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## EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Well, we seem to have been talking about the **Hurst Festival** for ages – and now it's finally here! See **page 7** for a taster – but check out the website for all the up to date information and tickets ([www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org)).

Now that the summer is past there is lots going on. The **Albourne Village show** is one such event (**p.5**). A 60s disco down the road in Ditchling (**p.16**). And, of course, **Hurstpierpoint Open Studios** will run alongside the **Hurst Festival**, so do make sure you support that too – see more information on **page 24**.

I'm grateful to resident **Patrick Howarth** for penning the article on **page 27** about the village Neighbourhood Watch scheme. The people and looking out for one another is an important part of living in communities like Hurst – so it's great to celebrate it. Perhaps you could get involved?

**Belle Amatt** cooks up a delicious dish on **page 30** which I am certainly going to try out on my family. Lamb Stuffed Baked Peppers is on the menu along with step by step instructions! Thanks Belle for contributing regularly.

On **page 32** we celebrate the success of victory for Murray and the New Inn team who took part in the **Bowling Club Pro-Am tournament** last month. They won first prize and lifted the trophy. Find out who else competed and where our intrepid Hurst Life team came in the rankings! It was a great event and thoroughly enjoyable – thank you to our pro bowlers **Chris** and **Tony** from the club, who did what they could to bring myself and **Will Kemp** home with a respectable score! If you want a bit of fun with friends, do go along and take part in the **Bowls & Beer Festival** at Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club this month – see **page 4**.

Finally, if you took a photo with your copy of Hurst Life on your holidays over the summer, do email it in to us at [photos@hurstlife.co.uk](mailto:photos@hurstlife.co.uk) - thanks!

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## Beer & Bowls

Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club, based at its green on South Avenue, will be hosting a Bowls & Beer Festival this month.

The Hurst Bowls & Beer Festival will give people an opportunity to try their hand at bowls by entering a team of three – no experience needed! Sports clubs, other organisations and groups of friends are being asked to enter teams to see how they get on against each other. The bowling club will provide all bowls and other equipment and club members will be available all day.

Tickets for the Festival cost £5 per person (no charge for a child accompanied by an adult) but each team will receive £5 worth of refreshment vouchers on the day. Eight cask beers from three local breweries, Bedlam, Hurst and Kiln, will be on offer, plus craft bottled beers, wine, other drinks and food will also be available.

Tickets for the Festival, which takes place on Sunday 3rd September (11am-5pm), should be obtained in advance from any Club member, Mishon Mackay or The New Inn.

[www.hurstbowls.org.uk](http://www.hurstbowls.org.uk)

## Can you help?

A number of local organisations have current needs for volunteers, according to a local community action group. Horsham & Mid Sussex Voluntary Action (HAMSVA) has highlighted the following opportunities:

Hurst Gymnastics Club, which meets at the Village Centre, needs helpers with different classes.

Hurstpierpoint Preschool would love to hear from volunteers who can help staff with walks around the village or by taking part in activities such as Forest School.

Do you enjoy cooking or driving? If so 4Sight charity would love to hear from volunteers willing to help with the running of fortnightly lunch clubs for blind and partially sighted people. The clubs run in Hassocks and Clayton and provide their members with a home cooked lunch and an opportunity to socialise, play games and listen to interesting speakers.

Age Concern Hassocks is in urgent need of volunteers who could drive a minibus, and also volunteers who could escort and assist elderly people on the bus.

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# Albourne Village Show 9th September

This year sees the 10th Anniversary of the Albourne Village Show which attempts to recreate our old Village Flower Show of the 1930s. It takes place at the Village Hall and on the green. At its core is a traditional flower and vegetable show, with additional classes for children, arts and crafts, photography, beverages, fruit, eggs, honey and all manner of culinary exhibits. Last year's show attracted nearly 1,000 visitors and nearly 350 class entries!

Additional attractions include the 10th Anniversary Raffle (with £100 first prize), apple pressing (bring your own), vintage vehicles, a fun dog show, children's games (including live magician), birds of prey, live music (including the Patcham Silver Band), hot food from the barbecue, cream teas, a beer tent (serving real ale and wines) and many other village and countryside exhibits and stands. Oh, and we have ice-cream and candyfloss.

Details of classes can be found here on our website ([www.albournevillageshow.co.uk](http://www.albournevillageshow.co.uk)). Entries to all classes from those outside Albourne are welcome and indeed encouraged!

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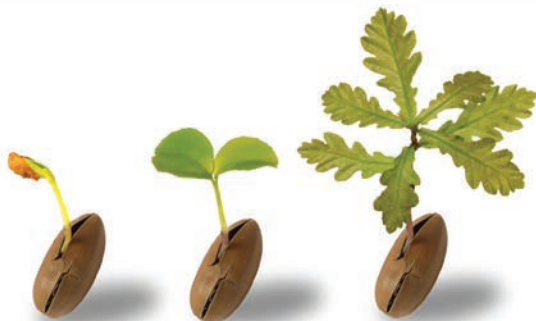
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# Hurst Festival is nearly upon us!

By Charlotte Snook

The 14th Hurst Festival runs from Saturday 16th September until Sunday 1st October and has over 80 events for people to choose from including music, theatre, comedy, film, dance, literature and art. We have just one request for people this year – and that's to TRY SOMETHING NEW!

This year sees the biggest ever community day, called Super Sunday, on 17th September. Hurstpierpoint High Street will be closed for a village wide street party – the first this year – with lots of free activities for the whole family. The High Street traders are working closely with Festival organisers to create a day filled with food, drink and street entertainment. Come along and join in from 12.30pm until 5pm.

Highlights of the Festival programme this year include the opening Saturday night at the Village Centre where the Rollin Clones will perform a set of hits spanning five decades of one of this country's best ever bands (the clue is in the name!). We also have two fine classical concerts at Danny House including mezzo soprano Lucy Goddard and local piano virtuoso Rachel Fryer. A must for jazz lovers is our closing night concert on 30th September; an exclusive tribute to Thelonious Monk, created by Mark Travers.

This year also sees some fantastic theatre productions. Local boy and Edinburgh Fringe performer John Hinton brings his wacky, wonderful and hugely educational 'The Element In The Room: A Radioactive Musical Comedy About The Death and Life of Marie Curie' to Hurst College for one night only on Monday 18th September. Festival favourite Sam Nixon will also be performing Stephen Sondheim's 'Putting It Together' for two nights on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th September. And let's not forget Hurst Players' production of the classic Hobson's Choice, on during the first week of the Festival. We also welcome back the wonderful Wishworks Puppets who will perform two zany shows for the whole family on Saturday 23rd September.

