

GoodNEWS

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Back to Nature



PLUS...

- Christian 'Bridget Jones' novel reviewed.
- Meet the new barber on the block!
- The life and times of the King Edward Hall.

FREE
PLEASE HELP YOURSELF

'ello, 'ello, 'ello...

One Sunday in February a rather bizarre sight greeted worshippers arriving at Lindfield URC. Below is a tongue-in-cheek take on the unusual image, put together by Brian Tester and David Tingley.



CAUGHT WEEKLY

New cell groups for URC!



Marathon NEWS



Minister wanted by Police for doing a runner (on Sunday 17th April!)

Dear Friends...



To speak out...?

Recently conflicting views have emerged as to whether Christians should speak out or not.

Churches are being 'silent' and 'lukewarm' in the face of moral and social collapse, according to the £20,000, year long study of 14,000 British churchgoers and those who have left the Church. The report says, "This has resulted in a growing number of people being left with the false impression that there are no strong reasons for Christian belief. Ultimately they abandon churchgoing and are mystified that Christianity continues to grow elsewhere in the world."

Researchers found "a widespread sense of anger and frustration" at what was happening to churches in the UK and Ireland. The 42 page report is an indictment of modern preaching and worship, illustrating how excessive liberalism and lack of conviction are driving worshippers from the pews. The report also portrays a desire for sermons based on the Bible and traditional teaching. It revealed that churchgoers want to be told how to live a Christian life and how to evangelise in a society distracted by materialism.

On the other hand, the Director General of the BBC, Mark Thompson, accused the Christian groups who opposed the January

broadcast of 'Jerry Springer' – The Opera of extremism and said that they were a threat to freedom of speech. He may have had particularly in mind Christian Voice whose actions were not representative of the Christian community as a whole. But although 50,000 complaints were received the Director General judged that "the offence was clearly outweighed by giving the public the chance to judge for themselves."

Far from being a threat to freedom of speech the above mentioned report indicates that Christian leaders in particular should exercise freedom of speech and speak out more vigorously and clearly on moral and social issues. We must not be on the defensive against what I see as the intolerant liberalism of Mark Thompson. In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew chapters 5-7) Jesus gave a clear manifesto for living both for the individual and society. We must be true to our Saviour, be 'salt and light' in the world, and individually and collectively respond to today's issues.

Colin Bones, minister.

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Editorial



Living in this area of the country, we are very fortunate to have some amazing views and landscapes to freely explore in our free time. However this month's feature just shows that not all of them have always been there.

Page 4 begins an article about the creation of Eastern Road Nature Reserve - a hidden treasure in our own village that many may not even have heard of! Thanks to David Hills & Tina Elphick for putting together this piece.

Elsewhere we get stuck into a good book, twice! So keen were we to test new Christian novel - The Whitney Chronicles - that we asked two ladies to write a review! Make your own mind up from page 16.

I am very pleased to announce that Ron Goodenough has prepared a Bible study for us on page 10, and, of course, you can use the Sermon Notes on page 18 to help you pray through April's services too.

Naturally, the usual suspects are found in this issue of GoodNEWS too; King Edward Hall is featured in Lindfield Life (page 22), the prayer diary is opposite and we see if Lindfield's newest Barber cuts the mustard (page20)!

David Tingley, editor

Prayer Diary



SUN

Please pray for health and strength for Colin & the elders

MON

Uphold those away at Spring Harvest, 31 Mar – 5 April

TUE

Remember the work done by the managers in caring for our premises & preparations for the Baptistry

WED

Keep praying for “Zest”, staff & now over 70 children

THUR

Pray for our mission Focus, “Off the Fence”

FRI

Uphold the work of the Boys’ Brigade

SAT

Continue to pray for “Alive ‘05”

Prayer FOCUS

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

Let us join with those using the CARE prayer guide and pray **for all those working in the public sector**. For those in government, the civil service, the police force, emergency services, penal institutions and the justice system. Also for workers in social services and the one million employees of the National Health Service, many of whom work very demanding hours in difficult conditions; that morale will be significantly raised and standards improved in every area. Pray too for those working in education, from Nursery Schools through to Universities. Also uphold people involved in transport – on roads, rail, sea and in the air; that God may guard them from danger and equip them to carry out their responsibilities. Remember too, those engaged in unpleasant tasks needed to keep our communities running smoothly. Pray for refuse and sewage workers, response teams at accidents, those exposed to hazardous substances and medical staff dealing with distressing situations.

