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Spring Harvest 08

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Dear Friends...



A promise for everybody

When was the last time you were charged with being drunk and disorderly? Indeed, has such a charge ever been made against any of us? That was the reaction of the ordinary people to the early church, that and amazement at what was happening. People from all over the world had gathered in Jerusalem and here were unschooled fishermen speaking to them all in their own languages, declaring the wonders of God. How is this to be explained – too much wine, or is this a work of God wanting everybody to understand his love for them?

A God who is able to raise his Son from the grave is surely able to do anything. Why not join us this Whitsun to discover more about this love? As the apostle Peter explained, God's promise of his love is for everybody.

Last month we were looking forward to Charles and Jenny Martin joining us; now they are here and Charles has commenced his ministry. He will be speaking on Pentecost Sunday – all are welcome. Full details of our weekly programme can be found in this magazine and other information on our web site **www.lindfieldurc.org.uk**.

David Jones, Joint Church Secretary

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Editorial



Sometimes it is really hard work writing an editorial. This one basically has written itself! It's one of those bumper issues with so much in it it's almost 'squidging' out the sides like tomato ketchup in a burger!

So where could you start? Jean Gardiner has written an extremely good article on the importance and necessity of mutual encouragement. I do indeed encourage you to read this.

We have feedback from the Spring Harvest week. There is much to read in these comments. A thank you to all who took time to write about their own spiritual journeys this week. We can all be encouraged.

Who knows what Stuart Dew does every day? Well he tells us in the article 'A Day in the Life of.....' Who knows what the church managers do, how many managers are there and who they are? Curious? All is revealed on page 30.

How many of you can honestly put your hand up and explain what a fractal is? Martin explains all, but not just that he shows us how fractals can help us understand something about the nature of God.

There are all the usual reminders of monthly meetings and adverts for events and much more. If you try and read this in one go you may end up with indigestion so may I suggest small bites and enjoy.

Val, editor

Prayer **FOCUS**



April 27th May 4th

Pray for the new term which has just got under way. For both teachers and students as this is a very busy and important term for all. Please pray especially for those who are about to take external examinations.

5th May – 11th May

Pray for Charles and Jenny Martin as they settle into a new house and village, that they will quickly feel at home and part of the community.

12th May – 18th May

This month our mission focus is Off the Fence. Please continue to pray for this vital, local work – for resources to be released, including finance, personnel and premises so that the opportunities to show and share the love of Jesus can be taken.

19th May – 25th May

For all those in positions of power and authority; be it in local government or national. Please pray especially for Christians in Politics that they will have great wisdom and discernment, in all their actions and words.

26th May – 31st May

Pray for the last minute preparations that have to be completed before Village day. Then for the day itself; for fun and safety throughout the day and a real sense of community.

Prayer Matters...

Let us pray for one another using the words of Galatians 5:22-23 that each of us will be encouraged in our spiritual walk and that we will be encouragers by increasingly showing the fruit of the Holy Spirit of:

...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Don't Wait Till He's Dead



This is the title of a book that has helped me as I have sought to learn about encouragement. Derick Bingham, the author, starts his book with the following words;

If with pleasure you are viewing,
Any work a man is doing,
If you like him or you love him, tell him now,
Don't withhold your approbation,
Till the parson makes oration,
And he lies with snow white lilies on his brow
.For he cannot read his tombstone when he's dead.'

Everybody needs to hear encouraging words whilst they are alive! We need to take as our motto 'Carpe Diem', to 'Seize the Day', and make sure that people every day are encouraged to use their gifts, to do their best, to be a better person, to feel affirmed that they are doing well.

But there is a problem! In Britain we have a real worry that if we tell people that they are doing well, or that they have just done something really well, then they will suffer from the 'big head, swollen head' syndrome. Bingham makes a humorous point, 'people are more likely to die of discouragement than with a swollen head'. And, yes, in our Churches we do feel that we must protect our fellow believers from becoming vain.

Recently, I divulged in this magazine that my secret passion was eating Liquorice Allsorts. A little while later I was surprised to receive a package in the post – yes, it was a packet of Liquorice Allsorts! Yummee! The package was accompanied by a little note of encouragement. How did I feel? Did I become vain? Big-headed? I hope not! I felt loved and I felt humbled that somebody had cared enough to thank me. Does encouragement start with saying 'thank-you'?

Encouragement is often given and received in our Churches but it happens in

many other places too. However, our Churches should be places where we receive so much encouragement that we come out of the building feeling blessed from the top of our heads to the tips of our toes – blessed and encouraged by God, blessed and encouraged by each other.

‘Blessed and encouraged by God’? Yes, God certainly fulfils His part. He is called the God of all comfort/encouragement/consolation. (2 Corinthians 1.v 3-4) F.B. Meyer, a noted Bible teacher, put it like this; Gloom? ‘Fear not I am with you’. Enemies? ‘Be not dismayed for I am your God’. Heart and flesh fail? ‘I will strengthen you’. Stumbling? ‘I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness’, and the list goes on and on telling us of a God who daily shouts out to us, ‘YOU ARE LOVED, I gave my Son Jesus to show you what I am like – I am God, full of love, full of comfort, full of encouragement..

‘Blessed and encouraged by each other’? Ummmm. How do we do ‘encourage’? Why do we find the giving of encouragement so difficult?

To understand the ‘how’ we first need to look at our needs in this life. Life, at its best, is full of laughter, fun, love, excitement, anticipation and enjoyment. At times like these we need to thank God with joyful hearts for His many blessings. However, we all recognize that life can also be a painful experience touched with tears, touched with failure, touched with illness and bereavement, financial problems, anxieties and family feuds. How can we keep our heads high when we feel that we are drowning in a sea of difficulties? This is when we need the blessing and encouragement of each other.

