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**DITCHLING DOWNS WI**

Tues. 1st Oct. 7 pm Annual Meeting followed by Back Packing on a Pension - Pamela - McLellan

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Tues. 1st Oct. 1.30 pm Conducted by one of the local Church of England Clergy

**HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP**

Wed. 2nd Oct. 2 pm **The Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint**

**DITCHLING WI**

Thurs. 3rd Oct. 2.15 pm The Coast Guards - Stephen Hand

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Tues. 8th Oct. 8 pm **Ditchling Village Green**

**HURSTPIERPOINT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** Apple Day - see article

Tues. 8th Oct. 8 pm **Hassocks Hotel, Hassocks**

**HASSOCKS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY** Trad Jazz Evening. All welcome

Wed. 9th Oct. 8 pm **Hurstpierpoint Village Hall**

**DITCHLING HISTORY PROJECT** Illustrated talk by Mark Saunders the Head Gardener at Fittleworth

Wed. 9th Oct. 2 - 5 pm **Adastral Hall, Hassocks**

**RBL CLAYTON & KEYMER WOMENS SECTION** British Alstroemeria & the UK Cut Flower Industry - Ben Cross

Thurs. 10th Oct. 2.30 pm **The White Horse Restaurant, Ditchling**

**BURGESS HILL HERITAGE & HISTORY ASSOC.** Legion HQ, Woodland Road, Hassocks

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 Sun. 13th Oct.  
**HURST, HASSOCKS & DITCHLING U3A**  
 Mon. 14th Oct. 2 pm  
**DITCHLING VILLAGE ASSOCIATION**  
 Tues. 15th Oct. 9.45 - 11 am  
**STAR CINEMA**  
 Fri. 18th Oct. 7 pm  
**HEBER OPERA**  
 Sat. 19th Oct.  
**MOBILE REFUSE**  
 Sat. 19th Oct. 10 am – 12 pm  
**POLICE SURGERY**  
 Sun. 20th Oct. 2 - 4 pm  
**HASSOCKS WI**  
 Mon. 21st Oct. 7.45 pm  
**BURGESS HILL HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**  
 Wed. 23rd Oct. 7.45 pm  
**HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
 Fri. 25th Oct. 8 pm  
**HASSOCKS VILLAGE MARKET**  
 Sat. 26th Oct. 9 am – 1 pm

**Adastra Hall, Hassocks**  
 Race and Quiz Night. Tickets from Hassocks Hardware  
**Hurstpierpoint Village Centre**  
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**Hurstpierpoint Village Centre**  
 Tommy Cooper (What was he really Like?) - John Field  
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 Coffee Morning run by Ditchling Film Society  
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### DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY

Thurs. 3rd Oct. 7.30 pm

Thurs. 24th Oct. 7.30 pm

### HASSOCKS FIELD SOCIETY

Sat. 12th Oct. 10 am - 12 pm

Mon. 14th Oct. 7.45 pm

Mon. 28th Oct. 7.45 pm

Lawn Mowers and the Budding Foundation - Clive Gravett. Visitors welcome

### HASSOCKS TOWNSWOMENS GUILD

Tues. 22nd Oct. 2.30 pm

Tues. 26th Oct. 2.30 pm

### KEYMER FOLK DANCE CLUB

Mon. 7th Oct. 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Mon. 21st Oct. 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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Fri. 11th & 25th Oct. 7.30 pm

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Thursday 10th Oct. 9 - 11 am

Mon. 14th Oct. 5 - 7 pm

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#### Ditchling Village Hall

Film - Women at War (12A)

Film - Wajib - The Wedding Invitation (15)

#### Adastra Hall, Hassocks

Coffee Morning at the Pauline Thaw Centre

Shall we see the Northern Lights? - Mary Day. Visitors welcome

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**POLICE REPORT** Over a number of months this year, Hassocks along with many other towns and villages up and down the country have experienced varying levels of anti-social behaviour, predominately and unfortunately by just a few younger individuals that give others in the same age group a bad name. The majority of our younger people are law abiding and upstanding citizens. Anti-social behaviour in its own rights is not a crime however some of the acts that make up anti-social behaviour are. This can include anything from groups of individuals 'hanging' around the streets and parks, being abusive to passing law abiding members of the public, assaults, littering and breaking bottles in public areas like skate parks, smoking drugs, shoplifting etc. The list is endless. A short while ago I met with some individuals from the village to discuss what can be done locally to try and prevent issues in the future. As soon as I have further information on any future ideas, I will let you know. It has been said that people do not see the Police as often as they would like. Without going into the politics and staffing of local Policing, it was decided locally that we would ensure, where resources allow, to patrol as much as we could in the Hassocks area. This I can assure you,

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I have recently spoken to one of our Speed Watch co-ordinators and I am arranging to support them on a regular basis where we can. This is twofold in that we will be visible and we will be enforcing speeders in the village. Being visible does prevent other issues as well as this. As with all emergency services at the moment, we can be very stretched. What is a fact though is that the Police do not deal with everything and that the responsibility for many things that happen in any town or village lie with other agencies and partners. Parents of course also have a duty to ensure that they are aware of where their children are, who they are with and what they are getting up to. The Police are NOT child minders.