Finally, for lovers of Britain's Got Talent we have a few treats in store. David Walliams Golden Buzzer act from 2015 Lorraine Bowen is performing two exclusive shows for us – one for kids on Saturday 16th and the other for adults on Friday 22nd September. Secondly, the man who inspired last year's winner Richard Jones' act, Fergus Anckorn, will tell his story with the help of his biographer Peter Fyans on Saturday 23rd September.

To view all events and book tickets visit [www.hurstfestival.org](http://www.hurstfestival.org) or come along to our Box Office at the Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint High Street, open every Thursday-Saturday 9.30am-1pm until the end of the Festival.

We look forward to seeing you very soon!



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## Pop-up exhibition

Local artist and illustrator Clare Harms and her friends will be exhibiting an exciting collection of art, crafts and photography in the pop-up shop at Marram Trading later this month.

Clare, previously from Brighton, used to open her own house as part of the Brighton Artists' Open Houses festival every year. Now a Hurstpierpoint resident, Clare is bringing her successful 'Clare Harms Art & friends' gallery to the village instead.

Featuring a wonderful collection of handcrafted goodies, from herself and five of her artist friends, the gallery's open day on 16th September will also include artist demonstrations and a charity raffle...with a chance to win a piece of artwork!

The exhibition will feature artists: Clare Harms - art, illustration, homewares; Jonathan Harms - landscape photography; Ellie Hipkin - Freyelli textiles; Cat Brown - Cat's Ceramics; Mary Farnea - silversmith jewellery and Serena Sussex - oil paintings.

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# New gift shop open

You may have noticed brightly coloured bunting on the High Street. It indicates a new gift shop that opened recently, tucked away, quietly sitting at 110 High Street.

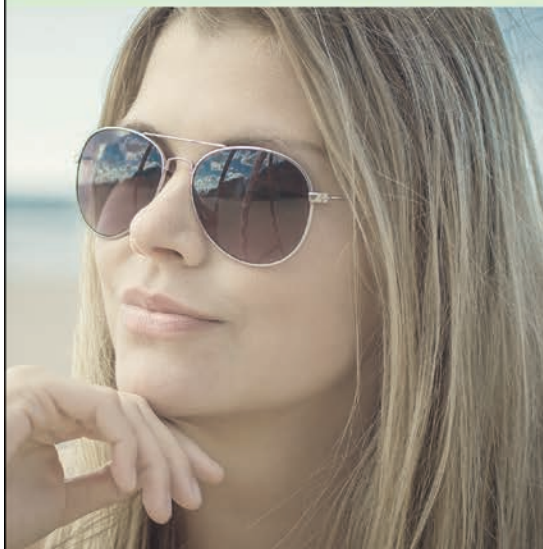
Shop owner Louise Lawrence describes Raven as a local 'treasure trove'. The store stocks items from amusing cards and lavish jewellery to beautiful furniture.



"One of the things I love about running an independent store is the absolute freedom over the stock we sell," Louise explained. "I firmly believe in supporting the community and am glad Raven can be a part of this, selling locally made products and artworks. And, if we don't have exactly what you want, I can keep an eye out for it for you!"

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# Mission complete in Mongolia

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The route taken led the crew through England, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Poland, Belarus, Russia, Khazakistan, Kyrgyzstan, China and Mongolia - an area of the world rarely seen by many.

Raising money for charity for three charities; Go Help, Chestnut Tree House and Mind, the initiative gained global interest and sponsorship from corporations around the world including; Avtrade, TUI, Coleman & Co, Mid-American Aerospace and UHY Hacker Young amongst others. To date the Mission Mongolia project has raised over £10,000 and there is still time to donate to the amazing project.

Crew member Luca Galelli said: "The support we have had from people in West Sussex and around the world has been truly amazing and the money raised through our fundraising campaign will make a huge difference to three very deserving charities!



"In the four weeks spent on the road, the crew experienced some amazing moments and the kindness of the people we encountered will stick with us for years to come!"

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There will be an informal session to learn more about the Parish Council, its Councillors and what they do, on Thursday 14th September between 7 - 8pm in the Conference Room, Village Centre in Hurstpierpoint.

The deadline to get your applications into the Parish Council office is Monday 18th September at 12 noon.

For more information and/or an application form, please contact the Parish Council office on 01273 833264 or email [hurstpierpoint.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:hurstpierpoint.pc@btinternet.com)

# Coffee Morning in Hurst...

Once again a small group of friends from the village are holding a coffee morning to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The event will take place at the Hurstpierpoint Bowls Club on Friday 22nd September, between 10am and 12 noon.

Margaret Bishop explained: "To all our kind friends and loyal supporters, we would love to see you all again this year. To those people who were not able to join us last year, we would be so pleased to see you this time. There is always a warm, friendly atmosphere at the coffee morning and the cakes are irresistible!"

Posters will be going up soon or contact Sheila 01273 832742.

# and Sayers Common!

As part of the same Biggest Coffee Morning campaign, there is also a Coffee Morning being organised at Sayers Common Village Hall on Friday 29th September, between 10am-12 noon. Organiser Evelyn Hole said: "Please help us again this year. Over £1,000 raised last year! If you are unable to make the Biggest Coffee Morning and would prefer to donate, the Text 2 Donate code is: MUG PCR6 and text it to 70550 to donate £5."

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# September's shops news

ON YOUR HIGH STREET



## Sunday 17th September – Super Sunday High Street Party

There will be a Street Party atmosphere as part of the opening of the Hurst Festival. The High Street will be closed to traffic between 12 noon and 6pm.

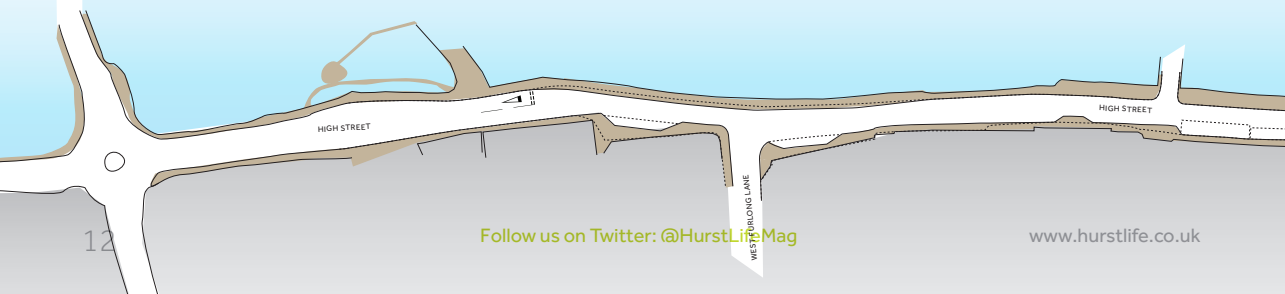
Please do come along and support the event for an afternoon of family fun!

