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ORIGIN OF DR DENMAN CRESCENT I don't actually have a picture of Dr Denman but I do have a picture of her mother Constance in a group picture of the WI in 1944. Dr Denman was our family Doctor and one night I left my children with as babysitter and when I returned home my son was really poorly and I called Dr Denman and she was at a party and called around the house at midnight. She then called an ambulance and my son was rushed to hospital and would have died if not for Dr Denman. Thank Goodness for Dr Denman.

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I run Kitchen Carousel. This year we didn't start until end of February. Then we had to get cracking. You can see the results on our website. We made the first kitchen for Mrs W in Hassocks. Windows out walls out. Cleverly designed corner with huge drawers ... one of my signature designs. Then, in a small L shape space we fitted a pull-out custom larder, a tall oven, a washing machine, dishwasher, sink, an integrated fridge, shelves and other stuff. The tops were Corian. A brilliant worksurface that you can re-polish at any time. Next job was Mrs C the jar collector... So, Mrs C got a huge custom corner larder and a tall fridge and some more of my specialist corner drawers which, I have to say, everyone loves to bits. The one of my other specialities...a huge larder just two tins deep! Then we did Mrs W in Lewes...a long galley kitchen with bespoke painted doors and an Oak larder and a custom laundry cupboard to house away the washing machine and a movable island/table and chunky Oak free-floating shelves.

The thing is... every kitchen is different. A successful project starts with good design. Usually it takes a few plans and a few revisions and a few drawings but I don't rush anyone. What's the point of rushing? Our waiting list is now around August/September, so if you would like to talk about your kitchen project you will need to start early. We don't make promises we can't keep. Our fitting takes longer than anyone else. I notice other kitchen companies seem to promise they can complete a major kitchen project in a week! I wish! Genuine kitchen fitting is not just a trade it's an art. We stay small to stay on top. Kitchens are complicated little things. Fortunately, or unfortunately, depending on your point of view I have been designing kitchens for rather a long time. So, if you want a brand-new kitchen or just a simple clever refurbishment then do give me a call and I'll see what I can do for you. Most people seem pleasantly surprised ... and so far every single one of my clients who has had a kitchen is happy to show the finished project to my prospective clients. That, I think, is what makes me happiest and lets me sleep at nights. I hope your new 'unlocked' world brings you as **much joy and freedom as possible**. This is our website:

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We are holding three free, all equipment provided, open sessions in July, details below. Age is no limitation, young or old. This is by no means just a sport for retired people. Membership for those new to bowling includes four coaching sessions, run by our qualified coaching team, which will take you to a level where

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WINDMILLS JUNIOR SCHOOL It has been great to hear all about our year 6's experiences of their week away at PGL. It certainly was an action-packed week of activities which enabled the children to experience independence, a sense of freedom and a holiday! We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff who attended the trip and those behind the scenes who organised it.

Year 5 have been celebrating 'Life beside the sea' and looking at why people lived by the sea and how Brighton became such a popular destination. They have also designed and made masks inspired by The Children's Parade in Brighton, which led them to exploring samba rhythms and carnival costumes from around the world.

Year 4 have been enjoying their 'Teeth and Eating' topic with a range of experiments from submerging eggs into fizzy drinks to see what might happen to teeth to creating the digestive system (and getting quite messy in the process!).

Year 3 have been focussing on the question 'How does your garden grow?' They have explored parts of the flower and conducted a series of investigations to help their under-

standing of what helps plants to grow.

We are enjoying being able to offer more sports now that restrictions are starting to ease a little and the weather is beginning to improve. We are looking forward to the second half of the summer term and hope that restrictions may lift enough to enable us to bring back some of the activities that we have not been able to offer for some time.

