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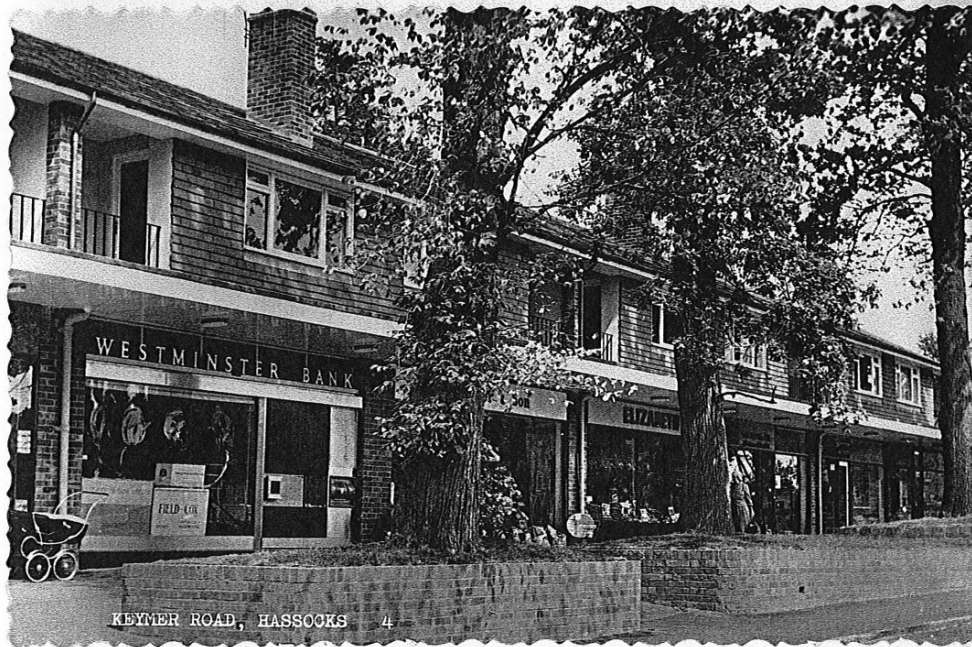
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**Fri. 1st Mar. 10.30 am**

##### **DITCHLING DOWNS WI**

**Tues. 5th Mar. 7 pm**

##### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Tues. 5th Mar. 1.30 pm**

##### **HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP**

**Wed. 6th Mar. 2 pm**

##### **DITCHLING WI**

**Thurs. 7th Mar. 2.15 pm**

##### **HURST, HASOCKS & DITCHLING FIRST RESPONDERS**

**Thurs. 7th Mar. 7.30 pm**

##### **DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY**

**Thurs. 7th Mar. 7.30 pm**

##### **STAR CINEMA**

**Fri. 8th Mar. 7 pm**

##### **DITCHLING MUSEUM FRIENDS'**

**Fri. 8th Mar. 7 pm**

##### **Good News Church, 149 High Street, Hurstpierpoint**

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##### **Old Meeting House, Ditchling**

Emergency Medicine - Dr Anne Weaver

##### **Age Concern, Hassocks**

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##### **The Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint**

Art Deco - Ian Gledhill

##### **Ditchling Village Hall**

Secret Sussex Gardens - Lesley Chamberlain

##### **Hurstpierpoint Methodist Church Hall**

Training Night - New members welcome

##### **Ditchling Village Hall**

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### HASSOCKS EVENING JAZZ

Tues. 12th Mar. 8 pm

### MID SX HEALTH CARE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Wed. 13th Mar. 6.45 pm AGM followed by Managing Our Local Health Needs - Dr Terry Lynch. All welcome

### HASSOCKS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Wed. 13th Mar. 8 pm

### DITCHLING HISTORY PROJECT

Wed. 13th Mar. 2 - 5 pm

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### MID SUSSEX ASSOCIATION NATIONAL TRUST

Thurs. 14th Mar 2.30 pm

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Sat. 23rd Mar. 10 am - 12 pm

### HASSOCKS VILLAGE MARKET

Sat. 23rd Mar. 9 am - 1 pm

### HEDGEHOG HEROS

Sun. 24th Mar. 10 am - 4 pm

### HASSOCKS JAZZ LUNCH

Tues. 26th Mar. 11.30 am

### Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint

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Fri. 29th Mar. 8 pm

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Sat. 16th Mar.

Tues. 19th Mar. 9.30 - 11 am

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Sat. 9th Mar. 10 am - 12 pm.

