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Tues. 3rd Sept. 7 pm

HOLY COMMUNION

Tues. 3rd Sept. 1.30 pm

HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP

Wed. 4th Sept. 2 pm

DITCHLING WI

Thurs. 5th Sept. 2.15 pm

HURST, HASSOCKS & DITCHLING FIRST RESPONDERS

Thurs. 5th Sept. 7.30 pm

DOWNSFEST

Sat. 7th Sept. 12 - 10 pm.

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Sat. 7th Sept. 10 am - 5 pm

DITCHLING HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Sun. 8th Sept. 2 pm

Oldlands Lane, Hassocks

History and Heritage Open Day

Old Meeting House, Ditchling

Colour Me Gorgeous - Michaela Wynn Jones

Age Concern, Hassocks

Conducted by one of the local Church of England Clergy

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Wed. 11th Sept. 2 - 5 pm

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Wed. 11th Sept. 8 pm

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Thurs. 12th Sept. 2.30 pm

BURGESS HILL HERITAGE & HISTORY ASSOC.

Fri. 13th Sept. 8 pm

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Sat. 14th Sept. 2.15 pm

ST FRANCIS CHURCH

Sat. 14th Sept. 12.30 - 2.30 pm

HASSOCKS WI

Mon. 16th Sept. 7.45 pm

STAR CINEMA

Fri. 20th Sept. 7 pm

DITCHLING VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Sat. 21st Sept. 10 am - 12 pm

MOBILE REFUSE

Sun. 22nd Sept. 10 am - 12 pm

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Tues. 24th Sept. 11.30 am

HASSOCKS TOWNSWOMENS GUILD

Tues. 24th Sept. 2.30 pm

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Fri. 27th Sept. 2 pm

The Precocious Talent of Rex Whistler - Jerry Nice. See article

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Mon. 23rd Sept. 7.45 pm

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Mon. 16th Sept. 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Mon. 30th Sept. 7.30 - 9.30 pm

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A phone found in Clayton Park at the beginning of July, a child's charm in Woodland Road, a leisure card, money found by the traffic lights near Child Help.

DOWNSFEST 2019 Saturday 7th September at Adastra Park, Hassocks from 12 to 10 pm. Tickets on sale now. Headlining Queen II, showcasing a host of local talent Black Hurricane, Overdrive, Stone Dark Night, Mockingbird, Sussex Soul Singers, The Kraken Wakes, Charlotte Griggs, The Thing of the Swamp, The Blackbirds, Hullabaloo, Grace Jago, Karen Rash and Nicola Grunberg, Bean and The Boys, Mike Reinstein, Downsfest Youth Choir, Cold Bones, Just Sing, Nathan Reeve.

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A SPARKLING OCCASION FOR BROWNIES 2nd Ditchling Brownies celebrated the end of the Summer Term with a unique, sparkling outdoor event during which they watched their four leaders being presented with their Leadership Qualification Certificates and Badges by District Commissioner, Vicky Cobb, on the same night!

Known affectionately as The Ditchling Four, the team has provided the unit they jointly run with another year packed with fun and adventure while working towards their own qualification. The list of activities includes helping the girls to earn all sorts of interest badges, raising much needed money for Children In Need by holding a Tea Party, undertaking a Night Hike and supporting Ditchling Village's annual events such as Apple Day. At the end of July, the unit

spent a weekend camping at nearby Girlguiding's Blacklands Farm Activity Centre.

To welcome one new Girlguiding Leader is something to celebrate, but Ditchling Brownies with four is truly blessed! These four, newly qualified Leaders are such an inspirational team: the way they work together is amazing and the girls have gained so much by the exciting programme put on for them.

Girlguiding has moved with the times and our new programme is both exciting and challenging. New Leaders and Helpers are always needed to deliver a range of activities for the girls in our locality; assistance with fundraising and admin tasks is also needed. If you have some spare time and think this might be for you, please register your interest at www.girlguiding.org.uk or talk to one of the local people already involved.

As you can see, the Ditchling Four are enjoying their new found hobby very much! Join us! *Pennie Thomson*

HENFIELD ARTS SOCIETY will meet on Monday 9th September at 2.30 pm at The Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, Henfield.

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To refresh you there'll be a hog roast, veggie food, 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 honey and learn about bees, 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 wellywanging competition - a perfectly safe participant sport but somewhat hazardous for spectators!

To end the day Ditchling Morris will dance for us and

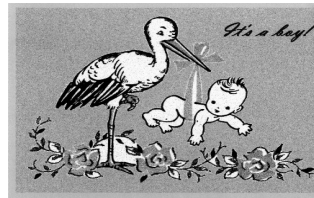
lead a procession to the Orchard in Boddington's Lane, with a final sing-along in the Orchard.

Keep an eye out for further details on our posters from mid-September onwards.

Donations are to be used to fund our plan to create a green roofed 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.