Governor Vacancy: We have a vacancy on our Governing Board for a Co-Opted Governor. There are many benefits to becoming a governor. These include having the opportunity to support the education of children in your community; apply your existing skills and experience in an educational setting; engage in professional training and development to learn new skills and knowledge and develop transferable skills that can be applied to a wide range of professional environments. If you would like to know more about the role of a Co-Opted Governor please contact Sarah Jacobs, Clerk to Governors at The Windmills Junior School at

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Starting us off on Sunday **5th September** we have the incredible Jerry Joseph. Described as one of the best of our generation. The latest album "The beautiful Madness" received rave reviews from Uncut and classic rock magazine as well as American songwriter.

This will be a marquee performance and limited numbers will be available, So book early to avoid disappointment.

On Saturday **9th October**, shows will return inside our fabulous hall with New York's very own Jesse Malin. Portrayed by rolling stone as a "master lyricist" Malin has collaborated with artists such as Bruce Springsteen and Ryan Adams and looks to offer us an amazing performance.

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And Finally, on Sunday **19th December** we welcome Glasgow rock legends **GUN!** They are MTV and EMA award winners and have amassed 11 top 40 UK singles. This is a must for any classic rock fan.

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Stay safe everyone and see you soon.

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Wherever you go

Our precious little fluffy
I miss you so.

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THE BEACON PARISH OF DITCHLING, STREAT & WESTMESTON At the time of writing (end May), we don't know what and how Covid restrictions may be lifted but we're really looking forward to being able to sing together in church before too long. Weekly services continue at 10 am usually at St. Margaret's, Ditchling. To watch the service from home, from early afternoon onwards, please visit our website www.beaconparish.co.uk/ where you'll also find the latest updates on services.

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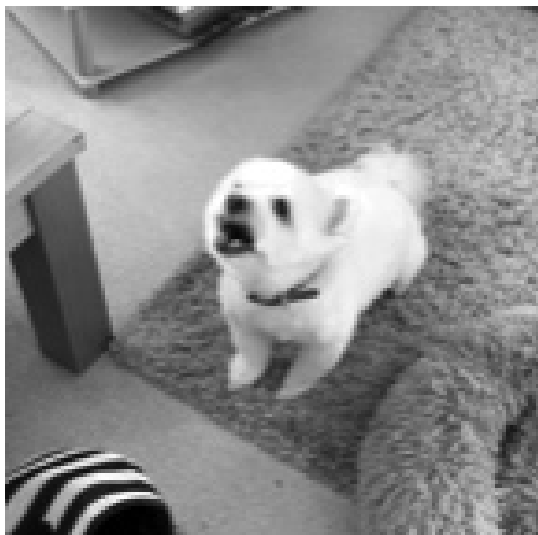
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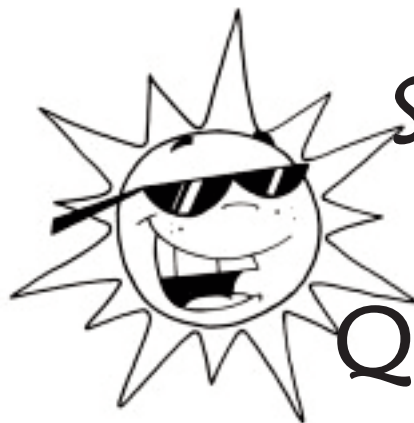
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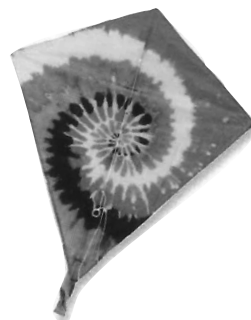
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The Residents of Clayton, Keymer and Hassocks have been very generous in previous years in supporting The Appeal and I very much hope that someone might spare some time to take up organising the distribution and collection of Poppy boxes and distributing Wreaths and collecting tins for the two weeks that The Poppy Appeal runs for in October /November.

If you are interested in helping this very worth while cause, please email Lisa Evans, County Organiser, LEvans@britishlegion.org.uk and she will be able to help with any questions you may have, or please call in to The Royal British Legion in Woodsland Road for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal telephone numbers.

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Dear Hurstpierpoint, Sayers Common and Albourne residents, in two weeks, if all goes to plan the Hurst Covid-19 Neighbours Support Group will mothball once again hopefully for the last time. In early March 2020 a question was raised on the Hurst Hub.

