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Thurs 2nd Apr 10.30 am

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Fri 3rd Apr 8 pm

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Mon 6th Apr 2.30 pm

DITCHLING DOWNS WI

Tues 7th Apr 7 pm

HASSOCKS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Wed 8th Apr 8 pm Discussion about rose varieties & growing tips, demo - propagation & pruning - Ray Martin

DITCHLING HISTORY PROJECT

Wed 8th Apr 2 - 5 pm

The Guide HO, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint

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Annual Coffee Morning

Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill The Salt Industry of the Adur Valley - Janet Pennington

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Tues 14th Apr 7.45 pm COUNCIL SURGERY Vegetables for the Garden - Geoff Peach (BBC Radio Sussex - Dig It)

Tues 14th Apr 10 - 11 am

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Editors

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Rebecca Street

HULLO AGAIN! How time flies!! Only a matter of weeks to our V.E. DAY Anniversary concert which sees Friends and Neighbours getting together again on 2nd May to join you for an afternoon of those unforgettable wartime songs at the Adastra Hall in Hassocks starting at 2.30 pm - some entertainment too of course. We want to raise monies for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and we are most grateful to the Burgess Hill District

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We are looking forward to welcoming a large audience and our varied programme, lively, romantic and 'interesting' is full of songs that helped during those long war years to bring those at home closer to their loved ones overseas. We well remember how we always enjoyed hearing our audiences singing and there will be plenty of opportunities for that including quite an emotional ending to the afternoon. So please do not miss this chance to be 'together again' for this important 'Victory in Europe' Anniversary. More info if needed on 01273 845291.

Dorrie

THANK YOU TO THE COUPLE who kindly helped me and took me to the doctor when I had a nasty fall in Ockley Lane on 7th February. Both face and glasses are mending.

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NEWS FROM STONEYWISH Well, the country saying is 'February fill-dyke' and this month has certainly done its best to live up to its reputation. Though lucky compared with no other regions, here in Sussex we have had our own share of floods and gales. The streams at Stoneywish are swollen, the ponds brimming. Spatham pond has burst its bank and half-emptied into the Bevan stream and the ground is temporarily too wet for any work in the Farm Centre. Instead, we have turned to the sad task of felling ash trees stricken with ash die-back disease. The feeling is palpable here, as in many places, that all is not well with our environment. This is gloomy talk for new year and, like other observers, I am reluctant to use that word 'environment' which suggests are disconnected between humans at the centre of things and the rest of the natural world, a kind of suburb or encircling envelope. As I see it, we are the suburb too, part and parcel, and if something is wrong there it is most probably wrong here too. Einstein stated that it was impossible to solve a problem by employing the same thought processes which had created the problem in the first place. If he was right, we cannot stay fixed in our rationalist mental citadel and 'fix' anything out there. Ancient Chinese Taoist teaching encourages attuning one's life to the energy or 'flow' of Nature. In Chinese medicine, the body is a world in miniature with its own internal weather systems. Health is determined by the balance of inner heat, damp or wind. Too much fire or too much water brings disease. For the Highland Mayans of Guatemala each individual was a microcosm. with bones for rocks, blood for rivers, muscles for animals and so on. The task of each villager was to feed Life (with a capital L) by creating and sustaining pathways of beauty in his or her own small life. All were challenged to rem ember their cosmic origins so that they would be fit to return there one day. These views from other cultures, fanciful as they may seem to a Western mind, offer reassuring alternatives to our own often bleak world-view. When the newsreaders and weather forecasters have finished their dismal reports, we need space and calm to explore our own more positive connections to the world which gives us life. For Nature is

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surely more than wallpaper to enhance our holiday snaps, or a mat for us to exercise on, or a fridge for us to raid. It is, acknowledged or not, the intelligent source and substance of our own nerves and molecules. The ash trees, the flood-waters and even corona virus, are surely telling us that the world is not static, inert, or bound by our mental equations. At a casual glance, the sick ash trees looked sound before they were felled, but each log reveals a black spot at its core where the rot has taken hold. Left to run its course, the disease will kill a strong tree in a couple of years when the entire trunk may, without warning, crash to the ground. The Chinese dictum of 'strong outside - rotten inside' does not need spelling out. Eco-systems which show small signs of disturbance may actually be in deep trouble, for everything depends on the tiny interactions we are often too busy to notice. The humblest weeds and insects turn out to be the capillaries which feed the heart of the whole and if you have once experienced their mysterious min-

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istry it becomes almost impossible to justify disrupting them. Floods or no, Stoneywish is open again and The Giant Bunny Hunt will return here every day of the Easter Holidays, with a prize of free mini-chocolates for every entrant.

