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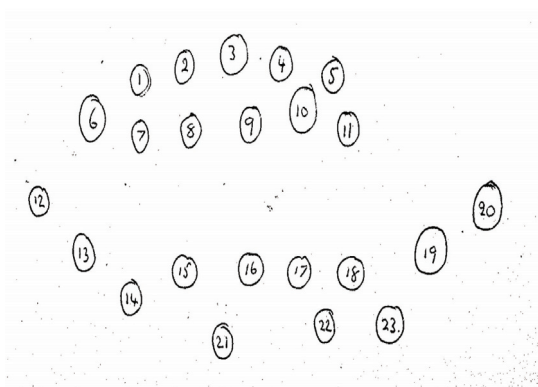
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The club was formed in 1922 and only had three rinks (half of the present size), plus a wooden pavilion. Only gentlemen played bowls and most wore jackets, ties and hats (trilby or flat caps) and most of them smoked pipes or cigarettes. Lady members were admitted in 1937 as players and members. The new green was laid in 1938 with Cumberland Turf.

The green was extended and now has six rinks instead of the original three. The brick built pavilion was built in 1986. How times have changed with no smoking in or around the green and all players dressed in white or grey trousers/skirt. I wonder what the next 100 years will bring!

Adastra Bowling Club will be holding open days on Saturdays **7th, 14th and 21st of May** from 10 am to 12 noon when new players will be invited to participate and join the club. If you wish to come along there will be bowling coach to assist you. All equipment will be provided but you will require flat soled shoes or trainers.

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*David Reader*

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For costs and to book your child's place, please write to Mike on [zaydeh@btopenworld.com](mailto:zaydeh@btopenworld.com).

I have been singing with children in schools since 1995. When I moved to Hassocks in 2006, I worked in Primary Schools across Brighton and West Sussex. I have also recorded five albums of original children's songs all available from his website: **www.mikereinstein.co.uk** or

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**www.mikereinstein.bandcamp.com**.

The South Downs Refugee Project is based in Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer and Ditchling and is committed to welcoming a refugee family to our community. The project is made up of a group of volunteers who are raising funds to cover the family's resettlement here. For more information about the project and how you could get involved, please go to <https://southdownsrefugeeproject.org>

*Mike Reinstein*

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**WINDMILLS SCHOOL** In February, some of our Year 4 children had the opportunity to take part in two sports festivals held at Downlands School. In the morning, 12 children took part in a netball festival and in the afternoon, 10 children participated in a hockey festival. The emphasis was on fun and skill development. The sessions were brilliantly organised by the Downlands Sports Leaders and Mid Sussex Active. The children enjoyed practising their skills and showed lots of enthusiasm and team spirit during the group activities. It was lovely to see our wonderful Year 4s making the most of some welcome spring sunshine!

We also took part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme was: Growing Together. We focused on encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow. Year 3 thought about their support bubbles and who can help them with worries or concerns. Year 4 checked in emotionally each day, to open up discussions in regards to their feelings. Year 5 thought about how far they had grown in the year so far. It was great to see that the children were able to reflect on their emotional growth as well as their academic growth. Year 6 thought about how growing



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means change and how that can sometimes be a bit worrying. Our thoughts then turned to the move to secondary school and the changes we would face there. Everyone agreed that, if you can, you should always share your worries with someone you trust. Year 3 have been enjoying learning about and retelling different Greek Myths. We have been curious about the roles that these play in history and the messages that they told. We learnt about the events in the story of Theseus and the Minotaur and retold the story in our own words. When reading King Midas we considered whether it would be good to have the 'Golden Touch' or even the power of turning everything into chocolate! We used conjunctions in our writing and made it sound fantastic. We were fully immersed in the myth about Perseus and Medusa. Our classrooms became Medusa's eerie cave and we thought about what we could see, feel and hear. We put ourselves into the shoes and wings of Icarus and his father Daedalus and imagined how it would feel to be able to fly. Finally, we took a peek into Pandora's Box. We thought about our favourite things that we would like to find in a special box and used amazing adjectives to describe them. Have you ever wondered where water on our planet



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comes from and then where does it all go? These are the questions our Year 4 learners have been researching. We have explored the science behind the water cycle thorough some excellent books: 'The Rhythm of the Rain' and 'Once Upon a Raindrop' and have even had a go at creating a mini cloud in a glass jar. To show their excellent knowledge and understanding, we've had a go at becoming tour guides, leading water droplets on a wild and wacky journey through the stages of the water cycle.

