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DITCHLING DOWNS WI

Tues. 5th Feb. 7 pm

HOLY COMMUNION

Tues. 5th Feb. 1.30 pm

HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP

Wed. 6th Feb. 2 pm

HURST, HASOCKS & DITCHLING FIRST RESPONDERS

Thurs. 7th Feb. 7.30 pm

HASOCKS EVENING JAZZ

Tues. 12th Feb. 8 pm

HURSTPIERPOINT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tues. 12th Feb. 7.45 pm

HASOCKS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Wed. 13th Feb. 8 pm

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DITCHLING HISTORY PROJECT

Wed. 13th Feb. 2 - 5 pm

HURST, HASOCKS & DITCHLING U3A

Fri. 15th Feb. 2 pm

Old Meeting House, Ditchling

The Samaritans - Dorothy Porter

Age Concern, Hassocks

Conducted by one of the local Church of England Clergy

The Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint

Anglo Saxons History - Mak Norman

Hurstpierpoint Methodist Church Hall

Training Night - New members welcome

Hassocks Hotel, Hassocks

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Hurstpierpoint Village Centre

The Evolution of a Formal Garden to a Nature Reserve - Peter Lovett

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Fri. 22nd Feb. 2 - 3 pm

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HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fri. 22nd Feb. 8 pm Literary Figures of Brighton & Sussex, inc. Hilaire Belloc & Rudyard Kipling - K Newman

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Sat. 23rd Feb. 10 am - 12 pm

Godly Play - For Adults & Children to hear Bible stories with craft activities

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Tues. 26th Feb. 2.30 pm

DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY

Thurs. 7th Feb. 7.30 pm

Thurs. 21st Feb. 7.30 pm

DITCHLING SINGERS

Sun. 3rd Feb. 4 - 6 pm

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Sun. 17th Feb. 4 - 6 pm

Rehearsals at Keymer Church Hall, Keymer - Open to all more info 01273 844818

HASSOCKS FIELD SOCIETY

Mon. 11th Feb. 7.45 pm

Mon. 25th Feb. 7.45 pm

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Mon. 4th Feb. 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Mon. 18th Feb. 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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ENA NEWMAN passed away peacefully in her sleep on the 26th November at the age of 105 years. Ena lived in Hassocks for 25 years and made many friends in the Village and at Age Concern.

Thank you to all the caring staff at Rookwood Residential Home and to all our friends and neighbours for their cards and letters of condolence.

Janet Tinson

MID SUSSEX HEALTH CARE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP Annual General Meeting Wednesday **13th March**.

This meeting will be held in the United Reform Church, Keymer Road, Hassocks at 7 pm, with refreshments available from 6.45 pm.

We are pleased to have Dr Terry Lynch GP as our guest speaker. The subject of his talk will be 'Managing Our Local Health Needs'

The meeting should be of interest to everyone and all registered patients of the Mid Sussex Health Care Practice are welcome to attend. There is no admission charge as we would like to welcome as many local people as possible. If you are not a patient of the Practice but have a particular interest in attending please contact celia.lindsay@icloud.com.

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On the **6th March** Ian Gledhill will be giving a talk with fully illustrated projected pictures on Art Deco the style that defined the jazz era & the golden age of pre-war Hollywood musicals. Art Deco built a thousand cinemas (& the Hoover Factory) & is still influential today.

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Ann Tranter

HURSTPIERPOINT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

will meet at 7.45 pm in the Club Suite of the Village Centre, Hurstpierpoint on Tuesday **12th February** when Peter Lovett will give an illustrated talk entitled 'The Evolution Of A Formal Garden To A Nature Reserve'. All welcome.

Kathy Green

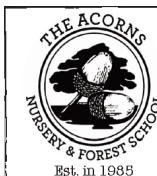


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We went forward to be formally presented. I recall being surprised how small Lloyd George was. And I recall the mischievous twinkle in his eye as he shook hands.

“Good to see you again, Mister Randell,” he said, in a very musical voice. He bowed slightly over my mother’s hand and grinned at us girls. “Very charming daughters. Very charming.” Then we had moved on. There were other introductions. People who were simply names from the newspapers: Balfour, Bonar Law, General Sir Henry Wilson and Admiral Sir Arthur Wemyss. I have lost count of them.