All the shops are planning special events for the day – come and find out more.

There's also a classic car rally, live music, face painting, stilt walkers roaming the street, morris dancers, a tombola, snow dogs, reptiles on the rec, fly fishing classes, art demos and the chance to try your hand at archery!

Traders will be putting on something special for children too. The Kids Shop Window competition will be in full swing. Just collect an entry form from Mishon Mackay or Ashley & Thomas and go exploring on the High Street!

As well as the usual fantastic array of shops, the High Street will be adorned with a number of independent stalls too. If you would like to take a stall for the day, please contact Gill Blackburn on 07748 630 316.



Welcome to a new feature where Hurst Traders and Hurst Life will be working together to bring you regular news from your High Street



## Co-op reopening update

The Co-op is scheduled to reopen at the end of November. However, this is pending approval of additional planning consent, for which the deadline was the end of August.

On a brighter note, the temporary store on the green is now taking credit cards! And Wendy from the Hurstpierpoint Community Shop confirms that the charity shop will be returning to the High Street as soon as possible after the Co-op's move back.

## Road and parking improvements on the High Street

Joy Dennis, our new West Sussex Councillor, attended the last Traders Meeting. She fed back that Richard Speller, Area Manager WSCC Transport & Highways, has been observing the traffic and parking issues over recent months. His findings will be presented at the next Council Traffic Committee meeting to suggest both short and long-term solutions.

In addition, clearer signage about restrictions and parking will be discussed, as well as plans for new 'Welcome to Hurstpierpoint High Street' signs.

The Parish Council has now kindly agreed to sponsor colourful hanging baskets along the High Street all year round... thank you! The summer baskets are still looking fabulous now.



## Christmas festivities

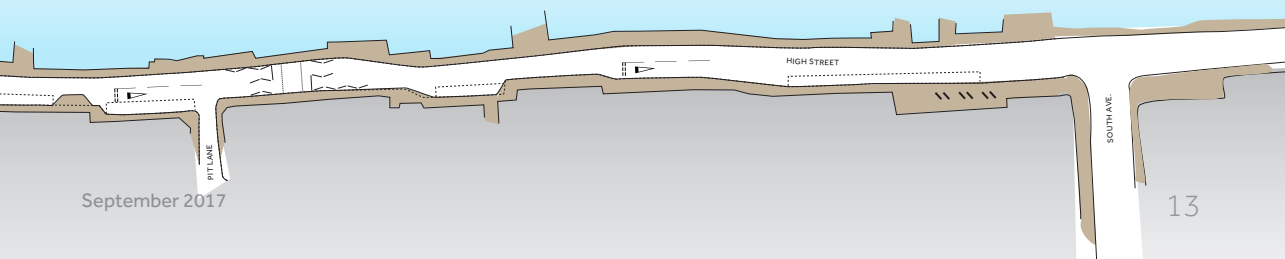
The Traders will vote, at their next meeting, as to whether to host an evening or daytime event this Christmas time. Watch this space... more in next month's issue of Hurst Life!

Our Parish Council has already purchased new lights for this year and will be again providing another beautiful Christmas tree for the village green. Thank you!

Any Christmas event organised by the Traders will cost money and so, this year, they are looking for sponsors to help pay for some of these additional expenses. Any individuals or businesses who would like to help in this way are encouraged to talk to Gill Blackburn on 07748 630 316. The organising team will also need volunteers to help man the event on the day, and there will be also be opportunities for stalls at the event too. More of this later.



Thank you for continuing to support your shops, restaurants, cafes, pubs and wine bar.



# Village benefits from council grants

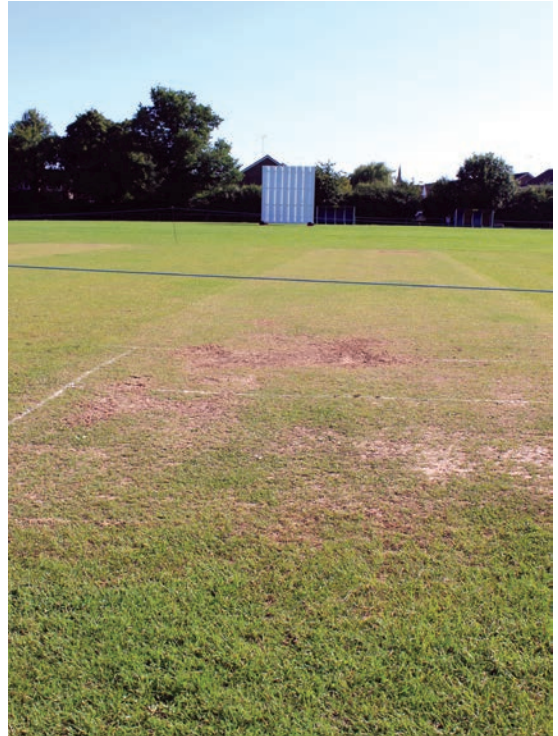
Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) has awarded local community groups over £85,000 in grant funding to help them continue their excellent work in the community, and Hurst specifically has seen some of that right here.

Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club was one of the local organisations to benefit, securing £25,940 towards changing room improvements, a new artificial cricket wicket, new equipment and specialist coaching.

Tudor Ellis, Chairman of Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club, said: "Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club and all of its members are really excited about the grant assistance from MSDC. The installation of an artificial wicket will ensure that our young players enjoy more game time, relieving pressure on the current grass wickets which are already at maximum capacity. As a thriving Club it is fantastic news to be supported by MSDC and we are looking forward to the improvement in facilities."

Burgess Hill Rugby Club was awarded £10,000 to help them make much needed improvements to their clubhouse. Club chairman Simon Lashley explained: "We have already been able to offer our enhanced facilities to host a local primary school Tag Rugby tournament and fixtures between the Burgess Hill Academy and Downlands School in Hassocks in the autumn."

Another recipient of monies from MSDC was Hurstpierpoint's Millennium Gardens. St George's Millennium Garden Trust received £450 to pay for tree sculptures to be made from felled trees in the garden.



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# The 60s disco is back!

By Sylvia Bain

After six years of sell-out 60s music discos in Ditchling, we awarded ourselves a break last year and didn't organise this event. We were totally amazed at the number of enquiries from people who said they really missed it, so – due to popular demand – we are reinstating the event on 21st October at Ditchling Village Hall featuring, as before, a top Brighton DJ and all those great bands of the 60s decade.

So 'C'mon Everybody!. You can dance to the Rolling Stones, Beatles, Kinks, Supremes, Manfred Mann and all your favourites and help raise money for a wildlife charity at the same time.

