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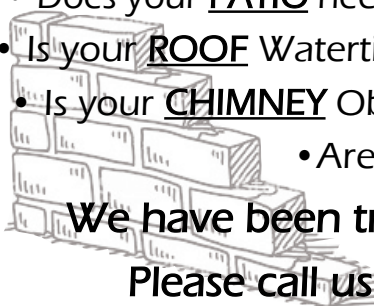
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Wed. 23rd Oct. 7.45 pm

HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fri. 25th Oct. 8 pm

KEYMER & HASSOCKS SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB

Sat. 2nd Nov. 5pm Halloween Party, Children's fancy dress, games, face painting, & BBQ. 8 pm Lorelei Rock

HURSTPIERPOINT GYM CLUB

Sun. 3rd Nov 5.30 pm

HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP

Wed. 6th Nov. 2 pm

BURGESS HILL HERITAGE & HISTORY ASSOC.

Fri. 8th Nov. 7 pm The Roman Hassocks to Barcombe Greensand Way - David Rudling. Museum will be open

RSPCA BRIGHTON (PATCHAM) RE-HOMING SHELTER

Sat. 9th Nov. 10.30 am - 12.30 pm Autumn Fair - Gifts, toys, cakes, books, animal accessories. Free admission

SUSSEX CHORUS

Sat. 9th Nov. 7.30 pm

reMEMber

Sun. 10th Nov.

Cyprus Road, Burgess Hill

Vikings - There Goes the Neighbourhood! - Jane Ann Davey

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Brighton Rock, Brighton Crime - Dr Geoffrey Mead. Guests welcome

Adastra Park, Hassocks

Danny House, New Way Lane, Hurstpierpoint

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Family Bonfire and Fireworks - Tickets from QD Stationery. See article

My Personal Experiences of a Funeral Arranger - Amanda Browne

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Wed. 13th Nov. 8 pm

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Thurs. 14th Nov. 2.30 pm

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Fri. 15th Nov. 7 pm

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Tues. 19th Nov. 7.45 pm

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Fri. 22nd Nov. 2 pm

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Thurs. 24th Oct. 7.30 pm

Thurs. 7th Nov. 7.30 pm

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Mon. 28th Oct. 7.45 pm

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Thurs. 14th Nov. 3 pm

Sat. 23rd Nov. 9.45 - 11.45 pm

CLAYTON & KEYMER RBL POPPY APPEAL

This year's Poppy Appeal starts on Saturday **26th October** through to Saturday **9th November**. We are unable to have a Parade this year, though we are looking forward to arranging Church Services at St Cosmas & St Damian Church at Keymer and at Clayton Church on Sunday **10th November** followed by wreath laying at both of these events. Everyone would be very wel-



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'Private Lives' premiered on 18 August 1930, at the King's Theatre in Edinburgh, directed by Coward and starring Coward as Elyot, with Gertrude Lawrence as Amanda. After successfully touring for five weeks, the production opened at the new Phoenix Theatre in London in September 1930. Coward disliked appearing in long runs, and the London run was therefore a limited three-month season. It sold out within a week and was still playing to packed houses when it ended on 20 December 1930, this despite the struggle Coward had to obtain the Lord Chamberlain's approval for the piece to be staged at all.

In the thirties it was considered too risqué with the relationship between Elyot and Amanda being explored in depth when, as a previously divorced couple, they find themselves honeymooning with new partners, rather unfortunately, in adjacent suites of a French hotel. Theirs is a passionate, volatile, funny and poignant relationship and they come to understand they cannot live apart – made still more moving as they seem

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unable to live together. The twists and turns of their liaison are witnessed by their helpless new spouses and the marital chaos caused between the four of them makes for what is often cited as Cowards best and most humorous play.

If you missed 'How the Other Half Loves' then do come and see this production. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased either online at **www.ditchling-players.org.uk** or in person at the Larder, 2 South Street, Ditchling. We look forward to seeing you there.

David Tetterzell

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We were very pleased as always to welcome our friends from St.Martin de Boscherville for the annual golf exchange which has been running now since 2006, when Ian and Sheila McNeill started the first exchange with Luc Paviot and his colleagues. Every year we alternate between our villages and different Golf courses are selected for each exchange.