More importantly for a girl of twenty-one, there were numerous young men, officers in uniform mostly, who came seeking dances. Each lady was presented with a little book to mark off the dances. I always enjoyed dancing. It was a happy occasion. Perhaps unreal as I think about it now for here we were, in the midst of a frightful and cruel war, and yet, here we were enjoying ourselves as if the war didn’t exist, chattering, laughing and dancing.

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Bartlett sang a medley of popular, patriotic songs to entertain us.

Lloyd George often came along the High Street, popping into local shops and several times he paused to speak with my father. What became a Music Hall line, “my father knew Lloyd George”, was absolutely true for me. Once or twice I would pass him with a nervous bob and he would raise his hat and smile. His routine, before breakfast, was to climb up Wolstonbury Hill. I used to think he was communing with his ancestors, the Celts who built the hillfort up there, for, of course, Lloyd George being Welsh was very much a Celt.

I do not know what would have happened had there been a German spy in the village for the entire village came to know that Lloyd George was in the habit of taking War Cabinet documents with him on his walks up Wolstonbury Hill, where he would often sit and work on them. On occasion a shower of rain would send him scuttling back for Danny, and he would leave some of his precious documents behind. On such occasions we often saw his long-suffering secretary, Miss Frances Stephenson, grunting up the steep slopes to retrieve them.

It was, as most history books record, on October 13 that the terms and conditions for the Armistice were drawn up in the Great Hall of Danny. I have been there on several occasions to see Mary and Joan Campion when I

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was with the "Danny Daisies", and once or twice to dances and receptions escorted by my father, for he was often invited, during the winter months, to house parties given by the Campions for local tradespeople. Many are the times that I have been swirled across the polished oak floor of the hall in the arms of young men, the scions of the village business community. The Great Hall was a beautiful room with a high ceiling and it's believed that it was completed about 1595. The original stone floor was overlaid with oak planking in the mid 19th Century and the pine panelling in the century prior to that. There was a tremendously imposing fireplace. During the dances and receptions a large oak table was removed but it was around this table that the War Cabinet sat to sort out the terms of the Armistice.

There is an irony here that Lt Colonel William Campion, commanding his brigade at Wevelghem in Belgium, had just received orders to go "over the top" to attack impregnable German positions. The scheduled date of the attack was dawn on November 12. The Armistice came into being at 11am on November 11. Perhaps the life of Colonel William and the lives of his men were saved by the decision of men seated at the great table in his own home in Hurst. Sad, too, that their decision on October 13 failed to prevent the death of my brother Arthur in Palestine on October 27.

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DITCHLING DOWNS WI We all enjoyed our very successful Christmas Party in December, which celebrated our 10 years as a WI. We are now looking forward to our speaker for February, who will be Dorothy Porter speaking about “The Samaritans”. This will be held at our new venue in the Old Meeting House in the Twitten, Ditchling on Tuesday **5th February** at 7.30 pm. Doors open 7 pm. Guests will be very welcome.

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS We want to thank you all who came along to our Christmas Concert in December and helped make the festive occasion a really special one. It was so nice to have such a large audience and we hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did - your participation throughout the show was superb especially the 'battle' of the 12 Days of Christmas. Well done everyone.

It was nice to be able to thank Gordon Marples, David Tettersell and Paul Bowley who have M.C.'d our shows on various occasions and of course to also welcome David Sachon who has been our M.C. for the past 23 years. How time flies - Steve with Marie (lighting) and Peter (sound) have been with us for 17 and 12 years respectively. We are so fortunate that so many people are willing to give their time to help us entertain. Our folk at Front of House are also very important to us as is Annie who operates the curtains and 'chivvies' them onto stage. Our Guest Artistes Norman Armstrong and Peter Bennett gave extra variety to our programmes with Anesa, too at the recent show.

Our audiences are just amazing and it is thanks to their generosity that Friends and Neighbours are able to give donations to so many Charities, local Groups etc from this recent concert and over the 41 years. There were lists displayed in the hall showing just some of the organisations, Hospices, hospitals, Health Centre, local

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We are sorry to say that we are not able to host the 'Lunchtime' event in March but our Cream Tea afternoon planned for Sunday **5th May** at the Adastra Hall is still very much 'on' so please make a note of that date and venue - we shall look forward to meeting you.

