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Editor's Comment

At the time of going to press, the weather has turned extremely cold. I hope it gets warmer in the next few weeks.

I'd like to start this column by thanking James Barry for the picture on the front cover – perfect for our Valentine's issue.

There are lots of events in February, with a wide choice of music. I've heard good reviews about 'Friends & Neighbours' and will definitely go along to their next show (p.8). The 'Mad Cow Hustle' (p.15) sounds like good fun – my friends and I look forward to dancing all night.

Or perhaps you'd like to go along to the open days at Hassocks Parish Council offices and consider standing for election (p.14).

I am very grateful to the lady who informed me that Norman Hartnell and his family are buried in Clayton. Our writer and researcher, Alexandra Ayton, has written a brilliant article on Norman's life (p.16).

Our journalist, Jane Reed, went along to a performance by Shine Theatre Group (p.18). She was very impressed and has written a very interesting article about this inspirational group.

Do you need some ideas on what to buy your loved one on Valentine's Day? If so, have a look at pages 20-23.

The team at *South Downs Living* would like to wish Canon John, Priest in charge of Streat Church and St Martin's, a happy retirement. He will be 78 years old on 22nd February and this is the third time he has retired. I am sure you will enjoy reading his story on page 34.

Write to me or email me at: editor@southdownsliving.com or telephone 01273 842550.

Remember our deadline is 7th February!

Connie Booth