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EDITORIAL

By David Tingley, Editor

This year I know a lot of effort has been put into making a few changes to the **Community Christmas event** on the High Street. All the stalls will be local, the shops are working together to make the event work for them and the organising team has been a collaborative effort from various groups in the village. It will take place on **Saturday 8th December** – so you don't have long to wait until you don your Christmas jumper and enjoy the festivities. See **page 5** for more on this.

Sticking on the Christmas theme, the churches in the village have kindly displayed all their activities over the special season on our centre page spread – find out **what's on at Christmas** on **pages 22-23**.

Page 19 gives details of a special **Christmas Day lunch** for those who are lonely in the village, and on **page 6** there's news of a winter bird to look out for in a **High Street shop window!**

I'm delighted to welcome three **new businesses** to Hurstpierpoint in this issue. **The Garden Spa (p.10)**, **JB & Co (p.11)** and **Revil Six (p.11)** all give us a taste of what each is about – some additional Christmas shopping options for you.

Rob Sawyer makes an attempt to steer us away from just the same old tunes this year in his article: **'Ten Christmas songs you'll never hear at Christmas'** on **page 24**.

Page 12 features an interview with world class polo photographer and Hurst resident **Tony Ramirez**, courtesy of **Mike Thatcher**. A big thank you to Tony for letting us tell his story. If you know someone who we should talk to in 2019, please send us an email to: editor@hurstlife.co.uk.

Elsewhere we have **What's On** on **page 42**, the **Parish Council letter** on **page 28** and a new feature – a **family crossword** – on **page 40**. Do let us know what you think! Happy Christmas one and all.



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The application process for school admissions in West Sussex is well underway and, if you haven't already applied, here is some key information:

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Tuesday 15th January 2019: National closing date for starting school applications. You must submit your completed application by this date. Failure to do so will affect the priority attached to your application.

Tuesday 16th April 2019: Online applicants are notified by email, and others by second class post, which school their child is offered.

In the information given out by WSSC it stresses: 'If your application is received after the closing date of Tuesday 15th January 2019 your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.'

Hurst Players Production looking for actors

A casting call has gone out for new potential actors for the Players Theatre production in April of the classic play *Rope*. It was written by Hassocks born Patrick Hamilton and was later made into a film by Alfred Hitchcock.

The reading auditions will take place on Wednesday 2nd and 9th January at 8pm at the Players Theatre on the High Street.

The director, Jo Kearns, is looking for six men and two women to fill some key roles. "The ages listed are merely a guide; don't be deterred if you don't quite match."

The characters in the play are: Brandon (20s); Granillo (20s); Sabot (20-40 yrs); Kenneth (late teens, early 20s); Leila (late teens, early 20s); Sir John (50+); Mrs Debenhan (50+); Rupert (29+).

The production team at Players Theatre are always keen to hear from people who prefer the backstage side of things and would welcome anyone on those evenings if they want to get involved. For further information please call Jo Kearns on 01273 834200.



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High Street gets Christmas treatment

By David Tingley

It is with great pleasure that we at Hurst Life have been able to join with the various other businesses who have supported the Community Christmas Event on the High Street on 8th December.

According to organiser Louise Lawrence, this year's High Street event has been a genuine community collaboration with many groups, in addition to businesses, taking steps to make it happen. She explained: "Hurst Life's support has been incredibly helpful. Hurst Life has, with no charge, allowed us to raise the profile of the event by printing photos and updates on a monthly basis."

Other businesses involved this year specifically include: Marcus Grimes, Castles Solicitors, The Co-op and Nationwide Building Society as well as other High Street traders.

The High Street will be closed to traffic from 2.45pm on Saturday 8th December, reopening at 7pm that evening.

Highlights of the afternoon will include over 55 stalls (all local), Santa's Grotto from 4pm, a live nativity, live band, dance performance, trishaw rides and a camera booth. The evening will conclude with a torchlit carol-singing procession at 6.30pm.

For up to date information about the event search for 'Hurst High Street Xmas Shopping' on Facebook.

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Giving back (with a penguin!)

The pop-up shop at 121 High Street, a joint venture between Ashley & Thomas and Olive, has a new feature in the window for Christmas shoppers to spot.

Shop owners Chris, Sarah and Gill have placed a beautiful penguin in the window (pictured) and are asking passers-by to pop in and donate £1 to guess its name. Whoever guesses the correct name also gets to keep the penguin! The draw will take place on Christmas Eve.



Photo: Louise Paton
inkpandaphotography.com

This initiative will raise money for Chestnut Tree House, the children's hospice here in Sussex.

"We will also be hosting two 'wine and nibbles' evenings in December," Gill explained. "Do book your place on either 13th or 20th. Tickets are £10 each and all the money will go to this amazing charity."

Tickets can be bought from any of the three shops on the High Street.

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RDA group makes Audrey's wish come true

South Downs Riding for the Disabled group, based at HMSEA in Albourne, was delighted to make a dream come true for Audrey Merry, who lives at Skylark House Care Home in Horsham and had just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Audrey had a bucket list of wishes for her centenary year, one of which was to sit in the saddle again and relive her riding days from the past. She visited the Albourne group to watch them in action and pet the ponies, and last month, with the support of RDA volunteers, her family and care home staff, she returned to make her wish come true. Audrey mounted Toffee with confidence and enthusiasm and carried out several laps of the school with a straight back, perfect riding position and a beaming smile on her face, recounting tales of her youth as she went. "It was a truly memorable event for all concerned," commented Jayne Simpson.





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Fundraising quiz raises funds for VSO trip

A quiz evening at the New Inn raised an impressive £490 towards a trip to Cambodia in February for Hurst resident Lottie Green.

Having finished her A-levels she is currently working in both the Co-op and New Inn as she prepares for her trip with fundraising initiatives. Others have included organising a clothes party with the help of Julie Rand, owner of The Dressing Room in Haywards Heath.

"I've been so overwhelmed by the generosity and support of everyone who came along to these events. To help me reach my final target I have entered the Downland Devil nine mile and will be running this in early December."

