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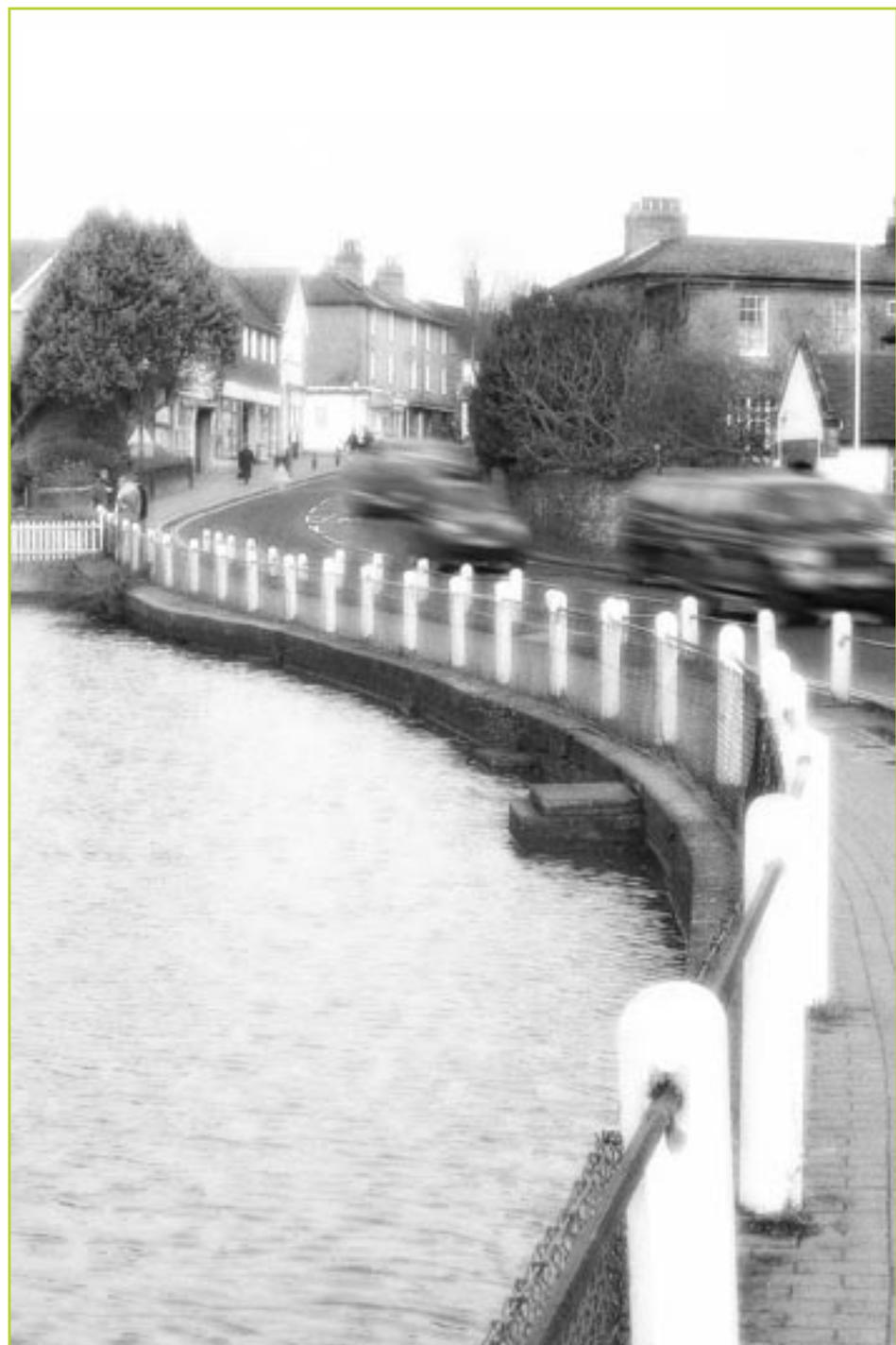
Why care about 'green' issues?



PLUS...

- Lindfield Life does Village Day
- Old friends Mike & Jean report back
- Updates from Boys' Brigade and Zest





Dear Friends...



Great followers needed

After Alive 05 we hope that more people will now be looking at following Jesus or have already made the commitment to do so. So how do we follow and where do we fit into God's greater scheme of things?

"Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?"
(1 Corinthians 12: 29-30, NIV)

The obvious answer is:
"Of course not!"

As an interesting interpretation on the above verses I recently came across a story from Africa that I think is worth sharing.

A young woman wanted to go to college to train for Christian ministry. But her heart sank when she read the application that asked, "Are you a leader?"

Being both honest and conscientious, she wrote 'no' and returned the application, expecting to be rejected.

To her surprise, she received this reply from the college:
"Dear Applicant, A study of the application forms reveals that this year our college will have

1,452 new leaders. We are accepting you because we feel it is imperative that they have at least one follower!"

True, the church today needs great leaders ...but of equal importance is the need for great followers and that each of us uses his/her God-given gifts for the good of all. We will each be rewarded, not according to the gifts we have been given, but according to our faithfulness in using what we have been given for the work and glory of God.