This year we chose the Cuckfield Course, which although only 9 holes is very challenging with its beautiful setting and excellent new and improving facilities. We had a marvellous sunny weather which the God's of Twinning are kind enough to provide every time we have an exchange. The day's results ended in a draw, so our colleagues retained the annual trophy.

Nine holes were played in the morning and the younger gentlemen continued with the second nine in the afternoon after an excellent lunch provided by the club, whilst the ladies went shopping. The second nine was a closely fought 4 Better ball with our new member and our team captain Jim Horlock managing to square the match with his final putt.

In the evening a splendid dinner was provided by Kirsty Asher and Jim for all our guests and their hosts when some prizes were distributed. Sunday was more leisurely with visits to garden centres but unfortunately the weather was not so kind.

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Antony Newton-Woof

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Mike Shute

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Juliet Strange

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based on PIPs, philosophy in pubs, started in Liverpool around 20 years ago. Put simply, PIPs are a network of discussion groups for like-minded people interested in philosophical debate in a relaxed atmosphere, (not necessarily a pub). The basic idea is to create spaces where people can come together, feel comfortable and talk about the bigger questions that philosophy deals with, such as, 'Does God Exist?' or 'Can Animals have Rights?' Philosophy is often regarded as an elitist subject, but anyone is welcome.

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The Oldland Mill & the Gym Club, together with local schools in Albourne, Hassocks & three in Burgess Hill will benefit from your support.

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We hope to see as many old friends as possible there. For any other queries about ME/CFS or reMEMber contact me on **01273 831733**, e-mail me_cfs@hotmail.com.

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MEMBERS OF THE HASSOCKS TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD met for their monthly meeting on the 24th September at the Pauline Thaw Centre. On this occasion it was a pleasure to give a welcomed return to our speaker for the afternoon, Peter Griffiths who has entertained us previously with his fascinating account of his career in the airline industry. Peter first joined BAOC as a pilot and navigator in 1967 where he remained until 1975, after which he spent twenty nine years with Cathay Pacific Airlines in Hong Kong eventually rising to Fleet Manager B747. After retirement due to age constraints imposed by the airline, he moved on to flying executive jets. His long flying career produced a wealth of stories from flying out military equipment on behalf of the armed forces during the Gulf War to the idiosyncrasies of the rich and famous whilst piloting executive jets. Our meeting ended with refreshments being served and the raffle drawn.

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along to our next meeting which will be held in the Pauline Thaw centre on the **26th November** when Elizabeth Lynn will be giving a talk on 'Knights and Ladies depicted on Brass Memorials'. *Avril Williams*

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Despite the inclement weather on Saturday 27th September, a large crowd attended a coffee morning in Hurstpierpoint and an amazing £900 was raised for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The organisers are extremely pleased with the result and would like to thank everyone who came and those who made a donation.

Thanks also to Hurstpierpoint Bowls Club for letting us use their excellent facilities.

All money raised goes to the charity. *Margaret Bishop*

HASSOCKS WI At our September meeting, we enjoyed a Paracise class with Maxine. Described as a gentle but effective workout that flows smoothly through movements designed to improve mobility, flexibility and balance, members stretched, stepped, windmilled and pirouetted through the clearly demonstrated routine, accompanied by lively music, laughter and some creaky knees. A thoroughly enjoyable experience, followed by tea and cake.

October is our AGM, accompanied by cheese and wine. November will see us making table decorations in time for Christmas. *Kate Hastings*

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My name is Stephen Hamilton. I have over thirty years experience in designing and then making kitchens. Now I am a little older and wiser I prefer to work closer to home. When I was young I designed and built some of the most luxurious kitchens imaginable and in 1988 I was European kitchen designer of the year. I even designed and made kitchens for clients in New York and Geneva. I still do luxurious bespoke kitchens. As long as your local! You'd be amazed how much more reasonable our prices are than the big boys with expensive showrooms!