She will travel to Tang Krasang, a rural area of Cambodia, for three months with the charity VSO at the beginning of February. VSO is an international development charity; their mission is to bring people together to fight poverty. Lottie would very much appreciate any donations, which can be done through her JustGiving page at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/lottie-green1



Christmas Spectacular

Tickets are on sale now for Hurst Singers 2018 Christmas Spectacular which this year will be held in Holy Trinity Church on Sunday 16th December starting at 2.30pm.

Start your Christmas with some seasonal music old and new – as well as the choir's very popular rendition of The 12 Days of Christmas! The choir will be singing music from the 14th to the 21st centuries, and there's going to be plenty for the audience to join in, alongside some festive readings – not forgetting the glass of wine and a mince pie afterwards!

Tickets cost £8 for adults (free for accompanied school-age children) and include refreshments. Available from Jan Ton News. For more details contact the Secretary, David Redd, on 01273 831801.

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Eco salon welcomed to High Street

The High Street recently welcomed beautician Tara Young (pictured) in the newly opened salon The Garden Spa.

With close to 29 years in the business she has taken a varied path to get here; from ten years with a salon in North Wales to a decade in the American Embassy in Greece! This business was previously based in Hassocks where she started in a back room with no shop frontage at all and built up clients through word of mouth in 18 months.

When the shop in the High Street became available it seemed the perfect time to move. "It was time to expand," Tara commented. "I had seen the shop the previous year but I wasn't quite ready. Hurst is lovely, with nice quality shops and friendly faces. Lots of people have popped their heads through door and been so welcoming, genuinely well-wishing and happy the shop is no longer empty. There's a real community feel, and I love that."



With eco considerations at the forefront of what she does, Tara has done a lot of the work on the shop herself and will bring in a local builder to finish things off in the unit at 110 High Street.

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Short back and sides

There's a new barbers in town: JB & Co – which is run by brothers Jed and Jake Berry.

Jake, who already runs another barbers shop in Brighton, lives in Hurstpierpoint and loves the place. He raved so much about it to his brother Jed, that he moved down from Banbury to run the business at 108 High Street!

Jed (pictured) has been a barber for seven years and explained that the pair have experienced a lot of support from residents and fellow traders already: "People just pop their head round the door and say Hi, wishing us good luck – it's really nice."

JB & Co is open from 9am Tuesday to Saturday with an earlier start on Saturdays and a late finish on Thursday nights.



Revalo Six now open at 59 High Street

Many won't have failed to notice a new sign and window displays in what used to be Polkadot, on the Cuckfield Road roundabout.

Revalo Six is the brainchild of Sharon Oliver, who is no stranger to the village. "Hurst simply ticked all the boxes," she explained. "The village has been part of my life for many years, with all four of my children having gone to school here. There is something for everyone here in this vibrant community – I just love walking down the High Street."

Sharon's shop features a range of products from candles and furniture to pieces of original artwork. It was her eye for interior design that led her to open Revalo Six – which she's proud to say is entirely independent and her barometer when finding new products is: 'If I wouldn't buy it personally, I won't stock it!'.

Sharon is looking forward to the Hurst Community Christmas event on 8th December, where she'll be sharing some chilled bubbles with her customers!



Tony Ramirez

VILLAGE PEOPLE



Mike Thatcher meets the long-time resident of Hurst and leading polo photographer

By Mike Thatcher

"Prince Philip is very impatient, not like the Queen. You've got three seconds. If you haven't got the picture, bad luck." As the official photographer for the Guards Polo Club, in the grounds of Windsor Castle, Tony Ramirez's day job puts him in a privileged position. "The Queen is very good because she is so used to it. You might have to say 'Ma'am can you look at me please', but not very often."

Tony is the country's leading photographer in the sport of polo. "I don't know about that," he chuckles modestly. "I consider myself one of the top few." His modesty was one of the main things which struck me about him as I met him in his cosy and compact office tucked away off Western Rd. When you look through his vast and hugely impressive collection of photos on his website it is almost impossible to find his name. "I prefer to promote the brand, Images of Polo. My name is on the website, if you look at the bottom." You have to look very closely.

Tony and his wife Olga have lived in Hurstpierpoint for over 35 years. He was born in Spain and educated in Brazil before moving to Sussex. Initially they rented in Haywards Heath before finding the perfect property in Hurst in 1983. "We just fell in love with the village and a tiny cottage in the High Street. I had been an insurance broker for a long time and photography had always been a hobby. I got involved with a polo magazine in Spain and then I decided to go full-time. I sold the insurance business and that was it."

After five years on the High Street, near the Players Theatre, they moved to Western Road where they remain to this day. How has Hurst changed since he has

been here? "Years ago we seemed to know everybody, or at least it felt like it. It seems to have become more of a 'commuter village' but that's not unique to Hurst; it's bound to happen when you are close to a train station and only an hour from London. We wouldn't move from here, it's such a nice village."

His work has also changed since the early days of developing his films in a dark room. "Technically today the quality is better, the cameras can think for themselves. Digital images create more time in the office but there was no hesitation to move to digital cameras. The cameras are quicker, the shutter speeds are much faster and when you are taking pictures of horses going 30-40 mph, you need a fast camera."

Does he have any advice for the mums and dads of Hurst when taking an action shot of 'little Johnny' for Hurst Colts on a Saturday? "Stand behind the goal whenever possible. The advantage is that you will always get a picture of the boy or girl coming to you and striving to score, which tells its own story. You get the feeling of what he or she is trying to do within the picture. It's also better if you have the sun behind you, or at 90 degrees if that's not possible." The array of photographs and awards which adorn his office is a testament to the fact that this advice comes from an expert and leader in his field. I sensed pride coming to the surface when talking about his membership of the British Institute of Professional Photography (BIPP) where he was inducted as a Licentiate in 2007 and then an Associate in 2009. "You gain that by doing a set of pictures and going in front of a panel, and that was a big thing for me. It was tough and time consuming. You become very selective, it has got to be technically right but also memorable." The BIPP is an august organisation which covers all disciplines of photography and is highly respected within the industry. "The next level would be the Fellowship and



I've been meaning to apply but its just finding the time."

