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**By David Tingley, Editor**

Things change all the time, don't they? It's no different when publishing magazines! Some months we have very last minute changes to the content - we are always as flexible as possible but there's always an absolute cut-off too.

One of the beneficiaries of such circumstances this month is a competition held by **Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club** last month. I was very pleased to be invited to take part, which I did with my daughter, in this new event. See **page 18** for more information and lots of photos - how many people do you recognise?

As always there's **plenty of news** from the village, which start right over the page.

I'm very grateful to Hurst resident **Sophia Hunnisett** for her putting together an article which goes some way to explain the relevance of the names of the new roads around the village. It was a lovely idea, and we are pleased to be able to share it. Read more on **page 22**.

**Deb Hollywood** went out to the theatre recently. Well, technically, went to the garden of the New Inn! But read what you may have missed on **page 29**.

**Belle Amatt** shares a great-sounding **chicken recipe** on **page 32**. Be warned, if it's not dinner time - you might wish it was!

The new school term starts shortly which provides the perfect excuse to mix up our popular **5 Mins With** feature. I am very grateful to two Hurst residents and Downlands students for taking time out to answer our regular questions. Read about **Emily Chinn** and **Louie Garnet** on **page 40**. And if you would like to appear in this feature - do please email in your answers to editor@hurstlife.co.uk.

I hope you enjoy reading this, our largest issue yet, and if you have any ideas about future content do please get in touch - we'd love to hear from you.

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Jane Willis  
 The busy High Street  
 during Hurst Festival

# NEWS

We love to hear from groups, organisations and individuals about what's happening locally. Include a photo if you can. Email your stories to [editor@hurstlife.co.uk](mailto:editor@hurstlife.co.uk)



## Autumn Show 24th Sept

By Kathy Green

Hurstpierpoint Horticultural Society will hold its annual Autumn Show on 24th September at the Village Centre.

Come and enjoy the chrysanthemums, dahlias, autumn flowers, fruit, vegetables, cookery and children's exhibits. Tea and home-made cake. Raffle and auction of produce at the end of the show.

Why not have a go at exhibiting? Entry is free and open to all. Pick up a schedule from Gibsons in the High Street for full details. The show opens at 2.15pm.

## Albourne Neighbourhood Plan goes to the vote

The referendum on the Albourne Neighbourhood Plan takes place on Thursday 1st September in Albourne Village Hall.

Albourne Parish Council urges all residents entitled to vote in Albourne to take part in the referendum and to vote 'yes' in support of the proposal: 'Do you want Mid Sussex District Council and South Downs National Park Authority to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Albourne Parish area to help decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?'

The Plan aims to give local planning decisions to local people, not developers, and to protect Albourne against unwanted development.

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# Downlands says goodbye to Mrs Hetherton

After twenty six years at Downlands, the school said 'Farewell' to Headteacher Rose Hetherton at the end of last term.

Old and current staff mingled with former and current governors, PTA members and local residents as well as Rose's former teachers during a summer afternoon tea held in July to wish her well in her well-earned retirement after seven successful years as Head of Downlands Community School.

Di Hunt, the current Chair of Governors, gave a moving speech about the fantastic contribution Rose has made to the school and the local community during her time at the school.

Mark Wignall takes over as new Headteacher from this month.

Mr Wignall was previously one of the school's deputy headteachers.

The Governors of the Hassocks school felt that Mr Wignall was the best candidate to continue moving Downlands forward. "With the major build project on the horizon and an increase in pupil numbers we are sure that Mr Wignall will do an excellent job in maintaining the values and ethos of the school," one commented.



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## Marram launches yoga classes

High Street business Marram Trading is opening its doors in the evenings to a new type of trade.

Millie Hampson, owner of Marram, explains: "We are building a lifestyle brand and a social hub in the centre of Hurstpierpoint. We have a great indoor and outdoor space and I am really looking forward to adding yoga as another dimension to our wellbeing sector."

Starting this month Marram will open a regular class to be run by Hurstpierpoint resident and yoga teacher Kristal Jacovides.

The Kristal Flow Yoga sessions will take place every Tuesday night between 7-8pm, starting on 6th September.

More details from Marram, 113 High Street.

## Do you have any unwanted items you would like to sell?

By Ann Higginson

Albourne Village Hall Social Group is organising a Table Top Sale on Saturday 22nd October.

Tables are £10 each and can be booked from [ta.higginson@gmail.com](mailto:ta.higginson@gmail.com)

Doors open from 8.30am for setting up and 9.30am to 3.30pm for customers. Hot and cold refreshments will be available throughout the day, including breakfast rolls in the morning, home made soup and home-baked cakes.

Any unsold items must be taken home at the end of the day.

## Wot no optician?

Many residents of the village will have noticed the closing of the opticians practice on the High Street before the summer. So, what's happening with it?

Hurstpierpoint resident Vicki Macken bought the previous practice from Mr Chapple back in June with her business partner Paul Watts. However, the expectation was that it would be possible to build a wheelchair lift to ensure full disability access to the shop - which is a requirement for new NHS practices. Just last month they found out that it wasn't practical to make the lift work at that premises.

The situation now stands that Vicki and Paul have had to temporarily transfer all the patient records to Hassocks Eyecare Centre (their existing business) while they are actively seeking a suitable building to become available on the High Street in Hurstpierpoint.

"Paul and I are keen to be in the village, so the search now begins for somewhere with wide doors and no step! We hope that Hurst Optical will reopen in a few months," Vicki explained.



Heather Trott Wright

## Hurstpierpoint Pre-School Anniversary

By Ebony Scoffern

2016 marks the 50th Anniversary of Hurstpierpoint Pre-School first opening its doors. So, to celebrate this momentous occasion, we will be holding an afternoon tea in the Club Suite in the Village Centre on Saturday 3rd September from 2.30pm.

We are calling all past & present students, staff and anyone with photos or memories of the Pre-School to join us on this day. We would also appreciate the donation of any cakes for everybody to enjoy on the day!

If you do have any photos you are able to lend us to display, please write your name and phone number on the back so we can return them safely.

