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Wed. 6th Mar. 2 pm

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Thurs. 7th Mar. 7.30 pm

STAR CINEMA

Fri. 8th Mar. 7 pm

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Thurs. 14th Mar. 3 pm

DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY

Thurs. 21st Feb. 7.30 pm

Thurs. 7th Mar. 7.30 pm

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Mon. 11th Mar. 7.45 pm

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Mid Sussex Older People's Council - Val Upton

Ditchling Village Hall

Film - Lady Macbeth. Cert 15

Film - Ice Mother

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HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint from 2 pm - 4 pm on the 1st Wednesday of each month.

6th March - Ian Gledhill on Art Deco, the style that defined the jazz era & the golden age of pre-war Hollywood musicals.

As with our first meeting on the 6th February this 2nd meeting will be free of charge. Membership

forms will be available for those who would like to join the group.

3rd April Jo Kaddish will be speaking on the work of the RNLI.

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

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We were pledged in excess of £2,035 taking the total raised by the school over the years for various Children's Charities to over £72,000!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, supported and helped at the event and to Sally-Ann and her 'big' girls for leading the sessions.

Email robin@letsdancehassocks.com.

Robin

STAR CINEMA - Friday 8th March. Bohemian Rhapsody is a foot-stomping celebration of Queen, their music and their extraordinary lead singer Freddie Mercury. The film traces the meteoric rise of the band through their iconic songs and revolutionary sound. They reach unparalleled success, but in an unexpected turn Freddie, surrounded by darker influences, shuns Queen in pursuit of his solo career. Having suffered greatly without the collaboration of Queen, Freddie manages to reunite with his bandmates just in time for Live Aid. While bravely facing a recent AIDS diagnosis,

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sis, Freddie leads the band in one of the greatest performances in the history of rock music. Stars Oscar-nominated Rami Malek as Freddie. Certificate 12A. Doors open at 7 pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Refreshments and raffle. Tickets on the door. Please note that, due to popular demand, this film replaces "The Children Act" which was previously advertised for March.

Liz Edmunds

JAZZ BEFORE LUNCH AT THE HAS SOCKS

31st March. These Sunday morning concerts are proving very popular with audiences so vocalist, Julie Roberts, and pianist/arranger, Michael Hinton, will be back for another sparkling, relaxing programme of "dinner jazz" at the Hassocks Hotel, Hassocks, from 11.30 am till 1 pm on Sunday the **31st March**. Julie is known for her mellow voice and sensitive interpretations of songs which are beautifully complemented by Michael's jazz piano arrangements.

Tea, coffee and bar drinks available. The Hassocks food, including Sunday roast lunches, is also proving a hit with audiences. Ordered in advance it is ready to be served immediately following the concert. There is more information about tickets etc, and the opportunity to hear Julie and me, on Julie's website www.julierobertsmusic.co.uk

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FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS Firstly, please will you note that our Cream Tea afternoon will be on Bank Holiday Monday **6th May** at the Adastra Hall here in Hassocks. This is changed from the Sunday 5th and we very much look forward to seeing lots of you joining us for an enjoyable afternoon. More details next month. Each show has always brought forth lots of compliments on the costumes on stage so it was a very sad Wednesday in January that various theatre groups, school etc, took possession of most of them.

The Adastra Hall was full of tables piled high with costumes, hats, shoes, etc, etc, - the Adastra has kindly housed it all for us over the years. Who can remember our ladies looking gorgeous in beautiful dresses and wearing large colourful hats - one show they were at Ascot and another at a Royal Garden Party. Do you remember Richard as the bear from Jungle Book and Brenda Franchi and Jean Thirkettle dancing in monkey costume?