The proudest moment of his career came when HM the Queen was presented with a book of his photos at a private presentation at the Guards Club, with just three people present. The Queen's book is leather bound, and I was granted a peek at the only other copy; a remarkable portfolio of the royal family away from official duties and relaxed. Tony remembers the presentation day very clearly and a photo of the event hangs on the wall to the right of his desk. "When she out of the public eye she's quite relaxed. She's amazing for her age."

The bulk of his work is naturally during the summer where he would follow a day's work with long evenings downloading and editing the shoot. The winter is when he gets the time to do the presentation, coffee-table style books for the different teams and, apart from the odd event abroad, he remains office bound in the winter. "It's hard work but enjoyable, most of the time. You get to meet interesting people and go to interesting places, St Moritz and Azerbaijan for example."

I asked him whether, like a film director who can't watch a film without digesting all the camera angles, he can see a photo in the newspaper without casting a critical, professional eye. He was quite scathing about some of the photos used in the racing pages and he is a position to judge, having worked for the Telegraph Online for three years. "Some of them are appalling. These days anyone can take a photo on a phone, as the quality is quite good, and magazines just use whatever anyone sends them as they are free." The experience needed and, more importantly, the equipment needed to be a top photographer of polo means that this threat is unlikely to affect his sport. "A lot of people try, thinking it's easy, but it's not."

When they first moved to their current house Miss Hannington used to live next door; her great uncle was

the Rector and the family was well-known locally. As far as they know the previous occupant had lived in it since it was built, so they are only the second people to live in it since 1930. The nature of his work has prevented him from getting as involved in village life as he would have wanted. "Unfortunately time is an issue; my job is not nine-to-five and my work is mostly at the weekends."

As winter approaches he will be off to Argentina to cover the Argentine Polo Open followed by the annual trip to St Moritz, where he is the official photographer for the polo played there on the frozen lake. The challenges this brings are unique as, instead of being surrounded by green, the predominant colour is white. But when he gets it right the results are spectacular and as satisfying as anything he does at home. I wondered if he felt he had reached a professional peak with his craft and, whilst he admitted he had learned nothing technical in the last few years, he would not stop growing as a photographer. "There's always room for improvement, nobody can say they're not learning or improving. You always want to do better and try to get a better picture than the last one."

There are some final encouraging words for someone like myself, who, despite taking hundreds of photos, have nothing of real worth to show. Even the best in the business have bad days: "Some days you know you haven't done well. It's a very fast game and the field is 300 metres long and there will be games when it all seems to be down the other end and you don't get the pictures. Or the game is not good. Or the game is good but for some reason the pictures you take are just not quite right." But I sense those days are few and far between and once again Tony's modesty is coming into play. It's always a privilege to meet someone at the top of their profession and it's a pleasant surprise when they turn out to live in Hurstpierpoint.

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Christmas boxes for kids

By Margaret Taylor, GB Captain

Every year 1st Hurstpierpoint Girls' Brigade and members of the Hurstpierpoint Methodist Church collect items to go into shoe boxes which are then sent abroad through the charity Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child. This year we had enough gifts to make up ten boxes.

Thousands of supporters, who love to bring joy and God's love to children, engage with this project, and last year this Operation Christmas Child global family delivered an amazing 11 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 100 counties.

Our Girls' Brigade and church members feel that we would like to make a difference in the world by putting together these shoeboxes and imagining the faces of the children when they open a box containing lots of small items for them to use and play with.

Thank you to all who gave so generously.

End of Bowls season evening

Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club celebrated the end of its season with a very successful dinner and presentation evening at the Singing Hills Golf Club last month. The event was sold out, with 86 members attending. The evening's Master of Ceremonies and new Vice Chairman, Tony Lank, introduced the retiring chairman, Bob Mitchell, who presented the chairman's special award to Dick Goodman for his wonderful efforts behind the club's new bar. Bob mentioned several members who had also helped the club in so many ways.



Bob Mitchell with Dick Goodman

Bob was also presented with a gift following his retirement as Chairman.

The presentation of the club's competitions then took place, with several new winners collecting their awards. The presentations came to a close with the ladies' and men's champions receiving their cups from President Chris Barnden; Deryn Mitchell winning for the first time and Keith Jackson taking the men's cup for a second time.

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Christmas lunch offer

By Naomi McBain

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Working with a growing team of volunteers, many lives are being encouraged and equipped through our term time programmes of parenting conversations, small support groups called Sparkle groups, playtime fun and support of individual families.

On Christmas Day we are linking up for a second year with another local charity, Befriended, for a Community Christmas lunch. Last year was full of laughter, fun and delicious food.

This year we are looking again to make Christmas Day special for families and individuals who might otherwise find the day difficult, or are simply looking to spend the day with others in the community. Do help us spread the word to people you know who would like to come.

For more information on this event please contact: admin@befriended.org.

Remembrance Parade

By Trevor Evans

On behalf of the Hurstpierpoint & Albourne branch of the Royal British Legion I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the various organisations who took part in this year's Parade which, from memory, was the largest parade the village has seen for a long time.

The names of the fallen from both world wars were read out by pupils from our local school, followed by the wreath laying. The church service was led by Rev Jane Willis, Deacon Bryannel Rop and Assistant Curate Debbie Beer with John Burns reading the gospel and Major Colin Richardson MBE for the address.

I was thankful to the eight marshals who took charge of the road junction to ensure the safety of the participants of the parade, led by the Steadfast Band once again. With only a week to go, Jane Willis came up trumps in locating a bugler, Maddie Furner, who played the Last Post and Reveille at the memorial, and what a superb job she made of it.