“What are the elderly, shielding and vulnerable people going to do for provisions, prescriptions and general help in lockdown?”

Within a few short weeks the answer was, 2 Admins, 4 Area Coordinators, 32 Road Group Reps and their volunteers totalling over 200 people ready to help and help we did.

We shopped, we delivered prescription request, we delivered medication, we dog walked, we organised transport, we delivered newspapers, we made friendly phone calls and helped anyone in need. Over 5000 acts of kindness carried out.

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not have happened and continue to this day and beyond.

I cannot name all 200 + of them but you know who you are. Please join me in thanking them all for their care, support and Community Spirit.

We also won The Mid Sussex Applauds Award for Community Support last November which is on display in the Hurstpierpoint Village Museum in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre.

A job well done!

Anna Smyth

STOOLBALL is probably the oldest sport in Sussex, sadly over the past few years the number of teams has declined.

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We thank Shirley Jewell for the following letter:- A friend sent me a copy of the photograph of Keymer Brownie Pack. I took over from Pam Mills as Brown Owl and Beryl White and I ran the pack together. 2nd from right in the back row is my daughter Jacky (now Gurney).

I remember we took the Brownies to London on two occasions - once to see The Changing of the Guard from inside the palace railings and another time we went to London Zoo. For

many of the girls it was their first train ride. I now live in North Devon where my husband was born but I have friends in Hassocks and have happy memories of the happy years when I lived there.

HASSOCKS RAINBOW UNIT-MEMBERSHIP CAN NOW START AT 4!

What a terrific nostalgic photo in Talk About last month from Pam Marks! Featuring her Brownie Unit in 1967, Pam explained she started 1st Keymer Brownies because the waiting lists were too long for the other village units.

Hassocks has a long history of Girlguiding. "Geographically", Hassocks joins with Keymer and Ditchling to form one District called Beacon. Currently, there are two Brownie and two Guide units in Hassocks and one Brownie and one Guide unit, which opened only last month, in Ditchling.

Pam Marks' story behind her starting her Brownie unit is replicated in Girlguiding the country over: volunteers step up to take on



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leadership roles because units are threatened with closure when leaders leave, or because they see the numbers on the waiting lists are so great that girls are missing out on some wonderful adventures and friendships.

Hassocks Rainbows (for girls age 5-7) closed at Christmas on the retirement of the leaders. Recruiting in a pandemic has not been an option but it would be fantastic if two or three volunteers would offer to re-start Hassocks Rainbows for the Autumn term! From October, Rainbows are allowed to offer places to 4 year olds, too. There would be enough interest to have two units if we could recruit enough volunteers! Maybe a group of mums could get together to talk between themselves about how they might be able offer this opportunity to their daughters and come forward as a group? There is a fabulous meeting venue with its own grounds, lots of support for the training, and a warm welcome from the other Hassocks leaders is guaranteed. Weekly meetings usually last just an hour but what enthusiasm and appreciation they generate from the youngsters.

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Pam's photo of her large Brownie pack, wearing that iconic uniform, suggests that across our lovely village there must be hundreds and hundreds of former Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders and Leaders all of whom can look back on some fantastic Girlguiding memories. Certainly, these numbers swell when you consider just how many more ex-members have moved into the area of late and offers to become leaders (of Rainbows, Brownies (7-10) or Guides (10-14) would allow us to keep Hassocks Guiding. If you are an ex-Girlguiding Leader or Member, even if you missed out on Girlguiding altogether, please do consider volunteering to give Rainbows in Hassocks a chance. Ditchling village has just recruited seven new leaders which allowed them to open a Guide Unit alongside the existing Brownie unit! Please get in touch by emailing: penniethomson2000@gmail.com (Beacon District Commissioner). Volunteering for us would make a real difference to our terrific Hassocks community, especially to the under 7s.

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IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO WELCOME A FAMILY. The South Downs Refugee Project is a new voluntary group centred in Hassocks, and extending to Hurst, Keymer & Ditchling. The aim of the group is to welcome a refugee family to the area under the UK government's

Community Sponsorship scheme, and support them over a two year period as they resettle here.