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# How it all started

## The beginning of Hurst Festival

By Deb Hollywood

This month brings the village its 12th annual festival. Back in 2004, a modest one-day taster festival led Margaret and Kevin Carey, along with Michel Olszewski, to believe that a longer Hurstpierpoint Festival would be a great idea. And they were right! Knowing there was so much local talent they felt a festival would provide the ideal opportunity to showcase it, pulling together individuals and groups under one performing umbrella.

Michel took the role of chair for the first two week festival in 2005, staying in the role for a further three years. The baton then passed to Margaret Carey and subsequently Colin Matthews, who is current vice chair for the Brighton Fringe Festival Board of Trustees.

This year all three are sharing the role, ably assisted, as usual, by the committee.

Initially, taking the Festival from one day to a two week period felt slightly mad! The expertise of Simon Anckorn, Bob Sampson, Shaughan Parrish, Carey Tighe and Sylvia Thornhill, to name but a few, was sought to access as many performers and artists as possible.

Chatting to Margaret Carey it's clear that the Festival wouldn't exist without the support of its helpers, sponsors and businesses. The Hurstpierpoint Community Charity Shop has financially supported the festival from the outset, and Margaret comments: "We are very lucky!"

I ask Margaret what her favourite events have been over the years and she is quick in her reply, saying: "The soirees that take place in people's homes," adding, "I am enormously proud of these events, where it's often young, international musicians performing in an intimate setting and really connecting with the audience."

The committee endeavor to create a programme which offers something for everyone. Keeping ticket prices low is a priority and many events, where possible, are free of charge. The festival is registered as a charity and in addition to the committee there is a board of trustees. This year has seen the appointment of



The Festival went from a one day to a two week event!

Festival Administrator, Charlotte Snook. "She's terrific!" Margaret exclaims!

That gratitude is extended to all Friends and helpers of the Festival. A festival brochure will have made its way through your letter box at the time of going to press, and tickets are now available online at [www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org) and from the box office, managed by Zoe Deeley. See website for opening hours.

Margaret speaks not only for herself but Michel and Colin when she says: "We hope everyone enjoys this year's events. We didn't think that, 12 years on, the Festival would still be going!"

Thanks to them, and all those who help behind the scenes, it is!

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As part of the Hurst Festival, local artists are taking part in Hurstpierpoint Open Studios again this year on the weekends of 17th/18th and 24th/25th September between 10am-5pm.

Here's a few pieces to whet your appetite. For more information pick up a flyer from local shops or the library, or see the website: [www.hurstpierpointopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.hurstpierpointopenstudios.co.uk)



Artists show, from top left to bottom right, Hazel Ranger, Lucille Cuss, Pamela Holmes, Sue Shepherd, Sylvia Thornhill and Rachel Lamport

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# Lettings in Hurstpierpoint

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When Toby Carrington (pictured) made the decision to move from Brighton to Cuckfield with his wife Alison there were no rural specific letting agents available.

This thought stayed with him for many years and resulted in him starting Village Letts, a new letting agency specialising purely in the letting of residential and commercial property in villages, hamlets and market towns. Village Letts allows those looking to rent a property in one of the many villages, hamlets or market towns in Sussex see what they have to offer in terms of the schools, bus and train links, local pubs, dog walks and so on via a comprehensive website.



"The information we wanted when we moved was down to ourselves to find out," Toby explained. "We were lucky as my wife Alison grew up in the neighbouring village of Balcombe, but for those who don't know the areas, finding out more about the villages they are interested in can take up a lot of precious time. We hope to reduce that by supplying as much information on the villages as we can." Toby has been in the sales and letting industry for 30 years and lectures in Housing Law and Regulations to both landlords and agents all over England and Wales. Toby's expertise has led to some high profile appointments. He was interviewed by Kate Falkner, one of the country's leading independent property experts, on repairing obligations in letting. And he trained the two deputy mayors under Boris Johnson, the course that all landlords and agents have to take if they want to work with the London local authorities. He is currently part of a team training landlords and agents in Wales for the National Assembly under the Rent Smart Wales Scheme, so he certainly knows the business of letting inside and out. "I understand what it is like to be a landlord," Toby continued. "I am one myself. I also know the importance

of getting it right, which is why we not only credit check every tenant but we insure all of our rents throughout the term of the tenancy for free."

Toby has had the idea of starting a rural specific letting agency for some time, but since he launched the company in May he tells us they have gone from strength to strength adding new villages as they go.

"It's been really amazing how the business has taken off, as well as being very interesting and good fun doing the research for the website. You find yourself driving through a village or hamlet and suddenly you're saying to yourself 'I could live here', and I think that's how it starts for a lot of people when they realise they want that village lifestyle."

Village Letts is obviously into the village scene and looks to promote activities and businesses on their site. Toby explained: "We love the idea of villages telling us about what's on, the history and encourage their involvement. We will happily publish their photos and write ups. We have listed a number of villages so far including Hurstpierpoint, and are expanding on it on a daily basis. We also want businesses to send in information about themselves and they'll get listed for free, but obviously we are also looking for landlords. I hope that any landlords reading this will understand what we are trying to achieve, like what we are doing and want to use us."

If you are looking to rent out your property or are looking for a property to rent, then you can contact Toby on 01273 655557 or by email [info@villageletts.com](mailto:info@villageletts.com)

If you are just interested in looking at the different villages listed so far and what they have to offer, then check out the website [www.villageletts.com](http://www.villageletts.com)

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# My Iceland Trek

By Kevin Carey

This year, as the third of my RNIB fundraising projects, I will be going even further out of my comfort zone than skydiving or running on a track - to hike across Iceland in the snow and ice, with sledges and backpacks, and even maybe dogs!



I won't see the Northern Lights but I will show what blind people can do as part of living full and independent lives. I will be contributing to the costs of the trek, as will RNIB, but what I want to do is to raise the balance of the costs together with a handsome contribution to RNIB services.

If you are able to support this, I shall be very grateful indeed. The trip takes place between the 6th-10th October 2016. You can see more info and donate to the cause at: [www.justgiving.com/Kevin-Carey3](http://www.justgiving.com/Kevin-Carey3)



## Make time for Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Hurstpierpoint Bowls Club on South Avenue will be again holding a fundraising coffee morning later this month.

