

Invitation to Her Majesty's Royal Garden Party

Our first article features Lindfield resident, Valerie Joyner, who was rewarded for 27 years' service as a 'lollipop' lady by an invitation to one of Her Majesty's Royal Garden Parties. Unfortunately, photos cannot be taken inside the Palace gardens, but Val is pictured here, with her husband Bryan just before setting off for Buckingham Palace.



Although it was sunny when these photos were taken, rain had set in by the time the Garden Party began. However, despite leaving the specially bought umbrella on the train, Val and Bryan had a memorable and very enjoyable day, with the opportunity to see H.M. The Queen, H.R.H. Prince Philip and H.R.H. Princess Anne at close quarters.

Val has seen a huge increase in traffic during her years on the school crossing patrol and the service she provides is greatly valued by parents, children and local people. Val is one of three school crossing patrols in the village, and all are very much needed and appreciated.