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Editorial

Hello again friends, and welcome to this, our Summer 2019 edition of Community News, bringing you the local news and information. Firstly, we need to say a big ‘thank you’ to our readers, advertisers and distributors, as there simply wouldn’t be a CN without these guys.

Well, it looks like spring has finally sprung. Bulbs in full bloom, a first cut of the grass last week, and most of the window sills in my house occupied with small plant pots. Not much showing just yet, but then horticulture is never about the quick return.

All we need now is some actual heat to match the sunlight. We still have jumper and jacket temperatures, despite what the view from your window might indicate. Having said that, what are the chances I’ll be complaining about the heat in Autumn’s editorial!

By the time you read this, the Easter festivities will be over, and we hope you enjoyed them, no matter how you chose to celebrate. There’s normally lots going on around the village, both traditional and modern, and always a lot for the kids to do. Just one gripe – maybe the powers that be could set a fixed date for Good Friday!

Lingfest Coming Fast

Lingfest – our party in the park – is a very special one day event for Lingfield locals of all ages to enjoy with their friends and families.

This very special community event for local residents to enjoy returns to Lingfield on Saturday, 13th July, noon to 10:30pm, with six live music acts on the main stage. Lingfest is FREE for kids, with adult tickets from £5 (Early Bird tickets available until 31st May) for over ten hours of live music and entertainment.

Tickets purchased after that date will cost £7.50 per adult, and anyone who leaves it to the day itself to make a purchase will pay £10 on the door per adult, subject to availability. Come along and join the fun and support this wonderful community event.

Road Fatality

We’re sorry to report another road death in Lingfield. Cyclist Simon Purcell was killed in an apparent ‘hit and run’ incident on Lingfield Common Road in late February. According to local media reports, an inquest into his death has not yet been opened. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

This incident follows the death of local resident and biker Philip McClean, who died in a collision in Lingfield in September last year.
Tesco’s Up and Running
So, we finally have our Tesco supermarket, and a welcome addition to the village’s shopping experience it is. We hoped it would appear before the next issue of CN (I was sceptical, if I’m being totally honest), but one bright morning there it was.

The parking and traffic situation doesn’t seem to be as bad as local residents first thought, and the addition of a wheelchair ramp at the entrance is a nice touch.

Town Twinning
A recent visit by local resident Marie Murray and parish councillor Andrea Watson to Plaisance-du-Touch, our town twin, was a huge success. Lingfield is among the 2,000 municipalities in the UK twinned with mainly European towns, and Plaisance itself is twinned with Utebo in Spain and Carnate in Italy.

Lingfield has had a 40 year association with the small French town, but visits and contact had started to diminish in recent years. Hence, the decision was made to once again reach out the hand of friendship to our French friends. Read more about it in this issue.

Janet Bateson Tribute
We’ve also included a tribute to a recently passed respected local historian, Janet Bateson. Janet was “tireless in pursuit of knowledge about local history”, and was one of the first members of the RH7 History Society. She also organised and contributed to numerous local history exhibitions held in the Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre.

She provided support for the Surrey Records Office and was author of ‘Around Lingfield at War: Wartime Experiences in South-East England 1939-1945’. She’ll be greatly missed by all who knew her.

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.

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. Sit tight, wait for the warmth to arrive, and we’ll see you guys in August.

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Step by Step
In search of my cousins, Susan and Jacqueline

Dear Editor,

I would like to ask for your help in tracing two of my cousins, Susan & Jacqueline, with whom I have lost contact. I’m hoping that someone in the area might be able to point me in the right direction since their mother, father and brother are buried in St George’s Church, Crowhurst.

They grew up in Little Lullenden, Lingfield. Their Mother, Cynthia (née GRAY) married Frederick Smith. After she died, he remarried, but we lost touch. My own father and grandfather were all living in Crowhurst at one time or another.

I’m currently living in Perth, Western Australia, but frequently visit the UK. I noticed there were fresh flowers on the graves the last time I visited St George’s.

Kind regards,

Elaine Pither (née GRAY)

EDITOR’S NOTE: Anyone with information should contact the CN team here at mail@communitynewslingfield.co.uk, and we will pass on your details to Elaine.

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If you would like to know a bit more, please call Anne on 833183.

You would be made very welcome.
April 2019
We have been very lucky to have had such a mild winter, and the warm sunny spell we had in February has brought all the spring bulbs on really early. It certainly helps to banish those winter blues when you can look out and see clumps of daffodils and crocus brightening up your borders.

Our next big event is our annual **Plant Sale on Saturday, 4th May.** This will be held in the Jennings Hall from 10am to 12noon and we would advise you to get there early for the pick of the plants. We will have a large selection of plants including summer bedding, vegetables, hardy perennials, herbs, shrubs, climbers, alpines and indoor plants, all grown and donated by our members, and all at bargain prices. This is an important fundraiser for our Society, so please come along and support us.

Then, on the following **Friday, 10th May** we will be having an illustrated talk by Alan Sargent entitled “Confessions of a Gardener”. Alan is a highly qualified landscape gardener and RHS show gardens judge, and has won many awards over a long career. This is a not-too-serious talk about some of his experiences during his working life.

On **Friday, 7th June** we have another illustrated talk on “Shrubs and Climbers for your Garden” by Graham Pattison. Graham is a retired horticulturist who trained at the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew. During a long career in horticulture he has exhibited at the Chelsea and Hampton Court flower shows and has taught on horticultural subjects.

Then on **Sunday, 9th June** we have organised a coach outing to the RHS garden at Hyde Hall in Essex. We still have seats available so if you are interested please contact **Sue Macdonald on 01342 835 472.** Tickets are £10.50 each (to include a tip for the driver).

Our Summer Show is on **Saturday, 20th July** at 2.30pm in the Community Centre and, as I pointed out in the January edition of CN, this show is open to anyone to enter, non-members as well as members. If you are interested in entering the show please contact me on the number below and I will let you have a schedule giving all the entry details.

Our normal monthly meetings are held in the Jennings Hall, but for the shows, where we need more space, we use the Community Centre.

*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.*
Janet Bateson: 
A tribute to our respected local historian
20th July 1943 – 3rd March 2019

Janet and her husband John moved to Dormansland in 1985. Their garden was completely overgrown, with fallen trees lying across the mud path and open wells discharging water into the garden. Thanks to Janet’s efforts, design skills, and love of plants, the garden was transformed into a fantastic haven.

Janet’s love and skills with plants has been recognised for many years by St John’s Church, Dormansland, where her contribution to the churches’ flower arrangements and flower festivals was much appreciated.

Janet’s involvement in this church over the last thirty-four years was not simply limited to its decoration with flowers; she regularly acted as Sub-Deacon, was the Church Archivist, a member of the Friends of St Johns and monthly delivery of the churches’ food collection to 'Open House' Crawley. Janet was always willing to help with charity collections for Poppy Day, Christian Aid, and many others.

Janet was “tireless in pursuit of knowledge about local history”. She was one of the first members of the RH7 History Society and organised and contributed to numerous local history exhibitions held in the Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre.

She provided support for the Surrey Records Office and was author of ‘Around Lingfield at War: Wartime Experiences in South-East England 1939-1945’. Janet was a Hayward Memorial Trustee and a member of the newly formed Board of Trustees of the Lingfield Guest House.

Janet and John were both involved for many years in many other community activities including: the production and distribution of the Village Voice; helping with Dormansland Carnival; they helped organise and participated in various amateur dramatic productions, including an unforgettable version of ‘Oliver’ put on in Dormansland church.