Sheila Wilson said: "To kind friends and loyal supporters, we would love to see you all again this year. To those who were not able to join us last year, we would be so pleased to see you this time!"

The event on Friday 30th September will, with your help, build on the club's past successes and make a large contribution to this very worthy cause.

"There is always a warm, friendly atmosphere at the coffee morning, and the cakes are irresistible! Please do come along!"

Posters will be going up in the village with further details or you can contact Sheila Wilson on 01273 832742.

# Charity seeks help for October Fashion Show

The West Sussex North Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association is to hold a Fashion Show in the village in October to raise funds to support local people living with the progressive neurological disease and to promote awareness of its debilitating effects on individuals and their families.

The clothes for the show are being supplied by Jo Dennis of JoJo Boutique. However, in the run-up to the event, the branch committee is seeking support from other local businesses to help maximise the funds raised.

Branch vice-chair, Chris Sheridan, said: "We think this is a great opportunity for local companies to associate themselves with a charity which has come very much to the fore in the past two years after the Ice Bucket Challenge and the Oscar-winning film The Theory of Everything about the impact of motor neurone disease (MND) on the life of Professor Stephen Hawking. In particular, we are looking for companies which might help us with drinks, raffle prizes, background music and stylist/beauticians for the five models.

"It's crucial that people have a better understanding of the reality of what an MND diagnosis means," says Andy Spriggs (pictured with Chris Sheridan) who lives with the incurable disease. "Stephen Hawking's story is very inspiring but the harsh truth is that more than half of people with MND die less than two years after they're diagnosed, and younger people, often with young families, can also be affected. I am extremely grateful for the fantastic work that our local branch does for those living with the disease and their families."

The event is being held at the Queen's Hall, Cuckfield on the evening of Thursday 20th October. Tickets, priced at £10 including a welcome drink and canapés, can be obtained by emailing [julie@mndwestsussexnorth.com](mailto:julie@mndwestsussexnorth.com) or from JoJo Boutique in Cuckfield.



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# Hurst Scouts join trip to Uganda

By Holly Watson

Twenty nine Scouts from across West Sussex will be joining forces to travel to Uganda next August 2017. We have 23 young people aged between 15 and 21 and six leaders. Our main reason for this trip is to work on a community project for 10 days.

We will be working at a rural primary school in Mubende, Uganda. The school caters for 200+ children and currently does not have a suitable kitchen. Eight poles and sheet iron on top, all open and no preparation surfaces. One cook spends all day cooking the children's one meal of the day from this half-built shack. The school's water borehole is not suitable. It is not secure and is not deep enough, so dirty contaminated water comes through, which again is the only source of 'fresh' water for these children and the local village.

We want to build a brick structured kitchen with clean preparation surfaces and a safe cooking area, as well as re-digging the bore hole so it reaches clean water and secure it to make it safe.

In order to get out there and complete this project, we all need to raise £1,700 each to cover our travel fees.

The project work will cost £7,500+. This also needs to be fundraised by the contingent. Everyone has started their own fundraising with a lot of events going on over the next few months. However, our first main contingent fundraiser for the project work is in September when we attempt to cycle the distance from England to Uganda.

The event will take place at two venues: Linear Fitness at Borde Hill Gardens and The Orchards Shopping Centre in Haywards Heath. The group will be attempting to cycle 6,219 miles in just 48 hours.

Two members of Hurstpierpoint Knights Explorer Unit, George Disney and Ollie Huggett, will be on the trip next year.

George explained why he's involved: "I am involved in this challenge because it is a good way to give something to the people who need it most. Rather than just send money off, I can be there and help with the project work and meet the people who will benefit from it. I am looking forward to experiencing a completely different



culture and gaining a better understanding of what it is like to live in a Third World country."

Ollie is keen to experience new things and is looking forward to getting a great sense of achievement from helping to build the kitchen for the school. "It's going to be 50C, so I'm hoping that I won't get too tired in that heat," he explained. "I'm most worried about getting ill while we are out there I guess - but I'm sure it's going to be great fun!"

If you would like to support or sponsor us, we would be very grateful. For further information with regards to this trip or any of our fundraisers please contact us: [uganda2017@hotmail.com](mailto:uganda2017@hotmail.com) or at the website: [www.midsussexdistrictscouts.com](http://www.midsussexdistrictscouts.com)

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## New family team at the New Inn

Although many in the village will have already heard - there is a new team running the New Inn in the village.

Murray Booker and his family took over the business that owns the lease on the 500 year old property back in April this year and are now very much getting into the stride of running the popular pub.

Murray had spent most of his working life driving around the country for his job and was looking for an opportunity to do something with a local focus. He and wife, Chris, have lived in Hurstpierpoint for ten years and the only experience they had was from the other side of

the bar! Their daughter Natalie is now managing the New Inn on a day-to-day basis and has moved into the village with her family from Bedford. Ben, Chris and Murray's son, is studying at Bristol University but has worked at the pub for three years on and off, and so is also helping out when he can too.

Although Pete Hampson stepped down as head chef, he is still working part time and is joined by recently appointed new head chef Richard Willis (ex-Half Moon, Plumpton) who is already adding some menu enhancements.

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Businesses registered to participate were: Adam Baker Carpets, Arden Grange, Bedlam Brewery, Community Coffee, Grovewood Wealth Management, Hampers, Hurst Life magazine, Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common Parish Council, In the Pink Pilates, Lustig & Webb, Mishon Mackay, PA Property Services and The New Inn.

Bob Mitchell, chairman of the club, heralded the event a great success and is already planning for it to become an annual event. "The club very much appreciate the support that the Hurst business community gives it. This competition provided an ideal opportunity to say thanks and spend some time with many of them," he said.

The winners, lifting the Business Supporters' Cup, on the night were High Street hairdressers Lustig & Webb, who won by just one shot ahead of The New Inn. Third place was taken by club main sponsors Mishon Mackay who just pipped Hurst Life to the bronze medal position!





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## Fair Committee takes well-earned break... for now!

By Nicola Stenning

Hello from the St Lawrence Fair! We are pleased to have recently made a donation of £50 to the Kent Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance.