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Janice and Bill Kent, Director and Secretary of the local charity reMEMber, were guests at a special luncheon hosted by the Countess of Mar in the House of Lords. The lunch, which took place on 23rd October, was to mark the tenth anniversary of Forward-ME, the pressure group made up of charities like reMEMber that campaign on behalf of people who have ME/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

Janice Kent explained: "We have been members of Forward-ME since the Countess launched it in 2008. Forward-ME was her idea and she is its Chairperson. She speaks on behalf of ME patients in the House of Lords and tackles Ministers, heads of government agencies, senior doctors and others who should be making better provision for people who have this long-term disabling



illness. It is thanks to Forward-ME that NICE (National Institute for Health & Care Excellence) is rewriting its guidance on diagnosing and managing the illness."

Closer to home, reMEMber is now raising funds to help a doctor learn about ME and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome to set up a network of ME/CFS services and to get a proper service for children who have the illness. For further information about ME or reMEMber contact Janice Kent on 01273 831733 or email: me_cfs@hotmail.com.

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Holy Trinity Parish Church

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Wednesday 5th December

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Friday 14th December

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Sunday 23rd December

6pm Candlelit Carol Service followed by
mulled wine and mince pies

Christmas Eve Monday 24th December

3pm & 4.30pm Crib Services with All Join In Nativity
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11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8am Christmas Eucharist
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9.45am Christmas Family Eucharist
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Christmas Day

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Friday 21st December

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Christmas Eve Monday 24th December

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9am Mass of the Nativity

The Point

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Sunday 9th December

7pm Church in a Pub at Christmas at The Woolpack, Burgess Hill

Sunday 16th December

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Saturday 22nd December

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Sunday 23rd December

9.30am Family Carol Service

11.15am Carols Celebration

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7pm Carol Singing Around The Parish - wrap up warm and meet at Sayers Common Community Shop (The Duke of Sussex)

Saturday 15th December

10am – 4pm Coffee, Soup and Cribbs at Christ Church, Sayers Common

The ever popular Pop up café and an opportunity to visit the exhibition of Nativity sets donated by families in the Parish

Wednesday 19th December

7pm Carols by Candlelight – Nine lessons and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies at St Bartholomew's, Albourne

Thursday 20th December

7pm A Sussex Christmas Carol Service at St Peter's Twineham

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Christmas Eve Monday 24th December

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Christmas Day

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Ten Christmas songs you never hear at Christmas

Our music man, Rob Sawyer, digs deep to find some Christmas gems you won't hear piped around department stores this Christmas.

By Rob Sawyer

Then it's the Hurstpierpoint Christmas shopping evening, which is always brilliant. The opportunity to buy gifts without hitting the crowds in Brighton or London is too good to waste and it helps that many of the shops are dishing out free glasses of fizz and mince pies.

Just Like Christmas by Low

American Indi rockers Low are not the obvious choice for a Christmas tune but this record is a corker.

This Christmas by Donny Hathaway

One of the outstanding voices of his generation, Donny was a tragic figure but left us with this, in my opinion, the greatest Christmas record ever.



Jingle Bells by Boney James

Nothing to do with Boney M, Jazz saxophonist Boney James cut this bonkers but brilliant version of Jingle Bells in the 1990s.

Christmas Is by Lou Rawls

The absolute definition of the velvet soul voice, Lou Rawls straddled soul and jazz with his effortless vocal style.

Merry Christmas Baby by Otis Redding

Very few rock bands cut Christmas albums but pretty much every soul act did. This is classic Otis, pure Southern Soul.

Do You Hear What I Hear? by Gladys Knight & the Pips

For me, the greatest female voice and totally underrated. She left Motown to get noticed and had a slew of hits. The emotion she delivers in this is incredible.



Santa Baby by Eartha Kitt

The definitive version of this much covered Christmas classic.

I'm cheating a bit with these three because everyone knows them but what is Christmas without Dean & Frank? Probably recorded on a sweltering 1950s day in Los Angeles they nevertheless capture everything we love about Christmas.



Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! and Baby, It's Cold Outside both by Dean Martin, and I'll Be Home For Christmas by Frank Sinatra.

So there is my Christmas collection. You can listen on Spotify here; <https://spoti.fi/2RYH8Rs> and follow me on Twitter; @robertoski Merry Christmas!

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Lesley Ridley

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Lesley Ridley, a well-known face around the village and mother of five, passed away last month after a short illness. The phrase 'larger than life' is often used but never more accurately than when describing Lesley. A big booming voice and, it's true to say, occasionally untidy look, was matched by an ability to talk to and care for anyone, no matter who they were.

The big turnout at her memorial and the huge quantities of food provided by the community are testament to the regard Lesley was held in. Her husband Andy has been overwhelmed by the support since her passing. "I just want to thank everyone, they've been amazing. The support we've had – the constant visitors, the supply of food being delivered has been fantastic. I can't thank the people of Hurstpierpoint enough for their support." A resident of Hurst for 18 years, she leaves behind Andy and four boys.

A packed Holy Trinity church heard the Rev Debbie Beer take up her story in a moving tribute:

Lesley spent the first part of her life in Tonbridge, loving swimming and drama. Finding that a Girl's Brigade friend went to church, she just decided she would go to church too. At college she trained as a nursery nurse and went on to work as a nanny for the Astor family at Hever Castle. Later on she met Andy. He was the bakery delivery driver and Lesley, as manager of the local branch, made him a coffee and they talked. They met at the right time for each other. They went out for four weeks and then moved in together. Andy says simply: "She was my best friend, my girl and I was her boy. Then and always."

One particularly cold and wet winter they managed to take a holiday in the Canary Islands. Back home again in that winter, at Andy's urging they went back to the Canaries and got jobs running a restaurant; Andy the chef and Lesley out front. Her personality was a big factor in their success in working up the business. She went the extra mile for their customers and for the stray

dog, who became a fixture outside. They came back to England after eight months because she was unwell and she was successfully treated. This was the first of several serious health challenges in her life.