Janet’s contributions to this community over such a long period are clearly reflected in the love and respect from everyone who knew her. She was an exceptional person and will be greatly missed.
Down on the Allotment: Ready, set, and go, go, go for the new season

It’s April, and like the Formula 1 season, it’s now “Go Go Go!” Months of malaise now come to a halt – the gardens are full of spring colour from tulips, daffodils and wallflowers – but there is scarcely time to stop and admire because the crops for the year ahead start here. And just like Formula 1, I think I’m heading for a truly international show.

In the greenhouse, I will soon have non-hardy runner beans from Mexico, sweet corn from the US and courgettes from Italy. I already have tomatoes growing well, their leaves giving off that familiar, heady aroma. This year I have selected three varieties of outdoor blight resistant and two for the greenhouse, one cherry and one huge beefsteak.

The picture on the packet of seeds suggests tomatoes larger than a child’s head, meaning that come cropping, I’ll either have to import especially large mozzarella balls or I’ll just have to accept the marketing department got a little over enthusiastic in its depictions. Everything will grow fast in the full-to-bursting greenhouse until the frosts are over and they can then be safely planted out.

Down on the allotment, the next spell of warm weather will see me digging trenches for potatoes and runner beans. The potato trench will be fertilised and ready for the planting of my chitted seed potatoes come Good Friday. So much care has been lavished on these potatoes: stored in a frost-free place, thoughtfully laid out to sprout and then an especially dug and prepared trench, just for them.

A few feet away, my potatoes will be kept company by rows of beetroot and lettuces, only to be suddenly upturned by an eruption of last year’s potatoes coming back to life (stronger than the ones I have lavished such care upon!)

Raspberries, strawberries, currants and gooseberries are in full leaf now with some small fruit forming. If potatoes and onions are the staple, then it is the sweetcorn, tomatoes and soft fruit that are the fun. Picking regular crops of mixed fruit and a couple of cobs of sweetcorn is a timely luxury as they need to be eaten the same day to really appreciate them.
Who knows, maybe the gage tree which now stands at 15 feet tall might be able to muster more than three gages this year, whilst the granny smith apple tree bought from a well known European supermarket chain might surprise us again with another big crop of rosy red apples?

With onions, garlic, leeks, lettuces, beetroot, carrots, parsnips, cabbages, cauliflowers and Brussel sprouts all needing homes, as well as the aforementioned foreign softies, I will once again find myself walking up and down the plot with another tray of plants in hand looking for a space.

The plants from foreign climes thrive perfectly well alongside the traditional beets and cabbages. Our native insects and pollinators really don’t care where the nectar originally hailed from, and that makes me feel just a little in awe of mother nature’s wisdom while we go through these turbulent times.

Adrian Colombini, April 2019

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As we look forward to the summer months, the Community Centre has a great programme of events and activities in store.

Flix in the Stix
The next film for this season will be on **Sunday, 12th May** at 7.30pm. *Shoplifters* is a touching Japanese drama about a family that relies on shoplifting to cope with a life of poverty. The film premiered at the Cannes Film Festival last year, where it went on to win the major festival award, the Palme d’Or.

The popular people’s vote will be back for the final film of the season on **Sunday, 9th June** and is an opportunity for our movie-goers to pick their choice from the best films of recent months. Tickets for Flix are only £5 and are available from the centre office, Robert Leech Estate Agents or on the door. Refreshment served before the film.

Classes & Groups
The range of activities and groups running from the Community Centre continues to grow. From May a new *Paracise* class will be running on Thursdays at 11.45am. This gentle exercise regime is ideal for those who find regular fitness classes too demanding, those who haven’t exercised for a long time are coming back from injury. Call Isobel on **07875 467 573** or email info@bubblefit.co.uk. For budding artists out there, local art teacher, Jill Iliffe, will be running Drawing and Watercolour Classes on Fridays, 10am to 12 noon. Call Jill on **07745 448 359** or email jill.iliffe@hotmail.com.

Dementia Day Care
We are pleased to be working with Dementia First, a local charity supporting those with dementia and their carers. Dementia First is providing day care from the Jennings Hall from 10am to 4pm every Monday (excluding bank holidays), offering physical and mental stimulation supported by staff specifically trained in dementia. A hot lunch and refreshments will be provided, all from the comfortable and safe surroundings of the Jennings Hall. For further information, prices and availability contact Dementia First on **01883 818 310** or info@dementiafirst.org.uk.

Music and Entertainment: dates for your diary
Following the success of our opera events over the last couple of years, we are pleased to welcome back Opera Holloway on **Sunday, 29th September** to perform *La Bohème*, one of opera’s most popular and unforgettable love stories.

And for any amateur sleuths out there, Who Killed the Vicar? on **Saturday, 19th October** is a must! Join us for this fun-filled murder mystery evening and see if you can work out whodunnit! Put the dates in your diary and watch out for more information nearer the time.
Volunteers needed for Age UK
Age UK are looking for volunteers to help run their Tea & Talk sessions which are held at the Community Centre on the last Thursday of each month. Without extra help the group may have to close so if you have a couple of hours to spare once a month, please get in touch with Claire or Karil in the centre office.

Contact us
For more details on any of the events and activities taking place at LDCC, to join our mailing list, or to enquire about the many rooms we have for hire just pop in, send an email or give us a call.

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Lingfield Evening WI: Visitors and new members always welcome

Lingfield Evening Women’s Institute (LEWI) meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 8pm in 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.

So far this year we have had three very interesting speakers. In January Jill Iliffe, a local artist, talked to us about her work and brought along some of her paintings and glass art for us to look at. At our February meeting Lisa Carey (see photo) from Doodledish showed us a range of items made in her studio and demonstrated some of the techniques used to create them. At our March meeting Waitrose in the Community presented a ‘Cheese and Wine’ evening, which we all greatly enjoyed.

Future meetings:
• 17th April – Members Meeting
• 15th May – ‘Have your Say’ Resolutions Meeting
• 19th June – ‘The Palace of Westminster’ by Andrew Warde, a qualified City of London Blue Badge guide.

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 ring Jane Chitty on 01342 834 051.
Local news round up

Cyclist's death prompts calls to monitor ‘dangerous’ Lingfield road
A local councillor has called for an assessment of the speed limit on a “dangerous” Lingfield road, following the death of a cyclist in late February.

Conservative Cllr Lesley Steeds said: “The residents are very distressed over the fact that this road was one we had asked to be looked at with regards to speed reduction measures. The road is dangerous. Very dangerous.”

A petition, signed by 157 local people regarding Lingfield Common Road, was handed in to council officials last September. However, speed has not been stated as a reason for the accident.

The cyclist, now identified as Simon Purcell, was killed in an apparent ‘hit and run’ incident in late February. Tributes and flowers were laid following the fatal incident.

According to local media reports, a 49-year-old Lingfield man has been arrested in relation to the incident, and is facing several charges. He has since been released on bail.

The Literary Festival at Chiddingstone Castle
The fourth Literary Festival at Chiddingstone Castle will take place over the first Bank Holiday in May, from Saturday 4th to Tuesday 7th, and will cater for both adults and children. The four days of talks, performances and workshops will be set in the historic house and grounds, and have been carefully curated to ensure there is something for everyone, of all ages and interests. Please contact adminsupport@chiddingstonecastle.org.uk or call 01892 870 347 for more information.

Orpheus Open Day, Saturday 29th June 2019
Each year, the Orpheus Centre's Open Day provides a fantastic opportunity to get a glimpse of Orpheus life for prospective students, past and present parents and intrigued local families.

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We have held the event for the last three years, with numbers growing healthy year on year, last year we had up to 300 people come through our doors which we hope to increase this year. Call 01883 744 664 or email enquiries@orpheus.org.uk for more information.

TDC carrying out Homelessness Prevention Strategy consultation
Tandridge District Council is carrying out a public consultation about the Council's draft Homelessness Prevention and Rough Sleeping Strategy. The draft strategy, “Not every homeless person sleeps on the streets”, sets out how the Council will tackle homelessness in the district from 2019 to 2023.