This is the chosen charity by Burgess Hill Runners, who kindly loaned race equipment for the St Lawrence Fair Fun Run in July. That aside, we are all taking what we think is a well-earned break! Following on from our last article in Hurst Life, we have had some positive response about helping out, either on the committee or with other things, which is great news! We always need helping hands, so thank you to those who have offered their help.

If you are unsure of how much time you can commit to or what help is needed, we will be holding our AGM in October. Come along to meet the committee, have a chat about specific and new roles and just about generally helping. We also discuss the theme for the following year and present the trophies to all of our fantastic winners. We will announce the date on our Facebook page and in the October issue of Hurst Life.

Look out for more information as we build up to next year's Fair! In the meantime you can contact us via our Facebook page or by email: [stlawrencefair@gmail.com](mailto:stlawrencefair@gmail.com)



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## Ensemble return to Festival

Ensemble Reza are delighted to be returning to the Hurst Festival this year. Their concert on Friday 23rd September at Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint starting at 8pm includes the dazzling Mendelssohn String Octet. Composed by a youthful Mendelssohn of only 16 years old, the octet combines all the breadth of a symphonic work with the intimacy of a smaller chamber piece and is guaranteed to have you dancing in your seat!

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# The stories behind the signs

## HURSTPIERPOINT HISTORY



By Sophia Hunnisett

When my husband returned from a Parish Council meeting last year and shared a list of names that had been put forward for the roads of the latest housing development being planned in the village, I initially took little interest. It was only when he read them out, touching briefly on the context of some - names of historical figures of importance - that the pattern of the names struck me, and I felt something had to be addressed. Our village already has named tributes to men who made their mark in Hurstpierpoint, but what about the women?

It didn't take me long to find the 'Postcards of Hurstpierpoint' books that my children took such interest in. I knew there were pictures of people in the village who had helped shape its history and, sure enough, in less than 10 minutes I had several names. Not only did these women contribute financially to the structure of the community but they were true philanthropists too: bequeathing valuable property to the aged, dedicating their lives to education, promoting women's sports, devoting their energy to bringing children safely into the world and providing a safe haven for vulnerable members of society. And yet the names of these women have been largely buried in history. It was high time to honour them publicly. Why not, I thought, make a point of naming the roads of the new development after the women of Hurstpierpoint's history?

Luckily the Parish Council fully supported the idea, and - with a bit of pressure - the Developer did too. Despite some arguments over the lengths of the new road names (the Parish Council insisted the full names of the women should be used, to make their gender clear) and a minor dispute over one name that the Developer felt would cause a problem for house-buyers (although living in Fanny Rowland Way would surely be a talking point rather than a repellent?!), the proposal was agreed. Not only will Spireswood Grange host the first development dedicated to the women of Hurstpierpoint, but a special plaque in the estate will serve to inform the community of the remarkable contribution these women made to the village of which every resident is so proud.

I think this venture might go some small way to remind us that our community is, and always has been, shaped by a team of great men AND women. Since this decision, the Parish Council has agreed that all roads in new developments will be named after notable villagers - from the lowly street-cleaners who took pride in the appearance of the community, to the wealthy landowners and philanthropists who donated time, energy and resources to improve the lives of others.



### **Maude Singer Way**

Sister Maude Singer first came to Hurstpierpoint in 1899, when she was Matron of a Children's Home. A few years later she became Matron of Sunshine Home, a convalescent home for poor women and girls from London. In the First World War she ran it as a small hospital for wounded soldiers.

### **Gertrude Campion Close**

Gertrude Campion (great-granddaughter of Georgina, Duchess of Devonshire - pictured right) opened, with her friend Maude Singer, and became Patron of Sunshine Home. She was also Patron of the Girls Friendly Society and involved with Chichester House, where training was given to workhouse girls for domestic service. Gertrude was the Lady of Danny House and was resident when the Armistice for the First World War was drawn up there by Lloyd George and his war cabinet. In her youth she was prominent in the Sussex game of Stoolball, establishing the game as the first women's team sport in the world. Unlike the game of cricket at this time, Stoolball teams were comprised of women from all classes in Victorian society. In 1868 she scored the first recorded century at Stoolball. The report of Gertrude's funeral in the Sussex Express of 30th December 1927 recorded that she was a clever woman who 'did much to benefit her own sex'.



### **Harriet Gurney Lane**

Harriet Gurney paid for the building of St Christopher's House for the Aged in 1898, next to St Lawrence School and still in use for the same purpose today. Harriet said she had it built for those 'who may otherwise have to spend their last days in the workhouse'.

### **Mildred Durrant Way**

Mildred Durrant was a much loved and respected Head Teacher of St Lawrence School. She was at first a pupil of (the then called) Hurstpierpoint Church of England School, became a teacher there in 1930 before becoming Head Teacher of the Junior School in 1941 (the school changed its name to St Lawrence in 1960). She retired in 1968 and the Parish Magazine at the time commented 'For nearly 30 years she has held this appointment and her devotion to her work and the children has given to the school such a very real tradition and a happy atmosphere, neither of which happen without much care and hard work'.

### **Winifred Ratcliffe**

Winifred Ratcliffe was Head Teacher of Hurstpierpoint Church of England School (later St Lawrence), first as Head of the Girls school and then after reorganisation in 1935 as Head of the Junior School. She died in service in 1941. The Parish Magazine at the time carried a tribute from the Rector C R Harding '...Miss Ratcliffe...showed herself to be possessed with exceptional gifts as a teacher, organiser and administrator. She was a firm disciplinarian, but the children found her both kind and just and rewarded her with their unstinted affection'.

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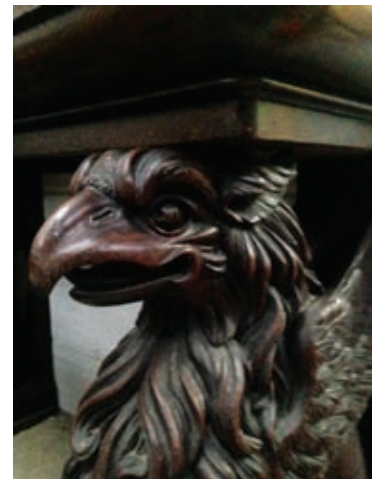
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# Sylvia Thornhill

VILLAGE PEOPLE

By Deb Hollywood

Sylvia Thornhill is known to many. Her involvement with our community has been in various guises: teacher, artist, charity fundraiser to name a few. It was whilst teaching at Southway Primary School in Burgess Hill during the 1970s that Sylvia had her heart set on living in Hurstpierpoint. She would bring pupils to the village to walk up Wolstonbury Hill. Sitting at the top, taking in the clear view of Hurst, Hassocks and Jack and Jill Windmills, she said to herself: "I want to look at this hill when I retire."