On 24th April, David Rudling opens our new season of History Talks with a fascinating glimpse into the life of a fellow archaeologist. Ivan Donald Margary (1896-1976) 'Officer, Gentleman, Scholar and Philanthropist', is perhaps best known for buying Fishbourne Roman Palace on behalf of the Sussex Archaeological Society, but he was also an authority on Roman roads and a colourful figure in his East Grinstead locality. David's talk begins at 10.30 am at the Visitor Centre in Spatham Lane and ends with coffee and home-made cake and the usual convivial chat. Details of all our talks can be found on our website: www.stonevwish.com. Please phone 01273 843498 to reserve a seat.

Now time to find wellies and see what is doing outside. In this lull between showers I find the snowdrops have gone over, but there are new islands of sweet violets among them and self-seeded crocuses. Primroses, those lovers of wet, are in between. Spring

asserts itself, undeterred, with 'business as usual' and seeing it, I cannot help but be hopeful.

Rosemary



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Hassocks VE Day Celebrations will have our regular participants and activities too: a café run by PearlPower (all cake donations greatly received), bring your dog along to enter our dog show, visit all the community and charity stalls including Clayton and Keymer Church, WI and Friends of Hassocks Infants School to name a few, and have a go at whittling with the National Trust. Keymer and Hassocks Sports and Social Club will be open with a variety of beers and BBQ, Cairovan will be offering their delicious street food and we welcome the Sloe Gin van too. And once again we will have fun dancing at the maypole!

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The Award "The Chief Scout Gold Award" was achieved by understanding and completing 9 Challenges over the last 2.5 years. These Challenges varied between Adventurous and Outdoor events, managing and enjoying Camping as Patrol Leaders on numerous camps, trying out new activity challenges and in one instance a 2 day 1 night expedition with a purpose.

The others were of a more personal nature including selfdevelopment, trying new skills, leadership, the environment and the world, and ensuring new Scouts understand the ethos of the Scout Law and Promise. (This does also include the sewing on of badges!)

The above were all achieved by the gaining of activity and staged badges on the way.

All these aspects were discussed with a District Assessor who then used the discussion to demonstrate "lessons learnt" for interviews and the like in a few years' time. These 8 scouts will formerly be presented with their Award in May at a Ceremony organised by West Sussex Scouts. Well done to all of them.

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THE WINDMILLS are very fortunate to have a superb team of parents who form the 'Friends of Windmills' (FOWS). The team organise lots of fundraising activities during the school year with the money raised providing additional equipment and workshops to enrich the learning experience for all children.

During the Autumn term, for example, Years 4 and 6 were invited to take part in a Halloween themed Bake



Off competition and cake sale. We look forward to Years 3 and 6 putting their baking skills to the test when they enter 'Easter' the Bake Off competition!

Other events last term included a

Halloween disco, the sale of the children's beautifully designed Christmas cards, ice skating at the Royal Pavilion and of course the annual Christmas Favre!

FOWS have already raised a huge amount of money this year with lots of other events planned over the coming months. The children have benefited through the pro-

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vision of music and science workshops and also headphones and splitters for the children to use when doing activities on their laptops or iPads. In the picture you will see Year 3 enjoying an African drumming workshop! Kwame, the instructor, shared his music, dance and experiences of living in Africa and Guyana. Thanks to FOWS, the children had a great day learning how to



play the djembe drum, singing African inspired songs and performing African styled dances!

We would like to thank everyone on the committee for all of their hard work and to those who step in to help at the fundraising events - and of course parents and children for supporting the events. Sue Bandy

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Hello again. We are your local kitchen specialists. You can follow our progress month by month in this magazine. We do thoughtful kitchen makeovers but we also start from scratch and do complete kitchen projects. We are brilliant at small kitchens but we have also done stunning bespoke kitchens in great country houses. Recently we have worked for people with some physical issues. We are clever at making everything much more accessible. Our cabinets and worktops are bespoke. Which means we can make them any shape or size to suit your space. Our most ingenious designs come from the way we utilise dead corner space. We are master drawer makers. All our drawers are made with traditional dovetails and fitted on superbly engineered self- closing runners. As you can see from the picture we make funky /clever larder units. Our average larder with racks on the back of the doors will store 300 average tins. The cost of our bespoke cabinets is about the same as the high street shops which only make standard sizes. I have been designing kitchens for some years. I have some clever solutions you might not have thought of. In 1988 I was made European kitchen designer of the year for designing the same kitchen fifteen different ways.

