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This year, 2018, marks 100 years since the end of the First World War, an event which was covered in our exhibition ‘Farewell to Arms?’ earlier in the year.

Hostilities on all fronts finally ceased at 11am on 11th November 1918. On 16th November 1918 Lingfield celebrated the end of the war with a torchlight procession, which ended with many patriotic speeches being made.

However, many places on the Western Front and elsewhere such as Salonika, Egypt, Russia and the Middle East carried on fighting. Many casualties occurred even as people celebrated and it was to be almost another year before many local men returned home.

In fact, it was not until 1919 that villages felt they could at last celebrate the end of war. A special Peace Thanksgiving Service was held at Lingfield Church, while Dormansland held a dinner and concert at the Plough for the officers and men who had served in the forces and now returned home.

The final day of hostilities came on 28th June 1919 with the signing of the Treaty of Versailles, and 19th July 1919 was nominated as a national celebration of victory and peace.

Locally this was celebrated by sports days held in both Dormansland and Lingfield followed by “sumptuous” teas.

However, many returning soldiers were apprehensive and disillusioned, finding that they were not coming home to a ‘land fit for heroes’ and asking themselves “what was it all for?” and “was it all worth it?”

There was also increasing public grief—and then anger—as people realised the enormous price that had been paid by the country as a whole, the effects of which we are still experiencing 100 years on.

RH7 History Group
Your Letters

A Thank You from Queen Victoria Hospital

Dear Community News,
I just wanted to say a big thank you for the lovely piece about our minor injuries unit in your latest issue - and for taking the trouble to send me a copy. I was delighted to receive it today.

If you'd like further news/updates from QVH for other issues please don't hesitate to let me know.

With kindest regards,
Michelle Baillie, Communications Manager, Queen Victoria Hospital
NHS Foundation Trust

Why is the Lower Churchyard so overgrown?

Dear Community News,
Why is the Lower Churchyard in Lingfield so overgrown? Either side of my husband’s grave is a grave in very poor condition.

I must cut the brambles on each grave, so that I can attend to my husband’s.

I have seen many Churchyards as I’ve travelled around the country, bigger than Lingfield’s Churchyard. They are in immaculate condition.

Name Withheld.

A response from Richard Young,
Chairman, Lower Churchyard Working Party

Dear Community News,
We have a lot of sympathy with the writer – the Lower Churchyard is very overgrown and has been getting worse over the last few years.

The difficulty is that the Church can’t afford to pay for it to be maintained professionally, so for the last 25 years or so, a group of volunteers has met on the first Saturday of each month to cut the grass (and the brambles!), trim the hedges and generally try to keep things under control.

At the beginning we regularly had 20 – 25 people there each month. But, unfortunately the numbers have dwindled over the years and now we rarely get more than five or six, and they’re all that much older.

Things aren’t as bad as they were when we started (the brambles were up to six foot high and covered two thirds of the churchyard) but they’re getting that way.
We’d love to be able to keep the Lower Churchyard as a place where people can quietly remember their loved ones and enjoy some peace and tranquillity – a true community asset.

Unfortunately, without more volunteers that will become increasingly difficult. We’d really love some more help – if anyone is willing please give me a call or come along at about 9.30am on the first Saturday of each month, but be prepared for brambles, long grass and a bonfire!

Richard Young, Chairman, Lower Churchyard Working Party  
T: 01342 832 496

**Meals on Wheels still as valuable a service as ever**

*Dear Community News,*

I have been delivering Meals on Wheels around Dormansland and Lingfield now for over forty years, and have the WRVS (Women's Royal Voluntary Service) medal to prove it, when it was run by them.

It really is a unique service, and we have delivered from home kitchens, Chartham Park, Young Epilepsy as well as now at the Community Centre at Lingfield.

However, I have just given up delivering, but ironically am having meals on wheels myself while recovering from, a hip operation. The meals are first class and I salute the cooks for I never did that.

May the people around here benefit from this worthy practice for as long as possible, as freshly cooked local meals such as these are rare indeed.

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Editorial

Hello again friends, and welcome to this, our Winter 2018/2019 edition of Community News, bringing you the local news and information you need and want. As ever, we must offer our sincere thanks to our readers, advertisers and distributors, without whom there wouldn’t be a CN. We couldn’t do it without you.

So, who had a good late summer, making the most of those precious rays? I bet you, like me, thought they’d all gone for this year, and it was back to the SAD light in my office.

How wrong we were! The last couple of days have been roasting hot, and as I edit the final few paragraphs of this editorial, my office window is wide open, allowing Lingfield’s crisp, clear and decidedly tepid night air to flood the room. In fact, I’m sure I wrote something very similar at this time last year, so maybe we should just accept that summers last well into October these days.

Sorry about this guys, and please don’t take offence, but I need to mention the “C” word in this editorial. Yes, it’s just under ten weeks to Christmas! The festive magazines started to appear in September (actually, 31st August in one highly respected retailer), and the not-so-subtle confectionery packaging – reindeers seem pretty popular this year – are all over the shelves.

We’ve listed some Christmas events in this issue so you can start making plans for festive visits, shopping sprees, or just fun days out with the family. Personally, I can’t wait.

World War One Remembered
This year, 2018, marks exactly 100 years since the end of World War One, one of the most destructive conflicts in human history. On Sunday, 11th November there will be a remembrance service at the church of St Peter and St Paul, beginning at 9.30am, followed at 10.45am by an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. If you can spare the time, please come along and show your respect, and remember our war dead.

Welcome to Vier Studio
It’s always nice to see a new business opening in the village, let’s say a big ‘hello’ to Vier Studio, a small family-run photography business, which opened a couple of months ago.

“We wanted to build a business around our young family and the community,” said proprietor Dean Govier. “We’ve lived in Lingfield most of our adult lives, we got married here, and want to build a business here. We’ve taken over 100 bookings since our launch, and would like to say a massive ‘thank you’ to
everyone that has supported us so far.” We wish them all the best.

**Light Up Lingfield**

Vier Studio is also donating a free portrait session to the Light Up Lingfield campaign, “something we’re passionate about supporting,” said Dean.

The campaign (encompassing around 20 small business owners) is aiming to raise as much money as possible to improve the look of Lingfield at Christmas, including new, LED Christmas lights, and the installation of a huge Christmas tree outside the Lingfield Tandoori. If anyone wants any more information, please email dean@vierstudio.co.uk.

**Lingfield Station Footbridge**

Lingfield Station’s accessibility issues are coming to the fore again, with Lingfield Parish Council seeking out comments and opinions about possible improvements to disabled access at the station, specifically the installation of lifts rather than ramps, or the re-opening of the ground-level crossing at the south end of the station.

Sadly, the deadline for submissions will just have passed by the time you read this, but any pressure the local community can put on Network Rail to sort out this issue – which has been rumbling on for years – is a good thing.