From us all at Friends and Neighbours

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Clive Gravett who set up the charity said, "The response has been phenomenal and thanks to a new online booking system, we've been able to increase the number of children visiting Santa this year to almost 3,000. On top of this, we challenged every adult who entered the factory for free to donate £1 each if they enjoyed themselves so thank you to everyone who visited and everyone who so generously donated to the charity. We have over 40 volunteer elves who have all given up their time and worked so hard to help us achieve this fantastic figure. The team at South Downs Nurseries have been incredibly supportive, building this wonderful factory for us and donating all the Christmas presents!"

Alongside the grotto ticket sales, The Budding Foundation operated other fundraising activities including a prize draw to win a home visit from Santa raising almost £1,000, a giant teddy raffle which raised £550 and Breakfast with Santa raising another £300. The giant teddy was won by 16 year old Oliver Kemp from Has-

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socks (pictured) and Santa delivered it just in time for Christmas! Santa picked out the winner of the home visit, and also decided to visit 4 other families, making it a special Christmas for many children. (See photos) The funds raised are already being spent with £1,650 being donated to Burgess Hill Youth to cover the shortfall in funding for their new minibus, and £130 for a group of disadvantaged children to visit the theatre for the first time. For more information on The Budding Foundation Charity and it's work in our local community, visit www.thebuddingfoundation.co.uk

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Director: Marcelo Martinessi, Spanish 2018, 95 minutes, 15 Cert.

Our second film on Thursday, **21st February** will be *Lady Macbeth* a compelling psychological drama based on the short story, *Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District* by Nikolai Leskov. In 19th Century rural England, Katherine has been married off to Alexander, the morose and sexually inadequate son of a wealthy mine owner called Boris, who rules the roost. Trapped in this loveless

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Director: William Oldroyd, English, 2016, 89 minutes, 15 Cert.

On Thursday, **7th March** we will be showing *Ice Mother* about Hana, a happy and selfless 67 year old mother and grandmother, who experiences a series of life-changing events which changes her relationship with her selfish sons. Whilst looking after Ivanek, her grandson, Hana rescues an elderly swimmer, Brona, which results in an unexpected hobby and romance.

Director: Bodan Slama, Czech 2017, 106 minutes, no UK Certification

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).

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HASSOCKS WI Our December meeting was party night. Marie had excelled at organising the entertainment, and so we sang, listened to our fantastic choir, and dressed our 'fairy', all with a great deal of chatting, laughter and rushing about. We also enjoyed the most wonderful spread of food contributed by our members. It seemed impossible that we could get through it all, but it was all so delicious that very little was left at the end. Many thanks to all who contributed. Several very lucky ladies also left with a hamper, also put together from contributions from our members, in our now traditional Christmas raffle.

January's meeting was all about selecting which resolution will form the basis of the WI's next campaign. Past campaigns slip from the limelight, but are not forgotten. A recent campaign was to end 'plastic soup', the plastic which ends up in the oceans, harming wildlife. David Attenborough, of course, has also brought this to the attention of many more people, and raised awareness of our need to guard, protect and sustain our planet. This month's meeting will therefore be about recycling and sustainability. We will have experts working in this area to talk to us and answer our questions. Did you know, for example, that more problems arise from airborne plastic particles too small to see with the naked eye than plastic bottles left on the side



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of the road? We want this meeting to be positive, not a counsel of despair and defeatism. Even small changes can make a big difference. Come along with your ideas of things that you do to recycle or avoid wasting valuable and finite resources. It should be a lively meeting. Monday **18th February**, 7.45 pm at Adastra Hall.

Maureen Dodd

BRIGHTON CONSORT'S NEXT CONCERT The next programme of music from Brighton Consort (director James Dixon) features several glorious choral works from the late 16th century, including the much loved Requiem by Tomas Luis de Victoria. The programme will also include contemporary pieces, based on the music of Victoria, by the Australian composer Joseph Twist.

The concert will take place on Saturday **9th March** in Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased online at www.brightonconsort.org.uk, or by ringing **01273 833746**, or on the door.

