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Tug Of War - Always a crowd favourite in the arena, this is your chance to get a team together and be part of a friendly competition - will the reigning champs, Bridgers Farm, return to defend their title? Whether you're representing your workplace, a pub, club or just rounding up a team of mates, we'd love to have you on the rope. Last minute entries should register at the committee tent next to the arena before 1 pm on fair day.

Fun Run on Saturday **4th July**, 1.30 pm start from the Village Green Registration from 12.30 pm. **S**tarting at the Village Green ahead of the procession, this 8.6 km track runs along the High Street, before heading off towards Wolstonbury Hill and then back to the finish line behind the children's playground on South Avenue Rec. A shorted 3 km course is available for younger or less experienced entrants.

All entries to be made online before fair day.

Over the weekend there will be all the usual favourites (details are in the programme and on our website **stlawrencefair.co.uk**):

Friday **3rd July -** Teddy Bears Picnic, 12.30-2.30 pm. Junior Disco, 5.30 – 6.45 pm. Hurst Band Night with Martha Hitt and her Band, 6 - 10.30 pm, music from 7.45 pm.

Saturday **4th July** Fair Day! This is it, the main event!

12 pm Stalls, South Avenue Street Food Alley and Harris' Fun Fair opens.

12.45 pm Burgess Hill Musical Theatre Society - songs from 'Come from Away'.

1 pm Procession starts at Marchants Road, accompanied by a peal of bells, with thanks to Hurstpierpoint Bell Ringers.

1.30 pm Fun Run starts at the Village Green - give them a cheer as they run through the High Street.

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2 pm Procession arrives in the Fair Arena; prizes to be awarded for the best group presentation.
2.30 pm Create Space Studios performance.
3 pm Fun Run prize presentation.
3.20 pm Agnes M Dance performance.
3.45 pm Tug of War Competition (heats and final).
4.40 pm Raffle draw and winner announced.
4.45 pm Grand Finale (audience participation).
5.30 pm Fair closes.
All times and performances are approximate and subject to change.
Sunday **5th July** Joint Church Service 'On The Rec' on at 10.30 am at South Avenue Recreation Ground. A lively service hosted by Hurst Churches and including activities for children.
All are welcome to stay on for a "bring your own" picnic brunch afterwards.
Finally, A Huge Thank You you to our Main Sponsors: Chatt Estates, PSP Homes, Sussex Stoneworks, Hawthorn Vets, HPP Society, Hayden Swan Opticians and Earlswood Homes.
And all our other sponsors, advertisers, volunteers and helpers; your generosity, support and time given ensures the Fair goes ahead for another year!
We look forward to seeing you over Fair Weekend (**3rd - 4th July**). On behalf of the St. Lawrence Village Fair Committee.

Lona McDonald

PLEASE CAN I SAY A HUGE THANK YOU to the ladies who came out of the blue when I fell in the road on the 23rd of April opposite Proper in Hassocks. They were 'Ministering Angels' who looked after me till the paramedics came. They were so kind and reassuring.

Ali Price, Hurstpierpoint

NATIONAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HORSHAM DISTRICT meet on **3rd July** at 8 pm at Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill RH15 8DX when Ian Jarvis will give a talk on Masts, Mobiles and MIMOs - love or loathe them?
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BURGESS HILL HERITAGE AND HISTORY GROUP meet on Friday **10th July** at Cyprus Hall Burgess Hill, doors open 7.30 pm for a Talk. Goo Coomber will speak on growing up locally in Danehill, in the 1970s, where her parents ran the village shop, the hub of the village community. All welcome non members small charge.
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The goal is to threaten the play offs/title at the top of the division as well as having good cup runs. We are a substantial club at this level, and the locals should be proud of this village club.

Over the summer we have been busy with a new LED scoreboard that is by far anything more impressive than any other club in this division and probably above (Thank you Chris Bere and Station Garage Hassocks for sponsoring).

We have done extensive pitch works to improve the surface by scraping the top level off and flattening along with new grass seed.

We also have a new kitchen extension in place ready for the new season which will have another service hatch added.

All of the above is to improve match day experience. Of course, it's nothing without performances on the pitch and we have increased the budget from last year despite going down so we expect a strong side in this division.

Chris Lambe of the Hassocks Pub has kindly agreed to renew his sponsorship of the ground and we thank him greatly, not only the income but the community aspect of the club which has been growing; we head back to the pub post-game and there's nothing better after a win seeing everyone together.

We have had some excellent support from the pitch side banner sponsors old and new, and we also thank them for supporting us. They will be promoted by not only the banners but programme advertisement and social media/video coverage. We have some exciting friendlies ahead in July and look forward to welcoming everyone back to see our improved facilities:

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THE LAZY GARDENER: WATER DEEPLY AND WATCH FOR WINGS. July is abundant. Flowers are open, grasses are tall, butterflies drift through the garden, and everything feels full. But beneath that abundance, plants and wildlife are working hard. Heat, dryness and long days put real pressure on the garden, which is exactly why July is the moment for gentle, supportive care rather than interruption.

Bumblebee colonies are at full strength now, with workers foraging to feed the next generation. Leafcutter bees are nesting, cutting perfect circles from leaves to line their brood cells. Butterflies reach their summer peak: Red Admirals, Peacocks, Commas, Gatekeepers and Meadow Browns are everywhere… and the Big Butterfly Count begins, a perfect excuse to sit still and simply notice. Many birds are raising late broods, and with the ground baked hard, water becomes essential. A shallow dish topped up daily does better than any amount of tidying.

If you're lucky enough to see bats hunting insects over your garden at dusk, it's a sign your garden is doing exactly what it should.

Because plants are under heat stress and wildlife is nesting, July is not the month for pruning or big tidy ups. Shrubs are strained, birds may still be nesting, leafcutter bees need leaves, insects need long grass, and seedheads are feeding someone. And avoid panic watering: sprinkling every evening only encourages shallow, weak roots.

The most important July message is this: water deeply, not often. Frequent light watering trains plants to keep their roots near the surface, where moisture evaporates fastest. A deep soak once a week pushes water down into the soil, encouraging strong, drought resilient roots. Mulch helps enormously too, slowing evaporation and keeping soil cool and stable.

Prioritise only what truly needs water, anything newly planted, pots, and plants visibly struggling. Established perennials and shrubs cope far better than we think.

Lazy Gardener tip of the month: water deeply once a week, top up bird baths daily, and let July hum with life. *Helen Codd*, *wildlife + wellbeing garden designer, Hurstpierpoint*

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Pure paradise, feel as high as a kite,
Young and in love, like walking on air,
Heartbeats racing, eyes sparkle and stare,
Whisper sweet nothings, a peck on the cheek,
A short stroll together, no need to speak,
Love is a drug,
As pure as gold,
Warm to the touch,
And precious to hold,
A feeling so strong,
A master of mind,
Love can be cruel,
And sometimes so blind,
Young and in love, it's a good place to be,
Passions run deep, as deep as the sea,
Love conquers all, no need for the sword,
Love is sweet music, hits the right chord,
Love is a drug,
As pure as gold,
Warm to the touch,
And precious to hold.

Editors note:- Ian has two volumes of his poems on sale at QD Stationery, 52 Keymer Road, Hassocks. All monies go to local charities.

