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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

Our front cover gives a clue as what's to come later this month (thanks, **Claire Brewer**).



It is, of course, **St Lawrence Fair** – which has numerous lead-up events but culminates with Fair Day – this year on Saturday 30th June. On **pages 8-9** we have published all the dates and times that you need to know. Plus the Fair Committee shares the details of the **road closure** points on **page 37**. Michele and I will be at the Fair with a Hurst Life stall where we will have a fun **Hurstpierpoint photo frame** – do come and get your photo to share on social media!

On **page 34 Alicia Anckorn** has written a touching piece on how she thinks her grandfather, Fergus, might have been called by Death himself! Thank you for sharing this with us Alicia. By all accounts **Fergus Anckorn** was a gentleman, and I'm pleased we are able to remember him on our pages.

Belle Amatt brings us a **superfood recipe** on **page 32**. All the instructions are there, so you're only a meal away from getting those extra vitamins in.

The **Hurst Traders** show just how dog friendly the High Street shops are on their spread on **pages 20-21**.

Page 19 is a celebration of the village's **Football Club** as it ends the season on a high. Thank you to **Alex Oecken** for keeping us up to date.

Other sporting success comes in the form of the **Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club** which held its 19th annual competition at the Village Centre last month – see **page 15** for details.

Colin McFarlin, our WSCC recycling guru, tells us how we CAN put **takeaway coffee cups** in our blue bins – apparently West Sussex is fortunate to have top-notch facilities. Read more tips on **page 28**.

Lastly, if you're going on holiday, please take a copy of Hurst Life with you and **send us a selfie** to photos@hurstlife.co.uk

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 **Claire Brewer**
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Post Office changes hands after nine years

Sue and Paul Baxter have decided to move on to Dorset, nearer family, with their beloved horses, after nearly nine years of dedicated service to the Hurst community.

However, the Post Office Area Manager has appointed, as our new postmaster, Mohammed Rashedul Haque (pictured).

After a sensitive refurbishment of the shop, making it more open plan, Mr Haque, who has already some considerable knowledge in the trade, reopened the Post Office on 25th April.

He says: "I'm delighted to be in Hurst, where there is the proximity to London and such a friendly clientele base. I look forward to meeting old and new customers to our Post Office."



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James' marathon raises £8k

By James Taylor

As described in last month's magazine, I ran the London Marathon on 22nd April. It was a sweltering day and I, amongst thousands of others, battled with the conditions and managed to complete it in 4:33hrs. Which I was quite happy with, considering the warm weather!

My friends and family were amazing in their support which kept me going. More importantly, I have raised over £8,100 for Sarcoma UK. This is over £5k more than I'd targeted and I would like to thank all my supporters for their amazing generosity.



Headmaster Mr Dyer with the new table tennis tables

School Summer Fete

St Lawrence CEP School is to hold its annual Summer Fete later this month.

It's a fun afternoon for all the family. Inflatables, games, activities and stalls to keep you busy. Plus, of course, the barbecue (featuring Clive Miller sausages and burgers), scones, bar and refreshments. All proceeds to St Lawrence PTA to help fund the village school.

The Summer Fete is the PTA's single biggest fundraising event of the year. Michelle Head, one of the PTA chairs, commented: "Last year's fundraising contributed to the pool cover. Additionally, we have just bought two amazing outdoor table tennis tables for the children and upgraded some of the interactive plasma screens."

This year the school is focusing on running a sustainable event and is working hard with the children and parents to introduce a number of green initiatives on the day. The Fete takes place on Saturday 16th June, from 12-3pm on the school playing field.

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Refill your green cleaning products in village

Hurstpierpoint resident Joni Graham King has launched her own range of cleaning products, which are available right here in the village.

In a bid to create non-toxic, plant-based, natural products Joni has set up her own company: Green Goddess. "I wanted to create products for individuals like me, who care about the health of their family, who do not want to use harmful chemicals, for those who want environmentally friendly products but do not want to compromise on quality, effectiveness and ease of use," she commented.

Joni changed to a non-toxic lifestyle in 2013, although she admitted it's not always been easy. "At times I felt extremely overwhelmed by all the information and research out there. Trying to decide what to avoid and decipher the ingredients is at times difficult."

This time led Joni to work on making her own recipes to fit with her lifestyle. "I wanted to develop something with great cleaning power that was both human and earth friendly. In this modern age and with all our advancements it seemed archaic to me that harmful chemicals are still available and widely used in almost every home."

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St Lawrence Fair Arena Events

- 12:00pm** Stalls, Street Food market and Harris's Fun Fair opens
- 1:00pm** Procession starts from Marchants Road, led by TS Intrepid NTC Marching Band
A procession route and map can be found on a separate page
- 2:00pm** Processions arrives in Arena
Prize presentation for best motorised and walking floats
- 2:25pm** Hurst's got Talent winners perform
- 2:35pm** TS Intrepid NTC Marching Band Performance
- 2:45pm** Fun Run starts from the Arena
- 3:00pm** 'create space' Performance
- 3:20pm** Audience Participation
- 3:45pm** Prize Presentations
- 4:15pm** Grand Finale
- 5:00pm** Fair Closes

see the next page for full details of our pre-events.
why not cut out and keep these pages for easy
reference of all our events?!



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HURST'S GOT TALENT : Saturday 16th June, 3.30pm.

Come and sing, dance, play an instrument, or act for us and the audience at The New Inn. Application forms are on our website. The winner will officially open Fair Day.

'CUCKOO IN THE NEST' : 16th June - 28th June. sponsored by Mishon Mackay

Entry forms available from Mishon Mackay on the High Street for 50p. Can you spot what doesn't belong in the window displays of the High Street shops?

Pet Show : Sunday 17th June, From 12.30pm. sponsored by Heath Vets

Small Pets : 12.30-1.15pm - Best Small Pet and Pat Venables Cup for best owner/keeper.

Dog Show : From 1.30pm with classes:

Best Junior Handler (U16s); Best Trick; Dog the Judge would most like to take home; Waggiest Tail; Prettiest Pooch; Most Handsome Hound. The Heath Cup - awarded to the dog in the best condition, and the Wright Cup - awarded to the winner of our veteran's class. Each class entered is £1 per animal.

Friday 29th June, South Avenue Rec:-

Teddy Bear's Picnic : 12.30pm - 2.30pm.

Pre-schoolers - Bring your teddies and have some fun with cake decorating, a craft activity, carousel ride, magic show and an ice lolly. Voluntary contributions are gratefully received for this event.

JUNIOR DISCO : 6pm - 7.30pm.

£4 a ticket, to include a snack, fruit and unlimited squash/water.

Age 4+. Sorry but due to the noise, activities and space constraints this is only open to over 4s (eg. school age) and we ask parents to please have fun outside the marquee - there will be plenty of tables/seating for you outside so you can sit nearby. Thank you.

FAMILY BBQ & LIVE MUSIC : From 6pm.

Come and enjoy an evening's entertainment with live music, our BBQ and bar.