The Internet article, which contained the above story, ended with a helpful prayer:

"Dear God, thank you for the gifting you have given to me. Please help me to dedicate this in loving service to you (no matter how small my gift may seem) and thereby help make my world a better place in which to live. Gratefully in Jesus' name. Amen"

Colin Bones, minister.

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Editorial



As we all begin to believe it may actually be possible to don a pair of shorts for more than two consecutive days this year, others around the world are considering the more serious issues of global warming. This forms not only our feature this month (p.4), but also a themed evening service on 5th June!

The annual outing to the common is also featured here, as we interview June Tilley, Hon. Secretary of the Village Day committee; read the details on page 16.

Towards the back pages of our humble offering this month, you can get well stuck in to reports on Boys' Brigade (p.21), Zest (p.22) and what happened when Charlie & Marion Tingley encouraged the youth group to experience sleeping outside in a box (p.20)!

We also are delighted to bring you news from Mike and Jean Gardiner (p.14) - old friends of our church - as they get used to arriving and now leaving their temporary Baptist parish of Wandsworth!

Thanks so much to all who do write for GoodNEWS, it is certainly much appreciated. Keep up the good work.

David Tingley, editor



Prayer Diary



SUN

Pray for any new Christians, that they may feel comfortable in our Sunday services.

MON

Uphold the music group as they prepare & get together on Monday evenings.

TUE

Our mission focus this month – FEBA

WED

Remember the wider URC: Sussex East District, Southern Province and the General Assembly in July.

THUR

Pray for our friends at Balcombe URC.

FRI

Uphold in prayer Dave and Pam White whom we support in their work for OM.

SAT

Pray for the many clubs and charities locally who do much to help folk in our community.

Prayer *FOCUS*

In addition to the above daily prayer reminders, please would you uphold in your prayers this month two other special prayer requests:-

Whatever your politics, please do remember before God the **new Government** under Tony Blair's leadership. Especially pray for newly elected members of parliament, that they may serve with honesty and integrity. Pray that Christian MPs may have the courage to speak out on moral and ethical issues, and that Parliament itself will show true compassion for people and countries less fortunate than ourselves. Ask for wisdom and discernment for all who make decisions – in education, the health service, the justice system and policing our streets, immigration and many other issues.

Pray, too, for those who have come to know the Lord during **Alive '05**. Thank God for the response, and ask that we may encourage and welcome new folk amongst us.

Building a climate of justice

‘The eyes of all creatures look to you, and you give them their food in due season’ Psalm 145

These words are a testament to the ceaseless work of the weather. It is the earth’s climate which sustains God’s gift of life and growth. As part of creation we rely on God’s solemn promise to Noah and every succeeding generation – that he would maintain a stable climate.

Now this ancient covenant is under threat from human behaviour. The world is experiencing an upsurge in flooding, drought and damaging storms. It is being caused mainly by industrialised countries burning oil, coal and gas.

The UK is contributing more to these climate changes than the whole of Africa. But the worst effects are being felt in poor countries. By the end of the century, rising sea levels and crop failures could create 150 million refugees. Even in the UK, 5 million people are at risk from increased flood and storm damage.

The effects are already being seen in microcosm in the island of Tuvalu in the South Pacific. Sea levels are rising at between a quarter and half an inch a

year. The wells on Tuvalu are beginning to be infiltrated by seawater. The islanders are having to be evacuated. In fifty years time, the island will be uninhabitable, and may even have drowned without trace. Its people will lose their land, their heritage, their memories, even their identity.

The scale of the suffering which lies in prospect is enormous. And it is all the more poignant because it is those least responsible – the poor – who are at greatest risk. Meanwhile the rich who are causing it can afford to defend themselves – up to a point.

On the basis of scientific advice, it is thought that worldwide emissions of greenhouse gases must be reduced by at least 60% by



2050. This can be achieved if we switch to renewable sources of energy, instead of continuing to burn fossil fuels.

A global treaty is needed to ensure that we act together to protect the poor and future generations. However, no plan exists to achieve reductions of the scale necessary. Instead emissions are continuing to escalate.

It is hard enough to grasp the scale of the problem. It is harder still to know what to do.

But now you can make a difference, by taking part in Operation Noah. Operation Noah, a project by the charity Christian Ecology Link, helps you to create a climate of justice for the poor and future generations. Over the next ten years, working with churches and community groups, it aims to bring all sectors of society together to act against climate change.

Operation Noah gives you the power to build a clean and just economy, in three easy steps.

- **Sign the Climate Covenant** to build support

for a just resolution to human-made global warming. But crucially the Climate Covenant is also an undertaking to take action oneself.

- **Take action yourself:**

There are plenty of simple things you can do to cut down on the greenhouse gases you create. The most effective is to switch your electricity supply to one of the renewable energy products available on the market.

- **Spread the word** to family, friends and colleagues, and help them on board.

The way we treat our planet says a lot about the way we treat its Creator. And there is no more complex and serious environmental challenge than climate change. With Operation Noah you can make a difference.

For further information see
www.christian-ecology.org.uk/noah

Can the grass be green again?

The beginning of this month sees a focus on so-called ‘green’ issues locally, up and down the country and right across the world. Environment Sunday, Green Week and World Environment Day help us celebrate the world we have been entrusted with, by seeking to raise awareness of the serious state of our fragile planet.