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"My movie is a very British musical comedy starring Peter Bowles (To the Manor Born), Jason Fleming (Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button), Larry Lamb (East Enders), Colin Salmon (Prime Suspect 2, 24: Live Another Day, Mortal Engines), iconic British pop stars Right Said Fred and a cast of well known British names. Now here is the big news for everyone living in the area. One of the handful of exclusive UK premiere preview screenings is happening right here in Hassocks at your Village Hall. The premiere preview screenings are courtesy of Barrie Gilbert of Curzon Country Cinema.

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The film for **8th March** will be The Children Act starring Emma Thompson.

Liz Edmunds

DITCHLING HISTORY PROJECT'S new publication, 'World War I, Street by Street: the Impact of the Great War on Ditchling' is now available. It was published following the extremely successful trail around the village during November, which told the stories of Ditchling people involved in serving their country, working in shops and on farms, nursing in the Red Cross Hospitals or keeping families going under long, anxious absences of loved ones. The book can be obtained through our website ditchlinghistoryproject.org, by emailing history.project@btinternet.com via our Facebook page or calling me on **01273 965473**.

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JANUARY BRINGS THE SNOW, MAKES OUR FEET AND FINGERS GLOW? Well, it didn't, did it? In my garden, the first daffodil was in bloom. Is that a local example of global warming? Hard to say, but we are all noticing a change in the seasons and short, sharp rain falls seem to have increased. This was first noticed two years ago, and as a result a public meeting was held and a working group was formed from members of HKD Transition and Hassocks Amenity Association (now Hassocks Community Organisation). Its remit was to research the flooding risk (if any), come up with 'natural' solutions and engage the whole community.

The group soon discovered that Hassocks had been identified by West Sussex County Council as a 'wet spot', particularly subject to surface water flooding. This happens when rainfall is so sudden and heavy that it cannot be absorbed or overwhelms the drainage system. In addition, the chalk South Downs act as a sponge. Prolonged rain fills them to capacity, and a quite minor rainfall can then trigger heavy run-off into our village streams, again resulting in flooding. WSCC, the Lead Local Flood Authority, estimates that 525 properties in Hassocks have an 0.5% risk (a 1 in 200 year rain fall event) of surface water flooding, and 55 are at risk from river (stream) flooding. Climate change would increase the frequency.

'Slow the flow' therefore became the group's watch-

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word. Reduce the rushes of rainwater into the drainage system by water butts, garden ponds, more trees, more greensward and less tarmac. Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDs) had arrived in Hassocks. More public consultation followed. Village walks and a mapping morning helped update the official Surface Water Flood Risks maps with local knowledge. The Infants School and Community School both built rainbox planters, linked to down pipes, which released water gradually into the drains. D-I-Y leaflets were circulated widely and volunteers built two planters for the Parish Council and Adastra hall. In the countryside, volunteers mimicked beavers and built 'leaky dams' in Lag wood to slow the flow into the Herring stream. A grant from WSCC Operation Watershed, funded two rain gardens in Adastra Park with plants generously supplied by Garden Sage Nursery. Despite a disastrous start, ironically caused by a sudden exceptionally heavy rainfall, remedial measures mean that it is now working well, and much of the rain falling on Adastra Hall is now filtered through the rain gardens, slowing the flow into the Herring stream. There is every hope that it will become a feature that will interest and attract children and adults. That the planting survived being almost engulfed in the sea of mud, augurs well. The hellebores should be congratulated on continuing bravely to bloom!

The SuDs and Floods Group is now planning for 2019.

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Margaret Ford

HURSTPIERPOINT & SAYERS COMMON TWINNING ASSOCIATION

Programme for 2019. The Committee are open to suggestions for this year's programme. Suggestions please to Mike. A happy New Year to all our members.

What we do - The Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Twinning Association is twinned with St Martin-de-Boscherville, a delightful village on the banks of the Seine just north of Rouen. St Martin is famous for its historic Abbey which has recently celebrated its 900th anniversary. Travel is normally on the Newhaven to Dieppe ferry followed by a pleasant 50 min drive to St Martin. Accommodation is with our hosts and we recip-

rocate by inviting our French friends to stay in our homes. The Association organizes a variety of events for all ages. These events could have a sporting theme (golf, tennis, cycling, walking etc.) a cultural theme (art, concerts, visiting historical buildings, gardens etc.) or an educational theme (student exchanges, pen friends). They all involve much socialising and meeting new friends. Get involved - We are always looking for new members and ideas. If you are interested in joining or finding out more please contact me the Chairman on **01273 833195**.