Mon. 11th Mar. 7.45 pm

Mon. 25th Mar. 7.45 pm

The Greatest Treasure House in England (Petworth House) - Frances Farrer-Brown

### HURSTPIERPOINT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tues. 12th Mar. 7.45 pm

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Sat. 16th Mar. 2.15 pm

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### HURST, HASSOCKS & DITCHLING U3A

Mon. 18th Mar. 2 pm Hurstpierpoint Village Centre

Sat. 23rd Mar. 10 am - 12 pm Adastra Hall, Hassocks

### HURST VILLAGE CINEMA

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### KEYMER FOLK DANCE CLUB

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Mon. 18th Mar. 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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### Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint

A Passion for Piers - Jackie Marsh

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Ralph was an inspiration to many people within our community. He will be deeply missed. *Kevin Grant*

**PETER DURRANT** - Sadly my husband aged 88 passed away in Princess Royal Hospital on 25th January. He became your local butcher in 1970 and was very well known in the village, not only for his famous sausages that won him the Sussex Cup twice but also for being on Come Dancing with me of course, when Hassocks residents stayed up late the night it was on TV! He also won the Adastra Bowls Club men's singles Championship in 1994. A man of many talents and very much loved by all. My thanks to all for your cards, tributes and offers of help - he will be sorely missed by us all (everyone).

*Jean Durrant*

**BESS DUDLEY** peacefully passed away in the Villa Adastra on Thursday 10th January, aged 100 years. Bess was well known in Hassocks, and much loved by all her friends at Age Concern and in the Villa Adastra where

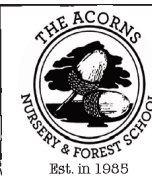


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*Linda Coleman*

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*We thank Ken and Mary Barnard for the following letter:-*  
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Can I stand? There are only a few rules to stand for election. You must be: A British citizen, or a citizen of the Commonwealth, or the European Union, 18 years of age or older, Live in an area that is served by Hassocks Parish Council. If you are interested in standing you will need to submit your nomination papers no later than the **3rd April**.

How can I get involved? Contact Hassocks Parish Council, Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Keymer Road, Hassocks, BN6 8QH or email [info@hassocks-pc.gov.uk](mailto:info@hassocks-pc.gov.uk) to find out more, or visit [www.nalc.gov.uk/elections](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/elections). *Ian Cumberworth*



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HCCH is part of Hassocks Community Organisation, formed from Hassocks Amenity Association and Hassocks Community Partnership. *Colin Wildon*



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**ATTENTION ALL HASOCKS CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS AGES 5-18** "Hassocks Music Festival" is coming to the field of Downlands Community School on Saturday **7th September**.

The Hassocks Music Festival Youth Choir will soon be forming to participate in the festival's 'Battle of the Bands'. We will be rehearsing 2 to 3 songs over 13 rehearsals through May, June and July on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8 pm at St Cosmas and St Damian Church.

All Hassocks children and teenagers are welcome to join us but they must be able to attend the rehearsals and performance. It is generally free but we may ask for voluntary donations to cover costs. For more info please find us on Facebook, email Marion Smith ([maser844@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:maser844@hotmail.co.uk)) or Emily Hilson ([emily@uk-aardvarks.co.uk](mailto:emily@uk-aardvarks.co.uk)). All proceeds from the festival will support St James and St Peter's Hospice.

*Marion Smith*

## **THE CLAYTON & KEYMER BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION**

We meet at 3 pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at our headquarters in Woodsland Road, Hassocks. We are a friendly group and visitors are very welcome.

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

On **14th March**, Val Upton is coming to talk about the "Mid Sussex Older People's Council"; the Competition is a 'Walking Stick', an interesting link to her subject.

Which reminds me – usually speakers entertain us on numerous interesting topics, but a recent entertainment, in the true sense of the word was a lady called Tania, who came to our Christmas Tea and along with a Carol here and there, sang a medley of songs from the 'Olden Days'. With a truly amazing voice, and also plenty of humour and fun, Tania was a ray of sunshine. She brought a smile to our faces and a tap to our feet.

Walking stick - tap to feet, that's a strange connection!

On **11th April** our speaker will be Martin Wilcox, his topic "Child Aid". The competition: Child's Photograph. A Date For Your Diary: Our Coffee Morning is on Saturday **13th April** at Age Concern Hassocks between 9.45 am and 11.45 am. We hope to see you there. Contributions for the Cake, Toiletries, and Bric-a-brac stalls are greatly appreciated. Items can always be brought along beforehand to our meetings, or on the day. If you need to arrange for collection please contact Jenny. Proceeds go towards our benevolent funds; thank you for your generous support.

*Liz Thomas*

**DITCHLING SINGERS** Our friendly choir rehearses popular songs on alternative Sunday afternoons. Our March dates are Sunday, **3rd and 17th March** both from 4 to 6 pm at The Old Meeting House, (The Twitten) in Ditchling. The first session is free, no auditions, just come along or contact Julie on **01273 844818** or Christine **01273 846098**.

*Julie and Christine*



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If you like the ideas then we invite you over to the showrooms at Ditchling [just off the beacon road] to discuss your plans a bit further.

Then we come back on site and have another chat...then we will do a neat intelligible plan and a proper quote. Everything is done in a quiet and leisurely manner. We will never pester you. We will try to work within your budget.

We organise everything like the plumbing, gas fitting, moving a radiator or a new power point or making good an old wall right down to the painting and decorating.

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But I don't have time! Really! The statutory council meetings are held one per calendar month on the last Monday of the month, at Ditchling Village Hall, starting at 7.30 pm and usually finished by 8.30 pm. Hardly onerous!

However the real benefits will accrue to you by becoming involved in whatever interests you most in the many fringe areas that you will become exposed to as a Councillor.