In our own church Stuart Dew and David Tingley will be organising a themed service in the evening of 5th June – Environment Sunday. The pair hope to explore what is wrong, why we should care and what our response could be.

There are things that we can all do to care more for the world around us; for instance, this month we are printing this magazine, and all June’s notice sheets, on recycled paper. A drop in the ocean maybe, but it proves it can be done. All of us human beings are stewards – and we have a responsibility to God, and to the generations to come, to use our resources wisely.

Do come along on Environment Sunday to learn, to have fun, to worship a creator God and to be inspired.

**Environment Sunday
– 5th June – 6.30pm,
Lindfield URC**



Useful web links

- www.christian-ecology.org.uk/noah
- www.eco-congregation.org
– how a church can respond.
- www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- www.greenpeace.org.uk
- www.greenfutures.org.uk
- www.greenparty.org.uk
- www.greenelectricity.org
– compare green energy suppliers
- www.realnappycampaign.com
– FAQ’s on using cotton nappies
- www.naty.com
– biodegradable disposable nappies
- www.wen.org.uk
– women’s environmental network

20-26th June.



Now in its 9th year, Real Nappy Week aims to raise awareness of the environmental impacts of nappies and to inform parents about modern, shaped and fitted cloth nappies and laundry services.

The Week brings together local authorities, local groups, members of the NHS and individuals in a national campaign to promote practical alternatives to wasteful products - cloth nappies. www.realnappycampaign.com

Oh, really!?

Here is a choice selection of facts you may be surprised to learn about various environmental issues. Sometimes we do things just because we have always done them, without realising any potential consequences they may have.



In most homes lighting accounts for 10 – 15 per cent of the electricity bill.

By buying an energy efficient lightbulb you can cut energy wastage by over 75 per cent. That's around £65 saving over the bulb's lifetime.

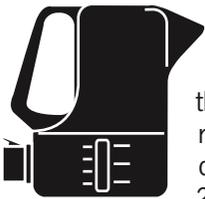
If every house in the UK fitted three energy saving bulbs the energy saved could light all our cities at night.



In West Sussex, we throw away 30 million disposable nappies every year.

It has been estimated that it takes hundreds of years for conventional disposable nappies to decompose in landfill sites.

Using real cotton nappies could save you around £500 a year!



Only filling your kettle with the water you need reduces carbon dioxide emissions by 20 gms a day!



Producing recycled paper uses 75% less energy than when making paper from virgin fibres.

Making one tonne of recycled paper also uses 32,000 gallons less water, and creates 74% less air pollution.

Thanks

With many thanks to all who prayed for us and sent good wishes on our move to Rugby. Huge thanks to Ron Goodenough and Ray Smith who helped physically with the move on the day in a blizzard. Their support was wonderful.

We have settled in Rugby in our new home and already putting our stamp on it and it feels good. Our God has truly blessed us. We are both attending the Baptist Church in the town. The evening service is very much like LURC, a different format each week. They are very welcoming and we feel very comfortable with everything. The musical group is similar with a couple of singers leading the praise. Rev. Anthony Orr is the minister and he used to be at a church in Worthing. The love of the Lord is very strong. We will always have fond memories of our time with you all at LURC.

New address: 6, Vere Rd., Hillmorton, Rugby, CV21 4HR

Telephone 01788 842185

in love, Peter and Dee Henton

Wedding!

Harry McCleery and Rosemary Underhill would like to invite everyone from Lindfield United Reformed Church to share in their **Wedding Service and light refreshments** afterwards in the hall. (RSVP Harry, 20 West Street, Burgess Hill, RH15 8NL. Tel: 01444 258607)

Saturday 23rd July 2005 – 11.00am

We have decided to go for an 'Alternative Gifts' concept where wedding gifts bought in our name go to a nominated charity. We have nominated Off The Fence - a charity that works with the most at risk groups within Brighton. From children that self harm, safe houses, homeless projects, women and families at risk to schools prevention projects. Paul Young from Off The Fence recently spoke at our church and made a big impact.

Paul has provided an Off The Fence 'Wedding List' if anyone wishes to make a gift. The lists will be available in church from Sunday 29th May or from Colin Bones. We look forward to seeing you there!

Harry & Rosemary



The Fellowship

We meet this month on **Wednesday 22nd at 2.45pm** for an afternoon of 'Members favourite music'. Members are asked to bring a CD or tape to share their favourite music with other members. There will also be a 'Bring and Buy' stall. All are welcome to attend.

Anne and David Elvin and family would like to thank Colin and everyone in the church for their prayers, cards and messages of sympathy in the recent loss of our Mother, Rose Elvin. Our grateful thanks to all the staff and residents of Compton House for their constant loving care of Rose.

THANK YOU from Interserve.

Thank you so much for your gift of £1400 to support Interserve's work around the world. We have placed this donation in our Ministry Support Fund. We are so thankful for God's grace, protection, and provision over so many years knowing that you are supporting us financially and in prayer is a real encouragement – THANK YOU.

Bereavement

We offer our love and sympathy to **Ken Long** and the family on their recent loss of Shirley.

Well Done

A number of folks have been involved in raising funds for charity recently.

Colin Bones ran the London Marathon and raised just over £3000 for St Peter and St James Hospice.