Further from home, please pray for **Andrew and Jane Spiro**, two missionaries who we support. Ask God to protect them from the Authorities, make them sensitive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, help them in their contact with English students and the children’s club, in discipling new converts and building relationships in the Islamic community.

Eastern Road Nature

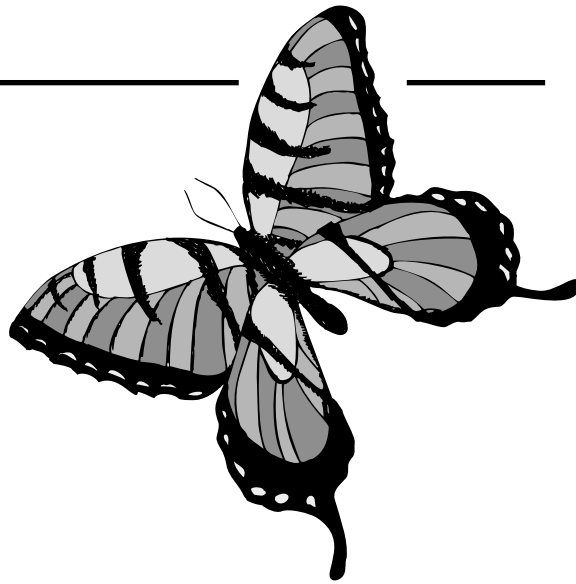
David Hills is passionate about conservation and the environment. He has campaigned about numerous issues from acid rain to saving footpaths. He writes for the West Sussex Gazette and has his own web site. He's a builder by trade working on restoring old buildings. He's not bothered that people think he's eccentric but wants us to learn from the past and not lose country crafts.

Back in 1988, a plan to build 30 houses on the former rubbish dump at Eastern Road prompted a strong campaign by local residents who wrote in great numbers to save it. This reserve is predominantly a wasteland habitat, which is quite rare in this part of Sussex. A rambling, sprawling tranquil haven containing a plethora of wildlife. Let me guide you into the glory of Spring time power here. In February and March the white catkins of pussy willow transmogrify into fluffy yellow encircled by humming bees, emblazoned against the azure sky. The aristocratic peacock and small tortoiseshell butterflies glide and dance over the pristine white sloe blossom, sometimes just happy basking on the bare

footpaths. The pale lilac cuckoo flower lies on the banks of the stream to await the arrival of the orange tip butterflies, whilst bestrewn under the many species of trees lie the sheaves of Lords and Ladies ready to empower their artistic motifs into the glory of springtime power. To me, the long yellow hazel catkins are the pendulous icons swaying in the hushing roar of the wind which represent the renaissance of this brilliant season

On dank, sullen mornings it's just great to come here and appreciate the exotic colours of a greater spotted woodpecker completely at home in the huge sinuous art forms of the leviathan oaks. On a hidden riverbank just outside our nature reserve, the enigmatic and surreal purple

Reserve



toothwort flowers agglomerate like a static penguin colony clinging to the willow roots. This strange parasite has no leaves and appears in its hundreds and sometimes is a challenge to photograph.

The dawn chorus here in these undulating avenues have that extra burst of song as they herald the triumphant fanfares, the procreation of new life. The squirrels seem to have that extra panache and flair as they flit from branch to branch.

The bright yellows of celandines and the tiny saxifrage lining the ditches supply the pristine colours that put the winter blues well and truly into touch.

Beneath the sticky horse chestnut buds and the copious

sycamore shoots here, fungi normally associated with autumn show off their glorious wares. On dead branches of elder, the delicate silky brown membranes of jews ear look down on the sporadic white beauty of candle snuff lighting up the rotting tree stumps. A huge spiritual dimension of nature's finest awaits to be discovered along the sacred paths of beauty here, a spiritual retreat just out of reach of the rush and tear world we live in

This superb wildlife habitat was borne out of man-made garbage into an important nature reserve for future generations to nurture and inherit. So while some kneel and pray in lovely churches, I work in mine surrounded by this multi-faceted

Feature – Nature Reserve continued

realm where the aisles are bestrewn with the awe-inspiring green pennants of nature. I must mention the likes of Andy Powell, Nigel and the occasional visit from Nick Bingham because without them we would not exist as a working group. Our insurance costs to work here on Sunday mornings have quadrupled over recent years so I implore you to support us on village day, your nature reserve needs you!