We have held the ticket price at the old 2015 level, so tickets still cost just £13 including light refreshments. A well-stocked bar will be available, with all profits going to the charity, but you can bring your own drinks if you prefer. As numbers are strictly limited, it is advisable to book your tickets early to avoid being disappointed, which unfortunately happens to some people every year due to the popularity of this event.

Tickets are available from Ditchling Post Office or by phoning 01273 845361. No tickets will be available on the door.

The charity which will benefit is Fauna & Flora International, backed by Sir David Attenborough and under the patronage of HM the Queen. Last time we



raised £2800 (comprising £1400 proceeds of the disco plus match funding from a commercial concern) to help the critically endangered Mountain Gorillas of East Africa. Only about 800 of these gentle and charismatic apes remain, and our funding in 2015 helped their continued survival. This year's proceeds will again help these threatened primates and hopefully take their numbers up towards the target – 1001 Mountain Gorillas!

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## Holby City star at Gielgud's performance

Former Holby City star Sharon Maughan, known to many as the infamous Nescafe 'Gold Blend' actress, attended the Gielgud Academy of Performing Arts' (GAPA) final end of year performance at The Hub in Haywards Heath last month.

'GAPA Land', inspired by this year's hit movie LALA Land, featured an homage medley to the Oscar winning film danced to the live music of the GAPA Band, as well as a Cole Porter medley and a new ballet 'Imperial Concerto'. After the performance, which showcased the talents of a selection of GAPA pupils ranging from age five through to 18, Sharon Maughan and Republica pop star Saffron handed out medals for achievement and progress during the annual prize-giving ceremony. Sharon congratulated the pupils telling them: 'Wow! You are all absolutely beautiful.'

Suzanne Gielgud explains: "Having Sharon at the performance helped to make it an exciting experience rather than the sad occasion that we'd envisioned it might be. With the Central Sussex College now closing the Haywards Heath campus, this performance was its swansong.

"The Hub is now shut for at least six months while building works are completed. Meanwhile, GAPA is relocating to Great Walstead School with its wonderful performing arts facilities.

"We still intend to fight for the site and resubmit our bid to the Department For Education to run a free school at the site, but, due to the recent General Election, the submission deadline was postponed. Regardless of whether the free school does happen and whether or not we return to the Hub, GAPA will continue to thrive and produce a new generation of performers for the profession."

Fifteen year old Cally Callaghan from Hurstpierpoint was made a Prefect as well as winning the Musical Theatre Medal, which was awarded to her by former West End leading lady turned pop star Saffron from Republica, who lives in Newick. Cally said: "It was an amazing performance and I was so thrilled to be singing the audition song from Lala Land. It was the last number in the show and I sang the last note before the curtain came down on the Hub. It was quite a moving experience for everyone."

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**By Rob Sawyer**

After a glorious June and early July, the realities of the great British summer have hit the cricket season with several weekends completely washed out. The 1's sit just outside of the promotion places and, despite a hiccup in the latest league match, it is the tightest race in Division 2 for years with any one of five or six teams able to gain promotion. In Division 4 it is more clear-cut with three teams pulling clear. The 2's pulled off a stunning victory against promotion rivals Ansty, avenging the opening day reverse to move into second position behind Smallfield, but rain denied the Crusaders the chance to reel in our rivals from the north of the county when our game against them at Fairfield was abandoned. Hopes are still high, however, for a double promotion celebration come the end of the season.

The 300 year celebrations continued with the club's first festival week in many years. Events got under way with a match against traditional rivals Henfield. These days we compete in different leagues and rarely play, so this encounter was much anticipated. Although the game was keenly fought on the field, mainly it was a great sporting day with a lunch of chicken and salad being served (thank you Mr and Mrs Green). The match also featured the return of Hurst legend John Naylor and it was great to see him thrashing a few to the boundary once again.

The whole week was a great success with players from all sections of the club playing in a variety of games throughout the week. The Friday saw 33 players competing in an inter-club tournament that featured our esteemed club President given out LBW not once but twice, the competition being eventually won by Smudger's Smashers. The week was finished off with Hurst Women playing a three team competition, with records being smashed both on the field and in the bar afterwards. For more info on the week and lots of pictures go to Hurstpierpoint CC's Facebook page.

Next up for the tricentenary events is the club's day at The County Ground, home of Sussex CC. More on that next month.

Pride of place this month, however, must go the Hurst Under 12s who pulled off a magnificent victory in the Countywide Festival Final. They qualified the previous week, winning their group in some style, thus setting up a final with perennial rivals, Preston Nomads. Games

against Nomads are always keenly fought but our lads simply blew them away on this occasion, bowling them out for 54 in just 18 overs and making the total for the loss of just two wickets in eight overs. It was a superb team performance, but special mention should to Conor Lloyd who took five wickets for nine runs and skippered the side. Jack Smart weighed in with two wickets, as did Ben Whelpton who also contributed a run out. Although the target was modest it was anchored by Terry Parsons, who although no relation to club record runs scorers Matt & Dave seems to share their talent with the bat, contributing 28 not out. The success of our junior sides bodes well for the future of the club in general and so these victories are especially exciting.

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## An apology: event cancelled last month

By Michael Nailard, Chairman of The Woodland, Flora & Fauna Group

The public talk organised by The Woodland, Flora & Fauna Group entitled 'The Wonders of Yew', which was due to be held on Tuesday 22nd August in the Village Centre, unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the sudden unavailability of the speaker. We would like to apologise for any inconvenience this caused.

## Fair AGM advance notice

The St Lawrence Fair committee has published the date for this year's post-Fair Annual General Meeting – which will be held on Thursday 12th October at 8pm in the New Inn.

Co-chair Gary Thomas said: "We will meet, as usual, in the back room of the pub and look forward to welcoming the village to come and join us for our annual debrief!"

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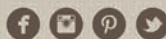
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# Home grown talent on display

PLAYERS THEATRE



By David Tingley

Somewhat ironically my first time watching anything at the Players Theatre was a performance by Cuckfield Dramatic Society (CDS). Thanks to an excellent bit of collaboration on both sides, the committee agreed to work with the production team at CDS to facilitate a rerun of the play *Bridge to Farce*, which played to full houses in Cuckfield back in June this year.

I wasn't the only one who had been unable to get to The Queen's Hall 'world premiere', as the lady next to us had made the 11 minute voyage from CDS's home turf to this amazing little hidden theatre on Hurstpierpoint's High Street.

This play, written by the Society's own Richard Willis and Paul Ruse, was just as I had imagined (and hoped) it would be. Full of laughs as the madcap story panned out, and top to toe with an insatiable use of innuendo throughout, almost none of which I can repeat here! Suffice it to say that there was certainly a reference to a four-legged feline friend and numerous gardening references!