The Youth Group spent a very cold night sleeping out in the church garden and raised nearly £450 for the Worthing Homeless Churches Project.

Alison Hopson and **Leesa Lemay** with 3 other ladies each **swam 1,000 metres** in less than 30 minutes to raise £640 for the National Childrens Homes and the Butlins Swimathon Foundation which helps children.

Alison and another young mum had a dinner party in May at which they raised another £640 this time for Chailey Heritage.

Well done everybody for working so hard for the community.

Balcombe United Reformed Church

Bramble Hill, Balcombe, RH17 6HR

Contact: Mrs Leonie Wren (01444 811253)

Our main services are held at 11am on the first and third Sunday of each month and the children usually go out to Sunday School during the second part of the service. Visitors are always welcome.

Speakers for this month are as follows:-

June 5th Philip Wren

June 19th Colin Bones – COMMUNION SERVICE



Joe Lunt's BB retirement

I wish to give my sincere thanks for all the very kind remarks that were made at our April Display about my service in the 1st Lindfield B.B. Company and also for the letters received in a similar vein.

I am deeply appreciative of the very generous retirement gift presented to me at the Display and thank all those involved very much indeed.

I trust and pray that our Company will continue to thrive and to grow in strength in the years that lie ahead.

Joe Lunt.

Shirley Long

It is with sadness that we write of the death of Shirley Long on May 1st. She was a great example of how to cope with a debilitating disease without complaining.

She was always so cheerful and interested in other people's lives. She was a member of Lindfield U.R.C. for about 30 years.

She will be missed by her many friends and we extend our sympathy to Ken who looked after her so devotedly.

Barbara Shepherd.

Family News

BBC is cleared over Springer musical

The BBC was cleared, on 9th May, by watchdogs over its decision to screen Jerry Springer: The Opera. The corporation was not in breach of broadcasting guidelines by showing the hit West End musical, which attracted an unprecedented 16,801 complaints about bad language and the depiction of Christian figures.

Ofcom said the images that caused most offence were part of a dream sequence and not intended to be realistic.

It added: 'The show's effect was to satirise modern fame and the culture of celebrity. Whilst the show clearly had the potential to offend, and indeed the intention to shock, it was set in a very clear context as a comment on modern television.'

Metro 10 May 2005

As the bell tolls

A bell-ringer is still having the chime of her life

– at the age of 90. Rachel Selby has been going up and down towers at two churches since she was a child. 'I must have taken to it because I was the only girl to join the bell-ringing teams,' said Mrs Selby, who has had just two brief breaks from her hobby – during World War II and when she gave birth to her daughter.

Metro 10 May 2005

Have suitcase – will broadcast

When Samuel was with us he was able to visit FEBA in Worthing who broadcast the Good News of Jesus to people in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. He was very impressed with the research that was taking place to produce a ready-to-use mobile studio which could be hand-carried to any location.

Well, FEBA now produce two of these portable studios each month. On the outside it looks like an ordinary suitcase you might take on holiday. Open the lid, however, and you have a ready-made studio! Weighing in at under 20 kilos, this compact little kit contains mixer, computer, mini-disc recorder, CD player, microphones and speakers - in short, everything you need to produce a radio programme.

Many of Feba's audiences live in remote rural areas and some programme presenters have to travel long distances to a studio; and gathering people together to record discussions or songs can be a complex and costly business. The suitcase studio provides the perfect answer: Go to where the people are.

We are supporting FEBA this month in prayer and in our giving so please visit the Mission corner of the Church for more information.

QUESTION - HOW MANY SUITCASES CAN WE SEND OUT??

Bill Green



June church diary

2nd

Thursday House Groups

4th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at All Saints

5th

Sunday 9.30am **Communion**
David Goodchild & Colin Bones
11.00am **Healing**
Colin Bones
6.30pm David Nibloe and Stuart Dew

8th

Wednesday Lunch Fellowship – Outing

9th

Thursday 8.00 Church Meeting

11th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at All Saints

12th

Sunday 9.30am Adrian Cookney & Colin Bones
11.00am Colin Bones
6.30pm David Nibloe and Colin Bones

16th

Thursday House Groups

18th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at All Saints

19th

Sunday 9.30am David Goodchild and Stuart Dew

Fair Trade Stall between services

11.00am Stuart Dew
6.30pm Adrian Cookney and Colin Bones

23rd

Thursday 8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting

24th

Friday 7.30pm Sussex East District Meeting

25th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Saturday Morning Prayer Meeting at All Saints

26th

Sunday 9.30am Adrian Cookney & Colin Bones
11.00am **Communion**
Colin Bones
6.30pm **HH & District Evangelical Fellowship**
Clair Hall (no service at LURC)

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS LISTED ON BACK COVER

Men's breakfast

Saturday 11th June 2005

8.30 – 10.00am

“Every man dies, but not every man truly lives”

(Quote from William Wallace out of 'Braveheart'.)

Our speaker, Steve Holloway lives in Staines with his wife Sarah and their three children; Elijah, Esther and Karis. Steve is the founding Director of east2west - an organisation of 18 youth workers working locally and nationally. Steve is also the founding leader of 'theRivers' - a growing network of house churches - committed to planting small, accessible, relevant and 'unreligious' churches.