Mike Shute

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CHAILEY TRACTOR CLUB Having been lucky and blessed with sunshine on the last three occasions, the weather decided that the Chigleys were pushing their luck and this time refused to cooperate for Chailey Classic & Vintage Tractor Club's annual Christmas charity run, this year in partnership with Tinkers Park (Steam Charitable Trust) and those who participated endured somewhat inclement conditions.

Nevertheless, the heavy rain failed to dampen or diminish the spirits of the many who turned out, suitably attired, to participate in and enjoy a road run of vintage and classic tractors (and cars) all in support of St Peter and St James Hospice. The 20 or so tractors consisting of various makes and models, assembled at the Sloop Inn (Scaynes Hill) where Maria Caulfield, MP for Lewes, endured the damp and cold to wave them off.

With pit stops at the Bent Arms, Snowdrop and Farmers Inn, the convoy of tractors and vintage vehicles travelled through Haywards Heath via Lindfield, to the bemusement of Christmas shoppers and many smiling children.

The Chigleys returned to the Sloop, albeit somewhat drenched, at which time the evening Christmas celebrations com-



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menced with live folk music courtesy of Newick Folk. Local producers consisting of Nose to Tail Butchers Piltown, Fletching Village Shop and Cottage Bakery Newick, kindly sponsored and provided the barbeque with local produce supplied by local suppliers to a local club in support of a local charity, entirely consistent with the ethos of the occasion.

Local musicians "LOKI" provided further musical entertainment and an auction of promises, coupled with a raffle and donations from the day will result in a contribution to St Peter & St James Hospice in excess of £1800. **www.chaileytractorclub.org** *Liz Venters*


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The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Local Councillor Census Survey found that councillors put aside, on average, three hours a week for council work. This often includes attending meetings, engaging with residents and speaking on behalf of the council to other bodies.

To stand for election -. You must be a British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union - Be 18 years of age or older and - Live in or near to Hassocks Parish

Nomination Forms have to be submitted by end of March so to find out more please contact the Parish

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Ian Weir

HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our treasurer, Amanda Geel, on 31st December. Amanda had managed our accounts beautifully since taking over as treasurer in 2015 and she fully supported all our activities. She will be greatly missed.

We are always looking for new members. We meet on the last Friday of each month at 8pm 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 **22nd February** when Kevin Newman will give an illustrated talk on Literary Figures of Brighton and Sussex, including of course Hilaire Belloc and Rudyard Kipling. Come along and join us. Further information from the Chairman, Bill Kent, telephone **01273 832280**.

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I remember two otter-based films from my childhood. I caught 'Tarka the Otter' at the local Odeon and the superior 'Ring of Bright Water' always won over 'Goldfinger' on the TV at Christmas. From the opening man-meets-otter sequence (both the greatest and silliest scene ever committed to celluloid) through to Val Doonican's closing credits crooning - it's a classic!

But behind the otter's silver-screen celebrity status lies a darker, sadder tale. Wild otters in Britain were in trouble. Throughout most of the last century our rivers and wetland habitats were in a shocking state - polluted, drained and destroyed. Otters were forced into exile in the far flung corners of Britain. The last Sussex otters struggled on until the 1960s.

And with our heroes out of the picture the bad guys muscled in. American mink, which escaped or were 'liberated' from fur farms, rose to the top of the food chain and terrorised our waterways. These voracious predators attacked our native wetland wildlife, wiping out entire populations of water voles across Sussex.

But this screenplay has a happy ending. Over the past



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decades we've cleaned up our act and a lot of work has been undertaken to improve rivers and wetlands in Sussex. Otters are wandering, territorial animals - each otter needs 40 km of river to make its home - but projects undertaken by conservation groups such as Sussex Wildlife Trust working with local landowners have provided these connected, wetland habitats. And what is good for the otter is good for us too. By undertaking wetland habitat improvements for wildlife - such as planting floodplain woodland or creating water meadows - our countryside regains its powers as water purifier, erosion controller and flood regulator.