Hazelle Woodhurst played the straight-laced local councillor, Margaret, wonderfully, and her henpecked husband Norman was brought to life by Philip Robinson – who clearly enjoyed his character's various foibles! Without giving the game away too much, I can safely say that the plot is one of mix-ups at every step of the way. In the audience you can see it coming, but in a brilliant way!

When Paul Ruse's character Barry and Angie (Estella Balicki), turned up at the home of Margaret and Norman

thinking it was a *Swingers'* party – the scripted confusion and misunderstanding was in almost every line.

In that respect, I felt it had the feel of a *Morecambe and Wise* sketch at times. During the second act there was a clever piece of visual comedy as two identical envelopes (containing VERY different contents!) are mixed up. Edward (Laurence Leng) and George (David Corbett) were then seen describing architectural plans in as rude as way as I have ever heard, much to the shock of Edward's wife Charlotte, played fantastically by Emma Gosling, who believed them to be looking at something else entirely! Classic.

For me though, the standout performer was the part of PC Lilley in the Police Station scenes in the third act. Jaba Bowman played the role of the straight young copper in a way that makes you think nothing of it. The nervous rookie feared unwanted advances from locked-up Zoe Collins (played by Kirsty Bishopp) but after succumbing, his manner changes and he demonstrated a dead-pan 'wink of the eye' which Eric Morecombe would certainly have been proud of.

I'm not ashamed to admit that I love local theatre – and this production from a very enthusiastic and capable cast of Sussex residents did nothing to dampen my ardour (ooh, err, missus!). Come on, I had to get one in!

Players Theatre will be in heavy use during Hurst Festival later this month. Anyone wishing to contribute to the theatre refurbishment fund can do so via the website: [www.hurstplayers.org.uk](http://www.hurstplayers.org.uk)

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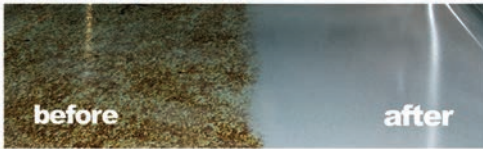
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## Time to shine

SHINE THEATRE TRUST

### By Michèle Copeland

I am delighted to meet up with Shaughan Parish, who's been involved with Shine Theatre Trust since its inception.

She welcomes me into her home and we're soon enjoying a cup of tea on a comfortable sofa in her bay window.

She and her family arrived in Hurstpierpoint in 1995, having moved from the West Country for her husband's job. Her five children now range in age from 23 to 31. In fact her daughter, Hattie, was Assistant Editor for Hurst Life back in 2015!

The concept of Shine Theatre Trust started over 20 years ago with a friend of Shaughan's, Mel Upton, who ran singing lessons from her sitting room in South Avenue for youngsters ranging from about five to 12 years old.

"She even managed the feat of having Christmas shows there too!" says Shaughan, who got involved, as she helped with the shows, as a lot of mums do. "Hattie was, and still is, friends with one of Mel's daughters, Milly" she adds.

"After a few years, dance and drama classes were added, run by friends of Mel's from Brighton, Patti Griffiths and Michael Burnie respectively."

It was decided that the group should apply for charitable status, and this was obtained in 2004. Its patrons are Greta Scacchi and Judy Parfitt and the trustees are Brian Johnson, Tim Claringbull and

"Shine Theatre Trust is really excited and very proud to be supporting one of the Hurst Festival events – Raise Your Voice – on 28th September."

Shaughan herself. Brian attended the first show put on by Mel Upton and Shine Theatre Group's first official show in 1990. He is one of the directors. "His experience in accountancy is invaluable for the group. He has always been a keen supporter of the aims and the work of the group," Shaughan explained. Tim is company secretary and is also one of the directors. He came into contact with the group when his daughter Sophie joined in 2002.

Over the years, Mel put on more productions, such as at the Dome, The Theatre Royal, The Gardner Arts Centre, which was part of the University of Sussex. The last big show was held at London's Cadogan Hall in December 2013.

Since then, Mel moved to the West Country to start a holiday let business in 2014 and is no longer directly involved. Drama teacher Michael Burnie took over the running of the group, renamed 'Shine On Theatre Group' and continues to do so today where it meets regularly at the Scout Headquarters in Hurst.



"I used to do the administration for the drama group, until 2009, when I had to give up to work with my husband," Shaughan says.

As a trustee, she continues to take an active part on Friday evenings at the Scout Headquarters with Shining Stars; a valuable part of the Trust's work. It is a free to attend drama club which specifically welcomes children and young adults with learning disabilities.

"Shine Theatre Trust subsidises lots of the overhead costs for the drama and dance groups, as well as running Shining Stars," continues Shaughan, "helping to make the performance arts accessible for more children.

"Shine Theatre Trust is really excited and very proud to be supporting one of the Hurst Festival events – Raise Your Voice – later this month. The Festival is providing a platform for children from both St Lawrence School and Woodlands Meed School, in Burgess Hill, to work together and create a top class show featuring their own songs," she explains.

Shaughan, who is also a trustee of Hurst Festival, is passionate about both of these charities and sees it as a fantastic opportunity for them to work in partnership with each other. The workshops began during last term, and will recommence as soon as the children return to school, in preparation for the two performances on 28th September, taking place at St Lawrence School at 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

Shine On dance and drama classes and Shining Stars will start up again in September, and the Trust has a need for young volunteers to join in and be part of the Friday group. For further information about what it does and how you can help, you can call Shaughan Parish on 01273 833 196 or email [office@shinetheatretrust.org](mailto:office@shinetheatretrust.org)



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This year the artists will each be displaying a piece of work in Estate Agent's windows in Hurstpierpoint for the two weeks before the Open Studios, providing a preview of what is to come.

The venues will be open on 16th/17th and 23rd/24th September from 10am until 5pm. Please note that some venues will only be open on the first weekend. Details



of venues and a map are in the Hurst Festival brochure and on posters and flyers available from shops in the village and the library. Discover more online at [www.hurstpierpointopenstudios.com](http://www.hurstpierpointopenstudios.com) or find it on Facebook under 'Hurstpierpoint Open Studios-16/17 & 23/24 September'.

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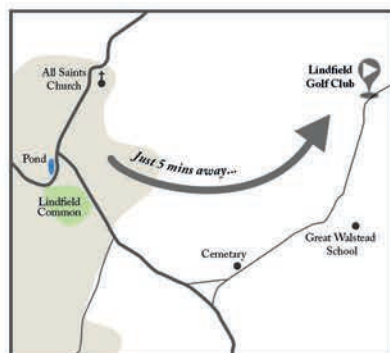


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An electronic version of this guide is available at [www.ourwatch.org.uk/knowledge/members-guide](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/knowledge/members-guide). Other information about household security, car crime and scams can be provided as required. Households living within a NHW scheme area experience 21% fewer burglaries than similar households and can result in a lower household insurance premium.