In Computing for Year 5s, we have been designing and creating our very own video games. The children began by thinking about existing games and came up with a criteria for 'What makes a good video game?'. They then planned out their game and recorded the algorithm as a storyboard or flowchart, annotating the design elements, the moving parts and the areas of challenge. In DT, Year 5s have been working with the Lego kits. We thought about what we could use these robots for and the children were interested in making one to explore the planets in the solar system!

Continuing on from the pencil sketching skills we learnt in the Autumn term, Year 6 have been discovering how to effectively use watercolours. Children were given the task of creating a pencil sketch of London during the Blitz, and then creating a countryside watercolour piece as a contrast to this.

In March we had Book Week and on Thursday 3rd March was World Book Day 2022. The children had a range of exciting activities to engage in both in and out of school. Children were invited to dress up as their favourite characters from the literature they love and there was a best dressed winner from each class who won a brand new book as a prize for their efforts. For

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those who didn't want to dress up, children came in with a clue as to who their favourite fictional character was for everyone to guess. We have also had many virtual author visits and after last year's success, the Masked Reader has returned with more curious costumes, cryptic clues and those all important big reveals. We wish all readers a Happy Easter and look forward to informing you about our learning and activities next month.

*Ruth Jayal*

**SNOWDROPS** Today 4th January about 10 am I walked through Adastral through the memorial path and saw a beautiful display of naturally growing snowdrops.

However, moments before I said good morning to a tall gentleman who was carrying over his shoulder a pole with a bulb planter plus a large bag.

When I looked closer to the snowdrops, I saw some soil clamps and holes where the bulbs had been removed. I am astounded that a member of the public could be so brazen as to remove flowering bulbs for themselves, he certainly didn't look as though he was too poor to purchase bulbs for himself. What a shameful thing to do. He doubtably knew that this is theft.

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In addition to the above, Keymer and Hassocks Cricket club are looking for sponsorship for the upcoming 2022 season to support our every growing Colts section and are hoping that our local business community may be able to assist. Whether this be through a small amount of funding to purchase a box



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*Andy Elliot*

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*Pam*



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The project was supported by start-up funding from West Sussex County Council and Hassocks Parish Council. Small donations were also made by many repair café users.

We originally planned to hold a café once a month but due to Covid restrictions we were not able to hold in-person repair cafes until September 2021. We operated a successful 'remote' operation before then, with repair requests made online or by phone, and items delivered to our volunteer repairers to work on at home.

The in-person repair cafes once started have been a great success, doubling the number of repair requests. Everyone clearly enjoyed the conviviality, tea and cakes, as well as the chance to meet and talk to the repairers.

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We intend to hold an informative Zoom conference on **14th May** this year; watch our website and local media for more information. *Janice Kent*

**HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP** Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint at 2 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

**6th April** - Murder, Madness, Mayhem - the Belgian Royal Family with Melanie Gibson-Barton.

**4th May** - A group of Magistrates will visit to tell us all about the work they do.

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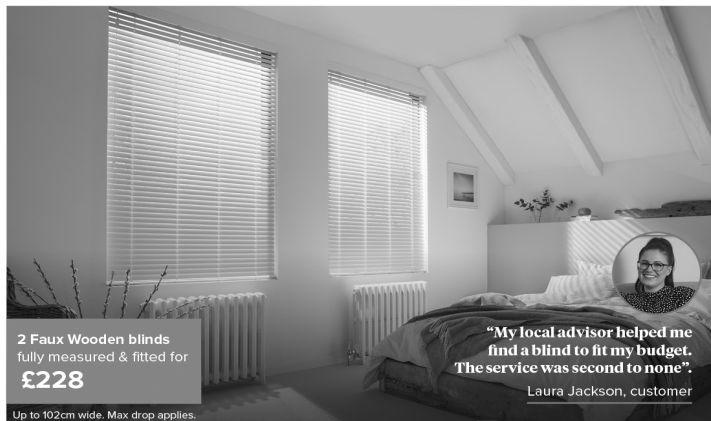
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This festival is intended to bring the community together through music, comedy and celebration of our local musical talent with a headline tribute band, One Step Beyond, for two fun filled days whilst raising money for our local charity, St Peter and St James Hospice who look after those terminally ill with cancer.