An old Indian proverb tells us that to understand each other we must be prepared to wear each others’ ‘moccasins’. To put yourself in another person’s shoes is where encouragement begins. It is often an uncomfortable exercise disturbing our complacency, To look at another person and to feel their sadness, their anxiety, their lack of self-esteem, their physical pain is where love begins. And then comes the longing to come alongside and ‘encourage’.

Maybe, here, we need to stop and unwrap the word ‘encouragement’. A simple straight forward definition is ‘to give courage, confidence, or hope to’. Yet, there is a deeper meaning. In the New Testament. There are three Greek words used for the one English word ‘encourage’. The first is ‘protrepo’ which means ‘to persuade’, ‘to urge forward’. The Church should always be a community of those who urge others forward in their trust in God. The second word is ‘paramutheomai’ meaning ‘to stimulate to the discharge of the ordinary duties of life’. A Church should never be afraid of the nitty gritty

Feature – Encouragement

of life, of 'feet washing' as Jesus taught it. And, thirdly, the word 'paraklesis' which means 'a calling to one's aid', 'to call to one's side'. Christ certainly comes alongside us and helps us, and so we, as Christ's representatives on earth, come alongside those who so need our help.

The 'how' to encourage becomes apparent as we see each others needs. And as 'we slip our feet into their shoes', we will then want to give each other courage and support. This will lead us into tea-making, doing shopping, visiting, praying, helping, giving a word of scripture, giving lifts, showing appreciation, sending an email, a card or letter, listening, making a 'phone call, the giving of hospitality, the giving of a hug. The list is endless but our actions will encourage, strengthen and help our needy brother and sister. And, surely, our overall desire is to encourage one another to remain true to the Lord with all our hearts. (See Acts 11.23). Such a desire is worthy of any amount of effort on our part.

What sort of cook are you? The one who carefully measures out the ingredients making sure that the measurement is exact, not too much and not too little? Or are you an extravagant cook tossing in liberal handfuls of this and that? Let us not be sparing in our giving of encouragement but generously use large handfuls of it! Use ladles! Use tablespoons! Throw away the teaspoons!!!

Why do we find the giving of encouragement so difficult to do? The giving of encouragement requires a certain big-heartedness, a being more aware of the needs of others than of our own needs. Sometimes we just don't know what to say and so we keep quiet and someone goes away still hurting and feeling unloved. Other times we just forget and a person goes on their way downcast and discouraged. Sometimes we feel resentful of the time that it will take to encourage someone else. How we need to ask God for His help every day to keep us from becoming selfish. The apostle Paul wrote to the Church in Rome, 'Each of us should please his neighbour for his good, to build him up'. (Romans 15.2). This ministry of encouragement is open to all, we all share in this loving ministry, building one another up in Christ. Will you learn along with me?

'Go to it! Christian! The results will utterly amaze you'.

That last sentence by Derick Bingham reminds me to acknowledge the help that I have received in reading his excellent book.

Jean Gardiner

The Phoenix Club

The Phoenix Club will be holding a stall on Lindfield Village Day and would be glad to receive any brand new unwanted gifts that may be lingering in the dark corners of your cupboards, such as unopened bottles of perfume that you are never going to use, or that lovely box of chocolates that is saying EAT ME! EAT ME! We will be happy to take away that temptation from you.

Also bottles/cans of drink or food – in date.

On a more serious note, we welcome any donations that will make an even bigger success of this year's fundraising.

With thanks in anticipation.

The Phoenix team

Gordon & Iris Bingham, Doreen Wood & Mary Comber.

The Churches' Tea Tent

There will be the usual Churches' Tea Tent on the Common at Village Day this year, but there will be a slight difference in arrangements. We are still asking for volunteers to help with serving etc. and, of course, for cakes! Here come the change – we are asking anyone who is kind enough to offer cakes if they could make a Victoria or similar sponge or a loaf tin shape and leave them UNCUT when they deliver them to the tent between 10am and 12noon on May 31st, if possible. Last year there was difficulty with the shapes and sizes of some cakes and we think that this will make things easier to deal with. We would be very grateful also, if you could take all the cake boxes away with you at the time of delivery.

If this all seems too complicated or too much like hard work we would appreciate cash contributions, as last year bought doughnuts proved extremely popular! Donation, please to Carol Marsh (483500).

There will be lists for volunteers to sign on the usual board in the Concourse.

Thank you.



Spring Harvest

Feedback

From 5th-10th April a group of 41 went from our church to Spring Harvest in Minehead. The theme of the week was 'One Hope'. This was focusing on what it means to have a hope that is 'steadfast and certain' in a society where change is the only certainty.

'Man can live without many things, but one thing he can't live without is HOPE.'

Here are thoughts about their time at Spring Harvest by members of our Group.

Chalet 205

With some of our party having spent several hours on the car park formerly known as the M4, we arrived in Minehead – a town of sand, sea and snow (maybe not as much as at home, but by the end of Sunday we had seen most forms of precipitation!) So the reason for being here – Spring Harvest and One Hope, looking at our Eternal Hope.

The worship in the Big Top was good, and led again by Martyn Layzell. Andy Hickford led the morning Bible studies on Isaiah although for the first time two different types of Bible study were offered and Ellie and Dawn tried the interactive version. Looking at subjects of Eternity and Heaven and what happens at the 'End Times' led to some pretty heavy theology, which could get quite mind-blowing but the phrase I'll take away was from the seminar on the first morning – Theology students had just left a lecture on the symbolism of Revelation; their heads spinning to find a caretaker there sat reading it. "You'll never understand all that" they comment. "I don't need to" was the response, "I just know Jesus won!!"

Richard & Dawn Walters, Steve & Ellie Farley

Chalet 206

As I read through the Spring Harvest programme planner on Monday morning, I learnt that Steve Chalke was 'Special Advisor to the UN on God, Life, Sex, Work, Doubt, Money, Success, Failure and anything you like'. AT 10:45 we went to see Steve in action. As he expounded, I turned to look at Rosemary. Her chin was on her chest. Her eyes closed. She had ascended into peaceful slumber. I would like to reassure all those men of God, who have spent hours pouring over scripture to preach at the URC, only to find Rosemary asleep in the front row – they are in the company of Angels!!