Our local neighbourhood police team, which covers Mid Sussex, has a list of the coordinators and sends regular emails about current crimes in the area, but also general information about cybercrime and other currently topical issues. This is supplemented by alerts from the National NHW Federation.

Coordinators then circulate this information to their members, generally by email. Some will distribute paper copies and all will be particularly supportive to older and vulnerable members. This helps to build communities and their resilience.

With the reduction in police numbers, and now that we do not have a police officer dedicated to our village, our coordinators are an ever important link with the police. As you may know, there are continuing cuts in the police neighbourhood policing budget (from £110m to £80m) but officers have been provided with improved technology ( body cameras and smart phones etc) to ensure they spend more time dealing with and preventing crime rather than being in the police station dealing with paperwork. Random patrolling on a beat is a bad use of scarce resources but it does give the public reassurance. Sadly the days of the village bobby are long gone.

Although Sussex is relatively a low crime area, there are some simple precautions we can all take to reduce the risk of burglary using the WIDE principle:

- W window locks on every window
- I interior lights left on a timer when you are away
- D Double or dead bolts fitted on doors
- E Exterior lights on a sensor

There are other measures such as getting a neighbour to park their car on your drive and pick up post away from your door if it can be seen through a glass pane. Also be careful about posting on Facebook and other social media that you are away, especially showing selfies from the beach!

Burglaries have, however, fallen by one third since 1993 but there has been a huge surge in online fraud or cyber crime. This encompasses 147 different types of fraud, which can be reported online at the website: [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or by phone on 0300 123 2040. Again the NHW guide gives helpful advice about cyber crime and other scams.

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# Walking by the windmills for charity

By Bill Kent

On a lovely, bright July day we set off from Clayton Windmills to walk to Ditchling Beacon and back. Accompanying me were reMEMber supporters from different parts of Sussex – including a number from Hurstpierpoint. Janice Kent, director of reMEMber, walked part of the way, and some joined us half way along.

The one part of the walk that is a bit strenuous is right at the start where there is a steep and stony path. After that there are just some gentle undulations. You walk along the crest of the Downs with splendid views toward the Weald to the north and Brighton and the sea to the South. After about four miles we reached Ditchling Beacon, where there is a van selling ice creams, cold drinks etc. A short rest and then back to the windmills. Some of us then went for lunch at the local pub, the 'Jack and Jill', where we were joined by some other reMEMber supporters.

Well done to everyone who took part. And especially well done to Tilly, who is only 12 and has had some serious health problems. She got the most sponsors and raised £477 for reMEMber. Altogether the walk raised over £1,500 to help adults and children who have this serious long-term illness. Many thanks to all those who sponsored us!

reMEMber belongs to the group of CFS/ME charities called Forward-ME. At reMEMber's request, Forward-



Our star collector Tilly (left) and her sister

ME's chairman, the Countess of Mar, has asked questions in Parliament about the need for better services for CFS/ME sufferers, including access to expert doctors. The Countess has also written to NICE (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence) challenging their guidance on this subject.

reMEMber's next big event will be a Quiz with a Ploughman's Supper, at Danny House, Hurstpierpoint on 11th November. The Quizmaster will be Hurstpierpoint's George Hill. For more details of this event and other information about reMEMber contact us at PO Box 1647, Hassocks, BN6 9GQ, tel 01273 831733 or email [me\\_cfs@hotmail.com](mailto:me_cfs@hotmail.com)

## Make a Will fortnight: 11th-22nd September

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Participating solicitors are all donating their time and services free of charge and simply ask that you make a donation to Chailey Heritage Foundation in lieu of their fee.

Suggested donation amounts are £120 for a single Will or £180 for a joint Will. All funds raised during this year's Will Writing Fortnight will be put towards the charity's Dream Centre Appeal to build a modern, accessible indoor activity space where children and young people with complex disabilities and health needs can participate in a mixture of arts, sports and physical activities.

Participating solicitors include: Adams & Remers (Lewes), Rohan (Haywards Heath), Griffith Smith Farrington Webb (Hassocks), Dean Wilson (Brighton) and Griffith Smith Conway (Hove).

For contact details and to find out how to book your appointment visit: [www.chf.org.uk/makeawillfortnight](http://www.chf.org.uk/makeawillfortnight) or contact Jennifer Hanraads on 01825 724752 or by email to [jhanraads@chf.org.uk](mailto:jhanraads@chf.org.uk)





# Lamb Stuffed Baked Peppers

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4 mixed red or green peppers  
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400g lamb mince  
1 large onion, chopped  
3 garlic cloves, finely sliced  
1 stick of celery finely chopped  
½ tsp cinnamon plus 1 pinch  
½ tsp paprika

1 tbsp fresh mint, finely sliced plus 1 pinch  
80g basmati rice, cook to al dente or less (slightly undercooked then the rice will absorb some meat flavours)  
a small bunch flat-leaf parsley, chopped  
250ml passata  
100ml chicken or veg stock

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Belle Amatt is a Hurst resident and nutrition consultant, author and lecturer in Naturopathic Nutrition. She holds workshops and talks on a variety of healthy eating topics.



Last month I spent a few weeks tasting the delights of Croatian cuisine. Being by the Adriatic Sea, this focused mainly on seafood; squid, clams, lobster and the ubiquitous octopus salad. But one of our favourite dishes was the Croatian take on stuffed peppers. Having looked into the traditional method of boiling these vegetables, I've chosen to offer you a baked version due to ease of preparation but still with the authentic sauce poured around them during the cooking process for optimal flavour and consistency. Try these peppers with mashed potato for a genuine sense of Croatian cooking.

### Method

1. Heat the oven to 200C/fan 180C/gas 6. Slice the tops off the peppers, remove and discard the seeds and drizzle with a little oil. Sit them in a snug baking dish, cover with foil and put in the oven to start cooking while you make the filling.
2. Heat a little olive oil in a pan and cook the lamb mince until browned all over. Add the onion, garlic and celery then cook until completely softened. Add the cinnamon and paprika. Cook for a minute. Stir in the rice, mint and parsley and mix well. Season with a little salt and pepper to taste. Add a sprinkle of chilli if you like a spicy kick to your food.
3. Take the peppers out of the oven and spoon in the lamb mix, do not overfill as rice will expand when cooking. Mix the passata and stock with 2 tbsp olive oil. Season and add another pinch of cinnamon and mint. Spoon over and around the peppers. Put the foil back on and bake in the oven for 1 hour. The peppers ideally should be tender and just holding their shape. Serve with salad or for a more Croatian feel you could serve the peppers with mashed potato, spooning over the sauce which will blend well with the mash.

