk
Local news round up

Rosie’s new Coffee Lounge hosts Christmas party
Rosie’s Coffee Lounge, formerly Lingfield’s Loulou Jane cake shop and café, hosted a Christmas party in mid-December, with Santa, the singers from Lingfield Parish Church (led by the Kathryn Percival), and mince pies and mulled wine, in attendance. Rosie and her father are running the café, and they hope to “make a nice place for mums and kids to come and relax in a friendly atmosphere”.

Affordable rented homes for local people in Lingfield near to completion
The new development of 20 affordable homes being built on Newchapel Road (Hazell Close) is due for completion in April 2017. The project is a partnership between Village Developments, Tandridge District Council and Affinity Sutton, which will own and manage the homes. The new homes, a mixture of flats and houses, will mean local people currently unable to afford market rents can remain living in the village. To achieve this, a legal agreement has been put in place, ensuring only households with a genuine local connection to the village are considered when the homes are allocated. Most people who are interested in the homes will already be on Tandridge District Council’s housing register but if you are not, you need to apply now as this is the only way you can be considered. To join the register, please call 01883 722 000 or use customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk.

Flying Scotsman coming to the Bluebell Railway in April
The Bluebell Railway will be receiving a visit from the Flying Scotsman in April. The engine will be running on the Bluebell line, Sheffield Park to East Grinstead, from Thursday, 13th April to Wednesday, 19th April. The schedule of running times will be available nearer the date.

Lingfield Scout Group Jumble/Table Top Sale, 25th March
It’s the perfect excuse for a New Year clear out, with all proceeds going to the Lingfield Scout Group. Sellers pay £5 per table, and shoppers pay 50p to enter, with children entering for free. Come and see our new extension and join us for delicious cakes, hot refreshments, lots of bargains and the chance to win some great prizes in our raffle. We are also looking for donations of decent second hand items. If you have anything you wish to donate please bring along from 8:30am on the day, or drop off on any Friday night between 7-9pm, at the Scout hut behind the Fire Station, Lingfield. To arrange for collection of items or reserve a table top please contact Ian Blackford on 07929 643646 or contact us through our website at www.lingfieldareascouts.org.uk.

Craig David appearing at Lingfield Racecourse in September
Million-selling singer/songwriter Craig David will perform live at Lingfield Park Racecourse on 16th September, following the release of his huge number one album and an appearance at Glastonbury in 2016. He will play after racing on a large outdoor stage, the first time a major act has performed at the racecourse for many years.
He is one of the UK music scene’s most successful male solo artistes.

Tandridge trio rewarded in New Year Honours list
Caterham’s Surrey County Council leader David Hodge was awarded a CBE in the Queen’s New Year Honours list, for services to local government and charity. Anne Dickins, an Oxted paralympics gold medal winner, was awarded an MBE for services to canoeing. And finally, Caterham’s Gwyneth Fookes, long-term member of registered history charity the Bourne Society, was awarded a BEM for services to local history.

The Friends of the College of St. Barnabas holding February AGM
The Friends of the College of St. Barnabas will be holding this year’s AGM on Monday 13th February 2017, at 2.00pm at the College itself. The College, situated in Blackberry Lane, (next to Dormans Station), is a retirement community for Anglican clergy, their wives, widows and others in the Nursing wing who are communicant members of the Church of England. Should anyone be interested in finding out more about the Friends, we should be pleased to answer any of their questions. Contact Cynthia Taylor, Chairman, cyntie.taylor@gmail.com or 01342 322 494.

Can you spare a few hours for the National Trust’s Standen?
Standen, and Arts and Crafts house located to the south of East Grinstead and owned by the National Trust, is looking for help in its Room Guide team, to tell the story of the house. It is also looking for more people to join its Events team as well as help in Visitor Reception. Why not get in touch with Bleau Hudson (bleau.hudson@nationaltrust.org.uk, volunteer4standen@nationaltrust.org.uk, 01342 323 029), the Volunteer Coordinator, to find out more.

Cats Protection, Feline Facts and Cat Care, 1st February
East Grinstead Library’s ‘first 2017 Lunchtime Talk is on 1st February by Cats Protection, a leading feline welfare charity. This is an interactive talk where you can find out more about the charity, how to make your home a more feline friendly place and about cat behaviour. The talk will take place at East Grinstead Library between 1.10pm and 1.50pm and it’s FREE.

Review of 67th Dormansland Horse & Dog Show 2016
We had quite a few newcomers to the show this year, which is great as we are a small local show and our key focus is to encourage young, less experienced riders and locally kept ponies to come and compete, along with having a fun family day out. This year saw the return of the jumping ponies, as all pony classes in Ring 1 had 12+ entries and the novice had 25 horses jumping, which made for keen competition. We also saw an increased turnout of dogs coming to join us in the dog show. Gorgeous dogs of all shapes and sizes took part and had a go on the agility course – it was lovely to see so many families enjoying a day out with their pets and the friendly atmosphere that they brought. We look forward to seeing everyone next year, at Carewell Farm, Sunday 3rd September 2017. (Lucy Cross, Press Officer, 07837 377 562).
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If you need any help with local history of your family or house, then we are the people to talk to. Do call in and see what records we hold.