I am also arranging for myself and two of my PCSO's to be at the Adastra Park car park on Sunday **20th October** from 2 pm to 4 pm should anyone wish to come and chat and say hello and to discuss any issues that you may have. The personal approach quite often works better. Finally I would ask that people don't report matters to social media platforms which in most cases put things out of context from what they really are. If you want to report a non-urgent matter to Police then call 101 or go to our website at [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk).

*Sgt Allan Philip,  
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I had a vision of what I wanted to achieve with gold window displays and raising awareness, but our village community has again blown me away with enthusiasm, creativeness and caring. It would take the entire magazine to thank everyone who got involved, helped out and held events... but if I may, just one massive thank you to Kelly Foley from Mid-Sussex Carpets & Flooring Ltd, who believed in me from the start, supported, helped out and sponsored all the printing of letters, flyers and shop posters.

I'm writing this one week into September but already know that so much money has been raised – all of which will be going directly to fund Research into Children's Cancer via the #PearlPower fund - run by the Children's Cancer & Leukaemia Group (CCLG), one of the UK's leading charities in this area.

But equally important and the whole point of the GoGoldSeptember campaign is the raising of awareness of the facts about Childhood Cancer, and Hassocks.... I think that we've done that brilliantly.

Here are the 10 Facts if you didn't manage to find all the posters around the village:

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2. 1 in 500 children will develop cancer by age 14. Of

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3. 'Surviving' childhood cancer simply means living for 5 years after diagnosis.
4. Causes of childhood cancer are not well understood, and the incidence of childhood cancer is increasing.
5. In 80% of children diagnosed with cancer, it will have already spread by the time it has been found.
6. Childhood cancer is not one disease, there are many different types each with very different symptoms and each needing different treatments.
7. Whilst hundreds of drugs have been developed to treat adult cancer, only 4 have ever been designed specifically for children.
8. Most chemotherapy drugs used on children have not been updated in 30 years. Some are as old as 60 years.
9. Despite children often being used to advertise large cancer charities, little of their money is targeted on children. Cancer Research UK only allocates 1.4% of their research money to children's cancer.
10. The new field of individualised immunotherapy to treat children's cancer is very promising but the lack of research funding means that progress is held back. So there is still much to do, but we are really making a difference.

Hassocks Goes Gold will be an annual event and I'm hoping it will grow even bigger than this year – so let's get Gold planning for September 2020!

*Rachel BartlettBundy*

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recognised for our success.

The award was granted based on the number of pupils from the school who successfully competed in local inter-school competitions this year as well as fulfilling criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport and very grateful to all those teachers and school staff, sports coaches, parents and officials who made our competitions possible.

We are sure you will have noticed the many posters and displays around Hassocks throughout September in support of the 'Hassocks Goes Gold' initiative to raise awareness of childhood cancer. Children from the three Hassocks schools were asked to enter a competition for their gold sunflower design to be used on the poster. A large number of entries were received and the judges had had a very difficult task selecting the winning designs for the poster; all of the designs were showcased at a special exhibition at The Mother Sussex Café. We were pleased to learn that a number of Windmills pupils had entered the competition. A special mention to Bethany Barlow, Elise Jasper, Francesca Jordan, Harry Pluck and Milo Bartlett-Bundy on their winning entries! Congratulations to all of those whose sunflower designs were chosen and to everyone for supporting this worthwhile cause.

*Sue Bandy*



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**WI HASSOCKS** Our AGM this month marks the end of another WI year, and what a year it has been! The highlight was when we celebrated our 10th birthday in May, but we've had a wonderful year of activities too. We have sung and exercised. We have campaigned against plastics, learned how to improve our recycling, and found out what it's like to be a magistrate. We have made cushions for mastectomy patients and indulged in all sorts of crafts. We have eaten, lots. We did rather well in the WI craft competitions at the South of England Show; not so well in the regional quiz, but at least we didn't disgrace ourselves. As well as our usual choir, walking, book and creative writing groups, we now also have an Arty group. So far this group has visited Farley Farmhouse, Rottingdean Grange and Church and West Dean. Several local eating and coffee establishments have been visited. If all of this sounds like a lot of fun, you'd be right! At a planning meeting in September lots more ideas were put forward for our future programme. We are lucky to have so many people involved with the activities of our WI, and hopefully, more people will join the committee at the AGM. Even at the AGM it's not all business, and we'll have some light-hearted entertainment to follow. We meet on the third Monday in the month, this month **21st October**, at 7.45 pm, and further information can be found on our website, [vihassocks.org.uk](http://vihassocks.org.uk).  
*Maureen Dodd*

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**THE WELL-LOVED HURST PLAYERS PANTO - AUDITIONS SOON** Our pantomime this year is a little later than usual to allow for the refurbishment - with performances in the middle of January.