HURST HASSOCKS & DITCHLING U3A meet on Friday **31st July** at Adastra Hall, Hassocks at 2 pm for a talk by Ian Gledhill "Oh We Do Like to be beside the Seaside". Small entrance fee which includes refreshments.

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The show runs from **7th to the 11th July**, starting at 7.30 pm each evening, at the Players Theatre in Hurstpierpoint High Street.

It is a hilarious spoof of 1930s Agatha Christie murder mysteries. Occupants of a country manor-house become the target of a killer. The plot centres on an incompetent Inspector Pratt investigating the deaths, alongside an amateur sleuth, Miss Maple. The play has all the classic Christie archetypes: a butler, a stiff-upper-lipped colonel, a shady art dealer, and a high-society woman, all caught up in the side-splitting antics and escalating confusion.

The important thing is - can the redoubtable Miss Maple solve this one?

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BEACON DISTRICT TREFOIL GUILD For our May meeting we had a visit from Charlotte, a Burgess Hill Guide who is going on a 'train-blazing' trip around Europe this Summer. She told us how a group of 16 girls from all around the region - including herself - were chosen during a selection process held in London. All the girls are aged between 14 and 16 and will be accompanied by 4 adult leaders.



They have also designed their own badge - not only to wear on their travels but also to help fundraise. Charlotte has managed to achieve her fundraising goal by holding regular cake sales at her school, visiting units around the area selling her badges and by having a quiz at the guide hall. Tonight she showed us all how to make an Origami Tulip (representing representing Holland, one of the places they will visit). Others will be Germany, Yugoslavia [Prague], Austria, Slovenia, Switzerland [Berne] and finally France [Paris].

We all had a jolly good go at producing our tulips - with a varying degree of success - but a good time was had by all! We held a raffle as well for which we managed to raise £42 to go towards Charlotte spending money for this trip.

For our June meeting we explored Lindfield. An informative, interesting walk around this lovely village.

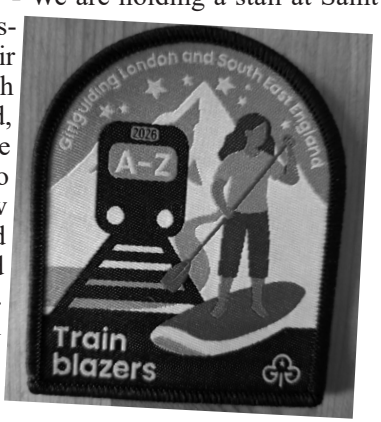
Our July meeting will be held at Burgess Hill Pantry. Sounds like good fun!!

In August we plan a Sausage Sizzle on the lawn, in the grounds of the Guide Hall.

Come along and have fun with us! Make new friends and try something new.

We meet at the Guide Hall, Semley Road, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, 8 pm to 9.30 pm.

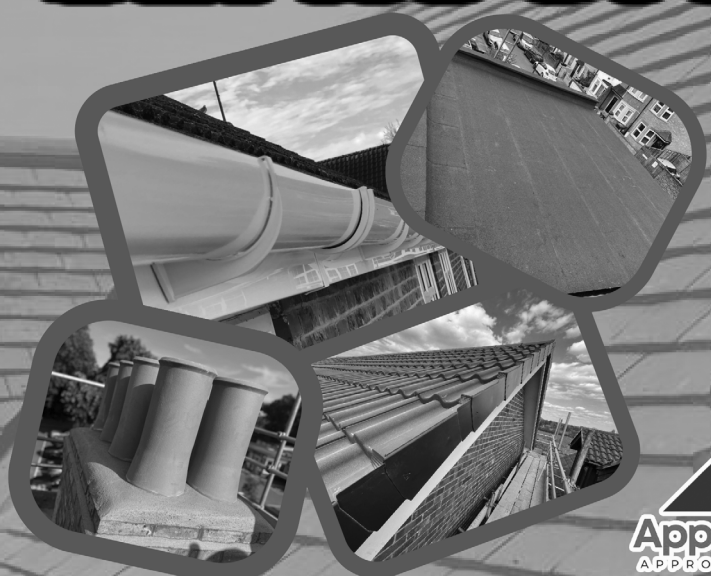
Beacon Guide Hall Fundraising Events - Saturday **11th July -** We are holding a stall at Saint Francis of Assisi Church Fair at the Church in Priory Road, Hassocks. We are planning to sell jigsaw puzzles (used and new) and used gift bags. Donations can be collected.



Sunday, **26th July** - Afternoon tea with fun activities for all, to be held at the Guide Hall, in Semley Road For more details contact: **carolinesteer@aol.com**. *Pam Strong*

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HASSOCKS WI Meets at Adastra Hall 3rd Monday in the month. Doors open 7.30 pm evening start 7.45 pm.

Our members and visitors had an interesting, illustrated talk from the local charity Hurst Hedgehog Haven. Some of us have made sure there is a hedgehog gap in our fencing to help them.

Something different for June strawberry Pimms and a preview of the upcoming show from Burgess Hill Musical Theatre, we always enjoy this evening and have the opportunity to purchase tickets.

Also, in June some of us are judging the cakes at Sayers Common fete. Hope there are lots of cakes to sample!

For our July meeting we will welcome a speaker from the Sussex Dolphin Project. This charity is committed to protect local dolphins species through research, awareness and education.

There is no meeting in August but as usual we will have a picnic in the park during the month so look at your emails.

Of course, our smaller groups are still busy and our newly invigorated Strollers Group hope to enjoy their first walk ending up at a cafe or pub. The Arty Group has been to various exciting places including Denman Gardens and the Priest's House.

In June our Craft Club made books, thank you Shirley for all your wonderful ideas and skill.

So, lots to do and enjoy visitors welcome (donation).

P.S. Nearly forgot it is the WI annual meeting in June too but now it is by Zoom it is not as exciting as going to the Albert Hall. More info on that next month. *Gerry*

REVD. CANON HELEN GARRATT, PRIEST-IN-CHARGE We are delighted that Revd Helen will be joining The Beacon Parish of Ditchling, Streat & Westmeston from St Peter's in Brighton in the near future. At the time of going to press, we do not have a date for her licensing but hope that this will be during July.

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NEWS FROM STONEYWISH JULY 2026

Since the hot weather arrived, I have spent much time in the garden, trying to rein in the weeds which, are now running amok. Their vigour is quite astonishing. No sooner is my back turned, than the hogweeds send up a new forest of sturdy leaves; bindweed and brambles extend themselves at a mile a minute; herb bennet, cleavers, teasels and nettles insinuate themselves wherever there is a spare inch of soil. Between them, our delicate ornamentals struggle for daylight, but all the same something wondrous is happening - there seems to be an exchange of energy which benefits the garden as a whole. Nothing looks starved or pinched. Dare I say it, we have had no plagues of 'pests'. And plants which have wilted in the midday sun have rallied and look refreshed, without watering, by evening.

Flocks of baby bluetits dart from tree to tree. Young blackbirds scurry along the grass-mown paths between beds of cranesbill, foraging for insects. Robins and dunnocks are voraciously hunting to feed their second broods of chicks. The wren trills from his hideout in the leaves. Roses, sweet rocket and honeysuckle riot as they please amongst blue lagoons of alkanet.

For me, this is as close as I shall ever get to Heaven. There are no gardener's battles to fight: no war on slugs, or dandelions necessary.