David Hills

www.sussexuncovered.com



FACTS:

- David Hills, Andy Powell and other volunteers formed the Eastern Road Nature Reserve 15 years ago
- It's a 9.5 acre site
- It was once a rubbish tip
- 50 trees have been planted on the site
- A pond was dug out and coppiced paths created in the reserve
- The hardest work of the year is the annual bramble clearing

Family News

Mission Supper

Saturday 16th April

– 7.30pm for 7.45pm

Speaker:

Rev Paul Young

from 'Off the Fence'

Paul and his wife, Wendy, started the work in Brighton & Hove some 10 years ago working with those in desperate need in the community. Since then many lives have been changed by the love of Jesus.

Do join us for a stimulating and challenging evening.

Free tickets are available from the Missions Group; Bill & Iris Green, Trudy Biersteker, John Barling, Fiona Flett and Ron Goodenough

NB. During the month of April we will be devoting our mission giving to 'Off the Fence' and there will be opportunity during this evening to give towards the work

Who's Who update

Chris Comber's email address is:

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Rosemary Underhill and family **would like to thank** everyone in the church for their prayers, cards and messages of sympathy on the recent loss of her father in February.

Spring Pilgrimage walk

Our next walk will be **Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2005.**

This will probably be in the Arundel area.

More details will be on our notice board shortly.

Barbara Shepherd.

The Fellowship

On **Wednesday April 27th** at 2:45 the Fellowship meets for a short **AGM.**

This is followed by a surprise guest speaker arranged by

Jessie Green.

Tea and biscuits will be served after the meeting.

Family News

Ladies' Nights!

In April and June we have two outside speakers; in April we will hear the testimony from Bonnie Evans-Hills who is an American Muslim convert to Christianity now based in Hove as part of the Interfaith liaison team. In June we have a speaker from the Haven Pregnancy Counselling Centre working for the Care Centres Network. They are based in Burgess Hill and hoping to raise the profile of their work in the local area.

Both of these evenings should be most interesting and we are hoping very much for your support.

As a group we are financing Milly Peace through the Romans 1:11 Trust and we look forward to her progressing through life.

In Touch meets every 4th Tuesday and is generally held in the Church Lounge. All are most welcome to attend and to bring a non-christian friend along. The ethos is friendship evangelism and we hope we fulfil this. Please do join us we would welcome your support for this group as it does serve an important need in the life of this church and without your support will be unable to continue.

Further info available from me on 01444 455047.

We look forward to your joining us.

Sue Waller

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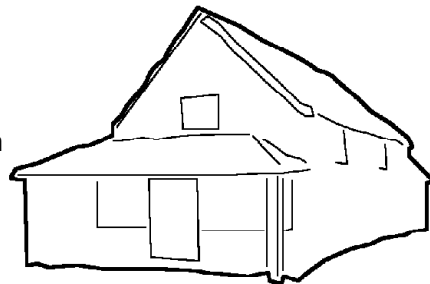
Our main services are held at 11am on the first and third Sunday of each month and the children usually go out to Sunday School during the second part of the service. Visitors are always welcome.

Speakers for this month are as follows:-

April 3rd Michael Davies

April 17th David Jones

Visitors are most welcome to join us at any time.



New words to avoid confusion

Aliens will no longer be sighted in the latest translation of the Bible. Its translators decided that young people think of aliens only as extra-terrestrial visitors.

Aliens are to be called foreigners in Today's New International Version, which was produced by a committee of linguists and biblical scholars 27 years after the first version.

Also in the new version, people are no longer stoned. "We wanted to keep it from being confused with drug addiction" said Professor Youngblood who chaired the committee. Instead they are now "Stoned to death"

Church Times. 11/3/05

Local chatterbox

Local historian, Lilian Rogers, has just published a new book entitled "A Haywards Heath Chatterbox".

Lilian lives in the same road in Haywards Heath where she was born and where she has spent most of her life apart from wartime service in the WAAF.