According to information acquired by Paul Johnson, Chairman of Disability Access (East Grinstead), Network Rail is putting forward proposals for special funding from central government, to help both Lingfield and East Grinstead acquire full disability access, although probably not for several years. Please email paul@egaccess.co.uk for more information.

**Lucie Mason Flowers is growing**

Local florist Lucie Mason Flowers is expanding to include a new flower school and more space for flowers, plants, gifts and a new homewares range. Currently situated next to Costa, the business is on the move within Lingfield village – just around the corner into the courtyard, in fact, into listed building The Old Barn. By the time you read this the move will have been completed, and we can’t wait to see what she has on offer.

**Tesco Still Coming (Eventually)**

Despite the delays, Tesco is still coming to Lingfield, apparently. All renovation work at the Old Cage appears to have stopped, but we’ve been assured that Tesco is “looking forward to serving customers in the local area”, said a statement released by the retailer in early October.

“There have been delays in the development of the site and we are very grateful to the local community for their continued patience,” the company continued.
“We are currently working to finalise our development timetable [but we are] unable to confirm an opening date. We hope to start work in the next few months.” So, it seems unlikely the store will be open in time for Christmas.

**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. 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 12 weeks or so, please get in touch.

So, that just leaves us, the CN team, to say once again a Great Big Thank You to you, our readers, advertisers, contributors, deliverers, friends, and associates. We couldn’t (and probably wouldn’t) do it without you.

So, enjoy the late autumn sun, the frosty mornings, the warming fires, have a scary Halloween, a sparkling Bonfire Night, a joyful Christmas, and happy New Year, and we’ll see you all in 2019.

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Local news round up

Residents highlight speed concerns after Tandridge Lane motorcycle death
Following the death of a motorcyclist on Tandridge Lane in late September, residents have revealed they’ve been asking for a reduction to the speed limit on that stretch of road for several months.

John Cole, chairman of Lingfield Parish Council (cited in a local media outlet) said an attempt had been made several years ago to lower the current 40mph limit.

“This is absolutely tragic,” said John Cole, chairman of Lingfield Parish Council, speaking to a local news outlet. “The speed people go along Tandridge Lane and Lingfield Common Road can be quite high at times,” and residents have been calling for a reduction “for some time now”.

A male motorcyclist was killed when it collided with a silver Vauxhall Vectra car. The incident investigation is ongoing, and there is no suggestion at this stage that either party was at fault or speeding.

2018 Children in Need Rickshaw Challenge heading for Lingfield
The BBC’s One Show’s Rickshaw Challenge is returning this year, as part of Children in Need in November, and will be stopping in Lingfield at the end of the second day, after passing through Dormansland.

The challenge will see six inspiring young people taking part in a gruelling 400-mile cycle ride (from Calais to Manchester) to change children’s lives.

Please support the team by raising money with your own cycling challenge or making a donation.

Come and join 107 Meridian FM and ‘live local, love local’
107 Meridian FM, the local community radio station for East Grinstead and the surrounding areas, is now looking for people to join the team, to help with presenting, administration, sales, advertising, fundraising, technical support, IT and outside events.

The enthusiastic team of volunteers come from all walks of life – from students to retired people – who help to deliver a wide range of music, interviews, topical issues and attend various local events within the community working with local businesses, charities, community groups and good causes.

So, even if you only have a few hours to spare a week and would like to get involved in local radio in whatever capacity you feel appropriate, and give something back to the community, it would love to hear from you. To find out more, please contact samanthaday107meridian@outlook.com.

Lingfield Sports Association (LSA) needs volunteer committee members
The Lingfield Sports Association is looking for volunteers to help by serving as officials on its main committee.

The LSA leases the Sports Ground on Godstone Road from Tandridge District Council and sets out to provide sporting facilities to the residents of Lingfield.

Currently, the only two sports using the ground are cricket and football.

It is keen to increase its role in the community, possibly by enhancing the existing facilities and maybe...
introducing other sports. The present officers of the club – Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer – have all served for several years and some fresh blood to replace them would be welcome.

In particular, it needs to replace the treasurer who has moved away from the area and would like to stand down.

If anyone is interested in getting involved and would like to help or know more, please contact Robert Mitchell, Chairman, LSA, on 01342 832 737.

Dormansland Primary School Christmas Fair, Saturday 1st December
Dormansland Primary School is holding its Christmas Fair on Saturday, 1st December from 12 midday until 3pm. Entry is 50p per adult, with children going free.

Please use the Clinton Hill Entrance, although no parking on Clinton Hill please, as it’s a residential area.

Come and enjoy the festive fun! Entertainment includes Santa’s Grotto, kids’ craft stall, Christmas shopping market, cake and bread sellers, lucky dips, raffles, a silent auction with fantastic prizes, licensed bar, mulled wine, BBQ, book stall, toy stalls, and lots more!

Lingfield Silver Band Christmas concert, Saturday 8th December
The Lingfield Silver Band will be holding a Christmas concert on Saturday 8th December, at 7.30pm at St Peter & St Paul’s Church, Lingfield.

There will be community carols and festive music, along with some music performed by our Lingfield Training band. Please come along and support your local village band.

Lingfield Antiques, Collectables and Vintage Fair, Sunday, 2nd December
The popular Antiques, Collectables and Vintage fair at Lingfield Park Racecourse will be returning in 2019 with five great fairs (27th January, 7th April, 9th June, 22nd September, and 24th November).

There’s still one date left in 2018, Sunday 2nd December, with 130 indoor stalls and a real variety of items. There’ll be lots to peruse, including Art Deco, vintage, Victorian silver, jewellery, Art Nouveau, 17th-20th century, paintings, shabby chic and much, much more. Entry times for all dates is 10.30am to 4.00pm (early entry is from 9.30am). Visit www.lovefairs.com, or call 01293 690 777 for more information.

Extended phone support for Surrey carers
Are you one of the 8,200 carers in the Tandridge area, which includes Lingfield, Dormansland, and the surrounding districts?

Action for Carers Surrey – a registered charity funded by Surrey County Council – has launched a new telephone project, on a trial basis, to help carers with support, advice, and information.

The team can answer queries on finances, entitlements and much more. Its Carers Information Centre will be open from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, and 9am to 12pm on Saturday, so call the team on 0303 040 1234.

Meanwhile, the Disability Access Group, East Grinstead Area can help you with any access problems you may have, and can provide manual
wheelchairs and mobility scooters. Telephone 01342 322 242 for more information.

Memories of hop-picking exhibition in 2019
The Eden Valley Museum in Edenbridge is hosting a hop-picking exhibition in 2019 and would be very pleased to hear from any readers who have memories to share about travelling down to Kent to pick hops in any of the villages of the Eden Valley, including Edenbridge, Chiddingstone, Cowden, Crockham Hill, Toys Hill, Four Elms and Penshurst.