Another occasion saw Mo as a Mountie and her husband John as 'Rosemarie' - what a laugh that was! Another favourite item saw Bill and Ben the flower pot men and Postman Pat etc? Our cast



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It was sad that morning to see Pierrot costumes (worn recently by the whole cast) just waiting for someone to choose them. I am sure you can all imagine our feelings that day just looking around the hall as many fond, memorable, never-to-be-forgotten and sentimental memories came flooding back. Thankfully we have our DVD's to watch to take us back to those times over the last 41 years when we enjoyed the evenings and afternoons with you as our friendly and appreciative audiences. As the saying goes 'Those Were The Days!'

From us all at Friends and Neighbours

MILLENNIUM GARDEN TRUST The AGM of the Millennium Garden Trust will be held on Tuesday, **5th March** at 7 pm in the Club Suite of the Village Centre. After a short meeting there will be a talk by Amanda Miller, whose subject will be 'Busy Bees.'

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OTTER - THE RETURN OF THE CELLULOID HEROES Sleek muscular physique. Dynamic aquatic killer. Mysterious enigmatic loner. You can see why otters shared the cinema box office with James Bond in the Sixties and Seventies. Otters are natural film stars, the Sean Connery of British mammals (with a slightly hairier chest).

I remember two otter-based films from my childhood. I caught 'Tarka the Otter' at the local Odeon and the superior 'Ring of Bright Water' always won over 'Goldfinger' on the TV at Christmas. From the opening man-meets-otter sequence (both the greatest and silliest scene ever committed to celluloid) through to Val Doonican's closing credits crooning - it's a classic! But behind the otter's silver-screen celebrity status lies a darker, sadder tale. Wild otters in Britain were in trouble. Throughout most of the last century our rivers and wetland habitats were in a shocking state - polluted,

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drained and destroyed. Otters were forced into exile in the far flung corners of Britain. The last Sussex otters struggled on until the 1960s.

And with our heroes out of the picture the bad guys muscled in. American mink, which escaped or were 'liberated' from fur farms, rose to the top of the food chain and terrorised our waterways. These voracious predators attacked our native wetland wildlife, wiping out entire populations of water voles across Sussex.

But this screenplay has a happy ending. Over the past decades we've cleaned up our act and a lot of work has been undertaken to improve rivers and wetlands in Sussex. Otters are wandering, territorial animals - each otter needs 40 km of river to make its home - but projects undertaken by conservation groups such as Sussex Wildlife Trust working with local landowners have provided these connected, wetland habitats. And what is good for the otter is good for us too. By undertaking wetland habitat improvements for wildlife - such as planting floodplain woodland or creating water meadows - our countryside regains its powers as water purifier, erosion controller and flood regulator.

Over the past years footprints, droppings and fleeting glimpses have given tantalising evidence that these mammalian movie stars are attempting a comeback in Sussex after half a century. Recently, night vision trail cameras were rolling and filmed a female otter as she made her Sussex small screen debut - possibly the first time a wild otter has ever been filmed in our county. But the real showstopper came when these cameras later captured footage of one - or possibly two - otter cubs; evidence that otters are breeding again in Sussex. With this dramatic plot twist there is plenty of potential for a sequel. The dream that one day we could see these incredible animals swimming in all the restored and vibrant rivers of Sussex is a step closer to becoming a reality.

Michael Blencowe



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DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY On Thursday, **21st February** will be Lady Macbeth a compelling psychological drama based on the short story, Lady Macbeth of the Mtsensk District by Nikolai Leskov. In 19th Century rural England, Katherine has been married off to Alexander, the morose and sexually inadequate son of a wealthy mine owner called Boris, who rules the roost. Trapped in this loveless marriage to a man twice her age, Katherine begins a passionate affair with Sebastian, a much younger, truculent worker on the family estate. The affair unleashes in Katherine a force inside her so powerful that she will stop at nothing to get what she wants.

Director: William Oldroyd, English, 2016, 89 minutes, 15 Cert.