Bringing her dream to fruition, living now at Hillbrow, has taken time. Initially, Sylvia moved to Western Road with Mike and their two families, namely Cher and Naomi, Mike's daughters, and her three sons, Mark, Andrew and Jamie. Sylvia started teaching at St Lawrence Primary School in 1984, appointed by then Headteacher, Mr Bartlett. She says: "Alison Ansell and I used to work together putting on the Infant plays," adding: "I was very much a one fingered piano player but I don't think the children minded!" Sylvia speaks fondly of her time at St Lawrence, particularly recalling the Quiet Garden, in memory of Mary Lockett, created in the mid 90s with the help of children, teachers and parents. She laughs when commenting: "It certainly required a lot of digging!"

The garden went on to win a South of England Show prize. Whilst teaching she used to bring her class to visit her garden. The legacy of this lives on as every June, Year 2 pupils still visit Sylvia and Mike's garden. This is no mean feat given that there are 90 children in the year group! It is staggered so that the children can enjoy finding various treasures, including Sylvia's artwork, dig up potatoes and spot the various insects and fish in the

pond. And if it's raining? Well, they'll visit on another day.

Sylvia retired from teaching in 1997 and it was then she decided to revisit painting and drawing. She had studied art, craft and needlework as part of her teacher training but hadn't found the time whilst working to do very much. It was while attending an Art Class in the Parish Rooms that, amidst much giggling, Sylvia signed up, with her friend Sue, to Julie Wray's Life Drawing Class.

Finding it enjoyable, Sylvia and three others started their own group calling themselves The Kitchen Artists. They carried on with life drawings in Sylvia's garden. It was, however, decided that the models should be delicately draped with sheets as the garden is in view of a local footpath, frequented by walkers and allotment holders. "We thought there may be too many double takes," laughs Sylvia.

Mike Cheetham started Hurstpierpoint Open Studios in the early 2000s, followed by June Ward. The baton was passed on to Sylvia and, after more than ten years, Sylvia has retired from her role at the helm, with help from Claire Grose. Pam Holmes now heads up the group. Sylvia will still, of course, be participating. Hillbrow is well known on the local artists' trail which takes place in September during the Hurst Festival. It's not only Sylvia's paintings and sculptures which draw the crowds but the chance to enjoy refreshments in the garden. Over the years a team of volunteers have helped out, making teas and coffees, baking cakes and serving up a mean bacon buttie! It is with real gratitude that Sylvia says: "I wouldn't be able to do it without all the help from friends and family."



All proceeds from refreshment sales are donated to a cause very close to Sylvia's heart. She is Secretary for the West Sussex Association for the Disabled. It meets on the first Tuesday of every month at Ribbets House in the village. It is very much open doors, as anyone is welcome to go along for a chat.

In addition to these coffee mornings, Sylvia is actively involved in helping Chairman Carol Penstone organise outings for both the young and old. This can be challenging as transport is arranged for those who are ordinarily housebound, and there are various disabilities to accommodate. Sylvia comments: "My spirits are always lifted after spending time with the group. Taking time to listen to the stories, particularly of the older members, is a pleasure. A previous member was alive when The Titanic sank and one gentleman had been Dick Emery's chauffeur!" Further funds are raised for the Association from the sale of Sylvia's cards, providing the opportunity for everyone to enjoy a piece of her art!

It was Sue, Sylvia's persuasive friend, who encouraged her to take up sculpture. Her most public sculpture can be enjoyed daily on the village green, next to the Community Charity Shop. In 2012 Hurstpierpoint Parish Council launched a competition to create a commemorative sculpture as a permanent memorial to the St Lawrence Fair origins. Sylvia was asked to be a judge but decided she would much rather enter!

Deciding that children would be her theme, one of Sylvia's daughters-in-law suggested a ring. Sylvia took this idea further to create a circle of seven children, representing the seven centuries since a royal charter first gave permission for an annual fair here.

The design and construction proved to be a family affair. All three of her sons helped with the planning and ideas on how to keep figures standing. Initially cardboard cut outs were used and they took up place of residence during that summer. Sylvia and Mike are used to living with Sylvia's art as she chooses not to shut herself away in a studio but uses their conservatory!

Sylvia was shocked when she found she had won the competition. This modesty is prevalent in much of what Sylvia does, as those who know her well can confirm.

The official opening of the sculpture took place a week before the St Lawrence Fair in 2013, and Sylvia was pleased to have her grandchildren present for the event which coincided with her 75th birthday celebrations.

Family is clearly important to Sylvia. Not only hers and Mike's children and grandchildren but also her sister Maureen and brother Maurice, who sadly died just before the sculpture was unveiled.

They share a close bond as Sylvia took over the role of caring for Maureen who was 12 when their mother died. This determined certain choices for Sylvia, and she went to work, at the age of 16, in a bank. It was an Aunt who encouraged Sylvia to leave a job she didn't greatly enjoy and pursue a career in teaching. And so, just like Sylvia's sculpture, we have come full circle. It was teaching that brought Sylvia to Hurstpierpoint and formed the dream of retiring beneath Wolstonbury Hill. It's the view she does indeed see from her home. And a view she is happy to share when she opens up her home and garden for Hurst's Open Gardens, and again this month for Hurstpierpoint's Artists Open Studios.

For more information see page 16.



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## Bravo!: Twelfth Night or what you will

LOCAL THEATRE

By Deb Hollywood

Arriving at the New Inn on a gloriously balmy evening – yes, we had a summer! – we found the garden packed with people and there was an eager anticipation in the air. Seated around an area of lawn with a central pole, from which beautiful coloured lights hung, the audience were joined by some members of the cast. Distorted by expert make up and costumes, they were hard to identify. Amidst the murmurings of 'is that...? really? No!' our appetites were whetted with dialogue and bawdy humour, indicative of what was about to come!