He is also a regular speaker at events, festivals and conferences including Spring Harvest, New Wine and Easter People. Steve has been a regular radio presenter and writes regularly for SU, CWR and Cross Rhythms.

Steve will be sharing from his passion for people and life. For many, Jesus and church are about religion, death and misery - but the true message of Jesus is the opposite. Imagine experiencing invigorating LIFE at work and with your family. It's been said that “Men are looking for an adventure to live, a beauty to win and a battle to fight” - now that's living”!

Sunday services explained...

The **9.30am service** is an opportunity for all age groups to join in a relaxed informal time. There is a crèche, and after about 20 minutes children and young people up to age 14 go out to their own groups on most Sundays.

Coffee is normally served between the morning services and after the evening one.

The **11.00am service** is usually more set and formal.

At **6.30pm** it is sometimes a celebration, sometimes a quieter ministry time and sometimes an open communion service or something quite different!

Personal prayer is available after every service. Prayer requests and brief statements of praise for answered prayer can be put in the red book on the concourse table. We can also offer personal prayer ministry at home or in hospital.

We **do not take up an offering** during the services, but all those wishing to give are invited to place a gift in one of the bowls at the doors before or after the service. Thank you.

Cassette **recordings of services** can be borrowed free from the church.

RH16 to SW18

“Could you write five or six hundred words for your old friends in Lindfield,” said the email from David Tingley, “people are wondering what you’re up to.” Fair point. In fact, some of you may be wondering who we are; others remember us, but can’t remember where we went. Well we’ve joined the elite ranks of the two homes families, living most of the time in Wandsworth, South-West London, but scurrying back to our little house in Lindfield every now and again. Not the most relaxing of lifestyles, but we’ve got into a sort of rhythm now – governed by necessity. You see, we haven’t got a washing machine at our London home, so when we run out of clean clothes, we pile all the washing into the boot, and point the car towards the M23 – it seems to know the way – and within about an hour and twenty minutes, we’re home. Or is Wandsworth home? We’re not quite sure. We like the London lifestyle, especially with our over-60s bus, tube and train pass! Only a short distance from Clapham Junction station, the world’s our oyster (at least to the boundaries of Zone 6), and we’ve enjoyed some good days off.

We’re in Wandsworth, of course, not to see the sights of London, but because since last May I’ve been Interim Pastor of East Hill Baptist Church, and it’s a funny thing, but I have only today seen for the first time a Baptist Union publication outlining the priorities of an Interim Pastor! Yes, you’re right – things aren’t so well organised in an Inner London church as they are in Lindfield URC! But we get by. “Go with the flow, Mike” was the wise advice given to me when I

arrived last May, so I’ve tried to do just that and have managed to keep my head above water most of the time.

We came here with the expectation that, with our Latin-American experience, we would help the two Colombian workers to integrate the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking congregations (then meeting separately). It hasn’t quite worked out like that, because the Latin-Americans have largely drifted away, while

the English-speakers, British, Carribean, African and Asian, have increased considerably. And, though we value our lovely elderly West Indian ladies, it is thrilling to see the average age dropping dramatically (I looked around at coffee-time after last Sunday morning's service and most of the people were under 35!) and – wonderful answer to prayer – we now have a musician, after struggling with a temperamental floppy disk system most weeks. Among the recent influx of young adults has been Bethan, a 23-year-old teacher who plays keyboard, guitar and, wait for it, bongo drums! Things are humming at East Hill!

But I've already told the church I'm retiring in August, so just when things are looking exciting, we're going to be on the move again. After all, that's what an Interim Pastor is supposed to do. The church still has problems, but is in much better shape than it was twelve months ago, and people are getting enthusiastic about the church's future. It's possible to believe that, if all our

recent new young worshippers stay with the church, East Hill Baptist might even be attractive to a prospective minister.

So, come September, we shall take up residence in Finches Gardens once more, to renew links with our many Lindfield friends and enjoy the delights of being able to hear the birds singing, and to breathe fresh country air. And enjoy every-day washdays of course!

Mike Gardiner

Village Day

Saturday 4th June will see the 27th Lindfield Village Day. We speak to June Tilley, the Honorary Secretary of the Village Day committee, as preparations for this years' big day get underway.

June has been involved in Village Day for many years, but this is only her second year as secretary. The committee is a small team of local people and is a sub-committee of the King Edward Hall. Preparations for the day begin almost as soon as the previous Village Day has finished, with much to organise and plan for the year ahead.

The week starts on Monday 30th May (a Bank Holiday) with the run/fun run which sets off and finishes on the Hickman's Lane playing fields.

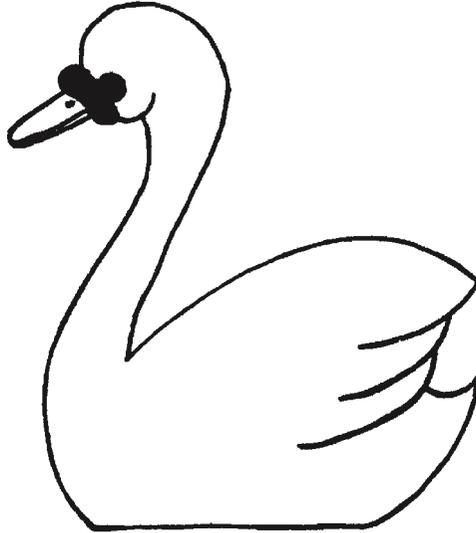
The run is now in its 21st year and as well as the six and a half mile run there is also a 3 mile fun run. Both events are very popular and last year over 350 people entered. "20 stewards man the length of the course and during the race I can be found manning the Spring Lane post from the comfort of a chair!" The route is also lined by The Red Cross and CERT, just in case

anyone should require help.