The advent of children involved moving from Burgess Hill to Willow Way 18 years ago; then to Blackthorns, and later on to Pierpoint Close. Becoming part of the toddler and play groups, becoming part of the village community, working in the Post Office and in other jobs; she was at the heart of the community. Lesley loved people. It didn't matter who you were – rich or poor. Helping, giving friendship, giving love. Knowing everyone and everyone knowing her. So many people say: 'She was my friend'.

Lesley said that she didn't want to marry until she could have her own children, not other people's, as page boys at her wedding. So Toby, Josh and Zach were very much part of Lesley and

Andy's wedding day in August 2005 – a wonderful day of celebration and fun, complete with bouncy castle.

But less than two years later came a most terrible day, with the death of baby Felix at nearly two months old, which brought deep and lasting pain, a deep, lasting wound to Lesley, and to the whole family. But in the times that followed, among all the pain and challenges, there was still so much love, a lot of happiness. The birth of Noah, the joy of seeing her sons grow into boys and young men to be proud of. Lesley was, quite rightly, such a proud mum. A mum who ran the family, who got the family through the toughest times. Who lived her faith that God's love and true human love are stronger than anything. Andy said: "We've always had the basics. We've had what money can't buy – love and time." Lesley gave so much love, so many hugs. "I was not a hugging person when I met Lesley," says Andy. "But I am now."





Hurst Meadows now ours!

By Stephen Hand

Many congratulations to all those who made the Remembrance Day parade and memorial service such a moving and poignant occasion, especially to the young lady who played the bugle so well.

The last month has seen completion of the transfers of ownership of the Wilderness and Tilley's Copse areas of ancient woodland from Bovis Homes to the Parish Council so that we can now say that Hurst Meadows is fully in community ownership. The full area extends from College Lane to Marchants Close, and we can now undertake the remaining preparatory work needed to make the area suitable for public use. Public consultation will begin shortly on how



we will access the new area from Marchants Close. More information about how the Council intends to manage the 50 acre area going forward is available on our website. The Council is very grateful in this for the time and effort from the residents and interest group representatives on the Hurst Meadows Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is intending to mark the completion of transfer with a New Year's day walkabout. Members of the Board and Councillors will be doing conducted walks around the meadows from 10am on New Year's Day to show off the extent of the amenity now available to our community. It will be too early in the year to see the planned new heritage orchard containing 40 varieties of Sussex apples, including two native to Hurstpierpoint, but planting of this will begin in February next year.

During the next few weeks we will be undertaking some repairs, including the steps at St Georges Green, the wall bordering the cemetery and the pothole at the top of the cemetery access road. We will also be starting to install the new 'village gateway' signage in Sayers Common and Hurstpierpoint.

Our preparations for winter weather are being put in place and I would ask you please to read and keep a copy of our latest newsletter for the details.

Finally, on behalf of Parish Councillors and Parish staff, may I wish all of our residents a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

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Mid Sussex Returning Officer Tom Clark said: "We want to give everyone the maximum amount of notice that Mid Sussex is going to be one of the government pilot areas for voter ID. The government sees this as a crucial step in ensuring the integrity of voting processes across the country and we are happy to be involved."

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5 MINUTES WITH...

Sally O'Connor

Sally has worked in marketing for years and is now Communications Manager for Bedlam Brewery in Albourne. This ties in with her passion for photography, people, travel and the environment. She loves a challenge and has done both a parachute jump and bungy jump for charity!

How long have you lived in Hurstpierpoint? 10 years

What's the best thing about being here?

The awesome community spirit, stunning rural location and proximity to the coast

What would you like to see in Hurst that isn't here?

A lido!

How many houses have you lived in? Seven

Favourite book, film and album? Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman, any film starring Audrey Hepburn and Hunky Dory by David Bowie

Most common New Year's resolution?

To get better organised and less side tracked

Your most enjoyable event in the village?

St Lawrence Fair Weekend

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

My amazing husband Jim, our two gorgeous boys Toby and Jack, Claude cat (Clawed) & Lollypop a fish

Song you play the most? Dancing Queen by Abba

Which app on your phone do you use the most?

WhatsApp

Your most frequented village shop?

I'd love to be able to say I use them in equal measure

What's your proudest moment? Being selected to go on expedition with Raleigh International

Last present you received? My fab brother made me copper numerals for my birthday from copper piping.

Your advice for life? Dance as if no one is watching and live and love every day as if it were your last!

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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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

In this feature Hurst Life highlights an artist based in the village. This month's artist is Kate Harries...

By Kate Harries, landscape artist

Two of my grandparents painted and my father is a keen landscape photographer so art was always an interest growing up and at school. Whilst living in London I painted in my spare time, taking evening classes in oil painting and life drawing at Heatherley School of Art and St Martins. I started landscape painting when we moved to Hurstpierpoint. Now surrounded by beautiful countryside it was a natural progression. Walking on the South Downs around Hurstpierpoint I will sit and sketch before heading home to work in oil. I have found over time that my work has become looser and more abstract. For me it is about capturing a moment in time: the quality of light, the seasons and my personal response.

Initially I gave my paintings to friends and family but then I started getting commissions. It has been exciting creating a personal gift for someone or capturing a favourite view. In one case I painted the view of Wolstonbury from the bottom of their garden as a surprise birthday gift.

Last year I signed up for Open Studios, which was daunting but proved to be really worthwhile and rewarding. This September was my second year which I did alongside my friend Kate McMinnies. It was lovely to see my landscapes displayed with her beautiful ceramics both inspired by the Downs. I am currently exhibiting at Gallery 92 on the High Street.

Painting outside on the South Downs, especially Wolstonbury, is very rewarding but not without its challenges. I have been chased by cows, surrounded by sheep and last winter I had to pack up early when my watercolour paints started to freeze! But despite that I couldn't ask for a better model.

RECYCLE THIS...

WSSC 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



Thank you for all your individual enquiries about your recycling. By the time you read this I will have replied individually to all your emails to the editor on recycling. Keep the questions coming...

With Christmas just around the corner, here are some tips to improve your recycling into the New Year.