It takes vision and a talented cast to draw on the current global plight of refugees and adapt it to the themes of Twelfth Night. Director Sam Nixon had both. Architect and engineer Julian Scott surpassed himself with his creation of The Prism from which The Fool, played by Rose Hall Smith stood firmly aloft addressing cast and audience. The Prism, by rotation, served as stage, prison, hiding place and backdrop for the courts of Duke Orsino and Lady Olivia.

Lyn Snowdon, playing the latter, treated us to another stellar performance, whilst Luke Gasper's portrayal of the Duke showcased both his acting and singing talents. Hilarious (the word doesn't do them justice) performances were given by Jamie Stafford (Sir Toby Belch) and Ali Somers (Sir Andrew Aguecheek); an inspired pairing which created a truly memorable duo. Becky Godwin made her debut as the priest, and I was chuckling for days at the memory of her drunken walk veering off towards the shrubbery. She was kept on the straight and narrow by Hannah Scott, who adeptly mirrored the characters of Viola and Cesario with finesse. Twelfth Night is a comedy, and the delivery of not only humorous dialogue, but gestures and expressions – Charlie Jordan, Karinn Grierson, Simon Nixon – were expertly given. Visual humour, too, played its part. The

camouflaging of Sir Toby, Sir Andrew and The Fool hiding behind painted flowers was marvellous. This was matched by Callum McManus' entrance, trousers torn, having been previously dragged off set by Lady Olivia! Alasdair Carson-Sheard's, Sam's Gin Palace Productions partner, wonderful performance as Malvolio also ensured the audience were fully aware of the humour and innuendo in his lines.

Open-air performances can be challenging. There are the possible distractions of traffic, aircraft and the gentle clinking of wine glasses. Our focus was cleverly brought back at scene breaks by the cast moving gently through the garden clicking their fingers. Our attention was also kept by the beautiful scores of music, which fell under the direction of musical director Simon Anckorn.

I can't sum it up any better than a fellow audience member who said 'As enjoyable and absorbing as anything you will see in the West End. Sam has excelled herself for the second year running!' I, for one, can't wait to see what she comes up with next!





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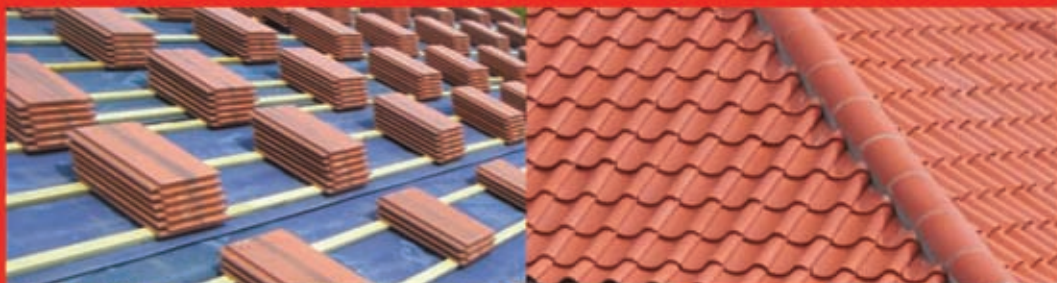
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- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 8 chicken thighs
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large onion, thinly sliced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper, thinly sliced
- 2 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 20 cherry tomatoes, halved
- 4 jarred piquillo peppers, drained
- 1 teaspoon chopped thyme
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup water

This is a recipe I received from my French host and superb chef, Sylvianne, after a trip to Avignon. It's full of flavour, wonderfully balanced and will create a fabulous blend of aromas, notably thyme and white wine. Super!

**Method:**

- Brown off the chicken
- In a separate pan, sauté the onion, garlic and peppers in olive oil. Add a splash of water, this allows you to steam with the lid on rather than fry at a high heat. When reduced add the tomatoes, piquillo peppers and thyme. Then add the chicken, wine and the rest of the water.
- Simmer on a low heat for 30 minutes or until chicken is cooked.
- Season and serve with basmati rice.

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# Swims both ways

Hurst Life featured Hurstpierpoint resident Steve McMenamin in February of this year. It was then that Steve shared his triathlon experiences and invited us all to move out of our comfort zones and exercise more. Not content with triathlons, Steve has spent more time in the sea in July than most of us have all year! He gave us this report...

By Steve McMenamin

Imagine jumping into 13C water, wearing only a pair of speedos and a set of goggles. Behind you is Dover and ahead, approximately 22-30 miles away, lies Cap Gris Nez, France. After swimming through the pitch black of night; coping with strong tides; hordes of jellyfish and fields of seaweed, you will emerge victorious having swum the English Channel. However, the task then extends to the return leg as we are doing a two-way crossing and have to swim back to England!

A team comprising Jamie Goodhead, Graham Lock, Richard Arthur, Tim Fraser and myself from two of the great Sussex clubs (Mid Sussex Triathlon Club and the Mid Sussex Marlins) came together to face exactly this challenge. Having trained in the sea since the end of January 2016 we had built up tolerance to cold water, adapted to the presence of strong tides and dealt with sea life, sharp pebbles and other sundry hazards.

At 5.55am on Thursday 14th July, under the team name 'Swims Both Ways', our exciting journey began! After a choppy start, the wind dropped, the swell abated and after nine hours and 57 mins we landed in France. Then, immediately upon landing turned to embark upon the return leg. In absolute pitch blackness it took another 11 hours to swim back, an overall total of 54 miles. We are delighted to discover that no other five man team has gone faster!"

Steve states: "Originally, I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes and took up triathlons to maintain a healthy lifestyle." He acknowledges the support he's received from family, team mates and training partners from the Mid Sussex Triathlon and Marlins. "The right support will get you far, to France and back to be exact!"