We do little jobs or we do complete projects. If you just want a few cosmetic changes we won't try to sell you a whole new kitchen...but if you do want a whole new kitchen then we are seriously patient, thoughtful, organised and detailed. We are just putting new worktops on a small kitchen in Hurst. In another we are just changing tired old oak doors for white glossy handle less doors. It's amazing what a new zing fresh new doors can bring. In January we spent two weeks stripping back some really fine oak doors and frames,

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TEA FOR TWO... (HUNDRED) GIRLGUIDING SOUTH DOWN DIVISION MEMBERS Almost 200 Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders from Girlguiding South Down Division (Hassocks, Hurst and Ditchling) signed up to mark World Thinking Day this year with a special event on the theme of Diversity held at Downlands School.

This global celebration, organised as near as possible to the birthday of founder, Lord Baden Powell and, by coincidence, that of his wife, Olave, (22nd February) is a time when ten million members world wide think about the many other members of the Guiding family. Very often, the girls use the occasion to raise much needed funds to assist less well off units at home and abroad and this year was no exception. So far, with the collection still ongoing, over £300 in 5ps has been collected in-a lot of coins!

At the start of the afternoon, three Ranger Guides gave presentations about their forthcoming Girlguiding trips to South Africa (Olivia Grocott) and Kenya (Anna Bazeley and Imogen Preissner). They explained how they were selected for these international opportunities, the way they are raising the funds they need and some of what they will be doing when away. Olivia, for example, will be helping to build a house for orphans; Anna and Imogen will also be helping with construction work, this time a school, and, in addition, they will act as teaching

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assistants and games coaches. There will be time to relax after their hard work and meet local Guides socially, but these life changing experiences demonstrate the selfless service being undertaken by so many young people within Girlguiding and the kinds of opportunities they spoke about certainly inspired their younger listen-

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ers and gave true meaning to the idea of a World Thinking Day. Afterwards, the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides were challenged to undertake three fun and imaginative activities in order to better understand the concept of Diversity and, at the end of these sessions, they were each awarded a special World Thinking Day Badge. The event concluded with a giant Tea Party shared with friends old and new. *Pennie Thomson*

HASSOCKS CROQUET CLUB Croquet is a sport for everyone. New members always welcome. If you would like to learn how to play Croquet or are already an experienced player why not consider joining The Hassocks Croquet Club. We are a friendly local club who play Croquet most weekdays in the daytime during the season (from April to October) at The St. James's Montefiore Cricket Club, Keymer Road, Hassocks (the road from Hassocks to Ditchling). Free parking is available in the large car park. New players are able to borrow the club's mallets.

Please also join us at The Hassocks Croquet Club Annual Coffee Morning - Open House on Thursday **2nd April** at 10.30 am - everybody is welcome at St. James Montefiore Cricket Club Pavilion.

Croquet Playing Season starts Tuesday 14th April. For further details please contact Jeanette Grant 01273 844836 or email hassockscroquetclub@gmail.com or visit www.hassockscroquetclub.net. Tony Bright



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Free taster session is on Saturday 4th April. Give me a ring to book a place on 07887 781 773.

Marion Smith

HENFIELD ARTS SOCIETY meet at The Henfield Hall, Coopers Way, Henfield, BN5 6DB on Monday **6**th **April** at 2.30pm.

NB This is being held on the first monday in April.

Oscar Wilde - Giles Ramsey, an international theatre director and producer will tell us all about Oscar Fingal O'Flahertie Wills Wilde – hopefully, more about his skill as a dramatist, than the drama surrounding his private life.

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

At our next meeting on **9th April** Liz Thomas – (yes that's me, we do like to use home grown talent when we can) will be giving a flower arranging demonstration. I hope to give you a few ideas on how to make simple, inexpensive arrangements using containers that can be easily found around the home. Arrangements will be raffled to cover the cost of materials. The Competition is a Garden Photo.

On Saturday 11th April between 9.45 am and 11.45 am, we will be holding our Coffee Morning at Age Concern Hassocks. Donations for stalls: raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, toiletries etc. are always well received. The cake stall is very popular as tasty homemade treats can be purchased to enjoy with tea and coffee. All donations can be brought along on the day, or to the monthly meeting. If you need items to be collected please contact Jenny. All the money raised will, as usual, go towards our benevolent funds. Your support is much appreciated and we look forward to seeing you there. Finally, please accept

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our apologies that our February Coffee Morning had to be cancelled at short notice due to the arrival of storm Dennis. Hopefully by the time you read this, the wet and windy winter weather will have flown and Spring will have sprung.