We are reviving the wonderful story of Mother Goose by Norman Robbins, a very traditional pantomime with all the essential elements, and of course plenty of audience participation led by the irascible Billy, Mother Goose's son.

Fun-packed action centres on the wicked squire's bailiffs, namely Sage and Onions and the wonderful Magical Goose who will endear herself to all. As in all good pantomimes, Fairy Harmony will hopefully succeed in helping good overcome evil for happiness to prevail once more.

If you are interested in exploring or revisiting the excitement, intrigue and wonderful fun that is the process of creating pantomime, please come along to one of the auditions from 8 pm on Monday 30th September and Thursday **3rd October** in the bar at the Players' Theatre, 147 High Street, Hurstpierpoint. We are looking for people to take speaking parts, as well as chorus and other production roles, including set construction, painting, costumes, lighting and sound design, choreography and music.

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The Oldland Mill & the Gym Club, together with local schools in Albourne, Hassocks & three in Burgess Hill will benefit from your support.

The Hassocks will be running their ever popular BBQ, so come and enjoy the evening.

In the event of bad weather check [www.hurstpierpoint-gym.co.uk](http://www.hurstpierpoint-gym.co.uk) for the up-to-date news on parking or postponement.

Take a 'Guy' to the Best Guy Competition before ten to six and one child will be given free admission.

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*Andrew Hair*

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On the **10th October** a member of the local clergy will be in attendance, and we will be having our Bring & Buy Harvest Table. All produce donated will be sold during the afternoon to raise funds for charity. The competition is for 'The Biggest Conker'. Without wishing to get personal we mean the Horse Chestnut variety of course!

A Date for your Diary - Our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday **23rd November** at Age Concern Hassocks.

If you wish to make any donations of toiletries, toys, books, bric-a-brac, or even raffle prizes, they will be very welcomed. Please bring them along to a meeting or speak to Jenny to arrange collection. Hope to see you there.

*Liz Thomas*

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**HASSOCKS LIBRARY** The Libraries manager for West Sussex County Council has emailed me to inform me that they do not want to close any Libraries.

However there are to be Council meetings and debates in the coming months to discuss how savings can be made.

I will be sending our petition of hundreds of signatures to the Council to add strength to the numerous letters and emails of objection they have received concerning the possible closure of our Library which we were led to believe was once again under serious threat.

I believe this will help the Council to realise that as a community we are committed to doing our utmost to ensure our Library is not taken from us. It is a valuable resource providing many areas of help and expertise from the youngest to the eldest in the village.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this huge protest.

*Margaret Everest*

**DITCHLING APPLE DAY – 6th October.** Come and enjoy Apple Day on Ditchling Village Green on from 11 am until 4 pm.

Please bring your apples for juicing together with clean containers for storage. Plastic milk or juice containers are ideal. Whilst we do not make a specific charge, your donations are gratefully received (suggested £1 donation per bucket).

To refresh you there'll be hot food, including veggie and vegan options, apple fritters, a bar, and hot and cold drinks. The 'smoothie bike' will be here to help you get fit and with a delicious end result. As usual we would appreciate any donations of your favourite apple, or orchard related fruits, cakes, bakes or savouries to add to the spirit of the day.

Activities are planned to keep all ages amused and entertained, so bring along your largest (heaviest) apple to be entered into the competition to find the largest, come and taste some local honeys and chat about bees and their needs, learn about the Monday Group and their lovely bird boxes. Ditchling Morris and Ditchling Museum of Art and Craft will be joining us, as usual. For those more athletically inclined there will be the very popular welly wanging competition - a perfectly safe participant sport but somewhat hazardous for spectators!

To end the day Ditchling Morris will dance for us and lead a procession to the Orchard in Boddington's Lane, with a final sing-along in the Orchard.

Donations are to be used to fund our plan to create an eco-shelter in the Orchard, so please help us to make this happen. Do come and join us for a different kind of day, always fun whatever the weather. Contact us by email at [ditchlingorchard@hkdtransition.org.uk](mailto:ditchlingorchard@hkdtransition.org.uk).

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*Rebecca Street*

**FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER.** A date for your diary. If you would like to enjoy an evening with friends, why not make up a team and join Sussex Vale Rotary at their charity Race and Quiz Night in Adastra Hall, Hassocks. It gives a great opportunity to have a little flutter, whilst also giving the brain some exercise in an informal and relaxed atmosphere. It is always a convivial evening, with lots of excitement during the races and much scratching of heads during the quiz. Regarding the races, there is a minimum bet per horse, with winners sharing the total amount staked, with the charity. Excellent prizes will be awarded to the winners of the quiz. As no bar will be available you are invited to please bring your

own drinks and nibbles. Tickets will be available from Hassocks Hardware or from Paul Bowley's Office in Keymer Road, or by contacting us by email at [secretary@rotary-sxvale.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rotary-sxvale.org.uk) or [honey.man@li-neone.net](mailto:honey.man@li-neone.net). Rotary uses all the money raised for both local and international causes, e.g. giving support to community groups and providing help for natural disasters. Sussex Vale Rotary draws its members from Burgess Hill, Ditchling, Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and surrounding areas. If you are interested in learning more about Rotary International and how you can help, please contact our club secretary on [secretary@rotary-sxvale.org.uk](mailto:secretary@rotary-sxvale.org.uk), who will be pleased to hear from you. We can also be found on Facebook and our website is available at [www.rotary-sxvale.org.uk](http://www.rotary-sxvale.org.uk). *Duncan Honeyman*