Saturday 30th June, South Avenue Rec:-

Fair Day! : From 12pm. Headline SPONSOR: ANSELLS OF SUSSEX

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All the fun of the fair! Enjoy the procession, the main arena events, fun run, stalls, street food market, and the Harris' funfair; details and maps will be in the main Fair Programme which you should receive hand-delivered!

Don't Forget to support other local events around Fair time:

St Lawrence School Summer Fete

Saturday 16th June, 12-3pm

Lots of fun stalls & activities on the school field.

Hurstpierpoint Gym Club Championships

Saturday 7th July, 8.30am - 12.30pm approx.

Spectating welcomed and free.

School to attempt to break a world record

The pupils, staff and parents of St Lawrence CE Primary School are to attempt to break the Guinness World Record (GWR) for 'Largest Human Image of a Pencil'. The event, organised by members of the PTA, will take place on Wednesday 13th June on the school field to coincide with National Children's Art Week. The record currently stands at 704 participants.

The participants will be wearing coordinating coloured caps and t-shirts and will be required to stand in formation for five minutes in order to meet the guidelines set by GWR. Video footage along with aerial photographs will be submitted as evidence for review. Local volunteers will be acting as independent witnesses and timekeepers.

Fundraising events have been taking place in order to buy the costumes, and there will be collections on the day to raise money for the Haywards Heath based registered charity Kangaroos, which holds close links with a number of families at the school.

Headteacher Paul Dyer said: "I am pleased that we can give the children the opportunity to participate in such an exciting event and raise money for a very worthwhile cause."

For further information, please contact Laura Bryant on 07968 317812.

Downlands wins award for excellent results

Downlands Community School has been recognised nationally for its excellent results in 2017 based on data from the Department of Education and Ofsted, analysed by SSAT (the Schools, Students and Teachers network).

The school was found to be among the best performing secondary schools in the country, receiving an award for being in the top 20% of non-selective schools nationally for attainment. The SSAT Educational Outcomes database compares all state-funded schools in England, with the highest performing for a range of key measures presented with SSAT Educational Outcomes Awards. Downlands Community School will be presented with their award in the summer term at a ceremony attended by winners from across the region.

Sue Williamson, Chief Executive of SSAT, said: "This recognises an important aspect of a schools' work, but, as we know, there is much more to recognise in a good school like Downlands Community School. SSAT is pleased to recognise the quality of leadership and the hard work of all staff to ensure the success of every child. A big thank you and well done to pupils, parents, staff and governors."



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New Walking Map to come

By David Clarke, Secretary, Hurstpierpoint Society

Now that we are no longer ploughing through deep mud when we are out for a walk, it is time to try out all the footpaths around the village. Eighteen years ago the Hurstpierpoint Society produced a map of all the rights of way that we could explore locally. The Society is producing a new version of this footpath map, covering a wider area, including Wolstonbury Hill. We hope that the maps will be on sale at the Society's stall in the St Lawrence Fair on 30th June. See you there!

RNLI cream tea 17th June

Join supporters of RNLI on Sunday 17th June for their annual Garden Tea Party in aid of the charity.

It will be held at 50 Hurst Road, Hassocks from 3-6pm.

Tickets are just £5. This includes a scone with jam and cream along with a tea or coffee. Prosecco will be available from 5pm at an additional donation!

Tickets available from committee members or on the door on the day. Alternatively they can be collected from Mishon Mackay on the High Street. For more information call Philip on 07749 278992.

Hurst brothers support charity walk

On Saturday 14th July, Hurstpierpoint postman Mark Glover and his brother Paul will be taking part in a charity walk for Prostate Cancer.

"I have chosen this charity as I am approaching the age where this type of cancer can be detected in men," Mark explained.



Prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men, especially 50 years old and over, men with a family history of the disease and black men. Over 47,000 men are diagnosed with prostate cancer every year in the UK, and one man dies of the disease every 45 minutes.

One in eight men will get prostate cancer in their lifetime and over 330,000 are either living with or after the disease.

The walk starts at Chelsea Football Club, on to Wembley Stadium and back to Chelsea FC.

If you wish to support Mark and donate to a worthwhile cause, please use the link below for Mark's Justgiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-glover11>

Noel Coward play at New Inn

Hurstpierpoint is delighted to be welcoming back the hugely successful and talented musical team of Sam Nixon and Alasdair Carson-Sheard. Following on from the well-received Twelfth Night, and a hugely successful run at the Edinburgh Fringe last year, the same directorial team bring you: I'll See You Again - the Private Lives of Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence.



Departing from Shakespeare, combining biopic with outdoor theatre magic they are bringing a wonderful celebration of the lives and talent of that essential, erudite British gent Noel Coward and his shining, talented and funny co-star Gertrude Lawrence.

This evening of razor sharp wit, laugh out loud comedy and some of the most beautiful melodies written for the stage will be in the garden of the New Inn from Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th July, with an additional special matinee performance on Saturday 7th July.

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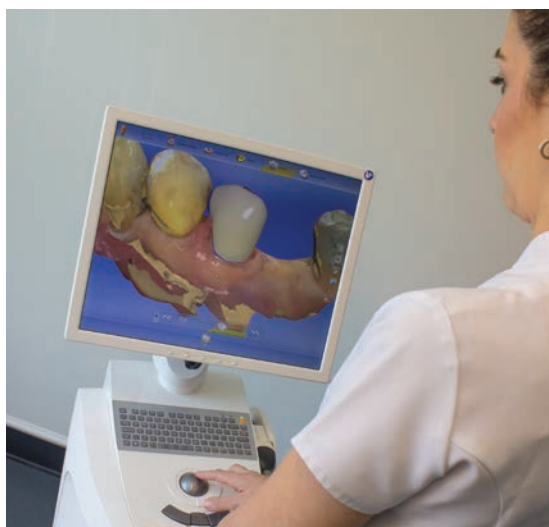
The practice certainly feels like home; it's actually in a converted house on Mallard Way. This makes it not only a comfortable environment, but also a quiet one and with hassle-free parking in its own car park.

Sarah moved down from Cambridge with her family in 2016, joining Mallards as an Associate. The opportunity came up to take over the running of the business, so Sarah jumped at the chance. "I already knew what a fantastic practice this is, in a lovely community, so I was very keen to take on that new role and make it my own," she explained.

Sarah has 12 years experience as a dentist in various fields and became a member of The Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh in 2009. When asked why she became a dentist Sarah states: "It is like art to me. Using my hands to create different shapes and forms. I love it!" She's also passionate about helping others. "I never forget the impact you can have on patients' lives. When we fix a painful mouth or give someone confidence to smile again I am aware what a privilege this job is."

Mallards Dental Practice is currently accepting NHS and private patients, and the team take on all elements of dentistry including check-ups, crowns, fillings, full mouth reconstruction and cosmetic work, including teeth whitening.

In fact, during the month of June there is a specially discounted offer on teeth whitening. Patients can get



all the benefits of having natural-looking white teeth for just £250 (normal price £465).