In later years she was a devoted carer. After being left alone without someone to care for, her alert and enquiring mind forced her to look for some activity to occupy her time. Feeling called to become a local preacher for the United Reformed Church she trained for a three year period before becoming both locally and nationally accredited, obtaining a pass with credit from Westminster College, Cambridge.

Lilian's first book in 1987 was entitled "Past and Present", giving the history of Haywards Heath Congregational/United

Reformed Church. There then followed two more books - "Haywards Heath, Past and Present" and "Haywards Heath - Yesterday Remembered".

Lilian's latest book provides an enjoyable taste of local history, not just recalling outward appearances but also the changed way of life. With this new book we begin to see the personal side of the writer and her sense of humour as she tells the colourful recollections that up to now have been heard only by those who count themselves her friends.

Copies can be purchased from Halcyon Book Shop or Ottakers in Haywards Heath. Alternatively, please contact Lilian Rogers at 56 Gower Road, Haywards Heath, tel no: 01444 410355, for a signed copy. Price: £7.50.

Enjoy!
Jessie Green.

Three Commendations and Three Instructions

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. 2 We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. 3 We continually remember before our God your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

4 For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. 6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord; you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. 7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia - your faith in God has become known everywhere.

This is one of Paul's earliest letters and was probably written from Corinth. Paul had founded the church on his second missionary journey. We read in Acts chapter 17 that he had met with violent opposition but a number of Jews and many Greeks became followers of Jesus, as did a few prominent women.

He now writes to a young

church that is growing, vibrant and enthusiastic. A community of Christians whose faith and reputation has spread far and wide and about which people were talking. Is that the same with us? What is our reputation and how far has it spread?

I often wonder, if Paul was to write a letter to our church, what he would say. Here, he

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-24

12 Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers, warn those who are idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else.

16 Be joyful always; 17 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

19 Do not put out the Spirit's fire; 20 do not treat prophecies with contempt. 21 Test everything. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil. 23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

commends the church on three counts...

Their work produced by faith. Note the order. Our works do not produce faith - it's the other way round. Our work should spring not from a sense of duty or to improve our standing before God but out of an appreciation of all that Christ has done for us.

Their labour prompted by love. Love lays aside the expectation of reward. It keeps going when there is no promise of payback. Labour is harder than work and can only come out of love. Romans 5 says that 'God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom he has given us'. By nature we are generally not loving people but the Holy Spirit can change that. It's God's love that should overflow from our hearts, not ours.

Their endurance inspired by hope. It's difficult to endure when you don't know how long a situation is going to continue - broken relationship, illness, unemployment etc. As Christians we have an eternal hope which is a certainty and the confidence that day by day Jesus will be there to strengthen and guide us. See 2 Corinthians 4:17 and 1 Peter 1:7.

But even with these commendations Paul concludes his letter by saying, in effect,

that even though you're doing well don't stop. Often the last instructions we give are the most important - the ones we want people to remember and act on. So I believe it is with Paul with his quick fire bullet points. Three words to remember.

Prayer. Paul's prayer life must have been something else (1:2 & 5:17). He led by example. He encourages the church to make prayer a priority. If we're honest we don't always find prayer easy but it must be high on our agenda both bringing our thanks and requests to God but also allowing him time to speak to us. We as a church can put on all sorts of programmes and activities but are we calling on God?

Passion. 'Do not put out the Spirit's fire'. We can do this through apathy and complacency and thereby lose the cutting edge to our Christian life and witness. We like our comfort!

Persevere. God's not finished with us yet. He wants to continue that sanctifying work in us. We are still work in progress. Sometimes it is a painful process but he is faithful and will do it if we are prepared to persevere and let him.