New book available now
Instead of producing a calendar for 2016, it was decided to produce a book of old and new photographs. This book, entitled ‘Then & Now’ and containing 65 pages, includes Blindley Heath, Crowhurst, Dormansland and Lingfield.

It is now on sale for £10. Copies are available in Joyce’s with Best Wishes and the Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre.

It is also available via Rita Russell 01342 834 648 rjr28@btinternet.com, and Janet Bateson 01342 832 602 janet@johnbateson.com

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Grants available from Gatwick Airport Community Trust

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Tandridge Local Plan
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The Probus Club of Dormansland and District

The Probus Club continues to flourish and meets on the second Thursday of each month in the Dormansland Memorial Hall. We meet there from 10am with a coffee and a chat before the main event, which is a talk from a guest speaker at about 11am. Our Speaker Secretary, Francis Porter, always manages to arrange interesting and entertaining speakers. For instance, our speaker in February is Ralph Jerram, who will be giving us a talk entitled ‘Incorrect Political Correctness’. After the talk, the bar opens with the opportunity to enjoy a drink and a sandwich lunch.

In March, we have our AGM when the new Committee will be elected and the programme for the following year announced. The programme will not only detail the talks for the coming year but will include Fellowship pub lunches and a number of outings to interesting places.

In December, we had our very enjoyable Christmas Lunch at Barnsgate. This was the ninth time the Dormansland Probus have been to Barnsgate and they looked after us, and our partners, extremely well with great food and superb service. Our thanks go to Graham Taylor, our Immediate Past Chairman, who organised the lunch on our behalf.

Dormansland Probus has a Golf Section, The Cherry Tree Golf Society, which meets about once a month at a number of local courses. The golf is mainly social, with members’ handicaps ranging from average (28) to an impressive 12 to 15. The Society Captain, Carl Rosner, is always happy to welcome new members.

_If you are retired and might be interested in joining us, please get in touch and we would be happy for you to come along as a guest to see if it would suit you._

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Newts, butterflies and even a kingfisher in 2016

Last year was another year of progress and discoveries on the Lingfield Nature Reserves. Our new pond and scrapes in Bloomers Field, which were dug only last year, have been colonised by great crested and smooth newts and the sight of numerous newt larvae confirmed that breeding has already taken place.

This is a great success and we now know how we can increase the numbers of great crested newts, a protected species, on the reserves.

The new meadow in front of the new pond is also developing. It was seeded with wildflower seeds all collected locally and these are beginning to germinate and establish. Hopefully, we will begin to see the first flowers next year and this area should improve year on year to the benefit of insect and butterflies. Already we have found several seedlings of corky fruited water dropwort, a rare plant in this part of Surrey.

While nationally 2016 has been a poor year for butterflies, on the reserves it’s been good, and we had our highest annual count since we began monitoring in 2002. It would be nice to think this is because our grasslands are becoming more bio-diverse in response to sympathetic management.

Certainly, mainly butterfly food plants and nectar sources such as birds foot trefoil are now abundant across the reserves.

We were delighted to record unusual butterflies such as dingy skipper, small heath, brown argus and purple hairstreak this year and, tantalisingly, the wing of a marbled white was found in a spider’s web. This would have been a first for the reserves had it been a live.

Other exciting sightings include a kingfisher catching a fish in the old ponds and a red kite over Paris Farm next door. It all bodes well for more discoveries and habitat improvement in 2017.

We wish all our volunteers a very Happy New Year. Please come and join us for our Work Parties, 10am – 12 noon, on the last Sunday of the month.
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Lingfield Horticultural Society

We’re still going strong in January 2017!
Leading up to our AGM in December last year we were very concerned that the Society would have to close, as several long-term members had signalled their intention to stand down from an already understaffed committee.

Fortunately, after an urgent appeal to all our members, several volunteers came forward, and we now have a full committee for the first time in a number of years. Our fears have been allayed and the Society will continue for the foreseeable future.

We had a very interesting talk, at our November 2016 meeting, by Matt Binstead, the head keeper from the British Wildlife Centre in Newchapel.

Matt explained the work it does in conducting breeding programmes for some of our endangered native species, as well as providing a facility that allows the general public to see many of our native animals (many being nocturnal and very rarely seen in the wild) in as natural an environment as possible.

Our first meeting of 2017 will be on Friday, 3rd February, when Alison Marsden will be giving us an illustrated talk on “Year-Round Garden Interest”. Alison is a garden designer who works in and around Tunbridge Wells, and will be giving us tips on how to make our gardens attractive throughout the year.

This will be followed on Friday, 3rd March by Colin Jones (a gardener, photographer and traveller with a vast knowledge of plants) with a talk entitled “Who does your Garden Grow?”, explaining plant names.

On Saturday, 8th April we will be holding our Spring Show in the Community Centre. This will be judged by Members’ Ballot and while the results are being worked out Paul Patton will be giving an illustrated talk on “Bugs and Beasties”.

It is always nice to see the colourful display of spring flowers our members regularly manage to produce and we are sure this year will be no exception.