If finding a time for your dentist appointment is tricky for you during the working week, Mallards operates a late-night surgery on Mondays until 7pm.

The practice has also invested in a Cerec machine, an impressive piece of equipment which can turn around crowns, veneers and even bridges on the same day – again, making it more convenient for patients.

If you'd like to speak to someone about your own oral health or would like to book a check-up, contact the team by calling 01273 495 966 or email enquiries@mallardsdental.co.uk.

19th Arts Competition success

Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club had another remarkable morning with their 19th Annual Arts Competition. Over a hundred gymnasts competed for trophies and medals in Ribbon Pairs, Beam Pairs, Hoop Solos and Sports Acrobatic Sixes. Some of the competitors only joined the Club in the spring term, while some of the Seniors have attended the Club for over ten years. Most of the competitors are from Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, Albourne & Ditchling, but there are numbers who come from Burgess Hill and further afield. Altogether the Club attracts gymnasts from over thirty different schools.

Although the Club has been running and growing for thirty-eight years, the Arts Competition was only started in 1999. Each year it has attracted more and more entries, with over a hundred competing in the Village Centre this year.

The next opportunity for the gymnasts to compete will be the Club's 35th Annual Championships on the 7th July. Gymnasts are now selecting the parts of the Championships they wish to enter and practising floor solos, sports acrobatic pairs and vaulting ready for the competition.



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Give your views on rural crime in the area...

It's three years since the last National Rural Crime Survey revealed the huge cost of crime to rural communities – both financial and in terms of public confidence and fear of crime.

The National Rural Crime Network produced a series of recommendations and in many areas, including Sussex, the police took steps to improve matters.

Now it's time to find out what's changed.

Do you think rural crime has gone up or down in Sussex? Do you feel safer? What's your view of the police in your community?

This year's survey started in April and is open until 10th June. Anyone who lives, works or visits our rural communities is urged to respond and have their voice heard.

We know that there are certain types of crime and areas of vulnerability which impact rural communities and businesses differently from those in urban areas.

Alongside other measures, the responses to this survey will help to ensure that Sussex Police meets the needs of our rural communities.

The survey is available now online at:

www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net/survey and is open for submissions until Sunday 10th June.



Christmas come early...

Last month the Hurst Traders and local community groups met up to discuss the Hurst Christmas Community Shopping event, to be held on Saturday 8th December.

Think Victorian Christmas and Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' as the theme.

All the shops will be open till late. The Scouts, Guides, Girls' Brigade and churches, along with the Hurst Players and the school, are all involved. We will have a Santa's Grotto and a Live Nativity, as well as lots of stalls and plenty of food on offer. There will be a fancy dress competition - costumes available from Hurst Players, for a donation if you don't have one - and lots more.

Are you a community group who would like to be involved? Or would you like to join in and offer your services, the proceeds are going to charity. Get in touch so you can come to our next meeting (hurstxmas@gmail.com).

Hay Fever at Players Theatre

The Hurst Players are putting on this marvellous classic by Noel Coward as their summer production later this month.

A quiet weekend in the country does not go according to plan as all four members of the Bliss family have invited a guest, unbeknown to the others. A houseful of drama ensues. Misunderstandings abound and tempers flare as the family pursue their own outrageous way of life, leaving their guests to try and keep up as best they can, all leading up to an exhausting and hilarious finale.

The production is on between 26th-30th June at 8pm at The Players Theatre on the High Street.

The box office will be open at the theatre on Saturday mornings from 3rd June from 10am-1pm.



Andy Wadey and Harry Curtis

Goodbye Andy, hello Harry...

Andy Wadey, who's been the manager at the store for the last three years, has been transferred to Burgess Hill. Harry Curtis will now take over the reins.

Andy says: "I have really enjoyed working in the village over the years. Everyone is so friendly here. Certainly, the most novel working experience for me has been the Pop Up Shop, on the Village Green. Quite extraordinary really, to be perched there, in all weathers!"



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Blue Dogs victorious in final

By Alex Oecken

Hurstpierpoint Football Club has been the village team since its formation in 1886, making it one of the oldest football clubs in the country. Originally playing in the grounds of Danny House, the club moved to Fairfield Rec in the mid-1900s, a ground that they still call 'home' today.

In 2014 Hurst won the prestigious Sussex Intermediate Cup, beating Cowfold in the final - arguably the proudest day in the club's long history.

This year the club looked to go and emulate the victorious feat, but this time in the Edgar German Cup. The 'Blue Dogs' found themselves drawn in the final against a very young Jarvis Brook II side that proved more than worthy of its place, despite being in the division below.

The game took place last month at Hanbury Park stadium in Haywards Heath. Hurst came into the game without a win since their semi-final victory three weeks prior but still took the lead through a Luca D'Alessio header just before half time. Luca was one of the three products in the squad who came from the club's youth system, Hurstpierpoint Colts.

Jarvis Brook equalised with a penalty just after half-time, which made for a more tense finish.

The deciding moment came with just under half an hour to play, when Hurstpierpoint born Luke Martin arrowed an effort passed the Brook goalkeeper from 25 yards to make it 2-1 on the night.

The club has made great progress in the last two seasons, and all involved are very proud of this achievement. We are expanding and growing as a club



and would welcome anyone in the village who would be keen to get involved, whether that be playing, managing/coaching or on the committee. Do get in touch (hurstpierpointfc@gmail.com).

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Val captures anniversary match

Hurstpierpoint Cricket Club had a visit from Richard Burrows from Danny House last month. Richard presented the club with a framed print of a superb painting by Hurstpierpoint resident Val Olszewski.

The painting depicts last summer's Danny House vs Hurst CC match which celebrated 300 years of cricket in Hurstpierpoint and was played in period costume. The print will have pride of place in the refurbished cricket pavilion which will shortly be completed.

Pictured are Kenton Green, accepting the print on behalf of Hurstpierpoint CC, local artist Val Olszewski and Richard Burrows of Danny House.



Kids coding sessions prove a hit

A children's coding club has recently celebrated its first anniversary in Hurstpierpoint.

Yellow Brick Lab was the brainchild of village resident George Gotsinas who started by running a 90-minute workshop in Hurst for six primary school children. Now the business has expanded and offers weekly sessions in four locations in the area to children who are interested in robotics and computer coding, which is taught with high tech LEGO® kits.

"There isn't a greater reward for me than seeing children's faces full of satisfaction and pride after having built a model and brought it to life by computer programming it all by themselves," says George.

In a world where STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) has become the buzz word in primary school planning, Yellow Brick Lab has opened the door wide to give extra encouragement to children on what robotics and coding can look like, while using LEGO bricks!

"In order to celebrate our first year of operation and to thank all those who supported our effort, we're offering a 25% discount on our annual fees to anyone who would like to book in advance (subject to availability) a place for their child/ren for all three terms across the 2018-2019 School Year," George explains.



Get in touch via email: info@yellowbricklab.co.uk for more information.