On Thursday, **7th March** we will be showing Ice Mother about Hana, a happy and selfless 67 year old mother and grandmother, who experiences a series of life-changing events which changes her relationship with her selfish sons. Whilst looking after Ivanek, her grandson, Hana rescues an elderly swimmer, Brona, which results in an unexpected hobby and romance.

Director: Bodan Slama, Czech 2017, 106 minutes, no UK Certification

The films will be shown in Ditchling Village Hall. The films start at 8 pm. Doors open at 7.30 pm. Free coffee, tea and biscuits are available and wine can be purchased by the glass beforehand. There is ample free parking behind the hall. Guests and temporary members are welcome (payable at the door).

Rowena Cager and Melanie Samuel

BRIGHTON CONSORT'S NEXT CONCERT The next programme of music from Brighton Consort (director James Dixon) features several glorious choral works from the late 16th century, including the much loved Requiem by Tomas Luis de Victoria. The programme will also include the first UK performance of some contemporary pieces, based on the music of Victoria, by the Australian composer Joseph Twist. The choir will be accompanied by Nick Houghton (chamber organ).

The concert will take place on Saturday **9th March** in Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint at 7.30 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at www.brightonconsort.org.uk, or by ringing **01273 833746**, or on the door.

If you can't make it to the event in Hurstpierpoint Brighton Consort will also be presenting the same programme in St Paul's Church, Brighton the following day (at 6 pm).

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Tea and home-made cake, raffle and auction at end of show. Exhibiting is free to all. For details pick up a schedule from Gibsons in Hurstpierpoint High Street.

Kathy Green

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2019 - FORMERLY WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is a women led global ecumenical movement, this year's service has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and is entitled 'Come - Everything is Ready. So please join us on Friday **1st March** at 10.30 am in this ecumenical service to be held at the Good News Church, 149 High Street, Hurstpierpoint, (next to the Player's theatre BN6 9PU). Everyone is welcome men, women and children of all ages.

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Year 8 students were lucky enough to have a whole day of sporting activities from basketball to orienteering. It was a bit nippy out on the field but they had a great day. Meanwhile Year 9 students were busy interviewing a variety of interesting people trying to work out what job they do and then looking at GCSE choices. It will

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soon be time for them to choose their GCSE subjects and Flexiday is designed to help them with their choices. We were delighted to welcome so many local business people to the school who spent a morning helping with our Careers Speed Dating activity. If you would like to be involved and give a couple of hours, please contact our Workplace Coordinator, Nicki Cutress on ncutress@downlands.org.

It was strange seeing so many of our Year 10 students dressed in business attire for the day. They spent the day creating adverts for products as part of their Business Enterprise Day.

And finally, Year 11 had a day revising 'An Inspector Calls' with the English Department in preparation for their GCSE English Literature exams in the summer. Having studied the book in Year 9, it was time to revisit that classic of mid-20th century English theatre.

Flexiday is always fun and this year was no exception. There is a lovely atmosphere around the school and lots of smiling faces.

Nicki Burston

MID SUSSEX HEALTH CARE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP Older People's Forum came to give an illustrated talk. They gave much helpful information and are an excellent point of contact for elderly people seeking advice on a range of matters. Please look in the Practice waiting rooms for detailed information.

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NEWS FROM STONEYWISH These days after Christmas sometimes seem the darkest, though the daylight is in fact lengthening, little by little. The old country saying goes 'February, black or white' and in parts of the country the snow has come already, while we here have the pleasure of black branches, black ditches and a north wind under the door. All the same, spring changes are afoot. The snowdrops are out. The birds are testing snatches of true song amidst their winter twitter. An optimistic woodpecker drums out across the paddock. And the sap must be rising. Michael sets out before first light to feed the animals and break the ice on the water troughs. The pigs grunt excitedly at the first squeak of his wheelbarrow, which tells them breakfast is coming. The sheep wait in silence. But they have been busy overnight, grazing by moonlight on the nutritious buds which are swelling in the hedgerows. Every day some sheep fail to appear for roll-call and Michael has to scour the field edges, looking for those that have foraged so deep, they have got themselves tangled up. Looking for black sheep in the dark is a challenge for any Bo Peep! But eventually they are all free and accounted for. With a nibble of barley, they go to sit and enjoy their cud. Then straight back to foraging again – the taste of spring is irresistible.