Such as:- Crime Policing, Welfare and Education; Schools; Town and Country Planning; Highways and Traffic and increasing today, Environment and Biodiversity Matters; etc. As a Councillor many other authorities and organisations look at you as the first level of local democracy.

The great benefit you will have however is that you can be involved but not committed. You are after all an unpaid volunteer.

The level of your involvement depends entirely on you. You will, if it suits, become aware of interests, talents and abilities that you never knew you had.

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*John Leaver*

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Dates for your diary - **6th April**, 10 am to 12:30 pm - Coffee morning at the clubhouse in Adastral Park - entrance at the south end of the carpark in Orchard Lane. Come and enjoy coffee/tea and biscuits, have a chat to members, look at our facilities and maybe pick up an application form.

**27th April, 4th, 6th, 11th and 18th May**, 10 am to 12:30 pm Open mornings at the club. Come and try bowling for yourself. All equipment provided and coaches will be there to give you all the help you need. All we ask is that you come with light, flatish footwear.

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*Frank Titford*

**THE VERY POPULAR MUSEUM FRIENDS' QUIZ NIGHT** will take place this year on Friday **8th March** at 7 pm in Ditchling Village Hall. Tickets can be bought at the Museum (open every day 11 am to 5 pm except Monday). The price includes a fish and chip supper but please bring your own drinks and nibbles! If you need further information or want to reserve your place, ring me on **01273 843890**.

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**PEOPLE - PEOPLE WHO NEED PEOPLE** On the afternoon of Friday, 18th January, I was walking with a friend along Fir Tree Way on my way to visit another friend, when I stumbled on a concrete post in the pavement. I fell onto my face and sustained two fractures to my jaw and a laceration underneath.

I would like to thank the people who came to my rescue. A young man in a red cycling outfit - he assessed the whole situation and called the paramedics, another young man in a red Downlands School sweat shirt, an older gentleman who took my arm and steadied me when I was able to get to my feet, his wife who spoke comforting words and reassured me, another gentleman with a dog (a Dachshund I think) and a young Mum and her child were also on hand to help in any way they could. The friend who lived in Fir Tree Way also came by and was able to bring some semblance of reality to me.

The paramedics from Burgess Hill who arrived extremely quickly (Jodie and Tim) were marvellous. Their skill and expertise brought my stunned state under control and I was then taken by my friend to the Accident and Emergency Department at The Princess Royal Hospital. There, again, the medical professionals were excellent, as was the maxillary specialist who treated me at the Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead the next morning.

I was able to thank the medical staff for taking care of me - where would we be without the wonderful NHS? Unfortunately I was not able to thank those lovely People who came to my rescue. They had all gone home when I emerged

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from the Ambulance. I hope that somehow this message will get through to them.

I am truly grateful to them all and thankful that there are such caring people. I am on the mend. One of the Luckiest People In The World. *Name and address supplied.*

**HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP** Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint from 2 pm - 4 pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

**6th March** - Ian Gledhill on Art Deco, the style that defined the jazz era & the golden age of pre-war Hollywood musicals.

As with our first meeting on the 6th February this 2nd meeting will be free of charge. Membership forms will be available for those who would like to join the group.

**3rd April** Jo Kaddish will be speaking on the work of the RNLI.

For more information please contact Dianne **01273 835284** or myself **07806 670359**.

Do come along, you will be made most welcome.

*Ann Tranter*

**MESSY CHURCH** is a morning of activities for adults and children with refreshments and food for thought. 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 the next Messy Church will be on Saturday **23rd March** between 10 am and 12 noon at Hassocks United Reformed Church. There is no charge and all are welcome.

*Darryl Sinclair*

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**DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY** 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, who is mysterious and quite a character. Brona encourages Hana to learn to swim and slowly Hana starts to fall for Brona. The newly confident Hana then starts to change her life for her newfound love but secrets from Brona's past threaten her plans. Both leading characters are persuasive and engaging and this low-key naturalistic drama handles the lives of its older protagonists with sensitivity and candour.

Director: Bodan Slama Czech 2017 106 minutes  
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On Thursday, **4th April**, our film will be *Blackkkklan* – the incredible true story of an American hero who sets out on a dangerous mission to infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. Set in the early 70's, Ron Stallworth is the first black American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, he poses as a white bigot over the phone whilst sending in white officers for face to face work. Together with a more seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman, they proceed to take down the extremist hate group as the organisation aims to sanitise its violent appeal to the mainstream. This stranger-than-fiction story lights up like a bar room pinball machine and slips

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*Rowena Cager and Melanie Samuel*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019 - FORMERLY WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is a women led global ecumenical movement, this year's service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and is entitled 'Come - Everything is Ready. So please join us on Friday **1st March** at 10.30 am in this ecumenical service to be held at the Good News Church, 149 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, (next to the Player's theatre BN6 9PU). Everyone is welcome men, women and children of all ages.