This latter option lends itself well to the new autumnal season.

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# The New Inn takes the bowls Pro-Am trophy

Last month Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club welcomed ten teams from its business supporters to play in their 'Pro-am' competition for the Mishon Mackay Cup. This event, in its second year, was watched by a good crowd with the 'amateurs' from local businesses playing well in their teams, supplemented by 'pros' from the Club. The team from The New Inn were the eventual winners, with PA Property Services second and the Mishon Mackay team coming third. The New Inn were runners up last year.

Mishon Mackay's Alex Mackay, after congratulating and presenting the cup to Murray Booker for The New Inn, paid tribute to the Club's success in widening the appeal of bowls to all age groups in the village. In response, Bob Mitchell, Chairman of the Club, said: "The Mishon Mackay sponsorship, and the help of other local businesses, had been a great help in this. Alex's support for another new event this year, the Club's Bowls & Beer Festival on Sunday 3rd September, which will have even more local residents trying bowls for the first time, is also much appreciated."

The Festival will involve a bowls competition for up to 24 teams of three novice bowlers, entered by other local sports clubs, organisations and groups of friends, playing against each other. At the same time, The Beer Festival, featuring eight draft beers from three local breweries, will be taking place. The Club is hoping to attract around 200 people to this event. Tickets for this can be obtained in the High Street from Mishon Mackay or The New Inn.

The Club plans to extend its clubhouse facilities this winter so that bowls can also be played indoors at the Club in future. For next summer, The Club, which is competitive at county and national level, is particularly keen to recruit younger members who might only want, or be able, to play in the evening and at weekends.







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# Hurst championing girls' cricket

The popularity of girls' cricket has grown throughout the country at club and school level, and with England winning the Women's World Cup this will only serve to increase participation even further.

At Hurst College girls' cricket has now become a major sport. In the past few years, the number of girls playing cricket competitively or socially has risen from a dozen or so to more than 100 across the age groups, from Year 3 to Upper Sixth. In terms of fixtures, the numbers for this season were 17 in the senior school, 12 in the Prep School and six tournaments, compared to just a couple of matches a few years ago. Head Coach Tina Towler, who has overseen this dramatic rise in numbers, commented: "The national side's World Cup win will further inspire our staff and pupils to promote and develop the game. Girls' cricket is going to fly and we all need to be prepared!"

Tina believes Hurst's increase in numbers is due to creating a fun, relaxed environment where the girls feel comfortable playing at a level they enjoy. "It is our job to provide them with the tools to help themselves and in securing the appropriate level of participation. This helps to improve their confidence - not only in cricket, but also in everyday life. With our large numbers it can be tricky to find regular fixtures for all, but having a good



relationship with local schools helps."

The boom in cricket has also created difficulties with girls being pulled from one sport to another, and also for staff who may have the will, but not the time, means or confidence to deliver a girls' cricket programme. Hurst recognises this, and in April hosted a well-received workshop, in association with Sussex County Cricket Club, to provide support for women teachers and coaches. Plans are already in place for many more in the near future.

Hurst College also hosted an under 14/15 softball tournament this summer, which attracted 14 teams and 150 girls from state and independent schools. The college has strong links with local club Ansty, who supplied four of their premier league women players as tournament umpires. "These ladies are fantastic role models who want to encourage more girls to play," said Tina.




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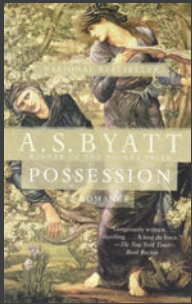
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## Possession by A.S. Byatt

### BOOK REVIEW

By Clair Stanton

With National Poetry Day being in September this year it seems a good time to look back at this 1990 Booker Prize winner. It's a novel about poets and poetry, and the academics who study them.

As the novel begins, a young academic, Roland Michell, finds the rough draft of a love letter in a book he is studying at the British Library. The letter is the work of the renowned Victorian poet Randolph Henry Ash and is clearly not to his wife, but Ash has an impeccable reputation...

Sensing that he may have stumbled across something that could make his own reputation, Roland pockets the letter and tries to solve the mystery. Unravelling the clues in the letter leads him to Dr Maud Bailey, an expert on Christabel LaMotte, a fellow poet and contemporary of Ash who appears to be the intended recipient of the unfinished love letter.

The characters of Ash and LaMotte and their poetry (all original work by A. S. Byatt) are extremely convincing: they are based in part on Robert Browning and Elizabeth Barrett and uncovering their romance leads Roland and Maud to take stock of their own unsatisfying lives.

This is both a satire on academia and an intricately plotted literary novel – a sort of 'Da Vinci Code' for poetry lovers, with gorgeous prose and a gripping detective/love story.

Pick up a copy on your next visit to Hurst Library.

## Stories of Holy Trinity

By Miriam Patrick

On Saturday 29th July two small groups met as part of 'Stories of Holy Trinity'. Previous sessions have involved talks about the history, art and architecture of the building, but this time the focus was on looking carefully and expressing our own responses to the church through drawing or writing.

Volunteer 'tutors', Joan Booker and June Ward, both themselves practising artists, worked with five 'students', suggesting suitable approaches and discussing the way they might develop their ideas. At the start several members of the group expressed doubts about their art skills but during the morning all produced work they could be pleased with and develop further.

Liz Young and Miriam Patrick, both of whom have written for many years, worked with the four members of the writing group, sending them off after a brief introduction to find a part of the church that spoke to them and later getting back together to share the outcome. At one point the church was silent, as thirteen people sat quietly contemplating their chosen subject and gathering their thoughts to write or draw.

It was fascinating to see the features that were focused on. These included details in the stained glass windows, with one person from the art group sketching some of the small motifs around the larger pictures with the aim of eventually producing an embroidery based

on them. Tombstones, and the tragically short lives memorialised by some of them, drew the attention of two of the writers, while Margaret Carey, churchwarden at the time of the reordering of Holy Trinity, wrote about a beautiful little tile found behind panelling, now set into a wall close to the entrance of the church.

I wasn't sure how the session would go, as I had never organised anything like it before. However, I really enjoyed it, and, thanks to the wonderful help of our volunteer 'tutors' Liz, Joan and June, it was a very successful morning. There are certainly things I would plan differently in future and I would hope to have the church lights in full working order (they had been affected by the storm the week before), but I hope we will be able to repeat the workshop idea in the future, and, from comments of those taking part, it seems that this might be a welcome idea. Hopefully we will be joined by a few more people then.