Our meetings are held in the Jennings Hall and start at 8pm, but the shows are held in the Community Centre where we have more space.

If you would like to join our Society, or find out more about it, please contact me, Alan Reynolds, Membership Secretary, on 01342 833 155.
Down on the Allotment: No tears, no fears, just sowing the seeds of love

A happy new year to everyone! It’s now pretty cold outside, and with the soil either wet or frozen my allotment work currently falls into the area known as “research”. The seed catalogues have been falling on the doormat, with their glossy pictures of perfect vegetables accompanied by glowing descriptions. It is all too easy to be seduced, with the result that as my temptations begin to arrive the house begins to resemble the Wakehurst Place Millennium Seed Bank.

Latitude should be given to those descriptions too: ‘Heirloom Variety’ means outdated and almost certainly prone to disease unless mollycoddled daily by someone wearing a tweed waistcoat. Acochas were apparently the “lost fruit of the Incas”, though I can’t imagine they would have searched long for these small, spiny and tasteless vegetables. Similarly, the black beans called ‘Cherokee Trail of Tears’ were ostensibly carried in the pockets of the Native Americans when they were force-marched from their native lands to Oklahoma. Having previously grown and tasted these beans myself I am sorry to say they would surely have only added to their plight!

I must also remember when making my seed-buying decisions to consider whether we actually like the taste of the crops. For example, enticing as radishes in every colour may look in the catalogue, they are nevertheless likely to stay in the ground until the resulting woody golf balls make their way to their final resting place, the all-power compost bin. And, of course, when it comes to quantities, I confess it is often easier in the long run to say I bought “just one or two” from the new Dahlia catalogue rather than fifty.

With seeds ordered and the winter solstice a distant memory, the lengthening days mean we can begin to look at jobs to prepare for the season ahead. On Boxing Day I sowed my exhibition onion seeds (which will hopefully assure me success at this year’s shows), and these will be joined in March by my just-ordered onion sets. I’ll order my seed potatoes this week to make sure I get the varieties I want. The allotments themselves are, however, looking forlorn, desolate and grassy. Rarely do I see anyone else about when I’m there and, when I do, it is not to stop and chat: the figures are bent over against the wind, making a fleeting visit to pick a cabbage or some leeks before rushing home perhaps to peruse pictures of a fruit once lost by an Inca tribe.

Perhaps the taste of the fruit is not important after all – maybe dreaming of growing crops from sunnier climes is a gardener’s equivalent of a holiday brochure, there to keep us going through the cold, winter months? My gardening fingers are certainly itching, and long business meetings often catch me out daydreaming of warm spring days on the allotment, finding space for all those seeds, and the other tasks that I look forward to telling you all about in the next issue.

Adrian Colombini, January 2017.
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Lingfield and Dormansland Meals on Wheels

Christmas was a busy time for the local Meals on Wheels service. We prepared and delivered a freshly cooked two-course festive lunch with all the trimmings to 36 of our clients in their own home. A generous donation by the Dormansland carnival committee enabled us to deliver a small gift hamper to each of our regular clients.

A further 35 elderly residents and guests attended the Jennings Hall for their festive lunch including a glass of wine, and finished off with homemade mince pies.

All this was made possible by our army of volunteers who helped to prepare vegetables, cook, serve and deliver. The lovely positive comments we received made all this hard work very worthwhile. Our volunteers also attended an informal get together, enjoying a finger buffet with mulled wine and homemade hot spiced apple juice.

We have a committee comprising eight members who help to co-ordinate the service. Last year brought us some new volunteers but at the same time we have lost some who have retired or moved away.

One of our longest standing volunteers, Harold Peskett, sadly passed away just before Christmas. Harold and his wife Mahala have been involved with Meals on Wheels for almost 30 years, cooking over 20,000 meals during this time. He will be greatly missed. Although he can’t be replaced we’re always happy to welcome new volunteers.

If you have a spare morning once every five weeks and can either cook or deliver, we would love to hear from you. Full training is provided and you will be working as part of a team. Why not get some friends together and make up your own team.

If interested, please contact Julie Cleaver on juliecleaver@btinternet.com or 01342 300 024.

Do you know of someone who may benefit from using our Meals on Wheels service? If so, please contact Debbie Doran on debandsimon04@gmail.com or 07866 983 437 who can give you more information and arrange an informal house visit.
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Lingfield Cricket Club is delighted to announce details of its 2017 Junior Winter Development Programme. The programme, which runs between January and April, is designed to develop and enhance the core cricket skills of junior cricketers and is important preparation for the season ahead. It is open to all players, existing and new, boys and girls, up to and including school year 11.

The Winter Development Programme comprises a mixture of batting, bowling, fielding and wicket keeper sessions, which are tailored to the needs of the age group and their level of cricketing development. Emphasis will also be placed on developing the necessary technical and athletic skills as well as the mental and tactical aspects of the game. Each session will be led by experienced ECB Level 2 (or higher) coaches. Building on our successful approach over recent seasons, the programme has been developed to provide a fun, supportive and high quality learning environment where members of the coaching team are each able to work with relatively small groups of players to provide individualised and timely support.