When I first started my career, I designed the interiors of boats. That taught me to maximise space. Now I find I am often asked to try and design very small kitchens. I enjoy the challenge.

A few months ago, in Grand Avenue, I designed a kitchen in a 1930's bungalow. The kitchen was only eight feet by eight feet. I managed to fit in: A tall fridge freezer, a tall, eye level oven, three huge sets of pan drawers and more worksurface than before. Mrs F was amazed and is still looking at the spare space in her drawers.

In April I redesigned a kitchen for Mrs B in St Georges park. They have beautifully appointed apartments but the kitchen design leaves a little to be desired. I kept eighty per cent of the existing carcasses but fitted over a dozen new drawers which greatly increased accessibility. It has transformed Mrs B's kitchen experience. Cost? Around ten thousand pounds.

Sometimes however, a new kitchen is essential. Sometimes people *don't even know* if they *want* a complete new kitchen. Which is where I come in. We give *genuine* advice. Sometimes it goes in stages. If I feel we can accommodate your kitchen design requirements without the palaver of ripping the whole kitchen we will advise accordingly. A brand new kitchen is messy. To do it properly one has to rip the everything out and then, almost always, replaster the walls to make good. Appliances are often moved so new electrics are required ...quite often we move doorways. A refurbishment can take maybe five/six/ seven days but a complete kitchen from start to finish is usually around three weeks. Do you want the hassle? Or the expense? Many of our clients go on holiday whilst we do the work.

I always try to work within your budgets!

A refurbishment with all new doors and worktops and refitting etc generally costs between five thousand and eight thousand pounds. A new kitchen? It all depends. And that's the point. A *small* total kitchen project can be anything from ten to fifteen thousand pounds. It depends what appliances you choose and what services need moving.

With over thirty years experience in all sorts of planning situations I can usually come up with *several different* alternatives you may not have considered. Because we are 'bespoke' and because we make all our cabinets and drawers whatever size is required we have so much more flexibility than the average kitchen company.

When I come to give my first appraisal I do not come with the intention of selling you more than you need. I am happy to just change your doors and drawers if that is what you want.

In April I got a call from Mrs P in Greenlands close burgess hill. She told me her oven was packing up. Could I help her? I arranged to see her. One thing led to another...the cupboards were really beyond recovery. It seemed to me Mrs P really needed a *completely new kitchen*. [Mrs P is 90 going on about 60] The electrics looked dangerous. I scribbled some ideas...one thing led to another. Now Mrs P is whizzing about in her brand new kitchen. We had to rip the old one out, thanks to **Jon and his son Ryan**, plaster the walls, thanks to **John Evans Plastering**, completely reconfigure the plumbing, thanks to **Richard and Ian Thompson**, who have several generations of reputation as local Hassocks plumbers. Only then could we fit a new kitchen. Thanks to **Ian and Liam**, [chief kitchen installation engineers] Mrs P eventually chose one of our classic ash marquetry kitchens] then we tiled the walls, [Ian again!] We re-designed and hid the boiler. That was me **Stephen Hamilton**, then we refloored the whole kitchen and dining room [**Homecall** from Burgess Hill]. Then we decorated top to bottom. [Jon again!] Five weeks! Although I am the designer I am also the project manger. Mrs P was brilliant. When we first ripped out it became apparent that the electrics were dangerous so we rewired the entire place and fitted a new fuse box [thanks to **Keith Hand**] The Cost? Around twenty thousand pounds. Was it worth it? You'd need to talk to Mrs P about that! Everyone engaged in the project is local.

I understand how big a decision and how big a commitment a new kitchen or even a refurbishment can be. I understand that *initially* you just want some ideas...to explore the *possibilities* and this is where we are building our reputation. We work locally, we only use local reputable tradesmen. We are patient and thoughtful.

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We have showrooms you can visit but you can also visit some of the kitchens we have finished ...probably just around the corner from you.

I hope this gives you some idea of what we are about. If you are interested in a new or refurbished kitchen I do hope you will give me a call. I don't charge for my planning service if you live within a five-six mile radius of Hassocks. On my first visit I simply talk to you about what you might like. I discuss the problems you have with your existing kitchen and then scribble some alternative plans. Then I will leave you to mull them over. There is no rush and no pressure. Early planning is essential. Planning makes for the perfect project.