**GODLY PLAY** is a way for adults and children to hear Bible stories, then have a chance to think about them and take part in craft activities. Why not come along and try the activities or just pop in for coffee, tea, cake and a chat. Organised by Churches Together in Hassocks our next Godly Play will be on Saturday **26th October** between 10 am and 12 noon at Hassocks United Reformed Church; the story will be told at about 10.30 am. There is no charge and all are welcome.  
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**1,000TH GYMNASTICS AWARD 7** Club has now presented its 1,000th British Gymnastics Award 7



*Pictured is the winner of the 1,000th Award Seven, Emily Darbyshire with her gym friends.*

Since the formation of the Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club in 1980, British Gymnastics Awards have been gained by the gymnasts every term. Well over 100 awards are earned each term and now the Club will be presenting its 1,000th Award Seven.

Over 1,000 Award 4s, Award 5s and Award 6s have been gained in the past thirty-nine years, with over 600 winning the coveted Award 1. The Award scheme starts at Award 8 and progresses in difficulty to Award 1 followed by Advanced Proficiency Awards - Bronze, Silver & Gold.

The hardest badges to gain are the Gold Floor and Gold Vault awards, where only 15 of each have ever been won. The newest Gold winner is Chloe Wright who has now received her Gold Vault. To achieve this award she has mastered hand-spring vaults, trampette somersaults and other skills. Over 100 other talented gymnasts will be gaining Awards 8 to Award 1 or awards for Floor, Vault or Acrobatic Pairs.

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There are currently vacancies in the Pre-school classes for those who have passed their third birthday. For school-age vacancies, please check with the Club or visit [www.hurstpierpointgym.co.uk](http://www.hurstpierpointgym.co.uk) for more details.

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My name is Stephen Hamilton. I have over thirty years experience in designing and then making kitchens. Now I am a little older and wiser I prefer to work closer to home. When I was young I designed and built some of the most luxurious kitchens imaginable and in 1988 I was European kitchen designer of the year. I even designed and made kitchens for clients in New York and Geneva. I still do luxurious bespoke kitchens. As long as your local! You'd be amazed how much more reasonable our prices are than the big boys with expensive showrooms!

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In April I redesigned a kitchen for Mrs B in St Georges park. They have beautifully appointed apartments but the kitchen design leaves a little to be desired. I kept eighty per cent of the existing carcasses but fitted over a dozen new drawers which greatly increased accessibility. It has transformed Mrs B's kitchen experience. Cost? Around ten thousand pounds.

Sometimes however, a new kitchen is essential. Sometimes people *don't even know* if they *want* a complete new kitchen. Which is where I come in. We give *genuine* advice. Sometimes it goes in stages. If I feel we can accommodate your kitchen design requirements without the palaver of ripping the whole kitchen we will advise accordingly. A brand new kitchen is messy. To do it properly one has to rip the everything out and then, almost always, replaster the walls to make good. Appliances are often moved so new electrics are required ...quite often we move doorways. A refurbishment can take maybe five/six/ seven days but a complete kitchen from start to finish is usually around three weeks. Do you want the hassle? Or the expense? Many of our clients go on holiday whilst we do the work.

I always try to work within your budgets!

A refurbishment with all new doors and worktops and refitting etc generally costs between five thousand and eight thousand pounds. A new kitchen? It all depends. And that's the point.

A *small* total kitchen project can be anything from ten to fifteen thousand pounds. It depends what appliances you choose and what services need moving.

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In April I got a call from Mrs P in Greenlands close burgess hill. She told me her oven was packing up. Could I help her? I arranged to see her. One thing led to another...the cupboards were really beyond recovery. It seemed to me Mrs P really needed a *completely new kitchen*. [Mrs P is 90 going on about 60] The electricians looked dangerous. I scribbled some ideas...one thing led to another. Now Mrs P is whizzing about in her brand new kitchen. We had to rip the old one out, thanks to **Jon and his son Ryan**, plaster the walls, thanks to **John Evans Plastering**, completely reconfigure the plumbing, thanks to **Richard and Ian Thompson**, who have several generations of reputation as local Hassocks plumbers. Only then could we fit a new kitchen. Thanks to **Ian and Liam**, [chief kitchen installation engineers] Mrs P eventually chose one of our classic ash marquetry kitchens] then we tiled the walls, [**Ian** again!] We re-designed and hid the boiler. That was me **Stephen Hamilton**, then we refloored the whole kitchen and dining room [**Homecall** from Burgess Hill]. Then we decorated top to bottom. [**Jon** again!] Five weeks! Although I am the designer I am also the project manager. Mrs P was brilliant. When we first ripped out it became apparent that the electricians were dangerous so we rewired the entire place and fitted a new fuse box [thanks to **Keith Hand**] The Cost? Around twenty thousand pounds. Was it worth it? You'd need to talk to Mrs P about that! Everyone engaged in the project is local.