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We look forward to seeing you there.

*Michelle*

**HASSOCKS WI** Meet Adastra Hall 3rd Monday in the month. Doors open 7.30 pm start 7.45 pm.

New Craft Club - Our March meeting, Papercraft, a workshop ably led by another talented member who had thoughtfully provided all necessary items to make a date reminder pad. We left with pretty patterned ribboned booklets and satisfied smiles. Thank you member.

Next meeting - Monday **4th April** - 2 pm Green Room - Paint and paper skills.

Our March evening meeting was centred on our own wellbeing and featured Pilates with Nancy, as well as our usual delicious cake and tea.

April evening meeting Tuesday **19th April** - Desert Island Delights, intrigued come along.

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*Gerry Dandridge*

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It's been wonderful to welcome more people back to church and renew old friendships following the easing of Covid restrictions and also to welcome those coming for the first time, some of whom will be getting married in the parish over the coming months.

Our ever popular Souper Saturday returned in March, for the first time in two years and we enjoyed delicious home made soup, bread and cakes as well as a lovely social time.

Full details of our evening services during Holy Week (**10th – 17th April**), which will be spread across all three churches in the parish, can be found on [www.beaconparish.co.uk/services](http://www.beaconparish.co.uk/services) but the two Sunday services are always a special occasion.

On Palm Sunday, **10th April**, if you can, please join us at 9.30 am in Charlton Gardens, Ditchling for the start of our procession to St. Margaret's church, where a service of Holy Communion will begin at 10 am. Our family Easter Day service for the whole parish at St. Margaret's Ditchling, - this year on Sunday **17th April** - is always an extremely popular and lively occasion when we hope to be joined by a real live lamb and Easter chicks! Come and join us in this wonderful celebratory service.

Services of Morning Worship with Holy Communion will also be held at 10 am on Sundays **3rd and 24th April** and Wednesday at 10 am, a midweek service of Holy Communion takes place at St. Margaret's every Wednesday of the month. See the 'What's On' section.

*Sherrian Guest*

**CRAFT FAIR** Heber Opera is holding a craft fair in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre on Saturday **23rd April**. The fair is open to the public from 10 am to 2 pm, with lots of interesting stalls and homemade refreshments available all day. Any crafters out there interested in having a stall please contact me on **01273 834703** or by email

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*Jenny Hawkes.*

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Juniors begin training on Wednesday **20th April**. We have two groups – younger ones for learning skills group for ages 8 to 10 years for one hour 5 pm to 6 pm and girls from 11 to 16 years start at 6 pm to 7.30 pm. When the league games begin, we finish a little later. Do wear warm clothes and sensible trainers, for more information call Joy for the Junior girls on **07986 584228** and for Senior Ladies please ring Jenny on **07968 956924**.

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*Joy Mans*



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Date for your Diary! Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - Saturday **4th June** held here at the Centre, we will be holding a Buffet Lunch between 11.30 am and 1 pm in our dining room, with refreshments and homemade cakes available all morning. Come along and celebrate with us we look forward to welcoming you.

Lunches - We serve lunches weekdays in our dining room - Brunch served on a Monday between 10 am and 1 pm as well as sandwiches, paninis, soups and cakes available. Free Wifi available in our centre - come and have a coffee whilst you browse!

Please do call us on **01273 844461** to book a place, do let us know by 10 am on the day at the latest. Our Menu is always on our website. If you need help with transport to come for lunch, we may be able to collect you in our minibus, do enquire in the office. Our Coffee Shop is open from 9 am to 3 pm serving refreshments. Have you seen our Charity Shop, do come and have a look? Our shop and coffee shop are also



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We will be closed on Friday 15th and Monday 18th April for the Easter Weekend. Happy Easter!

*Regards all at Age Concern*

*We thank Ann of Ditchling for the following letter:-*

I have been meaning to write this for some months now but, sadly, have only just got around to it.

