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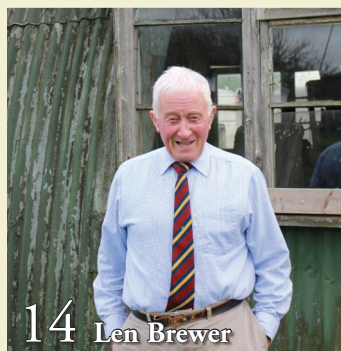
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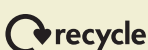
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From watching bombs drop to digging the footings for his home, Len has a deep connection to the county.

### The countryside is a gem to be valued

The Campaign to Protect Rural England may be best known for running the annual Best Kept Village competition, but the organisation's work reaches much further.

### We meet: Sarah Soar

Neil Henty talks to Sarah Soar, CEO of Hawksmoor Investment Management, about life in Wiltshire and the need to encourage more girls to choose finance as a career.

### Grand National: a tale of two kings

With the world's most famous horse race taking place this month, Anne Holland talks to two of the county's leading National Hunt trainers.

### Pulling out all the stops

Salisbury Cathedral's great Father Willis Organ is back in full voice after a major restoration. Stephanie Boxall discovers just what a delicate operation it has been.

### Longespee lions offer shorthand to history

Stephen Slater explores some of the historic heraldry on display in Salisbury Cathedral.

### Celebrating the changing seasons

Jane Gifford visits Job's Mill, the secluded, beautiful gardens of Lady Silvy McQuiston and her husband, on the edges of the Longleat Estate.

### Insect Armageddon threatens our rivers

Wiltshire holds 10% of the world's chalk streams, but these wonderful, quintessential aspects of our countryside are under real threat, as Morag Walker explains.

### Devizes: Embracing history and promoting change

Neil Henty visits a town that is steeped in history; one that is making a name for itself through arts and culture and that is coming to terms with its future.

### Villagers faced with making a snap decision

Michael Marshman continues his journey around the lost landscapes of the county, revealing the tell-tale signs of villages long forgotten to history.

### Enjoying the business of magical worlds

Giffords Circus is an event like no other, one that has entertained and delighted for the past 20 years. Emma Bradshaw charts the magical journey so far and offers a glimpse of what is to come.

### Village life: Tisbury

Fiona Oliver finds out what makes this village so thriving.

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