The three priorities the strategy addresses are how the Council will, a) raise awareness of the advice and
support available to prevent homelessness,
b) identify the top causes of homelessness and develop innovative housing solutions, including building more affordable homes, and
c) develop strong integrated partnerships to prevent homelessness.

Jayne Godden-Miller, Strategic Director of People, said: “The strategy aims to protect and improve people’s lives and their wellbeing by preventing homelessness and eliminating rough sleeping in the district. We are inviting views from everyone.” The draft strategy can be viewed online at www.tandridge.gov.uk/homelessness.

Young London teenagers learn about racing during Lingfield visit
Young Londoners were the guests of honour at Lingfield in late February, as the racecourse continued its efforts as part of a pioneering initiative aimed at encouraging inner-city teenagers to seek careers in racing.

The visitors, from Lambeth and Southwark, spent their first day at the races as part of the Take The Reins project.

The campaign is championed by Active Communities Network and Flying Futures with the backing of the British Horseracing Authority’s Racing Together and Careers in Racing.

As well as meeting representatives of Lingfield and the BHA, the racing newcomers spent time with a fellow 18-year-old in jockey Rossa Ryan.

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Lingfield Parish Council News

Elections
Remember District and Parish elections take place on Thursday 2nd May. Make sure that you are eligible to vote either in person or by proxy.

Parish Assembly
Come along for a glass of wine and meet your new parish council on Friday 24th May 7pm at Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre. This is your opportunity to tell us what you would like us to do for the village.

The Cage
Tesco has opened at last on the site of the Old Cage public house and very smart it looks. Initial concerns about possible parking problems have not been apparent although we have asked for the double yellow lines to be extended to join up with Vicarage Road.

Lingfest
Early bird tickets are now on sale for Lingfest. Please see separate article for details. If you would like to join the Lingfest Crew please visit the website and sign up at www.lingfest.uk. We need as much help as we can get!

Local Plan
We are expecting some initial thoughts from the Inspector soon. The neighbourhood plan group has now reconvened and is finalising our village plan report, taking the Inspector’s comments into consideration.

Chamber of Commerce
The local shops and businesses have really got the bit between their teeth under the chairmanship of Clive Jecks and plans are well advanced for a cracking Christmas line up for Lingfield Day to be held on 30th November.

Planning
A developer has contacted the parish council about two parcels of land. One is adjacent to Tangalooma in Crowhurst Road and the other is behind Headland Way. He attended a meeting of the planning committee on 26th March to get the views of residents before deciding whether to prepare and submit a formal planning application. The meeting was well attended by members of the public who were vehemently opposed to the idea of development behind Headland Way.

There was only one person against proposed development at Tangalooma. The parish council members did not express an opinion at the meeting but will submit comments if and when an application is submitted.

Parish councils are not Planning Authorities. This means that they only have the
right to be informed of planning applications within the parish. They cannot
approve or reject planning applications. They can only comment on planning
applications in the same way that individuals can comment.

**Allotments**
We have a couple of vacant plots on each of our two sites. If you’re interested in
taking on an allotment, please contact the parish clerk.

Finally, as this is the last article I will write as Chairman of Lingfield Parish
Council, I just wanted to say it has been an enormous pleasure to serve on the
parish council for the past eight years and I wish the new chairman good luck
for the future.

*John Cole, Chairman*

*The parish council office is situated in Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre
and is open to the public between 10am and 12 noon on Monday to Thursday.*

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Dormansland Parish Council

New Parish Councillor
Dormansland Parish Council is pleased to announce it has now filled the vacancy for a new parish councillor and we would like to welcome Susan Calamassi to our team. Since the last CN Dawn Cook and Judy Mackenzie-Dunn have also become members of the Parish Council.

Annual Parish Assembly
This year’s Annual Parish Assembly will take place on Wednesday, 29th May at 7.30pm in The Parish Room, The Platt. This is a meeting that gives villagers the opportunity to meet the Councillors (Parish, District and County) and receive reports based on Village developments over the previous twelve months. There will also be an opportunity for residents to raise concerns and ask questions.

DPC Open Surgery
Dormansland Parish Council held its second open surgery on Saturday, 9th March which was well attended and we would like to thank all residents who came along. A further surgery will be held over the summer and advertised once the date is arranged.

Village Entry Signs
We are happy to announce that all the new village entry signs that were purchased by the Parish Council have been installed at various points on the boundaries of the parish.

Litterpick
The Parish Council would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Louise Minter and Dormansland Primary School for organising the community litterpick around Dormansland which took place on Sunday, 24th March at 2pm, Dormansland Primary School (Clinton Hill Entrance). Councillor Mr Bright and Sir Nicholas White took part along with many children and families from the village.

Hedge Maintenance
Surrey hedge cutters were in the area in March and TDC road sweepers were in Dormansland in March so the village is looking good with the spring bulbs.

Flooding
The water run off over Wilderwick Road at the bridge has been reported to Surrey. It is due to a blocked drainage pipe and a ditch has been dug to alleviate the problem pending the drain clearance.

Grit Bins
A new grit bin is being purchased for next winter on the Farthingdale Green.
Silent Soldier
After receiving a great number of emails from residents requesting the silent soldier remain, the PC is pleased to report he will be staying where he is on the green at Newhache. The Parish Council has also agreed to purchase a permanent flagpole and new flag for the green.

Bulky rubbish clearance weekends 2019
Residents with large bulky items of rubbish, such as furniture that can’t be re-used, can get rid of them at the bulky rubbish clearance weekends (11th May, 14th September, 7th December, 7.30am-10.45am at Hollow Lane Garages, and 12pm-2.15pm at Newhache). A rubbish vehicle will be available to take bulky goods.

Frith Manor Planning Application
DPC is delighted to see that plans to build 101 homes on green belt land have been rejected by Tandridge District Council. The planning officer refused permission on the basis that the proposed scheme would constitute inappropriate development in the green belt causing significant harm to the openness and visual amenities. DPC strongly objected to this application in 2017.

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Crowhurst Parish News

Forthcoming meetings of the Parish Council will hopefully be held back in the Village Hall, following refurbishment, but if not they will continue in the Plaxton Room at the Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre. Please check www.crowhurstonline.uk for more information.

Meetings will be held on
• Monday 20th May (Annual meeting and AGM)
• Monday 17th June (Planning)
• Monday 15th July

Crowhurst residents are always welcome to attend Council and Planning meetings. All meetings start at 19:30 and we allow 15 minutes at the beginning for attendees to ask questions prior to the start of the formal meeting. Please come along and get involved in your Parish.

Crowhurst Community Clean-up
Our annual organised Spring Clean event took place over two weekends during March due to adverse weather. A great turn out and we cleared lots of rubbish. Thank you to everyone who joined in. Sad to see litter reappearing very soon afterwards so maintenance of the litter free position is a challenge that will need to be considered.

Footpath clearance
As we move into Summer, growing season begins and managing growth around our Parish footpaths becomes a challenge for landowners and volunteers alike. An event will be arranged in the summer to help with the cutback of growth in key areas, so please look out for the date on the Council website. Secateurs, loppers, sturdy gloves and a little energy required for this sociable contribution to the Parish.

Neighbourhood Plan
Completion of the Neighbourhood Plan stalled due to changes in resource at Tandridge, the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will however press ahead, gaining support from the New Council, post elections. Dates of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meetings will be published on the Council website, please come along and find out more – it’s your plan after all.

It remains for me to thank Councillors Pudney, Jones, Devine, Lock and Siggery for their hard work in moving us forward as a Parish over the last four years and to wish our new Councillors good luck for the coming Term.
Save money – buy your Early Bird tickets for Lingfest now

Planning to go to Lingfest, Lingfield’s party in the park, on Saturday July 13th? Then buy your tickets as soon as possible to take advantage of special Early Bird rates!