Harry McCleery

Chalet 7

Nothing is impossible with God at your side – Johanna Harfield

God's always by our side – Kieron Harfield

God is alive and will never leave us and that death is not the end – it's just the beginning. – Alex Harfield

It's been good fun learning lots about Jesus. I have really enjoyed the praise and worship we had each day and learning that with God there is always Hope. No words can aptly express how you feel when meeting together with 100's of other Christians in the Big Top. The atmosphere is overwhelming.

Jane Harfield



Chalet 105

I am happy because we are raising money to buy Bibles for people who don't have them in their own language.

Jo & Freya Goodchild

Spring Harvest gives you the opportunity to 'do' church in different styles eg. in a cafe environment. There were also opportunities to quiz the preacher and delve deeper into the day's subject.

Lydia Goodchild



God has shown me through Spring Harvest that he is often found in the most unexpected places. We need to 'step out' in faith and He will use us when we feel weak and inadequate. If our Hope in Him is just a comfort blanket we will achieve little for Him. If our hope in him takes us to the edge of our faith and beyond, that's when we grow and his Kingdom prospers through us.

David Goodchild

Chalet 207

Both us of were thankful that the teaching was all about HOPE, and is so joyous. There are amazing different types of teaching and worship. We find it really difficult to choose which venue to attend as there are so many interesting topics. Andy Hickford led a great Big Top Bible study. We were also thankful that we don't need to produce 40 Lunch fellowship meals on the cooker we have here!! Hopefully we shall be able to use the hob separately from the oven by the time we leave!! It has been a steep learning curve!

Janet Drayton & Anne Parker

Chalet 108

We really enjoyed the Bible studies by Andy Hickford on Isaiah. It was great to look at it from a different angle. Our Hope doesn't depend on us, but on God. There is Hope for a broken church. The hope of the world is in a deaf, blind and the broken church. The church has a responsibility to change. It is always great to worship together in the Big Top especially as there is a wide age range.

Chalet 107

The Hope God gives us is not so much like a comfortable warm duvet to wrap around ourselves, but more like a giant leap from a cliff using a hanglider with an experienced instructor.

Jo Bloxham

We learnt about the subject of ESCHATOLOGY –the study of the end times – through the chapters of Isaiah. To live in the knowledge that our future is secure so we can live in the present with Hope through faith and without doubt; also to trust and wait on God and be sure to listen to what he is saying to us.

Paul Bloxham

Andy Hickford's exposition of Isaiah, including 'contortions' (you had to be there!) was encouraging, as were Rob Parsons/Nick Cuthbert's words regarding Change and avoiding conflict. The early evening 'Worship, Readings, Reflections' hour was wonderful, as were Martyn Layzell and band's worship-leading throughout. Lastly, the HOPE in divorce talk was sensitive and informative, and the newly introduced 'Speed-dating' was great fun and an opportunity to meet similar aged and single Christians of the opposite sex.

Ray Smith

Chalet 3

Well, what can I say about going Spring Harvest? To put it in perspective I need to be honest with you.

I have been going through a low point in my faith, the furthest I have ever felt from God. This has been this way for at least a year; I felt I was just going through the motions of going to church and going home again, here and there, nothing much in between. I had been feeling very distant from God, to the point where I could not see the point anymore; I think I had given up hope in God.

I had always talked myself out of Spring Harvest as I just didn't think I was a good enough Christian, or religious or spiritual enough to go.

But when Nicola suggested we go this year and with Zoë's encouragement, I thought about it and went with it, still not really liking the idea.

Then suddenly there we are, two days before going, and I really

had second thoughts, looking for any excuse to not go. Toby became unwell, that's it I thought, we shouldn't go because he is not well.

Nicola encouraged me that it would be fine. Then we woke on the morning of departure to find Toby had been sick in the night! That was it I thought, we cannot go now but the car was packed.

I am always the same with any sort of holiday or days away, I always worry about whether everything will be ok etc and usually spend the whole time away thinking about home. Anyway we drove the 188 miles to Minehead Butlin's. We arrived mid afternoon, but because of my lack of interest I had not quite imagined the sheer scale of the Butlin's site, for anyone who has never been it is huge and is more than a little overwhelming.

Dan and Zoë directed us to our apartment and we started to settle in, but being "Newbie's" to Spring Harvest we had no idea of where things were but everyone was helpful. We didn't attend anything the first night and I still wanted to jump in the car and drive home I felt completely out of my comfort zone.

The next day things seemed brighter (and colder!) We went to the first session of worship that morning in the Big Top; they talked about the theme for this year being Hope for the future. This seemed to challenge me immediately; I could feel God talking to me.

As each day passed I felt more positive, and very glad we had come. We attended various sessions at all hours of the day.

Spring Harvest is a unique place, to have a "Village" full of Christians all with the same viewpoint, all living together. It felt a very safe place to be. One evening a few of us went to a Pub on site. It's just about the only time you would ever get a pub totally full of Christians!

So am I glad we went? Yes, Yes and Yes!

Do I recommend Spring Harvest to others? Yes, Yes and Yes!

I have not been transformed into a mega religious person, and don't plan to change the world now I've been, but I do feel refreshed in my faith which is just what I needed.

Chris Saunders

The Friday before we left Toby hadn't been well and we were contemplating not going, especially as he was still quite unwell on Saturday. But we did go. It took him a few days to recover properly, and I'm so pleased we made the decision to go.

Spring harvest to me was a whirlwind of emotions and experiences, with a jam-packed programme to choose from, there was plenty to keep everyone in our group (all 49 of us) occupied. When we weren't attending seminars or worship, we were meeting together, swimming, walking on the beach, attending concerts, comedy shows or discussions, and most importantly spending time with Jesus.

