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Tues. 25th Jun. 2.30 pm

#### HURSTPIERPOINT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Sun. 29th Jun. 2.15 pm

#### PAWS AND CLAWS

Sat. 29th Jun. 10 am - 12 pm

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Sat. 30th Jun. 10.30 am

#### AD~ASTRA BEACON OF LIGHT SPIRITUAL CENTRE

Sun. 30th Jun. 10 am doors open.

#### HASSOCKS BIKE 'N' FUN

Sun. 30th Jun.

#### HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP

Wed. 3rd Jul. 2 pm

#### HURST, HASSOCKS & DITCHLING FIRST RESPONDERS

Thurs. 4th Jul. 7.30 pm

#### DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY

Thurs. 4th Jul. 7.30 pm

#### Age Concern, Hassocks

Secrets of Madagascar - Jane Muddle

#### Hurstpierpoint Village Centre

Schedule Gibsons

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### HASSOCKS HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Wed. 10th Jul. 8 pm

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### HASSOCKS WI

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### BURGESS HILL HERITAGE & HISTORY ASSOC.

Fri. 12th Jul. 8 pm Members of Ditchling History Project share the story of their village. Visitors welcome

### DITCHLING VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

Tues. 16th Jul. 9.45 - 11 am

### HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Sat. 20th Jul. 8 pm Guided Tour of Danny House by owner Richard Burrows. Call 01444 453474 to book

### South Avenue, Hurstpierpoint

Open Day on Fair Day for visitors to have a go. All welcome

### Hurstpierpoint Village Centre

Annual Championships

### South Avenue Rec, Hurstpierpoint

Fair Day. Other Events will be taking place during the month. See article

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Hurstpierpoint Players Theatre

Pyecombe Church

Pyecombe Fayre & Flower Festival - See article

## HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

On 20th July we will be given a guided tour of Danny House by the owner, Richard Burrows. The fee includes a slide show and afternoon tea. There are a few places left. If you haven't yet signed up and wish to join us please contact me the Chairman on 01273 8332280 e-mail [w.kent123@btinternet.com](mailto:w.kent123@btinternet.com) or the Secretary, Lynn Pink on 01444 453474 e-mail [lynnpink9@aol.com](mailto:lynnpink9@aol.com).

Bill Kent

**HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP** What a wonderful afternoon we had with Alfreda Thorogood telling us about her life with the ballet. She certainly had a most interesting time.

Our next meeting is on the 3rd July where we hope Colin Trumble, Councillor for HPP & Downs Ward of MSDC, will be coming to talk to us.



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Heber Opera will be holding its autumn craft fair in Hurstpierpoint Village Centre on Saturday 19th October.

Now is the time to book your pitch for the fair if you are a local crafter and would like to join us (table provided).

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**Pet & Dog Show - Sunday 30th June,** from 12.30 pm at the Scout Hut. Bring your small pets and dogs to our Pet Show. Small pets 12.30 pm start and dogs 1.30 pm start.

**Teddy Bear's Picnic - Friday 5th July,** 12.30 – 2.30 pm. Bring your teddy and a picnic along to South Avenue Recreational Ground. Admission for each child will include a fairground ride, a magic show, do a craft activity and get an ice lolly!

**Children's Disco - Friday 5th July,** 6 – 7.30 pm. Come along to South Avenue Recreation Ground for a boogie at the Children's Disco. Tickets available on the door, and it includes refreshments and snacks. Age 4+.

**Family BBQ - Friday 5th July,** 6 – 10.30 pm. Come along to South Avenue Recreation Ground for hot dogs & burgers and the famous Hurstbarpoint, and listen to some fantastic bands playing throughout the evening.

**Fun Run Saturday 6th July,** 2.45 pm. Come join the St Lawrence Fair Fun Run! Steeped in history, our fun

run is a friendly scenic run around the foothills of the South Downs including an ascent (and decent) of Wolstonbury Hill. The circular course takes in local Danny House, beautiful woodlands and bridleways in and around Hurstpierpoint, finishing at the St Lawrence Fair in front of hundreds of spectators. The start is a lap of the main arena to the applause of the crowd. Enter as a family for the short run. You can register online at [runbritain.com](http://runbritain.com), or download an entry form [www.stlawrencefair.org.uk](http://www.stlawrencefair.org.uk). You will also be able to register on the day, however, please be aware that as soon as we reach our maximum limit of 200 runners, entries will close.