Reminding would-be Lingfest attendees of the great deal on offer, Lingfield Parish Council Chairman John Cole said: “Early Birds who buy their tickets on the Lingfest website www.lingfest.uk pay just £5 per head until the end of May, plus an 80p transaction fee per order, no matter how many tickets are purchased. Tickets can also be bought in person from Lingfield Parish Office at Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre, or from The Greyhound pub in Plaistow Street. The Early Bird rate is fantastic value for Lingfield’s favourite ‘Party in the Park’, which will be offering more than 10 hours of live music and entertainment for all the family.”

Tickets for the festival – held in Jenners Field - go up to £7.50 per adult (plus transaction fee) from June 1 till July 12. Any tickets left will be available from the onsite box office on the day for £10 per adult. As previously announced, children under 16 accompanied by an adult go free, as do those who are registered disabled plus their individual carer.

Lingfest 2019 is providing a dazzling line-up of musicians. Performers at the festival include the Blunter Brothers (classic funk, Motown and soul), The Gangsters (Ska tribute band), Tar Babies (60s music), Groove Hoover (60s/70s and 80s rock and pop covers plus 90s to present day Indie/rock covers), the Paul Stenton Band (blues/rock) and Wayne Woodward (Britain’s Got Talent 2016 finalist). A second stage – the Meridian Songwriters’ Stage, showcasing local musical talent – will be run by local radio station 107 Meridian FM.

On top of the music, once again there will be lots of free activities for kids including – new for 2019 – a silent disco, plus plenty of delicious food and drink from local traders.

Interested in helping out at Lingfest? Organisers are looking for volunteers to join the ‘crew’ who provide the crucial support which makes the event such a success. You can help either beforehand with the setting up or on the day itself. It’s fun – and you get two free tickets and a t-shirt! Anyone interested can apply via the website.

Contact: Fay Elwood on 01342 835 557 or visit the website lingfest.uk
Lingfield’s wildlife still needs you!

We are very proud of the reserves. Since they were set up roughly 20 years ago they have developed enormously and we now have established meadows, ponds, ditches, woods, hedgerows, an orchard and a butterfly garden.

Little of this was here when we started. And we continue to discover wildlife on the reserves, hopefully much of it attracted by the habitats we have created. All sorts of creatures and plants have been spotted such as moles, roe deer, noctule bats, hedgehogs, red kites, kingfishers, common blue, dingy skipper and brown hairstreak butterflies (seen on this page), grass snakes, and toads.

We have a breeding colony of great crested newts plus smooth newts, frogs, slow worms and common lizards. There is an extensive selection of native trees and shrubs such as black poplar, wayfaring tree and wild service and many more have invited themselves, such as oaks, goat willows and alder.

We are now seeing the fruits of our efforts to make the reserves more botanically diverse with increasing populations of common spotted orchid, blue bells and meadowsweet, plus locally uncommon species like betony, devils bit scabious and corky fruited water dropwort. The reserves have even been colonised by the spectacular and unmistakable wasp spider.

All of this has been aided by the efforts of our volunteers not just in planting, pruning, weeding and other hands-on jobs but in the planning, events, publicising, fund raising, surveying, recording, liaising with contractors and many other important activities.

I personally joined in 2002. I saw an advert in Community News for surveyors with the offer of training. I have a lifelong enthusiasm for nature and conservation, some knowledge and thought why not? It was a good move. I have learnt so much about practical conservation, become much more knowledgeable about wildlife (I now record our butterflies on behalf of Butterfly Conservation) and been able to shape our habitat creation efforts which is my passion.

I also became part of a welcoming, enthusiastic group of people with a love the Lingfield Wildlife Area who want to do something about our threatened and disappearing wildlife.

Why have I shared all this? The reason is we want more people to get involved.
As with all volunteer groups and committees it is important to look to the future and keep bringing in new people with fresh enthusiasm, new ideas and maybe useful knowledge and skills. The only requirement is that you have a real love of the natural world, have an open mind and want to help.

As with me, knowledge and skills can be acquired and developed but the main thing is to want to do something for nature. Of course, if there is anyone out there who could do a breeding bird survey, has a chainsaw licence, would enjoy updating the website or is a whizz kid with social media that would be very welcome.

If volunteering appeals, please get in touch or come along to one of our monthly work parties and see if you enjoy it. Feel free to ring John Madden on 835 698, Anne Richards on 870 200 or Sally Cole on 833 814.

Our work parties are held on the last Sunday of every month. We meet in the wildlife area outside the allotment gates ready for a 10am start.

For more information: www.lingfieldreserves.org.uk or enquiries@lingfieldreserves.org.uk.

“Musicals through the Ages” at St Peter and St Paul

Please join us for this year’s rip-roaring St Peter and St Paul Old Town Church Fete, on Saturday, June 8th 2019, 11am to 3pm. The theme this year is “Musicals through the Ages”.

A true traditional village fete! Plenty to do and plenty to eat! Games, raffles, silent auction, bric-a-brac, plant stall, and music. There’s also super new, fun activities for the children, including flower pot ping pong and making paper aeroplanes! There will also be the ever-popular face painting.

Our delicious BBQ and beer/Pimm’s tent will be there to feed and water you. In the Miller Room, just inside the church, there will be a delicious Ploughman’s lunch, tea and cakes on sale.

All proceeds go towards St Peter and St Paul Church projects. Volunteers are always welcome.

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Summer at Lingfield Parish Church

Special Service
Sun 16th June at 9.30 am: All Age service for Fathers’ Day, followed by bacon rolls

Special Events
Sun 26th May, 2-4.30 pm: Lingfield Open Gardens – come and see some lovely local gardens, followed by a delicious tea in church. Tickets £10 from the church – all proceeds to the Friends of the Church.

Sat 8th June, 11-3 pm: The Lingfield Old Town Church Fete

Regular Events
Messy Church: 3.30-5 pm, second Monday of every month, for families. Hot tea provided.

Pop-In for Coffee: 10am – 12pm, every Tuesday in the Miller Room at the back of church.

For details of other services and events, please see notice boards, All welcome

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YW I Dormansland: Come and get crafty

The YWI meet at The Parish Rooms at 8pm, usually on the second Tuesday of the month. Over the past few meetings we have enjoyed a Murder/Mystery night, made homemade pasta, learned about food allergy testing by means of kinesiology, and had our styling issues addressed! We have also had trips to the West End to see Motown the Musical and the play Home, I’m Darling!

As well as our regular meetings, we also have two book groups, occasional craft club, and our Sole Sisters walking group will begin evening Rambles in April. 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, 14th May** (Who knew Dormansland was so interesting – a local history talk by the RH7 group), **Tuesday, 11th June** (getting crafty), and on the **9th July** we’ll be having a Treasure Hunt. 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 £42 per year (pro-rated if you haven’t been a member with us before). Where else could you get tea/coffee & cake and great company for £3.50?

*Interested? If you would like any further information, or would like to come along to a meeting, please contact Sue Alfrey, our membership coordinator, on 07738 247 960.*

Anne Robinson, President ywidormansland@outlook.com, www.ywi.org.uk

Fun for all the family at Dormansland Carnival

Dormansland Carnival is on **Saturday 6th July** from 1pm on the Dormansland recreation ground. This year’s theme is ‘Save the Planet’, which will be reflected in the parade of floats through the village.

There will be entertainment for all ages and, new to this year, there’ll be a mountain bike stunt display team in the main arena.

Other entertainment includes the popular dog show, beer tent, open mic sessions, Jimmy the Juggler, silent auction, rides, WI tent, stalls, Punch and Judy and a variety of food stalls.