Liz Thomas

ADASTRA JUNIOR STOOLBALL CLUB How lovely the thought of warm, sunny evenings. We have had enough rain drops now to last a while. Our playing park field is still extremely wet, but fingers crossed another month may make a difference.

We are hoping to start our fitness training in April – ready for our stoolball season to begin in May. We meet in Adastra Park Sports Pavilion. We run a skills session for our younger members (8 – 10 years 'Cherries') for 1 hour at 5 pm on a Wednesday with the older juniors (10 – 16 years) joining us at 6 pm to 7.30 pm. So put Wednesday 15th April in the diary. New members are always welcome.

Stoolball is an old Sussex game and is played in 10 or more villages in Sussex so we do need our juniors to feed into the senior teams and keep this olde game going. For Senior Ladies please ring Jenny on 07968 956924.

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Hearing Aid Maintenance checks/batteries are held here by Action for Deafness on the first Tuesday of each month 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.

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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.

We have Scrabble, German Scrabble, Art, Canasta, Mahjong, Knit and Natter, Table Tennis, Bingo 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.

Easter – We will be closed on Friday **10th April** and Monday **13th April** – Happy Easter to you all.

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DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY Please note that sadly we cannot show the film "Parasite" as although it is just out on general release it is not yet available on dvd. we have therefore replaced it with "Roma". We should like to point out that, contrary to our printed brochure, as the village hall is unavailable in May, we have brought forward our film "leave no trace" which will be our second screening in April.

Our first film in April will be shown on Thursday, 2nd April called Roma. Set in the 1970's the title refers to Mexico's Colonia Roma District. The Director has reached back into his own childhood to create an intensely personal story dramatically shot in black and white. The film is the tale of two women Cleo and Sofia. The former is a young woman of Mixteco Mesoamerican heritage, working as a live-in maid for Sofia and Antonio, an upper-middle class family in Mexico City. Cleo's personal life is beginning to unravel in tandem with that of her employer, Sofia. The Director illustrates how the household, though seemingly placid, is under pressure with signs of tension and dysfunction. Sofia presides over four boisterous children however the real work is being done by Cleo. Complications arise when Sofia's husband, Antonio, runs away with his mistress and Cleo has to explain to her unreliable, martial arts enthusiast boyfriend, Fermin, that she is pregnant all of which transpires to be the prelude to disaster.

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Director: Alfonso Cuaron, Mexico, Spanish 2018, 135 minutes, 15 Cert.

Our second film in April will be screened on Thursday, 30th April and is entitled Leave No Trace, based on the novel My Abandonment by Peter Rock. It is a powerful and poignant story about Will, a veteran, military father with post-traumatic stress disorder living quietly with Tom, his teenage daughter. The film opens with verdant nature, in the secretive midst of a vast public park on the outskirts of Portland, Oregon where they live in camouflaged encampments, moving regularly in order to evade detection. They make fire from the earth and gather water from the sky. When their cover is blown, the pair are captured, interrogated and forced to re-enter the modern world, with divisive results

Director: Debra Granik, US/Canada, English 2018, 109 minutes. PG Cert

As there is no film in May our next film therefore will be Pain and Glory and will be shown on Thursday, **4th June**. The films will be shown in Ditchling Village Hall. The films start at 8 pm. Doors open at 7.30 pm. Free coffee, tea and biscuits are available and wine can be purchased by the glass beforehand. There is ample free parking behind the hall. Guests and temporary members are welcome payable at the door.

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Train up as a Super Hero and use your powers to take on a sponsored charity fun run, choosing either 1.5km or 500m distance. Walk, run or toddle vour way round in Super Hero style and after your mission enjoy the fun mini event village which has stalls and activitys for all the family to enjoy! Event village open from 9 am until lunch time.

Every little Super Hero who takes on this mission will receive: a Super Hero wrist band, bottle of water & entry into the prize draw. There is also a prize for the most money raised.

In 2018 – our last Crawley based run, more than 200 little Super Heroes joined Spider-Man, from Super Hero Parties, to take on the challenge which raised over £3,400 for Home-Start CHAMS. As well as sponsorship for the run, local children came up with a range of ways to raise money, from sweet and cake sales after school, a Fundraising Day at nursery, to doing chores around the house.

Each year Home-Start CHAMS help hundreds of local children in families dealing with issues such as abuse, mental health, financial problems, or serious illness. Their trained volunteers work with the families, helping parents to overcome these challenges and give young children the best possible start in life.