Ron Goodenough

April church diary

2nd

Saturday 8.45 – Saturday
9.30am Morning Prayer
Meeting (Tiger)

3rd

Sunday 9.30am **Communion**
Adrian Cookney
& Colin Bones
11.00am Colin Bones
6.30pm David Nibloe &
Duncan & Helen
Warmington

7th

Thursday House Groups

10th

Sunday 9.30am David Goodchild
& Colin Bones
11.00am Colin Bones
6.30pm **Communion**
David Nibloe
& Colin Bones

13th

Wednesday 12.30pm Lunch
Fellowship

14th

Thursday 8.00pm Church Meeting
(Church)

15th

Friday 12.30pm Lunch
Fellowship

16th

Saturday 8.45 – Saturday
9.30am Morning Prayer
Meeting (E F C)

17th

Sunday 9.30am David Goodchild
& Paul Young
Fairtrade Stall between services
11.00am Paul Young
6.30pm Adrian
Cookney & Ron
Goodenough

21st

Thursday House Groups

23rd

Saturday 8.45 – Saturday
9.30am Morning Prayer
Meeting (Tiger)

24th

Sunday 9.30am David Goodchild
& Colin Bones
11.00am **Communion**
Colin Bones
6.30pm David Nibloe &
Colin Bones

**OTHER LOCAL EVENTS
LISTED ON BACK COVER**

26th
Tuesday 7.45pm In Touch (Lounge)

27th
Wednesday 2.45pm The Fellowship
7.45pm Elders

28th
Thursday 7.45pm Prayer Meeting
(Lounge)

30th
Saturday 8.45 – Saturday
9.30am Morning Prayer
Meeting (EFC)

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.

Time to get "off the fence"!

This month we will be devoting our giving to an organisation we have not supported before - 'OFF THE FENCE'. It was established in 1994 by the current Director, Rev Paul Young and his wife, Wendy. Having worked overseas they had a strong worldwide missionary vision but were also keenly aware of the needs of their local community. They felt it was time to 'get off the fence' and put theories into practice and so the work of 'OFF THE FENCE' was born.

It provides a vitally needed service to the most vulnerable and most at risk communities in the city of Brighton & Hove and the work falls into a number of closely interlinked areas:

Project ANTI-FREEZE – an outreach service running throughout the year distributing food, drink, clothing and toiletry items, plus good quality sleeping bags. A vital role is first contact for individuals and also referral to appropriate avenues of help and support.

Project ARK – a scheme providing emergency shelter for the most vulnerable on the streets during the winter months.

Project PHONE HOME – a confidential helpline for those who have left home or run away and want to send a message to

parents and relatives, or to seek confidential advice or help.

SCHOOLS & YOUTH programme – aimed at raising awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse amongst young people, also providing dinnertime and after school clubs.

WOMEN AT RISK – programme providing care, confidential advice and counselling. A wide range of information and support is offered and networking for issues relating to housing, education, relationships, benefits, sexual health and addiction.

SAFE HOUSE – a five-bedroomed house that provides a short stay opportunity for teenagers at risk. This allows 'Off the Fence' to work alongside



relevant agencies providing long-term networking care. The aims of the project are to provide the young people with stability in order for them to move forward and to prevent homelessness.

'Off the Fence' is a Christian charity and we are particularly pleased that Paul Young will be speaking at our Mission Supper on Saturday 16th April and also preaching at our morning services the following day. This

should be a very interesting, stimulating and challenging weekend.

If you would like to give towards the work please use the special envelopes marked 'Monthly Mission Giving' and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service during the month. Please complete a Gift Aid Slip if appropriate.

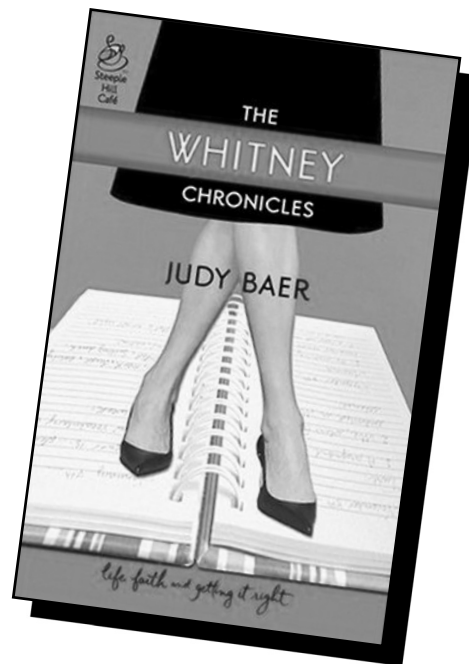
A Christian "Bridget"!!

This book tells the story of a single woman, Whitney, who is presented with a journal for her thirtieth birthday. Whitney states her goals for the year ahead, which include losing weight, meeting a Christian man and reading the bible more.