The procession starts at the Hickman's Lane Pavilion at 1.30pm and this year, as last year, it is headed up by the Newhaven Youth Marching Band. Each year we like to have themes for the procession and this year we have chosen the 60th Anniversary of the end of the 2nd World War, 400 years since the bonfire plot and 200 years since the battle of Trafalgar. It is free to enter and prizes are awarded to the best entries in each class. As the High Street and certain roads are closed for the duration of the procession, we do need to have a Police presence.

Once on the Common the procession entrants are judged and then the arena events will commence. These include a pet show, junior football, karate, line dancing and, of course, the traditional firing of the anvil.

There is much to do on the



Common, not least look over some of the many stalls. Last year there were 91 stalls and there are already over 80 booked for this year. The stalls are generally run by local groups and societies to raise funds. There is also, of course, the refreshment tent which is run by the three churches. The organisation of the stalls takes much planning and on the Wednesday before the event June and colleagues can be found marching around the Common marking out places!

The Raffle and Tombola stalls are run by the committee and are good fundraisers for the Hall. All money raised on Village Day goes towards the upkeep of the King Edward Hall and the Grand Draw is a good source of funds, mainly because there are some fantastic prizes! The hiring of stalls and the run/fun run entry fee is also another way of raising money.

The number of people that attend Village day varies and

is always dependant on the weather, but it is generally between 2000 and 3000. Many people stay on for the grand draw, which is at 4.35pm, to top-off what is a great annual village event.

Tell everyone about it.

If you run a club or group in the local community that you would like to talk more about, submit an article/information to the editor – it would be great to see more of what is going on in/around the village.

Contact details on page 2.

Coming up for Sundays in June



Our morning services will focus on “It’s Time for Hope.” More than 60% of the population say they regularly turn to their horoscopes. And every week, over £85 million of lottery tickets are sold. Add to that the multitudes who turn to mediums or tarot cards. People everywhere are on the lookout for hope. Time for Hope features hope as an important value for today encouraging us to present our Christian message by engaging with some of the contemporary questions in society. The Time for Hope concept comes from the Evangelical Alliance and provides the basis for sermons to be aligned with the Bible study notes used in housegroups to provide an integrated approach.

The evening services again look an interesting and fulfilling mix. To begin we have a special service to mark Environment Sunday. To conclude we join with fellow Christians in our area for a joint celebration at Clair Hall. In between we look at two more of the seven miracles in John’s gospel.



5TH JUNE
– HOLY COMMUNION & HEALING
“IT’S TIME FOR HOPE” BEGINS

9.30 am – Holy Communion

11.00 am – Healing Service

Jeremiah 29: 1-14

– Why Hope?

Christians celebrate a living hope, not merely based on God’s track record – which is supremely illustrated in the resurrection – but in present reality.

Through our relationship with God through Jesus Christ we have hope for the future

Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm –Service for Environment
Sunday led by Stuart Dew.

12TH JUNE – JIGSAW SUNDAY

9.30 am – Jigsaw for children &
Morning Worship

11.00 am – Morning Worship

1 Peter 3: 8-22

– Sharing Hope

Christians will be people of hope and we must be prepared to give a reason for that hope. Hope is to be shared.

Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Holy Communion

Signs for Today 2 – Faith

John 4: 43-54

Preacher – Colin Bones

19TH JUNE – HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 am – Morning Worship

11.00 am – Morning Worship

Stuart Dew leads our services and brings the word as God leads

6.30 pm – Evening Service

Signs for Today 3 – Restoration

John 5: 1-15

Preacher – Colin Bones

26TH JUNE –HOLY COMMUNION

9.30 am – Morning worship

11.00 am – Holy Communion

Romans 5: 1-11

– Giving Hope

Hope is real. It is out of adversity that we find our hope in the living Christ who does not disappoint us.

Preacher –Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Celebration Service

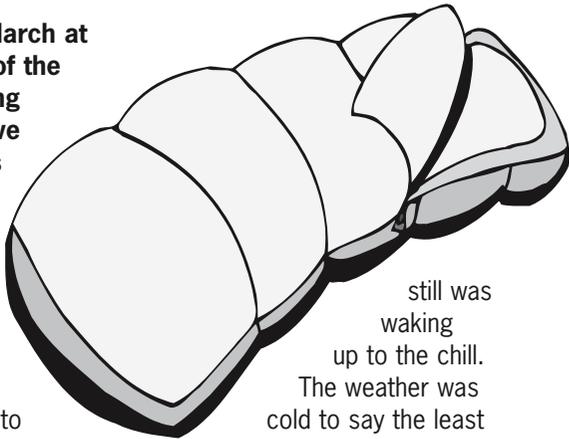
We join with Christians from our area to celebrate at Clair Hall.

Sleep out!