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This event is open to all ages and abilities - under 11's must be accompanied by an adult. There is a small registration fee to enter and every Super Hero is asked to take on the mission to raise much needed funds for vulnerable local children.

For tickets visit. please www.superherofunrun2020.eventbrite.co.uk or for more information on the work Home-Start CHAMS do please visit: www.homestartchams.org.uk.

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The pair will be responsible for thousands of meals and snacks a week at family-run South Downs Nurseries' catering outlets.

Jon, aged, 44, lives in Albourne and is a chef with over 20 years' experience in hospitality. He trained at The Apprentice, Tower Bridge when it was a Terence Conranrun initiative. Jon then continued his training under Annie O'Carroll at Luca in Surbiton (she trained under Peter Gordon, proprietor of the Sugar Club, London) when the venue gained a prestigious Red Star in Time Out magazine for best local restaurant. After working at The Marlborough Tavern Gastropub in Bath, Jon mentored students at LVS special needs school in Sayers Common where his pioneering work featured in the Mail on Sunday.

Now in his new position as Head Chef at South Downs Nurseries he relishes his new role, getting to know and mentoring his new team. "I am very excited about extending the restaurant menu at South Downs Nurseries and creating more specials."

He is looking forward to working alongside new sous chef, Lee, who has been at South Downs for four years and has recently gained promotion.

"This is a very exciting time for our restaurant", says Rebecca Houghton-Knapp from the Brighton Road business. "Our customers are also thrilled by what Jon will be able to do in extending the menu and creating fantastic special dishes making the most of locally-sourced ingredients."

Throughout his career, Jon has acquired a vast and impressive portfolio covering everything from kitchen setup to health and safety, staff training and menu creation. Even now, he recalls his first 'big job' setting up a commercial kitchen at the Finborough Arms in Kensington. This well-known Victorian pub boasts the renowned Finborough Theatre above it, with boards well-trodden by countless famous actors over the years, many frequenting the pub below.

Rebecca Houghton-Knapp



Sous chef Lee Copleston (Left) and Head Chef Jon O'Dowd - the new kitchen 'dream team' at the Barn Coffee Shop, South Downs Nurseries

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HASSOCKS WI meeting in February entitled 'a little bit of me time' where President Hilary welcomed the members and gave out the customary notices.

She then introduced the visiting practitioners who would be sharing their expertise with us. Each gave a brief explanation of their work.

Clare Hobbs explained the process of Sugaring, a traditional Arabic method of hair removal.

'It has nothing to do with cakes!' she assured us. A natural sugar paste is warmed and applied to the skin, and once cooled is removed quickly with special strips. This removes the hair follicle, and slows down regrowth. The procedure is much more comfortable than waxing!

Lila Davies told us about Reflexology, a whole body treatment, which works from stimulating particular areas of the feet. She displayed a 'map' showing these areas, which was fascinating in its detail. Specific body problems can be targeted and assessed, or it can be used as an aid to relaxation by releasing stress hormones. Holistically, reflexology helps the body to heal itself.

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Natalie Le Bouedec is a Nutritional Therapist who spoke enthusiastically about balanced food intake, and the importance of hydration. She treated us to a chocolate and courgette cake, baked with spelt flour and natural sugar, and displayed useful products to buy for better health. She highlighted the importance of seasonal fresh vegetables and stir fries, suggesting 7 - 10 pieces of fruit and veg as a daily intake - the more colourful the better! She advises on supplements for balanced nutrition, and issues like how to get better sleep and the importance of time outdoors to promote good mental health.

Members had an interesting time visiting each of our specialists before adjourning for tea and cake, and the drawing of the raffle.

The next meeting is **20th April** - Punch, Puddings, Poems and Prose.

Kate Hastings

OPEN GARDEN AT THE OLD COACH HOUSE, SAYERS COMMON on the 25th and 26th April from 11 am – 4 pm in aid of St Peter and St James Hospice. Entrance fee includes refreshments and shortbread. Raffle, cakes, Jams, Bar-B-Que, sausages and a short bluebell walk.

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The winner was four-year-old Charlotte Jordan from Burgess Hill. She is pictured with her mum, Rachel Jordan, and staff member Dianne Spencer who presented her with a prize of goodies.

"We had a tremendous response", said Tina Marriott from South Downs Nurseries. "All the children had fun following the clues and finding out more about our native birds and their nests."

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HURSTPIERPOINT PLAYERS held their first ever information evening with wine and nibbles to publicise the 2020 season of plays last weekend. With the successful panto, Mother Goose, just finished, members past and present and those interested in finding out more gathered in the auditorium to hear about the four productions to come — with information given by each play's director.