Without telling you everything that went on, here's a list of words and phrases that I feel sum up Spring Harvest 2008 for me – Anxious (in the beginning), Great company, Laughs, Vast choice of activities, Worship, Dance, Art, Sowing seeds of Hope, Eschatology, Steve Chalke and his 'Pants Aid'.

On day 4, I felt lifted and moved by God's words and really started to feel that I could 'sow some seeds of hope' and looked forward to what was to be said, during our final days away, and in the future, back here with all of you.

This was my first Spring Harvest. I'm so glad we decided to go and wish to take this opportunity to thank Zoe for all the work she has done in booking/organising/updating/encouraging our group before and during our time away.

Nicola Saunders

Chalet 106

Alongside all the excellent teaching and active programme, we enjoyed having time coming together for fun and fellowship with the other members of our group. We both enjoyed going out for 'boy's' and 'girl's' nights respectively where we were entertained by Tim Vine and John Archer and their side-splitting comedy routine. We came away reassured in the knowledge that however life is treating you, there is always Hope.

Zoe, Dan, Tom, Emily & Isabel McQuillin

SH2009 - Thinking about it already???

It seems like we have only just returned but we are looking ahead already to Spring Harvest 2009. (*Bookings have to be made by the 11th June!!*)

Next year we will be looking at the life of an Apprentice.

Jesus' first followers were real apprentices. Jesus' apprentice-disciples learnt from him through observation, imitation, trial and error, formation of habits and skills, reflection on why things happened the way they did and what could be done differently next time.

An apprentice learns from their teacher, as well as with other apprentices, not just from the textbook, but primarily through practice, misunderstanding, mistakes, failure, setback, debate, success and more practice.

In 2009, Spring Harvest will respond to this challenge as we explore the theme of Apprentice—Walking in the Way of Christ.

There will be an Information Tea on Sunday 18th May at 4.00pm, for anyone who would like more information about Spring Harvest and a chance to chat to others who have been in the past.

We would like to see many people of all ages coming next year, and joining together as a church fellowship. Accommodation is self-catering, but half-board is an option. If you would like to come and require further information please contact **Zoe McQuillin on 01444 484364 or email her on zoe@mcquillin.com**. You can then confirm your attendance by signing up on the form in the concourse or contacting Zoe direct, **by Sunday 8th June.**





Off the Fence

Most of us will be aware of the tremendous work Off the Fence is doing in Brighton & Hove. It provides vital services to the most vulnerable and at risk in the community, seeking to be approachable, non-judgmental, and always being available to help.

Off the Fence aims to make a difference in people's lives by working in the five areas of...

Homelessness – Staff together with volunteers are out six nights each week (the other night is covered by a church) handing out food and hot drinks and sleeping bags where needed. In addition to this a monthly Fellowship is run at St Luke's Church called 'The Carpenter's Arms', which is very popular

Women at risk – the need is still as great. The premises devoted to this work have recently been refurbished to provide a centre for one to one support and befriending.

Education – Almost every secondary school is open to Off the Fence to run Christian-based lunchtime clubs. It is planned that the clubs should be maintained at their existing level and to develop more in depth relationships with two or three of the schools.

Accommodation for young people at risk – There is room for expansion of this work and wisdom is needed as the next stage is considered.

Ministry – many opportunities to share the Christian faith both in churches and

other venues and meetings.

Over the past year the work has expanded. The number of young people in contact through the schools work has increased from 100 to 350 each week. The drop-in centre opened at the beginning of 2007 is now at capacity with many more visiting for advice, assistance with housing or just a cup of coffee. The Safe House has recently been granted a further three years of support from the local authority. Paul Young, the Ministry Director, is having many more openings for teaching, preaching and sharing about the work and his testimony.

The various Project Leaders are very excited about these increased opportunities, which far outweigh the resources available.

Please continue to pray for this vital, local work – for resources to be released, including finance, personnel and premises so that the opportunities to show and share the love of Jesus can be taken.

More information can be found at the Mission Display Area. If you would like to give towards the work please use the special envelopes provided and place your gift in the offertory at any Sunday service. Please complete a Gift Aid Slip if appropriate, i.e. you are a tax payer.

If you would be interested in being involved in the work as a volunteer or giving on a regular monthly basis please speak to Ron Goodenough (417002)

Thank you

May church diary

1st

Thursday House Groups

3rd

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

4th

Sunday 9.30am Dan McQuillin
11.00am Charles Martin
6.30pm TBA

8th

Thursday 8.00pm Church Meeting

10th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

11th

Sunday 9.30am Charles Martin & Communion
11.00am Charles Martin
6.30pm Charles Martin

14th

Wednesday 12.30 Lunch Fellowship

15th

Thursday House Groups

16th

Friday 12.30 Lunch Fellowship

17th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

18th

Sunday 9.30am Mike Gardiner
11.00am Mike Gardiner
6.30pm Charles Martin with Communion

22nd

Thursday 8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting

24th

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

25th

Sunday 10.30am Charles Martin Communion
6.30pm TBA

27th

Tuesday 7.45pm In Touch

28th

Wednesday 2.45pm Afternoon Fellowship
7.30pm Elders' Meeting

31st

Saturday 8.45 – 9.30am Prayer Meeting at Evangelical Free Church

VILLAGE DAY

OTHER LOCAL EVENTS LISTED ON BACK COVER

Balcombe United Reformed Church



Bramble Hill, Balcombe, RH17 6HR.

Contact: Mrs Leonie Wren (01444 811253)

Our services are held weekly at 10.30am.
Visitors are always welcome to join us.

Speakers for this month are as follows:-

4th **Stuart Dew**

11th **HYMN CHOICE – Donald Nisbet**

18th **Charles Martin**

25th **Philip Wren**

FlowerRota



Arranging

Distributing

May

4 Boys' Brigade

11 Fiona Tingley

18 Jean Baxter

25 Audrey McKee

Kay Phillpot

Jo Bloxham

Iris Bingham

Heather Swann

June

1 Serena Nathan

8 Zoe McQuillin

15 Wedding Flowers

22 Gladys Porter

29 Audrey Saunders

Sue Tester

Jacqueline Wood

Barbara Shepherd

Lesley Sparks

Margaret Gomme

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.