John Willis & Tae Chisholm



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On the **12th September**, one of our members, Margaret Taylor, will be talking to us about 'The Scilly Isles'.

The competition is for 'The Prettiest Pill Pot'.

A recent speaker from the 'Service by Emergency Rider' told us about the various voluntary services they provide by motor cycle courier. Besides ferrying blood they also deliver scans, x-rays and even breast milk for premature babies. Donor materials, organs etc., are transported by car. A really interesting and informative talk, delivered remarkably well, since he was in considerable pain after a road accident on the way to us. We later heard he had broken his collar bone. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday **7th September** at Age Concern Hassocks, between 9.45 and 11.45 am.

Donations for stalls are always very welcome; raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, toiletries and cakes. If needed please ring Jenny to arrange collection. All funds raised go towards our benevolent funds. Thank you so much for your support, we look forward to seeing you there.

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HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL CLUB Many thanks to Colin Trumble, Chair of HPP & Downs Ward of MSDC, who came along in July and told us about the work of the District Council. He also explained the different responsibilities of the County, District & Parish Councils. A most informative and enjoyable afternoon.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday **4th September** where we will have a Quiz, discuss the programme for next year and have a general social afternoon. Do come & join us.

We meet at The Guide HG, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint from 2 to 4 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

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

Ann Tranter

We thank a Hassocks reader for the following letter:- The new people in the village fish & chip shop have turned things around, they are really nice and if you want less batter just ask for it to be lighter, really great to be using local products as well, burgers and chicken from Andy's the butcher's next door and no frozen fish! Do try it and make sure it stays open.

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Margaret Everest

ALL THE RIGHT NOTES will be back in action on Wednesday **4th September** to start our ninth year of singing for fun. Hassocks' own community choir meets each Wednesday during term time from 8 to 9.30 pm in St Francis Church Hall, Priory Road, Hassocks, and is for singers of all ages and abilities. It doesn't matter if you've never sung in a choir before or you've been in one all your life – come along and enjoy a good sing. This term music includes songs by Lewis Capaldi, The Eagles, The Beatles, Europe, Chris de Burgh and Kelly Clarkson among many others. First taster session free, small four-weekly charge. For more details email alltherightnoteschoir@gmail.com or just come along!

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Volunteering – Have you got time on your hands and would you like to help us out? We are looking for a Bus Escort to help our members on and off the bus, preferably every other Tuesday morning from 9.15 to 11.15 am. Also for holiday cover when some of our Volunteers are away. Please do get in touch and come and have a chat with us in the office.

Knitting Squares – For now we are putting this on hold, and starting it up again from October. We have an abundance of squares and my one volunteer who kindly sews them all together is overloaded! If you are happy to keep knitting squares please carry on but if you are able to sew your squares together into a reasonable sized blanket we would be very grateful. Squares and blankets can be dropped into the centre in October and we will be passing them onto the Salvation Army. Thank you to everyone who is helping us with this - it is giving lots of members great satisfaction in producing the blankets and giving them something to do.

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Thank you to all at Downlands School for providing our members with a lunch on Friday 19th June. They all had a lovely time and enjoyed it very much. Recently we organised a trip to Windsor Castle and were very lucky that the sun shone all day and we also visited the Farm Shop there with a few purchases made!

I Pad and Phone lessons held on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 until 11 am (not school holidays).

Well Balanced Community Falls Prevention Service, in partnership with Mid Sussex Wellbeing and Active House Solutions are holding Balance classes here every Wednesday afternoon. Please call **01444 477191** to book your place.

Hearing Aid Maintenance checks/batteries are held here by Action for Deafness on the first Tuesday of each month at 9.30 am, but only that day per month – NHS Only – just turn up and a waiting system is in place. On other days we do not hold batteries here, you do need to contact your supplier for these.

We have Scrabble, German Scrabble, Art, Canasta, Mahjong, Knit and Natter and Craft sessions held here – new members always welcome please do come in and ask us in the office or take a look at our website. We regularly arrange in house entertainment and outings too.

Our Charity Shop is being extended! Building work has now started! Please do be aware that our car park will be very restricted whilst this is going on, but we are open for business as usual for refreshments, lunches, activities and the shop is staying open as much as we can! Please do try and park carefully and only in the marked bays. We do apologise for the inconvenience whilst the work is being carried out.

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Delighted to be directing his first Festival production, long-serving member of the Hurstpierpoint Players Bob Sampson has started work with his cast of four to bring this 'memory play' by America's renowned dramatist to the Players Theatre this autumn.

The play, said to be based on Williams' own early life, is set in post depression America. It features the Wingfield family and is narrated by Tom, who lives in genteel poverty with his ambitious mother, Amanda and disabled sister Laura. Amanda is a faded, tragic remnant of Southern gentility who lives in relative but unacknowledged poverty in a drab St. Louis apartment, striving to give direction and meaning to her own life and those of her children.