Whitney's entries record the ups and downs of her relationships, her friend's illness, and her work. Whitney uses the journal to work through where God is in it all and what He is saying to her. In the end she realises that the most important thing is keeping God close and staying in His will.

It is unusual to read a romantic story that focuses on the heroine's faith and it was therefore quite refreshing. The book is reminiscent of Bridget Jones Diary (without any swearing!) and anyone who enjoyed that book/films would probably enjoy this. I think it would make a good gift for a non-Christian woman as they would relate to the experiences and be given an insight into Christianity.

Lydia Goodchild.



“At thirty I’m unmarried and currently stuck somewhere between death and puberty”,

this is Whitney’s problem and as she turns thirty she decides to do something about it. With the help of a new journal, given to her by her best friend, Whitney decides to turn her life around recording her ups and downs in her journal along the way. This book is an extremely honest glimpse into the life of a young Christian women trying to “read her bible more, pray more and obsess less”, as well as “giving up being an introvert, becoming a raging extrovert”, and meeting a nice Christian man, a tall order for anyone.

The book is an enjoyable read and although it tackles some serious issues such as cancer, it never becomes too intense. We see Whitney grow in faith through her journal as she faces different problems and humiliations as well as getting herself into some comical situations, one involving a pretty pathetic attempt at speed dating. Whitney makes light of what is going on around her and, being the cynic that she is, sheds her own witty views on them. Although very relevant to women both Christian and non Christian this book could also prove to be very useful to any men who want to understand women better and see the

inner workings of their complex minds!!!

I will end by giving you three of my favourite quotes from The Whitney Chronicles and hope that it will give you a taste for the book.

Whitney on rush hour traffic – “Every choice I make, every word that I speak, needs to be done through the filter of faith. So here’s my question. What is it with rude drivers?”

Whitney on her colleague, Betty! – “Betty’s the one who came up with the latest guidelines for employee absences. As far as Kim and I can figure out, we’re not allowed to go to any family member’s funeral except our own, and that, of course, with several weeks’ notice.”

Whitney on why her Mother shouldn’t go with her to her weight watching club, - “Mother you’d be run out of the room. No women on a diet wants to see an entire human being who’s the size of someone’s thigh.”

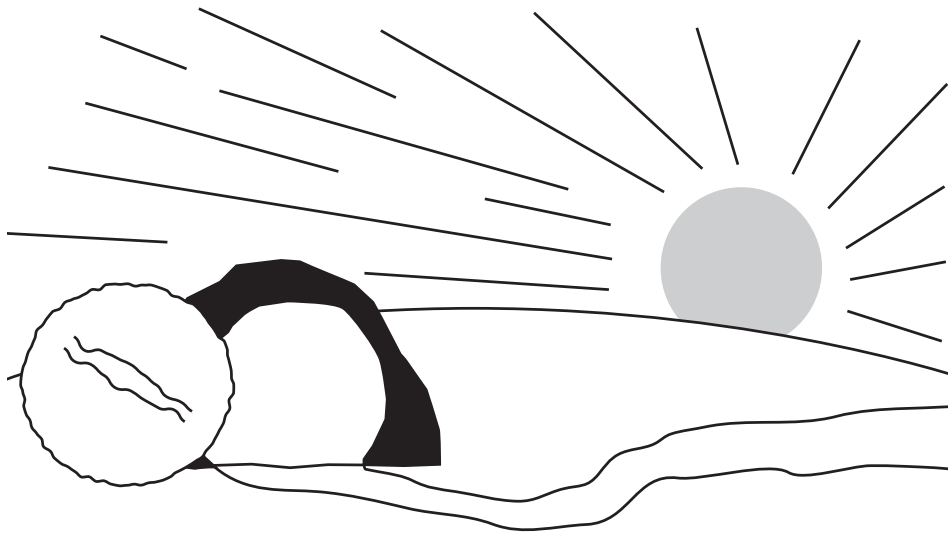
Anonymous.

"The Whitney Chronicles"

By Judy Baer

Sermon notes... _____

April services – what’s the preach?



During April we move on from Easter. Jesus declares, “I am the resurrection and the life”, so in the morning services we have a short series of three looking at what it means to live that life by focusing on gospel passages from Mark and John. This series is well complemented on 17th April by the visit of Paul Young from ‘Off The Fence’ – a ministry to the marginalized and needy in Brighton.