Fractals

For many people, mathematics is considered a dull subject and as long as the bank account can be balanced at the end of the month that's as far as they need take it. However, far from being dull, mathematics can be exciting and even beautiful, from the simple elegance of $1 + 1 = 2$ to the shapes produced by mathematical rules.

Before the mid-1970's, classical (Euclidian) geometry produced combinations of simple shapes such as the square, circle, triangle and so forth. In 1975, however, a Polish-born mathematician, Benoit B. Mandelbrot, helped by the power of computers described a radically more complex branch of geometry named fractal geometry. The name derives from the Latin fractus, meaning broken or fragmented. The formulae of fractal geometry produce complex shapes, fractals, which are quite distinct from the simple Euclidian shapes. Whereas Euclidian geometry can describe the man-made things we see about us, buildings, cars and so forth, fractal geometry can describe the non-uniform, irregular shapes that we see in nature, such as the outline of a coast, the branching of a tree or fern, lightning, snow flakes and even cauliflower! Fractals commonly exhibit the property of self-similarity, where the component parts resemble the whole. Although fractals look lovely just in black and white, add a touch of colour and they become truly stunning! Another property they exhibit that

especially interests me is that they can be magnified almost indefinitely – you can zoom in and in on a fractal and never reach the end! When I first looked at fractals they reminded me of the depth there is to God. The more and more you zoom in on and explore God the more there is to find out – you never cease to be amazed at the depth there is to God's power and love. "Grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (Ephesians 3: 18) and be reminded of it when you look around at the shapes in nature and those generated on the computer.

Psalm 147:5 "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit."

Martin Hall

For more information on fractals go to:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fractal>

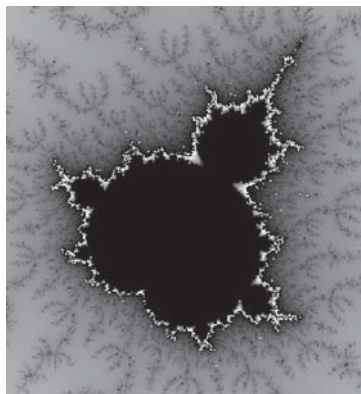
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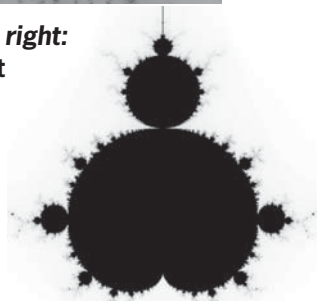
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Fern leaf –
a natural fractal



Above and right:
Mandelbrot
fractals



Charity runs

Race for life

Ardingly Showground, Ardingly.

Sunday 29th June 2008, 11am

*(they encourage us to get there at 10am
for a pre-run warm up and exercise)*

Race length 5km, (females only) walking,
jogging or running.

Registration must be done before the race,
and is subject to places. So you need to
book sooner rather than later
£12.50 registration fee.



Lindfield Run

Monday 26th May

Hickmans Lane playing field, Lindfield

5km Fun run 10.30am.
entry fee £3

10.5km Run 10.45am,
entry fee £7

Entries can be made before the date or
9am-10am that morning.

Anyone can take part in this event,
children under 12 must be accompanied
by an adult, dogs must be on leads.

Tearcraft Jewelry and Accessories

Margaret Gomme has recently been registered as a tearcraft seller of jewelry and accessories.

Catalogues are available from the missions table. Please have a browse and you will see some beautiful and well-crafted items made by people in some of the world's poorest communities.

The prices are reasonable and the products are very different from what you would see in the shops. Every order extends the opportunities that come with the dignity of employment, fair wages and the hope of a brighter future.

Margaret Gomme

In Touch

Tuesday 27th May

"In Touch" ladies are glad to welcome **Joan Bailey**, one of our members, as the guest speaker. She will be talking about '**An Aspect of Reflexology**'

The meeting is on Tuesday 27th May, starting at 7.45pm. Do come - and bring your questions.
Barbara Shepherd

The Fellowship

Wednesday 28th May

Our Meeting this month is on May 28th at 2.45pm. Unfortunately the advertised speaker is unable to come. The subject of the talk will be announced shortly.

There will be our usual Bring and Buy Stall.

Family News

New Address

Philip Turner has recently moved to the following address:
34 Cissbury Road, Burgess Hill,
West Sussex, RH15 8PW
Tel: 01444 871158

Bereavements

Please remember **Molly Halkier** and her family in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her much-loved daughter Carole who died on Sat 29th March after a long battle against cancer.

We are very sad to record the death of **Mrs Kath Elcome** on Friday 11th April. Kath was one of our oldest Church members and until recent months was a regular worshipper at the 11.00am Service.

Please remember **Carol, Stuart** and all the family as they mourn the loss of a much loved mother and grandmother.

Making sense of the Ascension

Acts 1:9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.... "This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way..."

If we find the ascension story of Jesus to be mysterious, think of what it must have been like for the on-looking disciples! Jesus, who had returned to them after death, was suddenly departing again - this time to heaven, a realm of mystery. But just because heaven was mysterious to them, as it is to us, does not mean it is less real than this earthly realm where we now live.

The risen Lord has a real, resurrection body, a fact which he fully impressed upon his disciples during the 40 days of his post-resurrection, pre-ascension appearances. The most obvious difference between his risen body and the mortal is seen in his now being free from the limitations of mortal existence, such as the limits of space and time. Jesus simply appeared in his risen body in the closed Upper Room with the disciples. And at his

ascension, Jesus left the realm of earth and entered another realm, where he now dwells in his resurrection body.