The finest contemporary silver and jewellery on show in June

SUMMER EXHIBITION



Necklace by Jane Adam

Showing new work from many of the UK's leading silversmiths and enamellers, and with over 250 fabulous pieces of contemporary jewellery on show, John Higgins – founder of the Contemporary Silver Gallery – gets his ninth Summer Exhibition in nearby Lindfield underway when it opens on 21st June.

Event organiser John Higgins explained: "It's such a pleasure and privilege for us to be able to show such a wonderful and diverse range of contemporary silver and jewellery, from every part of the UK, by the very best designer/makers and to see those key pieces which we commissioned for this exhibition in 2016/2017 finally come to fruition.

"We have commissioned new work from five fantastic silversmiths specifically for this exhibition, including several enamelled pieces from Jane Short," John explains, "and we are particularly pleased to welcome back Kevin Grey, who first exhibited here in 2010 and has subsequently gone on to win no less than three prestigious Goldsmiths' Company Awards since then. Kevin's groundbreaking and exciting modernist work combines cutting edge modern technology with traditional silversmithing techniques and is always quite exceptional."

Over 30 silversmiths will show their work at this year's exhibition.

"Whilst we initially focused just on contemporary silver," says John, "the inclusion of contemporary jewellery into the exhibition since 2013 has proved more and more popular every year. This year we are welcoming back seven of our favourite Jewellery Designer/Makers who have exhibited with us before, including Jane Adam, Kayo Saito, Jane Macintosh and Lucy Martin, and whose work is just beautiful and very popular with our customers, and a further three Designer/Makers, Gerlinde Huth, Rosina Beech and Adele Brereton who will be exhibiting with us for the first time and who produce really exciting jewellery.

In preparing this Exhibition, John has been working closely with Contemporary British Silversmiths (CBS), the leading association in the UK for contemporary silver. CBS promotes excellence in design and craftsmanship, and the association gives voice to a new generation of silversmiths, many of whom will be exhibiting in Lindfield. John comments: "Part of our support towards CBS is to provide exhibition space to silversmiths still in the early stages of their career, where they can exhibit and sell their work. I urge you to look at the pieces they have produced - you will be amazed!"

"Everybody is very welcome to come to the Exhibition," says John, "but we do ask that you give us a call or email beforehand so we know when you are coming."

Telephone 01444 483782 or 07715 491686 or email: john@thecontemporarysilvergallery.co.uk for a personal invitation, or visit the website: www.thecontemporarysilvergallery.co.uk/exhibitions for detailed information.

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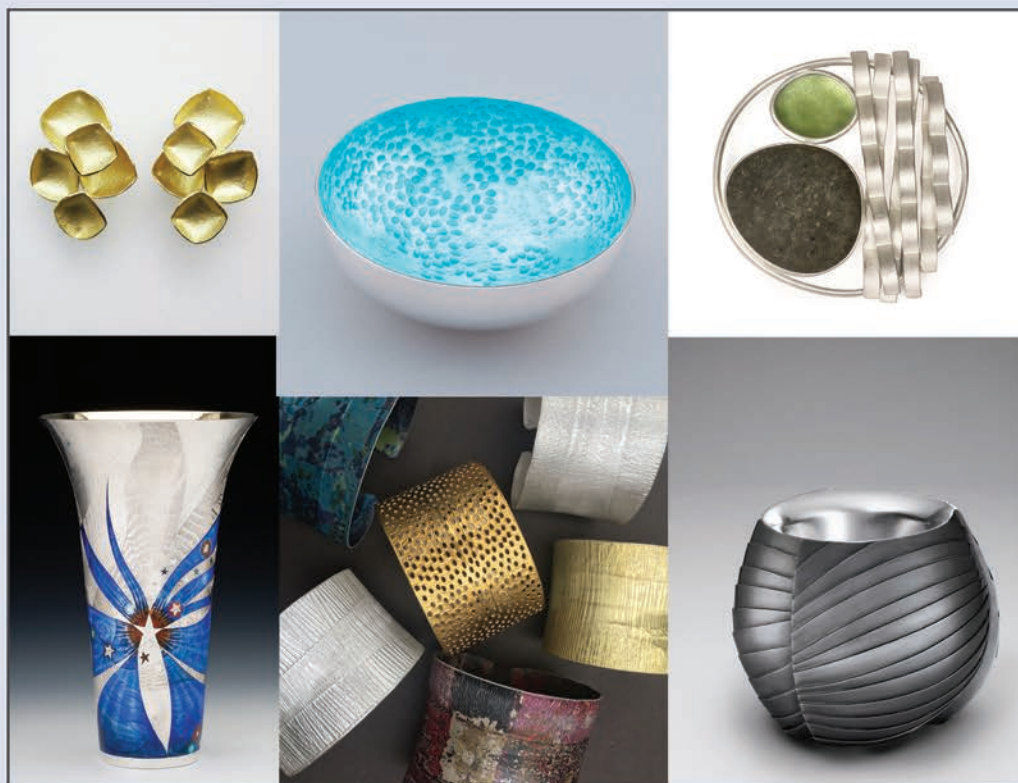
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RECYCLE THIS...

WSCC Recycling Ambassador Colin McFarlin sheds some light on what can and can't be recycled in our domestic blue bins. If you have a question for him, email: editor@hurstlife.co.uk

What a great response to my article in the May edition. By the time you read this I will have replied individually to all your emails to the editor on recycling. Keep the questions coming...

MILK BOTTLE TOPS

Thanks to Lucy and Sue for telling us Hurstwood Park Neurological Unit collects these. Collection box inside the entrance to the unit. Thanks to Jean for letting us know there is also a collection point at St Augustine's Church, Scaynes Hill.

There is some friendly rivalry at PRH, as Peter tells us the 'Friends of PRH' also collects these, and there is a collection bin just past the reception desk. There is also a drop off point in 'The Bay Tree' in the Orchards.

Also thanks to Donna for telling us the Cats Protection Centre at Chelwood Gate collects these, as disposable toys for cats. They also collect newspapers, old towels and blankets, cardboard tubes, egg boxes and drinking straws.

Do collect your plastic milk bottle tops and drop them off at one of these points.

Thank you for sending in your specific questions on recycling. Here are two you have asked about that I have picked out. Keep them coming

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What about Ben & Jerry's pots and coffee cups? We are fortunate in West Sussex to have state of the art machinery that CAN recycle ALL of these, and the plastic lids. YES we can recycle coffee cups in your blue top recycling bin. We can recycle everything – except the coffee! The lids are big enough not to contaminate the glass (see last month).

Would you like me to give a talk to your local group on recycling? There is no charge for this service. Would you be interested in collecting items that can be recycled to raise funds for your favourite charity? I will be happy to guide you through this process. Look forward to hearing from you.



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5 MINUTES WITH...

Clare Harms

I am an artist and co-owner of Gallery 92 on the High Street. I am also a piano teacher, my current passion is running and I'd love to get a dog!

How long have you lived in Hurstpierpoint?

Two years

What's the best thing about being here?

I absolutely love the people here and the community feel to the village. It is also surrounded by amazing countryside to explore

Favourite ice cream flavour?