As a relative newcomer to Ditchling, I make sure that I go through the magazine from cover to cover. My greatest pleasure is always reading Rosemary's "News from Stoneywish". It is consistently interesting, eloquently and lyrically written and invariably makes me feel so pleased to be alive and able to appreciate all the beauty of the natural world. Thank you Rosemary.

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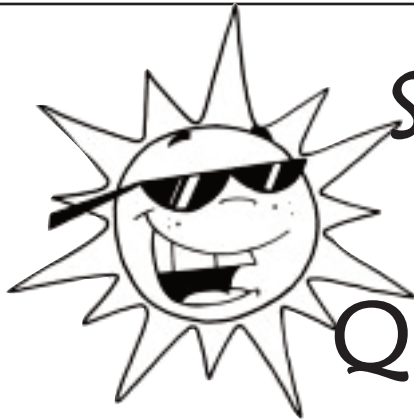
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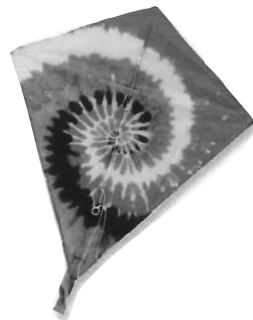
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So, we are now seeking volunteers to become secretary and to provide tea/coffee and biscuits. Neither job involves a lot of work. If you would like to help our very friendly local society please contact me - telephone **01273 832280**, e-mail **w.kent123@btinternet.com**. New members are particularly welcome.

We meet on the last Friday of each month in the Guide Hall next to Trinity Road car park. The speaker for our next meeting will be Trevor Povey. He will give his presentation on Shoreham's Maritime History on Friday **29th April** starting at 8 pm. Admission is free to members, small charge to non-members.

*Bill Kent*



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*Anne Clifford*

**HASSOCKS MAY DAY** I'm delighted to announce that Hassocks May Day will be held at Adastral Park from 12 pm - 4 pm on Monday **2nd May**.

We welcome back our infamous Dog Show and I'm pleased to confirm that PearlPower will be running our community cafe. Much more to come and I will keep you posted.

I'd like to thank Hassocks Parish Council for the grant to help get this family fun filled event up and running. If you are a community group or charity and would like a stall please contact me **michellebinks5@outlook.com**. Also if you are a local food vendor with all appropriate documentation and would like a pitch

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So looking forward to getting together to celebrate our community after a 3 year postponement. Until then, stay safe and be happy.

*Michelle Binks*

*We thank Tony Evans for the following letter:-* Further to John Norris's letter about the Old Hurstpierpoint Fire Engine laying derelict near the old rubbish tip what is now Court Bushes was Circa 1927 Ford Model T, also nearby was the old Shelvoke and Drewry Dustcart.

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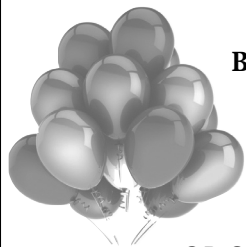
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**ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DITCHLING** An East Sussex school has been helped with its gardening project ahead of a seedling sale it is to hold in May. Sussex charity The Budding Foundation, in conjunction with South Downs Nurseries in Hassocks, are pleased to have helped St Margaret's church school in Ditchling with seeds, pots and compost to support the children's seedling sale.

"They plan to grow plants & sell to raise money for a new fire pit area within their Forest School project", explained Clive Gravett the charity's founder.

"We have also supplied some established pot plants to enhance the school entrance which has recently been refurbished", he added.

Both the charity and garden centre, part of the Tates of Sussex Group, are keen to encourage and support children with outdoor activities.

*St Margaret's School Secretary*



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Residents are invited to hold a stall. Visit the other stalls on the trail to or even better do both!

Below is a link to a high resolution version of the PDF of the poster. Plus a link to the Stall Trail (using Google Maps).... I'm asking those intending to hold a stall to let me know so I can add it on.

The event details are all on Facebook, and the QR code on the poster takes you straight there.