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DITCHLING FILM SOCIETY Our second film in October will be screened on Thursday, **24th October** and is entitled *Wajib – The Wedding Invitation*. Set in Palestine at Christmas time, Abu's daughter is getting married which necessitates him and his son, Shadi, hand-delivering invitations for the forthcoming nuptials. As they drive around the city in a battered old Volvo between visits to relatives and old family friends, they bicker, reminisce, needle and cajole each other gradually peeling back the layers of their relationship. A wonderfully poignant, droll and witty film that interleaves tensions with hilarity. Although there is politics in the mix it is not rammed down your throat. Director: Annemarie Jacir Palestine Arabic 2017 96 minutes 15 Cert

Our November film will be shown on **Thursday, 7th November** and is called *Ash is the Purest White*. It is an unrequited love story which is a pleasure to behold. In an industrial city in China a young dancer, a coal miner's daughter named Qiao, falls in love with a mobster called Bin. When a fight breaks out between rival gangs, Qiao uses a gun to protect Bin and is sent to

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prison for 5 years. Upon her release she finds herself unceremoniously dumped. However her grit sustains her but she's crippled by this tenacity, too, fighting for Bin against her best interests. Her love for him burns at a high temperature – like the volcanic ash referred to in the film's title, it's made pure".

Director: Zhangke Jia China Chinese 2018 136 minutes 15 Cert

Our Christmas film will be shown on Thursday, **5th December** and is entitled *Green Book*. Director: Peter Farrelly. US English 2018 130 minutes 12A Cert. 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 & Melanie Samuel

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Tickets from: Sussex Chorus **01444 412579**, Carousel Music **01444 417654**, Burgess Hill Help Point **01444 247726**, Eventbrite.co.uk, sussexborough.org.uk, www.sussexborough.org

Christmas music & carols at Sheffield Park and Gardens TN22 3QX on **15th and 22nd December** from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm (tbc). The Coach House to include The Manchester Carols by Sasha Johnson Manning (with words by Carol Ann Duffy)

We are singing at the invitation of the National Trust with two opportunities to celebrate the Christmas season in these enchanting surroundings. Tickets will be available from www.sussexborough.org.

Angela Holroyd

1,000TH GYMNASTICS AWARD SEVEN Club has now presented its 1,000th British Gymnastics Award Seven

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The hardest badges to gain are the Gold Floor and Gold Vault awards, where only 15 of each have ever been won. The newest Gold winner is Chloe Wright who has now received her Gold Vault.

To achieve this award she has mastered hand-spring vaults, trampette somersaults and other skills. Over 100 other talented gymnasts will be gaining Awards 8 to Award 1 or awards for Floor, Vault or Acrobatic Pairs.

With sponsorship and help from groups including Mid Sussex District Council awards are presented free in the last session of each term.

There are currently vacancies in the Pre-school classes for those who have passed their third birthday. For school-age vacancies, please check with the Club or visit www.hurstpierpointgym.co.uk for more details.

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We have purchased a Table Tennis Table! Do let us know if you would be interested in having a go! What a great day we had on our trip to Kew Gardens recently, the sun was shining and we enjoyed the Glass Sculptures all around the gardens. We recently had an afternoon of playing skittles here at the Centre, what fun that was! A few ex bowlers within our members! We will most definitely be arranging skittles again. Knit and Natter – do come along on a Wednesday morning for a chat with fellow knitters, we are again

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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.

Volunteering – Have you got time on your hands would you like to help us out? We are looking for a Bus Escort to help our members on and off the bus, to help fill in some of our rota and also for holiday cover when some of our Volunteers are away. Please do get in touch and come and have a chat to us in the office.

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But we do not want to leave you bereft of cinematic entertainment, so for that period we are relocating to the Scout HQ on Brown Twins Road, and we will be putting on one film per month there.

When we return to the theatre, we will have installed the new screen raised through the generous donations of the people of Hurst, and we are planning some other upgrades to make the Cinema better than almost any commercial cinema.