Coffee

How many houses have you lived in?

8

Favourite holiday destination?

St Ives, Cornwall

Your most enjoyable event in the village?

St Lawrence School nativity at Holy Trinity Church

Do you share your home with anyone? (If so, who?)

Yes my husband Joff, our two gorgeous girls Alberta and Beatrix, and our campervan Monty!

Song you play the most?

I play so many songs when I'm running it's hard to choose!

Mac or PC?

Mac

Your most frequented village shop?

Other than my own (!), Marram Trading

What's your proudest moment?

There are a few (!) but most recently completing the Brighton Marathon

Coke, juice or water?

Water

Your advice for life?

Never give up!

If you would like to provide your own answers for 5 Minutes With, simply email them to editor@hurstlife.co.uk along with a photo of yourself, or do please encourage a friend to send their answers in!

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The Sayers Common Community Shop is a non-profit organisation owned by the community for the community and, for a large part, staffed by volunteers from the community. Since it opened in April 2014, it has gone from strength to strength – and two months ago it opened a small extension on the front of the shop. Because it is open 11 hours a day Monday to Friday (and seven hours each Saturday and Sunday) there is always a need for more volunteer helpers. Although the shop does employ a manager and a few part-time staff, volunteers are essential. You don't have to live in Sayers Common to be a volunteer. There are people from Albourne, Twineham and Hurstpierpoint, all helping with the running of the shop.

Not all the volunteers have to work behind the counter. Many jobs need doing behind the scenes. There are people who pop in to do a bit of cooking, some who just make sandwiches (all made freshly every day) and others who do the weekly run to the cash and carry. If you have an hour or two to offer and would like to join this happy band giving their time to this valuable community asset, just pop into the shop in London Road, Sayers Common and offer what time you can.

Much of the appeal of living in a village is its sense of community. Those responsible for the creation of the community shop in the village believed that, as well as providing a much-needed resource, it would help to recreate a community spirit - and it has.

At a public meeting in 2011 there was massive support for setting up a community shop. Following this meeting an Action Group was formed to progress the idea. One of the first steps was to survey the village residents. Over 60% of the residents responded to this survey with 90% of these saying a community shop

would be important to the village. As well as receiving funding help from local residents and businesses, the shop obtained grants from The Plunkett Foundation, West Sussex County Council and our own Parish Council helping to get the project off the ground.

Part of the remit of the shop is to help the community and, to this end, any surplus profits, after running costs and contingency funds for equipment replacement, are given back to the community in the form of grants. So far we have given grants to many local residents and organisations amounting to several thousand pounds.

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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.



You may be scanning the ingredients and wondering where the superfoods are! Where are the goji berries or the acai pulp? Fact is, we have oodles of fantastic superfoods right on our doorstep without adding to the carbon footprint by importing funky ingredients from China and the Amazon rainforest! This sugar free pasta sauce contains some old-school superfood favourites. Garlic was in use at the beginning of recorded history and was found in Egyptian pyramids and ancient Greek temples. Tomatoes, well-known in the UK diet, can be grown in your own back garden and pack a powerful punch in terms of Vitamin C content. Olive oil is reported to be useful for cardiovascular issues and much more. Such foods play a part in my Superfoods Well-Being Workshop on Wednesday 6th June (see events page).

So give this a go, so simple and much more healthy than a shop-bought pasta sauce.

Method

1. Cut the peppers into quarters and deseed. Roast, with a drizzle of olive oil, on a low heat until tender. This should take around 20-30 minutes. When the peppers have cooled, blend with the other ingredients in a mini-chopper or blender until smooth. Add a little more olive oil to create a sauce-like consistency.
2. The sauce can be added to traditional pasta. Alternatively, try upping your 5 a day by using sliced or spiralized courgettes.
3. Serve with a little grated Pecorino Romano (a hard Italian cheese made out of sheep's milk) or sprinkle with sesame seeds.



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Time called for dear Fergus

Well-known and much revered resident Fergus Anckorn sadly passed in March at the age of 99. He was the longest serving member of the Magic Circle, and a surviving prisoner of war, he was a war hero and a TV star from his appearance in the final of Britain's Got Talent with magician Richard Jones in 2016. Here, one of Fergus' grandchildren shares how she imagines the end came.

By Alicia Anckorn

Fergus awoke to a figure standing by his bed. The room was black as an inkwell, but he recognised the figure looming in the darkness.

Mr Fergus Anckorn, born on 10th December 1919?

Ah yes, there it was. The words appeared in Fergus' head rather than through his ears. It was nice not to need his hearing aids.

"Yes, but I suspect you already knew that, didn't you?"

Fergus sat up in his bed. He suddenly felt as though a weight had been lifted from his entire being. The figure projected a noise which reminded Fergus of a soft, faraway rumble of thunder on an August afternoon. The figure may or may not have been trying to laugh.

I certainly did, Mr Anckorn. The name thing is more of a formality, to be honest. If I appear with no introduction, people seem to get spooked.

Fergus regarded the figure, without noticing he didn't need to reach for his glasses to see. It looked much the same as the last time he had seen it - tall, draped in a hooded cloak which was so black it seemed to call to you to fall into its abyss. As before, the cloak seemed to ripple as though touched gently by an underwater current. Below the hood was utter darkness, but two ice-blue sparks held Fergus' gaze.

"Scared? Of you? That's ridiculous. When I go I'm not going to be frightened at all. It'll be just another Tuesday as far as I'm concerned."

Well... Yes. That's the thing, Mr Anckorn. I believe today is a Thursday.

"Oh. Today's the day, is it?"

Yes, Mr Anckorn. Excuse me, I'm not very used to this. People don't usually have multiple appointments with me.

"No, I suppose they don't! It has been a while now, hasn't it? And I think you can call me Fergus now we've known each other for so long."

That's true enough. I thought I had you back in 1942.

"Oh yes, I got you there, didn't I? Did you ever try to work out how I'd done it?"

Something to do with a rubber band?

"Well, I'm certainly not going to tell you now. But I ought to thank you. You losing that bet gave me 75 more years."



Photo: Toby Phillips

I have since updated the rules to disallow wagers or conjuring tricks of any kind.

"Right, we ought to get on with it then." Fergus stepped out of his bed with ease. Behind the spectral figure, a black door had appeared as if from nowhere. It swung open to reveal what looked like crisp English woods after a light rainfall. Death stood beside him.

Excuse the dog hair on the cloak. Word got around that you were arriving and several of our canine inhabitants became quite excited. Also, a woman said something about a watering can? I don't get half the things you people say to each other these days.

"They're waiting for me, are they? Oh, excellent. Well, it looks like I shall have a wonderful time. Do I just walk straight through?"

Yes, Fergus. It's been a pleasure to see you again after all this time.

Fergus nodded at the figure and took a step through the door without faltering. A twig snapped on the damp grass underfoot. It was warm, with a slight breeze, and the clouds were sailing lazily across the sky. He looked over to Death, still standing in the room, which seemed to be getting smaller and smaller as he looked on. Death seemed to be gazing at something, a photograph on the wall, a skeletal hand outstretched to touch the tip of the glass frame.