The Winter Development Programme will be based at Lingfield Notre Dame senior school gym and will run for 12 weeks with no sessions over the weekend, 11/12 February, nor 15/16 April. This season Lingfield Cricket Club are introducing the option to spread the cost of the programme over three monthly payments.

For more details contact Jan on 07779 251 854

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For further details, see our website at www.lingfield.play-cricket.com or contact Robert Mitchell on 01342 832 737.
“The Mouse Who Lived in Lingfield Library” story writing competition, promoted in the last edition of CN, attracted 300 entries, with an age range from 5 to 11. The stories all showed a lot of imagination and it really was difficult to judge the best one. However, the authors of the following entries, taking age into consideration, and the way the story related to the library, books and reading, were each awarded a book token prize. This is a transcription of their hand-written entries without any corrections.

Leo, age 6:
There was a mouse called Jack who was small. With a small tail and had small fiery ears. He lived in the Old Lingfield library. He loved his favourite secret hole. The Library was dusty and spooky. There were Ghosts and Goblins. He was so bored so he found some books they were nice books and in the summer they were sooper. He found icsiting Books. They were about ninja. They were awsam. He started to read.

Ben, age 7:
Once upon a time in Lingfield Library there was a big, brown mouse called super cheese and he always wanted to be at the book of cheese. Super cheese had a problem because he couldn’t take his eyes off the book of cheese. Because of that he would just stare at it all day. But one day a nice little girl came and took the book of cheese and left a bunch of cheese in a hole and super mouse called it the cheese hole and all day he would eat and eat and eat. But that was a problem. The nice girl came back to give the book back.

Teagan, age 7:
Stella favourite place is in the book case. Stella gets very upset because she can not read. The girls and boys teach Stella to read so she gets realey happy. Stella has a realey pointy nose. She stops her self with it. Stella realey bored in the lingfield library. Super Stella climbs out of the book case. She meets a nover mouse who was called Jack. They climb in the book case and read a book together.

Stella and Jack were very nice mice so (read) evry day befor they go to sleep. In the morning there was a little girl and boy whatching the mice read together. The children
sit and listen to Stella and Jack read. So the children get a book out of the case and the children sit all together. The mice get bored reading so they listen to the children read to them. So they have a lovely day listening to the children read to them because it is such a good sweet book they just love it so much they all can not stop reading and stop listen, the children love reading so much.

**Isaac, age 9:**

Once upon a time there was a mouse called Rodrick. Rodrick loved to read but after a while he felt lonely, as he was locked up in a library he couldn’t find a friend. In fact the only friend he had was the ones in the books. But one night he heard something “who’s there” he squeaked but no answer. So he scuttled out of his hole and into the children’s section. But what he saw wasn’t human attally it was human but not alive ……it was a …GHOST!! “AHHHH!!” Rodrick squealed “who are you?”

“I’m a ghost” he said “I can see that” Rodrick yelled angrily. “My name’s Reece” he said spookily. “My name’s Rodrick” the mouse said, calming down.

“So why are you here?” “I haunt this library” he crackled “I’ve had a cough! I’m getting old! OH! Speaking age its my 1684th Death day in two weeks” Reece shouted. “I’ve got a problem” Rodrick said, sadly “I want to go and see the world but I am stuck in this stupid library” he said angrily.

“Well I might be able to help you” Reece said. “Yippey” screamed Rodrick. He jumped straight at the ghost trying to hug him but he went through him. “How are we going to escape?” Rodrick asked.

“You’ll see” Reece said mystically. 6 hours later…. “The flippin library is open how are we going to escape?” “You’ll see” said Reece. Rodrick sneaked past all the people, waited for the door to open and … He was free! “FREEDOM” He shouted and ran off. Reece saw a story on the wall, it was titled “The mouse that lived in Lingfield Library” Ah this looks interesting and started to read.

**Caleb, age 11:**

It was a gloomy evening at Lingfield library. The librarians talked in hushed voices as the storm outside raged. “Do you think we’ve got a ghost?” One of them asked. “Why do you think that?” The other one replied. “Well, suddenly the lights turn off, books fall off shelves on their own and the clocks keep going backwards.” Said the first.
High above them, a little white mouse listened in. He was the creator of the problem. The reason he did it was because he loved the building and the peace and quiet. And so, he hated people because they disturbed his peace and quiet. What most people loved was the historic fittings and the stained glass, diamond paned windows.

However, what he loved was the secret passages and hidey-holes, the nooks and crannies. That was why he played the tricks, but why the books fell was a different matter. He lived in a warren of holes and passages that let him go around most of the library without being seen. He could run behind the shelves, and sometimes, in his excitement, he knocked books off. After the librarians had gone, he settled down in his hole behind the tapestries until the next day, when ...

Creeeak! The door complained loudly as a small girl called Lucy and her mother walked into the library. At precisely that moment, a small, dark shape darted past the ancient tapestries that hung on the back wall, crawled along the top of the curtains and hung there. It jumped over the bookshelf and stood there. It leaped off the shelf and hit the light switch, plunging the whole room into darkness. “It’s a ghost!” Shouted the little girl. “No, don’t worry, someone must have turned the light out. I’ll go and turn it on.” Said one of the librarians. Then as the light flicked on, Lucy saw a movement. “Oh, it’s a little mouse!” She exclaimed. Then she turned to the librarians and said, “I think this might be the ghost!”

