







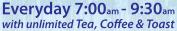


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Lion President Dexter Williams welcomed and inducted Jill Pestle as a new member at the clubs meeting held on Monday 9th

November. Lion Dexter stated that it was a privilege to welcome Jill to the club and he also

commented that club need more members to be able to continue with the clubs activities in the community.

Selsey & District Lions Club would welcome any like-minded people who wish to have a good social life and at the same time want to help the less fortunate than themselves in the community

We also welcomed Alisa Lakeman Events and Community Officer for St Wilfrids Hospice where

Lion President Dexter Williams presented a cheque for £600 from the monies raised from the Presidents draw. Lion Dexter commented that the Hospice carries out vital service caring for people with terminal illness in our community, which is funded by charitable donations





Lions from zone 1b Chichester, Bognor, Southbourne, Selsey, Midhurst with our guest from Worthing lions club came together for this year's it's a knockout. A competition put together for local adults with learning difficulties and disabilities.

Due to the success of our mobility scooters we are now looking for scooter donations as we now have a waiting list for people who need our help to get out and about within the community if you

have one you could spare please get in touch

During the month of December we will be out and about with our Father Christmas float. Please visit our Facebook page (Selsey & District Lions Club) or our website www.selseylions.org.uk for up to date information on the routes.





Selsey Poppy Appeal

This year's Poppy Fortnight was a great success and the figures are as follows:

House-To-House collecting £2901.82

Friday & Saturday street collecting £1035.71

Boxes in shops, pubs, clubs, schools etc £2647.38

The collection at the Remembrance Sunday Service £202.77,the raffle in the club after the service £285 and the Poppy Fair held annually by the Women's Section of the Legion raised a magnificent £670.Add to all these the payments for various Poppy Wreaths and quite a few smaller donations since 1st October and the total raised to date is £8606.33

I would like to publicly thank all the wonderful hard working collectors particularly those who braved the awful rain at the weekend and, of course, a wonderful big THANK YOU to all the fantastic people of Selsey for their usual generosity.

Well done everybody Adrian Wilson Poppy Appeal Organiser, Selsey



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St Wilfrid's Hospice -Our DREAMBUILDING is one step closer

On Wednesday 11th November, St Wilfrid's Hospice celebrated that Chichester District Council's Planning Committee voted 9-5 in favour of the proposal to build a new Hospice on Walton Lane, Bosham.

However, the decision could be taken out of CDC's hands, after a last moment request was received by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to ask him to consider the application. St Wilfrid's Hospice will now wait an agonising 21 days while the Secretary of State makes an assessment.

Chair of the Board of Trustees, Angela Wormald, said: "We are delighted that Chichester District Council has made the recommendation to permit our application. Since submission in May 2015 and following the objection received from Bosham Parish Council, our team of architects and designers have worked tirelessly to provide suitable solutions to all of the concerns raised. We will now wait to hear how the Secretary of State wishes to proceed - we remain hopeful of a positive outcome."

Chief Executive, Alison Moorey, went on to say: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for their support so far. I felt

very privileged to be sat among so many supporters of the Hospice at the planning meeting today. The whole planning process has demonstrated just how much the community values the work of the Hospice and I have met so many people



in favour of our move and the benefits it will bring. I think I speak for everyone at St Wilfrid's when I say we feel truly heartened."



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Selsey RNLI inshore lifeboat launched to locate Kayak.

Solent Coastguard requested the launch of the D class inshore lifeboat (ILB) at 6.58pm on Friday 23 October 2015. A member of the public had expressed concern for a kayak approximately half a mile offshore from Park copse Selsey.

The Selsey Coastguard team were sent to park copse but with fading light were unable to see the kayak so fired a white parachute flare to illuminate the area, after spotting an object and small light they couldn't identify they requested the ILB to check the area.

The ILB launched at 7.09pm and at 7.22pm found the kayak and the Coastguard team on the beach confirmed the ILB was in the position of the object and light which in fact was a head torch the kayaker was wearing. The kayaker confirmed he was fishing and would be for the next hour. He was well equipped with safety

At 7.26pm the ILB was released by Solent Coastguard to return to station arriving back at 7.34pm and rehousing straight away. The crew on the ILB were helmsman Colin Pullenger, Will Moir and Pip skeet

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^{uard}Selsey Coastguard Team has had a busy year so far with 57 call-outs to date, as well as taking part in local PR events, visiting schools and keeping our skills and knowledge up to date with weekly training. Here is a brief roundup of what we have been up to so far this year:



At the beginning of the year, we had several call-outs to ordnance on Medmerry Beach (on both the Bracklesham and Selsey side). In fact, we found ourselves being called out at least once or twice a week to deal with this and we worked alongside the Royal Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team (E.O.D.) to make the area safe

Ordance comes in all different shapes and sizes If you come across any suspected ordnance on the beach do not touch it call 999 - and ask for the Coastguard.





In June and July, we visited Seal Primary School and

The Academy, Selsey and gave the children a talk on sea safety and the work that the

Coastguard do. In July, we took part in the 999 day held at the

police station in Chichester and had a great day talking to the visitors about sea safety and the work we do. We also let the children try some of our kit on and allowed them to sit in the 4x4 while the sirens were on. We were very busy in July and August, with a wide variety of different rescues, including searches for missing children and adults,



rescuing people cut off by the tide, and preparing the helicopter landing site at St Richard's Hospital. In August, we took part in a Search and Rescue Display at Pagham Yacht Club with our colleagues from

Littlehampton Coastquard Rescue Team, HM Coastguard Rescue Helicopter 104 and both Selsey Lifeboats. We also supported Selsey Lifeboat Week, teamed up with the Lifeboat Crew for the Tug of War and maintained the cordon for the amazing Fire-



work Display. The Team entered a raft in this year's Raft Race and we came in Second place - just behind the Lifeboat Crew. We donated our prize money to the Selsey Lifeboat and will be back again next year to get that elusive First place title!

We also supported and took part in this year's Selsey Carnival Pirate and Smugglers' Day – you may have spotted us in the procession.

In August we carried out a mud rescue with Hillhead Coast-HM Coastguard guard Rescue Team at Emsworth as someone was stuck in the mud near the yacht club.

In September we were called out with Littlehampton Coastguard Team, both Selsey Lifeboats, Littlehampton Lifeboat, the Coastguard Helicopter Rescue 104, Sussex Police and an ambulance to search for a man who'd gone swimming. He was located off the Bill after he had been on a long swim to the Mixon and back and was okay although – understandably - a little exhausted.

October has seen us responding to even more ordnance washed up on Medmerry Beach. We were also called to reports of a kayaker who hadn't returned during daylight hours. We requested the lifeboat to launch to investigate further, after we sent up a flare to light up the area and could just make out the kayak half a mile out at sea. The Lifeboat made its way to the kayaker who was out fishing, wearing a buoyancy aid and carrying a VHF radio and was all ok and happy to continue. False alarm this time but with good intent – better safe than sorry.

We are still looking for volunteers to join the team who are available weekdays and live and work within 15 minutes of the station. If you are interested please email Graham Easton: area8@mcga.gov.uk for further info. Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team would like to wish you all a safe and an enjoyable Christmas.



Selsey Coastguard Rescue Team



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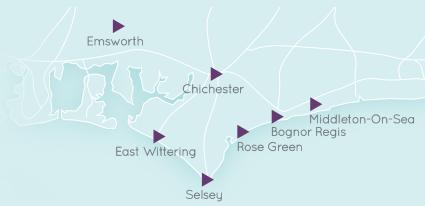
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Saturday, January 23

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Wednesday, February 24

7.00pm at Selsey Town Hall Exciting Painting Demonstrations* in Acrylics by Gerry Foronda

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Wednesday, March 9

7.00 pm at Selsey Town Hall Landscape in Water colour - a demonstration* by well known artist Max Hale.

Saturday, April 16

10.00am - 4.00pm at The Selsey Centre A follow up landscapes in Water colour workshop with Max Hale - see March 9

Wednesday, May 11

£4.50 7.00pm at Selsey Town Hall Flowers in Mixed media - a painting demonstration* with Wendy Jelbert - not to be missed.

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Saturday, June 11

10.00am - 4.00pm at The Selsey Centre A follow up Flowers in Mixed media workshop with Wendy Jelbert see May 11

* For further information and to book a place at a workshop contact Angela Benwell 01243 603332

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(* if space allows participants may do both courses at a reduced rate of £65)



For information about joining the **Selsey Camera Club** and dates of their next meeting please the website www.selseycameraclub.co.uk

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SINGING is a wonderful fun way to make friends, relieve stress and lift your spirits at the same time as improving your breathing, posture and all round health and well being. We are happy to say we now have two regular singing activities in Selsey, that are open to all regardless of singing experience.

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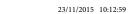
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MARY PHILIPPA DE CRESPIGNY AND SESSIONS HOUSE

Mary Philippa H Havens was born AMJ 1881 in Tendring, Essex 4a 381, daughter of Charlotte Miriam Gentry and Robert Havens Havens.

The 1881 census shows her living with her grandparents, Wallace (a master builder employing 1 man and 1 boy) and Charlotte Gentry at 44 Broad Street, Canterbury. Also with her were Frederick T Gentry, Ada S Gentry, Percy G Gentry and Arthur W Gentry – all offspring of Wallace and Charlotte. Her mother was there along with Eithne G Havens, her sister. Mary Philippa was 1 month old and she is recorded as having been born in Clacton on Sea, Essex.

The transcriber of the 1891 census seems to have been confused as Mary Philippa, her mother Charlotte and her sisters Eithne and Emmie are recorded having the surname of Wood. The original census however shows, quite clearly, that they are all Havens. Charlotte was living on her own means, in Deal, Kent and lodging with Henry and Sophia Wood. While Henry was a bricklayer journeyman, Sophia was a lodging house keeper. It is here we see that their lifestyle must have been somewhat peripatetic as Eithne was born in Tunbridge Wells, Mary in Clacton and Emmie in Whitstable. Eithne's full name was Eithne Gabrielle (later changed to Letitia Anna Nina) while Emmie rejoiced in the name of Emmy Hildred Charlotte Elizabeth.

In 1901 there seems to be a gap in the records as I can find no trace of Mary P, Charlotte or Emmy although Eithne is recorded as a visitor at Evegale Mill, Brabourne, Kent.

Oonah was born at 81 Chester Square, Belgravia, London in 1902.

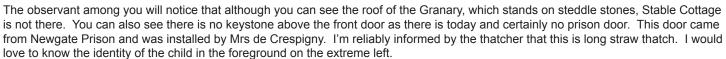
Between 1909 and 1911, Mary lived at 12 Chester Place in a sizeable property with 10 rooms.

By 1911 Mary lived with her widowed mother, daughter and two maids.

Sometime during or just after 1911 she moved to Selsey and bought Sessions House, initially referred to as Old Farm House.



This postcard was sent on 8 January 1908. The somewhat depressing message reads 'Dear B just a line to let you know I am not very much better yet. I have not been out since Xmas with love Mum.'



According to the Tittle Tatlle Trail by Peter Ogden 'Sessions House has the date 1728 over the door. Mrs De Crespigny built Stable Croft next door as stables'. Peter believed that in the early days it was called Cottons Farm.

The 19th century wagon shed, which stood alongside it, was removed to and re-erected at Singleton (Weald and Downland Museum) to make way for the replacement garages. (Note from Ruth Mariner – it subsequently blew away in The Great Storm of 1987 and could not be reconstructed). The following image shows the coach house In situ poking out from behind Stable Cottage.



This card was posted on 21 August 1922 and has a more uplifting message than the previous one. It reads 'My Dear Mother got your card safe, hope Granma is well when are you going back Love to Kessie from your Daughter Bessie.' I know there is a dearth of punctuation but I found that rather endearing. 'Mother' was Mrs F U Taylor.