Editor's note: Apologies for this not appearing in last month's magazine. I trust you all enjoyed the photo on the inside cover!

On Saturday 19th March at 7.00pm, members of the youth group including myself along with five others set ourselves the task of sleeping outside in cardboard boxes to raise funds for the Worthing Churches Homeless Project.

We got an insight into the bitter conditions of life on the streets and we were only in the church garden! We all climbed into our boxes well into the evening and tucked into some sweets and cake (very nice!) and had some games, but before long we had lost the energy to do a thing and had all fallen into a deep sleep by midnight. But that didn't last long as we all seemed to wake up at least three times throughout the night to some not so nice temperatures. I myself had four layers, a box the same length as me and a sleeping bag yet



still was waking up to the chill. The weather was cold to say the least but we braved it to the next morning when we got the most wonderful full English breakfast from Tina Elphick and Fay Jones. THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I am writing this just after being to the 'Off the fence' mission supper which was great and covering the same issue of homelessness. What we did was only a small contribution but we thoroughly enjoyed it and would definitely do it again. I would also like to thank Charlie and Marion for organising it all.

Alex Hall



Brigade activities

Our Juniors were mighty pleased with themselves when they won the Battalion Spring Competition held at Portslade URC. Our team, consisting of Francisco de Freitas, Alexander Pippard, Matthew Dew, and Wesley Heyward, scored particularly well in a general knowledge quiz, which put them ahead of the other competing teams.

They did not fare so well at the five a side Football Tournament held a few weeks later at the Burgess Hill Triangle Centre. Although they won two games, and drew two, they were beaten into 3rd place this year by the 9th Brighton and 2nd Burgess Hill Companies. Our team was Francisco de Freitas, Alexander Pippard, Daniel Baker, Matthew Dew, Charlie Horton and Wesley Heyward.

At our Display in April, we honoured Joe Lunt, our longest serving Officer, who retired last year. The Battalion President, Derek Hinton, presented Joe with a cheque for £300 donated by former members, and a deskset engraved with the years of his service to the Company. Messages of tribute to Joe from his son Simon, working in the Middle East, and Paddy Lay, our former Captain, were read out.

Items put on by the Boys at the Display included a celebration of St George's Day by the Anchor Boys, and a sketch based on David and Goliath by the Juniors; Stuart Dew took the part of Goliath, and crashed to the floor with a mighty thump when 'hit' by a shot from a sling fired by David - played by grandson Matthew! The Company Section gave a demonstration of their newly acquired drumming skills. At the time of writing the Company Section lads are gearing up for their Five a side Football Tournament: we wait with bated breath to see if they succeed where their younger brothers did not.

Three Company Section Boys (Alex Hill, Ben Horton, and Alex Batchelor) joined with some of our comrades in the 26th Brighton for a Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition, camping in the vicarage grounds at Turners Hill in a night of pouring rain which did not dampen their spirits.

Finally, we congratulate Catherine and Peter Snashall on the arrival of George, a brother for William.

Geoffrey Cocksedge

Zest



Since it started in January, ZEST has really taken off. Held on a Wednesday at the church, the numbers of young people attending have risen dramatically and four different age groups are able to enjoy a range of activities, as well as learning more about God.

Around 90 children now attend ZEST, some of whom come along to church on a Sunday, and some who don't. Each group has a dedicated team of leaders who arrange a wide variety of things to do, sports/team games, cooking, craft and tuck time. ZEST is unsurprisingly proving very popular.

The climax of the year will be when the leaders take a group of 24 young people to SPREE, a camping weekend run by the Crusaders organisation, with other youngsters from all over Kent and Sussex also attending.

Kirsty (aged 10) and Luke (aged 9) Biersteker have been coming to ZEST since it started; these are some of their comments:

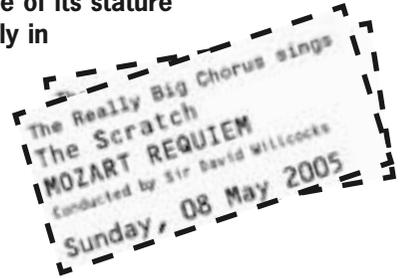
"I really enjoy going to ZEST. It has given me a chance to meet some new people and make new friends. We start each week with sport in the big hall and then it's tuck time. When we are eating our tuck we have quiet time, where we normally look at a passage from the Bible or learn a memory verse. Then it is choice time where we can do craft or cooking or more sport. I really enjoy the craft time"

"ZEST is great fun. My favourite bit is the sport and games and now there are new basketball hoops to use. I also like playing the giant Jenga game. In the craft bit I have made aeroplane insects, a pencil case and a stained glass window. I always have a really good time"

ZEST meets each Wednesday during term time and is for girls and boys who are in year 1 to year 8. If you would like further information, or know someone who would like to join, please contact the co-ordinator, Clare Nibloe on 07940 584679.

Choirs of Angels

The Royal Albert Hall is a musical institution. Even if you have not stepped foot inside, you will surely be aware of its stature within the performing arts industry – particularly in the classical sphere (although certainly not exclusively). Well, opportunity had not arisen in my life to pay the 19th century musical round-house a visit, until last month.



A rather spontaneous decision led to me propping up the theatre bar, supping Guinness and getting to know the barman! Although the story of his life back in Brazil, the cost of visas and the fact that he left his fiancée after finding another woman was all very interesting; you, with me, move on my friends!