On the music stage you’ll be entertained by The Swinghearts, a close harmony swing trio inspired by the music from the 1940’s and 50’s. Playing into the evening, popular local band Euphoria will soon have you up on your feet in no time.

[www.dormanslandcarnival.org](http://www.dormanslandcarnival.org)
National Floral Art Demonstrator comes to Lingfield!

All our events are full of fabulous flower fun, though we’re a little bit excited to welcome National Demonstrator Annette Urquhart to our Monday, 20th May meeting.

Annette is one of just four National Demonstrators at the Surrey area of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies), a competition judge, and chair of its education committee. Visitors to this special event will pay £8 (members go free), with all Annette’s designs being raffled at the end of the evening – you could go home with something very special for £1!

Read on for what else we have planned for summer 2019.

Summer Flower Club Events

Fri, 3rd May: National Flower Arranging Day
Look out for our ‘Lonely Bouquets’ – will you take one home?

Mon, 20th May: Floral design demonstration *members FREE, visitors £8
‘Ready to Roll’ with National Demonstrator Annette Urquhart

Mon, 24th June: Floral design demonstration *members FREE, visitors £5
‘Floral Magic’ with Gill Homer

Mon, 22nd July: Members’ Workshop
with Lingfield florist Lucie Mason Flowers

For more details or to join contact us E: info@LingfieldFlowerClub.com
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www.facebook.com/LingfieldFlowerClub

Everyone’s welcome at our club – visitors join in with our events from just £5! Join as a member and you enjoy free floral demonstrations, plus free and subsidised workshops and trips. Annual membership £40.
An early May treat at the Heavy Horse and Country Show

This early May Bank Holiday weekend take the family to watch heavy horses perform traditional workhorse skills at the Heavy Horse and Country Show, at the East Bysshe Showground, Blindley Heath, RH7 6LF. This massive two-day event will feature the largest collection of heavy horses in Southern England.

New at this year’s event is the hilarious Sheep Show and the spectacular Sutherland Pipes and Drums. The showground also hosts the very popular Henfold Birds of Prey displays on both days with marvellous opportunities for families to get right up close to these magnificent creatures, learn about them and be photographed with them.

Don’t miss demonstrations by the last working herd of Shire horses in London with volunteers from Operation Centaur, based in London’s Royal Parks and Historic Royal Palaces to promote the horse as a contemporary working animal, teaching heritage skills in conservation, agriculture and transportation to young people. Visitors will see these magnificent creatures put through their paces and will get a chance to learn more about Operation Centaur.

“After the huge success of our newly-expanded event, we know that this year’s Heavy Horse and Country Show is going to offer all generations something a bit different for the Bank Holiday – a chance to see rural traditions, countryside..."
activities and a wide variety of animals close-up,” said Paul Bower, Chairman of SESHA.

The main arena daily timetable will also include a horse drawn Fire Engine, ridden Side Saddle demonstrations and The Misselchalke Gun Dogs.

For the petrolheads and historians there are vintage tractors, historic military vehicles and vintage and classic cars. Treat yourself to regional goodies at the “Keep it Local” craft marquee and in the mouthwatering Food Hall. Back by popular demand are those magical Meerkats and other exotic animals to meet and photograph, and on Sunday 5th May there will be miniature horses.

Bank Holiday Monday will also feature the popular Dog Show, plus Agility demonstrations, the Terrier Show, Terrier Racing and also “Have A Go” Agility and novelty competitions so bring your dog to join in the fun. Further details are available at www.sesha.org.uk.

Each day ends with a spectacular Grand Parade of Heavy and Shire Horses – a rare sight indeed to see so many all together in one ring and something which every member of the family will remember.

Sunday, 5th May sees the magnificent working heavy horses demonstrating their skills. See the sheer muscle power of these gentle giants as they harrow the land, using traditional techniques. Their agility will also be put to the test in exciting timed trials where horses pulling harrows weave through hazards and obstacles to compete to be the fastest.

Sunday, 5th May and Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May at East Bysshe Showground on the A22 between Blindley Heath and Newchapel RH7 6LF, opposite the British Wildlife Centre.
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For the past 20 years members of East Surrey Walkers have been coordinating with The London Blind Rambling Club to invite visually impaired walkers to join us on one of our walks, offering one-to-one guidance if needed.

It’s a small effort on our part, but hugely appreciated by the members of the London Blind Club who otherwise wouldn’t be able to enjoy the experience of walking in the countryside – it’s a most rewarding day for all concerned, especially as it ends with tea and cakes at the Oxted British Legion!

Join us – a friendly group that enjoys talking whilst walking in the countryside, making new friends and having pub lunches. We also enjoy various social events throughout the year and organise holidays together, both in the UK and abroad.

Each week we offer a selection of walks for different abilities, ranging from 3 to 12 miles. There’s bound to be one that suits you! You’re welcome to walk with us on one or two occasions before you decide whether to join East Surrey Walkers. We’d love to have your company.

Walks coming up…

- Monday, 6th May. 2pm. Warlingham, 6 miles, B/H. Bluebells (LEISURELY)
- Friday, 10th May. 10am. Nutfield Marsh, 3 miles, Amble. (EASY)
- Tuesday, 14th May. 10am. Caterham, 3.5 miles, Fast Fitness. (STRENUOUS)
- Wednesday, 15th May. 10am. Tandridge, 5 miles. (LEISURELY)
- Friday, 17th May. 10am. Coulsdon, 4 miles, Wild flowers. (LEISURELY)
- Saturday, 18th May. 10am. Outwood, 5.5 miles. (LEISURELY)
- Sunday, 19th May. 10am. Oxted, 7 miles. LONDON BLIND. (LEISURELY)
- Wednesday, 22nd May. 10am. Godstone, 5 miles (LEISURELY)

For details of where to meet and our full programme please visit our website on: www.eastsurreywalkers.org.uk.

Pamela Cunniffe, Publicity Officer.
Lingfield Primary School: Living in peace and happiness

At Lingfield our value of the month has been “Happiness.” We have been thinking about what happiness is and how we can make others happy.

Here are some of Year 5’s ideas:
“Happiness is a great feeling that makes you feel good. It can come in many different ways whether the feeling is a tingling sensation or you can’t stop smiling.” Melina

“Happiness can be a feeling of joy, pride or excitement. It comes from inside your body and you can share it with other people. We worked with our buddies to think about what makes us happy. We decorated the petals of flowers to show what is important to us.” Antonio

“We also had some debates in our classes to discuss whether we need to feel sad in order to feel happy. We thought that you might not be able to appreciate being happy unless you have something to compare it to.” Evan

Poem for Happiness:

Happiness is the key to your life
And in life you need happiness as much as you need love
People can spread happiness like dominoes
Plotting unkindness is not tolerated in happiness
In life you need to support happiness to prevent unkindness
Never give up on happiness
End every day by making someone happy
Spend the day with cheer, joy and happiness
Sleep and dream of thoughts of happiness.

Nusrat
Live life in peace and happiness.

Mrs Julia Tappin
Headteacher
Lingfield Running Club: The Lingfield 10s – 30th June

Every year Lingfield Running Club organise an event to raise money for a chosen charity, which this year is St Catherine’s Hospice. The Lingfield 10s are scenic multi-terrain races in the surrey hills starting near Lingfield College. There are two races: a 10 mile and a 10 kilometer.

Organised and marshalled by the volunteers at Lingfield Running club, the 10-mile race has been a popular fixture in the race calendar for many years. The 10-mile route is hilly, but incredibly scenic with some stunning views at the top of Dry Hill. The 10k is also a multi-terrain race but with fewer hills!