Each year, as the garden settles, at peace with itself, the bindweed becomes a little less frenetic, and even the hogweeds make way for newcomers such as red campion, foxglove and wild chicory.

It has taken 22 years so far for the land to reach this degree of self-management. I intervene only to open up a view, or rescue something in danger of suffocation. The plants pretty much seed themselves and feed themselves, forming their own communities – self-heal and agrimony at the front; hops and wild raspberries at the back.

Scanning the tapestry of vegetation, it is impossible to take everything in at once. Amidst the different depths of foliage, vision focuses on one thing here and misses five over there. There are simply too many perspectives, too many complexities. Every rule of garden design must be broken here.

A few days ago, we had a visit from friends and taking them back to their house in West Sussex, were offered tea on their immaculate terrace. I realised with a shock, how uncomfortable and chaotic our garden must have seemed to them, for their garden, comprising two enormous, manicured lawns with a straight gravel ride down the centre, conformed to an instantly apprehensible plan. There were geometric, formal beds of flowers and lines of ornamental saplings, reminiscent of a miniature Versailles; a proper vanishing



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point for each view and not a single leaf out of place. The old Shaker saying: "A garden is an index of the owner's mind", struck me with new force. (Mine is clearly wild and wayward!)

How much do we *create* our sense of Paradise? How much is each of our worlds a self-generated illusion? And does it matter? I fell to about some of the world's known Paradise Gardens: Monet's garden at Giverny, for example, where the artist, taking petals and leaves for pigments, composed a double illusion of brushwork through landscape - landscape mimicking painting. Or take the miniature gem of a garden which Wordsworth crafted at Dove Cottage, crammed with flowers and mosses, rocks and ferns gleaned from the open fellside to hold wildness captive on his doorstep.

There are the great plant-hunter's collections of exotic species at Kew and myriad estates around the country, boasting trophies of conquest and exploration abroad, then mandala-style gardens - the living carpets of classical Persia, jungle gardens in the Guatemalan Highlands where the compost heap is venerated as a shrine and wild plants are invited in to confer strength and vitality on their cultivated cousins; the spare artistry of Zen gardens in Japan, where Form and Emptiness, embodied in patterns of sand and rock, bring the spectator's mind to a state of 'no-mind'.... Each example a testament to the imagination and skill of its inventor.

The Shakers' own gardens were, as one might expect, models of simplicity and order. Visually they resembled samplers, with straight rows of crops, stitched with loving attention. Yet, the Shaker sensitivity to the spirit in all things, and their joyful dedication to the task of building Heaven here on Earth, made everything flourish.

What do our gardens tell us about ourselves? What do our urban landscapes tell us about ourselves? Is it beauty we want, or comfort, or nourishment, or inspiration? Or are we merely content to use the world as a substratum for economic development? Which persona decides? It makes a huge difference to the world at large, so it seems worthwhile to spend a moment considering this.

Where do we stand in relation to what simply *is,* before we have put the stamp of our own signature or intention upon it, before we name it, tame and interpret it? And could the quality of this relationship shed a vital light upon the failure after failure of our current Western 'fix-it' approach to Life?

The Tibetan teacher Chögyam Trungpa describes '*what is*', (the primal nature of existence), as '*tathata*', something unforced, something beyond intention, good or bad. A person who can glimpse this view becomes aware of the world in a totally new, dynamic way, free of conceptual thoughts, unhampered by fear and desire, and

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able at last to recognize what Chőgyam calls 'the *stoneness* of stone, and the *waterness* of water.' I am drawn back to my own encounters with the 'green giants' in our garden. What is the bindweedness of bindweed? That it is a living path? It does not stretch to entangle or support other plants. Rather it weaves a braid as it incarnates around them. This is something visceral that one can feel as a teaching in life. How much are we aware of our lives as paths in the making, unfolding, *becoming the world*, rather than battling or hurtling through it? The magestic hogweed leaves carry buried minerals from deep underground in plumes of energy – like green geysers – unstoppable.

Such fountains of energy exist for humans too at a level beyond rational comprehension and are - so Tibetan wisdom would have it - available to us if only we can stop trying to grasp so hard. Knowing *about* '*what is*', is to reduce it to something flat and inanimate, but moments of magic come when the mind is still and the heart open. A sudden immensity and spaciousness reveals itself, so that a backyard can become a continent in which everything is seen to be precious beyond compare.

As Chőgyam Rinpoche says, at this point, a rock in your hand is as solid and monumental as Mount Everest! And each glass of water is as miraculous as a cataract - (Pavey)!

The intentional mind may have disappeared altogether. But what a delight! When you come back, bindweed is still bindweed, but the self may never be the same again. You feel a lightness and lack of need to make things conform to plan. It might be a very small beginning in revising the madness we all collectively project onto the world, but to quote another Eastern insight: "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step!" *Rosemary*

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DIABLESSE CLEMENTINE SPICED RUM (40% vol) is a favourite with many spiced rum devotees. I found the Clementine contribution, for this popular beverage, to be evident throughout. Flavoursome and with a blend of warming Caribbean-inspired spices, including a hint of ginger, this small-batch production continues to gain in popularity.

DIABLESSE COCONUT & HIBISCUS RUM (38% vol) I found to be most pleasant indeed. From the bouquet to the mouth's delight, with the flavours of fresh, natural coconut, plus hibiscus and ripe, red berries certainly coming through. The palate's sensation continues, with the pleasures of this unusual, small-batch delectation.

The very informative website has all details of stockists and information about long-standing, proven methods of productions. I also found the website reading to enlighten me about the centuries-old stills, which are used in the productions. Online ordering is easy and orders are dispatched efficiently and quickly.

www.diablesserum.co.uk *Trevor*

THE GROWING NETWORK will be travelling again in July when we are visiting Hassocks Community Veg Patch to see what they are up to and to catch a free talk by Pete the Pond from 10 am to 11am.

Pete's talk will be about ponds and all things aquatic. He will bring his parrot Mango and maybe some other creatures....

We are a freely-giving community network that supports local people to grow and share food, with no one left out.

Saturday 25th July – 10 am start at

Hassocks Community Veg Patch by Age Concern (nb it is also Hassocks Market Day), Dale Avenue Car park, Hassocks.

We meet each month (usually in Ditchling) to share seeds, seedlings and extra produce along with gardening tips and friendship. We'd love to meet you whether you're a veteran gardener or would-be grower of vegetables and if you'd like to find others to help you get started on your gardening journey. You don't even need to have your own garden, as there are some of us that like to collaborate by growing with others. Come along and see what we're up to and help yourself to the seedlings or produce on offer.

Feel free to bring any seedlings or produce you have to share. Or just bring yourself!

Catherine, Imke & Julie

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DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY 'Santhosh' (15). Showing Thursday **2nd July** at Ditchling Village Hall. Doors open at 7.30 pm film starts 8 pm.

Hard hitting doesn't do this film justice. "It hits like a train" is nearer the mark. This searching and compelling crime drama gives so much more to its audience (that's us) than the extraordinary unravelling of its own mystery. The film is also an unforgiving expose of blatant sexism, institutional violence and wanton corruption embedded within India's contemporary rural justice system. Newly widowed Santosh inherits her husband's job as a police constable and quickly finds herself enmeshed in the murder investigation of a young "Dalit" girl. In her quest for the "truth" underlying the case, Santosh is forced into facing down centuries old external cultural barriers as well as facing up to her own inner trial and this leaves her (and us as her audience) questioning the very possibility of justice in the circumstances within which this story unfolds. Director Sandhiya Suri's brave, brave film cries out to be watched.