Over the past years footprints, droppings and fleeting glimpses have given tantalising evidence that these mammalian movie stars are attempting a comeback in Sussex after half a century. Recently, night vision trail cameras were rolling and filmed a female otter as she made her Sussex small screen debut - possibly the first time a wild otter has ever been filmed in our county. But the real showstopper came when these cameras later captured footage of one - or possibly two - otter cubs; evidence that otters are breeding again in Sussex. With this dramatic plot twist there is plenty of potential for a sequel. The dream that one day we could see these incredible animals swimming in all the restored and vibrant rivers of Sussex is a step closer to becoming a reality.

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WINDMILLS SCHOOL It does not seem possible that January has already passed; already we have seen some superb work throughout the school since returning from the Christmas break. One project of which has been particularly exciting has been in Year 3; the children have been studying the history of mangonels and trebuchets, which were used to attack castles during the medieval times, as part of their project on castles. Their work involved some very exciting Design Technology. Using shoe boxes, elastic bands, plastic spoons and wooden doweling, the children set about creating their own mangonels! The children worked in pairs to build a mangonel which they then tested and agreed between them on how their model could be improved – for example, some added an extra elastic band for increased power whilst others decided to strengthen their structure by adding extra cardboard. On re-testing their designs the children were amazed by the results – the mangonels were much more powerful! The class teachers were very impressed by how enthusiastic and responsible the children were, particularly when it came to using saws to cut the doweling! During the DT project the creativity, originality and perseverance of the children really shone through, whilst also having a lot of fun when it came to testing them and seeing how far they could launch an array of ping pong balls, cotton wall balls and pompoms!

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very broad and balanced curriculum, with music playing a key part in our activities. Indeed, after a hectic period at the end of last term our musicians are looking forward to continuing the exciting programme of music learning throughout the year. Year 3 learned the ukulele for a whole term and will continue with the instrument as part of their weekly music lessons. They will also move on to pentatonic scales and playing glockenspiels and xylophones.

Year 4 move away from boom whackers and on to Djembe drumming. They will also be composing around their topic of Titanic. Year 5 will enjoy a musical enrichment day, led by Ollie from 'A beat Goes On' who provides a wonderful opportunity to learn Samba and body percussion. Children will then continue with both of these.

In year 6, it's Stingray class's turn to enjoy the 10 week tenor horn programme! All of Year 6 will enjoy their musical enrichment day when a beat boxer visits and teaches them some skills in beat boxing. They will continue with beat boxing, composing their own and then move on to rap.

We are also offering our Year 3 and 4 children the opportunity to learn the recorder in an after school club which is run by members of the teaching staff.

We look forward to hearing more from our wonderful musicians at events over the coming months!

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Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in the school.

The current vacancy is for a co-opted governor and the governing board is particularly interested in appointing someone with managerial experience in an HR, legal, education or finance setting.

We are fortunate to have several parents sitting on our governing board. However, under the terms of our constitution we are not able to appoint more parents. We are therefore keen to receive applications from people within the local community; this can include parents of children who attend a school outside Hassocks.

For those of you who are not familiar with The Windmills, we are a 3 form entry junior school in the village of Hassocks; with space for 360 pupils in 12 classes, 3 in each year group. Over recent years the demographic of the village has changed, and continues to do so, with more young families moving into the area.

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Sue Bandy

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For further information about our activities, please contact our Chairman, Jenny Budd on 07719 922326.

On 14th February, we will be welcoming Anisah Rani once again. This time 'My Favourite Cuddly Toy' is her topic. The Competition is for the 'Prettiest Scarf'. Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 16th February at Age Concern Hassocks between 9.45 am and 11.45 am.

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Having been trained by Sussex Police in November, with a number of sites risked assessed and approved, we ran a few initial sessions in late December. As a result we found that 65 vehicles were driving well in excess of the village-wide 30 mph limit. Registered owners of those vehicles would have received letters sent out in the post informing them of this.

The scheme is about awareness rather than enforcement, so the data we collect would never be used to issue points or fines. Other than aiming to make our streets safer for all road users, we also want to use the anonymised data collected to demonstrate to West Sussex County Council and the Parish Council where better signage is needed, as well help identify hot spots for Police as to where they should look to do more for-

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From time to time we'll keep the village updated with progress on the scheme through local magazines, Facebook groups and Twitter.