*Veronica Aldridge*

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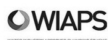


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### THE LADIES OF HASSOCKS TOWNSWOMENS' GUILD

met for their first meeting of the New Year on the 22nd January, when we welcomed as our speaker for the afternoon, Robert Goldsmith. Rob has held a life long interest in the ocean liner RMS Titanic and his talk opened with an account of the fateful night of the 15th April 1912 when the liner sank after hitting an iceberg. Contributing factors including lack of lifeboats, failure of watertight compartments and lack of priorities of radio signals, all conspiring to the tragedy with the loss of in excess of 1,500 lives. In 2005 Robert entered a competition organised by the TV History Channel, the prize being the opportunity to dive down to the wreckage and out of 30,000 entries, he was chosen as the winner. He then described the two and a half miles journey in a submersible to the ocean floor where he was able to take images of the wrecked liner which were incorporated in his fascinating account.

Refreshments were then enjoyed whilst puzzling over a quiz which had been set by one of our members, and after the raffle had been drawn, the meeting closed.

Our AGM will be held on the **25th March** commencing at 2.30 pm in the Pauline Thaw Centre. Any further information can be provided by Mrs Sheila Southwell

telephone **01273 841106**.

*Avril Williams*

**HURSTPIERPOINT SINGERS** It is with great regret that we announce the closure of Hurstpierpoint Singers, after 68 years of music-making in Sussex. Dwindling numbers and illness led to the decision, which means that the very successful Christmas Concert held at Holy Trinity, Hurstpierpoint in December – at which over £250 was raised for Alzheimer's research – will in retrospect be their final performance. There will therefore not be a concert in April, although members of the Singers have joined other local choirs, including Burgess Hill Choral Society, Chanttonbury Chorus, All the Right Notes and Sussex Chorus, all of whom have concerts between April and June. The Singers would like to thank all those who have supported them over the past decades, both as singers, and as audience members. *David Redd*

**MID SUSSEX HEALTH CARE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP** Older People's Forum came to give an illustrated talk. They gave much helpful information and are an excellent point of contact for elderly people seeking advice on a range of matters. Please look in the Practice waiting rooms for detailed information.

We look forward to seeing even more of you at our AGM on **13th March**.

*Celia Lindsay*

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**NEW YEAR OFFERS A CHANCE TO REVIEW AND REFLECT UPON OUR LIVES** and think about some of the things we might want to be different and we are now a month into that new year.

Many of us commit to change; to change ourselves, our circumstances, our relationships, our jobs, our way of life or our habits or anything else that comes to mind. Something that we have been unhappy about has finally made it to the top of the in-tray and has demanded our attention and our action.

Resolutions are made with positive intent and a real want to do what we have decided upon. We're all good at making resolutions, especially at New Year. Some of these are implemented without a problem, some perhaps are a little more challenging and things don't quite go to plan and some are downright difficult and are often the most important but end up being dropped or shelved. Life then, in the main, remains unchanged and to some extent we stay with what we know; we tolerate the things we'd rather change because the pain of change seems greater than the pain of staying put.

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**NEWS FROM STONEYWISH** These days after Christmas sometimes seem the darkest, though the daylight is in fact lengthening, little by little. The old country saying goes 'February, black or white' and in parts of the country the snow has come already, while we here have the pleasure of black branches, black ditches and a north wind under the door. All the same, spring changes are afoot. The snowdrops are out. The birds are testing snatches of true song amidst their winter twitter. An optimistic woodpecker drums out across the paddock. And the sap must be rising. Michael sets out before first light to feed the animals and break the ice on the water troughs. The pigs grunt excitedly at the first squeak of his wheelbarrow, which tells them breakfast is coming. The sheep wait in silence. But they have been busy overnight, grazing by moonlight on the nutritious buds which are swelling in the hedgerows. Every day some sheep fail to appear for roll-call and Michael has to scour the field edges, looking for those that have foraged so deep, they have got themselves tangled up. Looking for black sheep in the dark is a challenge for any Bo Peep! But eventually they are all free and accounted for. With a nibble of barley, they go to sit and enjoy their cud. Then straight back to foraging again – the taste of spring is irresistible.

One note on sheep and cud and global warming, in the light of recent media debate. Perhaps, before we blame innocent animals for our own meddling in the earth's cli-

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mate, we should distinguish between traditional and intensive farming practices. Animals on pasture perform the miraculous feat of turning cellulose, i.e. grass into complex and vital animal proteins. They also husband the land, returning vegetable growth to the soil in their faeces, in a form perfectly designed to support future healthy growth, i.e. plants with their full compliment of minerals and vitamins. This process, requiring no chemical inputs, no animal feed factories, or transport networks, supports the extraordinary biodiversity associated with natural pastures, from wild flowers to butterflies and bees, birds and larger wildlife species. Since grass itself captures significant amounts of greenhouse gases, the methane produced by traditional, pasture fed animals will be reabsorbed in a cycle of a decade or so. According to a report by the Royal Agricultural University some 60% of the world's farms are still small-scale subsistence farms, producing 40% of the world's food supply powered by sunlight. Perhaps climate experts should take another look at this vast body of sustainable land-use before abandoning ancient wisdom and throwing the baby out with the bath-water?