My hope is that this event becomes a way that we can help others and feel like we are taking some control by acting positively during these very troubling times.... if it would inspire other villages, towns and cities to do the same even better! (organiser of HassocksGoesGold & PearlPower events)

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*Alyssa from Bognor Regis, then aged 10, and her mum Rachel who completed the walk in 2021.*

4Sight Vision Support is delighted to announce three 'Wellbeing Walks' scheduled over the next 12 months. The charity, which provides support and specialist information to blind and sight impaired residents throughout West Sussex, is inviting everyone to sign up for one, two, or even three of these fun fundraising Walks held in some delightful locations around the county.

The first of the three walks is a five mile rural trail on the beautiful Angmering Park Estate, which is not usually open to the public, on **9th July** this year. The second Walk will be routed along Bognor Regis seafront on **1st October**, and the final event will visit the historic Horsham Town Centre in March 2023 (date TBC). CEO Kirstie Thomas, commented, "We are delighted to announce not one but three of our Wellbeing Walks, and invite everyone to sign up and join in. For anyone joining all three walks and raising over £500, we are offering a

special thank you gift from all of us at 4Sight Vision Support".

The entry fee includes refreshments, a bespoke wooden medal and wellbeing activities along the route. The entrance fee covers the costs of putting on the event, so in addition participants are encouraged to pledge an additional £50 in sponsorship.

For more information and to register, visit: [www.4sight.org.uk/wellbeing-walk](http://www.4sight.org.uk/wellbeing-walk) call **01243 838001** or email [fundraising@4sight.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@4sight.org.uk).

4Sight Vision Support would like to thank Nigel Clutton and the Angmering Park Estate, Arun District Council and Horsham District Council for making these events possible.

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### **HURST VILLAGE MARKET LAUNCHES SATURDAY 2ND APRIL**

Hurst Rethink, The New Inn and @shop\_hurst are delighted to announce a date for the launch of the Hurst Village Market. It will take place on Saturday **2nd April** from 10 am and 1 pm in the garden of the New Inn on the High Street.



**HURST VILLAGE MARKET**

If all goes well, the team hopes to hold the market on the first Saturday of every month, bringing more local producers and crafters in as time goes on. The hope is that the market will drive footfall to the village, benefitting other retailers on the High Street. Several local businesses are already confirmed for the April market.

Charlotte from Hurst Rethink comments, "The Hurst Rethink Green Consumer group has been looking at how we make it easier to buy local without having to get in our cars and drive out of the village. This market is the perfect solution and we're thrilled to be working with @shop\_hurst and the New Inn - we share the same vision and desire to get stuff done!"

The New Inn team will open for refreshments throughout the morning.

This first market is very much a trial to see how well it might go down in the village so please do come along and support it. If you're out on the High Street on Saturday morning, please pop in and say hello. *Hurst Rethink*

### **BURGESS HILL CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT**

Come and join us for an evening of wonderful music on Saturday **23rd April** when the choir will be singing two contrasting Requiems. The great Mozart Requiem was the last piece ever written by the composer. Its music takes us from the heart-rending 'Lacrimosa' (Weeping) to the uplifting resolution of 'Lux Aeterna' (Eternal Light). This emotionally powerful music is agreed by all to be one of Mozart's greatest works.

We will also be singing choruses from a twenty-first century version of the Requiem by Welsh composer Karl Jenkins. His Requiem is fresh and clear, and moves from the drama of the 'Dies Irae' to hauntingly beautiful slower sections, including the lyrical 'In Paradisum.' All in all, this is going to be an unmissable concert!

The concert takes place on Saturday **23rd April** at St Andrew's Church, Junction Road RH15 0LG at 7.30 pm under the baton of Michael Stefan Wood BEM and with young soloists on the threshold of their professional careers. Tickets (under-18s free) are available from Burgess Hill Help Point, on the door, or phone **07522 493966**. For further information visit our website [www.burgesshillchoral.org](http://www.burgesshillchoral.org) or our Facebook page.

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**HASSOCKS TOWNSWOMENS GUILD** Tuesday **26th April** meeting our speaker will be Neil Sadler whose talk will be "An Inspector Called". At our February meeting Gilly Halcrow gave an extremely interesting talk on the "History of Food, Drink and Table manners" and explained how a lot of our words today are associated with terms used in Medieval/Tudor times. We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month at Pauline Thaw Centre, Hassocks at 2.30 pm and visitors are always welcome. For more information call me on **01273 841106**.