Tom, who narrates the play, is driven to distraction by his mother's ambitions, seeks escape in alcohol and the movies while Laura lives in her own world - she is disabled and this, intensified by Amanda's anxiety to see her married, has driven the young woman into a world where her collection of glass animals provides her only friendships - a world about to be challenged by the arrival of Jim, a 'gentleman caller'.

"The Glass Menagerie" established Tennessee Williams as a dramatist of note and the Hurstpierpoint Players are pleased to offer this production as part of the 2019 Hurst Festival.

Tickets are on sale now at the Festival Box Office.

After the Festival the theatre will go dark for the much-needed refurbishment of the auditorium to take place. We hope to raise another £5000 towards this and are holding The Big Push Summer Raffle with fabulous prizes donated by local businesses. Look out for members who will be selling tickets - your theatre needs you!

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Claire

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At Britain's Oldest Regularly Working Windmill we are preparing for our 'History and Heritage' Day.

There will be displays of heritage wheats and village life in bygone times by the U3A Local History Group. For children there will be a quiz, games, Punch and Judy and the famous Animal School. Ice creams, homemade cakes and a BBQ will be available. No vehicles allowed at the Mill. Please park in Grand Avenue, Hassocks, near The Thatched Inn and either walk up Oldlands Lane or make use of the complimentary minibus found opposite The Thatched Inn. Entry by voluntary donation. Further information is available at www.oldlandwindmill.co.uk

The Event Afternoon comes at the end of another great effort by our team of volunteers to refurbish the second pair of sweeps in two years. The Mill has continued to be open to the public for Open Afternoons during the refurbishment, with the two unaffected sweeps turning under wind power much to the excitement of many visitors, young and old. Our milling team even managed to produce flour using only the two operational sweeps, showing just how efficient these traditional windmills were!

We look forward to welcoming you to the Mill.

Rebecca Street

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On Friday **30th August**, at 7.30 pm, at Pyecombe Church. Baroque Trio Concert - Bob Ahern - Tenor, Jon Rattenbury - Baroque Guitar, Mark Smith - Theorbo.

This entertaining and talented trio will perform music from the Baroque era, featuring songs and instrumental pieces by Lully and Jose Marin. They will be chatting about the music and instruments as they go along and if you have never heard of a Theorbo before, here it is! Come and experience the sound of this fascinating instrument.

On Saturday **31st August**, at 11 am at Poynings Church. Purcell's Dido & Aeneas - There is plenty of excitement surrounding this event. In the week leading up to the Festival we are launching the first ever Pyecombe Opera Project - P.O.P.! A cast of wonderful young singers will be rehearsing at Pyecombe and Poynings Churches to stage a production of Dido & Aeneas. Composed in the 1680s, it is only an hour long but is full of drama, passion, humour, revenge... and dynamic Director/Producer, Susannah Greenan, will be bringing a very modern perspective to this classic tale! In true Glyndebourne tradition, the final dress rehearsal will be open to the public (in effect, the first performance!). Jane Money conducts with Nick Andrews, continuo, and string ensemble.

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On Sunday **1st September** at 4 pm at Pyecombe Church. The Four Seasons with Pyecombe Village Choir - This cleverly devised programme, inspired by David Finney, takes us on a musical journey through the seasons with many popular songs and some Vivaldi and Flanders & Swan along the way! It will also feature the first performance of December Night by talented Pyecombe songwriter, Richard Lewis.

Tickets can be reserved in advance from myself - **cullmon.jm@gmail.com** or **07736 806851** Festival Passes and individual performances are available. Under 16s are free. Refreshments will be available at all performances.

Proceeds from the Festival will go towards the upkeep of Pyecombe Church with a donation to Poynings Church for the Saturday performance.

NB: If you would like to attend the performance of Dido & Aeneas at the Brighton Unitarian Church on the Saturday evening, tickets for this should be booked in advance (contact details as above). This performance is not part of the Festival.

We look forward to welcoming you all to this year's Festival. It is for everyone to enjoy and we hope you will want to be a part of it!

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This is not a singing and dancing drama group, rather one which concentrates on giving the children an opportunity to develop their imagination and grow in self-confidence whilst having fun and also exploring topics relating to modern life. The emphasis is on enjoyment. There is also a chance to take part in the annual Hurst Players pantomime if they so wish and also any who would like to take the LAMDA drama exams are able to do this under the guidance of professional drama teachers.

There are spaces now available from September, so sign up now! Contact Jacqui or Deborah on info@centrestagetheatregroup.net *Annette Squire*

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Finally, after more than two years' work there is some good news to report!

The changes to traffic management at Stonepound cross-roads over the summer have included 'bike boxes' – areas right at the traffic lights approached from all four directions which allow cyclists to queue in front of motorised traffic and get away first when the lights allow. This will not only make cycling safer but will contribute to diffusing the accumulation of polluting gases at the crossroads.