Please call the museum on 01732 868 102 and leave your name and contact details, or email curator@evmt.org.uk putting hop-picking memories as the subject of your email.

Alternatively write to Eden Valley Museum, Church House, 72 High Street, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 5AR.

TDC makes grants of up to £2,000 available to local good causes
Tandridge District Council is inviting local good causes to apply for grants of up to £2,000, which will be awarded to local charities and voluntary groups which can demonstrate the work they do helps support people living in the district.

Thanks to the success of the Tandridge Together Lottery, which launched in March 2018, the fund available to local good causes this year has increased.

Ten pence from every ticket sold goes directly into the Tandridge Together Community Fund for the Council to distribute in small grants.

This year, an overall fund up to £33,500 is available, made up of £16,500 raised by people buying tickets for the Tandridge Together Lottery and £17,000 from the Council’s Small Grants Fund.

To find out more, see Tandridge Together Lottery, www.tandridgelottery.co.uk.

CARE charity celebrates 30th anniversary, needs more help
CARE is a registered local charity which provides practical help to the elderly and other vulnerable people (living in Lingfield, Dormansland, Blindley Heath and South Godstone, East Grinstead and Ashurst Wood) who have no other way of getting assistance, so they can attend medical appointments, or go shopping, do gardening, or carry out minor DIY jobs around the house.

It’s a church-based organisation, supported by Churches Together in East Grinstead, but volunteers and clients do not necessarily have to be churchgoers. The organisation has 80 volunteers and 350 clients, and last year did over 1,000 jobs in the community.

About 40% of the volunteers, 35% of the clients, and 50% of the jobs are based in Lingfield and the nearby villages in South East Surrey. It desperately needs more volunteers to help meet the increasing demand on services.

Please contact John Monks, Chairman, CARE in East Grinstead & Lingfield, on johndmonks@aol.com for more information.

Get registered to get a vote in Tandridge
Over 62% of residents in Tandridge have already returned their Household Enquiry Forms and confirmed their details on the electoral register, accord-
ing to data released by Tandridge District Council.

Residents in the 14,000 properties who have not yet responded will not be able to vote in local elections next May.

Household Enquiry Forms, which have been posted to every property in the district, must be checked, completed and returned even if there are no changes to the pre-printed details.

If your name is missing or if any other details need to be added or changed, you can update them online or amend the printed version and return it in the post. If you add someone to the form they must also be registered online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Lingfield Marathon Community Minibus provides the following transport

Lingfield Marathon Community Minibus can provide shopping trips on certain Fridays each month to Oxted, Crawley, and East Grinstead.

To join in, or for further information, contact Pat on 01342 529 331.

It’s also available for Age UK ‘Tea & Chat’ on last Thursday of each month, and contact Age UK Surrey on 01483 503 414 for more information.

The vehicle is also available on Tuesday Lunch Club at Jennings Hall, so please contact Carol on 01342 833 515.

Carol concert in aid of the Orpheus Centre, Tuesday, 4th December

Join the Orpheus Centre for an evening of festivities on Tuesday, 4th December at 7.30pm and help raise funds to support the life changing work they do with young disabled people, enabling them to build their confidence and skills to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

“It’s a magical evening filled with stunning musical performances,” said Graham Whitehead, CEO at Orpheus. “It’s an uplifting way to begin your Christmas festivities by supporting a charity in the heart of our community.”

This special concert will feature bell ringing, carols by candlelight, performances by the inspirational Orpheus students, the beautiful voices of St John’s Church Choir and violinist Steve Bingham as well as seasonal readings by our celebrity guests including our founder, Sir Richard Stilgoe.

A traditional Christmas reception with mince pies and mulled wine will follow within the beautiful setting of St John’s new community centre, next door to the church.

Tickets (including mulled wine and mince pies) cost £20 for premium seats, £15 for standard, and £7.50 for concessions, and are available for purchase by calling the Orpheus Box Office on 01883 741 414 or on its website at www.orpheus.org.uk/event/carol-concert-2018.

All proceeds from the concert will go to the Orpheus Centre in Godstone, a registered charity (1105213) and an independent college for young disabled adults with a passion for the performing arts.

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Lingfield Parish Council News

Recent Speed Survey
You may have noticed double cables across the road at various locations in the village. These were installed to measure the average speed in an attempt to get the speed limit reduced to 20mph through the centre of the village. We have been informed by Surrey County Council that the average speeds do not support a reduction in the limit.

Tesco at The Cage
Tesco has confirmed it is still committed to opening a store in Lingfield but it hasn’t (as yet) provided any details about timescale. It did concede that there has been “delays in the development of the site, and we are very grateful to the local community for their continued patience”.

Remembrance Sunday
Road closures will be in place between 10.30am and 11.45am on 11th November to enable residents to congregate around the war memorial for a service of remembrance. A Festival of Remembrance will be held at St. Peter and St. Paul’s Church on the evening of 11th, to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the end of WW1. We will be lighting our beacon at 7pm as part of the national ‘Battle’s Over’ event.

Village Litter
We are pleased to welcome Robin Marlow to Lingfield Parish Council. He will be working two hours a day Monday to Friday to help keep our village tidy. Please say hello if you meet him and if you are aware of any particular area needing attention please let him know or contact our parish clerk.

Lingfest to rock again
Lingfest 2019 will be held on Saturday, July 13th 2019 (subject to obtaining the necessary consents). The format will be similar to previous years and the cost will be underwritten by the parish council. We are desperate for more volunteers to help organise the event – nothing too difficult and lots of fun! Please contact the clerk if you think you can help.

Local Plan
The Regulation19 Consultation is now closed. Tandridge District Council will examine the responses before deciding whether to make any amendments. Once the Local Plan has been published, our Neighbourhood Plan can be finalised.

Christmas Lights
Lingfield Chamber of Commerce has plans to upgrade the Christmas lights and
reinstate the Christmas evening. Unfortunately, it is too late to organise this for 2019 but we hope to see it back in 2020.

**Town Twinning**
Lingfield has been twinned with Plaisance du Touch for many years. Unfortunately, local interest in town twinning has waned and the committee disbanded some years ago. The Mayor of Plaisance has been in touch to let us know they are arranging a celebration, along with their twinning towns in Spain and Italy, during May 2019. They would like to re-establish the relationship with Lingfield.

If there are any previous members of the association, or anyone who would like to help revive twinning in Lingfield, please get in touch with Fay Elwood, our parish clerk, at Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre as soon as possible. Incidentally, the twinning sign at the corner of Vicarage Road and Plaistow Street recently collapsed, and has been stored safely until we can get in reinstalled.

**Allotments**
We have several vacancies at The Pollards in Newchapel Road. If you live in Lingfield or Dormansland please contact the clerk if you are interested.