"Ah yes", said Death. "And I thought you were great on Britain's Got Talent!"



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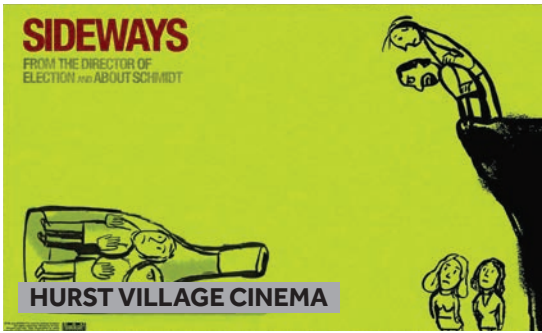


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By Mike Thatcher

Just the one upcoming event to report on for this month. As part of the celebration of Sussex Wineries Weekend, we are teaming up with Albourne Vineyard to put on a screening of the brilliant 'wine-themed' movie **SIDEWAYS** (15) on **Friday 15th June (7.30pm doors, film 8pm)**. This dissection of American social mores is the finest and most perfectly formed movie yet from director Alexander Payne.

Middle-aged mates Miles (Paul Giamatti) and Jack (Thomas Haden Church) take a trip to California's wine country to celebrate the latter's upcoming wedding. But Miles's wine tasting plans get sidelined by Jack's desperation for a last fling and his attempts to set Miles up with an equally grape-savvy waitress (Virginia Madsen).

Thanks to astonishing performances from Giamatti (a rumbled bundle of nervous self-loathing), Church (a deliciously deadpan but fading Casanova) and the Oscar-nominated Madsen, Payne's richly rewarding comedy is of the best vintage.

Finding a middle ground between his last two films - the explicitly satirical Election and the overly bleak About Schmidt - Payne's gloriously picaresque analysis of midlife crises does exactly as the title suggests. It takes oblique glances at the buddy flick and road movie by skewering both with poignancy, truth and consistent wit to give a fresh vitality to each well-worn genre. It fully deserved every award it received, and a lot more.

The film will be screened within the 400 year old barn situated right next to the vineyard, and the ticket price includes a welcome glass of Albourne Estate sparkling wine. There will also be a bar selling wine and refreshments before and after the film showing. For tickets visit our Hurst Village Cinema or Albourne Estates websites or call them on 07766 914407.

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Route & road closures

ST LAWRENCE FAIR

By The Fair Committee

We thought it would be advisable this year to give all residents within the procession route fair warning of the road closures on the day of the Fair (30th June).

The signs will go up with advance warnings, however what these won't say is that we actually have them on a 'rolling' closure. Here we will try to explain and give timings as best we can, however please bear in mind these are approximate. (See Hurst Life Blog online to view this map larger.)



1 – Procession starts from

Marchants Road at approximately 1pm, however groups start assembling from about midday. Access to all side roads off Marchants Road will be from the Trinity Road end (marked 1a), but will be blocked at the Cuckfield Road end from 12.30pm for safety reasons. Once the procession has cleared Marchants Road, this road block will be removed.

2 and 3 – Cuckfield Road between these points will be closed from 1pm until the procession makes it way up Western Road at approximately 1.15pm. As soon as the whole procession is on Western Road, these road blocks will be removed.

4 and 5 – Western Road will close between approximately 1.15pm and 1.50pm. The procession stops for a break at point 5 at 1.30pm for 15 minutes. It will then move on to the High Street and, once cleared, Western Road will reopen.

6, 7 and 8 – As soon as the procession reaches the High Street, at approximately 1.45pm, this road will then be closed. Cuckfield Road at point 7 will temporarily close to allow the procession to move across the roundabout. As it moves along the High Street, road blocks **6 and 7** will be removed. The procession will reach South Avenue Recreation Ground at approximately 2pm, and, once all safely in, the High Street will reopen.

Please also note the following:

We move at the speed of the slowest walking group and stop quite often along the route.

We ask that everyone who lives or parks on the route to please try to find other parking temporarily so that our vehicles can get through pinch points easily; think of them as wider than a fire engine.

The Round Table do a fantastic job of letting traffic through on the route until the last possible moment that roads need to be closed, but we can only man main junctions. We may ask you to pull in and park if necessary as side roads cannot be manned, e.g. off Western Road.

Many thanks for your co-operation and understanding. We hope you enjoy watching all the amazing walking and motorised floats!



Enterprising students win multiple awards

Competing against other schools in the Crawley, Horsham & Mid-Sussex area finals, Hurst College's Lower Sixth Young Enterprise team, Inuti, had a very successful competition as they won eight awards.

Held at the Chequer Mead Arts Centre in East Grinstead, the team had to build their trade stand, be interviewed by a large team of judges and give a four-minute stage presentation on the life cycle of their company.

Inuti started with a simple product - a clear plastic

bauble - and built it into a brand with multiple versions and a strong corporate identity. The team won the following awards: Best Christmas Trade Stand, Best Business Plan, Best Branding, Best Website, Best Report & Accounts, Best Stage Presentation, Best Year 12 Company; and Georgie Heine won the Best Young Achiever.

"They have been collaborative, inventive and creative and certainly deserve their success," said Jan Leeper, Head of Careers at Hurst College.

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Festival's music extravaganza in September

The diversity and talent of musicians at Hurst Festival this September is nothing less than astounding! If you do nothing else today, read this article and save key dates for your favourites!

15th September – Spirit of Opera – an evening of arias, ensembles and choruses from Heber Opera. Approachable, English sung, performed 'in the round' to fully immerse you in opera's drama, passion and emotion.

16th – Multi-Award winning choreographer James Wilton presents Leviathan, blending dance, martial arts, capoeira and partner work to reimagine Moby Dick. It will have you on the edge of your seat through the sheer ferocity of movement and powerful soundtrack.

Jazz, Blues with Julie Roberts and Michael Hinton. Classic songs and rediscovered gems from the jazz/blues era are brought to life by Julie's warm expressive voice and Michael's inspired piano interpretations - sit back and relax!

17th – The Tangram Theatre Company introduces The Origin of the Species – a Musical Comedy about Charles Darwin. 'Remarkably inventive, thoroughly entertaining... Science can rarely have been so fascinating and never so much fun.' The Stage.

18th – Join Gin Palace Productions - in It's a Long Way to ... to celebrate the centenary of the end of WWI with a rousing singalong of Music-Hall timeless tunes.

19th – AMALTHEA introduces Journeys, an intimate combination of flute and harp. Klio and Siobhan draw inspiration from baroque, classical and contemporary eras across different cultures and continents.



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20th – The talented Hurst College Music Scholars perform a wide variety of musical styles.

22nd – Concert guitarist and composer Richard Durrant performs Stringhenge on a guitar made from a 5,000 year old English Oak tree, his Uffington Tenor Guitar and a humble ukulele - expect an evening of exquisite music.