“Well, I think we’ll be off.” Said her mum.

“I wish I had that mouse.” Whispered Lucy to herself.

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The next time she came, Lucy waited for the mouse to scamper over to the switch, and as he jumped at it ... Lucy caught him! ‘Please look after me’ his coal black eyes seemed to say.

“Ok,” Lucy whispered to him and carried him home. At first when he came to Lucy’s house, he was excited. Crumbs! Food! And best of all, someone kept leaving the cheese out! It was warmer than the library. Just as he was thinking about this, a shadow loomed over him. It was a cat! He had heard about cats from other mice, but had never seen one for real. He ran away as fast as his legs would carry him, but there were no hidey holes as she lived in a modern house.

A month later, Lucy brought him back to the library. The mouse thought, ‘It’s been a lovely holiday at Lucy’s, but it good to be home.’

“I’ll visit you every time I come,” murmured Lucy to him.

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Walkers doing their bit for local footpaths

East Surrey Walkers, the local group of The Ramblers covering Tandridge and the surrounding district, not only walk local paths but also help Surrey County Council – as it struggles under budgetary constraints – to maintain the rights of way network.

The latest initiative by the group has been to buy two kissing gates for a public footpath near Wire Mill Lake at Newchapel, near Lingfield. Six members of the volunteer footpaths maintenance team, known as Ken’s Krew, recently replaced two broken wooden stiles with longer lasting galvanised kissing gates. These will enable members of the public, who might have difficulty in getting over stiles, to have better access to the countryside.

“Over the past eight years we have probably installed over 50 gates to replace faulty stiles in our area,” said Ken Clare, who acts as foreman for the East Surrey Walkers monthly work party.

“None of us are particularly young (Ken is a sprightly 84!) so it can be hard work at times, but we have good banter, and we know that our efforts are helping to maintain the wonderful path network we have in our area,” he added.

In the photos, showing the situation before and after for one of the locations tackled by the team of six, Ken is standing in the middle.

If you want to get involved, visit ramblers.org.uk/pathwatch, reporting any problems (such as barbed wire, overgrowth, missing signs) you may find.

If you’re interested in joining one of the ESW’s free walks, visit www.eastsurreyw alkers.org.uk.
What’s on locally

Lingfield Marathon Minibus Committee
26th Annual Quiz Night

Friday 7th April 2017, 7.30pm for 8pm
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Teams of a maximum of 6 persons per table

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East Grinstead Art Society

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Do you know someone who has served in the Armed Forces who needs support? Then help is just a phone call away.

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Lingfield & Dormansland Volunteer Centre: come and join us in the New Year

Have you all made your New Year’s Resolutions? Maybe you’re like me – you start a new year full of good intentions but somehow these seem to fall by the wayside as the weeks progress? But, my message to you is this: it’s never too late to make a new resolution, and I’d like to persuade you that to become a volunteer will be a good resolution to make!

There are volunteer roles for everyone, whether you are a young person (perhaps seeking to fulfil your volunteering commitments under the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme); or someone embarking upon a new career or wanting experience; or a person coming up to retirement and wondering what to do with all that lovely spare time. Or, maybe you’re just simply someone who has “been there, done that” but still has a lot to offer.

In the last issue of CN we highlighted that The Lingfield & Dormansland Meals on Wheels team are always on the lookout for new cooks and drivers/deliverers, so please get in touch if you are happy to offer a few hours once every five weeks or so.

Have you heard about Lingfest 2017? Lingfield Parish Council are forging ahead with its plans to hold a festival especially for Lingfield residents on Saturday, 15th July 2017. The team of organisers have all sorts of great ideas for the event but, of course, on the day they will need extra pairs of hands to help them – there will be different roles for which you can volunteer. Just a few of these are: marshalling, helping set up the events, and clearing away.

So – if you would like to offer your help, please keep the date free – and you can register your interest to volunteer for Lingfest 2017 with the Volunteer Centre right now.

The Volunteer Centre is open two days a week – Mondays and Wednesdays – so if you would like to know more about volunteering do please pop in if you are passing by, give us a call on 01342 836 774, or email us at lingfieldvc@tvsc.org.uk as we would love to hear from you.

Our office is situated in the Jennings Hall, part of Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, in the High Street, Lingfield, RH7 6AB. You can also check out volunteering opportunities on the national volunteering website, www.do-it.org.

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Come and join the Lingfield Evening WI

Have you considered joining Lingfield Evening WI? We would be delighted to welcome visitors and new members to enjoy our varied programme for 2017.

LEWI meets at The Jennings Hall (behind the Community Centre) in Lingfield at **8pm on the third Wednesday of each month.** We very often have a speaker and enjoy other activities such as walks and visits between our monthly meetings. Members can also take part in local Group and Surrey Federation events.

We look forward to meeting wildlife photographer, Gillian Lloyd, in February. Stephanie Clarke will talk to us in March about rope making in Felbridge and she will show us how to make our own length of rope! Later in the year we shall learn about Knole and the Sackville family, and in July Tim Moorey gives us an insight into “The Most Popular Indoor Activity”.