Community Sponsorship is built on the power of local people coming together to raise funds for the resettlement process, finding suitable accommodation, and building up a network of local people who will support the family once they arrive. To date the scheme has resettled hundreds of refugees.

The pandemic has shown us all how much difference local communities can make in times of difficulty so we felt there was no better time to get started with welcoming a new family into our area. There's plenty to do so we're really going for it. The response so far has been fantastic, and we're very much looking forward to spreading the word and building a strong network of local support.

The group are busy planning activities for a little later in the year with a launch event and a fundraising concert 'Raise the Roof!' on 28th August at Danny House in Hurst - tickets and information via the group's website. They'll also be at the Hassocks village market at the end of July.

I'd encourage anyone who's interested in finding out more about the project, our planned events and activities, and how they might get involved to go to our website: **www.south-downsrefugeeproject.org**.

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AN ALFRESCO EVENING WITH COWARD & COLE Whilst writing this we're still on track to return to normality as from the **21st June**. To celebrate this light at the end of the tunnel and to ease us into live performing once more I'm pleased to say that the Ditchling Players are planning two evenings of entertainment at the Hassocks Outdoor Performance Space (Downlands Amphitheatre) on Friday **30th July** & Saturday **31st July**.

As you can probably tell from the title the evening will consist of songs from the repertoires of both Noël Coward and Cole Porter and, to make it a relaxed event, we're also encouraging you to bring along a picnic to enjoy in the interval, with wine and soft drinks on sale.

Gates will open at 5.30 pm for a 6 pm start and I would suggest that you bring suitable clothing for the weather (we're keeping our fingers crossed that summer will have arrived by then) and also a cushion or two to make your evening even more comfortable.

For full details of where to purchase tickets please keep an eye on either the Ditchling Players Facebook page or our website:

ditchlingplayers.org.uk. We look forward to seeing you there for some much needed live entertainment for a summer's evening.

David Tattersell

HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY. We are delighted to announce that (provided all lockdowns have been lifted!) our popular monthly meetings at the Guide HQ, Hurstpierpoint will resume in the Autumn, starting with a presentation called "What is Landscape" by that very popular speaker, Dr Geoffrey Meads, on Friday **1st October**. This will be followed by "Wiston Estate - 1000 years of history" by Janet Pennington on **29th October**, "The Anglo Saxons" by Mak Norman on **26th November** and "Sussex Shepherds" by Ian Everest on **28th January 2022**. Watch for further announcements. Or contact me - telephone **01273 832280**, e-mail **w.kent123@btinternet.com** for further information about our very friendly society. New members always welcome.

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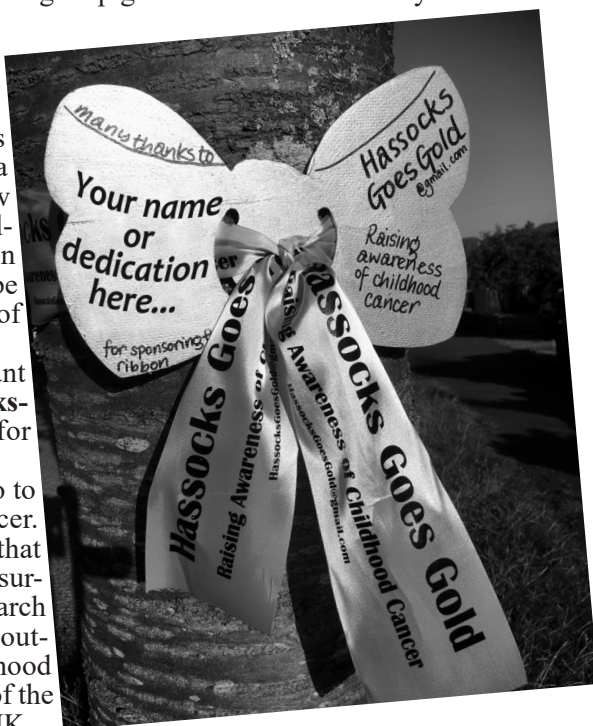
Last year we had 65 Giant Gold Bows around the village and this year we're hoping to beat that...! We're also planning to have a walking map guide to all the Bows so you can tour round to 'bag' all of them.