Maisy Banks, described as 'a young Joni Mitchell meets Daughter', supports Opus Kink with grooving delectable beats, punk-funk guitar and outlandish lyricism; audiences have been dancing since day one!

24th – Baritone Matthew Sprange and pianist Elizabeth Rossiter's recital features poetry and songs inspired by WWI. Not only tragedy, but also the joy brought by peace.

25th – A cappella singing group No Strings Attached performs pop-songs from the 60s to 80s promising an evening of great fun and nostalgia.

26th – Krystallos Quartet are an exciting ensemble of young musicians performing Debussy, Shostakovich and Astor Piazzolla. Sensual, ethereal, tragic, brutal, melancholic, rhythmic, delightful - experience an exhilarating evening of music!

Let Rough Chowder transport you to the bayous of Louisiana with the beautiful melodies of the accordion and fiddle. You can two step, swing, jive, waltz to the music or just sit back and enjoy.

27th – Acoustic set with Mark Chadwick - lead singer of The Levellers. This upfront and personal solo performance will see Mark play a mixture of material from solo albums and Levellers classics. Be warned, Mark will have you up dancing!



Mark Chadwick

28th – Pin back your ears for cellist Matthew Barley - an electrifying evening that strides from one of Bach's towering solo suites to Benjamin Britten to Argentine composer Osvaldo Golijov and beyond.

29th – Let the five musicians from Between The Notes and Niall Ashdown incite your imagination by taking audience suggestions and creating a fantastical and humorous journey into the unknown!

30th – Everyone is welcome to join the Hurst Village Scratch Band! Bring any instrument and we'll create a new piece of music together, with Fraser Trainer & Tim Steiner, to conclude the Hurst Festival.

A vast array of talent, styles and genres to suit every palette! And that's just the music – last month we shared Hurst Festival's theatre, film and literature, and you have workshops, walks, family events and Super Sunday to come. Tickets on sale soon.

Family-owned field takes on new life

By Michèle Copeland

Have you seen Hurst's very own campsite? Maybe some of us are not aware that as you drive on the Brighton Road past Washbrooks Farm, that behind the Old Flower Field sign is a campsite and lodges, run by Shaun and Suzanne Revell and their son Aaron, which has only recently opened up.



As Shaun says proudly: "This patch of land has been owned by the family for over 100 years, since 1867 to be exact! Originally it was a thriving nursery, running at its peak in the 1950s and 60s. Subsequently it was managed by different people until 1987, when it fell into partial disrepair following The Great Storm. All production had ceased by 2000."

It remained a derelict site until 2015, when Shaun and his family decided to apply for planning permission to build five executive houses on the plot next door, alongside the four lodges, and make a start on the campsite.

It was agreed that both the lodges and the campsite had to run together.

"We had to shift so much glass!" says Suzanne, remembering the time they cleared the greenhouses from the site.

Conveniently placed within easy walking distance of the village High Street, a safe, tarmac footpath opposite runs right to Washbrooks Farm and then into the village, or in the opposite direction to the foot of the Downs via a Bridle path.

"We are delighted to see so many people local to the area enjoy our campsite," says Shaun.



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Cottis Preschool visits Ladymeard

A local nursing home has had a visit from local children. Samantha Anthony, one of the teachers at Cottis Preschool, said: "It is a fantastic experience for the children and enables them to develop a mutual respect for others from a young age. The two generations come together to share songs, and everyone joins in with the actions."

Helena, the activities coordinator at Ladymeard, said her work would not be the same without the preschool visits. "The residents love to see the children and it really brightens their day; the residents join in with the action songs, which helps with their mobility, and the singing puts a smile on everyone's face in the room."

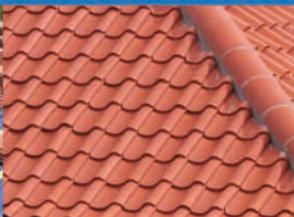


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WI celebrates centenary

By Joyce Manning, President

Hurstpierpoint Women's Institute (WI) is celebrating its centenary at its meeting on Wednesday 6th June. It is one of the oldest WIs in the country, having been formed in 1918. Its first meeting was held in the Parish Room and attracted 55 members.

The first Women's Institute meeting in the United Kingdom took place on the Isle of Anglesey in North Wales only three years earlier. The original aim was to encourage women to become active citizens and to become involved in producing food during the First World War. A number of Hurstpierpoint members joined the Land Army, the WAAFS, the ATS or the WRENS and subsequently had fond memories of their time in the Services.

After the war a whole range of foods continued to be subject to rationing. Coal was also in short supply, and during the really severe winter of 1947 many people were both cold and hungry. The National Federation of Women's Institutes (NFWI) launched Operation Produce, and Hurstpierpoint members supported this campaign.

As well as providing a friendly and interesting monthly meeting for ladies in the village, Hurstpierpoint WI has made a number of contributions to village life. For example, soon after the Second World War, a building fund was established and the WI group donated £1,000 towards the building of the Village Hall. In 2004 the Village Centre was extended, and Hurstpierpoint WI was actively involved in funding its refurbishment and donated 200 full sets of crockery and cutlery at a cost of several hundred pounds.

Because our membership is now rather elderly, our numbers have decreased in recent years, but we still have interesting and enjoyable meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 2.15pm in the Girl Guide Headquarters.



At our Centenary Meeting on 6th June our speaker will be Mr Ian Gledhill who will give one of his most entertaining presentations entitled 'We do like to be beside the Seaside'. We will be joined by two members from each of the nearby WIs, three members of the West Sussex Federation HQ, and a special tea will be provided, together with a birthday cake made by one of our members. We will also display various items indicating what our WI has done over its long history in the village.

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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

In this feature, Hurst Life highlights an artist based in the village. This month's artist is Rachel Lampport...

I grew up in Hove and moved to Hurstpierpoint 26 years ago. Living here is wonderful, and I share my home with my lovely grown up children and my three cats. Walking in the countryside surrounding the village is my favourite pastime.

Drawing and painting have always been my passion, and as a child at school it led me into trouble for doodling in my maths book. Maybe that is why I'm an artist and not an accountant!

My love for nature greatly influences my artwork. The shapes, forms and colours of plants, flowers, vegetables and animals are fascinating to me and I enjoy including the details in my paintings. I worked as a florist for many years, and my knowledge and appreciation for flowers grew through this.

It was my children and friends that encouraged me to take my paintings out of my sketchbook and share them with others. Since then I have become part of the Hurstpierpoint Open Studios, and this September will be my fourth year exhibiting with them. It is always a delight to meet the people who visit and enjoy my work.

I currently have some of my botanical watercolours on show at Gallery 92 in the High Street, which is an exciting opportunity for me. I am looking forward to seeing which direction my 'doodling' will take me in the future!