**Future meetings:**
- February 15th: Wildlife begins at 50 – Photographing Wildlife (Gillian Lloyd)
- March 15th: Rope Making in Felbridge (Stephanie Clarke)
- April 19th: Social Meeting

The visitor’s fee is £3.00

*If you would like to learn more about LEWI please ring Ann Stacey on 01342 832 988 or Jane Chitty on 01342 834 051.*

All the latest news from the YWI Dormansland

The Young WI meet at The Parish Rooms at 8pm, usually on the second Tuesday of the month. Contrary to what our name suggests, there are no age restrictions on membership, it is all a matter of attitude!

Over the past year we have enjoyed varied meetings such gin tasting, an introduction to beekeeping, Swing Dancing and photography tips and techniques. This year’s meeting schedule is available on our website.

As well as our regular meetings, we also have two book groups, a monthly craft club, evening rambles, and are soon to have our own beehive that members can help with, if interested! We regularly get tickets for local and West End shows, organise other social get-togethers and participate in the village Carnival.

Our next meetings are Tuesday 7th February and Tuesday 14th March. We are a very friendly group and we always welcome new members – ladies of course! First meeting is free! After that, annual membership is just £39.

*If you would like any further information or would like to come along to a meeting, please contact Mel Carter, our membership co-ordinator, on 07977 484 611, or email ywidormansland@outlook.com, or visit www.ywi.org.uk.*
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**Fairtrade Fortnight, 27th February to 13th March**, is encouraging everyone to ‘Take a Break’. So, how many ‘Breaks’ can we create?

**A Leisure Break** – have fun at our challenging Quiz and enjoy a Fairtrade Hot Supper, on **Saturday, 11th March** at LD Community Centre, 7pm, with tickets from fairtrade.rh7@gmail.com. See you there!

**Break for Breakfast** – a wide Fairtrade choice with muesli, blueberries, bananas, nuts, raisins, honey, jam, coffee, tea, hot chocolate – from farmers in the developing world, so they may have healthcare, education and investment in their communities.

**Fairtrade Coffee and Tea Break** – wherever you are, dancing, running club, WI, art class, cooking for Meals on Wheels, teaching and studying, walking the dog, shopping/meeting in our Fairtrade village … and know that away in the fields of another country farmers and workers raise a cup to you!

**Bake a Fairtrade Treat Break** – take honey or chocolate, cocoa, sultanas, raisins, sugar, nuts, and fruit; they’re all simply delicious.

**Fairtrade Lunch Break** – Basmati rice or pasta with beans, nuts and fruits, easy to take along to work, school and for energy on a walk.

**Take a Break** – a Fairtrade holiday perhaps, maybe to Peru, Thailand, Vietnam, South Africa, Malawi, Ghana, or Nepal, to enjoy the culture and meet the growers and producers of lots of products we all enjoy here, from blueberries and honey, tea, coffee and cocoa, bananas, fiery chilli chutneys, crafts, alpaca knits and our t-shirts.

This year sees the 23rd Fairtrade Fortnight in the UK. It will also be one of the most uncertain years for a generation when it comes to trade. Following Brexit, the UK will be coming to terms with the urgent need to renegotiate more than 50 international trade deals. It is more crucial than ever that the voices of farmers and workers are heard. Please continue to choose products with the FAIRTRADE Mark and local products.
News from Lingfield Parish Church

We’ve just had some air handling units installed in church. You might wonder why our air needs handling, but these machines don’t just take in the air – they warm it up. Basically, they’re large convection heaters, and they have finally made our heating system effective. When you come to a service or event from now on, you’ll be peeling off the layers.

Convection happens when warm particles in the air move around, transferring heat energy. If our air handling units are working properly, the heat will move out from them, bringing warmth and comfort where it is needed.

The same principle applies to the church. If it’s working properly, then as people come to know the love of God in worship and quiet times, in big occasions and unexpected glimpses, their experience will move out from the building, spreading the warmth of that love.

In a world crammed with so much suffering and uncertainty, we need these convection currents – just like the heat, they’re felt, not seen. And just like the heat, they’re vital for life. So, come in and warm up this spring, and take God’s love with you wherever you go.

God bless, Kathryn.
The Revd Kathryn Percival – Vicar of Lingfield & Dormansland

Some special dates for your diary at Lingfield Parish Church (please see website and noticeboards for regular services and details of our Holy Week and Easter worship, as well as other activities):

Mothering Sunday – 26th March, 9.30am. All Age Eucharist.
Easter Eve – Saturday, 15th April, 8pm. Easter Eve service followed by fireworks and fizz.
Easter Day – Sunday, 16th April, 9.30am. All Age Eucharist

Lingfield Parish Office: 01342 832 021 and lingfieldppchurch@btinternet.com
The Revd Kathryn Percival: 01883 724 501 and kathrynpercival@btinternet.com
The Revd Nigel Hinton (Dormansland): 01342 832 391 and nigelk.hinton@gmail.com
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Tandridge Trust Easter Activities

Don’t get stuck indoors this Easter – there are plenty of activities at Tandridge Trust to keep the children busy over the holidays.