The evening services provide their usual interesting variety of Prayer and Praise, Holy Communion, a healing service and a preaching service.

**3RD APRIL
– LIVING THE LIFE SERIES
BEGINS**

9.30 am – Holy Communion
11.00 am – Morning Worship

John 15: 9-17

– Living the Life 1
Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Praise & Prayer
led by Duncan & Helen Warmington

10TH APRIL – JIGSAW SUNDAY

9.30 am – Jigsaw for children &
Morning Worship
11.00 am – Morning Worship

Mark 5: 21-34

– Living the Life 2
Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Holy Communion
Preacher – Tim Griffiths

17TH APRIL – VISITING SPEAKER

Paul Young ‘Off The
Fence’ speaks at our

9.30 & 11.00 am Morning Services

6.30 pm – Healing Service
Preacher – Ron Goodenough

24TH APRIL

– WORSHIP & COMMUNION

9.30 am – Morning Worship
11.00 am – Holy Communion

John 16: 5-16

– Living the Life 3
Preacher – Colin Bones

6.30 pm – Evening Worship

Luke 18: 18-30

**Following Jesus – a heart
attitude.**

When calling people to him or
challenging his hearers about their
lifestyle Jesus always focused on
what was going on inside a person
– their heart attitude. We give some
time tonight to reflect on this for
ourselves.

Preacher – Colin Bones

Lindfield Barber Shop

Hilary Harber talks to GoodNEWS...

1. For how long have you run the shop?
Just over a month and it has been busy from the day we opened the doors.
2. What do you know of the history of the building you are in?
It was always known as the "pond shop" and sold lots of good old fashioned sweets and the children loved it!
3. What has been your favourite customer experience?
The whole experience of such nice encouraging local people wishing us well and we all enjoy the view!
4. What is your best-selling line?
Modern and traditional Barbering.
5. Why have a shop in Lindfield?
We felt there was a need for this service which has been confirmed by many local clients.
6. What percentage of your stock is produced locally?
All local heads!! Ha Ha!
7. Total number of staff?
THREE. Hilary; runs the shop and is a barber and Hairdresser-full time. Andrea; is a Barber-part time. Mitch; is also a Barber-full time.
8. What time do you have to get up for work?
7.30am
9. Which is your busiest day?
Saturday
10. Opening times?
*9-5 Tuesday-Friday
8.30-3 Saturday
We are soon starting a late night on Thursdays till about 7.30.
We also hope to open on Mondays when staff are settled in.*

Although we are called a Barbers, Hilary is also a Ladies Hairdresser so all Ladies are most welcome.

A Year-round Garden

First plant five rows of peas:-

Prayer

Perseverance

Politeness

Promptness

Purity

Then five rows of lettuce:-

Let us be faithful

Let us be unselfish

Let us be truthful

Let us love one another

Let us follow Christ

Finally no garden is complete without turnips:-

Turn up for church

Turn up with a smile

Turn up with new ideas

Turn up with determination to make
everything count for something good

(Author unknown)



When my grandson was three, he was happily playing in the garden, the sun was shining, but when a dark cloud covered it, Daniel ran to her and said:
"Mummy, God shut the door."

The village pride & joy

The King Edward Hall stands facing the pond and is dedicated to the memory of King Edward VII.

In 1887 the idea of a Public Hall dedicated as a Jubilee memorial to Queen Victoria was initiated by a Dr Daunt but owing to this proving unpopular the idea was dropped.

Twenty-four years later there was a change of mind and the present village hall was built on land donated by Mr Sturdy of Paxhill (this land was part of the Pear Tree House garden and stables).

The Hall was built by Messrs Norman and Burt of Burgess Hill and Mr Walter Tower of Old Place was the Architect. There had been Fetes and Bazaars held to raise money and donations were received and soon the required amount of money of £2,200 had been raised.

There were great celebrations on January 11th 1911 when Col Dudley Sampson of Buxshalls opened the building and the closing words of his speech were:

*“Our work is done. Let others see
That all things work in peace and harmony.
In kindly fellowship may one and all
Through future years foregather in this Hall
Remembering in gratitude what we
In the old time did for posterity”*

Later the North Porch and a rear lean-to room were added.