Once in the auditorium, I was greeted by the familiar juxtaposition of state-of-the-art 'techie' equipment adorning the traditionally ornate balconies. Similarly out of place, it was at that point that my phone rang: it was my mother, calling from across the 5000- seater hall!

She and some 2,500 other amateur singers (including Carol & John Merrett, Elise Burden and Brenda Johnson from LURC) were in place to sing Mozart's Requiem. Accompanied by soloists and a full orchestra (conducted by David Willcocks) they were magnificent! Coming from someone who tends to regard classical music as more of an interference on the airwaves than a joy, I realised the awesome power of these voices within the context of this classical bullring. There are other feelings/emotions that are raised by more modern 'chorus', of course, but this was altogether very different and beautiful.

However, whilst the performance up-front went off without a hitch, high up in the cheap seats commotion was caused by two lively gents with a propensity to wave their arms about! Their random and bizarre movements added nothing to the performance to my way of thinking, nor the unfortunate punters sitting next to them! Just goes to show, I guess, angels were certainly singing that night but that doesn't stop the dark forces piping up too!

David Tingley

Connecting with Gill!

Gill Martin, who co-runs 'Coffee Connection' Coffee Shop on Lindfield High St, lets us into a few secrets as she answers our questions for us.

- 1: For how long have you run the shop? *7 years.*
- 2: What do you know of the history of the building you are in?
Originally accommodation for brewery staff. Then several retail shops.
- 3: What has been your favourite customer experience?
Not one specific experience, but generally getting to know our regular customers and seeing them come back again and again.
- 4: What is your best-selling line?
Capuccino.
- 5: Why have a shop in Lindfield?
Thriving commercial High Street in a historic and attractive village.
- 6: What percentage of your stock is produced locally?
75%. We roast all our own coffee and try to support other local businesses by buying cakes, bread and juices locally.
- 7: Total number of staff?
4 part-time.
- 8: What time do you have to get up for work?
7.15am
- 9: Which is your busiest day?
Saturday
- 10: Opening times?
*Tues-Fri 9-5
Sat 9-3*



Flower Rota

		Arranging	Distributing
June	5	Heather Swann	Heather Swann
	12	Lucy Thom	Sue Tester
	19	Hilda Donegon	Dorothy Forster
	26	Janet Wade	Betty Peter
July	3	Wedding Flowers	Jacqueline Wood
	10	Wedding Flowers	Iris Bingham
	17	Lyn Tucker	Fiona Tingley
	24	Wedding Flowers	Heather Swann
	31	Fiona Tingley	Sue Tester

Church activities

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 9.30am Service for all the family, including crèche and Junior Church
(Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities)
Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
- 11.0am Morning Worship
Holy Communion (4th Sunday)
- 6.30pm Evening Service
Holy Communion (2nd Sunday)
- Healing services as announced*

PRAYER MEETINGS:

- Mon 9.30am An Hour of Prayer
- Wed 9.45am Short Service of Intercession
- Thur 8.00pm Church Prayer Evening
(4th Thursday)
- Fri 7.30am Prayer Meeting in the Lounge

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Sun 6.30pm Sunday Evening Youth Group
- Mon 6.30pm Boys' Brigade – Junior Section
(8–11 years)
- 7.45pm Boys' Brigade – Company
Section (11+ years)
- Tue 10.00am Stepping Stones
(Parents and toddlers)
- 7.45pm In Touch (4th Tuesday)
- Wed 2.45pm The Fellowship (4th Wed.)
- 5.30pm Zest 1:2, 3:4
- 6.45pm Zest 5:6, 7:8
- Thur 10.00am Pop-In (for coffee and a chat)
- 8.00pm Church Meeting (2nd Thur.)
- Fri 5.30pm Boys' Brigade – Anchor Boys
(5–7 years)

House Groups normally meet 1st and 3rd Thursday

**The church is open Monday to Saturday
from 10.00am to 12.30pm**

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Betty Billins 01444 484494

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Audrey McKee 01444 415031

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Iris Green 01444 484117

Junior Church

& Zest Co-ordinator:

Clare Nibloe 01444 484683

Local events

8th Ardingly Village Open Gardens

Saturday 25th June
11am to 5pm

Bring a picnic to eat in any Garden. At least 16 gardens to visit. Look out for orange garden notices. Start at any garden.

£3 (adult) pays for all gardens (child £1; under 5's free). Plants for sale, refreshments available at Church Centre.

Church open – Organists playing requests.

Proceeds for St. Peter's Church Centre Refurbishment.

Lindfield Family Fun Run and Village Run

Monday 30th May

Check in 9am Hickman's Lane Playing Fields.

MUSIC FOR PLEASURE

King Edward Hall

A lunch-time
concert

Anne Hodgson (Flute)
Bryn Bridges (Piano)

Thursday 16th June
1pm to 1.50pm

Admission free,
Tea/coffee available,
Bring your lunch.
Contact Liz Hinze
01444 452697.

VILLAGE DAY

Saturday 4th June

1.30pm Carnival
procession leaves
Hickman's Lane.
Stalls, pet show,
line-dancing, firing the
anvil and loads more!
All on the common.