Richard Coney outlined his play "The Gingerbread Lady" from American playwright Neil Simon – a fast paced comedy packed with sharp one-liners. Casting is now complete and rehearsals begin immediately with performances from **28th April – 2nd May**, nightly at 7.45 pm.

Following on will be Jo Kearns production from 7th to 11th July of a fairly new comedy by Ade Morris "The Boadicea of Britannia Street" - first produced in 2007. Jo described this as a heart-warming, beautifully observed play as a group of women set out to write and perform a play about the former Queen – with copious cups of tea and even stronger vodka cocktails. What could possibly go wrong? Auditions for this one will take place in late April.

In September, the Players present their annual contribution to the Hurst Festival with a seasonal production of Richard Harris's "Outside Edge". Annette Squire, the Players Chairman directs this modern farce set on one Saturday afternoon in the life of five couples as plans for an afternoon of gentle cricket turns into utter chaos! And yes – it rains! Performances will be from 15th to 19th September.

And no sooner are stumps pulled than the Players prepare auditions for rehearsals for ten performances of A Christmas Carol – directed by Jan Bell and Linda Burton. It must be said that their description of this tradi-

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tional production brought the house down – if tickets could have been sold there and then it would be a sell-out 11 months early! But you'll have to wait a while, performances of this Charles Dickens classic will be from 11th – 13th December and 18th – 20th December.

Hurstpierpoint Players are always delighted to welcome new members – get in touch via the website for more information about the company and the refurbished theatre of which they are now justly proud:

www.hurstplayers.org.uk.

Anne Hopper

reMEmber's ANNUAL ME AWARENESS CON-FERENCE Saturday 16th May 2.30 pm - 5.30 pm will be held at our new venue Clair Hall, Perrymount Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 3DN, starting at 2.30 pm. There is onsite parking and it is four minutes walk from Haywards Heath railway station.

CFS/ME experts Dr's Willy Weir, Dr Amolak Bansal, Dr Nina Muirhead, Dr Paul Worthley and Dr Charles Shepherd, Medical Adviser to the ME Association, will be speaking and other invitations have been given. Dr Shepherd will speak on a range of subjects including welfare benefits.

All speakers will be happy to answer questions. Entry is by ticket only which includes light refreshments. You can buy tickets online through Eventbrite by going to our website **www.remembercfs.org.uk**. or send a cheque and stamped addressed return envelope to re-MEmber, PO Box 1647, Hassocks, BN6 9GQ. Telephone **01273 831733**. Cheques should be made payable to reMEmber.

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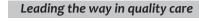
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ORANGE-TIP BUTTERFLY - THE FUTURE'S BRIGHT At this time of year I'm often asked "What's that butterfly with the orange tips on the end of its wings called?" "Well," I reply "its scientific name is Anthocharis meaning 'flower grace'; probably because this beautiful butterfly lends a certain grace to the flowers it frequents. In the 18th century it was 'The Lady of the Woods'—a seductive title well deserved by the best-looking butterfly of the spring. The Germans celebrate its beauty in the name Aurotafalter; the sunrise butterfly. The French honour it with the poetic title L'Auroré—the rising sun." "So what do the British call it?" "Well, we call it the Orange-tip—because it has orange tips on the end of its wings."

Whoever gave this exquisite insect such an unimaginative name should be ashamed. It's more than just a pair of orange tips. Forget your Bluebells and Skylarks, the emergence of the Orange-tip is nature's confirmation that spring has officially sprung.

Only the male Orange-tip has those road cone orange wing-tips that visually scream "Look at me! Look at me!" as he cruises the countryside's hedges and edges. You'd think this flamboyant display would land him on the menu for any passing bird - but he has an unsavoury secret. He tastes absolutely disgusting. His orange tips make birds recoil when they recall last eating something





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that colour. To predators he is a flying pot of lime pickle; if you've eaten it once, you'll never eat it again.

The grey-tipped females are more secretive. Once mated they search the hedgerows for their food plants; Cuck-ooflower and Garlic Mustard. They tap-dance on the plants and identify them with taste buds in their feet. Once their six soles are satisfied they lay a single, tiny, orange, rugby ball shaped egg. The egg's shell emits a pheromone which deters other females from laying here because the cute little caterpillar, which hatches out a week or so later, is a cannibal.