Fair Day opens on South Avenue Rec at 12 pm with stalls, street food market and Harris's Fun Fair. Procession starts from Marchants Road at 1 pm and arrives at the Rec at 2 pm. Various events will take place in the main arena and fair closes at 5 pm.

**BOWLING ON ST LAWRENCE FAIR DAY** Have a go at bowling on Saturday **6th July**. Hurstpierpoint bowling club will be open on St Lawrence Fair day for visitors to try bowling with some club members. All are welcome, including children for whom we have some small prizes. Hope to see you there. Just turn up!

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We take looking after the environment very seriously and have a very active Eco Forum (student voice group) and Eco Club run expertly by science teacher Phil Cole.

The Eco Club mark Waste Week, Walk to School Week, Switch Off Fortnight and they hold many events throughout the year to raise awareness of the importance of our environment in school and in the wider world.

Mr Cole accompanied by Eco Forum members Madhavan Varadharajan, Alex Savuk, Kimberley Payne, Luca Shanahan, Leah Aldridge, Ruby King and Patrick Bates lead assemblies during Waste Week in May in which they reported on a visit that the Eco Club had made to Haulaway Ltd in Hailsham, where much of the school recycling is taken. The students wanted to know what happens to our waste and recycling and reported back to the whole school about why we need to reduce our waste and what should go in what bin! The students had made a video of the trip and remind-

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ed the school community that any waste packaging etc could be placed in the school recycling bins unless it was contaminated with food waste.

The Eco Club is also very pleased that the school canteen has decided to replace plastic cutlery with wooden versions. Many students are bringing in packed lunch items with less plastic packaging. These steps, although small, all help with reducing unnecessary waste at school and we urge parents and carers to continue to make this happen.

Students at school are very conscientious about keeping the school looking neat and tidy – but we are not perfect. Every day after lunch Mr Anthony (Site Officer) takes a small group of students and they litter pick – just to pick up the bits and pieces around school that may have been dropped by mistake.

Every term, however, Mr Cole and around twenty students along with Ms Cutress, Mr Urwin complete a lunchtime litter pick of the wider school site including the car parks and around the ATP. It is amazing how much litter we find under the bushes and behind the bike sheds and we would ask that all users from the community who visit Downlands ensure that they take away rubbish with them after use.

As part of the Great British Spring Clean, the Eco Forum team visited Adastra Park for a litter sweep and

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collected a surprisingly large number of black sacks full of litter.

Eco club in collaboration with the Gardening Club have become guardians for Mason bees. They have caused a buzz at school and have found lots of food and flowers to pollinate in the garden and beyond. Mason bees are solitary and don't sting so they should be perfect for the school site.

The next exciting event the Eco Club will be marking is Walk to School Week which will be in July – we can't wait as there are competitions all week and fun lunchtime activities.

Our school fields are used by our students throughout the summer as a social space at lunch and break time. We have cricket fixtures for all year groups as well as our annual Sports Day. As part of our curriculum we include Forest School (led by Matthew Stokes) which is essentially outdoor, nature-based learning that focuses on the holistic development of the student. It is brilliant and takes place down in the woods that run along the stream that crosses our fields. Moreover, local community groups such as the Guides, Brownies and Scouts use our fields for their outdoor activities.

We do have one very serious issue that is becoming very unpleasant for all users of our fields. Please, please if you are walking your dog across our fields – and why wouldn't you, it is a lovely walk – please pick up your dog waste. It is very upsetting for everyone



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**HURSTPIERPOINT PLAYERS** next production is The Killing of Sister George by Frank Marcus, running from Tuesday **2nd July** until Saturday **6th July** and starting at 8 pm.

This is a scathing examination of the public and private lives of so-called 'cultural icons'.

'Sister George' is a beloved character on a popular BBC radio soap opera, a cheerful nurse who rides her scooter about the countryside singing hymns and doing good.

In private life, June Buckridge, the actress, is a foul-mouthed, alcoholic lesbian in a long-term relationship with Alice 'Childie' McNaught.

Due to low ratings, cut-backs and June's own bad behaviour, the BBC, in their wisdom, decide to kill off this character and we follow the impact it has on the actress's life and the lives of those around her.

There are a lot of laughs, a lot of hurt and a fair dollop of tragedy.