The Parish Council meets on the last Tuesday of the month (except August and December) at 7.45pm at Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre. The Planning Committee of the Parish Council meets at 7pm on these dates and usually on another Tuesday mid-month. A list of meeting dates can be found on the website and on notice boards. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings unless otherwise stated. Please note that Parish Council meetings will begin at the earlier time of 7.30pm from January 2019. The parish office is situated in Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre.

**Contact details:**
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*E: lingfieldpc@gmail.com  www.lingfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk*
Crowhurst Parish News

Forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council are on:

- Monday, 19th November 2018
- Monday, 17th December 2018 (Planning)
- Monday, 21st January 2019

Crowhurst residents are always welcome to attend Council and Planning meetings. These are held in the Village Hall and start at 19:30, we allow 15 minutes at the beginning for residents to ask questions, prior to the start of the formal meeting.

Remembrance Day & WWI centenary event
Crowhurst will be marking the occasion with a memorial service and wreath laying, starting at 10:45am. A beacon will be lit in the early evening to coincide with the nationwide remembrance event.

Neighbourhood Plan
The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is pleased that the plan is now reaching its final stages and will soon be available for consultation.

The Steering Group would like to thank Crowhurst residents for their contribution to the development of the plan, through participation in open sessions and surveys.

A special thanks to all members of the Steering Group for their time and effort in pulling the plan together.

Crowhurst residents will be invited to a meeting to discuss the plan, and full details will be sent by email by the Parish Council. Please make sure you are on the mailing list.

New Councillors
Are you interested in becoming a Councillor? Would you like to join our non-political Council? Being a Councillor is a fulfilling role and gives you the opportunity to make a difference in the community that you live.

A Councillor tenure is four years, so if you are able to commit to this and feel that you have a lot to offer please contact clerk@crowhurstonline.co.uk for more information.

Christmas and New Year
The Parish Council would like to wish all Crowhurst Parishioners a very happy Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.
October 2018
With the extremes of weather we have experienced this year we did not expect our shows to be up to their usual standard, but with great credit to our members, they have turned out to be surprisingly good. Our Autumn and Dahlia Show in September was no exception, with a wonderful display of dahlias as well as a show bench packed with vegetables and fruit.

The most successful of the exhibitors were David Clarke (winning seven classes) Sylvia Parker and Claire Chapman (five classes each) Angela Kirk (four classes) and Nikki Howe (three). David Clarke won the National Dahlia Society’s silver medal for the best vase of dahlias with Janet Barnes a close second.

By the time you read this we will have had our October meeting, but on Friday, 9th November at 8pm in the Jennings Hall, we will have a change from our usual horticultural subjects, when Lucy Bird will be presenting an illustrated talk on “The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Service”. We occasionally like to have something a little different, and usually these talks are very popular.

On Friday, 7th December we will be holding our 117th Annual General Meeting at 8pm in the Jennings Hall. At this meeting the current committee will stand down but offer themselves for re-election should they wish to do so. This meeting also gives our members the opportunity to learn of our plans for the future and to make suggestions as to ways of improving how the Society is run. After the business side of the meeting is over members will adjourn to enjoy a buffet supper and seasonal social evening to round off another successful year for the Society.

Our first meeting of 2019 will be on Friday, 8th February when Simon Charlesworth will be giving us a talk entitled “The Lavender Nursery”. Simon runs a specialist nursery near Tonbridge growing many varieties of lavender and rosemary, but I will give you more information on this in the new year edition of Community News.

In the meantime, we wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

If you are interested in gardening and would like to meet others of a similar interest, or if you are a novice and would like to learn more about it, we would welcome you to become a member of our Society. Subscriptions are very low and entitle you to free admission to all our meetings and shows. If you would like more information please contact me, Alan Reynolds, Membership Secretary, on 01342 833 155.
Down on the Allotment: Grow your own fruit and veg, and bring on Brexit!

And relax...
The summer has drawn to an end and the allotment is offering the last of its summer crops. There are long leathery runner beans and tomatoes, now gorged on the autumn rain and split open at the buttons like a man’s shirt after a large meal.

Autumn raspberries are plentiful again, enjoying some cooler temperatures and moisture. The large leaves of cucumbers and marrows have died back a little, exposing a multitude of spiny fat cucumbers and huge green and yellow marrows. Cucumbers are lovely during the summer in salads, sandwiches and drinks, but come cooler days they tend to sit in the fridge, passed over in favour of warm stews and soups.

Similarly, the sight of five marrows each almost two feet in length leads me to question why I grew them and, after asking other people what to do with them, I wonder why anyone ever grows them. Picking the crops, freezing, storing and

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pickling is a cathartic process after so much frantic activity over the summer. For the television gardener, whistling as they push a shiny barrow along immaculate brick paths with rows of fine vegetables, life is idyllic, and the sun always shines.

In the off-screen world they would get back from work, go to the allotment to pick some vegetables clasping a handful of carrier bags (now an expensive business with a “bag for life” costing 15p – I wonder if Messrs M&S would honour the bag for life policy when they see my mud-soaked carriers?).

Pushing my barrow with a flat tyre and squeaky wheel I see I previously missed a nest of courgettes and they have now become marrows, and the carrot fly have got to my carrots and the raspberries need picking. Of course, I will have forgotten to take a punnet for the raspberries, and so my precarious plant pot full will then topple over in the car on the way back.

So why do I do it? Why don’t I spend my time relaxing, reading a book and ordering my vegetables from online supermarkets where they will be delivered all clean and uniform size? I guess because it’s a challenge: if everything grew, and there were no weeds, and my paths shone brick red it might well be idyllic, but maybe also just that little bit boring. Rather like flying out to a tropical island, laying on a sun chair on white sands, laying back and thinking “right, what do I do now?”

But for now with the season at an end and with just a few leeks and cabbages to grow on through the winter, I am relieved to have the excuse of poorer weather to rest my bones. Time to look through the seed catalogues and plan what to grow next year.

Amidst the aches and pains I’ll allow myself a little joy that I may be rewarded for all my hard work when, come Brexit, the shops are bereft of food and pharmaceuticals I shall be able to produce my own. I shall be making poultices from nettles, soaking pieces of willow in water for headaches, and growing mangelwurzel for sustenance.

Thank goodness Whisky is British!

Adrian Colombini, October 2018
What wonderful weather we had for our meadows on the Nature Reserve during the summer; the wildflowers were better than ever. The yellow rattle plants continue their good parasitic work weakening the strong grasses and giving more room for other beneficial flowers to establish. This is encouragement for our struggling bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects.

Did you see a heron fishing at the ponds? It was probably concentrating on the water and not the beautiful dragonflies flitting about above in the sunshine. There were plenty of different species, the bright Emperor Dragonfly, Darters, Skimmers, Chasers and Hawkers. A delightful sight plus the pretty and colourful damselflies. Well done Dragons!

More good insect news is in the Butterfly Garden where we have replanted half of the central bed with perennials to produce more nectar and pollen. The results have been splendid, and volunteers’ hard planting and watering work
has been well rewarded, thank you. There is more to do so we need more help, so could you spare two hours a month?