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I hope this gives you some idea of what we are about. If you are interested in a new or refurbished kitchen I do hope you will give me a call. I don't charge for my planning service if you live within a five-six mile radius of Hassocks. On my first visit I simply talk to you about what you might like. I discuss the problems you have with your existing kitchen and then scribble some alternative plans. Then I will leave you to mull them over. There is no rush and no pressure. Early planning is essential. Planning makes for the perfect project.

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We will be performing another concert at Danny on **18th December** which will be the grand finale to our Christmas programme. It will also be the last concert under the guidance of our Musical Director, Linda Glenn, who will be moving on after nearly 7 years at the musical helm of Vivace!

If you don't know us, we are a small mixed choir based in Ditchling [www.vivacechoirsussex.org.uk/](http://www.vivacechoirsussex.org.uk/) who have been raising funds for local charities and good causes around Sussex for many years. We sing a great variety of music which we find appeals to the eclectic mix often found in charity concert audiences and meet every Wednesday evening at the Meeting House in Ditchling from 7.30 - 9.30 pm. We will be starting to work on our Christmas programme from Wednesday **2nd October** (new singers welcome!)

We are now looking for a new enthusiastic & experienced Musical Director (with keyboard skills) to take over with effect from January 2020. We are keen to find someone who takes music seriously, albeit in a fun and friendly environment, and who shares our values of producing quality concerts and supporting fundraising in the

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*Karen Hollamby*

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*Age Concern*

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*Janice Waddell*

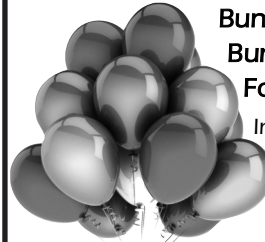
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*Ruth Barrett-Miles*

**NEWS FROM STONEYWISH** The biggest stir on the farm this month is the arrival of five new piglets, recently installed with their mother in a roomy run in the farm centre. This patch of well-nosed ground offers up earth minerals and weeds to delight a foraging nose, shade under the hedge where hot piglets can scamper in comfort and a mud wallow, regularly replenished with water, for a cool soak on a scorching summer's day. To the casual human eye it's a poor piece of real estate, but then we can't savour soil the way a pig can. With a Wessex Saddleback mother and an Oxford Sandy and Black father, these piglets have come out all colours: ginger, ginger with spots, black, black with white midriff and brindled black and tan. Autumn is providing all the wind-falls a grateful pig can eat. And what else can you do with so many apples? Ditchling, now rightly proud of its 'community orchard' was once plentifully supplied with fruit nurseries, whose trees, provided scrumping (and tummy-ache) opportunities for generations of children. There was Catchpole's just next to Stoneywish, in Spatham Lane. Shirleys was an orchard, as was Orchard Lane, and the very house names in the village testify to the importance of growing-your-own: Cherry Tree Cottage, Walnut Tree Cottage and Mulberry Cottage, in East End Lane alone. What better way could a young Tom Sawyer find to while away his truant hours, than hiding up in somebody's outhouse, nibbling green walnuts? No need for an i-phone. The problem is that the fruit comes all in a rush. A crowd of starlings may swarm in and polish off the dogwood berries at a sitting. And squirrels take care of the hazelnuts. And our blackbird ate every cherry on our cherry tree, with frantic imprecations hurled at any competitor who approached while he was gorging.

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But apples?

The whole process of collecting and preserving food for the winter demands hours and days. It demands an involvement which was once a necessity, but also a labour of love. For families trapped in towns, annual forays for blackberries were a celebratory event. One account from the early 20th century, describes a general exodus from Brighton, with whole families, swarming onto buses, or marching on foot to the open Downs, armed with buckets and baskets and sandwiches and returning with their harvest for next stage of bottling and jelly-making. Exercise, fresh air, gnat bites, laughter and pudding, all for free! Of course if you think of time as money, you cannot make an economical case for this hands-on approach to food. But not all cultures buy into the time=money equation. Having a long and slow relationship with one's food can open up a surprising dimension in which time is not lost or saved, but simply *lived*. In country cottages, when time was slow, food matured and fermented over months, sharing living space with the family. There might be bacon up the chimney, and pickles in the larder and apples in the attic. Every farmhouse had its dairy for cheese and a still room where herbs were dried and wines matured. After the long months of growing produce, came further months of curing and preparing. In some cultures, every stage of the process brought its own songs and dances and rituals. Eating the food then arrived as the culmination of whole seasons of loving attention and everyone who had been involved was sure

to appreciate it. The wonderful thing is that most foods need just a little help to kick off the maturing process. Starting a batch of bread or yoghurt can be as simple as pie. And suddenly, once they are off, the kitchen becomes a true *living* space, where the link between food and life is plain to see. With everyone warning of post-Brexit shortages, I cannot help thinking we should save those apples and love them and spend some time with them. Have you room on your shelf for a cider vinegar jar? Or an airy space where you can dry fine slices for winter muesli? No plastic. No recycling needed. And a breath of autumn every time you taste them!