Date: Sunday, 30th June 2019
Start time for both races: 9:30 am
Race headquarters: Lingfield College, RH7 6PN

Advanced Entry Cost:
10-mile is £15 (if affiliated to a running club), otherwise £17
10k is £10 (if affiliated to a running club), otherwise £12

Details of how to enter can be found on the Lingfield Running Club website, at www.lingfieldrunningclub.co.uk.

Lingfield Running Club has a friendly and sociable approach to running and currently has well over 200 members ranging in age from the late teens to 70+. Our members’ running interests are very diverse and range from jogging for the sake of fitness to running distances ranging from fun runs through to marathons and beyond. We cater for a wide range of abilities – both hares and tortoises!

If running the Lingfield 10s seems a little daunting at this moment, come along to one of our thrice weekly club runs around the beautiful local countryside, and if you have never run but would like to give it a go, we run a ten week Couch-to-5k programme for beginners which starts on Monday, May 15th.
Bags of help for Local Groups

Customers at Tesco’s new Lingfield store have helped three local groups bag their share of a community grant scheme. The Bags of Help initiative, run in partnership with the charity Groundwork, sees grants awarded to thousands of local community projects every year and was launched at Lingfield’s new Tesco Express store when it opened in February.

Lingfield and Dormansland Meals on Wheels, the Lingfest community festival organised by Lingfield Parish Council, and Lingfield Community Library all bid to bag a share of up to £7,000. Customers cast their vote for their favourite project using a token given to them at the check-out each time they shopped. The votes have been counted, and all three have heard that they have been awarded funding.

Simon Coomber (pictured), store manager of the new Lingfield Tesco Express, said, “I thought it was really important to give something back straight away. We are looking forward to playing an active role in the local community, from our special Lingfield round of the Bags of Help scheme, to our Community Food Connection programme, where surplus food from the store is donated to local good causes at the end of each day.”

On being presented with a cheque for £1,000 on behalf of Lingfest, Parish Council Chairman John Cole said, “We are so thankful to Simon and the team at Tesco for supporting our village with this initiative, the first time the Bags of Help scheme has helped three groups together in one village.”

“And we’re overwhelmed by the support from the villagers who have voted,” he added, “it just shows what a strong village Lingfield is.”

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Lingfield Cricket Club: Suddenly the cricket season is almost upon us

SENIOR CRICKET IN 2019
We have some new captains for the 2019 season to replace those who are standing down. We thank Andrew Daw, Fred Davey and Paul Langton for their efforts leading the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XIs respectively and wish Callum Forbes, Andrew Morton and Martin Brownsey every success in taking over.

We will continue to run four league sides on Saturday, two in the Fullers Surrey County League and two in the Sussex League. On Sunday afternoons and midweek (usually Wednesdays) we will have at least one team playing more traditional friendlies.

We are entering three T20 competitions this summer, The Surrey Slam on Wednesday evenings, The Sunday Slam (yes, on Sundays), and the Fullers T20 Cup. So, there should be plenty of cricket for all tastes and talents. New and old players please step forward, bring a friend, introduce someone new to the sport or bring someone back!

Winter nets continue on Sunday evenings (6.45pm at Lingfield College) for the last few weeks before we go outside when summer coaching will revert to Tuesday evenings from May onwards.

JUNIOR CRICKET IN 2019
Our Junior Winter Development Programme has gone very well again. It has been well attended and professionally run. Hopefully the benefits will be seen on the field soon.

ALL STARS CRICKET 2019
We’re involved in this national initiative once again and this year our aim is to attract at least 40 children. It will run on Saturday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30am. Ashley Netherclift is the lead activator for the programme which will guarantee lots of fun and energy, not to say noise!

Boys and girls, aged 4 to 8 years, are welcome. Further information can be found at www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars. We may take younger children at our discretion but parents must also be in attendance.

GIRLS CRICKET 2019
We are absolutely delighted to see so many girls taking up cricket around the country and Lingfield is no exception. With the recent influx we will be looking to arrange some “girls only” matches in addition to playing in the age group teams.

The club has space for more sponsors and anyone who would like to advertise or sponsor should get in touch.

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All meals are freshly cooked in our designated kitchen in the Jennings Hall at the Community Centre. On Fridays, we run a fish and chip service, delivering freshly prepared meals from the local Fish and Chip shop in Lingfield. Meals on Wheels is not only about the food. To many of our clients, the daily contact with our friendly deliverers is the opportunity for a chat and can often be the only person they see that day.

How much will I pay?
We strive to keep charges as low as possible and, with the help of a subsidy from Surrey County Council, our meals cost just £2.80 per day or £2.20 without a dessert. Our Fish and Chip service costs around £4.50.

How do I get meals on wheels?
We know that some people don’t like to ask for help so we do take referrals from family, friends or neighbours of elderly or housebound people who may benefit from Meals on Wheels. We currently have a few vacancies so can take new applications with no waiting list.

If you, or someone you know, would like to apply for Meals on Wheels, please contact us by calling 07504 481 289 or 01342 825 748.

Vacancy for a Litter Warden

We are looking for a litter warden to work 10 hours a week to enhance the service provided by Tandridge District Council.

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Supporting Fairtrade in Lingfield and Dormansland and everywhere

We were so glad to welcome many of you to our Big Brew and Spring Market, we hope you enjoyed it! There was certainly a buzz around, with local and Fairtrade stalls: East Surrey Bees, Siwok wooden craft, High Weald cheeses, RSPB, CPRE, China Restorers, Lingfield Flower Club, Love That Stuff, Traidcraft/Fairtrade food and craft; and Fairtrade tea/coffee/cake. Proceeds went to Traidcraft Exchange, the charity that supports small producers and their families in the developing world, and Fairtrade Foundation.

The event was held in Fairtrade Fortnight, 25th February to 10th March, a national event of Fairtrade Foundation UK, when we celebrate our connection with those who grow and make lots of the things we enjoy. Everyone can help by continuing to buy products with the Fairtrade MARK. Thank you.

During the Fortnight, we visited local schools, Dormansland Primary School (FairActive School) and Lingfield College Prep (FairAchiever School) with Barney Smyth from Fairtrade Foundation who spoke to pupils about farmers in Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana who rely on cocoa for their livelihood. There were Fairtrade tuck shops and workshops too, an assembly at Lingfield Primary and cakes made by Year 1 and staff. Thank you all!

Fairtrade Fortnight this year and next two years, focuses on cocoa and the crisis that has caused the world market price to plummet. The causes are complicated and need multiple solutions. Fairtrade has made real progress, but we know too that certification alone can’t solve all the problems.

In Côte d’Ivoire, the world’s biggest producer of cocoa, where only six percent of the output is sold on Fairtrade terms, farmers have seen their income fall by 30-40 percent from one year to the next.

Choosing Fairtrade is making a difference, and together we can do more. Please support the petition to the Prime Minister at www.fairtrade.org.uk.

Moving on and looking forward to Sunshine and Summer, we’ll be there:
• SS Peter & Paul Church Fair on Saturday, 8th June
• Dormansland School Sports Day
• Lingfest, 13th July – Look out for our banners!
• Lingfield Primary School Fair, July
• Fairtrade Indian Summer Strawberry Tea, with Mothers Union, Sunday 8th September
SS Peter & Paul Church, Stir-Up Sunday Fairtrade Christmas Pudding Party
Sunday, 24th November. (Come for the fun again this year! All the fruit and spices in puds are Fairtrade. We’ll again send profits to Traidcraft Exchange. We gratefully acknowledge support last year from Waitrose, Edenbridge).

Thinking back to December last year, Fairtrade Schools were encouraged to make gingerbread with lots of Fairtrade spices: ginger, nutmeg, vanilla, cinnamon and honey, sugar. Lingfield College Prep took up the challenge! Fairtrade spices were sourced, the teacher made seventy gingerbread men, super decorated by pupils, and they sent £70 to Fairtrade Foundation UK! Well done, Lingfield!