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And this image, courtesy of Mrs. Dyson of Stable Cottage, shows the cart shed being demolished.

Here is a picture which Selsey believes is of Mrs de Crespigny at her garden gate with Kite's shop in the background circa 1934. However a family member assures me this lady is a different build so it probably isn't. Here you can clearly see the piece of ground between the garden wall and the pavement. I believe Mrs de Crespigny applied for permission to fence off this ground to deter pedestrians but that the permission was refused. However, this also may be a myth - perhaps someone will enlighten me.

The following anecdote appears in Selsey at War by Clifford Fidler - 16 April 1941

'A large bomb, probably of a thousand pounds or thereabouts, was dropped into the Forties Field about fifty yards from the house then being occupied by a Selsey lady, Miss Mary De Crespigny, who claimed that she had been 'bounced around her house some weeks earlier' which was the reason she was renting this small house.

Fortunately for Mary, the Royal Engineers' Bomb Disposal Unit were working just a little way along Manor Road, and were able to tackle this huge bomb within a couple of hours or so. Miss De Crespigny had words, unrepeatable here, about the war in general, and the antecedents of Hitler in particular. She had, however, nothing but praise for the Bomb Disposal Crew, who later enjoyed her hospitality as she opened up one of her collection of bottles of Gordon's Gin! 'Those boys', she said, 'had been just wonderful.'

I'm told the Forties Field is at East Beach, possibly now East Beach Car Park, but I'm sure there is someone who can be more specific. And perhaps more specific about exactly where the bomb dropped? Or even the location of the small house where Mary Philippa lived? I wait to hear from you.

Now those of you who have lived here some time will know that, just as in French, many of the older local inhabitants have a habit of referring to ladies of a certain age as Mrs, whether they are or not. We can be sure the above story doesn't relate to Oonah Mary (usually referred to as Mary) as she had married by the time war broke out.



Mary Philippa de Crespigny, widow, died aged 78 on 8 June 1959 at 48 High Street, Selsey where she had lived for some years.

Oonah was the informant and was with her at the time of her death along with other family members. Oonah's address was Sessions House, 22 High Street, Selsey and Probate was granted to her.

OONAH MARY DE CRESPIGNY

Oonah Mary was born on 13 December 1902 at 81 Chester Square, Pimlico.

In 1917 Oonah met with an accident, reported in the following tome:

The Selsey Tram by David Bathhurst, page 65, published by Phillimore & Co Ltd.

'One Monday evening in July 1917 one of the tramway passengers was a schoolgirl named Mary de Crespigny, aged about fifteen.





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She was going home to Selsey after Chichester High School Sports Day. Just after the tram left Hunston she was seen to fall, and the tram passed over her leg. A platelayer rushed to her assistance, as did one George Harris, a Hunston farmer, who rendered first aid by promptly binding up the injured limb to reduce bleeding. She was taken to the Royal West Sussex Hospital in Chichester where her leg was amputated below the knee. Despite that, the press reported her 'to be progressing favourably'! As compensation she was given a free pass on the line for life.'

Another tome: The Selsey Tramway, volume 1 by Laurie A Cooksey, page 85, published by Wild Swan Publications adds to this story:

'A letter had been received from Mrs de Crespigny of Old Farm House, Selsey asking that a free pass on the Tramway for life be granted to her daughter as a token of sympathy in respect of the accident that befell her at Hunston the previous July. A pass for 1918 was duly sent to her expressing the Directors' sympathy, but explaining that they could not grant a pass for life, but that they would be pleased to consider the renewal of the present issue 'from time to time, subject to the conditions printed on the back of same'.

On 8 October 1932, Oonah Mary married James Barlow Pratt, a Commercial Representative. Although James was born in Wimbledon, he had been living with his family in Selsey since the age of 5 (in 1911), so he and Oonah grew up together. Bishop T C Twitchell, Rector and Vicar of Selsey, conducted the ceremony at St Peter's Church Selsey. At this stage, her place of residence was The Old Farmhouse i.e. Sessions House.

Between 1933 and 1934 we find Oonah, aka Mrs O M Barlow-Pratt, at Little Normandy, Manor Road, Selsey and in 1954 she is at 70 Manor Road. 70 Manor Road now bears the Blue Plaque for R C Sherriff and was called Journey's End when he lived there.

There are several Pratts in Selsey at this time and I came across Mrs Bessie Hickson Pratt who owned apartments in Strathmore, New Road (now Hillfield Road). Bessie Hickson Pratt née Kennedy was a Lancashire woman and, in fact, was Oonah's mother-in-law. Her husband, Arthur Henry, had died in 1907 aged just 39 leaving Bessie with 4 young children of which James was the youngest. Bessie herself died in September 1927 aged 53.

James died March 1960 aged 79 at Chobham, Surrey. Oonah died March 1972 in Surrey.

EMMY HILDRED CHARLOTTE ELIZABETH & EDWARD LIDDELL HARTOPP

But there was yet another member of the family living in Selsey – Mrs Emmy Hartopp née Havens Havens.

We previously met Emmy in the 1891 census. In 1904 she married Edward Liddell Hartopp at St. George's, Hanover Square when he was 23 and she was 20. Edward was the son of a Portugal and Brazil Merchant (also called Edward) and Helen Hartopp. In January of that year Edward was admitted to the roll of Solicitors and practised at 30 Essex Street, Strand, London.

In the 1911 census we find Emmy living with her husband, a solicitor, in the home of his grandmother at 4 San Remo, Hove, Sussex.

Edward served as a second Lieutenant with the 5th Battalion Worcestershire Regiment ((Special Reserve of Officers) being on probation in October 1915 and was put on the retired list around 1918 with the rank of Lieutenant. He had also been part of the Inns of Court Officers Training Corps during the Great War. The address which appears on his medal rolls index card is that of Old Farm House, Selsey so it seems that several members of the family have either lived there or used the address. By this time he had already been to Shanghai in China via Canada.

On 16 October 1919 Emmy completed an application form to enter Canada en route for China so she could join her husband in Shanghai. Her mother, Mrs Chilton Young appears on the form as a 'close relative' who was still living with Mary Philippa and so used the address of Old Farm House, Selsey. She embarked on the Empress of France and arrived in Canada on 16 January 1920.

The 1922 edition of Who's Who in Shanghai contains the following entry:

Hartopp, E. L (Shanghai) Solicitor with Hansons. 23-24 Yuen-ming-yuen Road, nationality, British.

Edward himself departed the Philippines on the Empress of Asia, aged 52, en route for Canada, arriving in Vancouver on 22 May 1933. From there he boarded the Empress of Britain arriving in Southampton on 2 June 1933. By this time, Kelly's directory tells us that Emmy was living at Tappington, Manor Road so one can only assume Edward lived with her when he wasn't in Shanghai. Tappington was next

door to Journey's End.

On 16 October 1942, at the Country Hospital Shanghai, Edward died aged 61. He had been living at 56 Peking Road, Shanghai and probate was granted to his wife. The Japanese Army had invaded Shanghai in 1941. In May 1942 Japanese midget submarines attacked shipping in Diego Suarez harbour (Madagascar) and Sydney Harbour (Australia) and June saw the Battle of Midway when the Japanese Carrier Force was defeated off Midway Island.

Emmy died 11 March 1951 and probate was granted to Oonah Mary Pratt.

I am grateful to Sylvia Marshall and members of Mrs de Crespigny's family for their help in compiling this article.

All pictures of Sessions House belong to me as part of my personal postcard collection (except, of course, where they belong to the significant other!) and do not directly relate to the de Crespigny family.



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1^{SI} SELSEY (ST. PETER'S) RAINBOWS.

2016 is going to be an incredibly exciting year for the Rainbows as we celebrate our 25th birthday. The Rainbow Unit was started in January 1990, with the registration of the Unit completed in September 1990. To celebrate this special birthday, we are planning to do 25 exciting activities throughout the year.

One of the activities that we are planning is a reunion for past and present Rainbows and Leaders. We are hoping to hold this during the summer. It would be lovely for us to meet up with as many of you as we can, so please pass the word round to anyone you know who was once a Rainbow or a Leader with us.

More details of this event will be in the Selsey Life magazine in the New year. We are also very proud to have purchased a Rainbow flag. Rainbows have only recently been allowed to carry a flag and we have several eager girls all wanting to be flag bearers when we attend Church Parades. We look forward to sharing some of our exciting activities with you over the following year.

R.B.L Ladies Section

October's meeting was our A.G.M. when members can renew their subscriptions for the coming year, and elect Officers where necessary. All current Officers and committee members agreed to stand for another year with the exception of Melva Bateman who kindly agreed to serve as Vice Chairman in place of our dear friend Margaret, who recently passed away.

On Saturday 31st. October we held our Annual "Poppy Fayre". We managed to raise a creditable £670.00p. Many thanks to those members who contributed items for sale, and valuable help on the day. "Well Done" everyone. A special vote of thanks to Cyril and Alan, without whom our task would be more difficult.

Our next meeting will be on December 14th. at 2.15.p.m. in Selsey Town Hall. This will be Group One and our Christmas Party. For further information please contact our Chairman Jill Pestle on 01243.601426. All new members will be welcome.



SELSEY WI

Our President Pauline Bridger welcomed our members to the Annual General Meeting. We proceeded to the formal business, with our President and Secretary giving their annual reports, followed by our Treasurer

with her financial report, and then on to the election of our President and Committee members for 2016.

This has been a busy year for the WI celebrating our 100 year anniversary with many social events and outings.

Tea was followed by a Beetle Drive which we all found enjoyable. Finally our competition for this month was a poem which reflected our member's thoughts on the First World War. The entries were all excellent.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th December at 2.15pm in the Selsey Town Hall. Our speaker will be Tony Harris "My Life as Henry VIII" This will also be our Christmas Tea. Ladies why not come and join us at our meetings and there will also be social events and outings happening in 2016.

If you would like more information, please contact Pauline Bridger 07760126613 or Stella Crist 01243 603221.



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We want you to be able to relax and enjoy the festive season, so here are some useful tips to ensure that you don't become a victim to an opportunist thief.

- Make sure gifts and valuables, wrapped and unwrapped, are out of view and not visible from any windows. This applies in the car as well as in the home.
- Photograph valuable property and log any serial numbers. Don't store the information on a laptop, as that might be stolen too keep it on a memory stick in a safe place.
- Don't put gift packaging out for recycling or leave it sticking out of your bin thieves will notice boxes for branded products like laptops, TVs or accessories that could indicate an expensive piece of kit somewhere in the house. The safest thing to do is to break down any cardboard boxes or fold them inside out so that you cannot see the branding. You can then store them out of sight inside your home until you can dispose of them at a local recycling site
- Mark any expensive gifts you receive for Christmas with a UV pen or property marking service. This will make it harder for burglars to sell the items and allow police to return them to you. Call your local policing team on 101 for advice about property marking products. You can register your property with www.immobilise.com which is endorsed by a number of police forces.
- · Lock all doors and windows, leave a light on and draw the

curtains when you go out at night. Keep your doors and windows locked from the inside even when you are inside your home.

- Visible burglar alarms, exterior security lighting, timer lighting switches and leaving the radio on help to deter thieves and give the impression that somebody is at home.
- •Bolt and padlock garden gates and make sure you don't leave ladders out, or other things that burglars could easily use to climb on. Remember to lock your garden shed and store your tools inside; it stops burglars using your tools to break into your house. Consider fitting extra padlocks to gates, sheds and garages. Don't keep presents in the garage or shed.

If you're going away, we always recommend asking a trusted neighbour to pop in to your home every now and then to turn the lights on and off, draw the curtains, collect the mail and make the house look occupied. It goes without saying, make sure everything is properly locked up before you leave and the burglar alarm – if you have one – is set. We advise cancelling your newspapers, magazines and milk deliveries. We also recommend that you don't advertise the fact you are away from your home on Social Networking sites - thieves use Social Media too!