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Before I go I had better declare here and now that, of course, I deplore scrumping, which is strictly for the Tom Sawyers of this world. Civilized apples may be found in boxes at the gates of philanthropic gardeners. Happy peeling and coring!

*Rosemary Pavey*

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**RETIREMENT** We would like to say thank you and a happy retirement to Mr and Mrs Courtenage who have been delivering your magazines in Hassocks. Also to Mr and Mrs Warboys and Dick Morley who have been delivering your magazines in Ditchling. Thank you all so much for all your help.

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## **AN EXTREMELY RARE LAWMOWER IS THE LATEST EXHIBIT TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE MUSEUM OF GARDENING IN HASSOCKS.**

Following World War One, labour was in short supply, with most mowers requiring two people or a pony to operate them. This resulted in the mower pusher being designed in 1922 to motorise push and pony mowers requiring only one person to operate them.

The mower pusher was coupled to the rear of the mower with the operator sitting above a powerful 269cc Villiers two-stroke engine. It was capable of pushing mowers up to 36in cutting width and also pulling heavy rollers.

By the mid to late 1920s motor mowers were being mass produced and there was little demand for mower pushers, and with only a minimal number of pushers being sold very few have survived.

Clive Gravett curator of the museum unearthed this fine example in Sept 2018, having rescued it from a barn where it had been for over 50 years because the building

was due for demolition to make way for the HS2 rail project.

"A decision was made to undertake a full restoration with the help of the museum's talented and dedicated group of volunteers", explains Clive.

"The mower pusher has been restored to its former glory over a ten-month restoration period which required some parts to be replicated and many hours of rust removal and cleaning back to bare metal, before re-painting. Clive, pictured on the machine, adds: "The mower pusher is a fantastic exhibit especially its development to fulfil a need following the Great War."

The museum situated within the South Downs Heritage Centre is operated on behalf of The Budding Foundation a charity supporting local young people.

*Trevor Butler*



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**A HEAD GARDENER'S YEAR** An illustrated talk by Mark Saunders the Head Gardener at Fittleworth Place. Hurstpierpoint Horticultural Society, Club Suite, Hurstpierpoint Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Tuesday **8th October**.  
*Kath Green*

**DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY** Welcome to our new season of films – we shall be showing two films in October with the first on Thursday **3rd October**, being *Woman at War*. Set in the breathtaking beauty of rural Iceland, 40 year old Halla is, on the surface, a mild-mannered music teacher, pottering about town on her bicycle and practising Tai chi. However in reality she is an eco super-hero who fires arrows over power lines, causing electricity cuts and short-circuiting government plans to build a new aluminium smelter. As her actions grow bolder, her life changes in the blink of an eye when she is finally granted permission to adopt a girl from the Ukraine. This raises the question of whether she can continue to wage environmental war whilst being a loving mother? Or will the authorities catch up with her clandestine activities before she gets to fulfil her dreams? Erlingsson the Director, who also directed *Of Horses and Men*, keeps things balanced between an absurdist comedy and a tense thriller with a crafty plot. Some of the quirkiest touches - such as having the musicians playing an amazing folk-influenced score only to

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become gradually integrated into the plot of the film and earn their place as the story progresses.

Director: Benedikt Erlingsson, Icelandic 2018 101 minutes, 12A Cert.

Our second film in October will be screened on Thursday **24th October** and is entitled *Wajib – The Wedding Invitation*. Set in Palestine at Christmas time, Abu's daughter is getting married which necessitates him and his son, Shadi, hand-delivering invitations for the forthcoming nuptials. As they drive around the city in a battered old Volvo between visits to relatives and old family friends, they bicker, reminisce, needle and cajole each other gradually peeling back the layers of their relationship. A wonderfully poignant, droll and witty film that interleaves tensions with hilarity. Although there is politics in the mix it is not rammed down your throat.

Director: Annemarie Jacir, Arabic 2017, 96 minutes 15 Cert.

Our November film will be shown on Thursday **7th November** and is called *Ash is the Purest White*.

The films will be shown in Ditchling Village Hall. The films start at 8 pm. Doors open at 7.30 pm. Free coffee, tea and biscuits are available and wine can be purchased by the glass beforehand. There is ample free parking behind the hall. Guests and temporary members are welcome - payable at the door.

*Rowena Cager and Melanie Samuel*

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The full hike is 13 miles, but there are also 9 and 6 mile walking routes available, and a 3 mile nature trail, making this a family friendly event. Even suitable for the dog! There will be plenty of parking on the day, and you'll be greeted with hot food, entertainment and delicious cakes to celebrate at the end of your hike.