After forty years of trading Traidcraft plc is having a tough time financially. However, it is continuing with fewer types of products. The charity arm, Traidcraft Exchange, will ensure that 300,000 producers who traded with the PLC will be supported.

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East Grinstead Foodbank: Thank you for your generosity, and long may it continue

At the foodbank we continue to be busy. Whilst we have seen a welcome reduction in the number of families visiting, there has been a significant growth in the number of single adults. We also see homeless people every week. Our ability to help is entirely due to the continuing local generosity. For example, since the start of 2018 Waitrose Oxted customers have kindly donated 502 kilos. In 2018, we helped on average 83 adults and 50 children per month.

In March 2019, we were able to pack and distribute 121 Easter bags for clients, nominated to us from 18 local schools. This was an increase from 74 at Easter 2018. With these donations we continue to be able to provide Easter, Summer & Christmas bags in addition to the emergency food and household items to support those referred to us by local agencies, such as Lingfield Surgery, and the Hurst Green Children and Family Centre.

Where appropriate, when clients visit we also try to signpost them to other agencies and groups who can assist. We now have good contacts with local housing needs teams, debt charities, mother and baby charities such as Stripey Stork at Redhill and last (but by no means least) the Hub and the Hope Job Club that both run out of The Jubilee Centre in East Grinstead.

Nobody really wants to visit or indeed rely on a foodbank, but with the continuing local generosity from the Lingfield and Dormansland community area and our volunteers, we can help make life a little easier for those we encounter.

We remain so grateful, thank you!

Tony Cox & the Foodbank Steering Team
Self-referral physiotherapy
Patients can now refer themselves for physiotherapy without having to see their GP first. Please go to our Advice and Information Page on the surgery website for full information.

You will find the physiotherapy flyer, which lists the most common ailments that can be treated with physiotherapy. If you feel you would benefit from this service, please click on the link which will take you to the self-referral form which you should complete and return by following the referral guidance.

The completed referral form should be returned to Oxted Therapies Unit and not to Lingfield Surgery. Alternatively, please speak to a member of the Reception Team.

GP News
Dr. Ozique has decided not to return as a salaried GP now that her maternity leave has ended. We all wish her well with her new responsibilities.

Dr. Ozique patients will be transferred to our new GP partner Dr. Rahi Chandarana but are, as always, free to see any GP of their choice.

Dr. Chandarana has now joined the surgery as a full time GP partner working Tuesday to Friday.

Surgery training afternoon
The surgery will be closed for staff training on Wednesday, 15th May from 12:30. Patients requiring medical advice should contact NHS111 by dialling 111. In a medical emergency ring 999. The surgery will reopen as normal on Thursday morning.

Lingfield Surgery 01342 836 327 www.lingfieldsurgery.nhs.uk
Nervous eye patients get reassuring hand to hold

A fear-busting scheme to help patients who are nervous about having eye operations has been launched at Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead.

Most cataract operations are carried out under a local anaesthetic, which means only the eye is made numb and the patient stays awake.

People who are apprehensive about having this type of surgery are now being offered a comforting hand to hold while their operation is taking place.

Research has indicated having the reassurance of someone to talk to during the operation has the potential for reducing anxiety in many patients having cataract surgery under local anaesthesia.

The role is being fulfilled by one of the volunteer team at QVH, who stays with the patient before, during and after their procedure.

Jo Thomas, Director of Nursing and Quality, Queen Victoria Hospital, said: “We know some people feel vulnerable and frightened when they’re about to go into surgery and we also know patients having a companion to talk to during these operations has the potential to significantly reduce the levels of anxiety they feel in theatre.”

QVH hand holding volunteer Liz Colenutt said: “Most patients I met accepted my offer of hand holding and one even told me afterwards he’d never held a hand other than his wife’s. I thoroughly enjoyed helping patients in theatre. It’s great to feel you’re making a difference for people.”

Anyone interested in this or other volunteering opportunities at Queen Victoria Hospital should contact Camilla Slattery, Head of Fundraising and Voluntary Services, at camilla.slattery@nhs.net.

For more information please contact the QVH Press Office on 01342 414 508.
The Probus Club of Dormansland and District

The subject Club was formed in 1995 with the aim of “promoting fellowship amongst retired gentlemen and to provide opportunities for recreation and social intercourse for the benefit of its members”.

That’s all very formal, but what does it mean?

Despite its title the Club is open to members from a wide area. I live in Felcourt, we have members from East Grinstead and Felbridge, and would like to encourage more members from the Community News distribution area, particularly Lingfield.

We meet on the second Thursday morning each month in the Centenary Room to the rear of St John’s Church Dormansland for coffee, tea and biscuits, followed by a presentation or talk on a myriad of fascinating subjects.

Last year’s programme included the RNLI, the RAF’s involvement in the Cold War, and the National Gardening Scheme. This year we have planned such topics as the History of Carriage Driving, The Eyes Have It, and Far-flung Places. For those who wish to stay afterwards we have a sandwich lunch, and bring your own accompanying drink, alcoholic or otherwise.

The following activities are entirely voluntary. On the social side we gather three or four times a year with our guests to enjoy pub/restaurant lunches, with the Christmas gathering as the highlight. Visits to local historical and other places of interest are arranged on an ad hoc basis.

Finally, we have a very active golfing society affiliated to the Club which meets around nine times a year at various venues.

I do hope some of this has interested you.

You may wish to know more about us and perhaps would like to attend a meeting as a guest to gauge your interest. I have recently taken over as Club Chairman and can be contacted on 01342 870 643 or mwpchapple@btinternet.com for more information.

Mike Chapple
Community information

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It’s £1 a visit which includes tea/coffee and a biscuit.
For further information contact Sheila Marsh 01342 832 617
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The Darby and Joan Club

Every Tuesday 1:30pm to 3:45pm

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Venue: The Jennings Hall (formerly the Day Centre)

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

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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
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Roll up, roll up, for the National Festival Circus at Dormansland Primary School

Dormansland Primary School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is proudly hosting a circus on Sunday, 5th May, with performances taking place at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm. CN note: selected tickets available as CN211 went to press.

The National Festival specialist circus is a magical mixture of laughter and excitement. Slap stick clowns, balancing artistes, fast tempo juggling, baffling magic, high flying diablos, mesmerising spinning hoops and a bucketful of fabulous fun. The show is presented authentically under a circus tent on Dormansland Recreation Ground.

The school PTA will also be running a BBQ and Bar for your enjoyment. All profits from the circus will be going to Dormansland Primary School. Tickets can be purchased safely online at http://dormanslandpta.org.
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What’s on locally

Lingfield Horticultural Society

**Plant Sale**

10am - 12noon, Sat 4\textsuperscript{th} May 2019
Sale of plants grown and donated by members, including summer bedding, vegetables, hardy perennials, herbs, shrubs, climbers, alpines and indoor plants.

**Venue:** Jennings Hall, Lingfield

**Admission:** FREE

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The Garth, Lingfield

**Garden Open Days**

1pm-5pm, Sun 5\textsuperscript{th} to Sun 12\textsuperscript{th} May 2019

There will be live music and a small theatrical performance to mark 100 years since the refurbishment of the grounds and house by WH Godfrey.

**Venue:** The Garth, Newchapel Road, Lingfield RH7 6BJ

**Admission:** £5

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St John’s Church, Dormansland

**Music in Maytime**

7pm, Sat 11\textsuperscript{th} May 2019
Music from Debussy to Cole Porter with Marianne Goodale,(soprano) and Jonathan Hodgson (piano). *Proceeds to church funds.*

**Venue:** St John’s Church, Dormansland RH7 6QZ

**Admission:** £10, under 16’s FREE

**Contact:** Box Office 01342 870 681

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RH7 History Group

**History of Dormansland**

7.30pm, Mon 13\textsuperscript{th} May 2019
Talk by Bill Stevenson

**Venue:** Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre, RH7 6AB

**Admission:** FREE to RH7 members, £2.50 visitors

[www.rh7.org](http://www.rh7.org)

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Dormans Evening WI

**Plant Sale and Coffee Morning**

10am - 12noon, Sat 18\textsuperscript{th} May 2019
Sale of plants including bedding plants, vegetables and perennials, plus good quality paperbacks.