The Giant Gold Bows are made of wood and tied with thick gold ribbon to trees and landmarks around Hassocks.

Sponsorship costs include and your family's name, a company name or message to a loved one is then handwritten on the Bow and placed in a prominent location in the village. You can also request a specific location if you prefer. The Giant Gold Bows will be up around the village for the whole month of September.

For details on how to sponsor your Giant Gold Bow please email Rachel at **Hassocks-GoesGold@gmail.com** – the deadline for sponsorship is the **23rd July**.

All proceeds from Hassocks Goes Gold go to funding research into Childhood Cancer. Rather than focus on the specific cancer that Pearl had (Ewings Sarcoma, which has a survival rate of just 20%) her fund backs research into ALL Childhood Cancers with poor outcomes. Pearl's fund is held with the Childhood Cancer & Leukaemia Group (CCLG) one of the leading children's cancer charities in the UK. Thank you for your support.



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Also on our website you can access videos of presentations by top doctors at our Zoom conference last November.

We are currently in contact with Action for ME (the national charity for people with ME) about working together to set up an exemplar service for people who have ME (Chronic Fatigue Syndrome). This could be a team consisting of a consultant physician, specialist nurses and rehabilitation staff. We would need to raise a lot of money for this much-needed service, but if we can it would demonstrate to

the NHS just what is needed throughout the UK.

So all donations to reMEMber, however small, will be very welcome. To find out how to donate, or for information about ME or the work of reMEMber, go to our website – www.remembercfs.org.uk. Or e-mail us at me_cfs@hotmail.com. *Janice Kent*

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We thank Richard Thompson for the following letter:- Dear Editor, Your photo of Clayton Cricket Club players raised some interest among former members of the club, myself and Mick Knight. Mick was club Captain and Club Secretary in the 1980's and 1990's.

Most of the players shown in the photo were before our time, but we did play along side two of them, Ted Wilkins and Harry Knight. Mick writes 'Ted is 5th from the left in the back row, and there are 3 Mottrams, Bill, Bob and the legendary Eric, plus of course my Dad Harry Knight in the front row complete with the inevitable pipe.'

The club was founded in 1909 and survived until the early 2000's, when it was merged with a team from Brighton.

Ted Wilkins, a hard-hitting batsman and slow bowler, played well into his 60's, and he was reputed to have taken over 1000 wickets after the 2nd World War by the time he finally retired in the mid 1980's.

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Harry's father, Harry himself and then Mick and his brother Richard. They were all fine all-round players.

For many years up to 1978 the Club President was the cricket writer, Alan Ross, who lived at Clayton Manor. He writes about the Club and its characters in his autobiography Coast-wise Lights.

He records 'The same names appeared year after year, sometimes with devastating results. In 1947 and 1949 Clayton won 19 of its 26 Matches.'



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Playing with us will be ace double bassist and composer Terry Pack, Mike and Reina Reinstein with their beautiful and evocative original songs (vocals and guitar), Kate Hogg on flute, bansuri and sax, and gorgeous vocalist Sarah Carpenter (you may have heard us together as FoxiVox). Mike, Reina, Joss, Sarah and I all live in this fabulous area and welcome an opportunity to support such a worthwhile cause.

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Maria Caulfield MP has recently published an article about safe and considerate walking in our local countryside. It is mostly correct except for one important item.

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She may not look like much but she knows that she has a certain something that is more alluring than all the brightly coloured feathers, petals, fur and scales that others use in their desperate cries for attention. When the colours of the day start to fade she undertakes a dignified climb to the top of a blade of grass. She positions herself carefully, turns on her love-light and shines.

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magic when I see it and to look upon Glow-worms shining on a warm summer's evening is just that – magical.