This caterpillar gets to work eating the flower's seed pods, and it eats so many that it starts to look like one (my Mum once warned me a similar phenomenon would happen with me and Monster Munch crisps). Disguised as its diet, it merrily munches throughout May and the plant toxins it ingests will help to flavour the bitter butterfly it will become. In July, the caterpillar constructs a curious chrysalis, a bizarre bit of angular architecture attached to a stem by a single string. Inside this postmodern pupa the caterpillar melts into a cellular soup. And then the natural world's greatest regeneration takes place. This biological broth builds a butterfly and the April sunshine encourages the Orange-tip to emerge; that simple flash of orange signalling that an even greater regeneration has finally taken place. Winter has turned to

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A NATURE CONSERVATION TALK BY CLARE BLENCOWE The Woodland, Flora & Fauna Group, a volunteer organisation dedicated to protecting local countryside and wildlife, invites you to a talk by the Sus-

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sex Biodiversity Record Centre Manager, Clare Blencowe.

It will take place on Friday, **3rd April** at 7.30 pm in the Club Suite at Hurstpierpoint Village Centre, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint, BN6 9UY.

The talk entitled 'Making Nature Count' describes the meticulous recording of wildlife locally and the work of the Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre. It will immediately follow a brief introduction by The Woodland, Flora & Fauna Group.

Clare is the Record Centre Manager who was instrumental in ensuring that all the data collected in our group's countryside biodiversity study was included in the Sussex records.

She is a very busy person so we are privileged that she has found time to speak to us. If you want to learn more about our local countryside and wildlife and how the collected data helps with their protection, this opportunity should not be missed.

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VEGETABLES FOR THE GARDEN An illustrated talk by Geoff Peach, presenter of BBC Radio Sussex 'Dig It' for Hurstpierpoint Horticultural Society at 7.45 pm on Tuesday **14th April** in the Club Suite, Hurstpierpoint Village Hall.

Kathy Green

DITCHLING DOWNS WI Our March speaker was Melinda Stone who talked to us on the subject: "The Illustrated History of Herstmonceux Castle". After a long career in the NHS Melinda developed a new interest as a tour guide at the castle. She treated us to a wealth of fascinating information about the history of the castle, along with some excellent slides. The castle dates back to 1441, when Sir Roger Fiennes applied to King Henry VI for permission to build a castle at the Hurst of Monceux. The castle changed hands a few times over the years until 1992 when it was bought as a bequest to Queen's University in Ontario, Canada as an international study centre. It is not now open to the public but organised tours can be arranged.

The speaker for our next meeting is Kevin Mottley on the subject "Tai Chi". The meeting will be held at the Ditchling Village Hall, at 7 pm for 7.30 on Tues-

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day 7th April. As usual, guests are very welcome to come and join us.

Sally Willis

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Darryl Sinclair

HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP In February we had a Fish & Chip lunch followed by our first AGM. Unfortunately our local Fish & Chip shop does not open on Wednesday lunchtimes so Jupps from Burgess Hill provided & delivered them to us and very nice they were too!

It does not seem possible that we've had our first AGM - we have been running for a year. This time last year Dianne & I were quite anxious - would anybody want to come? I am pleased to say people did and we ended the year with 40 members. We have started 3 subgroups - Textiles, Walking & a Lunch Club.

By the time you read this we will have had our March meeting where Sam Collier from the National Westminster Bank is coming to talk about Scams. On the 1st April Colin McFarlin will be talking to us about re-cycling. He suggested we bring along any items we are unsure about and he will advise us.

Do come and join us - you will be made most welcome. More information from myself on **01273 649023** or Dianne **01273 835284.**

Ann Tranter

GODLY PLAY is a way for adults and children to hear Bible stories, then have a chance to think about them and take part in craft activities. Why not come along and try the activities or just pop in for coffee, tea, cake and a chat. Organised by Churches Together in Hassocks our next Godly Play will be on Saturday 25th April between 10 am and 12 noon at Hassocks United Reformed Church; the story will be told at about 10.30 am. There is no charge and all are welcome.

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EASTER SIMNEL CAKE Simnel cake is a light fruitcake that is an Easter classic. Simnel cake has been eaten since medieval times as both a rich, sweet treat and a symbolic ritual. The fruit cake is topped with eleven marzipan balls to represent the eleven apostles of Christ, minus Judas.

Ingredients

175g/6oz light muscavado sugar 175g/6oz butter, softened 175g/6oz self raising flour 3 large eggs 25g/1oz ground almonds 2 tbsp milk 100g/4oz sultanas 100g/4oz cherries, quartered, washed, and dried 100g/4oz dried apricots, snipped into small pieces 100g/4oz stem ginger, finely chopped 1 tsp mixed spice 2 tsp ground ginger



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Method

Preheat oven 160C/320F/Gas 3.