One note on sheep and cud and global warming, in the light of recent media debate. Perhaps, before we blame innocent animals for our own meddling in the earth's climate, we should distinguish between traditional and intensive farming practices. Animals on pasture perform the miraculous feat of turning cellulose, i.e. grass into complex and vital animal proteins. They also husband the land, returning vegetable growth to the soil in their faeces, in a form perfectly designed to support future healthy growth, i.e. plants with their full comple-

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Michael and Mike keep warm these bitter days, in a last dash to finish fencing and mending and restoring paths before the Reserve reopens on **1st March**. There is a new tunnel to explore in the Play Area and there will be a new exhibition of pictures from the Stoneywish Archive at the Visitor Centre, this time featuring vintage shots of Hassocks, Keymer and Clayton. The exhibition runs until the first of our new season of History Mornings at the end of April. Watch this space for details. For all other news and information on camping please visit our website: www.stoneywish.com.

Now, what to have for lunch? Perhaps I should take a lesson from the sheep and look for spring shoots. Right on the doorstep are the tender leaves of cleavers, shepherd's purse and dandelion. So here's another pearl of wisdom from a rural rebel. If you want to enjoy a plastic free salad and save money, don't reach for the weed-killer – *eat* your weeds before they become tough and bitter! It will do you a power of good! *Rosemary*

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An Evening with Nick Pritchard (Tenor) and Ian Tindale (Piano)

You often hear about the lack of great vocalists nowadays. Have you ever complained that the big stars never come to Burgess Hill? Here's some good news.

Local church, St Edward the Confessor has announced the first of a series of concerts this year to support the work the church does in the community and to donate 10% of ticket revenues to a local charity of the artist's choice.

Burgess Hill born Nick Pritchard, now recognised as one of the foremost tenors in the UK, is the first of a series of four concerts this year featuring gifted and home grown musicians across the musical spectrum.

Nick grew up in Burgess Hill and played piano and was a leading member of the choir here at St Edward the Confessor.

Piano accompanist Ian Tindale has performed across London, the UK and Europe. Recent engagements have included song recitals at the Oxford Lieder Festival, Buxton Festival, and Petworth Festival.

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There is a seating limit of 120 for this concert and 10% of ticket proceeds will be donated to Nick Pritchard's chosen local charity - Growing with Calm - a local organisation offering therapy and self-help strategies for vulnerable children.

Tickets available from Eventbrite, the Mustard Seed Café at St Edwards, Burgess Hill Radio offices in Church Walk and at the Burgess Hill Council Offices, Church Walk, Burgess Hill.

Local Vehicle graphics and design company Preview has kindly sponsored the event. Thanks also to Burgess Hill Radio for its support.

Tony Parris

WAITING FOR SPACES? Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club's waiting list have all but disappeared.

If you think you are on the waiting list for girls Pre-school or school age classes, or Junior boys, please enquire because the waiting lists are empty. There are a just few spaces in each class.

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and think about some of the things we might want to be different and we are now a month into that new year.

Many of us commit to change; to change ourselves, our circumstances, our relationships, our jobs, our way of life or our habits or anything else that comes to mind. Something that we have been unhappy about has finally made it to the top of the in-tray and has demanded our attention and our action.

Resolutions are made with positive intent and a real want to do what we have decided upon. We're all good at making resolutions, especially at New Year. Some of these are implemented without a problem, some perhaps are a little more challenging and things don't quite go to plan and some are downright difficult and are often the most important but end up being dropped or shelved. Life then, in the main, remains unchanged and to some extent we stay with what we know; we tolerate the things we'd rather change because the pain of change seems greater than the pain of staying put.