Alick Mighall

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 **23rd February** between 10 am and 12 noon at Hassocks United Reformed Church; the story will be told at 10.30 am. There is no charge and all are welcome.

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HASSOCKS GARDEN CENTRE JUDGES WERE INTRIGUED WITH THE ENTIRES FOR THEIR COLOURING COMPETITION when they came across two of the many entries: one was for Lucie, aged four, and the other labelled grandad 71½.

We do love a family effort here at South Downs Nurseries, explains Rebecca Houghton-Knapp from the Brighton Road business, so we contacted 'Grandad', who turned out to be Colin Bailey from Hassocks.

Lucie had just gone back to school that day so couldn't come with him, but Grandad was more than happy to collect her goodie bag for her, as well as receiving a delicious cream tea for two for his colouring efforts as well.

Trevor Butler



*Grandad Colin Bailey collecting prizes from
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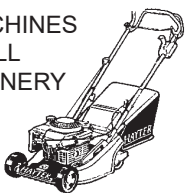
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I have to be honest I did think what I had written in last month's Talk About was a bit down beat and depressing so I thought come on Steve this month be all light hearted and amusing – Sorry no chance of that. When I arrived at the shop early Christmas Eve morning and found my beautiful old Freelander car had been stolen from the back of the shop I was absolutely devastated, we'd had so many adventures together rescuing a whole assortment of wildlife and using her to take Miss Snooks out for her walks in the countryside, I couldn't believe she just wasn't there where I always left her. By now my head and heart were about to explode, I remember crashing through the back door trying to grab the phone to call the police which I managed to do, but what was weird when they asked for the registration number I couldn't remember it, it had disappeared from my brain cells. I must have sounded a right idiot but eventually I pulled myself together to provide the relevant information – what was strange as I was about to hang up the phone she suddenly said to me "oh yes I can see what direction it's driven off in" how did she know that? Anyway by now shock had turned into grief, I remember sinking to my knees with my hands over my face screaming Happy "BLEEP BLEEP" Christmas and what next? Perhaps it's the work of the landlords trying to push me over the edge, crazy things go through your mind at times like this, then all of a sudden I could feel these soft little bodies rubbing against me, as I removed my hands from my face all I could see were a lot of worried little faces, I was surrounded by my wide eyed cats looking quizzically at me and wondering why I was down on the floor with them.

Once they could see I was alright they all moved in purring and rubbing themselves reassuringly against me as if to say don't worry dad, it'll be alright, we all love you – what more could you want? You can always count on animals to make you feel better, so I pulled myself together gave them all a stroke or cuddle and got on with my Christmas Eve.

Just after Christmas I had a communication from the police which read 'Case Closed' which once again upset me but prompted me to write a letter to the Chief Constable of Sussex voicing my concerns about how Hassocks is turning into little London with a huge increase in crime and anti-social behaviour, it's very worrying and will only get worse as more and more houses are built in the area, what's the answer? I don't know, certainly CCTV would be a start, tougher laws to deal with anti-social behaviour and more police presence, personally I think the parents should be held more accountable for the actions of their children - after all if your dog attacks anyone you're to blame, if it's not raised and trained properly they become out of control, then as we've seen happen all too many times tragedy strikes and it's the owner who is prosecuted.

Anyway, I did get my reply from the office of the Chief Constable reassuring me that my concerns had been passed on to the relevant departments. As for my car bless her, who was 18 years old and full of my rescue equipment – was last seen being driven around Brighton and that's the last I've heard.

A little bit of local news which I am sure most of you know – The Greyhound has been bought by the owners of The Plough in Pyecombe, South Downs Garden Centre is spending 15 million to extend the car park and put up bigger buildings to sell – what more plants? And a burger bar is considering opening up in the empty shop next to me – what do I think about that?

Just one word YUCK!

I do hope that next month I'll be here and able to talk about some good news but we won't hold our breath on that one.

Thanks for all your good wishes and offers of help I feel very humbled and emotional.

My thanks to QD for letting me go over their deadline – just to let you know briefly my car was involved in a police incident in Brighton which ended in a chase and sadly my car was very badly damaged and hence written off, that at the moment is all

I know – Typical Eh! Love you all, Steve



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