Everyone knows how strange the weather was this year, with a freezing March being followed by a scorching summer. It was also one of contrasts for our butterflies. This year was our best year ever for small heath, an historically infrequently seen species on the reserves, and a very good one for small, Essex and dingy skippers.

These are all small and easily overlooked butterflies but worth looking out for. The presence of dingy skipper is special. It is uncommon and normally found on the chalk of the North Downs rather than our heavy clay meadows. I suspect the molehills provide the dry, hot basking spots they need and this year they were seen across Bloomers Field whereas normally they are usually only seen in the sheltered ditches.

Along with the hot summer, the fact that birds-foot trefoil, an important caterpillar food plant, is now abundant in our meadows is also helping the dingy skipper and has probably also behind another excellent year for common blues. Large and small whites did well after some poor years. The high counts may reflect the abundance of nectar plants in our newly replanted butterfly garden which they seemed to find irresistible.

Unfortunately, some butterfly numbers were down. Our normally most numerous butterflies, meadow browns and gatekeepers, had average counts but that is to be expected in some years. More worryingly, well known and loved species such as peacock, red admiral and small tortoiseshell continue to do badly and had below average years. This seems to be a continuing trend for these once common and widespread insects. We are trying to think of things we can do to help them such as creating sunny, sheltered nettle beds to provide good habitat for breeding.

The National Tree Week Work Party is on Sunday, 25th November, 10am to 1pm. We plan conservation work on a hedge led by Danny and Roger Ohlson, our local volunteers, with their hedgelaying skills. Why hedgelay? This method, with its bent and woven hedge plants, creates a dense hedge base that makes a good wildlife corridor for many creatures. There are different ways of weaving and we use the South of England style. Please come and help us, as “many hands make light work”. There is plenty to do plus coppicing, pollarding and planting. Children welcome.

Work Parties:
October 28th, 10am to 12noon. November 25th, 10am to 1pm.
Tuesday, January 1st, 2019, 10am to 12pm.

For more information: www.lingfieldreserves.org.uk or enquiries@lingfieldreserves.org.uk.
Lingfield Community Library
The Guest House, Vicarage Road

Opening Times
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 2 – 5pm
Thursday 10 – 5pm, Saturday 10-4pm

Thursday events for children
Rhymetime 11 – 11:30 am, for pre-school children
Story Time 3:30 – 4pm, for 4 to 7 year olds.

Autumn Events for Children
Halloween 31st October:
Scary Stories: 3.30 – 4.00pm and 6 – 6.30pm in the Library

Writing Competition closes 3rd November

Our 1st Author Event – meet Guy Fraser-Sampson on 1st Nov 2018
As part of Surrey Libraries’ Crime Festival, you’re invited to have tea with Guy Fraser-Simpson, author of the Hampstead Murder Series and Mapp & Lucia novels, dramatised on BBC TV. Tickets £5, including tea and cake, from the Lingfield Community Library or Eventbrite.

Christmas:
Story Time: 13th and 20th December, 3.30-4.00pm – Christmas stories and songs.

Other Events:
Christmas Readings
Watch out for details of our popular seasonal readings with mulled wine and minced pies, to be held in mid-December.

Decorating the Library
Local organisations will be helping us decorate the Library for Christmas. Come and admire our festive decorations from 1st December

www.surreycommunity.info/lingfieldcommunitylibrary
Lingfield Primary School:

A haven of happiness and high expectations
The Parliamentary Review highlights the progress the school has made over the last four years

Every year The Parliamentary Review’s September launch brings together the most creative and inspiring voices across business, industry, education and the public sector to share insight, encourage best practice and help organisations confront the challenges of an ever-changing political landscape.

Co-chaired by Lord Blunkett and Lord Pickles, The Review features commentary from senior politicians including the prime minister.

I am very happy to announce that Lingfield Primary School’s journey of school improvement over the past four years was selected as one of the ten South East Representatives for this year’s Parliamentary Review. Lingfield is one of only three Surrey schools to be chosen. The Review piece focuses on how, in the last four years, happiness, academic success and high expectations have been successfully established in the school.

After a year of progress for the education sector, The Parliamentary Review outlines areas of excellence and relevant issues for teachers, communities and policymakers alike. These are featured alongside commentary on the sector from former education secretary and Review chairman Lord Blunkett.

The long-time editor of The Review David Curry has expressed his excitement that the upcoming edition is due to be one of the most interesting and insightful yet. “I can say with confidence that there is no other forum in Britain that can successfully combine the thoughts and ideas of such a group of extraordinary organisations and deliver them to the people that need to hear them, whether that be in Westminster or out in the country.”

Writing in The Review, the Prime Minister says that “Our modern Industrial Strategy means government stepping up to secure the foundations of our productivity: providing an education system that delivers the skills our economy needs, improving school standards, and transforming technical education.”

Lingfield Primary School’s article can be viewed here: www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/organisations/lingfield-primary-school

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Dear Readers,

Now it’s the Autumn Harvest: for some a season of plenty, for others horrendous weather and devastation of livelihood. We think of Kerala and Indonesia.

Locally, we were so pleased to hear of the generosity at Lingfield College, where the pupils and students filled boxes at Harvest with food for the Open House in Crawley that provides for homeless people. Some Fairtrade products were included too! Thank you Lingfield College Prep, a FairAchiever School registered with Fairtrade Foundation UK. Thanks also to Dormansland Primary School for supporting a Traidcraft tuck shop!

The whole Fairtrade family stands in solidarity with those affected by the recent terrible weather. The floods in Kerala have destroyed homes, roads and crops. Across the whole region five million farmers have had their crops destroyed and their livelihoods ripped away from them. Members of the Fairtrade movement have added their assistance to the rescue and recovery efforts along with other NGOs.

Fairtrade International has committed €80,000 to assist in the rebuilding process. Liberation Nuts Company is involved too. Kerala is a vital source of a number of Fairtrade commodities including tea, spices and nuts. Please continue to buy products with the Fairtrade MARK to assist those in such difficulty (www.fairtrade.org.uk). In Fairtrade Lingfield and Dormansland we are developing our programme of events for 2019. National Fairtrade Fortnight will be 25th February to 10th March. We invite you to our ‘Big Brew’ on Saturday 2nd March, with further details to follow. This event raises awareness of the needs of others in the developing world.

You may have heard the truly wonderful news that Traidcraft Exchange (charity arm of Traidcraft), Hidden Entrepreneurs Appeal earlier this year raised an incredible £548,530. Doubled by the UK Government, the total is £1,097,060 (not including gift aid total!). All this through the efforts of traders and supporters organising Big Brews, long distance cycling, swimming, running and their donations. Congratulations everyone!