The hall is run by a governing body of three Trustees and a general Management Committee. It prides itself that it is a village hall owned by the village and is not maintained by any Council. It is a Registered Charity.

From the on-set the Deeds stipulated that a Social Club be run on the first floor. At first this was The Lindfield Men's Club but in recent years has become The Lindfield Club with a membership of 1,600 open to all by application.

During the First World War the Hall was used for a hospital run by the Commandant Mrs Godfrey

Hooper who together with her husband gave much time on behalf of The British Red Cross. There were many Belgian soldier patients under her care and she was decorated with the Belgian Order of the Palms of the Crown showing that Belgians who had been there would never forget her kindness to them.

During this time the Hall was also used as a convalescent hospital for wounded troops returning from fighting on the Western Front and in the nice weather an awning was erected outside with seats to allow the men to enjoy the scenery, relax and recuperate.

Many Clubs and Societies would hire the facilities for a variety of events like dances, whist drives, flower shows, music halls and exhibitions. Of course, there were also many wedding receptions and parties held.

In the 1939-45 war there were Canadian soldiers stationed in many of the big houses in the village (in particular at Paxhill)

and the King Edward Hall was used for many social occasions. There were wonderful parties for children of the village – the Canadian soldiers were very popular due to the fact they had sweets for the children. There would be dances held by the Canadians for the young people of the village and in fact many of the young girls attending eventually married Canadians and went to Canada to live. For the elderly there would be afternoon teas held.

The King Edward Hall was also used during the Second World War as the Reception Centre for Evacuees and school lessons were held there.

A Library was

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.

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Lindfield life continued

established and was very popular and sadly this eventually closed in 1982 but the room – still referred to as “The Library” – is now used regularly for meetings and classes of various kinds.

In 1977 to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II it was decided to build an extension due to the popular use of all the hall’s facilities. This was duly opened and is known as “The Jubilee Room”

There is a wide range of hirings which include three Women’s Institutes, men and ladies Royal British Legion, Horticultural Society, Bonfire Society, Wine Club, Cage Birds Society, Sports Clubs, Annual Antique and Art shows, Nursery school, Karate, Brownies, dance and Keep-fit classes, Adult Education, Dramatic Club, Flower Club, Country Market, Yoga, local Societies, dances, parties and Weddings.

The upkeep of the Hall is maintained by hirings and the regular holding of events such

as Village Day. The income from hirings provides the general running of the hall and the fund raising events help provide the necessary improvements to what is one of the village’s “PRIDE AND JOY”.

Brian Newcombe.



Flower Rota

	Arranging	Distributing
April 3	Angela Newnham	Iris Bingham
10	Serena Nathan	Fiona Tingley
17	Anne Parker	Heather Swann
24	Barbara Shepherd	Sue Tester
May 1	Fiona Tingley	Dorothy Forster
8	Boys’ Brigade	Betty Peter
15	Audrey Saunders	Jacqueline Wood
22	Winifred Scopes	Iris Bingham
29	Jean Baxter	Fiona Tingley

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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Local events

HAYWARDS HEATH OPERATIC SOCIETY

“Crazy for You”

26th – 30th April

Performances: Evenings at 7.30pm,
Saturday matinee at 2.30pm

How do you fancy an evening of Gershwin’s music, together with dance, drama and romance?

All you have to do is to go along to Clair Hall from April 26th – 30th, when you can see Haywards Heath Operatic Society’s production of “Crazy for You”. The Society aims to put on shows to a very high standard, and I’m sure this one will be no exception. So treat yourselves! You will be in for a really entertaining and enjoyable evening.

Box Office: 01444 455440

AGE CONCERN HAYWARDS HEATH...

...Welcomes new members.

We are more than just a lunch club! Try us for activities, outings, holidays, chiropody, hair cuts, assisted bathing and much more!

Monday - Friday

9.30am - 4.00pm.

Just come in, we are next to Clair Hall, or call 01444 450248.

The Preservation Society

has a film show by
Rod Willerton

of restored
Old Sussex Films

at the King Edward Hall
Wednesday 20th April
at 8.00pm.

Admission £1.
All welcome. Thanks

To publicise your community event here see contact details on page 2. Diary entries included at the editor’s discretion.