Already a BAFTA-nominated writer-director, Suri makes her feature debut with Santosh. Premiering in the Un Certain Regard section at Cannes 2024, the film earned critical acclaim and was developed with support from the Sundance Screenwriters and Directors Labs.

Hindi with English subtitles. 2h. Directed by Sandhya Suri.

On that hot note we will be having a summer break in August and returning on **3rd September** with 'My Favourite Cake' directed by Maryam Moghaddam & Behtash Sanaeeha.

Meet friends, enjoy fine wine or soft drinks before the show. Guest entry available as well as the yearly membership. Half price for under 25s. Members are eligible for a 20% discount on pre-booked meals and drinks at The Bull Pub on film night!

There's plenty of parking in the village hall car park.

To keep up to date with our film showings and special events visit **ditchlingfilmorg.uk**.

We are on Instagram @ditchlingfilmsoc and X @Ditchlingfilm. *Nick*

SIGN UP FOR OUR CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR Whilst the sun shines it's very hard to think about Christmas but at Heber Opera we like to plan ahead. Our Christmas Craft fair is in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre on Saturday **21st November** and there are still spaces for anyone who would like to bring along their lovely crafts to sell, we provide you with a 6ft table. We also serve lots of lovely homemade savouries and cakes throughout the day.

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Gold Sunflowers - Send in your photos of your fabulous Sunflowers to **hgg@pearlpower.co.uk** or to the HassocksGoesGold Facebook page – there are three categories this year: Tallest, Prettiest and Biggest-Headed (measure the seed head across the middle). The deadline for photos and measurements is Friday the **14th August** – lovely prizes from our sponsor Matt from Maple Leaf Gardens await!

Giant Gold Bow Trail – This September will see the return of the beautiful Giant Trail of Gold Bows sponsored by businesses, clubs and residents throughout the whole village. It's £30 to sponsor a Giant Gold Bow for the month with your dedication or message. Email **hgg@pearlpower.co.uk** to book yours before the **12th August**.

#Pearlpower CCLG Update - Following on from the last month's successes reported by the University of Oxford in childhood leukaemia research funded by #PearlPower, I'm proud to report another update…

The second bit of excellent research news, also funded by #PearlPower, is about Dr. Donovan's work to treat medulloblastoma, the most common types of childhood brain tumour. Working at UCL Great Ormond Street Dr. Donovan's team has developed a new type of CAR-T therapy which has improved results over existing treatments. She is hoping to start early clinical trials within the next five years.

Both teams' research will continue and so will our fundraising in Pearl's name to support these and other projects to continue to find kinder and more effective treatments.

To get involved in anything Hassocks Goes Gold related visit the Facebook page (QR Code opposite) or email me direct on **hgg@pearlpower.co.uk**

Rachel



Watch Gymnastics for Free

There are two opportunities coming up to watch the gymnasts from Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club in action. The first will be at Albourne School's Summer Fair on the 30th June. The Fair is open from 12 to 3 pm, with the gym display at 1pm, featuring many skills and routines.

The second opportunity will be the spectacle of over a hundred entries in the Club's 42nd Annual Championships in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre on the **4th July**. The competitions will start at 8.30am and run throughout the morning. Free entry to family, friends and spectators.

The strongest entry for several years will see the gymnasts choice of which sections to enter, select their own music and then choreograph their own routines. After months of practice, they then perform in a packed Village Centre for the honour of winning over twenty trophies.

Last year's Junior Overall winner Jessica Parsons will again be competing in the Floor, the Vault and the Pairs competitions against most of last year's section winners. With the retirement of last year's senior winner, there will be six senior girls challenging for the Overall Senior title.

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A HASSOCKS TWINNING TO REMEMBER Over the very hot and sunny late May bank holiday, it was great to welcome our counterparts from Wald-Michelbach in Germany and Montmirail in France to Hassocks for the Hassocks Twinning celebrations. The association organised a series of visits and events which were a real showcase of the very best of our community, what our area has to offer, and an opportunity to continue a long history of friendship with our European neighbours.



I enjoyed joining the mayors, parish councillors and residents from all three villages for a delicious afternoon tea. It was wonderful to learn how the three communities have built warm and enduring relationships over several decades, and it was heartening to see how committed everyone is to continue to strengthen these partnerships in the years ahead.

As I said in my remarks at the tea party, at a time when the global situation is increasingly unstable, the work of twinning associations across Mid Sussex is a good reminder of the value of building bridges across borders.

Securing and deepening ties with our neighbours does matter, not just for friendship, or even for cultural exchange, but for our economy and our security too. That's why my colleagues and I have been advocating for the government to rebuild those vital connections and remove the barriers that many local businesses and families are still facing after Brexit. In my conversations with local Mid Sussex business owners, many of them tell me the same thing; distance from the EU has done more harm than good, and it is stifling opportunities.

The success of Hassocks' twinning weekend showed exactly what we can achieve when we work closely with our European partners, and why that cooperation is as important now as it has ever been.

Alison Bennett



CLAYTON PARK HOTEL *Taken from the U3A Booklet Hostelries in Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint, Past & Present* - With the increase in railway travel in the 1870s and the need for accommodation close to the railway station, the Rock Brewery obtained a plot of land on the western railway approach at Hassocks Gate to build a hotel. Building construction started in late 1876, and was completed prior to the visit of the Rock Brewery owners in the summer of 1877.

This hotel was situated where Clayton Park is now, on the west side of the station. The property consisted of a main hotel building and a range of stables, loose boxes and coach house accessed via a driveway on the north side of the main building.The grounds were marketed as having a rear pleasure garden with views of the countryside and promoted the availability of formal teas served on the lawns and use of a lawn tennis court.

One of the first tenants to operate the hotel was John Heywood but in the late 1870s John was having financial problems and was declared bankrupt in December 1880. Ref. The London Gazette, April 13th 1883. By the census of 1881 John Heywood had left and the tenant was Thomas Swain helped by his wife Sarah with two living-in servants. The Hotel was quite busy when he was proprietor as there was stabling, livery, bait and flys for hire, as is evident on a leaflet found behind the fireplace of aClayton resident. Unfortunately there is no date on the leaflet. Dictionary definition of bait: to feed (a horse) especially during a break in a journey.Over the next twenty years there were seven other proprietors recorded as running the hotel. Thomas had left the Clayton Park prior to 1891and according to that census John Oates from Horsham was described as 'the hotel keeper pub'. He had a wife, a son and a daughter living with him who both worked in the hotel. They also hired a barmaid and two general domestic servants. Also living in the Inn at the time was John Oaks' brother, a commercial traveller, and four boarders.

By 1894 John G Bishop kept the inn. In 1899, according to the Sussex Post Office Directory Listing, Louis Le Blanc was in charge. C. Sharman was also a proprietor at the hotel at some time, as is in evidence on a postcard picturing the hotel. In 1946 Captain Randall was remembered locally as manager. Live music was played in the bar and there were pleasure gardens attached to the hotel and it was a very popular place judging by the number of postcards and photographs in circulation.