Michael and Mike keep warm these bitter days, in a last dash to finish fencing and mending and restoring paths before the Reserve reopens on **1st March**. There is a new tunnel to explore in the Play Area and there will be a new exhibition of pictures from the Stoneywish Archive at the Visitor Centre, this time featuring vintage shots of

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Hassocks, Keymer and Clayton. The exhibition runs until the first of our new season of History Mornings at the end of April. Watch this space for details. For all other news and information on camping please visit our website: [www.stoneywish.com](http://www.stoneywish.com).

Now, what to have for lunch? Perhaps I should take a lesson from the sheep and look for spring shoots. Right on the doorstep are the tender leaves of cleavers, shepherd's purse and dandelion. So here's another pearl of wisdom from a rural rebel. If you want to enjoy a plastic free salad and save money, don't reach for the weedkiller – *eat* your weeds before they become tough and bitter! It will do you a power of good!

*Rosemary*

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**NEW RESIDENTS PARTY** Saturday **16th March**. Every year Ditchling Village Association holds a party to welcome new residents of Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat parishes who have moved to the area in the last year or two. It is a great opportunity to meet other villagers over a glass of wine and find out more about the clubs, societies and groups that make Ditchling a vibrant and stimulating place to live. If you have recently moved into the area, and haven't been to a Newcomers' Party before, please sign up online at [bit.ly/2G84dzm](http://bit.ly/2G84dzm) or email [newcomers@ditchling.com](mailto:newcomers@ditchling.com) for more information. We would love to see you there.

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**FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS** Firstly, please will you note that our Cream Tea afternoon will be on Bank Holiday Monday **6th May** at the Adastra Hall here in Hassocks. This is changed from the Sunday 5th and we very much look forward to seeing lots of you joining us for an enjoyable afternoon. More details next month. Each show has always brought forth lots of compliments on the costumes on stage so it was a very sad Wednesday in January that various theatre groups, school etc, took possession of most of them.

The Adastra Hall was full of tables piled high with costumes, hats, shoes, etc, etc, - the Adastra has kindly housed it all for us over the years. Who can remember our ladies looking gorgeous in beautiful dresses and wearing large colourful hats - one show they were at Ascot and another at a Royal Garden Party. Do you remember Richard as the bear from Jungle Book and Brenda Franchi and Jean Thirkettle dancing in monkey costume? Another occasion saw Mo as a Mountie and her husband John as 'Rosemarie' - what a laugh that was! Another favourite item saw Bill and Ben the flower pot men and Postman Pat etc? Our cast always worked really hard at presentation and can be proud of what they achieved.

It was sad that morning to see Pierrot costumes (worn recently by the whole cast) just waiting for someone to choose them. I am sure you can all imagine our feelings that day just looking around the hall as many fond, mem-



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orable, never-to-be-forgotten and sentimental memories came flooding back. Thankfully we have our DVD's to watch to take us back to those times over the last 41 years when we enjoyed the evenings and afternoons with you as our friendly and appreciative audiences. As the saying goes 'Those Were The Days!'

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**ANNUAL SPRING BULB SHOW 2019 16th March,**  
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The Ditchling Horticultural Society is looking forward to seeing you at our first show of the year whether as a visitor or exhibitor, a warm welcome will await you - your support is very important to us. This show displays the beauty of spring bulbs and the hall will be filled with their colour and their scent. There will be classes for Flowers and Plants, Floral Art, Cookery and Handicrafts, Photography and Children's Classes. When you have viewed the exhibits why not sample our refreshments (tea and homemade cake). There is also Muriel's famous raffle a small entrance fee for non-members, children and members free.

Membership is open to residents of Ditchling, Streat and Westmeston and those with close ties to, or working in Ditchling. Annual membership is available. New members are always welcome and can exhibit providing they join the week before the Show. If you would like to join please contact me on **01273 845167**

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mid-April until Mid-July and we will be organising small working parties at the mill on every week day. We will also run some sessions on Saturdays to enable supporters working during the week to take part. There is no need to be an expert as guidance will be given and every group will be led by an experienced mill volunteer. All tools and materials will, of course, be provided. We have already contacted our 'regulars' from previous years, but should you wish to join our team this year, please contact John Pryse: Telephone **01444 871734** (or email: [j.pryse@btinternet.com](mailto:j.pryse@btinternet.com)) letting him know on which day or days of the week you can attend. Thank you.

Notwithstanding the sweep refurbishment this year, we will continue to run our popular traditional open days on the first Sunday of each month from April to October inclusive. However, we will focus on two rather than three major 'Event Days' this year, the two being 'Music and Morris' on Sunday **5th May** and 'History and Heritage' on Sunday **1st September**. Mark them in your diary now. For more information on all aspects of Oldland Mill activity, just keep an eye on our website:

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The evening was opened by club President Bernard O'Rourke who gave the traditional Selkirk Grace, with a few modern additions for our vegetarian friends and thereafter followed the usual sequence for a Burns Supper. We were fortunate to have Rod Scott there to pipe in the haggis, supported by Robert Maxwell who delivered the Address to the Haggis, with verve and panache. The evening continued with entertaining and amusing speeches by Rod Pryde who did the 'Immortal Memory', Steve Cridland who was brave enough to deliver the 'Toast to the Lassies' and Angi Honeyman made a suitably pithy response on behalf of the 'Lassies'. Rod Scott brought the evening to a close (almost) with some more on the bagpipes, it was then we discovered Steve Cridland is also a gifted piper, as he did give the final rendition.