Did you know Christmas is the busiest time for our recycling team, so we would appreciate your help.

- Any items that have a plug, use batteries, need charging or have a picture of a crossed out wheelie bin on, as shown here, are known as Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). Take these and broken Christmas lights to your local Household Waste Recycling Site ('the tip') – the Small Electricals Recycling point
- When buying your Christmas wrapping paper, avoid metallic/plastic film or glitter – do the scrunch test – if it stays scrunched it can be recycled. Remove large bows and as much sellotape as possible
- Check your Christmas bin collection dates and Christmas recycling tips www.midsussex.gov.uk/waste-recycling
- Take real Christmas trees to your local council Christmas tree recycling point www.midsussex.gov.uk/treerecycling
- Tops off all bottles and containers please, and put in your rubbish bin. Remember 'Clean, Dry and Loose' in your recycling bin
- Remove non-recyclable packaging from boxes, such as polystyrene/plastic wrap and film, and place in your rubbish bin
- Large cardboard boxes – fold flat – if too large for recycling bin then please tear into smaller pieces (cereal box size) and place in recycling bin or take oversized cardboard to the Household Waste Recycling Site ('the tip') – do not leave to the side of the recycling bin as will get wet, and wet cardboard cannot be recycled and will not be collected
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An errant tenant

LISTEN TO THE LAWYER

By Martyn Gooch, partner Rohan Solicitors

Question: I am a landlord of a residential property having granted an Assured Shorthold Tenancy agreement (AST) to a tenant. The tenant has failed to pay the rent and I want to evict him. How do I do this?

Answer: There are two routes available to a landlord wishing to recover possession of a residential property. Which one to use is dependent on whether the term of the AST has expired. Both procedures are outlined in the Housing Act 1988.

Firstly, irrespective of whether the tenant has breached the terms of the AST, a landlord is entitled to demand possession of the property when the term has expired provided that he gives the tenant at least two month's written notice in advance (called a Section 21 Notice). If the tenant still refuses to leave, the landlord can issue possession proceedings in the county court to obtain a court order. Obtaining possession via this path is known as the non-fault based route.

If, however, the tenant is in breach of the terms of the AST the landlord may, at any time during or after expiry of the term, seek possession by issuing the tenant with a different notice (known as a Section 8 Notice) demanding that the tenant leave within 14 days or face court proceedings. The Notice must highlight the breaches being relied on and those breaches must fall within one of the categories identified in the Housing Act. The relevant category in your case being 'non-payment of rent'. Others include 'breach of some other term of the AST' and that the 'tenant has been convicted of a serious offence whilst at the property'. The ground must be included in the Section 8 Notice and in the subsequent court proceedings should they become necessary. This route to recovering possession is often referred to as the fault-based procedure.

If the rent is payable monthly, at least two months' rent must be outstanding before you are able to issue a Section 8 Notice relying on non-payment of rent. If the tenant then ignores the Notice, continues to refuse to pay rent and proceedings are issued against the tenant, then the court will make an order granting the landlord possession of the property.

Possession claims can be complicated, particularly if they are contested by the tenant. It is crucial that you have complied with the various statutory obligations that are imposed on landlords before you even consider serving Notice on the tenant. For example, the landlord must protect the tenant's deposit in a government approved scheme and have provided the tenant with various documentation at the start of the tenancy. Moreover, there are a number of practical issues that must be addressed before you can take legal action to evict your tenant, such as ensuring the property has a valid EPC and that it is fitted with smoke alarms.

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½ bunch fresh coriander, leaves only, finely chopped

For the salsa

5 ripe cherry tomatoes, chopped
2 spring onions, finely sliced diagonally
1 firm avocado, peeled, stone removed, chopped
3" chunk of cucumber
1 lime, juice and zest only
½ bunch fresh coriander, leaves only, finely chopped
1 green chilli, finely chopped
drizzle olive oil

To serve

lime wedges
lettuce leaves



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The lead up to Christmas can be frantic so it's important to catch up on sleep over the holiday period. Insomnia has been at the forefront of my mind of late as many clients are suffering with short sleep duration patterns or a difficulty in falling asleep. An exhausting and frustrating condition.

It is well known that some foods, such as turkey, contain tryptophan which is an amino acid linked to enhanced sleep. This is where the 'turkey makes you sleepy' notion comes from.

We can't rely on turkey meatballs alone to get us some shut-eye, however, this recipe is delicious and light so great for a break from the heavy meals which are generally part of the indulgent Christmas festival period. More light meal ideas on my blog: www.belleamatt.com

Method

Heat half the oil in a small frying pan over a medium heat. Add the onion and a pinch of salt and cook for five minutes or until softened. Add the garlic and spices and cook for a further two minutes. Remove from the heat, tip into a bowl and leave to cool.

Meanwhile, for the salsa, combine the tomatoes, cucumber, spring onions, avocado, lime and coriander in a bowl. Mix in half the chilli, taste and stir in more chilli if required. Add a drizzle of olive oil and season to taste with pepper, then set aside.

Once the onion mixture has cooled, add the turkey and coriander and mix thoroughly. Using wet hands, shape the mixture into 16 golf ball sized balls and then transfer to a baking tray and cover with cling film.

Refrigerate for 15-30 minutes; this will help the meatballs to firm and will stop them from falling apart during cooking.

Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/Gas 6. Heat the remaining oil in a large, non-stick frying pan and fry the meatballs for 2-3 minutes, turning occasionally, until golden-brown on all sides. You may need to do this in batches to avoid overcrowding the pan.

Transfer the meatballs to a clean baking tray and cook in the oven for 10-12 minutes or until cooked through. Leave to rest for a few minutes before serving with the salsa, lime wedges and lettuce leaves.

Based on a recipe from BBC Good Food



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By Mike Thatcher

Season's greetings from the team at HVC. We have some great films lined up for you in the New Year, and in the meantime we have three offerings for December.

Thursday 6th December, 7pm, Antony & Cleopatra.