Steve completed the challenge to raise funds for Teenage Cancer Trust. To help support this cause or the charities supported by other team members, you can donate on the sites below:

Teenage Cancer Trust  
[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/2016Maccathlon/](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/2016Maccathlon/)  
Mid Sussex Marlins Swimming Club  
[www.crowdfunding.justgiving.com/msmarlinschannelrelay](http://www.crowdfunding.justgiving.com/msmarlinschannelrelay)  
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# Play Area officially opened last month

Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common Parish Council was delighted to open their new and extended play area on South Avenue Recreation Ground in Hurstpierpoint.

The new equipment includes a large rope climbing pyramid, a rock-climbing module, and a ground level trampoline.

The official opening took place last month by Council Chairman Stephen Hand and Councillor Julia Shorrocks, and about 30 children with parents and grandparents joined the celebration.

The contractor was Kompan, and the scheme was funded by housebuilder developer contributions following the requirements set out in the Parish Council's Neighbourhood Plan, approved by local residents last year.



## Films now showing in Albourne

Albourne Village Hall's new Social Group will be restarting the Cinema Club at the hall on Friday 30th September with the showing of Florence Foster Jenkins (cert PG) - 'the inspiring true story of the worst singer' starring Meryl Streep and Hugh Grant.

Tickets costing £6 are available through the website [www.touringcinema.com](http://www.touringcinema.com), from Sayers Community Shop and also on the door on the evening.

The film will start at 8pm with the Pop Up Cinema Pub serving wine, beer and soft drinks from 7.30pm.

The next Cinema Night is scheduled for Friday 11th November so save the date, further details will be available later.

## It's Self Evident

By Deb Hollywood

National statistics show that, here in Hurstpierpoint, we are fortunate enough to live in a low crime area. However, when we travel, study, or work further afield, we want to feel as safe as we do at home. Many parents are mindful of this, as they send their teenagers off to college and university towns and cities. In addition to packing the essential bedding and crockery, downloading this app could bring that extra peace of mind.

Self Evident is a free app to download onto a mobile phone (both iPhones and Android). It records, validates and secures evidence which can be video, audio or photographic. The app empowers victims to find help and support after a crime whether it be against them or one they have witnessed. Statistics also show that many crimes go unreported for a number of reasons but support may still be needed. The Self Evident app facilitates this. The option to report any crime to the police is still available and in the event of an emergency then the emergency services number should be called.

The app is the brain child of charity Witness Confident who want to deter the-walk-on-by culture, that 'fuels violent crime, feeds fear and fractures communities'. Naturally, prevention is preferable to anyone experiencing the aftermath of crime, whether it's committed against them or an offence they've witnessed. The Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner's office endorse the app and were busy promoting it in the run up to Brighton's Pride Event last month.

This app can give a sense of security and if it acts as a deterrent to those who behave anti-socially or are thinking of committing a crime, it can only help us all. For more information go to: [witnessconfident.org](http://witnessconfident.org) or download the app from the App Store or Google Play.

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## HURST VILLAGE CINEMA

By David Saitch

After a full break in August, we are up and firing again in September.

Our festival films are selling well, so please don't miss the chance to see the silent classic *Steamboat Bill Jr* with live accompaniment from Cyrus Gabrysch. There are only 10 tickets left at the time of writing, so do hurry up if you haven't got yours – it will be a hugely funny and entertaining experience.

We are looking forward to our autumn season, for which we have looked to put together another diverse programme.

We open in October with an absolutely wonderful film from Japan, *Our Little Sister*. This utterly charming film has everything; a delicate, unforced meditation on the bonds of family and the joys and wonders hidden in everyday life. This film is able to move audiences without apparent effort, and that must be experienced firsthand to be appreciated and understood. It is filled with humour and is a warm and intimate hug of a film. Anyone with a feeling for an hour or two of unrestrained loveliness will be amply rewarded.

We change pace later in the month with the brooding revenge drama *Blue Ruin*. Rather than being an empty genre retread of standard revenge films, this moody, atmospheric and skilfully constructed work is full of sly upendings that will keep you in suspense.

We have a halloween treat in store for families with *Nanny McPhee*, which we hope all our young filmgoers will come to dressed for trick or treat, and our first Sunday film is the grin inducing, wildly entertaining take of a Hollywood fixer, *Hail Caesar*.

Moving into November, we have an overlooked gem in the form of *American Splendor*. This terrifically witty film stars Paul Giametti as the real life Harvey Pekar, a hospital orderly who passed his time writing wry series about his life. A chance encounter with the underground artist Robert Crumb led to these stories being turned into a comic book saga which led Pekar to become an unlikely hero.

More on these and our other films and live broadcasts to come and we hope to see you soon.

Tickets for NT Live Broadcasts are £10 members/£14 non-members. Doors/bar 6.30pm, performance 7pm.

Tickets for Thursday and Friday night films are £6 members/£6 non-members. Doors/bar 7.30pm, film 8pm.

Tickets for Saturday and Sunday films are all £4 . Doors/bar 2.30pm, Film 3pm.

Tickets can be bought online at the website [www.hurstfilms.com](http://www.hurstfilms.com), at Mishon Mackay on Hurstpierpoint High Street or, if you can't use either of those methods, do call us on 01273 835875.



### 5 MINUTES WITH...

## Emily Chinn & Louie Garnet

Village residents and newly appointed Deputy Head Girl and Head Boy at Downlands take the 5 mins test...

#### How long have you lived in Hurstpierpoint?

**EC** 6 years ago my family moved here from York.

**LG** I moved here from Brighton 13 years ago.

#### What's the best thing about being here?

**EC** I love being so close to the Downs, yet not too rural for Dominos not to deliver to my house ;) **LG** The sense of community in Hurst, being close to the countryside and sea, as well as the cities of London and Brighton.

#### Favorite ice cream flavour?

**EC** Salted caramel. **LG** Mango sorbet.

#### Favourite holiday destination?

**EC** Amsterdam. **LG** A small town on Lake Como, Italy called Bellagio.

#### Your most enjoyable event in the village?

**EC** The Friday night of the Fair, I look forward to it almost as much as I do Christmas! **LG** The Hurst Fair for sure!