Try creative movement, storytelling, drama, arts & crafts, football and sporting fun too! It’s the perfect time for a crash swimming course in readiness for summer. DASH day camps are running across the whole break with both half and full day options, all at affordable prices!

Details available at www.tandridgetrust.co.uk

Adult Art Courses
Did you know? Tandridge Trust run regular watercolour painting classes for adults - a great opportunity to learn a new skill and to make new friends.

Dip Your Brush is designed to help participants learn the basics of watercolour painting, as well as new and exciting techniques to use in their work. Classes run Wednesdays from 1.30-3.30pm

Watercolour Technique is for those interested in watercolour and have some experience in painting.

These sessions run Tuesdays from 10.30am-12.30pm. Both courses are led by professional artist, Lynda Clark, who has been teaching art to adults for nearly 20 years.

Term dates are as follows:

Watercolour Technique - Tuesday 9th May - Tuesday 4th July 2017

Dip Your Brush - 10th May – Wednesday 5th July 2017

Please contact arts@tandridgetrust.co.uk for more details and if you have any questions.
**Coming up this spring...**

*Happy New Year from all at the Community Centre! We have some really exciting things coming up in the weeks ahead.*

**Cinema, Theatre and Music**

Our new season of Flix in the Stix continues with some top-class films, starting with *45 Years* (Tom Courtenay and Charlotte Rampling) on 12th February, and then the Oscar-winning *Spotlight* on 12th March. The shows start at 3.30pm but why not come a little earlier for a cup of tea and some homemade cake. Tickets are £5 and can be purchased in advance from the Centre office or Robert Leech Estate Agents in the High Street.

One of our favourite theatre companies, Farnham Maltings, returns to LDCC on Saturday, 4th March with its new play, *Yorgin Oxo*. The team that brought us It’s a Wonderful Life and The Iranian Feast, offers an evening of story and song from the lands of the far, far north. Yorgin Oxo is a marshlander who can tell who a person is by the sound of their squelch and is unlike any other hero.

Thomas Crowe’s script fizzes with humour, larger-than-life characters and explores a place quite unlike our own. Join us for a tale of soggy nights, brave mice and the joys of being alive! Tickets are £10 from the centre office.

**Classes, groups and parties**

The selection of groups and classes taking place at LDCC is as varied as ever and illustrates what a great community facility we have here. You can dance, exercise, paint, learn, create, chat, sing and even visit the chiropodist, all under one roof! There really is something for everyone. See our website for the full range of activities or pop in a pick up one of our programme leaflets.

We also have some great rooms to hire for parties, family functions and events and our IT room is available for computer use, IT training and photocopying. Pop in or call the office to find out about all the facilities and services we offer.

**Meals on Wheels needs your help**

The award-winning Meals and Wheels service, based here at the centre, continue to provide a vital service in our community delivering freshly cooked meals for around 40 locals who are unable to cook for themselves.

The team always need more volunteers to deliver and particularly to cook, so if you can spare a few hours every now and then please call Karil Greenhalgh on 01342 836 774 (lingfieldvc@tvsc.org.uk) or Julie Cleaver on 01342 300 024 (juliecleaver@btinternet.com).

enquiries@lingfieldcentre.org  www.lingfieldcentre.org.
Community information

Lingfield’s ‘satellite’ foodbank
Open EVERY FRIDAY from 1pm to 3pm at the Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre.

If you find yourself in a crisis and can’t afford food, the foodbank can help. Access is by referral only, but if obtaining a voucher proves difficult please contact us for advice on 07983 209 940.

Vouchers are available from the Citizen’s Advice, Lingfield Primary School, Lingfield Surgery and St. Peter & St. Paul’s Church.

Tony Cox, Foodbank Manager eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk

Community Support

CARE for Lingfield, Crowhurst and Dormansland
If you are elderly or infirm and cannot afford other forms of help when needing a lift to a medical appointment, shopping or essential gardening jobs done.

Ring CARE on 01342 410 086 between 9am and 2pm

Crossroads
Caroline Williams or Penny Burns 01883 714 641

Lunch Club
Jean Morrell 01342 833 079

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Community information

Meals on Wheels
Our service, run entirely by a local group of volunteers, is offered to housebound residents of Lingfield, Dormansland and Crowhurst who are unable to cook for themselves. We provide freshly cooked, nutritious lunches prepared by our cooks and brought to you by our deliverers.

These are provided every week, Monday to Thursday.

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,

you are a Carer

There are a number of services available to carers across Surrey:

*Surrey Council Adult Social Care Team 0300 200 1005*  
*Local Independent Carers Support Contact Centre 03456 009 009*  
*www.surrey.gov.uk or www.carersnet.org.uk*

Wanted - Amateur China Restorers
We are a small group of amateur china restorers and are now seeking new members to join us.

You need to have had no previous experience; but just a real interest in restoring china ornaments, cups, plates, jugs, etc. to their former glory. It really is a fascinating hobby.

We meet at the Community Centre on Thursday mornings during term time and accept commissions.