And that's not all. West Sussex County Council have prioritised a plan to improve the B2116 for cyclists from the roundabout in Hurstpierpoint east as far as Downlands School. The plan comprises measures to develop an alternative route for cyclists as well as interventions that will make the main road safer for cyclists to use.

Although this is a very considerable step forward, don't hold your breath. It means that the chances of getting funding for these improvements in the 2020-21 budget are greatly increased but until the money is allocated we won't know for certain that the works will be done.

One thing you can do now is drop a quick email to your local, mid-Sussex and County Councillors to thank them for achieving these steps forward. It's them we rely on for these

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THE WINDMILLS SCHOOL There was much to celebrate at the end of the summer term - a team of 5 boys and 5 girls having won the first round of a Tri-Golf tournament became part of the Mid Sussex Panthers, competing for one cup against 8 other teams from East and West Sussex. This was a huge sports event. The Spec-savers Sussex School Games is a 'Mini-Olympics & Paralympics', giving Sussex school children the chance to participate in competitive school sport at County level across multiple sport disciplines. The winners of the 12 different sporting categories including athletics, cricket, hockey, Boccia and of course golf met at the K2 where all the different sports took place on the same day. There was a huge opening ceremony for the games with banners and speeches; Olympic rower, Charles Cousins, gave a speech. The team tried so hard and played well, worked together and kept going right to the end and were delighted to receive Bronze taking them through to the Tri-County Champs which was held in Canterbury! The trip to Canterbury playing for Sussex was a real highlight of the year for our young sportspeople. This was also the first time in the school's history that we had progressed to a County final. The children were fantastic role models and worked incredibly hard as a team to do their very best - we are so proud of all that they have achieved and their fantastic sporting attitudes.

The sporting year ended with another terrific achievement - this time for our teams from all year groups who took part in the Mid Sussex Athletics competition. Much training and practice had gone in to preparing for the event. It was a very close contest on the day and the atmosphere was tense :- it was not until the final results were read out that our team knew for sure that they had retained the trophy and were once again crowned Mid



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Sussex Athletics Champions! Throughout the event the children did themselves proud - not only in the sporting achievements but in their conduct - they offered such terrific support to each other, especially the older children offering our Year 3 debutants kind words and advice. The end of the summer term is always full of emotion as the year 6 children face the move on to secondary school. They treated fellow pupils, staff and parents to a fantastic end of year show; enjoyed every moment of the leavers party organised by the Year 6 TAs and teaching staff; took every opportunity to wear their leavers hoodies (despite the weather being a little too warm for such an item of clothing!) and collected as many good-bye messages in their Year Books as possible! We wish them all the very best in the next stage in their education. September of course sees our new Year 3 children joining us and we look forward to them becoming an active part in the life of the school - a trip to Butser Ancient Farm, an archaeological open-air museum, is already planned for them within their first weeks at The Windmills. We will share with you news of the trip which will form a key part in their learning for the autumn term.

Sue Bandy

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 **28th September** between 10 am and 12 noon at Hassocks United Reformed Church. There is no charge and all are welcome.

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NEWS FROM STONEYWISH Sitting by the Black Swan Pond, I am about to take a 'journey into the interior'. The phrase conjures up images of primal jungle, and there is a palpable sense that Nature has reclaimed this place for her own. A breeze worries the treetops, but down here the vegetation is still, and the air is heavy with summer scents. Just over there a wren raps out a staccato warning. It has been doing so for some time but the sound has now embedded itself in my consciousness. Perhaps there are two birds calling. Perhaps there is a cat about, though the robins and blackbirds are quiet. The urgent rat-tat-tat, like a communication in morse, seems to demand a response and I go to investigate. There is no sign of a cat, but a small brown object hurtles out of the tangle of branches and alights on the fence before me, beginning a comical bobbing dance, turning on its pin-shaft legs and whirring like a grasshopper. It is a new-fledged wren, taking stock of his world. Perception narrows to this tiny point and I am rooted there as long as he continues undisturbed. Oh for a camera now! But to 'capture' this moment would be to flatten it and lose its essence. This is something far more precious. As I watch, my sensibility expands, takes in the tangle of leaves, not as a tangle now, but rather, as something spacious and inviting, as a tiny bird might see it, offering an infinite complexity of footholds and galleries and cathedral-like domed spaces for exploration. The background blur of sounds, untangle themselves and now I can hear the grasshopper rattle of other voices too. There are four of them altogether. A whole nest-

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ful of youngsters, hopping warily from branch to branch, while the parents, hidden from view, offer covering fire with their hullabaloo. Ah, now I understand what is going on. The enigma has been solved. But something else has happened too and I beat a retreat to reflect.