You don't have to be a member of a Neighbourhood or Home Watch scheme to be a good neighbour, and even if you don't have much contact with your neighbours, Christmas could be the perfect time to break the ice, have a friendly chat and get to know them a bit better.

Burglars wander around looking for chances.

The best opportunity for the police to catch them in the act is for you to spot them before they break in. Wherever you live, remain vigilant and if you see anything suspicious, call 999 immediately. You can also call 101 to contact your police in a non-emergency situation.

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nature With their foliage having fallen, the sight of bare trees heralds the move from a homeautumn to winter. This is the start of the hardest months for our wildlife.

when food is scarce and hard to come by. Despite this fact, many birds

winter here finding our climate far more forgiving at this time of year than where they may have spent the summer months.

Goldcrests and firecrests have arrived from Scandinavia, and northern Europe. These tiny birds must be exhausted from their exertions to get here - they are our smallest birds, weighing no more than a 10 pence piece. Both have a distinctive crown patch, orange on the males and yellow on the females. The firecrest is distinguishable by its broad white stripe over the eye. Look carefully at flocks of tits as they often travel with them, busily looking for small insect food.

Now is the time to keep an eye out for divers, grebes and sawbills that take advantage of sheltered coasts and estuaries. Great northern divers and red throated divers swim low in the water and as their names suggest, dive powerfully for a minute or more in search of fish and crustaceans. Red-necked, black-necked and Slavonian grebes are smaller with longer necks and sit higher in the water. They too dive for food but normally only stay under for thirty seconds or less. Sawbills are so-called because of their serrated bills, which aid catching and holding on to fish. There are three species of sawbill you may see. The first two, red-breasted merganser and goosander, are long bodied and like the divers swim low in the water but have a habit of dipping their heads below the water regularly,

as well as diving. The males of both have dark green heads, the females reddish-brown, with long, thin red bills, but the merganser sports a wispy crest on its head. The third species is the much smaller and compact smew. If you'd like help distinguishing sawbills from divers and other identification tips, you can join our Wardens who are leading walks on both Pagham Harbour and Medmerry reserves this month.

The great number of ducks and geese gathering in the harbour attracts hunting peregrines. Their presence causes the wildfowl to rise in great clouds of panic, flying together to try to confuse the predator. It's cousin the merlin, our smallest falcon, has left the uplands in preference of the milder lowlands and can be seen flying fast and low over the ground, chasing small birds with agile twists and turns.

At this time of year our smaller resident birds are attracted back to gardens to feed on the seeds and fat balls we put out for them. Our compassion and kind-heartedness can be a life saver during hard winters but remember to remove the mesh sacks that suet balls come in, as birds can get their feet caught in them, causing nasty injuries. It is also important to keep feeders clean. In the same way that we catch colds from each other when in close proximity, birds can transmit diseases where they congregate. A quick wash with mild disinfectant and warm water is all it takes.

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Red Revolution in Hastings by Mike Russell of the Sussex Wildlife Trust

During September the Sussex Wildlife Trust's WildCall Officer, Jess Price, received a number of calls from people in the county saying that they had seen red squirrels, with a few providing photographic evidence to back up their claim. Now it is well-known that red squirrels have disappeared from the South of England apart from small remnant populations on the Isle of Wight and Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour, where constant battles are being waged against the invasive grey squirrel to keep them out.

So where have these red squirrels come from? The majority of the records that Jess received were from a small area in Hastings. They came from quite a few different people but we're not sure how many actual squirrels there were, whether people were all seeing the same individual or there was more than one of them. However many squirrels there were, it would be interesting to know how they got there. It is highly unlikely they escaped from their island fortresses, while the nearest mainland populations are in the Northern England and Anglesey so again they are not going to be from either of these.

There are some that have been captive bred in Sussex and there are occasional escapees that are reported so this could be the source of the Sussex animals. Or there may be someone who has been captive breeding squirrels then deliberately releasing them into the wild. This does happen quite regularly for a range of animals, plants and birds, usually by well-meaning but sometimes misguided individuals.

Red squirrels are a native species and were once widespread throughout Sussex but the introduction of the grey squirrel and the subsequent expansion of the population has driven the red squirrel further and further north. Conservation organisations are involved in a number of projects in trying to maintain the red squirrel population while curtailing and reversing the spread of the grey.

Releasing or re-releasing species back into areas where they were once resident and common can be a very complex and sometimes costly operation. You really have to know why they disappeared in the first place, you have to assess whether the habitat is still there, with all the ecological constituents are there for it to at least survive but preferably flourish. With the red squirrel, there is no point in trying to bring it into places where the population of grey squirrels is still high. As well as out competing them for breeding sites, they also pass on a disease to the reds, so they will then just die out again.

There is an interesting public relations issue also to contend with. While everyone would like to see red squirrels around again, to achieve this would entail removing the greys and we have become so used to seeing greys around that removal would instigate a public outcry.

So, for the people of Hastings, it has been nice to see the squirrels, but we are still a long way from a population gaining a permanent foothold in the town.

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Selsey Community Awards 2015/16

One of the best things about our town is its amazing sense of community. From the scores of local voluntary groups and charities, to the ever burgeoning number of sports clubs and social groups, we are truly spoilt.

We would like to recognize the immense contribution that these groups and individuals make to the lives of people in our town, and so in conjunction with Selsey Town Council we are launching the first annual community awards.

This is your chance to tell us about the amazing people and organisations that are making life better in Selsey, so, get your thinking caps on let us know who you thinks deserves an award to show our appreciation for all that they do.

Nominations for the awards will open in January, and we will be recognising individuals and groups in the following categories:

Young Hero

Judges will seek to recognise a young person under 18 who has overcome a personal difficulty or made a stand to improve their life or the lives of others. For example young people coping with bereavement, bullying, disability or medical problems, or someone who has organised support for others who face such problems.

Charity Champion

The award will go to the individual or group who has done the most for charity this year. Perhaps you know an outstanding charity volunteer, a tireless fund raiser, or someone who deserves the award for charity work over a long period?

Exceptional Achievement Award

You can directly nominate someone for this award, but the judges will also look at nominees in other categories who may fit the bill in their opinion. This award must go to someone who has made an outstanding difference to their life, community, family, school or organisation. If they did it against all the odds, they could be our winner!

Community Project of the Year

The judges will be looking for a group or individual who has triumphed in the sports or arts arenas. Do you know someone who has won sporting success despite hardship or disability? Or a group that has devoted their artistic energies for the benefit of the community? All the better if they have succeeded on a shoe-string or achieved results in spite of problems.

Community Business of the Year

The judges will want to hear about commercial organisations which provide added value to the communities they serve. Do they support a local charity in some way, sponsor a football team, and never fail to show up at community events? Don't forget companies that have high standards when it comes to reducing their environmental impact, or who promote the green agenda to customers and the community.

Bravery Award

Bravery can mean different things to different people. We're looking to reward someone who has shown courage, fortitude and true grit. It could be a rescue situation; putting someone else's safety and wellbeing ahead of their own; or bearing up to illness or disability. But don't let us set the boundaries. Tell us about your hero, whatever they have done.

Teacher of the Year

Do you know an extra special teacher? Let the judges know about their commitment to their work, how they help over and above the day job, and the results they have achieved. Judges would especially like to hear from pupils for this category

Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is especially for anyone who has worked tirelessly and constantly for the benefit of others for 20 years or more. It could be a volunteer, fundraiser, community leader or charity supporter. What matters is that they have devoted a significant number of years to the activity and you believe they deserve special recognition for their efforts.

Champion Carer

Hundreds of people locally have their lives turned upside down by caring responsibilities when a family member or friend becomes ill and can no longer manage for themselves. Hundreds more work in the caring professions. We want to recognise those special carers who have shouldered this responsibility with spirit, good humour and devotion. Who do you know who is truly a champion carer?

Community Champion

Judges will be looking for the person, group or business that has done the most to work in harmony with others, promote diversity, and positively discourage discrimination. In particular they are interested in initiatives around networking and mutual support between local projects and business where the benefits are for the whole town, crossing community lines and involving people from all backgrounds and sectors.

Service with a Smile

Do you know someone, or a group or company, who provides outstanding service way above what might be expected? Then this award is for them. Tell us how they operate, and what it is about their service that is so outstanding and makes them way above average for customer care.

Chairman's Award

This one's for ordinary people making an extra-ordinary difference to the lives of others. It could be someone who helps the vulnerable or disadvantaged, a charity volunteer, or a tireless fund raiser. Don't forget people who are not part of an organisation; perhaps the person who always gives a lift to after school activities for the neighbourhood kids or someone who organises the local football team.

Helping Hand Award

Is your neighbour one in a million? Is the person living down the street from you a true gem? We're looking for those ordinary people we know are in every street who you simply could not manage without. So if someone you know is always there with a listening ear, helps with household tasks, supports your caring responsibilities or generally makes life easier and more pleasant where you live, let us know.

Volunteer of the Year

Our winner will be someone who selflessly devotes themselves to a cause not because they are paid, but because they believe in it. It doesn't have to be formal volunteering such as for a charity organisation, although it could be. Perhaps our volunteer champion runs a kids football team, organises neighbourhood watch, is a hospital visitor, or on the board of school governors? So long as they are not paid a salary, please enter them in this category if they provide an invaluable, unpaid service to the community.









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The Trustees of S&DCSG wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who have helped and supported our Group in this past year. Special thanks must go to all our volunteers in our Information & Support Centre in the High Street and at all the Car Boot Sales, as well as all the local businesses who have been so generous to us in 2015.

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Lights are so much a part of Christmas. Lights in High Streets and Shopping Centres, fairy lights on Christmas Trees, candles and lanterns in churches and homes, and increasingly popular is the adorning of houses and gardens with lights. Of course, we all look forward to switching on our own lights here in Selsey. Apart from the beauty of these decorations, though, is there a reason that 'light' features so much at Christmas?

No matter where you turn in God's Word, The Bible, you'll find that Christmas is about light, for Jesus is the Light of the world!

We love to sing 'Silent Night, Holy Night', but this great carol is not about night or darkness. It's about the light. The third verse includes Son of God, love's pure light, Radiant beams from Thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace. When we sing 'Hark! The Herald Angels Sing', we say, Hail the Son of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, risen with healing in His wings. The carol 'O Come all ye faithful' refers to Jesus as God of God & Light of light.

We sing at Christmas because we have something to sing about! Light has come into the world, and we need never walk in darkness again. Talking about Jesus Christ, John 1:4-5 explains why: 'The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.'

At **East Beach Church** this Christmas we will be thinking about how and why Jesus is the Light of the World and what a difference this can make to our lives. I hope you can join us.

The well-known carol **'We three kings of Orient are'** has a chorus that finishes with the words Guide us to thy perfect light. May God guide us all to

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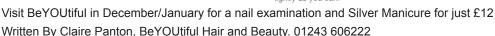
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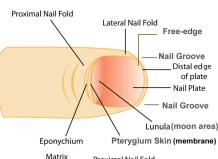
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This is good-bye from me:

Well the time has come for me to say 'goodbye' as Town Clerk and start the next phase of my life. I hope you will bear with me whilst I do a little reminiscing.

When I joined STC back in 2005 I had been managing the Selsey Business and



Community Resource Centre for Selsey Regeneration Ltd for 3 years and so at least I knew some of the idiosyncrasies and the characters that make Selsey such a wonderful place to live and, fortunately for me, work.

At that time there were 2 of us in the office and 2 outside operatives. We were in the process of extending the Town Hall Complex to upgrade the facilities. Once the works were completed we had a proper reception area and so increased our staffing level by 1.