*Sheila Southwell*

**STAR CINEMA Friday 22nd April** The last film of the season at the Star Cinema is Belfast (rated PG-13), a British coming-of-age film written and directed by Kenneth Branagh, following a young boy's childhood in Belfast at the beginning of the Troubles in 1969. It has won countless nominations for various awards, and stars Catriona Balfe, Judi Dench, Jamie Dornan, Ciaran Hinds, and a brilliant acting debut by young Jude Hill. Don't miss it! Tickets on the door (cash only please). The doors open at 7 pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Wine, tea, coffee plus the usual popular raffle. The Star team look forward to welcoming you.

*Liz Edmunds*

### **JAZZ AND BLUES IN AID OF BRITISH HEART**

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*David Roberts*

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Jumblers - follow the trail around the village and pick up some fantastic bargains. The Jumble Trail will be published online, in local media and notice boards from **2nd April**.

*Anna Riis*

**DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY** We are really delighted to announce that the Ditchling Film Society will be recommencing in April and we shall be screening our usual mix of varied and interesting films over the four-month period until July 2022, details of which will publicised as soon as they have been chosen. Please check the posters dotted around the village for up to date information.

Our first film will be shown on Thursday, **7th April** at 8 pm in the Village Hall. We will announce the title as soon as we can, but rest assured, it will almost certainly be one you will not want to miss!

An extra film and one of the highlights of our season which will be screened on Thursday, **16th June** is Final Account by Luke Holland - this is one definitely not to be missed.

We are also very pleased to let you know that we have now found a new projectionist who is extremely keen and ready to assist with our first film of the season in April.

*Rowena Cager and Melanie Samuel*

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The acrobatic anarchy overhead goes unnoticed by us humans. Our hearing is limited and when it comes to night vision, we're as blind as, well, something with really bad eyesight...in fact anything but a bat. Bats have excellent vision. But it certainly isn't their best sense.

Echolocation is one of the animal world's most incredible superpowers. A Pipistrelle shouts, the shout hits something and bounces back. This echo is instantly analysed in an amazing brain and tells the bat how far away the object is and whether it's a mosquito, a moth or a mansion. To get the maximum information from their echo, Pipistrelles yell at high frequencies (45 kHz, we can only hear up to 20 kHz). And these shouts are loud; pneumatic drill or jet fighter loud. Up to 110 decibels in some species. A

bat would deafen itself if it heard its own shout. So Pipistrelles have to disengage their ears, then shout, then turn their hearing back on, listen for the echo, analyse, then start all over again. All at the rate of 10-15 times a second. This gives bats an amazing, multi-layered awareness of their surroundings. But it's tricky (and impolite) to shout when you're eating, so once a moth is in the mouth the bat has to chew-shout-listen-chew-shout-listen to avoid a collision.

There are 17 different species of bat in Sussex. Our smallest - the Common Pipistrelle - is also the one you're most likely to see around your gardens. Back in the 80's there were just four TV channels, two types of videocassette and one species of Pipistrelle in Britain. But in the 90's, scientists discovered that some Pipistrelles were echolocating at higher frequencies (55 kHz); a Montserrat Caballé to the Common Pipistrelle's Freddie Mercury. These are the Soprano Pipistrelles. There's now a third: Nathusius' Pipistrelle. By affixing lightweight metal rings to this species' wings, researchers have discovered that these bats are migrating to Sussex from as far away as Latvia. An amazing journey for an amazing animal.

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So many Volunteers gave their time and energy during the run-up, Dress Rehearsal and Performances.

A huge thank you to Sue Davis, our Head Chaperone and her Registered Helpers.

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We really could not do it without you all!

Must not forget the wonderful Performers and the Support of Parents and Families.

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Publicity Officer Vacancy - Oldland Windmill is a registered charity run entirely by volunteers. The windmill is now fully restored and once more is regularly producing stone ground flour. Our open days are proving more popular than ever and the volunteer numbers are continuing to increase.

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**2nd** HURST VILLAGE MARKET New Inn, Hurstpierpoint, 10 am - 1 pm. Local producers and crafters

**2nd** SOUTH DOWNS REFUGEE PROJECT United Reformed Church, Hassocks, 3 pm. 'Wonderful Gershwin, the Life & Music of George Gershwin' Concert by Alan Leith & Marcus Martin. Free admission.