This month's history morning takes place on Friday **30th August**. As seems only fitting for a summer holiday event, we are off to the coast, with *Beside the Sea: An 18th Century Tourist visits Littlehampton and Brighton*. An authority in the field, our speaker, David Dawson, invites us into the antiquarian book-lover's 'back room' to turn the pages of a real collector's item. Here is the record of a fortnight's trip to Sussex, nearly 250 years ago. By 1780 Brighton had entered its early years as the leading South Coast resort, whilst westwards, at Littlehampton, attempts were being made to become, if not its rival, certainly an alternative (and quieter) choice. Our holidaymaker's fascinating and rare book, describing both places – sometimes in unexpected detail – is believed to be the first contemporary printed account of a seaside holiday. Don't miss this one. You will never see these familiar places the same again. The talk begins at 10.30 at the Visitor Centre in Spatham Lane. Talks are accompanied by an exhibition of images from the Stoneywish archive and followed by resh-baked cake and fresh-brewed coffee, all included in the ticket price. Enjoy a relaxing chat in the garden (weather permitting) while we top up your empty cups! To reserve a seat please phone **01273 843498**. Full details of all talks are on the website:

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Now, regarding jungles. Our linear minds like to have things tidy. Daisies here. Lupins there. Clumps of colour. Everything behind its respective fence. This way we can enjoy a sense of control. A jungle may be fine in faraway places – the Amazon, say. But not here. Not unless, it is a designated place, with an information board and a proper viewing platform provided. What we do not realise is that the wilderness is actually inside us, in the teaming masses of bacteria which outnumber our body cells 10 to 1 and keep us alive; in the water we drink – yes – even chlorinated water! In the air we breathe; the rain that waters our gardens. Every attempt we make to ‘capture’ and contain the wildness merely disconnects us from the worldwide web of life to which we naturally belong. If we would find a solution to the ills we inflict on the world, I cannot help thinking a change of mindset must come first. Let’s put away our cameras, textbooks, databases... and just look. And not just look but open and enlarge our senses to seek the miraculous patterns and messages encoded in the humblest forms of life. Let’s be captivated. Let’s ask which really needs to be saved. Is it Nature? Or is it ourselves? In this jungle by the Black Swan Pond is a web of noxious weeds: nettles, scotch thistles, teasels and hogweed with lesser species threaded in between. Of all the plants here, it is the dreaded hogweed which provides the sweetest feast and insects of all kinds crowd on the flowers: certain bees, hoverflies, bee flies, wasps, myriad flies – a chequered moth no bigger than an apple pip – a harmless

wood wasp and countless soldier beetles with their russet wings. On a green seed-head sits a green cricket. All day long. All are in communication with one another, with the scents and chemical messages in the air, with the dragonflies hawking overhead... I could count the species, tag them, analyse them. Would that help the world? Would it help me? Truly? I am drawn back to the words of one of our visionary poets: the great anti-Newtonian, anti-reductionist, William Blake. To read him is to take, with him, a miraculous ‘journey into the interior’: “Seest thou the little winged fly, smaller than a grain of sand? It has a heart like thee; a brain open to heaven and hell./Withinside wondrous and expansive, its gates are not closed.” A microscope will not help one see it. This ‘withinside’ world is visible only to young children, and to those who can, belatedly, ‘unclose’ their gates of perception. But what a wealth is there! Suddenly, no one is alone. Everything is speaking, vibrating with information. A mere thumbnail becomes a wilderness. And the realisation dawns that Nature is not a state or an external thing to be saved, but ‘Human Existence’ itself. Unless we wake up to that soon, I am afraid, our only journey will be down the pan.

Rosemary

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HASSOCKS WI Ian Gledhill never fails to entertain, amuse and inform, and he certainly didn't disappoint when he came to talk to us about 'Oh! I Do Like To Be Beside The Seaside'. Ian gave special emphasis to Brighton, Worthing and Bognor from the time in the 1700s when the sea was to be endured rather than enjoyed, through the medical benefits of sea water promulgated by Dr Russell and the Prince Regent making Brighton fashionable, to Eric Gill's saucy postcards, Mods and Rockers riots, and Butlin's at Bognor as an antidote to seaside landladies. We rather envied King Alphonso his extravagant bathing hut, and felt that we would have been amongst those refined Regency visitors to Brighton who made use of the lending library in the Old Steine and danced in the Assembly Rooms at the Old Ship Hotel.

Ian nicely put us in the mood for choc ices and decorating sun hats to complete our summery evening. We also admired the stunning scarecrow, made by Shirley, which won 2nd prize at the Ardingly Summer Show. Such talent and creativity!