Sophie Peckham, Community and Events Fundraising Manager at St Catherine's said: "We're delighted to host Sussex Landmarks Hike for a second year. This autumnal hike follows a stunning route through the Sussex

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Advance registration is best but on the day registration is open from 9 am at the South of England Showground at Ardingly. Ready to make your steps count? Gather your walking buddies and register online here: [www.stch.org.uk/SLH](http://www.stch.org.uk/SLH) or call St Catherine's Events Team on **01293 447364**.

*Sarah Tuhey*

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**ADASTRA BOWLING CLUB – HASSOCKS** This year's club championships were finally completed after a very hot but successful Saturday and Sunday on the bank holiday weekend. Ray Medhurst won the Men's Singles beating Keith Woodman 21-20 after fighting back from 14-20 down. The new Lady's Singles champion is Judy Moore who beat Carole Small. In the other singles finals there were wins for Brian Booth in the Veterans, Roger Botting in the George Trophy despite a sterling fightback from Ray Purdeu who had gained earlier success by beating Peter Knight 21-16 in the handicap. Irene Douglas won the 100 Up after a very close contest with Terry Wilkins, and in the two wood Bernie Richardson beat John White. The doubles matches were equally exciting with wins for Keith Woodman and Joe Wilkins in the mutual, Frank Titford and David Reader in the drawn and Frank



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and Pam Willcox in the mixed. The introduction of a new members pairs saw success for Colin Anderson and Gloria Tourle over Barrie Conway and Sally Hollingdale.

Club President Derek Nunn presented the trophies and the event was hosted by Roy Hockley. With lunch on the Saturday and a barbecue on the Sunday everyone agreed it was another successful and enjoyable weekend. Thanks go to all who organised and ran the event. By the time you read this we will be closed for the winter but we are always your local friendly lawn bowls club and if you think you would like to give us a try why not come along when we open again next April. Just contact us via our website and we will arrange it. No equipment needed.

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Remembrance Sunday falls this year on **10th November**. As usual we will be holding our Parade, which will be led by our Branch Vice President, Mrs Juliet Smith, JP DL, our Branch Standard, carried by Mr Colin Marshall, once again supported by The Burgess Hill Marching Youth Band plus RBL Members.

At 11 am at Ditchling War Memorial the Act of Remembrance will take place when we will be remembering all those names on our War Memorial from WW1 and

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WW2 as well as those others we know who have lost their lives in the service of the Nation.

The Branch would also like to invite anyone from Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston who would like to join our Parade.

If you have a family member who is serving, or has served and perhaps have their medals and would like to remember them, or would just like to show your support, do come and join our Parade on Remembrance Sunday. Please contact me (on the number below) and I can give you more details.

Streat and Westmeston's Remembrance Service will begin at the Streat War Memorial in the South Churchyard at 11 am.

Our Poppy Lunch will be held on Saturday **9th November** in Ditchling Village Hall and as usual all funds raised will go to Poppy Appeal, which this year starts on **26th October**.

For any information on Remembrance and events please contact me the Poppy Appeal Organiser on **01273 845319**.

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Any Hassocks residents or beyond who would like to join me, please get in touch at [catzin@sky.com](mailto:catzin@sky.com) or on **07702 237159**.  
*David Hammond*

**CLAYTON & KEYMER RBL POPPY APPEAL**

This year's Poppy Appeal starts on Saturday **26th October** through to Saturday **9th November**. We are unable to have a Parade this year, though we are looking forward to arranging Church Services at St Cosmas & St Damian Church at Keymer and at Clayton Church on Sunday **10th November** followed by wreath laying at both of these events. Everyone would be very welcome to join in these Services of Remembrance.

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*Carol White*

**HURST PLAYERS - STILL FUN[D] - RAISING!**

With A Quiz Night Friday **4th October**

As part of the fund-raising for the refurbishment of the Players Theatre in Hurstpierpoint, there will be a quiz night on Friday **4th October** in the Hurst Bowls Club in South Avenue (due to the impossibility of doing this in the auditorium building site!).

In charge will be quiz-master extraordinaire Dave Farmer. The evening will begin at 7.30 pm and will include a Ploughman's Supper. The Bowls Club bar will be operational for the evening.

Do come along and have fun whilst supporting our Big Push for our beautiful little theatre. Please get together as teams of 4 – 6 people and join us for what will be a very entertaining evening. If you don't have a team don't worry, we will pair you up with other lovely people.

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*Jo Mitchell*

**HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY** meets on the last Friday of each month in the Guides' HQ, Trinity Road Car Park. At each meeting we have a presentation by an expert speaker on a subject with a historical or geographical flavour. Our next meeting will be on **25th October** starting 8 pm with an illustrated talk by Dr Geoffrey Mead entitled "Brighton Rock, Brighton Crime". Come along and join us. New members are always welcome.  
*Bill Kent*

**HURSTPIERPOINT & SAYERS COMMON TWINNING ASSOCIATION**  
 Programme for 2019 - A golf competition has been arranged again this year that will now take place in September. Any golfers out there please get in touch for more details. Unfortunately the football match that had been arranged had to be cancelled because it proved impossible to find suitable transport at a reasonable rate. Get involved - We are always looking for new members and ideas. If you are interested in joining or finding out more please contact on **01273 833195**.  
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What are the main activities? We have two principal activities: We meet at Mid Sussex Golf Club on the third Thursday of the month for Lunch to which guests are welcome usually from 12.30 pm to 3 pm including a Guest speaker and questions. From time to time we also hold luncheon meetings and include spouses and guests. We also visit (between meetings) places and organizations of general interest. Each Probus club is autonomous.