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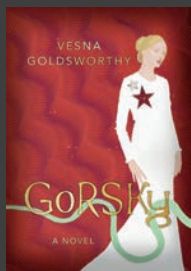
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Gorsky by Vesna Goldsworthy

BOOK REVIEW

By Clair Stanton

The winner of the Womens Prize for Fiction will be announced on Wednesday 6th June and it's a strong list this year. The longlist from this prize usually has some interesting titles, and Gorsky was one of my favourites from the 2016 list. This is a debut novel, written in the author's third language, and it is a skilful update of *The Great Gatsby* set in contemporary London.

There are many allusions to Fitzgerald's classic tale, from the names of the characters (Nick, Tom and Daisy) to the basic outline of the plot, but Goldsworthy's story has a different tone, and the back story of the main protagonists is a world away from West Egg.

In this version Roman Borisovich Gorsky, an enigmatic Russian oligarch, hires Nick to provide him with a library that will entrance an art connoisseur: specifically Natalia Summerscale, the object of his affection.

Nick is an East European immigrant with a Phd in English literature who works in a book shop in Chelsea. He lacks friends and although working for Gorsky changes his life in ways that he could not have imagined, he soon realises that the wealthy set he is now mingling with are every bit as lonely as he is.

As for this year: Eleanor Oliphant is *Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman and *Three Things About Elsie* by Joanna Cannon will probably be the most popular books even though they didn't make the shortlist. My prediction for the winner is *Home Fire* by Kamila Shamsie (but I haven't guessed correctly since Ali Smith took the prize in 2015!).



Clear up after your dog

Many of us spend many happy hours walking our dogs. But there has been a reported increase in the number of incidents of walkers leaving plastic bags of dog mess out in the countryside.

One of Hurst's local farmers has recently lost one of his prized Sussex Red cows, after it accidentally ingurgitated a plastic poop bag and its contents.

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Bring on the sunshine

HURST CRICKET CLUB

By Rob Sawyer

What a difference a week makes. The traditional preseason friendly away at Horsted Keynes' pretty ground was played in glorious 25 degrees sunshine. Fast forward seven days and your correspondent was fielding at fine leg wearing three cricket sweaters and two shirts with a gale driving heavy rain across the field. The game at Horsted Keynes produced a dominant batting performance from Hurst with 2nd XI skipper Tony Andrews scoring 50 runs before retiring. 1st team wicketkeeper batsman Bernie Thys also weighed in with a half century before giving others a chance. At least that was the idea, Bernie had come up against a fellow South African bowler, words were exchanged in a language nobody else understood and Bernie was keen to show him who was boss, he eventually dragged himself off scoring 70 having dispatched his victim all over the field contributing to an easy victory. The game at Ice Station Zebra (AKA East Dean) was also won and the Sunday friendly XI completed a hat trick of wins with victory in the third fixture of the summer.

Week one of the league season has started with a mixed bag of results. The first XI strolled through a game at Staplefield, bowling the home side out for just 53 and making the total for the loss of three wickets. Back at

Fairfield, the second XI posted a score of 147 with John Pike top scoring. This looked competitive with a wet outfield keeping scoring low, but Keymer & Hassocks took full advantage of the drying conditions and managed the game well, losing just five wickets. The 3rd XI made its league debut against a strong East Grinstead side. We lost, but, with many players making their competitive debuts and gaining valuable experience, we are confident that we will hold our own this season.

Pride of place in the early part of the season, however, goes to our Under 13s. Our 2nd XI were skittled out for only 59, which should have been the end of the proceedings, but our bowlers got stuck into the Poynings attack and we ran out winners, reducing them for 53/8 at the end of play. All of our lads did brilliantly, but special mention must go to Harry Emms who returned figures of 2 wickets for 5 runs, Arthur Smith for a superb pick up and throw to run out their batter, Charlie Richardson who seemed to be fielding everywhere at once and a great performance from Oliver Thatcher behind the stumps. Well done lads!

As always at Hurst CC, we have plenty of social events to go alongside the cricket. We have wine tasting, in conjunction with South Downs Cellars, quiz nights, disco and fancy dress nights to look forward to.

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By Martyn Gooch, partner Rohan Solicitors

Question: I am in a dispute over a property boundary. My neighbour has suggested using mediation to try to resolve it. What does this involve?

Answer: Mediation is one form of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). ADR is a term that describes several techniques that are used to promote early and cost-effective settlement without the involvement of the courts. Court proceedings are expensive, damaging and stressful- even more so if the dispute is between warring neighbours. Wherever possible, court action should be regarded as the 'last resort', and parties should always try to resolve the dispute amicably.

Mediation is a voluntary and confidential process using the services of an independent mediator who will help to negotiate an agreed settlement. Typically, a mediation would take place at a neutral venue, however, it is common, in the case of boundary disputes, for it to take place at the property involved. The mediator's role is not to offer opinion on the issues in dispute or impose a decision if agreement cannot be reached, it is to seek common ground between the parties and facilitate a settlement that both are comfortable with. For the process to work effectively both parties must engage with the mediator and be willing to compromise.

Although a mediation can take place at any stage of the dispute, usually mediations undertaken at an early stage have a higher success rate than those conducted later down the line when both parties' positions are entrenched and neither is prepared to be flexible.

Many organisations offer services of trained mediators, and these can be found by searching online. Mediators are often solicitors or barristers and will understand the legal process and the impact disputes have on the individuals involved.

There are a number of advantages of using mediation to resolve a civil dispute instead of using the court system. The costs can be far lower and the procedure is less stressful and time-consuming. The parties can also explore alternative solutions that may not have been previously considered or are not available through the courts. Finally, mediation can reduce the level of animosity between the parties meaning it is often possible to re-establish a positive relationship once the dispute is resolved; this is generally never the case when disputes go to court.

Success rates of mediation are high, often quoted at over 75%. If you do reach agreement on a boundary dispute at mediation and that resolution results in a change to the boundary position, it is important to ensure that professional legal advice is sought when recording that agreement at the Land Registry.

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- Tues **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

June

- 5th **Mid Sussex & District Badminton Assn** – 8pm
- 9th **British Cactus and Succulent Society** – 1pm
Talk on Cactus
- 17th **Yellow Brick Lab** – 9.30am
Father's Day Children's Coding Workshop
- 19th **Wolstonbury WI** – 7.45pm
Quiz and Games Evening. Visitors welcomed. (Enquiries 01273 834421)
- 30th **Hurst & District Hort. Society** – 8am-5pm
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- 5th **NHS Retirement Fellowship** – 10.15-11.45am
Franklands Village Hall, Haywards Heath - Visiting speaker on The History of St Dunstons with speaker Rachel Chitty (David Goodger 01444 483480)
- 6th **Superfood Workshop** – 8-10pm
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- 9th **Poynings Country Fete** – 2-4.30pm
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- 9th-10th **Hurst Colts Football Tournament** – 9am-6pm
Court Bushes Playing Field, Willow Way - Free admission, parking £2.50
- 13th **MU Garden Party** – 2.30pm
Venue TBC
- 15th **Sideways (15)** – doors 7.30pm
Albourne Vineyard - Hurst Village Cinema teams up for this wine-themed movie screening (www.hurstfilms.com)
- 20th **MU Evening outing**
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