It was an excellent evening, with a superb meal and lots of good humour, supported by a dram or two of malt whisky!

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Live Musical Performance - Friday **26th April** is a date for your diary. We are pleased to present a special musical event at 7.30 pm in St Cosmos and St Damian Church, Keymer. Showcasing the talents of Vocal Fusion and Marcus Martin, this is a fundraising concert in aid of the Sussex based charity 'Know Dementia'. Admission to the concert is free and it is hoped a retiring collection will realise a sizeable donation to the charity. Keep an eye out for more information next month and follow Sussex Vale Rotary on Facebook for up to date progress.

Know Dementia is run by volunteers comprising family carers and qualified professionals to provide advice and support to people living with dementia. The charity builds links with the local community to enable a better understanding of the disease. This is achieved through Dementia Friends Training, Dementia Action Alliances and their 'Moments' events, which include 12 Memory Moments Cafés, Sporting Moments, Green Moments and Musical Moments.

Vocal Fusion Acapella, will be performing and is an unaccompanied Male Voice Chorus of around 20 singers, based in Steyning, West Sussex, with a repertoire embracing the styles of American song, swing, jazz, well-known ballads, spirituals, easy beat and up-tempo songs arranged for men's voice and barbershop style.

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Don't miss what will be an excellent evening of live music, make sure it goes in your calendar today!

The Sussex Vale Rotary Club draws its members from Burgess Hill, Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and surrounding areas.

If you are interested in learning more about Rotary International and how you can help or join us, 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. Alternatively, you can follow us on our Facebook site.

*Duncan Honeyman*

**THE WINDMILLS SCHOOL** The spring term has transported many of our pupils to various destinations - either imaginary - or for real! The journeys have included a visit to Ancient Greece for the children in year 3 and a trip on the Titanic for year 4 whilst year 5 took a spooky step inside the laboratory of Dr Frankenstein and year 6 were taken back to the outbreak of World War 2. All of these journeys, focussing on the year group's current topic, have enhanced the children's learning in a fun and memorable way! The Legend Theatre Com-

pany treated year 3 to a day of drama. All of the children were dressed up as a child from Ancient Greece and were given various roles to play - including parts in the play of Theseus and the Minotaur - which was definitely the highlight of the day! As part of their 'Changing States' topic, year 4 spent a day working with JK Theatre Arts exploring the tragic story of the Titanic. Dressing up, promenading the decks and dancing helped to build a clear picture of what life would have been like on board the luxurious ship as it set sail on its fateful journey.

In February members of our school choir travelled by coach to the 02 Arena in London. They headed there to take part in the Young Voices concert - joining with thousands of other school children from around the country on stage to perform to a huge audience made up of parents and school staff. The aim of Young Voices is to inspire a love of music and create memories for the children that will last a lifetime - and this has certainly proven to be the case for The Windmills who have now taken part in this event for several years. As well as the opportunity to sing the tunes that had been so well rehearsed during the previous months alongside the other school choirs, they were given extra encouragement on the day from a number of guest artists also taking part in the performance.

We look forward to sharing more of our exciting journeys with you over the coming months! *Sue Bandy*

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As you may be aware Downlands encourages a growth mind-set. What does this mean? Well, we encourage students to believe that with hard work and perseverance they can achieve anything they put their minds to. When they start at Downlands, we ask them to complete a short survey to see how they view their learning – whether they feel that there is no point trying because they will fail anyway or whether they have an open mind and are willing to take risks and try new things. The change from Year 7 when they enter the school to Year 9 when we survey them again is astounding. In every lesson, in everything they do, we emphasise that practice and resilience is key. So, following this theme, on Flexiday, the Year 7 students were busy trying new skills all day – they learnt Italian, learnt to sing, to juggle, to tie knots, to do origami, to embroider. By the end of the day, they had all tried something new and had new skills to be proud of.

Year 8 students were lucky enough to have a whole day of sporting activities from basketball to orienteering. It was a bit nippy out on the field but they had a great day. Meanwhile Year 9 students were busy interviewing a variety of interesting people trying to work out what job they do and then looking at GCSE choices. It will soon

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be time for them to choose their GCSE subjects and Flexiday is designed to help them with their choices. We were delighted to welcome so many local business people to the school who spent a morning helping with our Careers Speed Dating activity. If you would like to be involved and give a couple of hours, please contact our Workplace Coordinator, Nicki Cutress on **ncutress@downlands.org**.

It was strange seeing so many of our Year 10 students dressed in business attire for the day. They spent the day creating adverts for products as part of their Business Enterprise Day.

And finally, Year 11 had a day revising 'An Inspector Calls' with the English Department in preparation for their GCSE English Literature exams in the summer. Having studied the book in Year 9, it was time to revisit that classic of mid-20th century English theatre.