Tickets, are on sale via the Hurst Players Online Box Office [www.hurstplayers.org.uk](http://www.hurstplayers.org.uk) or in person from Hurst Players Box Office (147 High St. Hurstpierpoint) Saturday mornings between 10 am and 1 pm.

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**DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY** Our last film of the season on Thursday **4th July**, will be *The Big Sick* which, despite its slightly off-putting title, is a cleverly written, beautiful film produced by Judd Apatow based on a true story. Although primarily a romantic comedy as well as a family drama, it details the unusual courtship between Kumail, his girlfriend and her parents. Kumail (played by Kumail Nanjiani) is a Pakistani comedian who meets and falls for an American graduate student called Emily (played by Zoe Kazan) at one of his stand-up shows. As their relationship blossoms, he becomes worried about how his traditional Muslim parents will react, particularly as they have been instrumental in setting up meetings with a series of potential brides in their eagerness to engineer an arranged marriage for him. When Emily comes down with a serious illness that leaves her in a coma, Kumail finds himself developing a bond with her deeply concerned parents, Terry and Beth. Beautifully and sensitively acted, it is a charming, multi-faceted film which is both edgy and hilarious.

Director: Michael Showalter    English & Urdu 2017, 120 minutes, 15 Cert.

The film will be shown in Ditchling Village Hall. The film starts 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 for the sum payable at the door.

*Rowena Cager and Melanie Samuel*

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Please note change of date for drop in I Pad and Phone lessons. This will now be held on Tuesday mornings from 9.30 am until 11 am (not school holidays).

Knit and Natter is held on Wednesday mornings from 9.15 am. We are now making the blankets for the Salvation Army, which are sent to the headquarters in Brighton and are distributed to families that are in need. We are also still knitting premature baby blankets which we send to the Royal Sussex County and Haywards Heath. Thank you to everyone at home who are knitting for us! Please do come along on Wednesday morning to meet others knitters and have a chat and a coffee!

Instead of our summer Picnic this year we will be having a Ploughmans Lunch held at the centre for our members on Thursday **18th July**, with entertainment by Margaret Watson the Harpist. Please do book in the office.

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We have a Chiropodist and a Hairdresser here at the centre with appointments here Monday to Friday. Please do call us to book your appointment.

We have Scrabble, German Scrabble Art, Canasta, Mahjong, Knit and Natter and Craft sessions held here – new members always welcome please do come in and ask us in the office or take a look at our website. We regularly arrange in house entertainment and outings too.

Our Charity Shop is open every day and also Saturday mornings too - do pop in and have a look, refreshments and cake available to buy! We are looking for more Volunteer Escorts to help assist our members on and off our mini bus safely, this could be just to help with our rotas to cover holidays or a regular weekly or fortnightly slot when available – do contact me for more information.

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**‘THANKS FOR THE MEMORY’** is the title of the forthcoming concert in which Hurst, Hassocks and Ditchling U3a Singers are looking forward to performing items from their repertoire.

This group of about 30 U3a members was formed 3 years ago and meet fortnightly to rehearse a varied programme representing many diverse musical styles ranging from Mozart to Mamma Mia! As we are increasingly reminded, singing promotes both health and mental alertness and rather than aspire to be a conventional choir this group’s aim is to learn and sing music that’s both fun for the members and hopefully fun to listen to!

The Singers give an annual concert, and this year was inspired by an appeal from Sheddingdean Baptist Church in Burgess Hill for funds to advance the Music for Memories Mid-Sussex project. Evidence shows that music can help people with Dementia to feel and live better and this scheme attempts to reconnect those experiencing memory loss with their memories, and allow loved ones to use the individualised playlist to

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The concert will also include solo Organ and Piano items by the singer’s founder and director Marcus Martin and takes place on Friday **5th July** at 7.30 pm at St Cosmas and St Damian Church, Keymer by kind permission of the Rector, Fr. Alex Baxter. No tickets are required and there is no charge for admission although donations in aid of the project will be most welcome.

*Marcus Martin*

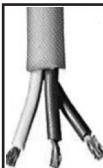
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At a recent branch meeting Celia Dennis spoke about the history and activities of the Royal Volunteer Service.

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A Date For Your Diary: Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday **7th September** at Age Concern Hassocks.