In the meanwhile, we have some absolutely terrific films coming up at the Scout HQ.

Saturday **26th October** Sometimes Always Never (12A) One thing we love to do is bring a ridiculously overlooked film we know people would love to Hurstpierpoint and this film had a ridiculously small distribution, so we are happy to bring it to you. Bill Nighy is absolutely spellbinding in this elegant, off beat, very British comedy. He plays Alan, a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael who stormed out after a row over the use of the word "Zo" in a game of Scrabble and disappeared. With his family torn apart, Alan must repair the relationship with his youngest son Peter. Then one day he comes across a player online who uses the word "Zo".

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Could this be his missing son? Bill Nighy is spellbinding in the quintessentially British, always very funny, sometimes hilarious comedy

Saturday **23rd November**, Rear Window (PG) Laid up with a broken leg, photojournalist L.B. Jeffries (James Stewart) is confined to his tiny, sweltering courtyard apartment. To pass the time between visits from his nurse (Thelma Ritter) and his fashion model girlfriend Lisa (Grace Kelly), the binocular-wielding Jeffries stares through the rear window of his apartment at the goings-on in the other apartments around his courtyard. As he watches his neighbours, he assigns them such roles and character names as "Miss Torso", a professional dancer with a healthy social life or "Miss Lonelyhearts", a middle-aged woman who entertains nonexistent gentlemen callers. Of particular interest is seemingly mild-mannered travelling salesman Lars Thorwald (Raymond Burr), who is saddled with a nagging, invalid wife.

One afternoon, Thorwald pulls down his window shade, and his wife's incessant bray comes to a sudden halt. Out of boredom, Jeffries casually concocts a scenario in which Thorwald has murdered his wife and disposed of the body in gruesome fashion. Trouble is, Jeffries' musings just might happen to be the truth.

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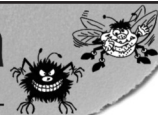
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We have a very talented bunch of language teachers at Downlands who make learning fun and rewarding. Learning a language – especially in Hassocks with our fabulous Twinning Association and links to Montmirail and Wald Michelbach – is so important. Did you know that:

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Back to European Day of Languages - we kicked off with the European Bake Off – and we had some very impressive entries which made Deputy Headteacher, Matt Ashdown's job as Paul Hollywood all the harder! In the end, he resorted to consulting the Year 10 Language Leaders and the winners were: Bea Bambury Brenner, Tilly Raynor, Laura Cooper, Honey Moore & Jake Gerthold and Lyddia Babister! Prizes were an Amazon voucher, a certificate and a specially engraved wooden spoon! It might not have been easy but it was definitely worth it!

On Tuesday we sold the cakes to raise money for charity – thank you to everyone for your generosity.

There was a Kahoot! quiz – the students had to work out the hidden language talents of the Downlands staff which kept everyone puzzled in tutor time.

There was even a photo booth – the photos are very funny. Thank you to all Modern Languages staff who put on such a great celebration of everyone!

Nicki Burston

STAR CINEMA Friday **15th November**. Finding Your Feet (cat 12). A romantic comedy with a very British cast including Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall, John Sessions and Joanna Lumley. Doors open at 7 pm and the film starts at 7.30 pm. Tickets on the door. Wine, tea, coffee, soft drinks available. Raffle with great prizes. Hope to see you there.

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HURST MONTHLY SOCIAL GROUP Our Social Afternoon, in September, was most enjoyable. Ann told us about her work as a Volunteer with the Befriended Organisation. We started the process of organising some sub-groups - a lunch group, needlecraft group, bridge/scrabble group & walking group were some of the suggestions. The Quiz was a great opportunity to sit & chat to other members over tea & biscuits. On **6th November** Amanda Browne is coming to tell us about her personal experiences as a funeral arranger.

We meet at The Guide HQ, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint from 2 to 4 pm on the first Wednesday of the month.

Do come and join us - you will be made most welcome. For more information contact Dianne **01273 835284** or myself **07806 670359**.