The next big project was the building of the Selsey Centre, the

community leisure centre Selsey had been promised for years. With the opening of the Selsey Centre in 2007 we had a new team of 3 running it. It is hard to remember a time without the Centre



and, with so much going on there, you wonder where all those activities and groups met before.

Our next mile stone was the amalgamating of the CDC Help Point into the Town Council reception in 2010 – this involved more building works to increase our services which included the public computer room. We were now able to offer a 'one stop shop' facility for our residents and with it came a further 2 members of staff.

In 2013 the Council recognised the need for a more strategic view of economic development and appointed a Town Co-ordinator. One of the initiatives from this was the opening of SelseyWorks for which we now have a dedicated member of staff, the SelseyWorks Co-ordinator.

This year we have also extended our Maintenance Team to 3 to help look after all those areas that belong to the Town Council. The fact that Selsey receives a number of awards in the South and South East in Bloom competition reflects all the hard work undertaken by the Team who are very ably assisted by all those volunteers who give so much time and commitment to the community.

The Town Council has certainly grown in the past ten years, but this reflects all the extra services and assets we now have in Selsey. In the coming years I am sure there will be plenty more to follow.

In my time here we have managed to secure a lot of funding for Selsey from many different sources either applying ourselves or working with other partner organisations. The money has been used for so many different projects from enhancing play areas, the BMX track and skate park to providing information and community notice boards, from shop front grants to more street furniture, from organising events to supporting local community groups, from developing new projects to extending ongoing projects.

I have seen and been in some way involved with the start of so many exciting new initiatives that sometimes it just takes your breath away as to how much is going on in this community.



One of those biggest achievements is the start-up of the Selsey Festival which I co-founded with Sue Graves. Whilst tidying up my office to hand over to Becky I came across the letter I sent out inviting everyone to a public meeting with the idea of establishing a Festival. From that first meeting in October 2002, at which there were some saying

it would never work, we have seen the Festival grow and it has become so much part of the Selsey Events calendar that groups try to book their event for the following year before the current Festival has finished.

I have been fortunate enough to have spent my whole career in the community and public sectors and love working with such a diverse group of people. I am amazed at all the commitment and enthusiasm I see from a great number of people often for no recompense apart from an enjoyment of doing what they do.

You would be surprised at some of the requests we receive but we do try to signpost people in the right direction if we do not know the answer ourselves. Sometimes we are seen as the 'Council' and expected to right every wrong; we often only hear from people when they are unhappy about something but we know that is the nature of being in the public sector and try to smile at whatever is sent our way. A sense of humour is certainly a prerequisite for working here.

I am so grateful for all the support, friendship and interesting experiences I have been fortunate to share with a team of people, some of whom have moved on, some of whom have just joined us and some of whom have been here from my day one.

Yes I am retiring, but I know I will want to carry on being involved in the community in some way. I love being in Selsey and am proud to have spent a number of years serving the community to the best of my ability. This is not really goodbye but more like au revoir. I will now hand over to Becky White whom I know is more than capable of working hard for the benefit of the community. She has lots of ideas and so watch this space.

And it is hello from me:

Hello! Firstly, huge thanks to Gill Jennings for all her hard work and for the welcome she extended to me when I first joined STC in July 2014. I have been a Selsey resident for 20 years since meeting my husband who is born-and-bred.

Along with our three boys we have always enjoyed everything



the town has to offer, from the playgrounds and beaches to Lifeboat Week and all the year round events that take place in our lively town.

Like many people, I didn't realise quite how many of the things I enjoy are looked after by the Council and I look forward to keeping Selsey a fun, busy and tidy place with lots on offer for all. Living here and raising my family means that I am committed to working hard for the benefit of Selsey and I welcome the chance to work with the people and groups making Selsey a better place.

My main aim is to make sure that people know we are here so please look out for our logo.

You can contact us on 01243 605803 during the week or via email to enquiries@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk – we're here and happy to help!



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THE OFFICAL RUMOUR - SELSEY TOWN COUNCIL'S NEWSLETTER

TTER



Selsey Town Council Team:

With the introduction of the new Clerk above this is a good opportunity to let you know who the rest of the Team are as there have been some changes.

Operations Manager Mel Crocker



Admin Team



Julia Molland, Sue Osborne, Louise Ansell

Town Co-ordinator Sam Tate



SelseyWorks Co-ordinator Chris Pilkington



SELSEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

PLANNING
December 9th & 30th
Full council
December 9th

All meetings are held in the Parish Hall and start at 7.30 pm The Council look forward to seeing you there

Selsey Centre Team



Michaela Norris, Kevin Noble, Merv Hall

Maintenance Team



Paul Williams (Will), Ron Tong, Roland Smith

Community Fund

Thank you to all those groups and individuals who have submitted project ideas for the Community Fund. The Councillors will now assess the ideas by evaluating their viability and cost benefit for the community. As there were over 20 applications this may take a little while. We will keep you updated.

We wish all our residents a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year

Christmas Opening Hours

Weekly Mobile Household Waste Service

Selsey (East Beach car park)
Is Closed
Friday 25th December 2015, 1 January 2016

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Site is closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day

Chichester District Council

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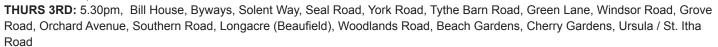
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TUE 8TH: 5.30pm Hunston: Foxbridge Drive, St. Leodegars Way, Orchard Side, Westlands Road, Little Boultons. (For Safety Reasons there will be no collections on the B2145 main road)

WEDS. 9TH: 5.30pm Beach Road, Marrisfield Place, Kingsway, Albion Road, Sunnymead Drive & Close.

THURS 10TH: 5.30pm Church Road, St. Peters Crescent, Wellington Gardens, Malthouse Road (+cul-de-sacs), High Street, East Street, North Road, Netherton Close.

FRI. 11TH: 5.30pm Merryfield Drive, Burlington Gardens, Tretawn Gardens, Constable Drive, Gainsborough Drive, Landseer Drive, Hannover Close, Lingfield Way, Littlefield Close.

SUNDAY 13TH: 5.00pm Manor Farm Close, Chichester Road, Hunisett Close, Millington Drive, Fidler Close, Petts Close, Robinson

MON. 14TH: 5.30pm Sidlesham Area

TUE, 15™: 5.30pm Marine Drive, Broad View, Eastway/Bank, Fontwell Rd, Drift Rd, Gillway, Chichester way, East Beach Rd WEDS 16th:5.30pm West Street (+ cul-de-sacs), Bonnar Road, Clayton Road, Seagrove, Vincent Road, Coxes Road, Warner Road. FRI 18TH:5.30pm Ursula Square & Avenue, Seal Road & Square, Marine Gardens, Hillfield rd; Bridge Way, Peachy Road, Green Lane, Meadowlands, Latham Road, Langton Close, High Street, Bridleway, Croft Way

Sunday. 20th: 5.00pm, Grafton Road, James Street, Chayle Gardens, Western Road, Lifeboat Way, Coxswain Way, Wright Way, Barnes Close, Canadian Crescent, Pacific Way, Jones Square, Beacon Drive, Lawrence Close, Mixon Close, Sparshott Rd, Pennycord Cl.

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Selsey Centre

re-open on Monday 4th January 2016 at 9.00am. During this period place.

We are looking forward to a well-earned break over the Christmas/ Details and many links to the above organisations can be found on

New Year period. We would like to wish all of our hirers, users and our website www.selseycentre.com. visitors a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year and look forward to seeing you all back in 2016.

This month we feature Friday's activities at the Centre. We start with early morning Pilates with Clare Pretorius. Clare runs two sessions the first is intermediate/advanced from 8.30-9.30am followed by beginners/gentle from 9.45-10.45am. In the Sports Hall we have Soft Play by jumping4joy between 9.30-11.00am. In the afternoons we have a regular private group playing table tennis and then in the evening we have Judo-Ju-Jitsu which is for both juniors & seniors. The juniors start at 6pm and the seniors from 7.30 until 9pm. We also have private dance tuition by Angela Horton of Dance Club 2000 from 7pm until about 9pm. Other monthly bookings include Selsey U3A who meet at the Centre on the fourth Friday of each month and Selsey Horticultural Society meet in the Conference Room on the second Friday of each month. Fridays are also an important set up day preparing if possible for the many parties and week-end events. Don't forget the Christmas Table Top Sale which is on Sunday 29th November. We have completely sold all tables and have a huge and growing waiting list. We do not hold sales in January so the next sale after that one will be on February 7th and the final one will be on March 13th 2016. We are still experiencing an extraordinarily high level of party enquiries for 2016 so if you are thinking about please book early to avoid disappointmentOther noticeable dates are blood donation days on Tuesday 24th November and Wednesday 16th

Our Christmas Closing times are as follows

The Centre will close on Tuesday 22nd December at 6pm and will

daily security checks, deep cleaning and maintenance will take

WILL CINDERELLA GO TO THE BALL?

Will Buttons ever manage to ask Cinderella out for a date? Will Cinderella hoodwink the Ugly Sisters and get to the Ball? Will Prince Charming ever find a bride? Will Champers the Pantomime Horse win the Grand National?

To find out the answers to these questions and to have a thoroughly enjoyable time make sure you come to Cloud Nine's annual family Christmas pantomime and see Abby Robinson as Cinderella, Mary Bensley as Prince Charming and Sam Townsend as Buttons, joined by Pete Driscoll and Les Hilton as the amazing Ugly Sisters. A brilliant cast of over 30 children and adults will also sing and dance their way through this fantastic show.

So fill up those gloomy days between Christmas and New Year, come along and join in the fun. A Pay Bar and refreshments are

Cinderella is on twice daily at 2.30pm and 7.00pm on Monday 28th Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th December at the Town Hall, High Street, Selsey. Tickets: Adults £6 and Children/OAP's £5 are available from The Box Office at Highhouse Insurance, 121 Selsey High Street, Selsey - Tel. 01243 606552 or on the door availability permitting.



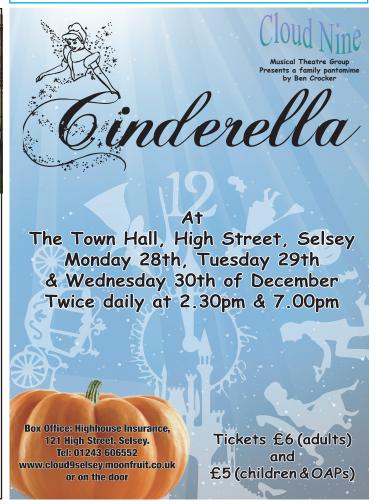
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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

Services for December

Thursday 3rd December 10.00 am Revd Bruce Allinson

Children's Christmas service

Sunday 6th December 10.30 am Mr. Stephen Waters Sunday 13th December 10.30 am Revd. Bruce Allinson

Holy Communion

Sunday 20th December 10.30am Mrs Kate Colenutt

6.00pm Rev Carol Service Thursday 24th December Revd. Bruce Allinson

Friday 25th December **10.45 am** Revd Bruce Allinson 27th December Sunday 10.30 am Revd Bruce Allinson

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 601032

St. Peters Church

Saturday 12 Dec, 4pm

Carols on the Church Green

with Seal School choir in aid of the Snowdrop Trust - singing around the Christmas Tree 'hot dogs', mince pies and mulled wine we know you will all have a happy family and friendly time letting your voices reach the sky.

Sunday 13 Dec, 4pm

Christingle Service

St. Peter's Annual Service of Christingle in aid of the Children's Society – this is the season so special for families and those we love most and spreading our unending love by giving at this magical service to those children who have no one to share this happiest time with.