*Liz Thomas*

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Our ME Awareness Conference at Clair Hall, Haywards Heath, on 11th May was a great success. Doctors Nina Muirhead and Charles Shepherd, who both have CFS/ME, explained what they are doing to increase knowledge of the illness in the healthcare professions. reMEMber will be helping Dr Muirhead to arrange training sessions for doctors locally.

reMEMber's annual sponsored walk will take place on Sunday **30th June**. The walk will start at 10.30 am and will be from Clayton Windmills to Ditchling Beacon and back. We would like as many as possible to join us, and help people who suffer from this debilitating long-term illness.

Sponsorship forms are available from reMEMber at PO Box 1647, Hassocks, BN6 9GQ, telephone **01273 831733**, e-mail **me\_cfs@hotmail.com**. If you wish you can sponsor our secretary, Bill Kent, through Just Giving by going to our website **www.remembercfs.org.uk**.

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**NEWS FROM STONEYWISH** The first summer flowers are appearing in the hedgerows. As May blossoms fade, they are replaced by a froth of elder flowers, honeysuckle, and briar roses, which fill the evening air with their fragrance. The lambs are growing; the high tset of fledglings resounds from tree to tree. Two days ago I heard the first scream of a swift hunting high above the Black Pond. One might be tempted to think of this idyllic world as something eternal and vouchsafed to us by the millions of years of its evolution. But today the talk is not of continuity but of cataclysmic change. There are silences in the score of our hereditary soundscape: no chatter of swallows today; no whirr of snipe wings; no peewit cries. Within the past twenty years, these birds have abandoned their traditional haunts. The once insistent call of the cuckoo is now a rarity. It is tempting to blame the exodus on global issues – things belonging to the realm of international politics and science, to which we turn, seeking a ‘fix’ for every ill. The best of us are trying to save the planet. We monitor, measure and manipulate everything around us so as to maintain our own fixed purposes, as though we alone have outgrown the vital process of evolution. Is a species threatened with extinction? Someone must preserve and rescue it. Is the weather out of control? Mankind can cure it. We will do whatever it takes to ensure our immunity from harm and secure the boundless supplies of energy and food we need to maintain our chosen way of life. And if this

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means rewiring the whole of the rest of the planet, many are now saying, ‘so be it.’ Am I alone in experiencing a sinking feeling? I recently came across a joke which seems more interesting each time I think about it. Question: “What is the time?” Answer: ‘Eternity’; an all-embracing concept which puts us back at the heart of any global issue. In other words, everything is both particular in the here and now, and yet universal. As humans, we are so powerful it is hard for us to turn around and feel overwhelmed by something bigger. Yet this might be the most helpful thing we can do. Man is the largest soil-mover on the planet. The statistics are staggering. We only have to look around us to see it in action. Man literally moves mountains and at a stroke dismantles the slow and intricate architecture of the web of life. Wherever homo disruptor is busy digging things up, local populations are extinguished and with every minor extinction, a cascade of loss ripples through the wider environment. And it’s not just industrial schemes which are to blame. In our own backyards we are forever paving, clearing, rooting things out. With every hedge goes a family of sparrows. And what use is a nest-box on a wall if there are no trees nearby for fledglings to hide and forage in? What use is a butterfly garden, if the caterpillars have no weeds to eat? Such connections are minute but critical. At Stoneywish there are pockets of land which have been ‘rewilding’ for 25 years. And to go into these areas now is to see the connections at work.



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important to themselves, a shared intelligence which modern man hardly recognises, but which alone sustains the mantle of life on earth. When we humans act as disruptors, dismantlers, we damage an essential part of ourselves. But when we remember our wider existence, cherish here as everywhere, and work within systems which permit a sense of connectedness we can find ourselves blissfully participating in a global 'joie de vivre'. Here endeth...

This month's History Talk takes place on Friday, **28th June**, and is entitled: 'Edwardian Lewes Through the Camera Lens.' Collector and local historian, Bob Cairns, shares over 100 views of Lewes from his photographic archive, with tales to bring the Edwardian era to life. Photography provided a popular and affordable way to record moments in time and picture postcards soon became the 'emails' of the day. Some images will be familiar, while others, the gems of Bob's 40 years of collecting, show hidden corners of the town and will have you puzzling... Talks are held at the Stoneywish Visitor Centre and begin at 10.30 a.m. As ever, there will be coffee and fresh-baked cake to follow, all included in the ticket price and an exhibition of pictures from Michaels local history archive. Further details on [www.stoneywish.com](http://www.stoneywish.com). Please phone **01273 843498** to reserve a seat. Now for breakfast. Hunger certainly makes the moment seem eternal and this early bird is in need of a worm.