Ann Tranter

HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY meets on the last Friday of each month 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 **25th October** starting at 8 pm with an illustrated talk by Dr Geoffrey Mead entitled "Brighton Rock, Brighton Crime". On **29th November** the speaker will be Derek Moore

whose subject is "Clayton Tunnel from a different point of view" Come along and join us. New members are always welcome.
Bill Kent

PLEASE SAVE YOUR POSTAGE STAMPS With Christmas approaching and hopefully more personal mail it's a good time to start.

The Nationwide branches in Hurstpierpoint (mornings) and Hassocks (afternoons) are happy to take them in, as is the cattery. Contact me on **01444 412479** and I can even come and collect. Every stamp helps but the foreign one do fetch more money. They are sorted and then sold by weight.

I had some wonderful boxes of stamps handed in at The Nationwide but I have no idea from where they came, so a big thank you as well.
Stella the Stamp

RSPCA BRIGHTON (PATCHAM) RE-HOMING SHELTER The Shelter will be holding its Autumn Fair at Adastra Hall, Hassocks on Saturday **9th November** from 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Admission is free. Lots of bargains – gifts, toys, cakes, books, animal accessories etc. A good time to do some Christmas shopping. There will also be a raffle and tombola and refreshments will be available. Patcham RSPCA shelter is entirely self-funding and all proceeds help the animals in their care.
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THE CLAYTON & KEYMER BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMEN'S SECTION

We meet at 3pm on the 2nd Thursday of each month at our headquarters in Woodland Road, Hassocks. We are a friendly group and visitors are very welcome. For further information about our activities, please contact our Chairman, Jenny Budd on **07719 922326**.

14th November will be our Annual General Meeting. The competition is for 'The Prettiest Cake Slice'.

Recently Margaret Taylor, one of our branch members, gave us a power point presentation of her visit to the Scilly Isles. She showed us some stunning pictures of the landscape and architecture, and talked about the flora and fauna, how the daffodil industry began, and the methods used to encourage early blooms to beat all the competitors to market. She told us about some of the myths and traditions of the Island and ended her talk with some silly Scilly facts; a really entertaining afternoon.

An update on another speaker: We have heard through his colleagues that the 'Service by Emergency Rider' who had an unfortunate accident on his way to us, is still out of action, but is making a good recovery and is more concerned for his motorbike than his own injuries. We hope that soon he and his bike will be fit and well again.

Our Christmas Fair will be on Saturday **23rd**

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at Age Concern Hassocks from 9.45 to 11.45 am. If you wish to make any donations of toiletries, toys, books, bric-a-brac, cakes, raffle prizes, etc., please bring them along to the meeting, or speak to Jenny to arrange for collection.

Contributions are always welcomed. For all the fun of the fair - we hope to see you there!

Liz Thomas

BRIGHTON CONSORT Brighton Early Music Festival is presenting a wide range of live music events in several different venues across the region this autumn. The programme of music from (mostly) pre-1800 is all about change and changing times. The main festival starts on 25th October.

All the information on performances, dates and times, plus details of Season Ticket and other discount offers, is available on the festival's website (www.bremf.org.uk), where you can also request a brochure. Tickets can be booked on the website or via Brighton Dome Ticket Office (**01273 709709**).

Christmas is coming early for Brighton Consort – by over 400 years! The concert will take place on Saturday **30th November** at 7.30 pm. Tickets can be purchased online at www.brightonconsort.org.uk, or by ringing **01273 833746**, or on the door.

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NEWS FROM STONEYWISH - Part 1 We have been so enjoying our Indian Summer, the arrival of Autumn rains has put a few noses out of joint. Wry comments have been passed in shop queues and on street corners to the effect that 'that is probably that' as far as enjoying life outdoors goes this year. 'From now on it is downhill all the way to Christmas.' The heavy dews of September have masked the scale of the drought that the clear skies brought, keeping lawns green. But all around us thirsty trees are shedding their leaves a full month earlier than usual and, inevitably, ponds and streams on the Reserve are dry. So I have been trying to step outside my human skin and imagine how this rain strikes the natural world. How is it for the frogs in the Reserve and for the geese, unable to immerse themselves in water for so long? How is it for the exquisitely sensitive root tips of trees and the mosses, shrivelled to a desiccated crust? A childhood memory conjures up my four-year-old self, standing out in a downpour, face upturned, mouth open, waiting to taste the rain on my tongue, while some grown-up berates me, telling me to hurry and button my coat. Young children and trees have much in common, not merely a delight in rain. Yet long before we are out of our childhood most of us have buttoned up our curiosity about the feel of things. We know, or think we know all about rain. With constant updates from the experts, we are all