Sunday 20 Dec, 4pm

Carols & Nine Lessons

Thursday 24 Dec, 4pm

Nativity Service

Thursday 24 Dec, 11.30pm

Midnight Mass







Carols by Candlelight



6pm Sunday 20th December



Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops Pastor: Phil Harding - 01243 607741 or office@ebec.org.uk Full details of our Christmas & New Year Services at the back of Selsey Life





letters

I don't usually respond to articles in magazines, but i felt that i had to respond to the article asking if anybody remembered Sandy Lawrence, Mush Arnell or the Miss Penfolds to give them their correct names,(not Girt and Daisy) who lived in Lambournes in Albion Road.

I remember all four and had a connection with each of them.

Sandy was my father. Does anyone remember him riding up East Street and through the High Street with his 12 bore shotgun strapped over his shoulder in open view going on his daily poaching expedition hoping for a pheasant or two or maybe a rabbit or duck for dinner. Can you imagine the situation today? There would be mass panic, with armed police response teams police helicopters and god knows what else.

Mush and my father had a life long connection. Mush was one year older than my Dad, but they were in the same class at school they were both fisherman and great friends. They both recieived their call up papers to join the Royal Navy on the same day in 1940 and thay both served in mine sweepers one of the most hazardous branches of the Navy.

Mush lived next door to us in Grafton Road for about four years when Iwas growing up. I was about six years old when we first moved in and although Mush and my Dad were good friends Mush would always try and get me to tell him how many lobsters my dad caught. I never did tell.

My older brother and I had to mow the grass for the Miss penfolds on Saturday mornings using a rusty old mower that was almost as big as me, our reward was a bag of stale fancy cakes which we would feed to our chickens on our return home I don't think they ever did know what we did with them but the chickens seemed to like them.

My wife pointed out an article in the November issue about H.M.S Zulu. I served on the Zulu between March 1970 and September 1972 so I was on board at the time the piece refers to. I remember the four months the ship spent in the Persian gulf that year very well we were the last ship to visit the Naval base H.M.S . Juffair at Bahrain.

When we left the Sappers blew it up, but now see that the goverment and M.O.D are going to build a new base on Bahrain called (wait for it) H.M.S. Juffair you couldn't make it up what a

I would be interested to know where this newspaper cutting came

I'm probably starting to ramble now so I will finish by saying good for Fred Bunting as the man said pick up your rubbish and your dogs mess ITS NOT DIFFICULT

Comments from Jeff Lawrence

Dear Selsey Life,

In answer to Frank Scott's query (October Selsey Life), the reason there are two WIs in Selsey is simply because so many new members are joining that we need two WIs to accommodate them.

In the past, Selsey had three WIs: Selsey (the first Institute to be formed here), Selsey Manor and Selsey Bill. Selsey Manor and Selsey Bill eventually closed and Selsey became the only WI for a few years until the formation of Seal Island in response to a request for an evening Institute.

Selsey WI was formed in 1921 and we are still going strong with a healthy membership and an exciting programme of events. We are now looking forward to celebrating our centenary in 2021 and delighted that so many new members have joined and are discovering how much is to be gained and enjoyed by membership of the WI.

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Yours sincerely,

Stella Crist Secretary, Selsey WI



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Comment and opinion by Fred Bunting

"Christmas is a-comin', the goose is getting fat, Please do put a penny in the poor man's hat. If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do-If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you!

I don't know how "politically correct" this traditional nursery-rhyme, well remembered from my child hood (and, I suspect, from many of yours, too) would be considered today, with its reference to a "poor man". In modern usage words such as "financially disadvantaged" are preferred, it seems. Whatever words you use, though, we can't get away from the fact that, through no fault of their own, there are many for whom the twin evils of poverty and deprivation are what they will experience not only at Christmas, but throughout the year. It's our good fortune, I think, that in the United Kingdom we have such a strong ethos of charitable works and giving- not solely for the benefit of our fellow citizens, but for those who suffer misfortune in the wider world. Whatever the cause, & wherever it may be; whether it be war, famine, pestilence, or natural disaster, this nation is always ready to help where it can, and with what it can within its means.

Our further good fortune is that here in Selsey we have an absolute abundance of people who give of their time and effort to help the community through charitable and voluntary work. There is scarcely a week throughout the year when one or other of our local organisations isn't holding a "fund-raiser" or "awareness" event, either on their own behalf or on behalf of others, and Christmas is no exception; in fact, there's probably as many events in the run-up to Christmas as there are through the rest of the year! In a few days (at the time of writing) we will have the Selsey Town Grand Christmas Party and Christmas lights switch-on; all the result of a huge effort on the part of so many among us. While it would be difficult- probably impossible- to name every individual and organisation to who whom we owe our thanks for this now annual extravaganza, I must single out one small group in particular- those few hardy souls who every year put up and take down the Christmas lights in all weathers. To misquote from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"- God bless you, every one of you!

What is <u>unfortunate</u> is the amount of unjustified, ill-informed and adverse comment and criticism that these events and those who organise them sometimes receive on social media, in the press, and by way of gossip. It is hurtful, dispiriting, and often very cruel. I'm not just singling out Selsey here; I know it happens everywhere, but that doesn't mean unfair comment or criticism doesn't matter. Perhaps if those who complain or criticise were to join one of the voluntary organisations themselves- or even offer to help out on the day- they might be have a better understanding of the problems volunteers face.

In six weeks time we will be thinking of our New Year's resolutions; can I ask you all to please, please, before you comment on, criticise, or complain about charitable or voluntary activities, resolve to check your facts before writing or saying anything for or against them- or any other person or organisation, for that matter! Contact those involved; there may well be (and usually is) a very good reason why things are not as you would expect. It would avoid a huge amount of upset on both sides if people would make absolutely sure of their facts before writing or saying anything detrimental- if you aren't one hundred per-cent sure, say nothing- that way no-one gets hurt. Or, to put it another way, engage brain before putting mouth in gear!

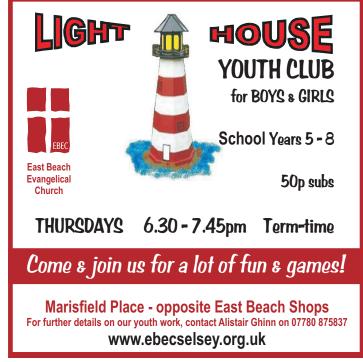
Thank you for following my mental meanderings over the past few months; the fact that you haven't thrown any verbal hand grenades (however communicated) at me seems to have encouraged the Editor to let me continue in similar vein (at least for the next edition!). If you do wish to comment on anything I've said, my contact details are below; or you could write to or email the Editor. I won't respond directly, but I will try to be a better person as a result!

The time of year around the winter solstice is a time of reflection and thanksgiving for many. However you perceive it, I wish you a peaceful and blessed Christmas.

Fred Bunting.

Email fredbunting42@gmail.com









Selsey RNA celebrates and remembers

The Royal Naval Association, Selsey Branch, held its 37th Trafalgar Night Dinner/Dance at The Cabana Club comprising ninety-nine members and guests, and a contingent from RNA Wittering Branch.

Our Guests of Honour were Commodore James Fanshawe OBE and his wife, Rosie. Cmdr Fanshawe both amused and provided yet more insights into the professionalism and achievements of Adm Lord Nelson, whose victory assured Britain of non-invasion for the following one hundred and thirty-five years.

For the third time in a row, we were graced with a superb three-course meal prepared by our own shipmates, Chef Joanne Dempsey and Vera Basson, they having cooked the food in The Selsey Club in the afternoon, then transferred everything to hot warming ovens at The Cabana Club, as no kitchen facilities are available at the latter venue. A daunting feat of logistics and cookery, no less!

The raffle raised £498, made up to £500, thanks to significant prizes most generously donated by members and businesses, including:-Campbell's Family Butchers, Comptons Farm Shop,F A Holland, one three one, Riviera Restaurant and The Seal Hotel in Selsey; The Crab & Lobster in Sidlesham; Chichester Harbour Conservancy, Itchenor; South Downs Planetarium & Science Centre, Chichester; Birdworld, Stansted House, Uppark House and The Royal Maritime Club wider afield.

We have enjoyed a busy social calendar this year with two events to complete. One of these was the annual and truly memorable Army vs Navy Rugby match at Twickenham, where the RN came a close second place against the Fijian army! On the 27th November, a small contingent of members and guests will visit the Palace of Westminster, making this the fifth year of visits to our most splendid and fascinating seats of UK government. We end the year with the RNA branch's Christmas Party on the 12th December at The Town Hall where, once again Joanne, Vera and a willing crew delight us with a superb two-course buffet whilst Abi Robinson entertains us with song and dance.

From us all in The Selsey Branch of the RNA, we wish you a Happy Christmas and a healthy, prosperous New Year. Gavin Roriston
Hon Sec & PRO
RNA, Selsey Branch

P.S. All who served in the Royal Navy or one of its branches, including the Royal Marines, QARNNS, RFA or WRNS are welcome to join with us in social events, games and outings. Don't hesitate in contacting us. Alternatively, come to our meetings held every second Tuesday of each month at 2000 hours in The Selsey Club. We currently have 88 members in RNA Selsey Branch and are always looking for qualifying service personnel in particular to join with us supporting members and various Selsey community schemes. Membership, amazingly, still costs less than £10 per year.



The Queen's Award for Voluntary Servic

Snak Shak Drop In

Once again we are amazed at the support given to Snak Shak Drop In by individuals and businesses. A big thank you to the organisers of the Quiz Evening

held at the Fishermans Joy in Memory of Nathan Boxhall for choosing Snak Shak as their charity for the evening, Thank you to all who took part and to everyone who donated raffle prizes. £171.00 was raised.

Cliff Reeves, for the second time this year, held an afternoon of music at Sea View Court raising £105.00 for us, another great success.

Our thanks also goes to Wave FM, The Sussex Community Foundation and Chichester District Council for their generous donations.

All donations are fundamental to keeping the Snak Shak Drop In open and running smoothly, so all monies are very gratefully received

We welcome anyone who would like to join our team of volunteers just call Margaret 01243 607197.

As another year comes to a close we at Snak Shak wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

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If your child is entitled to Free School Meals it will raise an additional grant of £1,320 per year, per child, for your child's primary school (£935 per child for secondary schools) to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities; and this funding continues for six years, even if your circumstances change and you are no longer entitled to the free meals!