We don't have a meeting in August, so our next meeting

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is on **16th September** when we will be trying some gentle exercise, Paracise. No meeting doesn't mean we're doing nothing though. Some members had a boat trip around Shoreham Harbour on a glorious summer day. Hilary, Gerry and Maureen attended a thought-provoking conference on plastic pollution in the oceans. Many hands made light work of stuffing and sewing cushions for ladies who have had breast surgery. Rottingdean was the venue for a visit to St Margaret's Church to admire the Burne-Jones windows, and The Grange for a textile exhibition. Several teams have entered the WI regional quiz - competition will be hot! As usual, other groups will be meeting to walk, sing, write and read. The advantage of these activities is that meeting in smaller groups makes it easier to get to know people, and there are so many lovely ladies in WI. Come and join us!

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It is essential to book an appointment time - this can be done online at www.psatesting.org/burgess-hill or for booking enquiries phone **0845 650 2555**.

Tony Parris

We thank Peter and Margaret for the following letter:- We would like to thank everyone who visited our garden in Woodland Close on Sunday 7th July (all 169 of you) which was one of the 10 gardens open in aid of St Peter and St James's Hospice. We received so many nice comments, especially a lot about free cherries straight from the tree! But perhaps nicest of all from a dear lady leaving at close of the day who said 'I don't want to go home, I just want to stay here' Praise indeed!

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In August we visited Roundstone Garden Centre.

We welcome anyone who would like to join in with events such as these as Guild members. If you are interested please telephone Sheila Southwell on **01273 841106** for details. Our next meeting will be held in our usual venue, the Pauline Thaw Centre on the **24th September** when the subject of our speaker will be MacMillan Nurses. The meetings commence at 2.30 pm and they always conclude with refreshments and a raffle.

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Once again there will be "Muriel's" Raffle and home-made tea and cake. Entrance is free to members and children and a small charge for non members. Look forward to seeing you.

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REGULATION 16 - THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 2012 AND THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

Mid Sussex District Council as the Local Planning Authority has published the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan for public consultation in accordance with part 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Hassocks Parish lies to the south of Burgess Hill, and contains the villages of Hassocks and Keymer and the hamlet of Clayton. The southern part of the Parish is located within the South Downs National Park. The NDP includes policies on Housing, Local Gaps, Local Green Spaces, environment, heritage, community Infrastructure, transport, the economy and sustainability. Once adopted, these policies will be used to determine planning applications locally along with the Mid Sussex District Plan.

Consultation on the Submission (Regulation 16) version of the Neighbourhood Plan is taking place for 8 weeks and finishes at Midnight **16th September 2019**. All representations received from this consultation will be forwarded to an independent Examiner appointed to examine the Neighbourhood Plan.

Copies of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on MSDC website at: www.midsussex.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans

Hard copies of the plan are available for inspection at: Mid Sussex District Council Offices, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS (normal office hours apply); and

Hassocks Parish Council Offices, Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Keymer Rd, Hassocks BN6 8QH (opening hours Monday to Thursday 10am to 2pm; Friday 10am to 12 noon)

How to Make Representations - Formal comments can be submitted online using the representation form at: www.midsussex.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplans or by email to: neighbourhoodplans@midsussex.gov.uk or to Planning Policy and Economic Development, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS.

All comments must be received by midnight on Monday **16th September 2019**. All comments received will be public information (personal contact details will not be published).

If you have any queries, please contact the Planning Policy and Economic Development Team on **01444 477263** or email neighbourhoodplans@midsussex.gov.uk

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Many thanks to everyone who has made our vision a reality. We would especially like to thank everyone who has sponsored a seat or a sleeper in the amphitheatre and the people who contributed to our crowd fundraising campaign. Other large donations came from the following organisations: The Garfield Weston Foundation, The Hassocks Parish Council, The Downlands School Association, The Southover Manor Trust and West Sussex County Council.

We are especially grateful to landscape architect Nick Dexter who turned our vision into a brilliant design, Nigel Bowcock, Ross Jackson and the team at Acre Landscapes who took Nick's design and turned it into our wonderful amphitheatre, HOPS.

The amphitheatre was officially opened by our Chair of Governors Mrs Di Hunt. We were delighted to welcome Brain Fruit straight from the Brighton Fringe who performed "Bear North" as well Miss Rebecca Milford, mezzo soprano who performed among others "I Feel Pretty" and "Summertime" - perfect. We were especially pleased to

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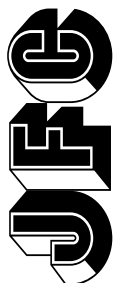
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welcome back Lana Mae Garrett, who has just left Downlands and who read two of her beautiful poems. Our fantastic students performed too - with the Downlands Strings Group playing for guests as they arrived and the Downlands Choir singing to round off a perfect afternoon with the stunning South Downs as a backdrop.

If you would like to sponsor a seat, a sleeper or a VIP sleeper in the front row please contact us at school. Likewise if you are interested in renting the space, please contact Sue Jones, Business Manager.

Thank you to local photographer, Paul Noble, who donated his services for the afternoon - the stunning photographs are his."

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everyone involved....we had a lovely fun time whilst raising funds for the Trust!