The heavenly realm is what the Bible calls "the kingdom of the heavens", and is more real than this earthly creation, which is temporal and in the process of being redeemed (Romans 8:19-21). We shouldn't think of heaven as "some place out there", which can be seen with mortal eyes, lest we be as pagan in our thinking as the Russian cosmonaut, who declared after returning from space that he proved there is no God because he didn't see him!

But we are to live in the awareness that we belong to another realm, another kingdom not of this world, as Jesus explained to Pilate (John 18:36). The risen Lord Jesus is alive somewhere, and even present with us through the Holy Spirit. Our calling and commission is to pray, live and serve to the end that the kingdom of God will come to earth (Matthew 6:9) and that the kingdom of the world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15).

Source: Parish Pump

So who do you think you are?

My own journey into family history began about 15 years ago, shortly before my parents died. I had a few faded photos and brief snippets of information about my forebears and that was all. The records to uncover the past, and where they could be found, lay not on the internet but in county records, the public Records Office in London and with the Mormon Family History Centre.

The Mormon Church had photocopied many parish records and these were available on microfiche for anyone to view at the Family History Centre in Crawley. I was fortunate that the village of Stratfield Saye in Hampshire was one of those and births and marriages contained the names of many of my ancestors. So, armed with photocopies of the relevant documents bearing the THORP together with a copy of the 1881 census, I was able to sort out a basic family tree. The Hampshire Records office in Winchester was very helpful and produced a goldmine of information. Now I not only

had births, marriages and deaths but inventories, wills and census returns to give some substance to these names and the more details that I found the more absorbing I found the quest. From this early beginning I have been able to build up a picture of my family through eleven generations to the present day.

Inventories provide a wonderful window into the lives of a family, listing all the household goods, plus farm animals and sometimes crops, when the head of the household died and I have several from the 17th Century. The earliest one I have found was taken in 1587 for Harrie Thorp followed by one for his son, Henry in 1619 and his son in 1631. It is not until Abraham's will in 1767 that the names of the farms were given. Abraham specified which son would take over which farm after he died. I was then able to visit Stratfield Saye and the surrounding area and see for myself the villages and farms where my family had lived for several hundred years.

Ancient documents can be difficult to read but very rewarding when more details of the family are

uncovered and I have been indebted to my son Tim who has helped and encouraged me in transcribing many of these over the years. There is for instance "Presentments", a local court where minor offenders were presented before a magistrate. In 1623 I find Hugh Thorp mentioned on several occasions with various minor problems with his neighbours. Leasehold agreements for farms give detailed instructions for maintaining the land, the rent due and other notes of interest and also a land tax for the early 19th century gives the names of other members of the family who were on other farms in the area. On one occasion I came across a letter written by William Thorp, my great-great Grandfather, to the Duke of Wellington and his reply in 1831, which was very exciting.

At times my investigations have taken me down side roads into the families who have married into my family where I have found various shopkeepers, clerks, a gardener and a miller but perhaps the most interesting person has been Henry Burford, one of my great-great Grandfathers. He was born in Southwark in 1895, the son of a boot and shoemaker in the High Street and lived throughout nearly all the 19th century until 1896. He became a doctor, qualifying in 1830 having studied at Guy's and St. Thomas's during his apprenticeship and then his father paid for him

to travel to Italy where he studied in Bologna, Florence and Rome before going into practice as a GP/ Surgeon in Marylebone. The census records from 1841 give details of his household through to 1891 and the house where his daughter Emma grew up is still there, looking very much the same as it would have done 150 years ago. I have visited the church nearby where she married James Ebenezer Thorp in 1871 before returning with him to the farm near Reading. The doctor's obituary in the British Medical Journal of 1896 has given me further details of his life and I am sure he would have been a really interesting person to know.

I have enjoyed many hours piecing the jigsaw together over the years and as my family tree has grown my interest in social history has increased as a result. Nowadays, the internet holds many records on-line and it is possible to search much more easily and I would be happy to talk to anyone who is trying to discover their roots and maybe help although I can never guarantee success.

Brenda Johnson

A Service Of Hope

On Friday 4th April Jean and I were strolling in the spring sunshine in London, and “by chance” walked into Westminster Abbey just before 5 o’clock, thinking we would enjoy listening to choral evensong. Instead, we found ourselves handed a 20-page Order of Service for “Keeping the Dream Alive”, and joining a multi-ethnic congregation for a commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King.

Most of the notable black British church leaders took part, along with actor and playwright Kwame Kwei-Armah, David Lammy, MP for Tottenham (my home town!), and the American Ambassador. They read scripture lessons, also excerpts from King’s speeches, and we heard a recording of the famous “I have a dream” speech. Two black gospel choirs sang, and we in the congregation joined with them in “We Shall Overcome.” We also sang “Thine be the Glory” and the “Battle Hymn of the Republic”. In a very moving moment, wreaths were laid by grieving relatives of recent victims of violence as we listened to a soloist singing “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (which had been sung at King’s funeral).

The preacher was Joel Edwards, General Director of the Evangelical Alliance, and he stressed that Martin Luther King’s fight for racial justice was rooted in his strong faith in Jesus Christ, pointing out that “You cannot have King without King’s God.” The event had been sub-titled “A Service of Hope”, and Mr Edwards closed his message by challenging us all to continue the work begun by King in building a world of peace, equality and justice.

We left the service thanking God for the life of this courageous Christian minister, and thankful that we were guided to attend such an uplifting service.

Mike Gardiner

Here is the fifth in our new 'back to basics' on the Christian faith. The Rev Paul Hardingham, rector of Bolton, considers...

Christian Basics:

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

Like a powerful searchlight, the aim of the Holy Spirit is to highlight Christ and enable us to live the Christian life. Therefore, it is important to ask the crucial question: what does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?

The Spirit brings us new birth into the family of God, for without him we cannot develop our relationship with God. Every person who has committed their life to Christ possesses the Holy Spirit, as Paul says, 'if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.' (Romans 8:9).