Your child may be entitled to free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1000
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

This additional money is available from the government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the state benefits listed above. It is therefore important to apply for free school meals, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 (or even if they prefer to eat sandwiches!) so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible. Further information and details of how to apply are available at: https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

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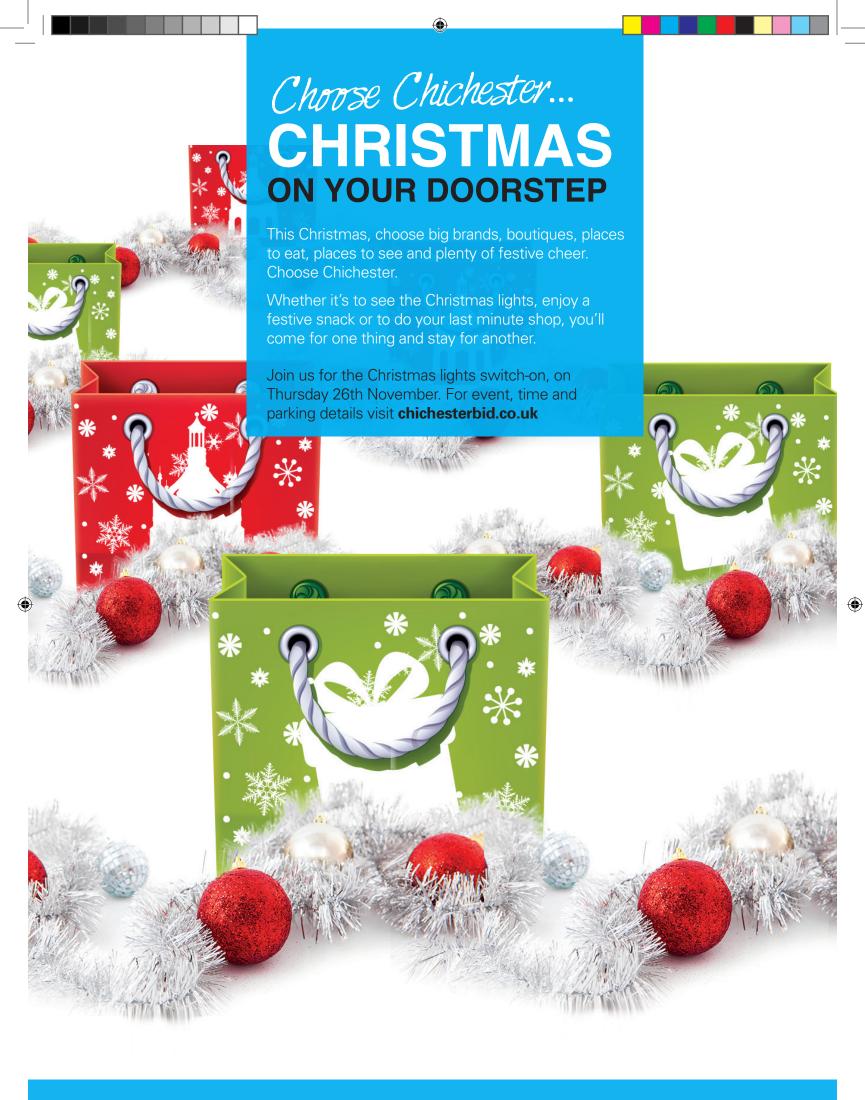


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We have new estates now The Pye fields, The Meadows and the old Pontins estate mostly occupied by new residence, where unfortunately our membership is very low!.

In fact we have a membership of 450 people the population of Selsey I am told is nearer 12000+.

It goes without saying that if you live in this village then you will be registered with The Medical Centre and therefore you would want that practice to be clean modern attractive and in the fast world we live in as efficient and professional as possible, trying to match the Thank you for reading this we look forward to welcoming you as a services that a modern city practice can offer.

How can we make sure we maintain the standards that you have experience and enjoyed now and in the future?

Well we really need you to consider becoming a member, if you are David Webber Chairman

not already.

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Maybe join the committee to ensure that what was started in 1992 continues to work well for you and your children you're Grandchildren and or you're Great Grand Children

Hopefully Selsey Village is very important to you that is why as I said before you chose to live here

The areas that matter to us should be the welfare of us all such as; The Sea Defenses, The Schools, The Medical Centre, The First Responders, The Carers and all the other charities that work tirelessly to make Selsey a nicer place to live.

So If you are not a member can I please ask you to consider joining us. The cost is a minimum of £2.00 per member per year with all funds going directly to benefit us, The Residences and Patients of our Medical Centre.

If you are a member can I on behalf of the Friends thank you for your membership and continued loyalty

If you would like to join the committee we would be delighted to talk to you. In particular we would welcome younger members of our community who consider that the future of the Medical Centre has an important part to play in the wellbeing of the population of Selsey

The Medical Centre is now 15 years old and caters for a larger number of patients then was originally visualised

How can you help: Become a Member. Consider leaving a Legacy in your Will. Joining the Committee

If you have recently joined your receipts will be sent out with the AGM in April/May

Yearly Renewal Letters will be sent out as normal in February

new member, details available from the centre desk at the Medical Centre or phone our Membership Secretary Lesley Webber on 01243 606878

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our monthly guide to gardening - written by Giles Peare award winning broadcaster

December heralds the start of winter and all that goes with it. But it is good to look forward to the shortest day (22nd) as the daylight hours will start to increase thereafter which is an encouraging thought at this time of year.

Gardening books, Christmas cards and magazines show gardens in December crisply iced with hoar frost, snow and robins and very seasonal they look too.

But seldom nowadays in this part of the country do we actually experince these conditions and even then only fleetingly quite often it can be comparably mild and quite soggy. In fact some plants may even still br growing abbeit very slowly.

Yellow Gorse flowers cheer us up as we travel around the countryside. The fields now barren of crops, are either ploughed and brown or have a light green look of earlier planted crops which will grow stadily over the winter.

Hedgerows are interwoven with cobwebs that give the impression of a shimmering dressing of transparent silk.

Even though days are short and gardens bare nature is but resting as it prepares itself for spring and as Christmas time approaches, let us remind ourselves that Nature is also preparing for new Birth.

Jobs for December

This is the time to move plants that are in the wrong place. new planting site first, digging deeply and forking in some compost and well rotted manure. Dig up the plant with as large rootball as possible and move it to its new home firming well in keep well watered until it is well established.

remove badly placed or crossing branches and any showing signs of damage or disease.

Cut out congested shoots that are growing inwards towards the centre of the crown in order to let more air and light into the heart of the tree. A small pruning saw is ideal because its short sharp blade allows you to get right into cramped areas.

Check all gutters for any collected leaves, moss or any other debris which could get down into water butts.

Brush out all the rubbish before it can reach the downpipes. Empty any water butts now and clean out any accumulated dirt in the bottom and they can then be refilled by the winter rain.

- Cover some branches of berries on Holly trees with netting or It is a good time to transplant small trees and shrubs prepare the fleece to stop birds eating them and so save some for Christmas decorations
 - Leave old flower heads on Hydrangeas over winter as they will provide important frost protection for the new buds further down cut them of in the spring
- Take care of poinsettia plants by placing in a warm bright place in Prune Apple and Pears at this time to control their size and shape the house out of draughts. Don't trap behind curtains at night, let compost dry out between watering and never leave pots standing in water, feed weekly with some houseplant fertilizer.
 - Sow some onions at the end of this month to produce the biggest bulbs next summer.
 - Wash all cold frames, cloches and greenhouses.
 - Place a few tennis balls on ponds to let some air in for fish if ice forms
 - Spread some well rotted manure over bare soils
 - Reduce the harmful effects of frost by spraying water on frosted plants before the sun reaches them
 - Plant up an attractive winter trough with reddish purple ornamental cabbages flanked with heathers and pots of rosy clyclamin
 - After a Christmas party have a slice of toast with honey to prevent a hangover

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Hello, it's me Giggles again, the out and abouter reporter for the Cat and Rabbit Rescue. It very nearly wasn't me reporting to you today as I have been very, very poorly. I had to have an operation last week which I reacted very badly to. I had to stay at the vet's house for three days and be looked after by some nice ladies. I am back at home with my staff now and today I have eaten some chicken and have been told to take it easy for a few days as I'm not getting any younger! I'm a very lucky cat really as everyone has been very worried about poor, poor me. My old mate Hulk came to see me today as he was so worried. He has offered to join me in chatting to you each month (sort of like my side kick). Hulk is four years old and had been a stray when he came in to the Centre and could hardly walk as he had a very bad leg. His leg ended up being too bad to keep so Hulk now has just three legs. He can run like the wind though and do roly polys and he's very entertaining! Like me, he has lots of friends, and when we have visitors he likes to run out and greet them. He just loves all the fuss. So, Hulk and me will be chatting to you next time. So from both of us.... A VERY HAPPY and HEALTHY CHRISTMAS to all of our readers XX. Our Pet of the month is Dotty (KF331-14).

If you are interested in adopting a cat, kitten, rabbit or guinea pig then please call us here at the centre on 01243 641409.

Dotty (KF331-14)

Say hello to our gorgeous little Dotty. Technically her name is KF331-14 but she is affectionately known to the staff as Dotty. She arrived with us here at the centre back in October of 2014 along with her littermates and after a little wait she was rehomed with her brother. Unfortunately her and her brother didn't get along with each other once

they were in their new home and so she returned to the centre in March of this year. Dotty is now, again looking for her forever home. She is now just over a year old. She has already spent her first Christmas and her first birthday here! She desperately does not want to spend her second Christmas here. Poor little Dotty has only spent 7 weeks of her life outside of the rescue centre and she so deserves a loving home where she can be the centre of attention. Dotty does have a little bit of a sensitive tummy and for this reason she would need to live in a household with no other cats. The staff at the centre have her diet under control so please contact them for more information! Dotty would be happy living with a family as she is a friendly, playful girl. If you think you can provide Dotty with the loving home that she so deserves and make this Christmas the best one yet for her, then please do not hesitate to contact us here at the centre.



Caring for your pet this Christmas

Every year, veterinary surgeries are inundated with animals suffering from potentially life-threatening illnesses because their owners simply weren't aware of the dangers our Christmas celebrations can bring.

These dangers are easily avoided though, as long as you know what they are!

Christmas Food Hazards

The following foods are all toxic to dogs so be sure to keep them out of reach of naughty noses:

Chocolate

Macadamia nuts

Grapes

Sultanas and raisins (so keep that Christmas cake or Christmas pudding well away)

Onions

Our cats and other pets are usually a little too picky to eat those foods but be sure not to feed cooked turkey or chicken bones at all as they can easily splinter and cause nasty internal damage requiring surgery.

Of course we all want to treat our pets at this time of year but remember to be a little careful as general over-indulgence in unfamiliar foods or fatty gravies can cause gastroenteritis.

Christmas Tree Dangers

Although most species of Christmas tree are low in toxicity, they could cause a stomach upset if chewed. Also beware of cats climbing the tree in case it falls over and pine needles getting stuck in paws.

We suggest keeping the Christmas tree behind closed doors when you're not around, keeping it well watered to reduce the number of pines lost and daily vacuuming for those that do fall off.

Christmas Plant Hazards

Holly, poinsettas and mistletoe are all toxic if eaten so best to keep them out of harms way.

Christmas Decoration Dangers

Be sure to keep fairy lights away from all pets, especially small furries who like to chew. Chewing through cables can end up in a nasty electric shock!

Tinsel, ribbon and wrapping are appealing to play with but if swallowed can cause a blockage in the intestine.

Christmas tree baubles appear just like any other ball to your pet but often made of glass, they can cut mouths or paws of broken.

Stranger Danger!

Whilst many of our pets love visitors, some find strangers in the house very stressful so make sure they have somewhere quiet in the house they can escape to. If you are particularly concerned for you pet, talk to your vet about plug-in diffusers which emit calming pheromones to help them cope.

Antifreeze

Although not strictly a Christmas danger, it's important always to remember to keep antifreeze and screen wash well away from pets at this icy time of year. Although antifreeze is lethal if consumed, our pets actually like the taste of it so will drink it if they find it.

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Young Selsey Life

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Hello and welcome to the December edition of Young Selsey Life - for the first time, written by us, the young people of Selsey.

We are a group of students from The Academy, who are getting together at The Bridge, once a week, to discuss issues which are important to us and other students at Schools in Selsey and elsewhere on the Peninsular.

We have also been asked by Selsey Town Council to set up a Youth Council. Have you ever wondered what our fourteen Town Councillors actually do at the Town Hall? Well, they make decisions which can affect everyone living in Selsey, including us. Among other things, they look after the Parks and helped us get the Skate Park at East Beach.

The Council want to set up a Youth Council which we hope will eventually have a Chair Person and Vice Chair with elected members just like the real Council. We can talk to them about the things which we want to see changed in Selsey and improvements which could be made.

These are the things we have been talking about:

We are worried about lighting in Selsey. There are lots of small pathways which we have to use to get home and often it is dark and so these pathways are scary to walk down. We have written a letter to West Sussex County Council explaining this and we hope to hear from our County Councillor. When we do, we will tell you what he has said.

We have also talked about alcohol at the public events in Selsey like the Fireworks in October and the Lifeboat Days. We know young people who have been offered strange coloured drinks by adults and we are worried that this might be alcohol or something else noone should drink.

