

SUSSEX BOOKENDS

A WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE SUSSEX CHARACTER

The Royal Pavilion is an unmissable landmark and a favourite destination for all visitors to Brighton. However, for residents of Brighton the Pavilion Cafe, situated in the Pavilion gardens, is as much loved as its grander and more exotic neighbour. Many a happy hour can be whiled away seated at one of the outdoor tables, drinking tea, eating cake and generally watching the world go by. And, this being Brighton, the constant parade of people never fails to provide a bit of local colour!

Of course the backdrop of the lovely landscaped gardens and the onion domes of Prinny's palace silhouetted against the sky, all contribute to the general eccentricity of the scene. The gardens now conform to John Nash's 1820s plans and the plants used are as faithful to the original plant lists as has been possible. Overseeing the management of this lovely space is head gardener Robert Hill-Snook who receives invaluable help from a team of dedicated garden volunteers.

Live & learn

Cottage hospitals developed after about 1860 to serve rural populations that did not have easy access to the bigger towns. Small in scale, homely in character, they were supported by local general practitioners and charged modest fees. Eastbourne, Hastings, Crawley, East Grinstead, Horsham and Petworth all established them. It would seem that they have all since been redeveloped, although the free Homeopathic Cottage Hospital, established by Jane and Julia Leaf in 1888 on Marie Road, Eastbourne, later transferred to a typical large Victorian house in the suburbs.

Do you have memories of the county's old cottage hospitals? If so, we would love to hear of them. Email us at: editorial@snakeriverpress.co.uk

Food Quiz

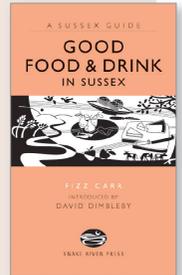
- 1 Which Sussex food writer published *Mediterranean Food in 1950*?
- 2 Where can the excellent Judge's Bakery be found?
- 3 Historically Southdown sheep have often been crossed with which breed, the Romney or the

Bluefaced Leicester?

4 Is Sussex Slipcote a hard or a soft cheese?

5 Which fruit was the village of Ripe famous for?

Email your answers, along with your name and address to: editorial@snakeriverpress.co.uk. The sender of the first set of correct answers received wins a copy of *Good Food and Drink in Sussex* by Fizz Carr worth £8.99. The correct answers will be posted at www.snakeriverpress.co.uk next Saturday.



Sussex Celebrity

CHRISTOPHER LLOYD 1921-2006



yuccas and banana plants has been eagerly adopted in numerous municipally managed spaces, from public parks to traffic roundabouts.

He rejected the safe, time-worn subtleties of white, mauve and grey in his borders, threw away the colour wheel and let the sun shine on every possible colour combination and hue, the more unlikely the better!

So writes Lorraine Harrison in *Inspiring Sussex Gardeners*, illustrated by Sarah Young. Do visit his wonderful legacy Great Dixter, Northiam, East Sussex, where Fergus Garrett and his team of gardeners continue to develop Lloyd's vision. I promise you won't be disappointed!

I do not think it an overstatement to say that Christopher Lloyd revolutionised the way many British gardeners used colour in their gardens in the latter part of the 20th century. And, perhaps more surprisingly, his signature use of exotic forms such as cannas,

Lost words

“ The Reverend W.D. Parish writes of our

Word of the Week

Pole-puller: The man whose business it is to pull the hop-poles out of the ground and lay them down for the pickers. In former times, at the commencement of the hop-picking season, the pickers purchased a neck-cloth for the pole-puller. The article was of some showy colour, to make him more conspicuous in the hop-garden, and its purchase seems to have been attended with some convivialities, if we may judge from the following extract from the 1756 diary of Mr Turner, 'Halland hop-pickers bought their pole-pullers nick cloth and, poor wretches, many of them insensible.'

Out & About in Sussex

What better way to spend an August weekend that over at the West Dean Chilli Festival, just north of Chichester. Over 300 varieties of chillis and sweet peppers will be on display, including the hottest chilli in the world, the *Naga Joloki*. This is also known as the California Death Pepper, so you have been warned! Along with cookery and

growing demonstrations there will be lots of tastings. If you've never sampled chilli-flavoured chocolate or chilli ice-cream, now is your opportunity! The band Latin Fiesta will be entertaining guests in the beer and cider tents.

The event is open today and tomorrow, 10.30am-5pm, £7.25, call 01243 818210.

Drawing the downs

Over recent years the popularity of several 20th-century British printmakers has grown enormously. A particular favourite is Eric Ravilious (1903-42). He produced images of the Sussex countryside and worked in the Newhaven area as a war artist.

Earlier this year a gallery opened dedicated to the work of printmakers from the post-

war period to the present day. The Emma Mason Gallery in Eastbourne shows a host of wonderful images including works by Ravilious, Mary Fedden (b.1915) and Robert Taverer (1920-2004), who lived in the town for many years and drew inspiration from the surrounding downland. For details visit www.emmamason.co.uk