This brings the amount raised for various children’s charities over the years by the School to in excess of £75,000!

The photographs show Harvey Pattenden and Ernie Wakeford holding the Presentation Cheque and three other pupils, Helen Preece, her daughter Robyn and Emily Benford accepting the cheque on behalf of the Trust all three having donated hair in the past.

Robin (Irene Bates)



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were thinking about the natural world as they participated in the school's annual museum project which is generously supported by a couple in the village. Our two artists in residence, Martin Brockman and Simon Page, really allowed the children to expand their artistic abilities. In the first workshops, children were encouraged to observe and draw leaves using natural materials including charcoal pencils, the green colouring from grass, yellow hues from dandelions, chalk and mud from the Chailey area. Some of the younger children thought about the ages of different trees and how many rings they would have if they were a tree.

A few weeks later, each class was invited to Ditchling Museum of Art and Craft to continue their project work, this time looking at patterns and how to create patterns. The older year groups created wood block prints by using chipping tools to create their desired pattern, eventually using the block prints on their own tree collages. Children in the Nursery and Reception created their own animals using wood cut offs. By placing them in different positions a wide variety of woodland creatures were created.

As the final piece is now on display in the school, the children can see how their hard work and creativity has paid off. The overall effect of the woodland scene has really altered the atmosphere in the school's entrance; 'it looks like it's alive' and 'it feels like we are outside' have been a few

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comments from the children when shown their artwork. It certainly draws the eye upwards to feast on the patterns, textures and creatures inspired by wood. A big thank you to the Museum and to all those involved in another amazing art project.
Naomi Jerrey

MAKE TIME FOR MACMILLAN! Friday 27th September. Coffee Morning 10 am to 12 Noon, at the Bowls Club, South Avenue, Hurstpierpoint.

Once again a small group of friends are holding a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The Bowls Club are kindly letting us use their club house. We would love to see all our friends and loyal supporters again this year.

For those people who were not able to join us last year, we would be so pleased to see you this time. There will always be a friendly and welcoming greeting for everyone.

With your help, we can build on our past successes and make a large contribution to this very worthy cause.

We will have Bric-a-Brac, Toys and Books on sale plus a raffle and tombola.

As always there will be a selection of irresistible cakes!

Entrance to include coffee/tea and cake.

Please keep the date and do come along.

Posters will be going up in the village in September with further details or contact **01273 832742**.

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BURGESS HILL CHORAL SOCIETY We have spaces for new singers for our Autumn season. We're a choir of about 80 members led by dynamic and inspiring Musical Director Michael Stefan Wood BEM. Mike brings a high level of professional skill and musical knowledge to rehearsals which are enjoyable and result in high standards. We present two concerts a year, at Christmas and in the Spring, working with professional soloists and orchestra. For our Autumn 2019 season we are delighted to be singing Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio.'

We're a friendly and vibrant choir and welcome experienced singers as well as those who haven't sung for a while. Why not come along and try a rehearsal before deciding to join us? There is no joining audition. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7.45pm to 10pm at the United Reformed Church hall, Junction Road, Burgess Hill, RH15 0JS. The new season begins on Monday **9th September**. For more information, please contact us via our website: www.burgesshillchoralsociety.org.uk, phone **07522 493966** or visit our Facebook page. *Frances Eales*

A BOWLING CLUB IS REAPING THE REWARDS OF A DONATION FROM A NEARBY GARDEN CENTRE AS BLOOMS BRIGHTEN THE LANDSCAPE AROUND THE GREENS.

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"We were delighted to receive the photos from the bowlers and to see just how beautiful the plants are", said Sarah Mead from the Brighton Road business. "They have clearly tended them with care and the results are now being enjoyed by all who visit the club in Adastra park."

Trevor Butler

STAR CINEMA The Star Cinema will be back on **20th September** with the popular film Stan And Ollie (PG). Doors open at 7 pm and the film starts at 7 30 pm. Tickets are available on the door. Wine, tea, coffee, soft drinks available. Raffle with great prizes. Hope to see you there. In Stan and Ollie, legendary screen comedians Stan Laurel (Steve Coogan) and Oliver Hardy (John C. Reilly) are filming their great comedy Way Out West in 1937. Despite their huge success, both are short on money, due to the miserly contracts that Hal Roach (Danny Huston) has them under. Stan tries to argue for better treatment but fails. Years later, in 1953, the now ageing comics are on their own and have embarked upon a stage tour of the United Kingdom and Ireland, hoping to secure funding for a new Robin Hood movie. At first their shows are small and poorly attended, but with a little publicity, the crowds grow. The pair's beloved wives, Lucy (Shirley Henderson) and Ida (Nina Arianda) join them. But the funding for the movie falls through, and the old friends get into a big fight over a long-simmering grudge. Will this be the end of Laurel & Hardy?