The funds will support Traidcraft Exchange’s work in helping more hidden entrepreneurs all around the world, particularly a new project in Meru County, Kenya. Women farmers there just need some support to use entrepreneurship to change the future of their farms! (www.traidcraft.org.uk).

Signing off, Fairtrade Foundation UK has just announced a new patron, Nick Hewer, Countdown host and former advisor to Lord Sugar!
What’s on locally

Westerham, Brasted, Oxted and Crockham Hill Cancer Research

Christmas Fair
10am – 3pm Wed 7th Nov 2018
Come and do your shopping in the wonderful ambience of an old coaching inn.

Our preview evening, on 6th November, is by advance ticket only (£15 from debbieinnes@hotmail.com) and the fair continues the next day.

Venue: The Grasshopper Inn, Moorhouse, Westerham Road, Westerham.

Tickets: £3 on the door

The Friends of The College of St Barnabas

Autumn Fair
10am – 12noon Sat 17th Nov 2018
Coffee, stalls, raffle ...and fun! All are welcome!

Venue: The College Of St. Barnabas, Blackberry Lane, Lingfield RH7 6NJ (next to Dormans Station)

Admission: £1 (lucky programme)

Nimble Fingers

Christmas Craft Sale
10am – 12noon Sat 17th Nov 2018

Venue: The Orpen Room, Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre

University of the Third Age

Kent Digs
2pm – 4pm Tue 27th Nov 2018

'President of Kent Archaeology Society on Kent Digs' by Gerald Cramp

Venue: Crockham Hill Village Hall

Dormansland Primary School

Christmas Fair
12noon – 3pm Sat 1st Dec 2018

Entertainment includes: Santa’s Grotto, kids craft stall, Christmas shopping market, cake and bread sellers, lucky dips, raffles, a silent auction with fantastic prizes, licensed bar, mulled wine, BBQ, book stall, toy
A Celebratory History of Christmas

2pm – 4pm Tue 18th Dec 2018
A Celebratory History of Christmas by Andy Thomas with snacks and drinks.

Venue: Crockham Hill Village Hall

The Hayward Furniture

7.30pm Mon 14th Jan 2019
Max Donnelly (Curator of Furniture at the V&A)

Venue: Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre

Admission: RH7 Members FREE
visitors £2.50

Artists of the First World War

2pm Wed 31st Jan 2019
A talk by Art Historian Martin Heard followed by a private tour of the ‘We Will Remember Them’ exhibition commemorating the end of WW1

Venue: Eden Valley Museum, Church House, 72 High Street, Edenbridge

Admission: EVMT Members £5 non-
Members £6
Lingfield United Trust (Registered Charity 1150971)

Christmas Distribution 2018

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:
Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre, St. Peter & St. Paul Church
Lingfield, St. John’s Church Dormansland, Lingfield Library, Lingfield Surgery and on the website www.lingfieldunitedtrust.org

Forms will be available from 15th October 2018

Completed forms should be sent to the clerk no later than 9th November 2018.

Clerk to the Trustees,
Mrs. Marlene Hughes, Spindrift, Plaistow Street, Lingfield, RH7 6AL

William Buckwell Memorial Almshouses, Lingfield (Registered Charity 215570)

Trustee Vacancy

The almshouses in Lingfield provide accommodation for elderly people from Lingfield & Lewisham.

The charity is seeking to fill a rewarding vacancy for a voluntary trustee to join the existing 5 trustees. The trustees are responsible for the governance and management of the charity. The role will involve meeting 3 times a year, making decisions with the other trustees about the operation of the almshouses and communicating with the residents about them. We have an excellent Clerk who handles day to day issues.

If you have financial skills or experience with buildings, that would be an advantage but, above all, you should have an interest in the almshouses and a willingness to engage with the issues that arise there.

Applications should include a CV and a short letter explaining why you are interested in becoming a trustee. Applications should be sent by email to Laura Jackson, Clerk to the Trustees.

Email: mrsjualajackson@gmail.com
Special services at Lingfield Parish Church and at St. John’s, Dormansland

Remembrance Sunday – 11th November

**Lingfield:**
9.30am – Remembrance service in Church, followed by **10.45** Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial (by the Pond)

7.45pm – Lingfield Festival of Remembrance with the Lingfield Silver Band (to follow the lighting of the Beacon on Jenner’s Field at 7 p.m. and a peal of bells, to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One).

**Dormansland:**
10.30am – Remembrance service in Church

Sunday 2nd December

**Lingfield:**
9.30am – Toy Service

**Dormansland:**
10.30am – Christingle service

Friday 7th December

**Dormansland:**
6.15pm – The lighting of the Christmas tree, with carols and refreshments.

Sunday 9th December

**Dormansland:**
2.00pm – 3.15pm – Christmas crafts

Sunday 16th December

**Lingfield:**
6.30pm – Community Carols with the Lingfield Silver Band, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

**Dormansland:**
6.30pm – Carol service

Sunday 23rd December

**Lingfield:**
Service of Nine Lessons and Carols, followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve

**Lingfield:**
3.00pm and 4.30pm – Crib Services with Scarlett the donkey. (Identical services – please come to whichever one you would like.)

11.30pm – Midnight Mass – the first service of Christmas

**Dormansland:**
3.00pm and 4.30pm – Crib Services. (Identical services – please come to whichever one you would like.)

11.30pm – Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

**Lingfield:**
8.00am – Said Eucharist

9.30am – Festive Christmas Eucharist for all the family

**Dormansland:**
8.00am – Said Communion

10.00am – Family Communion
Autumn News from LDCC

The new season of our film club, Flix in the Stix, offers great entertainment right on your doorstep. Our next film (11th November, 3.30pm) is the Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Pie Society. Set in 1946, the plot follows a London-based writer who begins exchanging letters with residents on the island of Guernsey, which was under German occupation during World War II.

Our final film for 2018 (9th December, 3.30pm) is Paddington 2 which follows the adventures of this loveable bear who spreads chaos and marmalade wherever he goes! Flix in the Stix is held on the second Sunday of each month and tickets are only £5. Come along early for a cuppa and home-made cakes before the show.

Popular theatre company, Farnham Maltings, return to us on Sunday, 2nd December to perform Brilliance. This play, with music, is especially designed for village halls and promises to be another original production. Tickets £10 from the centre office.

We are pleased to welcome some new activities to the Community Centre in the coming months. Open to children of all ages, Storyworks Drama Group (Tuesdays, 4.30pm) promotes imagination, teamwork and confidence by acting out different stories each week. Contact Emma on 07738 385 546 or emma@storyworksgroups.co.uk. For those looking to get fit, local instructor Lucy Locke brings us Balance Boot Camp (Mondays, 9.15am) and Balance Boxing (Thursdays, 7.45pm). Contact Lucy on 07775 918 747 or lucy@balancingfield.co.uk.