In 1954 Fred Blenkiron managed both Clayton Park Hotel and The Hassocks Hotel, situated on the other side of the railway, and he shuttled between the two in his old Bedford van with barrels and empties. With the rise in available transport for patrons, the need for a hotel close to the railway station diminished and the hotel became more reliant on the public house trade. The Clayton Park Hotel was eventually demolished in the 1960s to build a block of town houses which is called Clayton Park.



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If you're a horse rider and enjoy riding across the "Valley" Bridleway from Standean Farm towards Ditching Beacon, you will be delighted to know that all the gates on that path have now been replaced with some fabulous new ones that are extremely easy to use when mounted. A heartfelt thank you to everyone concerned in achieving this; it will make such a difference. Finally, take a look at the Mid Sussex Bridleway Group website, perhaps become a member and join us to help keep our paths and bridleways, open, usable and in good condition. Have a nice summer!

Jacqui Manley

AGE CONCERN Dale Avenue, Hassocks, **01273 844461 www.achassocks.co.uk**. Facebook – Age Concern Hassocks.

This month it is our summer fair! Join us on Saturday **25th July** from 9 am to 12.30 pm for a packed morning.

Alongside the usual Hassocks Village Market Day stalls in the car park, the Repair Café, and the ever-popular Rummage Sale, there will be tea and coffee on sale, cake stall, plant sale, tombola, homemade jams and chutneys, and of course a fantastic raffle! At 10 am 'Pete the Pond' will be talking in the Hassocks Community Veg Patch (behind the centre).

We would love your help too. If you have any unwanted new gifts that would make great raffle or tombola prizes, please drop them into our office at Age Concern Hassocks. We're also looking for plant donations for our plant stall.

On a different note, we are introducing Gift Aid in our Charity Shop, which will mean a slightly different way of doing things. This will help bring in a bit of extra income for the centre, so please bear with us whilst we get everything up and running.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

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SUSSEX PATHFINDERS RAMBLING CLUB Four of our walks in July have a definite watery experience about them whether it's the English Channel, the Brighton Marina or the River Adur. Certainly, all can provide spectacular views which I hope will be in the sunshine. Our website - **www.sussexpathfinders.org.uk** will give full details of all our walks in July through to the end of the year. There is no need to book a walk, just turn up and introduce yourself to the group leader.

Brief details of a few of our walks in July are as follows:- Saturday, **4th July**. Start 10 am at Brighton Marina, 6 miles. Walk north-eastwards. At the time of printing there is free parking for 4 hours in the multi storey car park as you enter the Marina. Accessible by bus.

Sunday, **12th July**. Start 10.30 am at Seven Sisters Country Park. 9 miles.

Saturday, **18th July**. Start 10.30 am at Brighton Marina, 5.5 miles. Walk north-westwards. Parking and public transport as for the **4th July**.

Sunday, **26th July**. Start 10.30 am at Adur Recreation Ground, Shoreham by Sea, 10 miles. Free parking and accessible by bus. *Diann*

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BEFRIENDED'S activities continue to bring community connection and conversation wherever we are. July's diary is packed with fun activities, all of which can be found on our website: **www.befriended.org/events.**

Our tea parties continue at St Andrews Church, Burgess Hill on **5th July** and at Court Bushes Community Hub, Hurstpierpoint on **19th July**.

Bereavement support also continues throughout July on Thursdays, beginning with our Bereavement Cafés on **2nd July**, followed by our Compassionate Conversations course over the next three consecutive Thursdays, held at the Befriended Hub in Ditchling.

Our Summer of fun starts with the first of our Activity Days on Tuesday **28th July** at Court Bushes Community Hub, Hurstpierpoint from 10 am to 4 pm.

For more information about any of these activities, please contact **office@befriended.org**.

Sally

DDWI We all enjoyed learning about new and better ways to sort and store our clothes from Mimi Bogelund at our May meeting. Who would have thought that such an industry could result from something so seemingly straightforward!

Our Summer Party takes place in July and we're looking forward to good food and company while at the same time hoping for fine weather ……

And in August we're off to Chichester for our annual trip to the musicals. This year it is My Fair Lady!

As always - our monthly meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month in Ditchling Village Hall. We love to welcome visitors and new members to our group and to our regular meetings and trips - if you're interested, please email **gmtennant.ddwi@yahoo.com**.

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HUMMINGBIRD HAWK-MOTH THE HUM OF SUMMER

Nature is full of confusing naming conventions, throwing many of us into temple-rubbing identification exasperation. Dark Green Fritillary butterflies are mostly orange. Bearded Tits are actually moustachioed Reedlings. And don't get me started on Slow Worms.



The Hummingbird Hawk-moth, however, satisfyingly does what it says on the tin. The species has developed similar abilities as its avian namesakes, especially the hummingbird. It's an example of convergent evolution, where different species evolve to have the same techniques despite not being related; think the ability to fly in both bats and birds.



Whilst resting, the Hummingbird Hawk-moth looks quite unassuming; mostly grey in colour and blending in with muted surroundings. But in flight is where the glorious hummingbird transformation happens.

The moth's wings beat at an astonishing 80 times per second, so fast that their orange underwing colouration appears to merge with their overall form and they look brighter. Their long, curled proboscis, a straw-like mouthpart resembling a swirl of black liquorice, is unfurled and prepped for nectar-slurping, à la hummingbird beak. Large eyes help perfect their proboscis precision. The moth flits between flowers, zipping about in expert hover so quick that its wings emit an audible hum.



They can be found in a variety of habitats, including our gardens and urban green spaces; anywhere they can get that proboscis stuck into nectar-rich plants like Honeysuckle and Buddleia. The caterpillars feed on plants from the bedstraw family, so females will lay their eggs on the flowers of these plants.

Hummingbird Hawk-moths are a summer visitor to the UK, migrating from southern Europe and north Africa in variable numbers each year. They can be found any time between May and September and are most commonly spotted around the south of the UK and its coastlines – lucky Sussex.



As a day-flying moth, Hummingbird Hawk-moths give us the opportunity to see them up close in all their glory, and as hummingbirds are restricted to North and South America, for many of us this is the closest we may get to the real deal.

But with these eye-catching insects offering us our own buzzing burst of summer's hum, that gasp-inducing tangerine flash spied on walks or through windows, those mindful minutes gifted by following their floral fastidiousness - honestly, who needs a hummingbird?

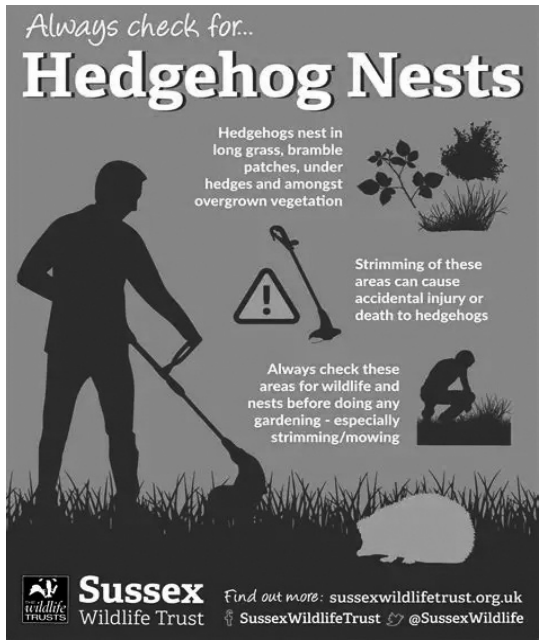
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PETE THE POND - Free event: Saturday 10 am **25th July**. Studying/finished studying Geography, Biology, Ecology, in fact, any of the Sciences? Art? Philosophy? Business? And etc etc? Young people and, yes, okay, older people, too :) Interested in wildlife? Interested in fresh water? In evolution? How about an interest in caring about our future and reasons to be cheerful about it? Do you have an interest in pond maintenance that supports the wildness that is still left in our world? Maybe you would like to meet and draw aquatic animals, possibly a snake. Maybe you want to meet the international winner of global pirate competitions and his parrot, Mango. Maybe you love water because you are mostly made of it. Maybe you have parents, siblings and friends who also have an interest in these things.