Broadcast live from the National Theatre, Ralph Fiennes and Sophie Okonedo play Shakespeare's famous fated couple in his great tragedy of politics, passion and power.

Caesar and his assassins are dead. General Mark Antony now rules alongside his fellow defenders of Rome. But, at the fringes of a war-torn empire, the Egyptian Queen Cleopatra and Mark Antony have fallen fiercely in love. In a tragic fight between devotion and duty, obsession becomes a catalyst for war.

Director Simon Godwin returns to National Theatre Live screens with this hotly anticipated production, following broadcasts of Twelfth Night, Man and Superman and The Beaux' Stratagem.

Thursday 13th December, 8pm, Wajib (15). It is

Christmas in Palestine and doting father Abu has a duty to do. His daughter is getting married and it is his duty, the Wajib of the title, to hand deliver the wedding invitations to all the guests. His son has returned from Italy, where he lives, to attend his sister's wedding and help with the Wajib.

As they drive around the City in their battered old Volvo, they bicker, reminisce, needle and cajole each other, gradually peeling back the layers of their relationship. In between, they meet relatives and family friends and endeavour to avoid being derailed by constant invitations to take tea. This is a wonderfully poignant, droll and witty film that interleaves tensions with hilarity.

Sunday 16th December, 3pm, Murder on the Orient Express (12A).

Here's a juicy Christmas cake of a film, probably the quintessential Sunday afternoon movie. Kenneth Branagh dons the famous Belgian whiskers as Hercule Poirot and boards the Orient Express for a three day break to get away from the world of crime. But of course there's no rest for the wicked and soon he has a deliciously chewy murder whodunnit to get his wisdom teeth working on.

The film has the very definition of an all star cast, combining the crème de la crème of British actors with an array of Hollywood stars...all outshone by the brilliant Olivia Colman. Join us for mince pies and a hugely enjoyable film.

Christmas box appeal for rescue Animals

By Justine Crookall

I am pleased to confirm that this year's Christmas Box Appeal for the charity Raystede Animal Welfare is open until 14th December. This is now in its 6th year and is always popular. Heath Vets, on the High Street, are acting as a drop off point for Hurstpierpoint. The idea of the appeal is to fill a box or bag of new food, treats and toys for the various animals in the centre. I will then be taking all the donations to them the weekend before Christmas for the animals in their care to enjoy over the festive period.

The Raystede will be housing many animals in their rescue centre in Lewes this Christmas: dogs, cats, rabbits, Guinea Pigs, hedgehogs, rats, mice, horses, donkeys, birds, wildfowl and poultry, so all gifts will be put to good use.

This is a volunteer appeal, which I run myself, so I am unable to offer drop off points in all locations. If you are unable to get to Heath vets then please search Facebook for more options.

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The Hurstpierpoint Society: what is it?

By David Clarke, Secretary

The Society started in 1962 with the intention of protecting the environment and community spirit of the village. It is a charity, dependent for its work on subscriptions, on donations and on the efforts of volunteers. Since 1962 Hurstpierpoint has grown considerably. The population of the whole parish is about 7,000; there are over 1,400 members of the Society. For those people who have recently moved into the new housing developments we thought it might be useful to highlight what the Society does and why it is important. The Remembrance Sunday procession down the High Street last month demonstrated the community feeling here, with hundreds of residents of all ages involved. This is a great place to live, so let us look after it.

The Society distributes a newsletter to members bi-annually. This shows what we have been doing in that period.

For example we have recently worked closely with Mid Sussex District Council to bring about an appraisal of the village's Conservation Areas, meaning that now any development or building work within the areas must be sympathetic to the historical context and special features of the village.

Each month we have a committee which examines all planning applications made within the parish. We have been involved in various situations in Hurst, including trees that have been planted in streets which lacked

greenery, the Village Garden was remodelled and finger posts and Victorian street signs have been preserved, with the route of the Roman road on the edge of the village marked.

The Society has made financial donations for Christmas lights in the High Street, for benches, for kissing gates on footpaths, and for the covering of St Lawrence School swimming pool. This year a donation has been made to the refurbishment appeal for the Players Theatre.

Some years ago the Society purchased a stretch of land called Ladies Walk, part of the former extensive gardens of St George's House, in order to prevent obtrusive development so close to the village. This now borders the Hurst Meadows acquired by the Parish Council, with the support of the Society, securing open land for the benefit of us all.

Any resident of Hurstpierpoint is able to join. The subscription per household is £5 per year or £40 for life. We always welcome members who would like to participate on the committee. You can contact the Society by email (hurstsociety@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook. Columbines, on the High Street, will give you information and application forms. There will be a Society stall at the New Inn on the High Street for the Community Christmas Event on Saturday 8th December. Join the Society there and receive a bonus ticket in the raffle!



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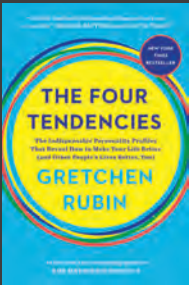
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The Four Tendencies by Gretchen Rubin

BOOK REVIEW

By Clair Stanton

Are you planning to make any New Year resolutions for 2019? Or have you given up making them because you never manage to keep them?

Gretchen Rubin has developed a framework that seems to fit most people: when it comes to responding to expectations there appear to be four main personality types, Upholders, Questioners, Obligers and Rebels and knowing which type you (and those around you) are can help you to make or break habits and achieve your goals.

Rubin herself is an Upholder. She finds it easy to meet both inner and outer expectations, loves following rules and timetables and couldn't understand why others struggled to do the same.

Questioners resist 'rules for rules sake' but do ok meeting their inner expectations. I recognised myself as an Obliger; they tend to find it easier to live up to their obligations to others rather than to do things just for themselves. Rebels resist all expectations and asking them to do something will usually backfire.

Rubin has tips on how to recognise the tendencies of those you live and work with and also has some good advice on how to get along with each type.

Pick up a copy on your next visit to Hurst Library. There will be copies on display throughout December.