For a full list of what’s on at the centre, see our website or pop in to pick up a leaflet. Don’t forget that we also have rooms to hire for parties, functions or regular groups and classes, and currently have office space to rent (see separate advert in this issue). Call Claire or Karil on 01342 833 893 for further information and to check availability.

Farewells and welcomes

There have been some changes to our Board of Directors over the last few months. We are sad to say farewell to Tim Pool, our Finance Director, who retired from the board at the end of August.

Tim has managed the finances of the Community Centre for an extraordinary 17 years and has made a huge contribution to where we are today. Tim will be greatly missed. We thank him for his hard work and dedication to LDCC and wish him well.
We also said goodbye to Dormansland resident, Neville Harrison, and extend our thanks to him for his advice and help on building matters.

To fill these vacant positions on the board we are pleased to welcome Lingfield resident, Alison Skinner, who will be taking over the Finance reins and to Deanne Parry Jones who also joins as a Director.

Other dates for your diary
- Mon 22\(^{nd}\) – Sun 28\(^{th}\) Oct, Lingfield Art Show
- Sat, 22\(^{nd}\) Mar 2019, Farnham Maltings present ‘Title & Deed’

For further information on any of the above events or for room hire enquiries, please contact Claire or Karil in the centre office,
T: 01342 833 893 E: enquiries@lingfieldcentre.org W: www.lingfieldcentre.org

Ian Jones, Chairman

Lingfield Evening WI: New members always welcome

Lingfield Evening Women’s Institute meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 8pm in the Jennings Hall in Lingfield (behind the Community Centre). We are a friendly group, always delighted to welcome new members and visitors to our meetings.

Our programme varies but we usually have a speaker followed by an opportunity to have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat before a short business meeting when members are updated with Surrey County Federation events and news from The National Federation. We also organise regular Games Evenings, a ‘Crafty Ladies’ group, local walks and visits.

For our August Summer Social we visited the Old Rectory in Bletchingley, where we very much enjoyed walking round the beautiful gardens.

This was followed by supper in a local pub. Other meetings this year have included a talk in September from the Kent/Surrey/Sussex Air Ambulance and in July ‘The Silver Thread’ by Elizabeth Gowing.

Future meetings:
21\(^{st}\) November – our Annual Meeting
12\(^{th}\) December – our Christmas Celebration

We’re always happy to welcome visitors to our meetings at the Jennings Hall. If you would like to find out more about LEWI please call Ann Stacey on 01342 832 988 or Jane Chitty on 01342 834 051.
YWI Dormansland: Remembering and honouring our war dead

Our next meeting in late October will involve using various crafts and media to make a wreath for the Remembrance Service on Sunday, 11th November.

We’ll be knitting, crocheting or making poppies from construction card or crepe paper. Instructors will be on hand and all materials provided.

We are also planning a joint evening with Dormansland Evening WI on Thursday, 25th October to get together and paint rocks with poppies or other marks of Remembrance. We then hide our rocks around the village in the week (or maybe fortnight) before Remembrance Sunday.

We will invite residents to keep their eyes peeled for our rocks and, if they find one, we invite them to either leave it on the War Memorial at St John’s, or better still bring it along to the service on 11th November.

In November we will be having our AGM and will be making it a social event – yes, there may be wine involved! December we see us having fun with Christmas crafts, along with mulled wine and mince pies.

The YWI Dormansland meets at The Parish Rooms in The Platt, Dormansland at 8pm, usually on the second Tuesday of the month. We are a very friendly group and we always welcome new members – ladies of course.

*If you would like any further information about YWI, please contact Mel Carter on 07977 484 611, ywidormansland@live.co.uk, visit www.ywi.org.uk, or simply turn up to our next meeting. You will be very welcome!*
Winter fun at Lingfield Flower Club

You’d think fewer blooms in our gardens at this time of year means a quieter time for flower arranging – not for us!

With the festive season upon us, we’re using skills we’ve learnt and inspiration from our demonstrators to create door wreaths to welcome visitors, arrangements for the Christmas table, evergreen garlands to hang, mantle decorations (to welcome Santal!), and seasonal gifts for friends and family.

And on 17th November our little club is one of 40 Surrey NAFAS Clubs to take part in ‘Joyful and Triumphant’ at Epsom Racecourse. This festive exhibition of floral art features designs interpreting pantomime, Christmas stories, carols and all things that represent the season. *Tickets are £5 on the door at Oaks Hall, Epsom Racecourse, KT18 5LQ.*

Winter Club Events

26th November:  Festive floral design demonstration  ‘Sophie’s Sparkle’ with Sophie Beaney

10th December:  Christmas Social and Mini-workshop  *Make a festive table arrangement or Christmas gift*

21st January:  Floral design demonstration  ‘Art for Art’s Sake’ with Neil Bain

Everyone’s welcome at our club! If you’re a non-member, you can join in with our events, starting from just £5 for floral design demonstrations. Or why not join our club – members enjoy free floral demonstrations and free or subsidised workshops and trips.

For more details E: info@LingfieldFlowerClub.com  T: Karil 01342 832 038  www.facebook.com/LingfieldFlowerClub

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Help Wanted

Are you handy with a power screwdriver?

For a small remuneration we’re looking for someone to put up and take down a stage for our monthly floral demonstrations.

**When and Where?** Once a month on a Monday evening at Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre

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This month’s talk was by world-renowned, award-winning, local wildlife photographer Gillian Lloyd who presented an informative, amusing and extremely interesting talk “Walking with Polar Bears”, accompanied by her brilliant photographs and slides.

Gillian described her visits to the western shore of Hudson’s Bay in Canada and her endeavours to obtain photographs of polar bears in their natural habitat (a dangerous, extremely cold environment) which required endless patience, considerable stamina and amazing skill and timing.

The results of these trips are truly impressive with an outstanding collection of fascinating photographs, not only of polar bears but also of other arctic animals in their home territory. The talk was followed by our usual sandwich lunch and conversation – all thoroughly informal, enjoyable and relaxing.

We are an association of retired men who meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month in the St John’s Centenary Rooms and If you would like to join us or just find out more about us, please phone or email me.

David Roberts, 01342 832 329 or coachmans@talktalk.net.
Lingfield Cricket Club: Glorifying in that long, hot and (quite) successful Summer

So, another cricket season has come to an end. It was one, for the most part, memorable for glorious sunshine, and only slightly blighted by some occasional August downpours. The village cricket club had another year of mixed fortunes with the 1st XI finishing a frustrating 3rd in the Premier Division of The Fullers Surrey County League for the fifth consecutive season.

The 2nd XI finished comfortably in mid-table in the Premier Division for 2nd XIs. Its highlight being a seven-match winning run mid-season. The other two sides struggled in the reorganised Sussex League with consistent availability of players throughout the club being a problem.

We did play many more T20 mid-week matches this year – over 20 – across both Surrey and Sussex, and generally availability for these and traditional midweek matches was better than in the past.