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Jon Henderson

HEBER OPERA spring craft fair in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre on Saturday **6th April**. Open to the public 10 am – 2 pm. We have homemade refreshments available throughout the day and lots of interesting stalls to browse. Some stalls still available - so please get in touch if you would like one. Contact Bethan Jackson on **bjackson1501@icloud.com** or **07990 514428**.

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Refreshments were then enjoyed whilst puzzling over a quiz which had been set by one of our members, and after the raffle had been drawn, the meeting closed.

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It is now being proposed that the management of the Charity be handed over to the Parish Council – to enable the facility to serve the community for the years to come.

To enable this to happen, a public meeting of the current users and of Hurstpierpoint residents is being called for 7.30 pm on Wednesday **20th February**.

The meeting will be asked to approve changes to the constitution which will place the Parish Council as sole trustee of the Charity, to come into effect when approval from the Charity Commission is confirmed. The detailed text of the resolutions is available as a printed copy in the Parish Council Office and by email from Andrewhinhurst@gmail.com.

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We meet on the last Friday of each month at 8 pm in the Guides' HQ, Trinity Road Car Park. At each meeting we have a presentation, by an expert speaker on a subject with a historical or geographical flavour.

Our next meeting will be on **22nd February** when Kevin Newman will give an illustrated talk on Literary Figures of Brighton and Sussex, including of course Hilaire Belloc and Rudyard Kipling.

On **29th March** Jackie Marsh, Brighton Historian and Royal Pavilion Guide, will give a talk entitled "A Passion for Piers".

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Sussex Golf Club on Friday 25th January. There were around 70 guests, including other Rotarians from the Cuckfield & Lindfield and Haywards Heath clubs, together with ladies from Hassocks WI and Mid Sussex Golf Club members.

The evening was opened by club President Bernard O'Rourke who gave the traditional Selkirk Grace, with a few modern additions for our vegetarian friends and thereafter followed the usual sequence for a Burns Supper. We were fortunate to have Rod Scott there to pipe in the haggis, supported by Robert Maxwell who delivered the Address to the Haggis, with verve and panache. The evening continued with entertaining and amusing speeches by Rod Pryde who did the 'Immortal Memory', Steve Cridland who was brave enough to deliver the 'Toast to the Lassies' and Angi Honeyman made a suitably pithy response on behalf of the 'Lassies'. Rod Scott brought the evening to a close (almost) with some more on the bagpipes, it was then we discovered Steve Cridland is also a gifted piper, as he did give the final rendition.

It was an excellent evening, with a superb meal and lots of good humour, supported by a dram or two of malt whisky!

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Church, Keymer. Showcasing the talents of Vocal Fusion and Marcus Martin, this is a fundraising concert in aid of the Sussex based charity 'Know Dementia'. Admission to the concert is free and it is hoped a retiring collection will realise a sizeable donation to the charity. Keep an eye out for more information next month and follow Sussex Vale Rotary on Facebook for up to date progress.

Know Dementia is run by volunteers comprising family carers and qualified professionals to provide advice and support to people living with dementia. The charity builds links with the local community to enable a better understanding of the disease. This is achieved through Dementia Friends Training, Dementia Action Alliances and their 'Moments' events, which include 12 Memory Moments Cafés, Sporting Moments, Green Moments and Musical Moments.

Vocal Fusion Acapella, will be performing and is an unaccompanied Male Voice Chorus of around 20 singers, based in Steyning, West Sussex, with a repertoire embracing the styles of American song, swing,

jazz, well-known ballads, spirituals, easy beat and up-tempo songs arranged for men's voice and barbershop style.

They will be joined by Marcus Martin who is well known to local audiences in various professional musical roles such as the director of the HHD U3a choir, organist at St Cosmas and St Damian and also for his 17 years of presenting 'Morning Melodies' raising almost £60,000 to date for local and national charities.