*For further info or to attend call Angela Kirk – 01342 835 266*
Your Letters

A big “Thank You” from St Barnabas
Dear Sir,

May I, through your pages, thank all those who supported the Autumn Fair for the Friends of the College of St. Barnabas on Saturday, 12th November last year. The amount raised to date for the Residents of the College of St. Barnabas is £2,360.

The Committee is extremely grateful to all those who turned out, despite the weather, to support the event. It was an enjoyable occasion and we hope that we might see people again next year.

Please note, for various reason, the date will need to be put back by a week to November 18th. Thank you for your help with the advertising.

With best wishes,

Cynthia Taylor, Chairman

Thank you all for your sympathy and kind words
Dear Community News,

Firstly, a very Happy New Year to you all. My family and I would like to thank everybody for all the sympathy cards and offers to help me following the passing away of my husband, Harold. We had 119 cards, and I did not realise Harold was quite so popular.

A big thank you also, to all who have donated to the shelter, hopefully it will go through in the spring. I will keep you posted, as plans are being drawn up, but we’re just waiting on certain things.

I would also like to thank the Meals on Wheels Committee for putting on a lovely spread for Harold, and through Meals on Wheels, we made many friends over 30 years.

When your children leave home, like mine, many mums feel a bit useless, their job is done. Then I saw an advert: ‘Help wanted with Meals on Wheels’. It’s all voluntary work but one gets great satisfaction from the fact that you’re helping others, and it’s very rewarding.

Everyone is so friendly, it is not simply cooking, peeling and washing up. Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals.
There is plenty of other voluntary work – including working with *Community News* – in Lingfield, so why not give it a go.

I am sure you will find it very rewarding and you will make lots of friends.

Many, many thanks.

*Mahala Peskett.*

**Lingfield Sports Association “concerned” for its future**

Dear Community News,

The Lingfield Sports Association, or LSA, is based at The Pavilion, Godstone Road Playing Fields, and has the objective “to provide facilities for recreation and leisure through sport and games for the inhabitants of Lingfield and surrounding neighbourhood”. We are concerned for our future! Our latest 25-year lease has only eight years remaining.

The land and pavilion are the property of Tandridge District Council, with the LSA being tenants under a long-term lease agreement. The location is ideal, being easily accessible on the outskirts of the village, within walking distance, and with car parking.

Today, the only sports played there are cricket and football. Over 30 years ago, proposals were drawn up to incorporate additional land to accommodate a bowling green, four all-weather tennis courts, a football pitch, hockey pitch and multi-sport surface. Sadly, this did not go ahead and in 1984 grant monies that had been negotiated had to be foregone.

Prior to this, the LSA also included Lingfield & District Hockey Club, and Lingfield Tennis Club. The tennis club was disbanded in 1984 when the plans to install hard courts on adjacent land and were abandoned. The hockey club relocated to Caterham about 15 years ago as the playing surface was rarely suitable, and they were constantly having to hire other pitches.

Both the surviving member clubs are having considerable success in developing their young players and their senior teams are playing higher standard league cricket and football than ever before. The present facilities are however, insufficient for all their matches and other grounds are also used.

In order to obtain grants to replace the football floodlights, and to bring the toilets and changing facilities up to modern standards, we have been applying for grants from the sports’ governing bodies. This have been declined as our lease is now less than 10 years to run.
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When we asked Tandridge for a short extension to the existing maturity we were told: “you can’t extend the lease. You can either keep the one you have or start a new one, but that would be for a maximum of seven years”. During earlier discussions, we had already been told that the rent that we have to pay the council will be considerably increased if the lease is renewed.

So, we cannot apply for funding for essential improvements and the village cricketers and footballers, young and old are going to have to pay more for their sports field!

Yours, Robert Mitchell, Chairman.

Keep up the good work Community News

Dear Community News Team,

A new year, and a here comes a great opportunity to tell you and your team how good you are, and what a blessing your news magazine means to all who live in the areas of our community.

I watch out for it and read it from cover to cover.

An extra bonus is the opportunity to contribute, to connect with neighbours, and to become part of a great community.

Keep going!

Molly Vincent

Have your say
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Home is where the heart is…

This simple flower arrangement uses a bunch of roses and cuttings from a contorted hazel in the garden. Lovely as a spring arrangement or a gift for Mothering Sunday!

Recipe

Ingredients:
- white roses x7
- contorted hazel branches
- tall clear glass vase

Method:
1. fill your vase with 10cm water and flower food
2. add contorted hazel branch/es; leave space for the roses!
3. remove most, if not all, of the rose leaves - they may shrivel up long before the rose heads
4. cut each rose stalk at approx 45 degree angle, from short to long
5. aim for each rose to be at least a rose head higher than the last
6. arrange roses, from short to long, amongst - and supported by - the contorted hazel branch/es
7. arranging in a loose spiral means a good distribution of flowers - not essential but worth a try (your roses, like mine, may have other ideas!)

Place your flowers out of direct sunlight and in a cooler spot (not above a radiator!) and they should last a week.

Add a few accessories if you want to go fancy, then take a photo and share it!

Level: beginner

Flora Lingfield - floralingfield.tumblr.com  www.instagram.com/floralingfield
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