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**HURSTPIERPOINT & SAYERS COMMON TWINNING ASSOCIATION** We were invited by the Twinning Committee in S Martin De Boscherville in June to watch the Tall ships that visit Rouen every four years. Members had 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 sailed down river to their next destination. They were also able to meet members of the Twinning Association in France and enjoy their hospitality.

There will also be a golf competition again this year. Any golfers out there please get in touch for more details.

I am looking for suggestions for events in Hurstpierpoint and Sussex that we could invite our French counterparts to as part of our programme for this year.



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The AGM was held on 17th May. The meeting was well attended, new officers and committee were elected. We are looking for someone to step forward to take on the role of Chairman.

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 minute 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 new friends.

Get involved:- We are always looking for new members and ideas. If you are interested in joining or finding out more please contact me on **01273 833195**. *Mike Shute*

**OLDLAND MILL** 7th July 2 pm to 5 pm. Please join us for our next Open Day. See inside the oldest regularly working windmill in Sussex, probably the whole of England! Find out about how our own, low food mile, flour is produced. Refreshments, memorabilia and our flour are available to purchase. No vehicles allowed at the Mill. Please park in Grand Avenue near the Thatched Inn and either walk up Oldlands Lane or make use of the free minibus kindly provided by Hurstpierpoint College and Burgess Hill School for Girls. Further details on the website [www.oldlandwindmill.co.uk](http://www.oldlandwindmill.co.uk) *Rebecca Street*

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**HASSOCKS WI** is 10 years old! Members turned out in all their finery for a fantastic evening of celebration. Stella and her wonderful team had prepared a delicious meal of Lasagne, which was served with wine, and with salads provided by our members. This was followed by an impressive array of desserts, also supplied by members. We welcomed visitors from surrounding WIs and also West Sussex Federation Adviser Yvonne Bee.

After eating more than any of us thought possible, we were entertained by Marco the Magician, who amazed us with his sleight of hand. No matter how hard we tried, and how close we were, we couldn't work out how he did it! Yvonne then cut our beautiful cake, made by Lorraine and decorated by Barbara. As you would expect from a WI cake, it tasted absolutely superb. Altogether it was a wonderful night, celebrating in real style.

For our meeting on **15th July** we will be getting into the summer spirit with a talk from everybody's favourite, Ian Gledhill, on 'Oh, I do like to be beside the seaside'. Visitors welcome. 7.45 pm in Adastra Hall.

*Maureen Dodd*

**PAWS & CLAWS ANIMAL RESCUE** Our Summer Fair is due to take place on Saturday the **29th June** at Adastra Hall from 10 am to 12 noon. There will be homemade cakes, jewellery, clothes, cards and gifts, books, dvds, cds, toys, household, tombola with a prize every time, and a raffle. Refreshments will also be available so do come and join us and pick up a few bargains!

*Rosemary*

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**6th and 7th July.** Pyecombe Village puts on its ever-popular annual celebration.

The theme of the floral displays this year is "Love is.." and you can be sure of a feast of stunning displays!

The church will be open from 11 am to 4 pm.

Teas and cakes will be served in the tea tent and a licensed bar will be selling drinks. You can also enjoy a ploughman's lunch with a glass of wine in the delightful setting of our beautiful South Downs village.

We will be repeating last year's popular Scarecrow Competition in which people try their hand at making their own scarecrows. These will be exhibited along the church wall and prizes given to the smartest, the craziest and the scariest!

The fancy dress dog competition is another major draw from previous years so will definitely be repeated. Bring your pooch and join in with the fun.

We have invited back the Lewes, Glynde and Beddingham brass band and they will play their appealing repertoire at lunchtime on Saturday. So, clear your diaries!

Other attractions include various arts and crafts displays and the "Good as New" table if it is bargains you are after.

What better way to enjoy a summer weekend!

*Tim Cullen*

**OPEN GARDENS** Sunday **7th July.** 10 gardens in Hassocks and Keymer will be open from 2 pm till 5 pm in aid of St Peter & St James Hospice. Refreshments available. Look out for the signs or start at 2 Ockley Lane, Keymer, BN6 8BA or 6a Woodsland Road, Hassocks.