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Highlights of the main festival, which opens on **25th October**, incl. two staged works - Burying the Dead, a music theatre piece capturing 17th century London as seen through the eyes of Henry Purcell, and a new play with music exploring the life of the celebrated female Venetian composer Barbara Strozzi. Another highlight will be a day exploring the music of JS Bach performed in different ways - an hour long afternoon concert including his famous piece, a musical offering, an early evening concert of his works dynamically re-coloured on synthesizers in The Art of Moog, and an informal later evening session by a jazz trio improvising on famous baroque ground bass themes.

All the other information on other festival events and all the information, dates, times, Season Ticket and other discount offers are available on the festival's website ([www.bremf.org.uk](http://www.bremf.org.uk)), where you can also request a brochure.

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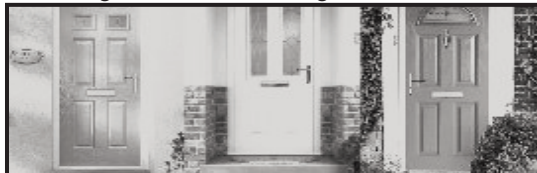
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## STEVE'S BACK PAGE GOSSIP

Firstly, I really must thank everyone who came to the aid of my beautiful little cat Eloise. It had been one of those wonderful sunny days that was not too hot, just perfect weather, she'd been out the back of the shop playing in the grass with her sister and mother but, come 9 o'clock in the evening when all the others were in and having their tea, she decided she was just enjoying herself so much, being put in for the evening was not on the cards. Ok I thought I'll play your little game, so I went back in the shop and closed the door. Sure enough she came up to the door to see where I'd gone, but I'd gone through the shop and out the front door to sneak cat like back around. Just as I got to her she spotted me, I grabbed her as she shot behind between my legs but, being long coated I just ended up with two handfuls of hair. It was now getting late and I had Lobo sitting in the back of the car, I wanted to get him home so he could do his nightly prowling around the garden before settling down on his bed for the evening, the medication he's on makes him a bit drowsy, so I like to give it to him with his evening meal just before bed time. I've moved my bed downstairs so I can sleep next to him; I just like to be close when my animals are feeling unwell.

Anyway, getting back to Eloise who is now beginning to annoy me, so right I said I'll take Lobo home to do what I need to do and come back and spend all night if I have to, to get hold of you and put you in. I don't suppose I could have been home more than about 45 minutes when the phone rang and the person on the end of the phone said 'one of your cats has been hit on the road outside the shop. I leapt in my car and raced back to the shop where some very kind people had little Eloise wrapped in a blanket broken and dying. I took her off them thanked them very much for their kindness, leapt back in the car to rush her to the 24hr vets, but less than a couple of miles down the road, she looked up at me as if to say sorry dad, I only wanted to stay out and play, let out a gasp and passed away never in the two short years of her life had that little cat ever been round the front of the shop, let alone on the road, naturally the driver of the car that hit her didn't stop, but the car behind did whom I thank very much, but once again I broke my golden rule, never leave any of my cats out it just ends in a river of tears, but as I kept telling her limp little body I was coming back I wasn't going to leave you, I was coming back, why oh why you had to go round the front I'll never know, trouble with these beautiful little pedigrees they lack the brains to be streetwise and you never forgive yourself, I should have persevered and kept trying to catch her.

She was special and she knew it, but it's always the special ones you lose and strangely almost a week later a beautiful pale ginger Siamese cat was hit and killed exactly the same spot at almost exactly the same time, please God let that be enough now.

Can't really say there is a lot going on in Hassocks high street, I'm pretty sure Lloyds bank has been sold, but don't expect anything very exciting, plans are for residential flats with offices below but at least it's going to look a lot better than it does now. I'm not sure putting a new sign above the shop door really makes a difference to what's going on inside. We now have a Premier Orion News, hardly a term I'd use. Let's hope the shelves are better stocked and the opening times match the sign above but otherwise it's ok, just don't go asking for a parking disk!

Believe it or not Nola and I have now been here 46 years. We have just celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary what an amazing time we've had and what an amazing woman she turned out to be, putting up with me for all this time. There aren't many women who would let you have foxes living in her house with you, but she understands what they mean to me and the love I have for them and her of course.

So I'll leave it there for this month, thank you for coming in the shop and keeping us going and taking the time to tell me how much you look forward to receiving the Talk About each month. I've just wish that some months could be a bit happier news. *Love Steve and Nola*

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