Of course the Glow-worm is not glowing for our benefit – there's a special someone she's trying to attract. I've been referring to the Glow-worm as 'she' because the female is the one who does the glowing. The male looks like a different species altogether and is Glow-worm by association. Much smaller and beetle-like in appearance, he has bulging eyes which are protected under a see-through rim on his tough beetle-body – imagine a tiny Marty Feldman in a suit of armour and a sun visor and you're not too far off.

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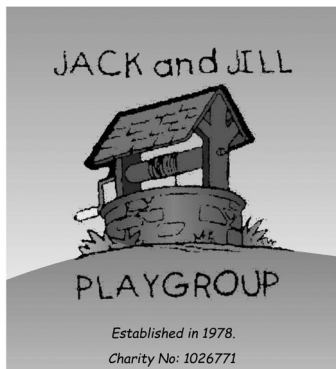


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We thank Dick Morley for the following letter:-

I was interested to learn in the latest Talk About the origin of Davey Way because that name was part of my family folklore. My mother, who was born in Hurstpierpoint in 1901, had one expression whenever the subject of local deaths came up and through the generations would return to memories of her childhood. For example, she would predict "Old Davey's going to get him soon" or "Old Davey is out on his bike with his tape measure, making sure he will be first on the scene." I need to say that this expression was confined to our family and Mum was very strictly decorous beyond our four walls especially because Mr Davey was a much respected member of the village.

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As usual, nostalgia is infectious, so perhaps another aspect of my mother's childhood may not be widely known in Hurst. She was born opposite St Laurence School where one of the playground games was simply Marbles but was known as "Couchies". I imagine that this is how it would have been spelt. The large building dominating the road was Mr Couchman's (spelling?) Brewery where lemonade was bottled in the old-fashioned way. It was forced under pressure into new empty bottles which already had a small loose glass ball inside which would rise up to the neck of the bottle making the contents airtight. Presumably empties were returned to the brewery for re-use but any that were cracked were set aside for recycling, probably by the wholesalers rather than the Rag and Bone man. Local children valued the small glass stoppers and had no need to save up their Edwardian pennies to buy proper marbles. I never asked whether the owner gave the glass stoppers to the local children or whether they pinched them from the pile of dud bottles.

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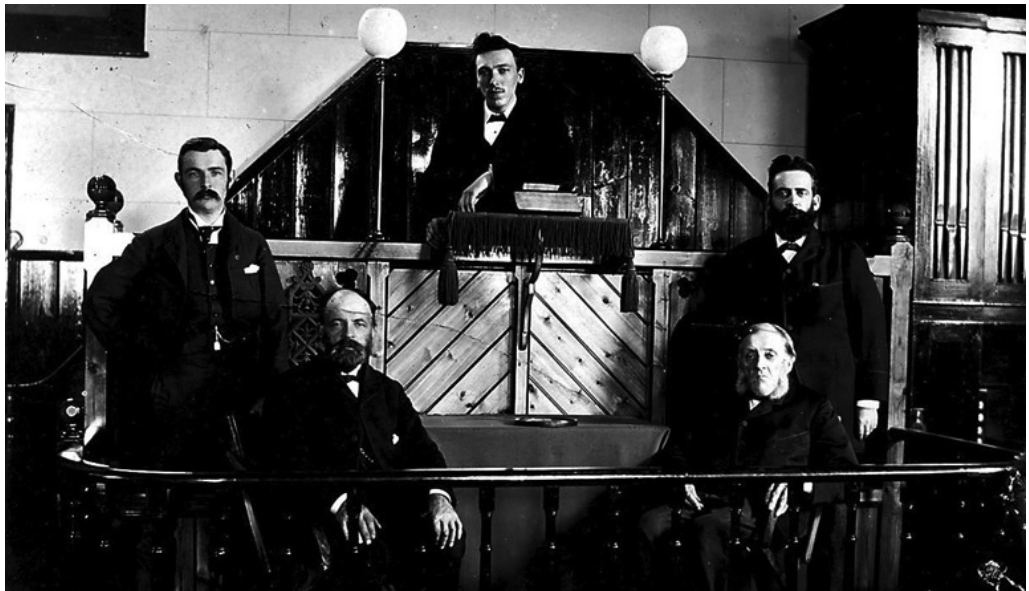
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STEVE'S BACK PAGE GOSSIP