**3rd** STALLS FOR UKRAINE, trail around Hassocks, 12 pm - 4 pm. Stalls outside residents houses - see article for QR map.

**3rd** ST MARGARET'S CHURCH Ditchling, 10 am. Morning Worship & Holy Communion.

**3rd** OLDLAND MILL, Mill Lane, Keymer 2 pm - 5 pm. Open Day - see article for more info.

**4th** HAS SOCKS WI Green Room, Adastra Hall, Hassocks, 2 pm. Afternoon Craft Club. 'Paint & Paper Skills' Guests welcome.

**5th** DITCHLING DOWNS WI Ditchling Village Hall 7 pm. 'The Inspector Calls: confessions of a police speaker' - Neil Sadler.

**6th** HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint, 2 pm. 'Murder, Madness, Mayem - the Belgian Royal Family' Melanie Gibson-Barton. Guests welcome.

**6th** ST MARGARET'S CHURCH Ditchling, 10 am. Holy Communion.

**7th** ADASTRA BOWLING CLUB Adastra Park, Hassocks 10 am - 12 noon. Open Day - Have a go at bowling to book call 01273 843855.

**7th** DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY Ditchling Village Hall, 8 pm. Film will be announced shortly.

**7th** MEMORY MOMENTS CAFE Court Bushes Community Centre, Willow Way, Hurstpierpoint 2 pm - 4 pm. Know Dementia, Education, Advice & Support. To book call 01273 494300

**8th** BURGESS HILL HERITAGE & HISTORY SOCIETY Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill 8 pm. Lydia Yavorska, Princess of Dreams, an illustrated talk about her fascinating life. She died about 100 years ago & rests at St Nicholas, Shoreham. Guests Welcome.

**10th** ST MARGARET'S CHURCH Ditchling, 9.30 am. Palm Sunday procession from Charlton Gardens to Church for 10 am service.

**10th** BIG HURST JUMBLE SALE 10 am - 2 pm. Follow the trail around the village.

**10th** BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION Ditchling Village Hall, 3 pm. Jazz & Blues - see article tickets 01273 965036

**11th** HAS SOCKS FIELD SOCIETY Adastra Hall, Hassocks 7.45 pm. 'The Woodland Year' - Simon Ginnaw

**12th** HURSTPIERPOINT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Club Suite, Hurstpierpoint Village Centre 7.45 pm. 'Fuschias' - Carol Grubler from Little Brook Fuschia Nursery.

**12th** LUNCHTIME JAZZ Hassocks Hotel, 12 pm. Lunch included to book call 01273 841110.

**13th** HAS SOCKS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Adastra Hall, Hassocks, 8 pm. 'Garden Tips from a Head Gardener' - Mark Saunders. All welcome.

**13th** ST MARGARET'S CHURCH Ditchling, 10 am. Morning Worship & Holy Communion.

**13th** AGE CONCERN Dale Ave, Hassocks, 9.30 - 1.30 pm. 'Coffee Morning - cakes, raffle and ploughmans lunch. All welcome, refreshments available.

**14th** ADASTRA BOWLING CLUB Adastra Park, Hassocks 10 am - 12 noon. Open Day - Have a go at bowling to book call 01273 843855.

**15th** MUSIC AND COMEDY Danny House, 7.30 pm. 'A Piano Recital with a Difference' - Mike Hatchard Tickets 07710 217672.

**17th** ST MARGARET'S CHURCH Ditchling, 10 am. Easter Day Family Service.

**19th** SOUTH DOWNS REFUGEE United Reformed Church, Hassocks 11 am. Easter Holiday Singing Session with Mike Reinstein to book [zaydeh@btopenworld.com](mailto:zaydeh@btopenworld.com)

**19th** HAS SOCKS WI Adastra Hall, Hassocks, 7.30 pm. 'Desert Island Delights' intrigued come along. Guests welcome.

**19th** DITCHLING VILLAGE ASSOCIATION Ditchling Village Hall, 10 am - 11.30 am Coffee Morning

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**20th** HASSOCKS TREFOIL GUILD Guide Hut, Semley Road, Hassocks 7.45 pm. Playing Games. Visitors welcome.