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meteorologists now. We do not even need to go outside to see what the weather is doing. Somehow, over the years, the child who dawdled to school, who had to touch the leaves or the iron railings on every walk, who instinctively put things in his or her mouth, just to see what they tasted like, who liked to bend over to see the novelty of the world upside-down between splayed legs, that child is educated out of its bliss and buried and lost beneath a heap of information. Life has become serious. So serious it is almost life-threatening! We are all worried to death. Life is also getting faster. So fast we can't keep up with ourselves. What are we to do? Scientists in Japan believe they have come up with an answer. The antidote to busy, competitive city-life is to spend time with nature. Sounds obvious, doesn't it? In Japan they call it shinrin-yoku – forest bathing. Two hours spent quietly communing with forest trees is enough, so medical researchers reveal, to lower blood pressure, improve mental function, lower blood sugar levels, boost the immune system and bring feelings of peace and happiness to subjects who were previously stressed to the hilt. Yes, yes, we know that. Aren't we always going to the country? But for shinrin-yoku you have to leave all distractions at home: mobile phones, bicycles, pedometers, cameras, maps... You won't have time for them. You will be too busy drinking in the sights, sounds, smells, and tactile sensations



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(To be continue next Month)

Rosemary Pavey

THE NATIVITY Wivelsfield Parish Church and The Wivelsfield Little Theatre Present the Nativity Every evening from **1st to 5th December** at 7.30 pm in Wivelsfield Parish Church.

For the seventh time the Wivelsfield Parish Church and Wivelsfield Little Theatre are coming together to present a Medieval Nativity Play in the parish church of St. Peter and St. John the Baptist, Church Lane, Wivelsfield, West Sussex, RH17 7RD.

A glass of mulled wine or a soft drink are included in the ticket price.

When it was first produced in 2003 it was hailed as the best amateur theatrical production in Mid Sussex in that year. It is certainly not the sort of thing that you may have seen, or even taken part in, at school. It is an earthy portrayal of events, sometimes dramatic and shocking, sometimes thought provoking, at other times humorous.

The audience will marvel as Jesus is born before their eyes, they will laugh at the rustic humour of the shepherds who involve the audience in some singing and they will be outraged and maybe even shed a tear as

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the Innocents are slaughtered before their eyes. This version is not suitable for children younger than 12 years old.

Tickets will be available from **3rd November** at www.ticketsource.co.uk/wlt or **07754 895936**.

Peter Leigh

ALL CHANGE AT VIVACE! FOR THE NEXT DECADE OF FUND RAISING FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

In July we held a successful 'sell out' concert at Danny House in Hurstpierpoint. Our next concert at Danny is on **18th December** which will be the grand finale to our Christmas programme and the last concert under the guidance of our Musical Director, Linda Glenn, who will be moving on after nearly 7 years at the musical helm of Vivace!

If you don't know us, we are a small mixed choir based in Ditchling www.vivacechoirsussex.org.uk/ who have been raising funds for local charities and good causes around Sussex for many years. We meet every Wednesday evening at the Meeting House in Ditchling from 7.30 - 9.30 pm.

We are now looking for a new enthusiastic & experienced Musical Director (with keyboard skills) to take over with effect from January 2020. We are keen to find someone who takes music seriously, albeit in a fun and friendly environment, and who shares our values of producing quality concerts and supporting fundraising in the local community.

If you know of anyone who could take Vivace! into a new decade of music-making and fund raising, Vivace! would love to hear from you. Please contact me the Chairperson at

info@vivacechoirsussex.org.uk.

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