Refreshments and homemade WI cake served in the hall.

**Venue:** The Parish Room, The Platt, Dormansland

**Admission:** FREE
Friends of St Peter’s & St Paul’s Church, Lingfield

**Lingfield Open Gardens**

2-4.30pm, Sun 26th May 2019
Visit five beautiful village gardens, followed by sumptuous afternoon tea at the church

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**Venue:** The Guest House (Lingfield Library), Vicarage Rd, RH7 6HA

**Admission:** £10 to include tea

**Contact:** more info from Felicity Pool 01342 832 519

www.lingfieldparishchurch.org

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**Bloomin’ Arts**

**Community Open Day**

11am -2pm, 1st Jun 2019
With performances and an Art and Craft Market, Bloomin’ Arts opens its doors to the community to share a slice of cake and a cuppa too.

**Venue:** 5A Shawlands Court, Newchapel Rd, Lingfield RH7 6BL

**Admission:** FREE

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**East Surrey Family History Society**

**Local Family History Society Meetings**

2.30pm, Weds 22nd May 2019
Surrey history of poor relief sources

2.30pm, Weds 26th Jun 2019
Young Charlie Chaplin and early life

2.30pm, Weds 24th Jul 2019
1910 Lloyd George Domesday Survey

**Venue:** Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre, RH7 6AB

**Admission:** Everyone welcome, members free, visitors £2 donation

**Contact:** Peter Heather

www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

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**Cancer Research UK - South**

**Race For Life & Pretty Muddy Events**

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**Contact:** more information from the Race for Life Team 0300 123 0770

www.raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org

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**Eden Valley Museum**

**Free Guided Walks**

6.30pm, 8th Jun and 13th Jul 2019
Learn about buildings, industry and lives of locals in days gone by. *Meet in*
the museum courtyard 15 minutes before the start time. 1hr walk.

Venue: Eden Valley Museum, Church House, 72 High Street, Edenbridge TN8 5AR

Admission: FREE

www.evmt.org.uk

Edenbridge U3A

Speaker Meetings

2-4pm, Tues 28th May 2019
Peter Griffiths: A Lifetime in Aviation

2-4pm, Tues 28th Jun 2019
Briar Blake: ‘Scilliness’

Venue: Crockham Hill Village Hall

Admission: contact U3A

www.edenbridgeu3a.blogspot.com

Renewing the ties with our twin

Lingfield is among the 2,000 municipalities in the UK twinned with mainly European towns, in our case Plaisance-du-Touch in France. Plaisance, with 18,000 residents, has grown from a hamlet with a lovely 13th Century church into a largely modern conurbation.

The town is also twinned with Utebo in Spain and Carnate in Italy.

In our 40 year association, a number of exchange visits have been arranged by the Parish but the connection was in danger of lapsing and few people in the village know Plaisance-du-Touch other than as a beautiful sign by the Cage. The French town has a red phone box sent by Lingfield standing at the head of the Avenue de Lingfield.

Nonetheless, a warm invitation was extended to the Parish on this anniversary
of our 'jumelage' and two residents duly travelled to Toulouse in March to formally renew the ties. Marie Murray, a resident of 20 years, and parish councillor Andrea Watson were met at the airport by their hostess. Arriving at 11am, there was time to explore the city of Toulouse itself. Known as the 'Pink City' for its many fine terracotta brick buildings, Toulouse's economy is driven by Airbus and students.

The programme for the weekend included the formal signing of the renewal papers at a musical dinner for 200 people including two coaches of Spaniards representing Utebo as well as a smaller contingency of Italians representing Carnate. The major part of the programme was devoted to a commemoration of the *Retirada* (or Retreat) 80 years ago. This was the flight in the mid-winter of 1939 of nearly half a million Spanish men, women and children across the Pyrenees after the Spanish Civil War ended with the victory of the fascist regime of General Franco.

It was the largest ever influx of refugees into France. The exiles, who were dubbed ‘Reds’, found themselves far from welcome on the eve of the Second World War. Families were split up and the starving helpless refugees were immediately interned in what were essentially concentration camps with no facilities. They were often forced to work for nothing and later, after the Nazi occupation of France, thousands were sent on to their death in camps. Those who returned to Spain fared almost as badly under the fascists.

Two moving films were screened over the weekend, with several people whose families had been part of the exodus (now settled locally) giving their harrowing accounts of the Retirada. An exhibition, part of which was done by local schoolchildren and which also reflects on the current refugee crisis, is open to the public in the Space Monestie civic centre.

Inevitably, the subject of Brexit arose. The Twinning Association is part funded by the European Union but many towns in the UK are reluctant to give up long held bonds forged with their twins. In signing the 30-year renewal, Lingfield also decided to rise above the politics of Brexit.

We look forward to welcoming residents from Plaisance-du-Touch in years to come. Please contact the Parish Council for details of how to get in touch with host families if you would like to pop over to Toulouse for a reverse visit. You will find yourselves very warmly welcomed.
The College of St. Barnabas

One of the most common things I hear when people have reason to visit the College of St Barnabas on business is, ‘I never knew this was here’.

The College, which has been next to Dormans Station ever since it was built in 1905 (it was based in rented buildings in Dormans Park for ten years before that) is hidden away but is not a secret.

It began as a home for Church of England clergy who were found living in workhouses in Brighton by the founder, Canon William Cooper.

It now has over 50 residents in a community of retired Anglicans, many of them priests who have served in Britain and abroad.

Membership of the College is made up of clergy, their partners, missionaries and church workers, or members from churches of the Anglican communion around the world.

Among our number are a bishop who served in South Africa, a dean from the Caribbean, a man and woman who worked in Zimbabwe, and those who have lived and worked in various parts of the UK.

If you would like to visit the College, there are two opportunities coming up.

The first is our Patronal Festival Evensong which, despite the title, will be held at 2.30pm on Tuesday, June 11th, the Feast of St Barnabas. Our Guest Preacher will be The Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu, Bishop of Woolwich.

The service will be held in the open air – we are hoping for good weather – followed by afternoon tea. This is a public event but, for catering reasons, is one limited by ticket. If you would like to come, please get in touch with the College on 01342 870 260.

Later in the year, on Saturday, September 21st, the College will be open from 10am to 4pm as part of the Surrey Heritage Open Days. Visitors will be able to take tours of the historic buildings, have tea and be entertained in a number of pop-up performances by the Collective choir.

Kevin Scully, Warden
What’s the number?

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- NHS (out of hours service) 111
- Queen Victoria Hospital 01342 414 000
- East Surrey Hospital 01737 768 511
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- Dormansland Parish Clerk: Lisa Liggins 01732 866 149
- Surrey County Council 03456 009 009
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- Lingfield Primary School 01342 832 626
- Dormansland Primary School 01342 832 359
- Oxted School 01883 712 425
- Lingfield College 01342 832 407

**Others**

- Citizens Advice Bureau (Oxted) 01883 730 259
- The Samaritans 116 123 - 24 hours 01737 248 444 - Reigate
- Childline 0800 1111
- Lingfield Library 0300 200 1001
- Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre 01342 833 893
- Oxted Volunteer Centre 01883 715 785
- Young Epilepsy (NCYPE) 01342 832 243
- St Piers Sure Start Children’s Centre 01342 831 306
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