### Coming up...

Stories of Holy Trinity will return on 23rd September as part of the Hurst Festival, with a second chance to hear Ian Nelson and John Norris talking about How to Read a Church.

On 28th October Claire Richard and Stewart Hall will give a talk about some of the soldiers whose names appear on the church War Memorial. This is a follow up to their fascinating posters which appeared in 2014 to mark the anniversary of the outbreak of WWI. As always, this will be a free talk and all will be welcome. Look out for full details nearer the time.



By David Saitch

Hello from the Village Cinema.

Our summer break is over. Not that there was much of a break, as NT Live scheduled so many Live Broadcasts in June and July. Still, we can't really complain, given that it gave us the chance to see Angels in America, which was absolutely sensational.

Anyway, now we are back into cinematic mode and we have three fantastic music related films in the Festival this month. The films explore the music industry from three different perspectives.

**Muscle Shoals (PG)** is a terrific documentary about how the tiny village of Muscle Shoals in Alabama became home to two recording studios that produced some of the most important and resonant music of all time. From Etta James to Aretha Franklin, from the Rolling Stones to Paul Simon – almost all the greatest albums in your record collection were made in Muscle Shoals. All this at a time when the Governor of the state was calling for 'segregation now, segregation tomorrow, segregation forever'. Not only is the film filled with amazing music it is a gripping and moving tale of politics, betrayal and reconciliation. Unmissable.

**Searching for Sugarman (12A)** is the story of music fandom. The wonderful story of two music fans from South Africa who went in search of information about the death of an enigmatic musician whose records became highly popular with the liberal, anti-apartheid part of the population in South Africa in the 1970s. All they knew about him was that he had died on stage, and this is both an amazing detective story and an introduction to a fantastic musical talent no one had heard of.

**Inside Llewyn Davis (15)** – The Coen Brother's exquisitely sad, beguiling and very funny story of a struggling musician in 60s New York. Beautifully filmed, filled with wonderful music and terrific performances; there is glorious sweetness, humour and tenderness to this film as well as an intense feeling of sadness.

**Lego Batman Movie (U)** – For families we are bringing back the Kid's Drive-In Movie. Come and have great fun in St Lawrence School hall where we will give you all you need to build a car to park in front of the screen and watch this brilliantly funny film.

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## Susan Clark

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**How long have you worked in Hurstpierpoint?**

Two years

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

I love the uniqueness of Hurst village and the people who live here

**Favorite Ice cream flavor?**

Pistachio or Raspberry sorbet

**How many houses have you lived in?**

About ten

**Favorite Holiday destination?**

Greek Islands

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

Christmas Shopping evening – I love the atmosphere of Christmas

**Do you share your home with anyone (if so who?)**

My husband – we have recently married

**Song I play the most?**

Chaka Khan – I'm every woman

**Mac or PC?**

Definitely Mac

**Your most frequented village shop?**

Café Murano – It has my best coffee and croque monsieur award

**What's your proudest moment?**

Too hard to choose just one. My recent marriage to my husband and watching my children marry.

**Coke, juice or water?**

Definitely water

**Your advice for life?**

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# Hurst through the lens

Thank you to Hurst resident Callum Beer who sent in this fantastic selection of summer images of the village recently. We thought we'd highlight his skills here, and also use the opportunity to remind readers that we are always on the lookout for photos of the village for our front cover. If your image is used on a cover you will get a £20 shopping voucher to spend in the village. Send your images in to [photos@hurstlife.co.uk](mailto:photos@hurstlife.co.uk)



Photos: Callum Beer



Mid Sussex District Council has published a new and updated edition of the Community Connections Directory to help older residents get access to vital support services.

The new Community Connections Directory contains extensive contact information for the many local organisations that offer help to older people in the community. It provides details of organisations that can help older people with a range of issues like managing their money, maintaining their independence, finding local social activities or getting support with housing issues.

Mid Sussex District Council is also pleased to

announce the online edition of the Community Connections Directory of Services for Older People (50+) in Mid Sussex is also now available for the first time at [www.community-connections.org.uk](http://www.community-connections.org.uk)

The Directory forms part of the Mid Sussex Wellbeing Hub, a comprehensive service providing residents with information and advice on all physical and emotional health matters.

For more information about the Community Connections Directory, or any other Mid Sussex Wellbeing service, call 01444 477191, email [wellbeing@midSussex.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeing@midSussex.gov.uk) or visit the Wellbeing website at [www.midsussexwellbeing.org.uk](http://www.midsussexwellbeing.org.uk)

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Find the solution to #14 in next month's magazine

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## #13 Solution

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- Tues **Afternoon Club** – 2-4pm, 1st Tuesday  
**Wolstonbury WI** – 7.45 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

- 5th **Hurst Afternoon Club** – 2.15pm  
Speaker: Frauds and Scams by Gordon Keyes
- 19th **Wolstonbury WI** – 7.45pm  
Craft Evening with Hazel, Beryl, Brenda and Helen  
Visitors welcomed (Enquiries 01273 834421)
- 23rd **Horticultural Society Autumn Show** – 2.15pm  
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### September

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- 3rd **Bowls & Beer Festival** – 11am-5pm  
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- 6th **Hurstpierpoint WI** – 2.15pm  
Guide Headquarters, Trinity Road Car Park  
Speaker: From Burgess Hill Fire Station 'Home Fire Safety'
- 9th **Mothers' Union Quiet Morning** – 9.30am-12 noon  
Holy Trinity Church
- 9th **Albourne Village Show** – 12 noon  
Albourne Village Hall & Green
- 9th **How can we live well into old age?** – 2-3.30pm  
Sussex Osteopath & Complementary Health Clinic – hosted by Belle Amatt, discuss not only nutrition but exercise, faith & social connections (£10 booking essential 07786 232 594)
- 15th **U3A** – Adastra Hall – Talk on Newhaven Fort by Ian Everest
- 16th **Coffee morning** – 10am-12 noon  
Holy Trinity Church – Coffee morning and free Organ Recital by church organist Neil Morris
- 19th-23rd **Hobson's Choice Play** – 8pm  
Players Theatre
- 20th **My Volunteering Experiences** – 8pm  
Holy Trinity Church – Talk by Olivia Nagle on her experiences in Bangladesh volunteering
- 22nd **Historical & Geographical Society** – 7.45pm  
The Guide Hall, Trinity Road car park – Nature through the year, Jan – June by Peter Lovett
- 23rd **Flu Clinic** – 8.30-11am  
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- 29th **Macmillan Biggest Coffee Morning** – 10am-12 noon  
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### October

- 1st **Service of Praise and Thanksgiving** – 5.30pm  
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