Flexiday is always fun and this year was no exception. There is a lovely atmosphere around the school and lots of smiling faces.

*Nicki Burston*

**HEBER OPERA** spring craft fair in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre on Saturday **6th April**. Open to the public 10 am – 2 pm. We have homemade refreshments available throughout the day and lots of interesting stalls to browse. Some stalls still available - so please get in touch if you would like one. Contact Bethan Jackson on **bjackson1501@icloud.com** or **07990 514428**.

*Jenny*



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They're a wild mammal we can observe close-up and are a beloved symbol of our natural heritage. In a local push to encourage locals to look out for these animals, Ann Winney from local hedgehog rescue Hurst Hedgehog Haven will be at in Hassocks next month.

The area's new 'Hedgehog Hero' will be visiting South Downs Nurseries from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday **24th March**, giving advice on what we can do to help hedgehogs and improve their numbers in our local area.

The Hedgehog Heroes initiative is run by the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, and encourages businesses to remind visitors of the importance of looking out for Hedgehogs in the area. This includes checking areas of the garden before using any gardening equipment such as strimmers and mowers.

In 2007, hedgehogs were made a priority conservation species in Britain under the then UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP). In 2015, The State of Britain's Hedgehogs, by People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) and the British Hedgehog Preservation Society (BHPS), outlined the findings of four surveys recording hedgehogs in urban and rural areas, and showed a worrying decline in hedgehog numbers. Hedgehogs continue to face pressures in the rural landscape and from urban development, but monitoring numbers, and initiatives such as 'Hedgehog Street' and 'Hedgehog Heroes', plus public efforts to improve garden habitats and connectivity, might just give them a fighting

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*Trevor Butler*

### **HURSTPIERPOINT AND HASSOCKS LABOUR BRANCH**

Every 4th Friday of the month we meet in the Purple Carrot at No 6 Cafe in Hassocks (end of Woodland Road). Details of our meetings and drop in session are always on our local Facebook page Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint Labour Party. The next drop in sessions are on Friday **22nd March** and **26th April**. We'll be there between 2pm and 3pm and will be ready to hear about any local issues that you wish to raise. Come along and tell us what you think!

*Linda Taylor*

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**1ST HASSOCKS SCOUTS** We had a fantastic 2018. Across the year we managed a record 9 camps! Staying at Parkwood, Saddlescombe Farm, HQ, Downe in Kent, Stanfords in Crawley and Broadstone Warren to name a few. We pitched up in Snow back in March!

We have cooked on open fires, trangeres, and gas. Slept out under tarpaulins (the toothbrush camp), in cardboard boxes, old and modern tents. We've hiked around Devil's Dyke, Chailey, Wolstonbury and geo-cached along the way, as well as cycling to and around Burgess Hill from Hassocks.

We visited the RNLI and had a visit from Kirsty Lord to talk about Parliament Week. We made pizzas using ovens made from cardboard, went paddleboarding, axe throwing, tackled the Astronomy badge and much, much more.

Our most popular event of the year is the Children in Need Sleepover. The Scouts assembled at HQ with lots of cardboard and made shelters outside to sleep in all night. As well as having a huge amount of fun and trying to keep warm they raised a very impressive £1,371.00 for CIN. Many thanks to all of you who supported and sponsored our Scouts. We also raised £850.00 towards troop funds throughout the year. You may well have seen us at Budgens!

This year we are starting with orienteering and swimming and have also planned The Monopoly Run in Lon-

don, district quiz, district swimming and hike challenges, cooking competitions and go-carting. Another busy year ahead.

If you have a skill and knowledge you would like to share with the Scouts please contact us at [hassocksscoutsoverlanders@gmail.com](mailto:hassocksscoutsoverlanders@gmail.com).

*Jane O'Connell and the Scout Leadership team*

**DITCHLING WI** For our February meeting we welcomed Jackie Marsh-Hobbs who gave a really interesting talk on Preston Manor, with slides. This is a charming historic house decorated and furnished in Edwardian Style, and is one of the Museums of Brighton and Hove.

It has elegant reception rooms and functional servants quarters that reveal the 'upstairs and downstairs' of life at the Manor. Today it is possible to attend events there and hire it for weddings.

This was followed by tea and biscuits and the raffle.

Our next meeting is on Thursday **7th March** at 2.15 pm. Ditchling Village Hall with Lesley Chamberlain 'Secret Sussex Gardens'. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

*Briony Coomber*

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**DITCHLING DOWNS WI** Our speaker for the January meeting, was Dai Thomas telling us about the work of the charity Sussex Search and Rescue, which is a primary resource for Sussex Police. They are a team of professionally trained and equipped volunteers all of whom are able to employ highly specialist skills in the search for vulnerable missing people. Within an hour of being called out they can assemble a dedicated team of searchers on the ground anywhere in Sussex. The search team have advanced observational skills, and work in teams of four. The charity was developed in response to the disappearance and murder of 8 year old Sarah Payne in 2000. Sarah went missing in early July that year, but her body wasn't found for over 2 weeks, and it was 15 miles from where she had been last seen. The volunteers, who are self-funded, provide a vital resource to the police. There is no government funding, so fund raising is a high priority for the charity. The website is:

**www.sussar.org.uk / website**  
The speaker for our March 2019 meeting is Dr Anne Weaver, on the subject - "Emergency Medicine". The meeting will be held at our new venue, The Old Meeting House, The Twitten, Ditchling on Tuesday **5th March** at 7 for 7.30 pm. As usual, guests are very welcome to come and join us.