Once more it was the colts sides that led the way towards silverware with our U12s dominant in both the East Surrey Colts League (we have now won this title three years consecutively) and the North Sussex Identilam League – for the first time. They reached the Sussex play-off final due to be played at the county ground at Hove only for rain to force that match to be postponed until the start of next season. The U11s were our only cup winners, claiming the East Surrey Colts League Cup for the 6th time in the last 10 years.

Several of the young players, both boys and girls, played representative cricket in Surrey, Sussex and Kent and there are a good number selected for winter training with county or district squads. We were delighted to have over 30 younger children enrol in our All Stars programme and look forward to repeating and enhancing the next year. In particular, we were pleased to see so many new girls joining.

We now go into our quieter period, although there is much planning and organising to start doing for 2019. We will be announcing timings for our Junior Development Programme in the coming weeks.

This year we are particularly grateful to Michael Davey for all the hours he has spent working on our grounds and for Jan Robertshaw for all her efforts as secretary.

We hope to hold the annual awards presentation at a club dinner during November. As ever, we will welcome new members young or old to join the club.
Experts warn of the dangers of preventable burns at home

Burns specialists at Queen Victoria Hospital are warning parents and adults of the dangers of preventable injuries at home following a year-on-year increase in referrals to its paediatric burns unit. Almost half of the children admitted to the hospital with burns (465) in 2017/18 from across Sussex, Surrey and Kent were treated for scalds, the majority of which happened in the child's own home. Tea and coffee scalds were the main cause.

Scalds continue to be the leading cause of paediatric burns nationally, backed up by figures from The Children’s Burns Trust and the British Burn Association, which show that in 2017 more than 3,500 children required admission to an NHS burns service like Queen Victoria Hospital. The hospital’s team also see more than 50 children each year who have a burn caused by hair straighteners and more than 40 children with injuries caused by hot radiators or radiator pipes, often toddlers pulling themselves up as they learn to walk. These figures remain consistent year on year.

Perhaps more worrying is the number of very young children who are sustaining injuries. In the last year 46 per cent of the children seen by the Queen Victoria Hospital's burns team were aged two and under.

Nora Nugent, consultant plastic surgeon and burns lead at Queen Victoria Hospital, said: “Each year we treat hundreds of children with burns injuries which are avoidable, many of which will leave life-changing scarring. Prevention and good first aid are key in reducing the number of burns and scalds that occur each year.”

“Acting quickly, whether it's a child or adult who has been burnt, can reduce immediate pain and long-term scarring. If the unthinkable does happen, remember the mantra 'cool, call and cover’,” she added.

The hospital is supporting the British Burns Association’s ‘cool, call and cover’ first aid guidance:

- **Cool** the burn with running cool tap water for 20 minutes and remove all clothing and any jewellery
- **Call** for help - 999, 111 or your local GP for advice
- **Cover** with cling film while transferring to a hospital/GP surgery. The hospital/GP should apply a sterile dressing. Cling film should not be left on a burn for more than a few hours and only while wounds are being assessed by health professionals.
Flu Clinics 2018
We are now offering patient appointments for our Flu Clinics, running on Saturdays and week days. As well as your flu vaccination our nurses will check to see if your blood pressure needs recording and also if you’re vaccinated against shingles and pneumonia.

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Some of the items to think about are tinned ham, Christmas crackers, tins of chocolates, Christmas puddings, tins of jam or marmalade, or packets of crisps. Please, no mince pies due to short sell-by dates. We will request when needed nearer to Christmas.

If you can donate to our Christmas appeal during November 2018 it will be very well received and again will go to clients referred to us.

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Recycling: What CAN’T go in your blue-lidded bin

- Ash from heating house/water – put in your rubbish bin/bags when cool
- Batteries – you can recycle these in plastic carrier bags from home.
- Bubble wrap – reuse it or put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- CDs and cases – donate to a charity shop or put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- Ceramics such as broken plates – donate to a charity shop if reusable. If broken wrap any sharp edges and put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- Cling film and other stretchy plastic wrapping – put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- Clothes – you can recycle these in plastic carrier bags from home.
- Clothes hangers (plastic and metal) – donate to a charity shop if reusable. If broken put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- Coffee cups – put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- Corks – put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- Crisp packets and any confectionary packaging such as biscuit or chocolate wrappers – put in your rubbish bin/bags.

- Flower pots (plastic and ceramic) – donate to a keen gardener if reusable. If broken put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- Food containers that food cannot be removed from – put in your rubbish bin/bags.
- Food waste – you can recycle this every week in your food caddy.
- Garden waste including cut flowers – compost at home, join the Green Waste Club or take to a community recycling centre.
- Hard plastic such as toys, milk and beer crates – donate to a charity shop if reusable. If broken put in your rubbish bin/bags or take to a community recycling centre.
• Large electrical items – donate to a local charity if reusable, sell or give it away online or take to a community recycling centre.

• Light bulbs – old style ones can be wrapped and put in your rubbish bin/bags. New style ones should be taken to a community recycling centre as they are hazardous.

• Medicine blister packs/pill packets – put empty ones in your rubbish bin/bags. Any unwanted or out-of-date medicine should be returned to your local pharmacy.

• Nappies, incontinence pads and sanitary products – put in your rubbish bin/bags. Please make sure it’s double bagged and not too heavy.

• Pet litter and bedding – put in your rubbish bin/bags. Please make sure it’s double bagged and not too heavy.

• Plastic strapping – put in your rubbish bin/bags.

• Polystyrene and Styrofoam – put in your rubbish bin/bags.

• Pyrex, kitchenware and broken glass – donate to a charity shop if reusable. If broken wrap any sharp edges and put in your rubbish bin/bags.

• Rubber hose pipe – put in your rubbish bin/bags.

• Saucepans, oven trays and other larger metal items – take to a community recycling centre.

• Small electrical items – you can recycle these in plastic carrier bags from home.

• Textiles and shoes – you can recycle these in plastic carrier bags from home.

• Toothbrushes – put in your rubbish bin/bags.

• Wet/used kitchen paper or tissues – put in your rubbish bin/bags.

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As the festive atmosphere sets in we are often tempted with seasonal goodies such as chocolates, sweets, mince pies and Christmas cake, which are all part of Christmas (and the build up to it).

Add to this the parties that typically mean more alcohol and calorie-laden mixers, and it’s a potential recipe (excuse the pun!) for weight gain. If that wasn’t enough, we are naturally less active over this period as the days become shorter and colder and a warm blanket in front of the fire is way more appealing than a jog around the park or a brisk walk.

Research suggests that it’s not just Christmas Day itself that causes us to pile on the pounds; it’s the extended festive season from early December and into January. Even if you have only moderately overindulged over this extended period you will see the pounds pile on. So how can you ensure this doesn’t happen? How can you enjoy Christmas guilt free without having to pay for it on the scales come January?

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