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**22nd** HHD U3A Adastra Hall, Hassocks, 2 pm. 'So you want to be a bird watcher' - Jim Watson.

**22nd** STAR CINEMA Adastra Hall, Hassocks, 7 pm. 'Belfast'. Cash only on the door.

**23rd** HURST BOWLING CLUB South Ave, Hurstpierpoint 10.30 am. Taster Session - just turn up and have a go wearing flat shoes.

**23rd** HEBER OPERA Hurstpierpoint Village Centre, 10 am - 2 pm. Craft Fair plus refreshments.

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**23rd** BURGESS HILL CHORAL SOCIETY St Andrews Church, Burgess Hill 7.30 pm. Two contrasting Requiems - see articles. Tickets 07522 493966.

**24th** ST MARGARET'S CHURCH Ditchling, 10 am. Morning Worship & Holy Communion.

**25th** HASSOCKS FIELD SOCIETY Adastra Hall, Hassocks 7.45 pm. 'Through the Seasons at the Royal Botanic Gardens - Kew & Wakehurst' - Sarah Oldridge

**26th** HASSOCKS TOWNSWOMEN GUILD Age Concern Hassocks 2.30 pm. 'An Inspector Called' Neil Sadler. Guest always welcome.

**27th** ST MARGARET'S CHURCH Ditchling, 10 am. Holy Communion.

**29th** HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL & GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint, 8 pm. Shoreham's Maritime History - Trevor Povey. Guests welcome.

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## ***STEVE'S BACK PAGE GOSSIP***

I have to be honest, I can't remember a time when I've had so many phone calls from people concerned about foxes and not just locally, but from all over the country. I can nearly always help with most things like mange etc, but when it comes to not wanting them in your garden or having cubs under decking or sheds that is much more difficult. It is that time of year when the cubs are born and it is our duty as human beings to ensure wherever possible that our wildlife prospers and survives in these very difficult times. Personally, I'd consider it an honour if a wild animal trusts you enough to have its babies in or near your garden. My stock answer to a lot of the questions especially the one about why my cats get on so well when I've got so many together, it's down to love and kindness, just two simple words, but live by them and you'll be surprised at what you can achieve.

For the past year I've been rattling on about what's going to happen to National Tyres and that awful prospect of a four-storey block of flats being built on the site. I know a lot of people want more houses, but with everything on the rise and nothing ever seems to go down, who can afford to buy and live in them, especially as most flats round here seem to be around half a million quid. However, things may have changed and at last some good news - it would appear that the National Tyres chain has been taken over by Halfords which is a good start, but I'm not quite sure why the landowner of the site would suddenly say well that's alright then, I won't bother developing the site now that Halfords has taken over the lease. Perhaps there's longer to run on the lease than I originally thought. However, if it is going to morph into a proper Halfords Auto Centre doing MOTs and servicing complete with all the other services that have always been available, then a total makeover must be on the cards. There is a board on the forecourt saying that the premises is now a Halfords Auto Centre telling customers it had changed hands, but if they've got to revamp all the National Tyres premises then that's going to take a lot of time and money, especially if they've already spent £62 million on just buying the chain, mind you it's good to see the boys are keeping their jobs, that is a bonus.

On my way home after work at the weekends I always notice that on Fridays and Saturdays the cafe in Keymer called Aroma is absolutely packed with people obviously having a meal. I never knew they provided that service at weekends. I hope I'm not talking out of turn here but everybody seems to be having a really good time, so it must be good, so if you're looking for a meal out in a friendly atmosphere why not give them a call

Thank you, thank you, thank you, all you wonderful people who donated dog and cat food to get to the poor pets in Ukraine, we've all been left heartbroken by the images in the paper and on TV of people fleeing and trying to flee with their pets and not all succeeding. When we heard Jo from De La Casa was helping to fill a lorry going into Ukraine with emergency supplies we put out an appeal on Facebook for people to donate pet food and you didn't disappoint. Wow you moved all of us here to tears big time. As this War isn't going to go away anytime soon, we must do everything we can do to help these poor people who obviously like us love their pets. Sadly, there is nothing any of us can do for the poor wildlife, just pray they can stay as far away from the conflict as possible.

Stay Safe Love Steve

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