*Sally Willis*



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*John Wood*

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*Liz Edmunds*

**JAZZ BEFORE LUNCH AT THE HASSOCKS 31st March.**

These Sunday morning concerts are proving very popular with audiences so vocalist, Julie Roberts, and pianist/arranger, Michael Hinton, will be back for another sparkling, relaxing programme of "dinner jazz" at the Hassocks Hotel, Hassocks, from 11.30 am till 1 pm on Sunday the **31st March**. Julie is known for her mellow voice and sensitive interpretations of songs which are beautifully complemented by Michael's jazz piano arrangements.

Tea, coffee and bar drinks available. The Hassocks food, including Sunday roast lunches, is also proving a hit with audiences. Ordered in advance it is ready to be served immediately following the concert. There is more information about tickets etc, and the opportunity to hear Julie and me, on Julie's website [www.julierobertsmusic.co.uk](http://www.julierobertsmusic.co.uk)

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**HASSOCKS WI** January is a time for New Year resolutions, as we were reminded in an amusing poem written by a WI member, but is also the time, in every WI in the country, when all members vote on national resolutions to choose which campaigns will be promoted over the next year. This business was quickly completed, and it was time for some entertainment. In a new experience for us, we were joined by a Ukelele band, and we all joined in for a rousing sing-along of all the old favourites.

Our March meeting promises to be stimulating, when we have a talk and discussion on historical aspects of medicine and surgery. The meeting will be as usual, 7.45 pm on the 3rd Monday of the month, (**18th March**). All welcome. Further details can be found on [wihassocks.org.uk](http://wihassocks.org.uk).

*Maureen Dodd*

### 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.

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*Bill Kent*

### BRIGHTON CONSORT'S NEXT CONCERT

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

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I was out shopping the other day when I was stopped by a lady who asked whether I was going to write anything jolly this month, trouble is to write anything jolly you have to feel jolly and frankly I don't - but having said that I can tell you I'm free of those niggling aches and pains that come with the march of time. Certain parts of me were beginning to hurt and then I discovered CBD oil which basically is cannabis with the hallucinogenic ingredients taken out and it's marvellous. I used to get awful leg cramps at night and they've gone now so I sleep through the night, also I've got my little dog Tink on it as well. She was beginning to get a bit arthritic and rather than put her on any powerful drugs from the vet I give her the CBD oil with turmeric in it, which works a treat and there are no side effects, it comes in a variety of strengths and is available from most health food shops. I know people who have MS and Parkinson's who swear by it - but please don't take my word for it, there is plenty of information out there about it so discover it for yourself and you will feel a lot more jolly for doing so.

Ok not so jolly, or depending on your point of view is the closure of the fish and chip shop in Keymer, it's always sad when a shop has to close but I wasn't really surprised I think one fish and chip shop is quite enough for Hassocks and Keymer. Trouble is they were always up against it, the parking up there is atrocious you can never stop and park in the layby it's always full of cars and vans which have nothing to do with the shops so I think you'll find it'll stay empty for quite some time.

Now then just up the road is the Greyhound pub which last month I said the owners of The Plough in Pyecombe had taken over, well it's actually an ex member of staff that has apparently taken it on so my apologies to the owners of The Plough for the mistake and thank you for being so nice about it.

Back down to Hassocks - the much anticipated opening of the new Adastra Deli still hasn't happened yet but by the time the Talk About hits the streets that could have all changed and we'll all be marvelling at the gastronomic delights on show, now that Tesco's has decided to close a lot of its deli counters in stores around the country, perhaps a lot of those disappointed deli lovers will find their way to Hassocks and use ours instead.

Although it pains me I should let you all know what eventually happened to my animal rescue Freeland, it was spotted on Sunday evening by the police driving erratically along Hove seafront - a chase ensued all through the streets of Brighton, from what police tell me it was a miracle no one was killed. Now I know they want to catch these criminals but was it really necessary to endanger the public and other road users to try and stop it? It was a stolen car but just lately people have lost their lives by police cars pursuing these people and I would have been devastated had something like that happened involving my car as it was he eventually crashed into the Grenadier Public House in Hove and totally wrecked my beautiful car then to really rub salt in the wound the car insurance company said because of the year etc they would only pay out £700.00 "What?" I screamed "I can't even by a decent bicycle for that - never mind a replacement vehicle." Tough was the reply on the end of the phone that's all it's worth, I'd have strangled the git if I could have reached down the phone. So that's the end of that episode of my life and obviously no vehicle to replace the car I'd looked after all those years but as I hear all too often "That's Life".

*Thanks for listening see you all next month Steve*

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