We've also been talking about the many Residential Homes in Selsey. Our older residents would probably really like to see some young people so we are hoping to be able to go and visit some of these homes on the run up to Christmas.

Two Councillors are helping us with all these ideas, Cllr. John Fletcher and Cllr. Donna Johnson. They meet with us on a Monday

at 3pm at The Bridge (but we might change this if people are busy at that time)

John, Donna and the other Selsey Town Councillors have also given us a small amount of money to get things started and the first thing we are hoping to do is to have a CHRISTMAS PARTY!

This will be on the 19th December between 5pm and 8.30pm at the Town Hall The entry fee will be $\pounds 2.00$ but will include food, drink and music. Everyone is welcome so long as they are between 9 and 14 years old. We will be putting posters up around the Academy and Selsey. Tickets will be available at The Bridge or The Academy reception.

We would really like to get new members of the Youth Council. If you live in Selsey but go to school somewhere else, that's fine. Don't worry about the time we meet at the moment because we can change this if more people are interested.

This is our chance to tell Selsey Town Council about the ideas we have for Selsey. What we would like to see and also about the things we would like to see get better. You can also help **u**s put together Young Selsey Life. What would you like to see in it? Do you have any ideas. We want to hear them!

Please join us. You can meet new people, hopefully have fun and have a chance to see your ideas put into practise! Either come along to The Bridge on a Monday at 3pm, contact Donna or John at the Town Council (donna.johnson@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk) john. fletcher@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk

or you can speak with someone at The Bridge.

On Children in Need day a group of us got together to do a sponsored silence at The Bridge. We managed an hour! Thank you to everyone who took part and well done for not speaking for a whole 60 minutes.

This got us thinking...is there something that is important to you? Something you would like to raise money for? Maybe you have a favourite charity. If you do please tell us. We are hoping to have a dedicated e-mail address soon but in the meantime, you can always speak to someone at The Bridge and they will pass the message onto us or better still come and join us!

Selsey Cinema Club Listings for December 2015

Monday 6th December, 7.30pm A Royal Night Out

Loosely based on a legend, this romantic drama depicts the evening of VE day when the future Queen and Princess Margaret escaped the palace and spent the night celebrating with the people. Rupert Everett and Emily Watson are excellent as the King and Queen, and Sarah Gadon gives a wonderfully balanced depiction of the future queen, torn between duty and the desire for a normal life. Tickets £5.00

Thursday 10th December, 8.00pm Selsey Cinema Club & BFI 'LOVE' season of films presents a GALA SCREENING of Breakfast at Tiffany's

Showing as a BFI sponsored event as a part of their 'LOVE' season of the most romantic movies ever made, we are proud to be showing a special gala screening of the classic film 'Breakfast at Tiffany's'. Guests will be treated to a free glass of fizz, and serenaded by the ukulele band with a live performance of Moon River. The dress code is strictly fabulous – little black dresses and lounge suits are essential, with spot prizes for the best dressed. Come along and join us for an evening of great entertainment, celebrating one of cinema's most iconic films. Tickets £10.00

Saturday 19th December, 2.30pm Selsey Cinema Club & BFI 'LOVE' season of films presents a FREE FAMILY SCREENING of Beauty and the Beast

The second of our BFI 'LOVE' sponsored events is a free family screening of the Disney classic Beauty and the Beast. The perfect way to ease in to the festive period, we're encouraging you to come dressed in your best princess, handsome prince or beast costumes as you enjoy this great animated film. In the spirit of the film in which kindness and inner beauty overcome all obstacles in the path to true love, we are encouraging the audience to exercise kindness by bringing along donations for the local foodbank and the Community Christmas lunch (including small treats & gifts) instead of paying for admission.

Tickets: Entry FREE, but donations to the Foodbank are welcomed

Monday 21st December, 1.00pm White Christmas

We will be hosting an early Christmas lunch and screening of the classic musical 'White Christmas' for the December lunch club. The lunch is free, but advance booking is essential so that we can preorder lunches.

Tickets: Entry FREE, but it is essential to call the Information Exchange on 01243 201616 to pre-book.



Arts Dream Selsey

This has been a busy year for Arts Dream, fulfilling its main objective to enhance the profile of the arts in Selsey for every age group: Chaplin in the Pavilion, Community Choir Concerts, Jive Dancing, Selsey Woodcarvers, Selsey Camera Club, Seal Island Artists, painting demonstrations and workshops, and a very successful Exhibition during the Selsey Festival. None of this would have been possible without the support of local residents and professional local and visiting artists.

We are now looking forward to more exciting events in 2016 and in the next issues we shall be introducing some of the people who are helping to raise the Arts profile in Selsey, beginning with local professional young artist **Anita Beckwith** who will be running a Drawing Day at the Selsey Centre on Saturday January23rd – 10.00. am – 4.00.pm at The Selsey Centre.

Anita is originally from Winchester, Hampshire and trained to be an Art teacher in1998, after graduating from Portsmouth University with a BA (Hons) in Fine Art and Sculpture. She has had various jobs teaching Art, Design, Textiles and Photography and

Has been Head of Department for the last 10 years in State and Independent schools in Surrey and Hampshire.

Anita took the brave decision to stop teaching in schools in January 2015 and since then Has dedicated herself to Adult Education classes in The Selsey Centre, children's after school clubs and holiday art workshops in Bracklesham Barn as well as private tuition. Anita's new company is called 'Art Sense' which incorporates all aspects and areas of exciting and engaging Art for children and adults. Anita also offers Birthday/Christmas art workshops, Princess Parties, Pirate Parties as well as Face Painting and private commissions.

Her website is currently being updated and will be available very soon.



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NATIONAL CHARITY LAUNCHES NEW TEA PARTY GROUP FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN SELSEY

With many older people in Selsey suffering from loneliness, leading UK charity Contact the Elderly is launching a new tea party group for people aged 75 and over to provide a regular and vital friendship link every month. To help support the newly founded group, the charity is urgently appealing for volunteers in the local community to help by sparing just a few hours each month to help with the running of local tea parties – and enjoy a cuppa and cake themselves!

The charity aims to relieve the loneliness of isolated older people who live alone, by organising monthly Sunday afternoon tea parties for small groups within local communities. Each older guest is collected from their home by a volunteer driver, and is taken to a volunteer host's home where they join a small group for tea, chat and companionship. To help kick-start the new group in Selsey, Contact the Elderly is looking for volunteer hosts to welcome the group into their homes for tea once or twice a year.

Contact the Elderly's Surrey, West & East Sussex Regional Development Officer, Julia Rivas, said: "We're delighted to be opening a new group in Selsey and to ensure these tea parties are as successful as others held across the UK, we urgently need the support of the local community.

"Anyone interested in becoming a host, this involves just a couple of hours once or twice a year. 'It's not a big commitment, and our volunteers genuinely get as much out of the experience as our older guests so I'd encourage anyone interested in giving something back to their community to please get in touch with us as soon as possible."

Selsey residents interested in volunteering for Contact the Elderly twice a year as a host can contact Julia Rivas, Surrey, West & East Sussex Regional Development Officer on 01273 401569 or email Julia.rivas@contact-the-elderly.org.uk



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The Golf season has come to an end and there are just a few competitions being played before the end of October. Golf, or course, continues through the winter.

In the case of the Mens section, the Christmas Turkey competitions are played every

Sunday, until the middle of December. The Vets continue to play stableford and a medal competition at their weekly Wednesday games and the Ladies play 9 hole roll-ups at their Monday games. There are also quite a few social events taking place.

Christmas lunches, the Annual General Meetings for each section and the whole club which always provides a good reason to get together for a drink and perhaps a mince pie. Finally at the end of the year there is a New Year buffet and dance which is always well supported.

The green keepers will be busy doing many improvements to the course, maintaining the ditches and clearing out the hedges ready for next year's new growth. As mentioned before and it is really worth mentioning again, the course has been in superb condition this year and we all appreciate the hard work that goes into general maintenance to keep the course at this standard let alone improvement works that are scheduled for this winter season. And all this is done without interruption to play and this must be difficult for the green keepers as work stops whilst the golfers play their shots.

Selsey offers a challenging 9 hole course, it has 3 par three holes 5 par fours and 1 par five for the men and the ladies have 3 par three, 3 par five and 3 par four holes. This means that a round golf need only take a couple of hours at most which is appealing to many people with busy lives or feel that 18 holes is too much. However 18 holes can be played and the tee positions are different on the back nine making a very challenging 18 hole round of golf.

Mens and Vets Section.

On Saturday 17th October the Main Club (Mens Section) challenged the Vets Section in a four ball better ball. This is where each player plays his own ball and the best score out of the partnership is counted. The Vets narrowly lost to the Main Club by 5 ½. to 6 ½... The match was preceded by a full English breakfast in the Club House and the first tee time was 10.00. There were was a good turn out for this fiercely contested Cup and the photo shows The Men's Captain Craig Newman and the Vets Vice Captain Peter Senth.

The Grafton shield for 2015 which is the trophy played for by pairs in the annual knock-out competition and this was won by Matt Hurst and Barry Rishman, second was Simon Aspital and his son Billy

The Ralfs Salver for 2015 Singles knock-out competition was won by Jamie McKinlay and second was Dan Russell

Ladies Section

The third Christmas competition was held on 16th October. A fairly windy day but the rain kept away and a pleasant day of golf was enjoyed by all. The winner was Sharon Williams. This means that the three Christmas competitions have been won by different ladies and the photo shows the three winners (1st competition Rita Green, 2nd competition, Hilary Kennedy Cooke and the third as mentioned Sharon Williams)

On 19th a stableford 18 hole competition was played on a lovely autumn day and was won by Sue Bywater and second was Joan Bramer.

If anyone would like to come along and play an introductory round golf, please get in touch with our Professional Peter Grindley.

Peter keeps a well stocked shop and runs an order facility. He also takes care of the Junior side of the club and any parents wishing to discuss lessons or Junior membership should contact him. He will be pleased to help and who knows there might be a future champion in Selsey. Many of our Juniors have gone on to become Golf Professionals and have played on the international tours. Peter can be contacted on 01243 608936

All members and staff at the Selsey Golf Club would like to wish Selsey Life readers a very Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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Meeting At Hillfield Car Park Selsey Striders

Mondays 6.30pm for all who can run 3 miles

Saturdays 8.30am suitable for all

Netball For All Mondays 6pm The Academy small hall

Tuesdays 7pm at Sports Hall

provided by Purple Dolphins Club

Selsey 5k Prom Run from OVAL FIELD at 9am first

Saturday every month.

Selsey Fitness Equipment

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CRABLANDS BOWLS & TENNIS CLUB

Affiliated to B.E., L.T.A. & E.S.M.B.A. Crablands, Selsey, PO20 9BD

Nearing the end of another year - how the months and years fly by - 6th December is the date for this years AGM 3pm. in the Clubhouse A chance for members to keep up to date with the running of the club by their Management Committee and the many volunteers who give a lot of their time all year round. Further dates for diaries: the Christmas party will be held on Friday 11th December and the New Years Day brunch, a firm favourite with members, will once again take place.

Anyone looking for a special gift this year then why not give someone the chance to join one or more of the sports sections we have on offer ie. Green Bowls through the summer months, Short Mat Bowls a summer season and a winter season played in the warmth of our sports hall and Tennis on all-weather courts year round - and in the summer on grass - details will be found on www.crablands.com or a telephone call to Jo on 606890 or Jim on 606172 will answer any questions you may have.