It was good to see that Colin the front man of Hassocks Hardware got his wish and managed to finally leave the stage before his special birthday. He'd been a leading light here in the village for over 30 years and after many years of having the business on the market managed to find a buyer, mind you nobody knew he was going till his very last day. It was all kept very hush hush, still the new owners seem very nice and promise Hassocks Hardware will still be the Aladdin's Cave we're used to but, with bells on. I'm sure you'll all join me in wishing Colin a very happy and healthy retirement.

To carry on with my growing up, Lynn Crawford was for her age a tall blonde, she was part of the Pony Club team that went round competing in the Prince Phillip Cup as well as doing Pony Races and Donkey Derby's, they were so much fun. Donkeys either think this is fun and can really move when they want to or just think going any faster than a walk is just not on. I suppose for some reason or other they now don't do them anymore. Lynne's dad owned Monteagle Stud Farm in Yateley which was just round the corner from the place I kept my horses. He was a self-made man a bit of a rough diamond but, he doted on his daughter and was always buying her new things. Being a young girl she loved music and was mad about this up and coming new group called The Beatles. Lynne always had big birthday parties and her dad confided in me and the rest of the team that he was secretly trying to book them for her party, well if anybody could he could, he had the money and the contacts. Anyway to cut a long story short, the day of the party arrived and it was a hot summers day with lots of non-alcoholic drinks and people using the swimming pool, it soon became obvious to me and a few others that the group secretly setting up their equipment was not the Beatles. We all gathered in front of this makeshift stage waiting for the curtain to drop to unveil this surprise for Lynn. The group began to play, the curtain dropped and on stage was not the Beatles but a group called Herman and the Hermits and boy they were good. Poor Mr Crawford he had tried his best but we all had a great evening. He tried again the following year and this time we got 'The Tremaloos'. Lynne did eventually get to see her idols but, at a concert with 100's of other screaming girls not in the grounds of Monteagle Farm.

As I'd previously mentioned Mr Crawford was always buying Lynne new things that included an assortment of different horses. One horse which was a small bay proved to be something of a handful. He called me one day to ask if I'd pop over to the farm to look at this horse because Lynne was frightened of it, it was more of a pony than a horse, very pretty and full of itself. I got on it and it felt good, we immediately connected, on the flat moved normally but, he didn't walk he pranced with that look at me attitude. Then I pointed him at a jump and WOW, he just took off. I tried to steady him, but he just threw his head up which was dangerous, even so he did still clear the jump. So, I tried again but this time I just let him go and do his own thing, as long as you didn't put any pressure on the mouth by pulling on the bit. He would fly over anything, but only at full speed. He was a bit like a Ferrari with wings, his potential was enormous, but only if you had a death wish. Mr Crawford wasn't prepared to let his daughter ride it again as he considered it dangerous, and it should be put down.

So, with the help of my parents, I persuaded him to sell it to me. I'd won some money which wasn't a lot, but he just wanted shot of him, and he knew I was the best home for him - so I became the new owner of a Nut Job, but what about a name for him, we hadn't long had our first television and we were only allowed to watch it a few hours a day. Mum was very strict about that, but that evening I was watching it when a trailer for a new American Cop series - Hawk - came on it starred a new up and coming young actor called Burt Reynolds who played a New York Detective called John Hawk. What a great name for a horse that flies I thought, so Hawk was born. He/we became a legend on the Hunter Trial/Cross Country circuit, and had many adventures - also, we briefly came into contact with someone very famous, who after helping them out of a sticky situation certainly changed my life.

The Crawford family eventually sold Monteagle Farm and moved to Jersey. The area of Yateley which was once lush green fields and woodlands is now full of houses, but the Saxon built church where Nola and I got married still stands.

See you next month. Steve

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