Come and see Pete the Pond. Let everyone know. It's a fortunate opportunity. He is giving a free relaxed talk at 10 am in the beautiful Hassocks Community Veg Patch (that welcomes anyone to join in its activities), behind Age Concern building, through the gate on the right.

Pete will be around from 9.30 am and all morning to answer questions and chat, too. It means a lot to him to share knowledge with young people (and older!) who are the future carers of our world.

Pete and his team maintain and also build reservoirs, lakes, ponds, even for broadcaster Sandi Toksvig's woods renovation TV programme.



And he and the team dug the Patch pond, too. His passion is sharing the full knowledge of the wild watery world for us to soak in. And, if water falls from the skies, please dress appropriately and bring something to sit on - the Patch only has a few seats and a very little shelter.

Incidentally, this is the same day as Hassocks monthly Village Market held in front of the Age Concern building. Indoors is the annual AC Fayre, too. Please put in your diaries. *Sarah Platt*

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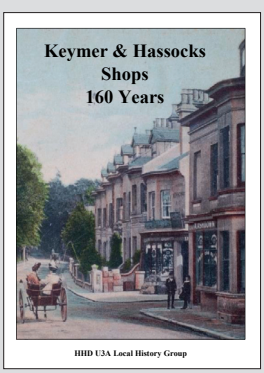
Rather than following a single theme, this exhibition celebrates the wonderfully eclectic collection that has found its way into the museum groups care over the years. Some items are rare, some are everyday objects, and a few may leave you scratching your head and asking, "what on earth is that?"

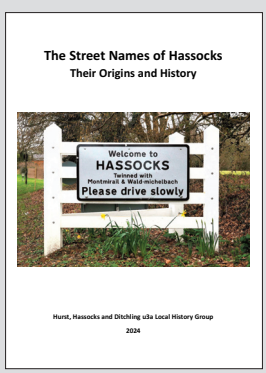
Find the seven mystery objects printed in the Hurst Fair programme… the mystery objects are 1. Baby Gas Mask - World War 2. 2. World War 1 Tank. 3. Vitalator - an early home treatment kit using electricity as a 'cure all'. 4. Bootlace Cutter - Boar War (1899-1902). 5. View from Millennium Garden of St George's Church. 6. Carved Chalk Stone from the Downs. What is it? 7. Plate with Turkey Crest - can you tell us more about this? What is the Crest?

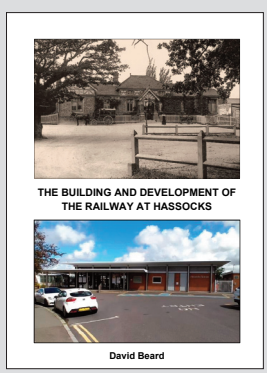
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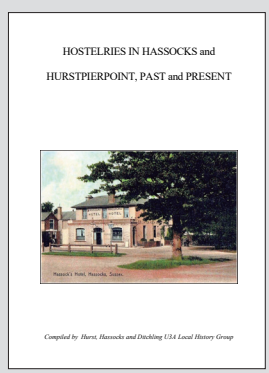
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BEFRIENDED 20 South Street, Ditchling. Support those living with dementia, their carers and loved ones. Email: office@befriended.org.

Mondays - Cafe Neuro 10.30 am - 12 pm (except Bank Holidays) and Balance Exercise Class 2 - 3.30 pm with Steph (term time only)

Tuesdays - Community Choir 2 pm - 3.30 pm, no need to sing well, just come along. (term time only)

Wednesdays - Befriended bITs & PCs 10 am - 12 pm helping you with your tech problems.

Thursdays is Bereavement Support Day. Bereavement Cafe 10 am - 11.30 am is on the first Thursday of the month. Board Games are on first & third Thursday from 2 to 4 pm. Craft and Chat on second and fourth afternoons 2 to 4 pm and Compassionate Conversations Course every Thursday except the first.

When the flag outside is flying your always welcome to drop in.

DITCHLING MORRIS - Practice Thursdays at United Reformed Church Hall at 7.30 pm. Pop in if you feel like joining.

GREYHOUND MORRIS Practice every Tuesday at Keymer Church Hall, 7 pm. We welcome new members of all abilities both musical and dancing, see you there.

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HUG IN A MUG - A coffee (and cake!) morning for all. Monday 10.30 - 12 pm at Keymer Church Hall and at Clayton Church Hall, every Tuesday at 10.30 am to 12 pm.

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1st HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint 2 - 4 pm 'AGM followed by a Quiz with Fish and Chips. Visitors welcome call 07806 670359.

1st UKES OF HASSOCKS Proper Cycling & Coffee 7.30 pm. Monthly community jam session, play and sing along, beginners welcome. All welcome.

1st AGE UK MEMORY CAFE Adastra Hall, Hassocks 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. These sessions are for anyone with memory problems, dementia and their family member or carer. More info call 01444 450248.

2nd DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY Ditchling Village Hall 7.30 pm. Film - 'Santhosh' (15) . Tickets on the door - see article.

3rd VOICEM'ALE The Greyhound Keymer 7.30 pm. Ladies and Gentlemen 'Singing for fun'. Everybody is very welcome its all very informal, friendly and relaxing - and great fun.

3rd ST LAWRENCE FAIR South Avenue Rec, Hurstpierpoint. Theme 'Hurst'onbury: Festivals and Beyond' 12.30 - 2.30 pm Teddy bears Picnic. 5.30 - 6.45 pm Junior Disco. 6 - 10.30 pm Live Music Martha Hitt and her band plus food, refreshments and Harris Fun Fair. See article for more info as some of these events need booking.

3rd NATIONAL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HORSHAM DISTRICT Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill 8 pm. 'Masts, Mobiles and MIMOs - love or loathe them?' Ian Jarvis. All welcome for more information email NRAHorshamDistrict@proton.me.

4th ST LAWRENCE FAIR South Avenue Rec, Hurstpierpoint 12 - 5.30 pm. 'Hurst'onbury: Festivals and Beyond'. Harris Fun Fair, Stalls, Food, Fun Run, Procession, Live performances from local groups, tug of War and audience participation competitions. See website and article for more information about all the events, registering and timings www.stlawrencefair.co.uk.

4th HURSTPIERPOINT GYM CLUB Hurstpierpoint Village Centre 8.30 am. 42nd Annual Championships. All welcome. Free entry - see article for more info..

4th SUSSEX PATHFINDERS Brighton Marina 10 am 6 mile walk. Visit www.sussexpathfinders.org.uk - see article.