Saturday morning gives the opportunity to Juniors of all ages to get some coaching and when the weather is not good enough to play outside they have the indoor courts to make sure no sessions are missed. We also offer mini-tennis and table tennis on some evenings and members are reminded to keep looking at the notice boards at the club where details of the various social activities will be given. Certainly no reason to be bored here in Selsey. The weather through 2015 was not great but nevertheless the bowlers did very well with their competitions and the tennis teams kept the Crablands flag flying – the tennis men are hoping to reach the top of their winter league too.

Whilst wishing all readers of Selsey Life and all members of Crablands a Very Happy Christmas and a Good New Year: our thoughts are with friends and relations of Harold Arthur who at the age of 103 was our oldest member and who sadly died in November - Rest in Peace.

Selsey U14's football

The start of November brought mixed fortunes for Selsey U14's with a superb 16-0 win over Worthing Minors Athletic, goals from Dean Young(5), Joe Williams(3), Bradley Blackburn(3), Joe Lee(3) and Ben Andrews(2), followed by a disappointing and rather bad tempered 6-1 Cup defeat to Division A side Worthing United Youth. Division C Selsey dominated the first half, only going behind to an unfortunate own goal, before running out of steam in the second half allowing Worthing to take charge.



LITTLE SPAIN **BOWLING CLUB**

Golf Links Lane PO20 9DR

email: lsbowlsclub@gmail.com

Wishing all members, past, present and future a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy and Successful 2016

SELSEY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Meets at Medmerry Primary School, School Lane Wednesday & Thursday evenings at 7pm & Sundays at 9.30 am & 3pm. All equipment provided.

New members welcome

Contact Sylvia Cox on 681663 or Annette Iskett on 606227

email: annetteiskett@hotmail.com





whats on

Selsey Football Club Christmas Bingo

Selsey Football Club will be holding their Christmas Bingo on Tuesday 15th December at The White Horse Club in Paddock Lane, doors open at 6.30pm, eyes down at 7.30pm. Paul Senior is once again your Caller for this evening with all the usual prizes of Turkeys, Turkey and Chicken Dinners, Joints of Beef, Pork, large Gammons and various bottles of drink etc.

This evening is one of the main events by which the Club raises much needed funds to run football for all ages in the village, from as young as nine years up to senior level. Altogether it covers a vast range of ages and needs money raised at events such as this to continue to provide this facility.

So come along and support the Club which brings enjoyment to a large number of youngsters. Even if you don't normally play bingo it is a good evening to socialise as well as to maybe win a prize!

Lastly but not least the Football Club would like to say a big thank you to Paul Senior for again making himself available for this evening.

Selsey Football Club Christmas Bingo

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Christmas Coffee Morning at Selsey Library!



Come and join us for a coffee and a mince pie at Selsey Library to celebrate the festive season on Thursday 10th December between 10.30am-12.30pm.

All west Sussex Libraries will be closed from 1.00pm on Christmas eve to Monday 28th December, Friday 1st January and will close at 5.00pm on New Years eve over the Christmas period but open normal hours apart from these days.

Make sure you stock up on enough reading material to keep you busy over the Christmas period



For more information go to www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries

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THE WRITERS CIRCLE

meets on the first Tuesday of every month at The Selsey
Club,Coxes Road at 2.30pm until 4.30pm

If you are already writing or a complete beginner you will be given
a warm welcome by our small,friendly group of ladies
and a few gentlemen

Membership is £10 per year and £1 per session, with the first
session free . Beverages are available
For more information contact Alex Palmer tel: 606591

Selsey Visually Impaired Club (Linked to 4 Sight) We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at approximately 2-4pm.

or Pat Read Tel: 601550

Transport to outings and meetings is door to door with the help of the Selsey Venture Club Bus 605115.

Our Meetings vary with talks, lunch outings trips to nurseries and entertainment from local singers.

details of all our meetings contact Mrs Judy Smith 606995 or Mrs Jill Erikson 601628

Selsey Model Boat Club

The Club meets twice a week at the pond on East Beach Weather permitting, when members sail their radio controlled

boats10.00am until noon on Sundays and Wednesday
The first Sunday in the month is Race Day
New members welcome
or just pop along to have a look and a chat
contact Chris on Selsey 601550

Ladies Thursday Group

We are the only all ladies social group in the area, we have been going 48 years and really are a friendly, lively group of ladies.

So if you are free on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of the month, except August, please check us out. We have a full programme of speakers, guests are welcome for just £1.50, refreshments 20p.

East Wittering Village Hall, Church Road, PO20 8PS, 7pm for 7.30pm start.

for further information please contact Teresa on 01243 670783 There is also a lunch club every month, for more details please contact Teresa on 01243 670783. All ladies welcome,



Lifeboats SELSEY LIFEBOAT ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY, 5 DECEMBER 09.30 – 12.00

Selsey Town Hall

RNLI Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and souvenirs, Tombola, Jewellery, Raffle, Quality Bric-a-Brac, Homemade Cakes, Crafts etc.

Admission and refreshments by donation In Aid of the Shannon Lifeboat Appeal





Chichester Conservancy Volunteers **December 2015**

for more information about any of these events see our

website www.conservancy.co.uk or phone 01243 513275

SLINDON Sunday 6 December

Conservation – North Wood Project – Tree planting with Claire Wilton of the Chichester Conservation Volunteers. Meet in National Trust car park at 10.00 am 01243 788833 or 07952 054239

BIRDHAM Sunday 20 December

Conservation – Hedge Maintenance with

Peter Etheridge of the Chichester Conservation

Volunteers at Stubcroft Farm. Meet in farm lane at

10.00 am 01243 783365 or 07833 703418



As we reach the festive season we are delighted to confirm a steady increase of members – we hope that many of you will be joining us on Friday December 18th (note the change

of date) in the Selsey Centre for our Christmas celebratory party when Andy & Carol Beaumont will be entertaining us with a musical concert with audience participation!!

Please note that due to the holidays some group meetings may have been either cancelled or the date changed. Please check with your group leader if you are unsure

We shall start the New Year with a meeting on Friday January 22nd with a talk from local author Simon Brett. Meantime we wish you all a Merry Christmas and very Happy New Year

We can be emailed at info@selseyu3a.org.uk

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM SELSEY
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
HAPPY GARDENING IN 2016

Why rot come and join us at our meetings in 2016.

Our first meeting will on Friday 12th February 2016, which will be our AGM.

New members are always welcome, our membership is £10 per annum, or join us for the evening, entrance is £1 Refreshments are available

Please contact Amanda Cope, 01243 604634 for further enquiries

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Ladies In Contact
NO MEETING HELD IN DECEMBER
WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY IN
WISHING ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS
TOGETHER WITH BEST WISHES FOR A
VERY HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR
FURTHER DETAILS FROM EITHER MARY GRANTHAM

ON 604718 OR BERYL FLETCHER 603750.

RSPB Events for DECEMBER 2015



THORNEY ISLAND Sunday 5 December

All Day Bird Walk around Thorney Island with Chris Vine of the RSPB. Meet in Thornham Lane, Map Ref: SZ756049 at 10.00 am 01243 262833

WEST WITTERING Wednesday 16 December

Morning Bird Walk on East Head with David Hart of the RSPB. Meet at West Beach car park at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SZ778985 01243 262833

DELL QUAY Sunday 27 December

Morning Bird Walk on Chichester Harbour with Roger Morris of the RSPB. Meet at end of Apuldram Lane at 10.00 am, Map Ref: SU835029 01243 262833

RSPB Pagham & Medmerry December

Sunday 06 December, Medmerry with the Warden. Explore the wild open landscapes of Medmerry with the Warden and learn about the wildlife wintering there.

09.30 am – 12.30pm, meet at Earnley car park PO20 7JL at 9.20am.

Booking essential £8 per person / £4 members

Saturday 12 December, Wild Families Christmas Arts & Crafts. Celebrate the season by creating some nature themed Christmas cards and willow stars to take home and give to your family and friends

10.30am – 1pm Drop-in £4 per child / £2 members

Sunday 13 December, Wildfowl and Waders with the Warden. Join the Warden for a winter walk around Pagham Harbour, spotting and learning about the wildfowl and waders that seek sanctuary in our reserve at this time of year.

10.30am – 12.30pm

Booking essential £8 per person / £4 members

Sunday 20 December, Someone to Guide You. Unsure of what that bird is? Our friendly guides will be at the Stilt Pools, Medmerry to help you spot and identify the wildlife that you see. You can park at the Earnley car park PO20 7JL and walk from there or drop in to the Visitor Centre at Sidlesham for further details.

11am – 2pm Drop-in, Free

SELSEY CAMERA CLUB.

A friendly and informal camera club for all photographers from beginners to experienced

Future Meetings:

Monday 4th January – Critiquing Evening Monday 18th January – Panel Competition

Visitors are welcome to join us at St Wilfrid's Church Hall at 7.30pm Please also visit our website: selseycameraclub.co.uk

to advertise your club or event in future copies of Selsey Life please contact selseylife@btinternet.com or phone us on 01243 606067 / 0747 508 4643







East Beach **Evangelical Church**

Sunday Family Services at 10am with Sunday School & Creche

SPECIAL DECEMBER & JANUARY EVENTS

Monday 30th Nov

7.30pm Internet Awareness Evening

Open to adults - FREE ENTRY 'Keeping our Children safe online, whilst still having fun'

Thursday 3rd Dec 2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Sunday 6th Dec

10.00am - New Style All Age Service (Led by our Youth Worker, Alistair Ghinn)

Monday 14th Dec 6.30pm FILM evening - The Nativity Story (PG) FREE ENTRY

Saturday 19th Dec

3.00pm - Carols at 'The Seal Hotel'

Open to anyone. Come & join us for singing some of the popular carols

Sunday 20th Dec

10.00am - Christmas Family Service Includes performances by our popular puppets!
6.00pm - Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Day

10.30am - 11.15am - Christmas Day Service

Sunday 3rd Jan

10.00am - New Style All Age Service (Led by our Youth Worker, Alistair Ghinn)

Saturday 9th Jan 6.00pm - Quiz Evening

Sunday 17th Jan

3.00pm ResBite Tea

(Aimed at those who might not see other people over the course of a normal weekend ~ Lifts available)

Monday 25th Jan 7.30_{pm} Parenting Children Start of a 5-week course - Open to adults - FREE ENTRY

Thursday 4th Feb

2.30pm - Tea & Chat

Lighthouse, Bright Sparks & Sunbeams

See separate Selsey Life adverts & our website for our Youth & Children's Clubs

For information on our regular weekly activities

www.ebecselsey.org.uk or phone/email

Marisfield Place - opposite East Beach Shops

Pastor: Phil Harding - 01243 607741 or office@ebec.org.uk

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St. Wilfrid

Weekly Mass Times

Saturday 5.30pm ~ Sunday 10.00am

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Weekly Services held at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Selsey Rector: Fr Andy Wilkes

Tel: 01243 601984 Email: rector.selsey@gmail.com

Sunday 8am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Sung Eucharist

Sunday Family Service 11.30am except last Sunday of the month which is Messy Church at 12 noon

Tuesday 9.30am Eucharist

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Thursday 7pm Eucharist

St Peter's church doors are always open for quiet reflection.

Catholic Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Wilfrid ('St Wilfrids')

Church Road Selsey PO20 0LS Tel: 01243 604953

Parish Priest Fr. John Healy

Mass Times

Reconciliation 4.45pm - 5.15pm Saturday

Evening Mass 5.30 pm

Sunday Morning Mass 10.0 a.m

Weekday Masses see Newsletter or Website

Coffee & chat after Weekend Mass: 1st Weekend of the

month All welcome!

E mail parish-priest@stwilfridselsey.co.uk

www.stwilfridselsey.co.uk

SELSEY METHODIST CHURCH

Rooms in our premises, including kitchen facilities, are available for hire. Please phone 01243 601439 for details.

Our minister is Revd Bruce Allinson 601032



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side: chips or potato wedges

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