Primarily, the Spirit assures us of God's love and acceptance in our lives, despite our fears, doubts or failures: 'God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us' (Romans 5:5). Paul expresses this in terms of our adoption as sons and our new status, family and future: 'Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father".'

So you are no longer slaves, but God's children; and since you are his children, he has made you also heirs' (Galatians 4: 6,7). This means that we can now address God as father ie abba,

which is Aramaic for 'daddy', the very word used by Jesus himself. We can struggle with this truth in our experience, perhaps as a result of authority figures (eg parents, teachers etc), who have been domineering, withdrawn or abusive. However, the Spirit will work within us to bring healing and release in our lives.

As the Helper (or Counsellor) the Holy Spirit is also alongside to enable us to pray: 'In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans'. (Romans 8:26). For our prayers he gives us both words understood, unknown words (ie gift of tongues) or no words at all (ie tears or sighs). He will also help us to understand God's word and hear what God is saying to us. 'But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth'. (John 16:13).

'The presence of the Spirit, as an experience and living reality, is the crucial matter for the Christian life from beginning to end' (Gordon Fee).

Source: Parish Pump

Stuart Dew

Stuart Dew is national press officer for the United Reformed Church.

Before leaving home, I check the office e-mail. E-mail is a mixed blessing, sometimes it can seem like a tyrant. But if I highlight the urgent, I at least know what's in store for later. Today starts well; our electronic cuttings service shows me that a good news story I wrote for a church in Lincolnshire, is featured prominently on the website of the local newspaper. It is likely to make a page lead in the paper, with a smiling picture of the minister.

I have begun to produce a newsletter which goes to volunteer local press officers. One has responded, letting me know that she contacted the regional television station, to tell them how her congregation had knitted – yes, knitted - the Easter story. A camera crew turned up at her church in Hartlepool, where our enterprising press officer had selected and schooled members of the congregation to provide some good quotes. Result: three minutes of airtime on the regional bulletin on Easter Day. She sent me the web link so I could view it. It was a good promotion of the gospel.

My job would be easier if the United Reformed Church moved its offices nearer to Victoria, but that won't happen



and the journey can take up to two hours. As soon as I arrive, the day begins to run out of control. Can I ring a local minister urgently? Can it wait until I have eaten my toasted bacon sandwich (with ketchup), purchased at the Café Carmel in

Grays Inn Road? It probably can't.

This is less good news.

An elderly retired minister has been tricked by people posing as police officers, into persuading members of his congregation to give money for the homeless, which they pocketed. A large part of my time is taken up with what I call reputation management and I can already see the tabloid headline "Dodderly vicar conned by bogus cops". I draft a robust response that we can make if it becomes public. "Generosity was a hallmark of the ministry of the Revd So-and-so and it remains a feature of the life of his local church. It is sad that people have sought to take advantage of this unfairly, but we would rather that, than miss the opportunity to support a truly deserving cause".

Sometimes the problem is more serious. But I take the view that even in the darkest situation, there are positive things we can say. The United Reformed Church used to be media shy; if the press telephoned, people put their heads down until they went away. We are trying to change that. Our Moderator of General

Assembly recently appeared on Premier Christian Radio.

And several papers carried the news that we had appointed a new general secretary, the first woman to hold the post in the United Reformed Church or its predecessor denominations. I had made arrangements to issue a news release and for it to be posted on the United Reformed Church website www.urc.org.uk as soon as the appointment was confirmed. After a working life in newspapers and broadcasting, and then in criminal justice, it is good to be able to use that expertise for the benefit of the Church.

The day is slipping by. There's a complaint about an overgrown graveyard in Wales that could be turned into a good regeneration story. And the Church statement to coincide with the fifth anniversary of the occupation of Iraq needs to go out. And there is still the half eaten bacon sandwich.

Stuart Dew

Pentecost was the birth of the Church - so a somewhat major event in world church history! Roger Roberts, senior pastor of International Baptist Church in Brussels, considers...

Nine days after the Ascension of Jesus, and 49 days after his crucifixion, the Jews were doing what they always did this time of year, preparing for the Feast of Ingathering, or Harvest. It was held 50 days after the Passover, and with it, life in Israel looked set to return to normal, with Jesus well on the way to becoming just a memory.

So no one paid any attention to a small group of Jesus' disciples who had gathered in a house in Jerusalem. There were only about 120 of them, and they were quiet and kept to themselves. The Jews, if they thought about it at all, would have assumed they were still grieving their lost leader. But the disciples, far from grieving Jesus' death, were eagerly awaiting for him to send them a present.... Though they did not understand exactly what it might be.

All they knew was that Jesus was alive, and that before he had ascended to heaven, he had told them to go to Jerusalem and wait there together for "the gift my father has promised" (Acts 1:4) He had said: "stay in the

city until you have been clothed with power from on high". (Luke 24:49)

These disciples, though they did not know it then, were already acting as the future church - the ecclesia, which literally means 'called-out ones'. For those disciples stuck together, together they waited for God's blessing.

As with them, so with us today: even though each conversion is intensely personal, we are not converted to be alone in our faith. Far from it! We are not saved to solitude, but to a life in the fellowship of the Church. Jesus has ordained that his followers, TOGETHER, be his family on earth, his witness to the world.

But it has never been a family built on likeness - the believers in the house that day came from very different backgrounds - from right-wing conservatives (Matthew) to radical left-wing zealots (Simon). There were some straight-forward fishermen and even women, for good measure. From the day of its birth, Jesus' family would include all kinds of people who would find their unity in him.

The first thing the disciples

did was to get down to the business of praying. They did not try and unite themselves by long discussions with each other. It was the "joining together constantly in prayer" (verse 14) that brought them together.

The 19th Century London pastor FB Meyer expressed well what awaited those disciples. "The task that awaited that little group was one of unparalleled difficulty. ...They were to disciple all nations, speaking different languages, scattered over the vast Roman Empire, which extended from the Atlantic to the Far East. ...They were to substitute Christianity for paganism, as the foundation of a new type of civilization. ...In fact, humanly speaking and without exaggeration, it depended on that tiny group of unknown and ordinary men and women, whether the Incarnation and Death, the Resurrection and Ascension, of the Son of God would obtain the audience and acceptance of mankind."