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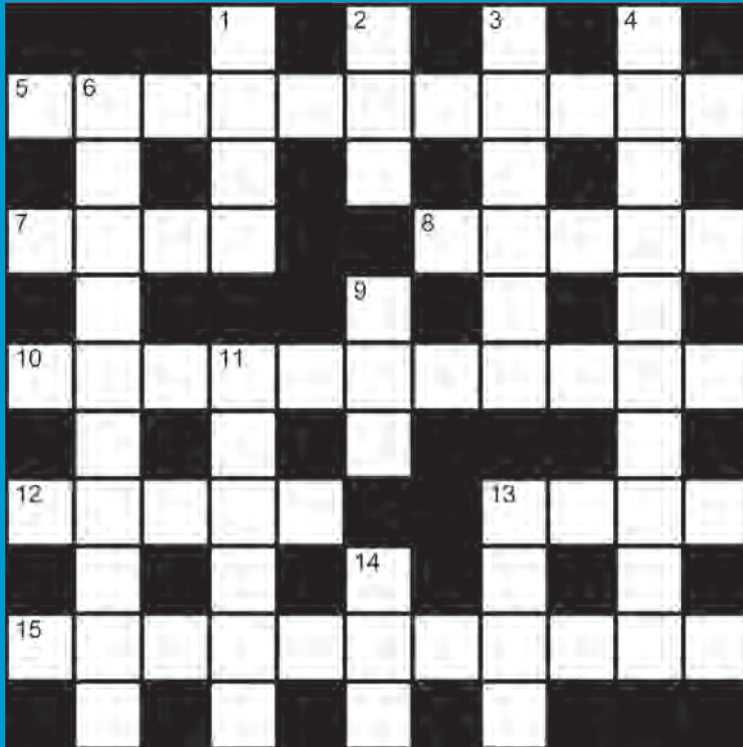
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Family crossword



Got 20 mins spare?
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crossword - which should
be varied enough for all
ages to answer some
clues.
Answers listed on p. 43

Across

- 5 Petty (5-6)
- 7 Stump (4)
- 8 Farm bird (5)
- 10 Degree of excitement during a debate (11)
- 12 Open space in a forest (5)
- 13 Central Chinese desert (4)
- 15 Unentitled (11)

Down

- 1 Thick slice (4)
- 2 Large flightless bird (3)
- 3 Open up (6)
- 4 Quantifiable (10)
- 6 Birthplace (10)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 11 Dais (6)
- 13 Present (4)
- 14 Fenland cathedral city (3)

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8				7				

Find the solution to #29 in next month's magazine

#28 Solution

6	9	7	4	5	8	2	1	3
3	8	2	1	7	9	4	6	5
5	4	1	6	3	2	7	8	9
2	3	9	5	6	1	8	7	4
7	1	4	8	2	3	9	5	6
8	5	6	9	4	7	1	3	2
9	7	3	2	8	5	6	4	1
4	2	8	3	1	6	5	9	7
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- Mon **The Sanctuary** – 9.30-11.30am, weekly during
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can form over coffee and cake
- Tues **Yellow Brick Lab** – 3.30-5pm weekly during term
time
- Knit and Knatter** – 2-4pm (2nd Tuesday)
- Wolstonbury WI** – 7.45pm Club Suite (3rd
Tuesday)
- Fri **Star Dance School** – from 6.45pm, weekly
- Sat **Young Blossoms Dance** – 10.15-10.50am, weekly
in the Club Suite (unless specified on website)
- Best of Ballroom** – 7.45pm (1st Saturday)

December

- 11th **Wolstonbury WI** – 7.45pm
A Celebratory History of Christmas by Andy
Thomas
(Visitors welcome, enquiries 01273 834421)
- 11th **Hurst & Hassocks Labour Party Meeting** –
7.30pm
- 22nd **Star Dance Christmas Party** – 6pm
- 22nd **The Sanctuary Christmas Party** – 2.30pm

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AND ELSEWHERE

December

- 5th **MU Advent Service and Shared Supper** – 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church (£5 plus food contribution)
- 6th **National Trust** – 2.30pm
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath - Talk: 'Bruges - it's
more than Chocolate' by Melanie Gibson-Barton
- 6th **NT Live Film** – 7pm
Players Theatre – Anthony & Cleopatra,
broadcast live from the National Theatre
(www.hurstfilms.com)
- 7th-
9th **Beauty and the Beast Panto** – 7.30pm
Players Theatre, Hurstpierpoint – 1.30pm &
5.30pm performances on 9th Dec (Tickets
£10/£6 from box office on Saturday AMs or
www.hurstplayers.org.uk)
- 8th **Community Christmas Event** – 3-7pm
High Street - Featuring carols, live music,
shopping, stalls, food and Father Christmas in his
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- 8th **Christmas Concert** – 7.30pm
St Andrew's Church, Burgess Hill, RH15 0LG
- Burgess Hill Choral Society concert (£14, £3
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- 11th **A Christmas Carol** – 7.30pm
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- 12th **Mothers Union Tea Party** – 2.30pm
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tea party plus carols (visitors £2)
- 13th **Haywards Heath Ceramics Group** – 10am
Clair Hall, Haywards Heath – 'Looking at Clay
Pipes – Hidden Treasures' by Jacqui Pearce
(Tickets £8, call 01444 483372)
- 13th **Wajib (15)** – 8pm
Players Theatre (www.hurstfilms.com)
- 15th **Christmas Lunch Walk** – 10.30am
Meet at Jack and Jill pub car park - Mid Sussex
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- 15th **Christmas Coffee Morning** – 10am-12noon
Holy Trinity Church - Handbells Group plus stalls (Free)
- 16th **Murder on the Orient Express (12A)** – 3pm
Players Theatre (www.hurstfilms.com)

January

- 3rd-
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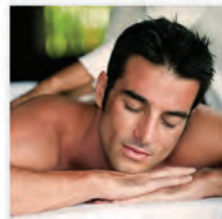
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