4th SUSSEX SEWING CLUB Westmeston Parish Hall 10 am - 4 pm. Like minded makers spend the day doing a hobby they love. To book sussexsewingclub@gmail.com.

5th DITCHLING ORCHARD Boddingtons Lane, Ditchling 10 am - 12 noon Orchard Maintenance Morning. All ages welcome.

5th OLDLAND MILL Oldlands Lane, Keymer 2 - 5 pm. Open Afternoon.

5th HURST CHURCHES South Avenue Rec, Hurstpierpoint 10.30 am St Lawrence Fair Joint Church Service - A lively service including activities for the children. All welcome to stay on for a 'bring your own' picnic bruch afterwards.

6th HASSOCKS WI Adastra Hall, Hassocks 2 pm. Craft Club. Visitors welcome.

7th DITCHLING DOWNS WI Ditchling Village Hall, 7 pm. Summer Party. Visitors welcome.

7th - 11th HURST PLAYERS Players Theatre, High Street, Hurstpierpoint 7.30 pm. 'Murdered to Death'. See article. Tickets from www.hurstplayers.org.uk or PSP Homes.

7th GREENER HASSOCKS & DITCHLING Proper Coffee, Hassocks 7.30 pm. Monthly meet up. All welcome.

8th DITCHLING HISTORY PROJECT White Horse, Ditchling 2 pm. Come and meet us at this monthly drop in all welcome.

8th POYNINGS POLICE BEAT SURGERY Rushfields Plant Centre, Poynings 11.30 am - 12.30 pm. Come along to get crime prevention & advice on neighbourhood issues.

9th HURSTPIERPOINT POLICE BEAT SURGERY Court Bushes Rec Ground, Willow Way, Hurstpierpoint 9.30 - 10.15 am. Come along to get crime prevention & advice on neighbourhood issues.

9th HASSOCKS POLICE BEAT SURGERY South Downs Garden Centre, Hassocks 11.30 am - 12.30 pm. Come along to get crime prevention & advice on neighbourhood issues.

10th BURGESS HILL HISTORY GROUP Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill 7.30 pm. 'Growing up locally in Danehill, in the 1970's' Goo Coomber. See article for more information. All welcome. www.burgesshillheritagehistory.org.uk.

10th MID SUSSEX AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill 7.30 pm. www.midsussexars.org.uk. 'Nag & Natter'. Refreshments available. All welcome.

11th CHURCHES TOGETHER United Reformed Church, Hassocks 9.30 am. Messy Church - breakfast, crafts, games and story. All welcome to join in the fun.

11th MENS BREAKFAST The Greyhound, Keymer 10 am. For a social cooked breakfast. All welcome to book email alexbaxter66@yahoo.co.uk.

11th PARISH OF CLAYTON WITH KEYMER St Francis Church, Priory Road, Hassocks 2 - 4 pm A very traditional Summer Fair, cream tea, cakes stall, bouncy castle, games, raffle and prize for best Summer hat. Free entry.

11th TREFOIL GUILD St Francis Church, Hassocks Hassocks 2 - 4 pm. Come and visit our stall at the Parish of Clayton with Keymer Summer Fair. All welcome.

12th SUSSEX PATHFINDERS Seven Sisters Country Park 10.30 am. 9 mile walk. Visit www.sussexpathfinders.org.uk for more info or see article.

13th THE GROUP The Railway Pub, Station Road, Burgess Hill. 7.30 pm. A club for the over 55 unattached for more info www.thegroup.org.uk.

14th AGE UK MEMORY CAFE Court Bushes, Hurstpierpoint 2 - 4 pm. These sessions are for anyone with memory problems, dementia and their family member or carer. More info call 01444 450248.

14th HASSOCKS JAZZ LUNCH Hassocks Hotel, Station Approach East, doors 11.45 am Start 12 pm. Muskrat Ramblers Great Food, Great Jazz & Great Company. A set lunch included in the entrance fee. Pop in or call QD Stationery on 01273 846978 to book.

15th AGE UK MEMORY CAFE Adastra Hall, Hassocks 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. These sessions are for anyone with memory problems, dementia and their family member or carer. More information 01444 450248.

15th TREFOIL GUILD Burgess Hill Pantry 7.45 pm. Visit to Burgess Hill Pantry. Visitors welcome. See article.

16th CLAYTON AND WINDMILLS PROBUS Pyecombe Golf Club. A club for retired & semi retired professional business people. To book call 07976 794237 or email clivelambert75@gmail.com.

16th CENTRAL SUSSEX PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP Triangle Leisure Centre, Burgess Hill 10.30 am - 12.30 pm. Monthly meeting all welcome to come for a chat and advise.

17th MID SUSSEX AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY The Bull Inn, Henfield BN6 9AD 7pm. 'Pizza & Skittles' www.midsussexars.org.uk. All welcome.

18th SUSSEX PATHFINDERS Brighton Marina 10.30 am 5.5 mile walk. Visit www.sussexpathfinders.org.uk - see article.

18th WOMENS BREAKFAST The Greyhound, Keymer 10 am. For a social cooked breakfast. All welcome to book email mo.delaine@btinternet.com.

18th HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB The Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks KO 3 pm. (Mens) Friendly - The Ann John Cup - The Robins take on Burgess Hill. Bar and Food available. Free entry to kids 16 and under. Please check socials for any changes.

19th BEFRIENDED Court Bushes, Hurstpierpoint 3 - 5 pm. Afternoon Tea Party with quizzes, celebrations, making friends, information, advice and great entertainment. More info www.befriended.org.

20th HASSOCKS WI Adastra Hall, Hassocks 7.30 pm. Speaker from the Sussex Dolphin Project. Visitors welcome.

21st HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB The Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks KO 7.45 pm. (Mens) Friendly - The Robins take on Crystal Palace U18s. Bar and Food available. Bar and Food available. Free entry to kids 16 and under. Please check socials for any changes.

23rd LIBERAL DEMOCRATS SURGERY HASSOCKS Parish Office Committee Room 11 am - 12 pm. County Councillor and District Councillors for Hassocks. No appointment necessary.

23rd HURST VILLAGE CINEMA Players Theatre, High Street, Hurstpierpoint doors 6.30 pm. National Theatre Live - 'Les Liaisons Dangereuses'. Tickets from www.hurstfilms.com or Charlotte Grace.



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24th MID SUSSEX AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY Cyprus Hall, Burgess Hill 7.30 pm. www.midsussexars.org.uk. 'Talk by Phil Brown'. Refreshments available. All welcome.

25th AGE CONCERN CENTRE, Hassocks, 9 -12.30 am. Summer Fair with the usual stalls. All welcome.

25th THE GROWING NETWORK Age Concern Car Park, 9 am - 1 pm. Feel free to bring any seeds or plants to share or gardening books/tools you don't need - All welcome.

25th HASSOCKS VILLAGE MARKET Age Concern Car Park, 9 am - 1 pm. Local produce, bread, honey, cheese, wine, veg etc.

25th REPAIR CAFE Age Concern Centre, Hassocks, 9.30 -11.30 am. Bring items for repair more info call 01273 040110 or www.hkdtransition.org.uk.

25th GREENER HASSOCKS & DITCHLING Age Concern Veg Patch, Dale Avenue 9 am - 1 pm. Meet the team plus Pete the Pond will be there from 10 am - see article. All welcome.