Don't miss what will be an excellent evening of live music, make sure it goes in your calendar today!

The Sussex Vale Rotary Club draws its members from Burgess Hill, Hassocks, Hurstpierpoint and surrounding areas.

If you are interested in learning more about Rotary International and how you can help or join us, please contact our club secretary on

secretary@rotary-sxvale.org.uk, who will be pleased to hear from you. Alternatively, you can follow us on our Facebook site.

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Linda Taylor

MID SUSSEX HEALTH CARE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP Annual General Meeting Wednesday **13th March**.

This meeting will be held in the United Reform Church, Keymer Road, Hassocks at 7 pm, with refreshments available from 6.45 pm.

We are pleased to have Dr Terry Lynch GP as our guest speaker. The subject of his talk will be 'Managing Our Local Health Needs'

The meeting should be of interest to everyone and all registered patients of the Mid Sussex Health Care Practice are welcome to attend. There is no admission charge as we would like to welcome as many local people as possible. If you are not a patient of the Practice

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We look forward to seeing you on **13th March**.

Celia Lindsay

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HURSTPIERPOINT & SAYERS COMMON TWINNING ASSOCIATION Programme for 2019 -

Association members have been invited by the Twinning Committee in S Martin De Boscherville to a weekend in from **14th to 17th June** to watch the Tall ships that visit Rouen every four years. Members will have the opportunity to visit the ships in dock in Rouen and then later in the weekend to view the ships from the banks of the Seine as they sail down river to their next destination. They will also be able to meet members of the Twinning Association in France and enjoy their hospitality.

Please contact me for more details and to book a place. What we do - The Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Twinning Association is twinned with St Martin-de-Boscherville, a delightful village on the banks of the Seine just north of Rouen. St Martin is famous for its historic Abbey which has recently celebrated its 900th anniversary. Travel is normally on the Newhaven to Dieppe ferry followed by a pleasant 50 minutes drive to St Martin. Accommodation is with our hosts and we reciprocate by inviting our French friends to stay in our homes. The Association organizes a variety of events for all ages. These events could have a sporting theme (golf, tennis, cycling, walking etc.) a cultural theme (art, concerts, visiting historical buildings, gardens etc.) or an educational theme (student exchanges, pen friends). They all involve much socialising and meeting

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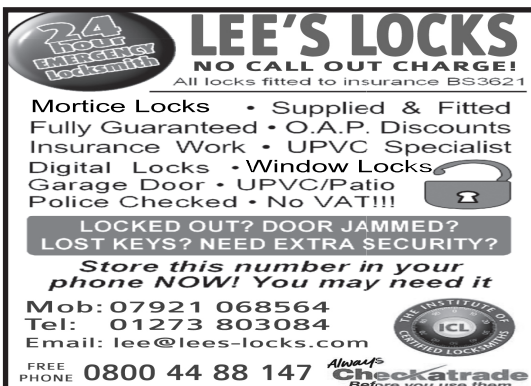
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HASSOCKS WI January's meeting was all about selecting which resolution will form the basis of the WI's next campaign. Past campaigns slip from the limelight, but are not forgotten. A recent campaign was to end 'plastic soup', the plastic which ends up in the oceans, harming wildlife. David Attenborough, of course, has also brought this to the attention of many more people, and raised awareness of our need to guard, protect and sustain our planet. This month's meeting will therefore be about recycling and sustainability. We will have experts working in this area to talk to us and answer our questions. Did you know, for example, that more problems arise from airborne plastic particles too small to see with the naked eye than plastic bottles left on the side of the road? We want this meeting to be positive, not a counsel of despair and defeatism. Even small changes can make a big difference. Come along with your ideas of things that you do to recycle or avoid wasting valuable and finite resources. It should be a lively meeting. Monday **18th February**, 7.45 pm at Adastra Hall.

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