Today the Christian Church faces the same challenge - of making Christ known. We can do "business as usual" in our strength and by our resources. But great manifestations of God's saving, healing and restoring power come only as God's people "stay for the Spirit" and "wait for the gift" as Jesus

commanded (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4).

Each of us would do well to "ask, seek and knock" for God's fullness day by day, if we are to enjoy his full anointing of power on our lives and ministry. We all 'leak', and need the continual in-filling that comes from abiding, persistent prayer.

It was out of the context of prayer that this incipient church in Jerusalem was preparing for the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. For God's fullness in our lives and awakening in our church today we must believe that he is able and willing to fulfill his highest purpose for us. He wants to give us his "good gifts," namely, his Holy Spirit in fullness.

That day in Jerusalem, when the Holy Spirit arrived in all his fullness, Peter stood up and preached the first ever Christian sermon to the astonished Jews in the city. So - the Jesus their rulers had crucified at Passover was not dead after all! That Jesus WAS the Messiah, and he was alive! 3,000 were converted that same day. In the power of the Spirit, the Church was born - and growing fast!

Some are apostles, some prophets, some teachers, some preachers, some have the gift of healing...

...and Some Are Managers!

Well, Paul didn't quite say that, but I am sure he would have done if he had given it more thought. So what do the managers do? Who are they? The role of the managers is to oversee, repair, renew and maintain the church buildings and the manse, Ryecroft, including all equipment, to ensure whatever we do as part of our mission the infrastructure is safe and fit for purpose. The condition and cleanliness of our premises is part of our witness.

So who are they? - There are six of us: David Walters (The chairman), Audrey Saunders, Derrick Hillman, Charley Tingley, Alec Fruin and Sue Waller. Most have been involved in this area of the church life for some time with Charley Tingley being the third generation of the Tingley family to be a manager. We don't have to stoke the coke boiler now like his grandfather, George, used to do, but keeping the premises warm is still one of our jobs. This is achieved by using two gas boilers. Both have been renewed in recent years to ensure we have a reliable, energy efficient system. Also, to avoid waste the air for the ventilation system for the toilet and

kitchen areas is passed through a heat exchanger unit and re-circulated rather than pumped outside. Hot water is from a pressurised cylinder which is heated overnight on cheap rate electricity. It is all so interesting isn't it!!! As long as hot water comes out of the taps that's all we need to worry about.

The premises are generally checked daily, to ensure everything is satisfactory and they are cleaned (using a contractor) at about 6.00am every day except Sunday. Regular tests are carried out on the fire alarms and emergency lighting throughout the year, with annual tests on fire extinguishers and portable electrical appliances. There is always something to be done, rubbish to be cleared, lamps to be changed, locks released, chairs repaired, and our aim is to repair things before most people notice they are broken. We don't always see everything so if you see something that needs doing please make a note in the book in the utility room.

As well as everyday work there are a number of more major items. We have just finished quite a lot of work in Ryecroft including rewiring, full internal decoration, secondary glazing, and a

number of general repairs so that the property is ready for a new minister.

In the church this past year, the glass in the windows of the main hall has been changed to ensure it meets the current safety standards. These windows also had to be painted to seal the glass. The main hall, vestry, and office have been painted and much of the external woodwork needs painting this year. The church floor is next to be given a facelift and all the carpets are due for a clean. The electrical system is also due for a full test and inspection. The most major outstanding work is to the roof area of the main church including

repairs and painting of the high level clerestory windows. Although most work is done by ourselves this is something we will have to get done by contractors.

Well, that is a quick run-through of what we are about. Our work is not a means to an end but part of the supporting role in the whole mission of the church. The premises need to be used as much as possible, and that inevitably means there will always be work for us to do. Thank you for your help and support, and if you want to be involved in any way just let David Walters know. *There's always something to do.*

Special Gala Concert

Lindfield URC, Saturday 17th May, 7.30pm

The Ashdown Singers, who have frequently performed at Lindfield URC, will be giving a special Gala Concert to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the church of St. Philip Neri in Uckfield on 17th May 2007 at 7.30pm.

This is a superb opportunity to hear the choir accompanied by a fine orchestra – the Wealden Chamber Orchestra, and will offer an evening of exciting music, culminating in a performance of Haydn's Paukenmesse. You are unlikely to hear such a quality concert outside London, and the £5 ticket price is incredible value. Tickets are available in advance from Hilary Shepherd, or box offices: Uckfield – Bennett's Music, Potters Bookshop and Gale & Woolgar. Lewes – Academy Music. www.ashdownsingers.org.uk

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walking
in the
way of
Christ

Come to me,
learn from me;
for I am gentle and
humble in heart...

Matthew 11:29



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Church activities

SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- 9.30am Service for all the family, including crèche and Powersource
(Most weeks, children leave after 20 minutes for their own activities)
Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
- 11.00am 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
(As announced)
- Sat 8.45 Three Churches Prayer Meeting.
– 9.30am Venue rotates between the three churches.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Mon 10.00am Art Group
- 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
- 6:45pm Zest 4:5:6
- 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)
- 7:30pm Zest Plus (Years 7–10)

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



For more information on activities going on in Lindfield,
Lindfield Times is also available from around the village.

LINDFIELD PRESERVATION SOCIETY

has a talk about

Steyning by Chris Tod

Wednesday 21st May, 8.00pm

King Edward Hall

Admission is £1 to include refreshments;
everyone is welcome.

THE ASHDOWN SINGERS –

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Saturday 17th May, 7.30pm

Tickets £5, available from Hilary Shepherd
01444 483167 or the Box Office. For full details
please see the advert inside.

Lindfield Village Day



**Saturday 31st May,
Lindfield Common**

Come and join the fun!

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