Grease and line the base and sides of an 20cm/8in deep, round cake tin with baking parchment.

Measure all the cake ingredients into a large mixing bowl and beat well until thoroughly blended. Place half the mixture into the prepared tin and level the surface.

Take one third of the marzipan and roll into a circle the same size as the cake tin, place the circle on top of the cake mixture. Spoon the remaining mixture on top of the marzipan and level the surface.

Bake for about one and three-quarter to two hours or

until golden brown and firm in the middle. If toward the end of the cooking time the cake is getting too brown, loosely cover with a piece of foil. Allow the cake to cool in the tin before turning onto a cooling rack.

When the cake is cool. Brush the top with a little warmed apricot jam. Roll out half the remaining marzipan to use the base of the cake as a template to cut out another disc. Place it on top of the cake and crimp the edges, if you like. Roll the remaining marzipan into 11 equal-sized balls for the apostles. Brush with beaten egg and glaze under a hot grill for about five minutes, turning the cake round so it browns evenly, so the marzipan is tinged brown all over. (You can also do this with a blow torch if preferred)

To crystallise the flowers, lightly whisk the egg white in a bowl then carefully brush over the flower petals. Sprinkle over caster sugar so the sugar sticks to the egg white. Leave to harden in a warm place, such as a shelf above a radiator or in an airing cupboard, until dry and firm.

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EVE'S BACK PAGE GOSSIP

Standing outside the back of my shop where the service road is, I'm watching a Tiny Pied Wagtail bird. This little bird appears every year and has done for as long as I can remember. It's very cat savvy and doesn't seem to have a care in the world; I make sure there is always something out there for it to pick at. Some of my cats are hilarious for the first few days after its arrival they spend all day watching wide eyed waiting for it to stand still long enough so they can pounce, but this little bird never stands still and even the slightest movement causes it to move position. Ernie my big fluffy ginger cat thinks that if he sits in a box, it won't know he's there little realising that if he wants to catch it he's got to jump out of his box first and since Ernie can't do anything quietly then it will always be Ernie Nil - Pied Wagtail One,. Another year teasing my poor cats.
I'm sure I'm not the only person this lovely little bird visits before he flies off to his next destination but I bet we're the most memo-

Now on a much more serious note please all dog owners get up to speed on Alabama Rot, it's getting dangerously close now, a case has been reported in the Cowfold area, this dog was taken to a vets in Burgess Hill the outcome of which I don't know yet, but this disease is deadly and comes from walking your dog in muddy conditions. It is very important you wash your dog's feet off after every walk with some sort of anti-bacterial solution like Hibiscrub. I'm not going to waffle on about it but it's deadly to your dog so please keep an eye on your dog's feet and if you're not sure or need to know more then ask your vet but be very diligent we really don't want an outbreak of that around here, although like that other virus that's sweeping the country then there is an inwe really don't want an outbreak of that around here, although like that other virus that is sweeping the country then there is an inevitability that it will. I don't think any of us can predict what will happen in the coming months but please remember pet owners
I'm here to help if you do get stuck in and we've got what you want then you can give me a call, pay for what it is over the phone
and miraculously it will appear on your doorstep before you wake that morning. We only close one day a year and that's Christmas Day, other than that we're open 364 days a year. With troubled times ahead local shops will only be able to survive with your
support, we ourselves use Virkon to wash & disinfect our shop including door handles, this is the Arnie Schwarzenegger of antiviral disinfectants it was developed during the last big foot and mouth outbreak to help fight that, it is highly effective and supermarkets can't sell it.

I see the pink palace is nearing completion it's certainly taken a while to change the décor from a hairdresser to another hairdresser, but the new owners obviously want it to stand out. I can't say I'm a great lover of pink but it is a very popular colour. My mum bought me a pink shirt once, I tried it on, looked in the mirror and quickly came to the conclusion – I looked like a stick of rock! – That was my first and last dalliance with pink. I quickly went back to black.

Popping out of town briefly I was asked if I'd seen the massive new warehouse next to the DPD depot on the outskirts of Burgess Hill - yes I have and it's an Amazon warehouse, enough said!

Many thanks to all you waste warriors who rather than put good food etc into landfill brings it in to me so I can make sure our precious wildlife also survive in these difficult times. It may sound odd to some people but it makes a lot of sense to those of you who

Good luck everybody- stay safe& well and just remember basic hygiene – it will make a difference.

Love Steve

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