#### Who do you share a house with?

**EC** My mum, dad, brother, dog and three chickens. **LG** My parents, sister, two dogs, a cat and a hamster.

#### Song you play the most?

**EC** Giants in the Sky by Into The Woods. **LG** One Dance by Drake.

#### Mac or PC?

**EC** PC. **LG** Mac.

#### Your most frequented village shop?

**EC** I'd love to be able to say the greengrocers, but probably the Co-op due to my incessant chocolate cravings! **LG** Nupur.

#### What's your proudest moment?

**EC** Becoming Deputy Head Girl at Downlands. **LG** Becoming Head Boy at Downlands.

#### Coke, juice or water?

**EC** Coke. **LG** Water.

#### Your advice for life?

**EC** Keep eating chocolate, it releases endorphins in your brain which make you happy! **LG** Take a step back and look at the big picture.

# Afternoon Club seeks new chairperson

The Hurst Afternoon Club is looking for a new Chair to lead its Committee.

It is a small, but popular, community group which has been running for some 45 years and which aims to provide monthly social meetings for its members.

Meetings are held once a month at Hurstpierpoint Village Centre on Trinity Road.

The duties for the chairperson involve: Planning programme of meetings and speakers, producing agenda items for Committee meetings, publicising group meetings and producing posters, ensuring the group is acting legally and safely, leading and developing the committee, increasing membership and also raising funds as necessary.

The Committee currently consists of a Secretary, a Treasurer and three other Committee members.

For more information on what is involved, or for an informal chat, please call Pam Mitchell on 01273 831705 or email [pam.mitchell@plusmail.plus.com](mailto:pam.mitchell@plusmail.plus.com)

## Would you like to sing in the village?

Rehearsals for next season of Hurstpierpoint Singers will commence at 7.30pm on 5th September and the group is looking for new voices to join them.

Resident and member Joan Denley comments: "We are a small, friendly group under the direction of Paul Simpson who makes making music a very enjoyable experience."

Hurstpierpoint Singers meets every Monday between 7.30pm and 9.30pm at Hurstpierpoint Methodist Church, Cuckfield Road. They produce two concerts a year; The popular village Christmas concert (this year held on 11th Dec) and a spring concert in Holy Trinity Church.

Singers are free to come along and try us out without obligation. There is also an open rehearsal at Holy Trinity Church on Monday 19th September at 7.30pm as part of the Hurst Festival, where you can 'try before you buy'.

More details from Joan Denley on 01273 834534.



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- Mon **The Sanctuary** – 9.30-11.30am, weekly (term time only) – a welcoming place where friendships can form over coffee and cake
- Tues **Afternoon Club** – 2-4pm, 1st Tuesday  
**Wolstonbury WI** – 7.30 pm, 3rd Tuesday  
**Scottish Dancing** – 7-10pm, weekly
- Fri **Star Dance School** – from 6.45pm, weekly
- Sat **Hurstpierpoint Dance Club** – 8pm, 3rd Saturday Ballroom and Latin dance, any skill level welcome

### September

- 3rd **Hurstpierpoint Pre-School Afternoon Tea**  
From 2.30pm in the Club Suite the Pre-School are celebrating 50 years and would like past and present attendees and parents to join them!
- 6th **Hurst Afternoon Club** – 2.15pm  
Speaker: Anne Bond (from RSPCA)  
Please note that this meeting will open with the Annual General Meeting. Come along, even if you're not a member. Have a chat, drink tea, eat biscuits, make friends – what's not to like?!  
For more information, call Pam on 01273 831705 or email pam.mitchell@plusmail.plus.com
- 20th **Wolstonbury WI Meeting** – 7.45pm  
Confessions of a sword-swallower by Fred Delius  
Visitors welcomed
- 24th **Horticultural Society Autumn Show** – 2.15pm  
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- 25th **Downbeat Swing Band Concert** – 7.30pm  
Tickets from Hurst Festival Box Office

### October

- 8th **Fundraising Fashion Show** – 7.30pm  
For Hurstpierpoint Pre-School  
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[www.hurstvillagecentre.org](http://www.hurstvillagecentre.org)

### September

- 3rd **Festival 21** – 2-10pm  
Danny House – to include a 'son et lumiere' display, a circus, a WWI dogfight, a classic car and military vehicle gathering. ([www.festival21.co.uk](http://www.festival21.co.uk))
- 5th **Hurstpierpoint Singers First Rehearsal** – 7.30pm  
Hurstpierpoint Methodist Church, Cuckfield Road (J. Denley 01273 834534)
- 10th **Albourne Village Show** – 12noon-4pm  
Albourne Village Green - Flower and produce show, live music, dog show, craft and local stalls and much more. 50p entry ([www.albournevillageshow.co.uk](http://www.albournevillageshow.co.uk))
- 17th-1st **Hurst Festival 2016** - various events ([www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org))
- 18th **Hurstpierpoint Circular Ramble** – 10.30am  
Mid Sussex Ramblers - meet at Hurstpierpoint Trinity Road Car Park (BN6 9SJ, TQ 281 165)  
A leisurely 4miles (6.4km) (Roger 01273 833127)
- 20th **Concert at Danny House** – 7.30pm  
Piano & Clarinet duo Ben Socrates and Henry Melbourne ([www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org))
- 23rd **Hurstpierpoint Historical & Geographical Society**  
8pm, The Guide Hall, Trinity Road Car Park  
'Sussex – East of Rye' talk by Dr Geoffrey Mead  
Admission: Free to members, Non-members welcome: entrance fee £3, £2 to members of other Historical Societies
- 24th **Sheep Dog Demonstration** – 11am-2.30pm  
Danny House ([www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org))
- 24th **Concert by Plaegan Group** – 7.30pm  
At Danny House in aid of Motor Neurone Disease. ([www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org))
- 26th **Hurstpierpoint Circular Walk to the West** – 10.30am  
Meet at Trinity Road car park. Organised by Mid Sussex Ramblers. (More info: Phil 01273 835931)
- 30th **Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Time TBC  
The Bowls Club, South Avenue  
(Sheila Wilson 01273 832742)
- 30th **Albourne Cinema: Florence Foster Jenkins** – 8pm  
Albourne Village Hall (Tickets £6 from Sayers Common Community Shop or on the door)

### October

- 8th **VIVACE! Choir Concert** – 7.30pm  
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