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**HELLO FROM HURST FESTIVAL 2019!** This year the programme is full to bursting and the website and brochure will launch at the beginning of July. Early booking opens for Friends on **8th July** – for everyone else its **22nd July** – it's not too late to become a Friend – just visit [www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org).

This year our theme is 'Love Local'. Much of the talent and skills of Hurst Festival is found locally. Local food, drink, acts, services, venues, suppliers etc which makes our footprint small and sustainable. Celebrating the talent on our doorstep whilst also welcoming national and international acts ensures we offer a diverse and creatively exciting programme.

Heber Opera returns, as does the James Wilton Dance Company, local legend Herbie Flowers will perform, Tim Pope and Barry Adamson will share their incredible stories working in the music industry, Ben Ottewell (from Gomez) features and The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams opens. Enjoy beautiful walks around the Sussex countryside, cream teas, lively workshops and talks to expand your mind: Interior Design, Living Plastic Free, Keeping Bees, Sussex Lives and Hedgehogs – how we can help and why we should care.

For now, block out Saturday **14th** – Sunday **29th September** and look out for the brochure coming soon!

*Kate Cowan*

**HASSOCKS BIKE'N'FUN IS BACK!** This fantastic community, family event is now in its ninth year and will be held on Sunday **30th June** and includes a choice of local cycle rides and free bike health checks. The rides will be followed by a barbecue and entertainment at The Hassocks pub.

This is a fun event for the whole community, regardless of age or cycling ability, giving the opportunity to enjoy either a four-mile or an eight-mile partly - marshalled cycle route.

The shorter cycle route will go via Oldland Mill (which will be open for the event until 1 pm) and Ditchling, ending back at The Hassocks Hotel.

The longer route will go via Oldland Mill, Ditchling, Underhill Lane, Hurstpierpoint and back to The Hassocks Hotel.

The event starts at the Hassocks pub by Hassocks railway station between 10.30 am and 11 am (registration from 9.30 am).

Please check out the Hassocks Bike 'n' Fun Facebook page for more information about how to enter or pop into Proper or QD Stationery!

We look forward to seeing you all on the day.

*Pippa Crouch*



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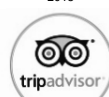
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**A SUMMER'S EVENING CONCERT AT DANNY HOUSE** in Hurstpierpoint prepares Vivace! for another decade of raising funds for local charities.

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During the last two decades, Vivace! has raised well over £100,000 for Sussex charities of all sizes. We are a mixed 'a cappella' choir (singing without accompaniment) based in Ditchling. In order to promote our choir and its ethos, we are holding a 'Summer's Evening Concert' on Saturday **3rd August** at the beautiful location of Danny House in Hurstpierpoint. The grounds will be open from 5.45 pm if you wish to bring a picnic to enjoy before the concert which will take place at 7.30 pm in the historic Great Hall.

It should be a memorable evening - tickets are available from mid-June. To reserve your tickets please phone Sharon Flower on **07900 698751** or email [sharon.c.flower@btopenworld.com](mailto:sharon.c.flower@btopenworld.com).

Tickets will also be available from the office of Estate Agent, Marcus Grimes at 151, High Street, Hurstpierpoint. We look forward to seeing you!

*Karan Hollamby*

**A HASSOCKS GARDEN CENTRE** has donated hundreds of plants to their local hospice to raise much needed funds.

St Peter & St James Hospice at Chailey, took delivery of the plants for their plant stall on their annual Open Day. The 200 plants, which were grown by family-run garden centre South Downs Nurseries on their Hassocks nursery, were sold during the Open Day to raise money for the hospice. Students At St Paul's Catholic College in Burgess Hill have a new timber building in their conservation area which will become the hub of their nature project, housing among other things a monitoring station and screens to view their new wildlife cameras.

This donation is courtesy of The Budding Foundation charity in conjunction with South Downs Nurseries in Hassocks, and is funded by the money raised from Santa's grotto at the Brighton Road garden centre.

"The new shed will help the students working towards their John Muir Award", explains Sarah Mead from the family-run garden centre. "The award scheme encourages young people to enjoy the outdoors and learn about nature, conservation and wild places."

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*Trevor Butler*

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