26th TREFOIL GUILD Guide Hall, Semley Road, Hassocks. Afternoon tea with fun activities for all. More info see article.

26th SUSSEX PATHFINDERS Adur Rec, Shoreham 10.30 am 10 mile walk. Visit www.sussexpathfinders.org.uk - see article.

27th CAMEO Keymer Church Hall 2 pm - 4 pm. Open to all - come and enjoy an enjoyable afternoon over a cup of tea.

28th BEFRIENDED Court Bushes, Hurstpierpoint 10 - 4 pm. Activity Day - table tennis, curling, bowls, darts, quizzes, singing, exercises, connect four, hook a duck, jenga and lots more. All welcome to book call 0300 7727703. More information www.befriended.org.

28th HASSOCKS FOOTBALL CLUB The Hassocks Hotel Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks KO 7.45 pm. (Mens) Friendly - The Robins take on Saltdean. Bar and Food available. Free entry to kids 16 and under. Please check socials for any changes.

29th SOUTH DOWNS WOODTURNERS Upper Beeding Village Hall, Afternoon workshop and evening demo with Jason Breach. Visitors welcome. www.southdownswoodturners.com

30th BEREAVEMENT WELL-BEING GROUP Clayton Wood, Natural Burial Ground, Brighton Road, Clayton 10 am - 12 noon. Meet others who understand what you are going through. www.bereavementcare.uk.

31st HURST, HASSOCKS & DITCHLING U3A Adastra Hall, Hassocks 2 pm. ''Oh we do like to be beside the seaside' Ian Gledhill. Small entrance fee. Refreshments inc.

CHURCH SERVICES

DITCHLING UNITARIANS The Old Meeting House, The Twitten, Ditchling. Sunday Services at 11 am www.ditchlingunitarians.org.uk.

HASSOCKS UNITED REFORMED CHURCH Evening service 'Worship & Praise' at 6 pm on 3rd Sunday in the month. All welcome.

HURST CHURCHES St Lawrence Fair Joint Church Service on the South Avenue Rec, Sunday 5th July 10.30 am. A lively service including activities for the children. All welcome to stay on for a 'bring your own' picnic brunch afterwards.

PYECOMBE CHURCH 18th May 5 pm. Songs of Praise.

QUAKER MEETING FOR WORSHIP 10.30 am Sundays, Ditchling Friends Meeting House. Also 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10.30 am, at The Yews, 55 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath. All are welcome for peaceful worship and coffee. Our magazine "Friendly News" is available at Ditchling PO www.ditchlingquakers.org.uk

ST EDWARD'S RC CHURCH Lodge Lane, Keymer. Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 5 pm and Tuesday Mass at 9.30 am weekly.

ST GEORGES CHURCH Ditchling Common. Sunday Mass at 11 am and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Mass at 10 am weekly.

THE BEACON PARISH OF DITCHLING, STREAT & WESTMESTON Sunday 5th, 12th and 26th July Services of Morning Worship with Holy Communion in Ditchling at 10 am. Sunday 19th July the service will be in Westmeston at 10 am. Little Beacons is on the first two Sundays in Ditchling during the service. Our weekly Wednesday@10 Holy Communion continues, and SING is on the first Wednesday (1st July) at 5 pm in Ditchling. Everyone is welcome to all our services but please always check our website www.beaconparish.co.uk for any changes or contact Tessa on admin@beaconparish.co.uk.

THE PARISH OF CLAYTON WITH KEYMER Our usual pattern of Worship for Sunday services is 8 am 1662 Book of Common Prayer Eucharist st at Keymer. 9.45 am Mass at Keymer. 9.45 am Service at St Francis and 11.15 am Holy Communion at Clayton. For other information see our website **www.claytonwithkeymer.org.uk -** Fr Alex

GILES TURNER
FINANCIAL PLANNING

Why Financial Advice Is About More Than Money

Last month, I wrote about the importance of practice. The reality is that if you want to become good at something, repetition and experience matter. However, for major life events that you are only likely to experience once—such as retirement—it can be beneficial to work with someone who has helped many others navigate the same journey.

Research consistently shows that people who work with a financial adviser often achieve better financial outcomes than those who do not seek professional advice. But what exactly does a financial adviser do?

Financial advice provides personalised guidance to help you make informed decisions about your money. A financial adviser will take the time to understand your goals, whether that is building a comfortable retirement, protecting your family, funding future aspirations, or passing wealth on to the next generation. They can provide expertise on pensions, investments, tax-efficient planning and protection, helping you make the most of the opportunities available to you.

By creating a tailored financial plan, an adviser can help you stay focused on your objectives while adapting to changes in your circumstances, legislation, or market conditions. Ultimately, good financial planning can provide greater clarity, confidence and peace of mind, helping you make informed decisions about your financial future.

Choosing a financial adviser is an important decision. If you would like to find out more about how professional financial planning could help you, please get in touch.

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STEVE'S BACK PAGE GOSSIP

I'm very sorry that my source about the Churchill retirement apartments got it a little wrong. From what I understand is that due to the renewed interest in these apartments they've decided to go ahead and start producing the first block - it will be interesting to see how long it takes especially with all those Tonka toys they've moved on to the site. I was told that the first phase would contain approximately 49 apartments, but you can't believe everything you hear these days.

A lot of you are convinced that Morrisons convenience store and the post office is closing down, this may very well be true but apparently a firm decision won't be made until July. The range of food they have had there has been massively reduced, apparently it was making a loss when it was McColls and was one of one hundred other McColls taken over by Morrisons. I can only assume it'll be included in the 100 store closure that Morrisons announced a short time ago. So will everyone be rushing to Ditchling or Hurstpierpoint Post Office?

Recently the RSPB has issued new guidance on feeding wild birds due to a rise in Trichomonosis disease affecting some wild birds. Their recommendation is to move feeders around the garden and clean them at least once a week. I thought everyone kept their feeders etc clean anyway. Furthermore, it is recommended not to use bird tables or window feeders at all, I don't get this as a good disinfectant spray should kill 99% of germs. Anyway, the controversial recommendation as I see it is to stop feeding seed and peanuts completely between 1st May and 31st October and only feed mealworms, fat balls or suet. They recommend feeding as normal through the winter months. What I don't understand is how all of a sudden feeding wild birds is doing them harm and at the same time spreading a deadly disease among them.

If there is a problem the RSPB should consult with seed and feeder manufacturers and work it out with them rather than drop this bombshell on an industry that helps feed our wild birds and gives pleasure to the millions of people who put out food for them. Some people have taken this advice and have stopped feeding completely. Again, I don't understand this as many garden birds rely on us feeding them to survive and depriving all garden birds of food could have disastrous consequences in that a lack of food could lead to starvation, which could have an even greater impact on wild birds numbers than this disease.

This disease as far as I can tell mainly affects Finches and Pigeons, but many other birds frequent our gardens - are they all affected? I can't get an answer to that one and as this disease affects Pigeons has Pigeon racing been banned? - no it hasn't and has feeding the Pigeons in Trafalgar Square been banned - not that I've heard of.

I have dozens of customers who gain so much pleasure from feeding the wild birds, many of them not having any pets of their own but see caring for the wildlife birds as their pets. Trichomonosis has been around for a long time, it's not new, keep your feeders clean, disinfect regularly and remember the advice from the old bird lady in Mary Poppins - Feed the birds!

Steve

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