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SEPTEMBER IS UROLOGY AWARENESS MONTH Organised by The Urology Foundation, this month aims to raise awareness of urological disease as well as raise money to fund vital research and training into these diseases.

It is estimated that 1 in 2 of us will be affected by a urology condition in our lifetime. Prostate cancer affects 40 000 men in the UK every year. It is estimated that 250 000 men in the UK live with prostate cancer but sadly 10 000 of them will die of the disease each year. It is most common in older men with the majority of newly diagnosed men in their 70s to 80s. It is rare for men to have prostate cancer under the age of 50.

There are strong familial links in prostate cancer with men being two and a half times more likely to get prostate cancer if their brother has prostate cancer. Black Caribbean or black African men have three times greater risk than white men.

The common symptoms of prostatic enlargement are reduced urine flow, increased number of day and night voids, urgency, hesitancy at the start and a persistent dribble towards the end of urine flow. However, these symptoms merely indicate an increase in prostate size and not of the nature of this enlargement and are therefore a poor indicator for the presence of cancer.

If you are suffering from any of these symptoms, the prostate can be assessed with a rectal examination,

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which will highlight if the prostate is enlarged, and a PSA blood test. The higher the score of the PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) then the higher the risk of cancer being present. This test is a good indicator but not always conclusive and further tests may be required.

There is no prostate cancer screening programme in the UK but men of good health should be encouraged to have their PSA checked in their 50s as they have the most to gain from early detection.

For more information visit
www.westsussexurology.co.uk

Janet Francis

HURSTPIERPOINT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW

will be held at 2.15 pm on Saturday **14th September** in Hurstpierpoint Village Hall. All the bounty of Autumn flowers, fruit and vegetables plus photography, cookery and children's sections. Exhibiting is free and open to all. Home-made cake and tea, raffle and auction at end of show.

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Firstly I'd like to thank everyone who comes in to our shop either to see the cats or make a purchase and puts money in our donation box because that money helps enormously towards looking after our animals, just lately my beautiful 10 year old fox lobo has started to feel the ravages of old age and has been receiving palative care at the vets. It's never easy when you love something so much and it's always those you've rescued that affect you the most and as we all know these days vets aren't cheap but at a time when you need it the most they can give you hope.

Whilst on the subject of vets and our pets a customer of mine who has a beautiful staffie which is only 3 years old discovered after it went lame on one of its hind legs that it needed an operation to repair its cruciate ligament and would cost in excess of £3,000, which as an OAP she just couldn't afford and had no insurance, then a friend suggested she contact the PDSA to find out if she was in their catchment area and eligible being an OAP and living in Hassocks, the answer was yes on both counts, after a consultation the operation was successfully performed and the cost to her was only £350.00. The young lady that works with me on a Sunday, Flo, is a nurse at the PDSA Clinic in Brighton which as we all know is free to those on benefits and is there to help our OAPs with pets but the stories she tells me would break your heart especially those who just keep on breeding their poor dogs so they can just keep earning money from their off spring some are never taken for walks and fed the cheapest crap food, trouble is we all know this goes on but are powerless to do anything even with these new animal welfare laws which are meant to go a long way to stop excessive breeding of dogs seem to have little impact.

Locally the closure of the entrance to Wickham Hill has turned New Way Lane into the new M25, I'm still not sure what's going on and why it's meant to take so long but if the Great British workman would pick up his tools at the weekends it would greatly reduce the length of time it's closed but I'm sure there are some Health and Safety reason why that's not possible.

To start with I was quiet surprised when I heard the hair salon on Orion Parade was closing down but when I read the terms of her new lease and rent increase I think she made the right decision, walk away and let someone else have the hassle, it'll be interesting to see how long it's empty and who's brave enough to take it on. Another sign of our high streets shrinking footfall has caused Pavilion Electrics to reduce to a 4 day week which is a great shame they were brilliant when I was let down by the electrician who was going to rewire the flat I had to handback, they stepped in and did a fantastic job for a very reasonable price for which I'll be eternally grateful, it would be a tragedy to lose them but you can't make people use the shops if they don't want to, the competition on the internet is too hard to fight.

Anyway another fight that's looming is the one to stop the council closing our beloved library, there are those who say it's just another sign of the times and people don't read books anymore, but that's rubbish people of all ages love books and the libraries aren't just about books, so much more happens within those four walls. There is a great community spirit that occurs within them. I have got a petition in my shop as have others so let's not let the council deprive Hassocks of yet another great amenity – sign it now!

Once again this year is proving to be a bumper one for fleas they are having a great time so if you've done the sensible thing and sprayed your house with a good household flea spray that's great but don't forget all your vehicles, spray them as well. Fleas love to travel!

I'll leave you this month with the words uttered from my son as he arrived back from his holiday in sunny Turkey landing at Exeter International Airport – “Holy c**p Dad what happened to the weather?” – What indeed?

Love Steve



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